

## WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

MEMO

Date: August 13, 2008TO: Application: G-17058FROM: GW: K. Lite  
(Reviewer's Name)SUBJECT: Scenic Waterway Interference & General/Local Surface Water  
Evaluation for Deschutes Ground Water Study Area

The source of appropriation is within or above the Deschutes  
Scenic Waterway.

Use the Scenic Waterway condition (Condition 7J).

PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE FINDING UNDER ORS 390.835:

Department has found that there is a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use of ground water will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife.

LOCALIZED IMPACT FINDING

- The proposed use of ground water will have a localized impact to surface water in the Whychus River/Creek Subbasin.

If the localized impact box above is checked, then the water use under any right issued pursuant to this application is presumed to have a localized impact on surface water within the identified subbasin. Mitigation of the impact, originating from within the Local Zone of Impact identified by the Department, will be required before a permit may be issued for the proposed use.

If the localized impact box above is not checked, then the water use under any right issued pursuant to this application is presumed to have a general (regional) impact on surface water. Mitigation of the impact, originating anywhere within the Deschutes Basin above the Madras gage, will be required before a permit may be issued for the proposed use.

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS**

TO: Water Rights Section Date 8/13/2008

FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section K. Lite  
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 17058 Supersedes review of \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Review(s)

**PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER**

**OAR 690-310-130 (1)** *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.* Department staff review ground water applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. **This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.**

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION:** Applicant's Name: City of Sisters County: Deschutes

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 2.0 cfs from 4 well(s) in the Deschutes Basin,  
Whychus Creek subbasin Quad Map: Sisters

A2. Proposed use: Municipal Seasonality: January 1 – December 31

A3. Well and aquifer data (attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid):

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	Desc 3023	1	Cascades Lavas	2.0	15S/10E-9BBA	2950' S, 650' E fr NW cor, S 9
2	Desc 1034	2	Cascade Lavas	2.0	15S/10E-5CBD	1335' N, 1210' E fr SW cor, S 5
3	Desc 57902	3	Cascades Lavas	2.0	15S/10E-4BDA	1890' S, 2325' E fr NW cor, S 4
4	Not yet drilled	4	Cascades Lavas	2.0	15S/10E-8CCD	230' N, 1125' E fr SW cor, S 8
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\* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
1	3195	105	85	10/2/1975	211	40	+2-111	0-195	50-195	902	7.0	P
2	3205	105	101	7/31/1991	302	39	+1-39	+1-302	242-302	1200	0.3	P
3	3170	160	73.3	2/2/2007	293	195	+2-195	268-283	188-268	1500	1.5	P
4	3250				300 (prop)	200 (prop)	200 (prop)					

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. Comments: **WELLS ARE/WILL BE CONSTRUCTED INTO LAVA FLOWS UNDERLYING GLACIAL OUTWASH MATERIAL. GROUND-WATER FLOW IS TOWARDS INDIAN FORD AND WHYCHUS CREEKS. GROUND-WATER LEVEL APPEARS TO BE BELOW NEAREST REACHES. THE CLOSEST DOWN-GRADIENT GROUND WATER / SURFACE WATER INTERACTION IS LIKELY TO BE AT SPRINGS ON MCKINNEY BUTTE, ADJACENT TO WHYCHUS CREEK.**

A5.  **Provisions of the Deschutes** Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of ground water hydraulically connected to surface water  are, or  are not, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)  
 Comments: Within USGS Study Area Boundary.

A6.  Well(s) # \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.  
 Name of administrative area: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. GROUND WATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070**

B1. Based upon available data, I have determined that ground water\* for the proposed use:

- a.  is over appropriated,  is not over appropriated, or  cannot be determined to be over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. \* This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- b.  will not or  will likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. \* This finding is limited to the ground water portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- c.  will not or  will likely to be available within the capacity of the ground water resource; or
- d.  will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing ground water rights or to the ground water resource:
  - i.  The permit should contain condition #(s) 7B, 7N;
  - ii.  The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
  - iii.  The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

- B2. a.  Condition to allow ground water production from no deeper than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
- b.  Condition to allow ground water production from no shallower than \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
- c.  Condition to allow ground water production only from the \_\_\_\_\_ ground water reservoir between approximately \_\_\_\_\_ ft. and \_\_\_\_\_ ft. below land surface;
- d.  Well reconstruction is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Ground Water Section.

Describe injury –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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B3. Ground water availability remarks: THE NEAREST STATE OBSERVATION WELL IS OBS WELL 116 (DESC 3016), ABOUT 0.4 MILES TO THE NORTHWEST OF POA #1. IT HAS BEEN MONITORED PERIODICALLY SINCE 1962. STATE OBSERVATION WELL 116 APPEARS TO BE IN DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM. THE LONG-TERM TREND SHOWS A DECADAL-SCALE WATER LEVEL FLUCTUATION THAT IS COINCIDENT WITH CLIMATE CYCLES. THE DECADAL FLUCTUATION HAS A MAXIMUM AMPLITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 20- FEET. SINCE 2000, THE WATER LEVEL HAS DROPPED ABOUT 19 FEET, AS A RESULT OF DECREASED RECHARGE. HOWEVER, THE WATER-LEVEL HAS RECOVERED ABOUT 6 FEET SINCE 2006, DUE TO INCREASED RECHARGE.

POA #3 IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SEVERAL OTHER USERS. HOWEVER, SHORT-TERM MONITORING OF NEARBY WELLS DURING PUMP (STEP DRAWDOWN) TESTING OF THE APPLICANT'S WELL (1500-3000 GPM) SUGGESTS THAT INJURY TO EXISTING USERS IS UNLIKELY.

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**C. GROUND WATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040**

C1. 690-09-040 (1): Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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C2. 690-09-040 (2) (3): Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
						YES	NO	ASSUMED	YES	NO
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: \_\_\_\_\_

C3a. 690-09-040 (4): Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% natural flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked  box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

C3b. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile from a surface water source. Complete only if Q is distributed among wells. Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

SW #	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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C4a. **690-09-040 (5):** Estimated impacts on hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
(A) = Total Interf.													
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q													
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q													
(D) = (A) > (C)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
(E) = (A / B) x 100		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

Basis for impact evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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C4b. **690-09-040 (5) (b)** The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.

- C5.  If properly conditioned, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or ground water use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:
- i.  The permit should contain condition #(s) \_\_\_\_\_;
  - ii.  The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. SW / GW Remarks and Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: REGIONAL GROUND WATER FLOW IS NORTHEAST TOWARDS THE REGIONAL DOWN-GRADIENT DISCHARGE AREA (WHYCHUS CREEK) ABOUT 1.8 MILES FROM THE NEAREST POA (POA #3). HOWEVER REGIONAL GROUND WATER LEVELS IN THE SISTERS AREA INDICATE THAT SOME GROUND WATER PUMPING INFLUENCES FROM THE PROPOSED USE WILL ALSO LIKELY IMPACT GROUND WATER DISCHARGE TO THE HEADWATER SPRINGS FOR THE METOLIUS.**

**References Used: USGS WRIR 00-4162; WRIR 02-4015; OWRD STATE OBSERVATION WELL DATA (OBS WELL 116); APPL. FILE G-17058; CONSULTANT PUMP TEST EVALUATION REPORT (MARCH 17, 2007); WELL REPORTS: DESC 3023, DESC 1034, DESC 57902, AND DESC 9851 (NEAR POA #4); SISTERS QUADRANGLE MAP.**

**D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200**

D1. Well #: \_\_\_\_\_ Logid: \_\_\_\_\_

D2. **THE WELL does not meet current well construction standards based upon:**

- a.  review of the well log;
- b.  field inspection by \_\_\_\_\_;
- c.  report of CWRE \_\_\_\_\_;
- d.  other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency:**

- a.  constitutes a health threat under Division 200 rules;
- b.  commingles water from more than one ground water reservoir;
- c.  permits the loss of artesian head;
- d.  permits the de-watering of one or more ground water reservoirs;
- e.  other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

D4. **THE WELL construction deficiency is described as follows:** \_\_\_\_\_

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D5. **THE WELL** a.  was, or  was not constructed according to the standards in effect at the time of original construction or most recent modification.

b.  I don't know if it met standards at the time of construction.

D6.  **Route to the Enforcement Section.** I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Enforcement Section and the Ground Water Section.

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL**

D7.  Well construction deficiency has been corrected by the following actions: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Enforcement Section Signature)

D8.  **Route to Water Rights Section (attach well reconstruction logs to this page).**

# G-17058: Sisters Quadrangle

