



# Oregon

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## Water Resources Department

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### CERTIFIED MAIL Return Receipt Requested

ANDRE MEYER  
KALEX FARMS PARTNERSHIP  
PO BOX 459  
LEXINGTON, OR 97839

October 31, 2008

Reference: File G-17076

Dear Mr. Meyer:

### **THIS IS NOT A PERMIT AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT PHASE OF PROCESSING.**

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of your water use permit application and to describe your options. In determining whether a water use permit application may be approved, the Department must consider the factors listed below, all of which must be favorable to the proposed use if it is to be allowed. Based on the information you have supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

#### Initial Review Determinations:

1. The application proposed to use 500.0 gallons per minute, which is 1.11 cubic feet per second (CFS) from Well 1 (GILL 50189) in Eightmile Canyon Basin, for irrigation use on 385.0 acres from March 1 through October 31.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. The use of water from Well 1 (GILL 50189) in Eightmile Canyon Basin for irrigation use is allowable under the Umatilla Basin Program.
4. If properly conditioned, the proposed use of ground water will avoid injury to existing ground water rights and the resource.

The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed ground water use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.

5. The Department has determined there are deficiencies with the application. Please refer to the **Additional Information Required** section below for specific information.

#### Summary of Initial Determinations

**The use of 1.11 CFS from Well 1 (GILL 50189) in Eightmile Canyon Basin for irrigation use on 385.0 acres is allowable, March 1 through October 31.**

Because of the Department's determination, your application can be moved to the next phase of the water rights application review process where public interest factors will be evaluated.

**Additional Information Required:**

Additional information is required to process your application. The application demonstrates land use approval has been obtained for the property you own, Tax Lot 1001, but the approval status for, Tax Lot 900, and 1100 is unclear. Please provide the following:

- A completed Land Use Information Form or a receipt signed and dated by a Gilliam County official for the property described as Tax Lot 900, Section 17, and Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 22 East, W.M. and Tax Lot 1100, Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 22 East, W.M.

**Please submit this information no later than Thursday, December 4, 2008.** If you are unable to submit the information listed above, you may request an administrative hold for up to an additional 180 days. You must submit the request in writing, stating how much more time you will need and why you need additional time. If an administrative hold is granted, your application will not be processed further until the requested information is received or the extended deadline has passed.

If we do not receive the items requested above or a request for an administrative hold by this date, the Department will likely proceed with a Proposed Final Order recommending denial of the application.

Please reference the application number when sending any correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

At this time, you must decide whether to proceed or to withdraw your application as described below.

**Withdrawal Refunds:**

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw your application and receive a refund (minus a \$150 processing charge per application.) To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday, November 14, 2008**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

**To Proceed With Your Application:**

If you choose to proceed with your application, you do not have to notify the Department. Your application will automatically be placed on the Department's Public Notice to allow others the opportunity to comment. After the comment period the Department will complete a public interest review and issue a Proposed Final Order.

If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

1. Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:
  - A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter(s) in good working order. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
  - B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter(s); provided however, where any meter is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
2. The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s) if any of the following events occur:

- A. Annual water-level measurements reveal an average water-level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or

- C. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- D. Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

- 3. The wells shall produce ground water only from the basalt ground water reservoir.
- 4. Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID). A tag showing the Well ID shall be permanently attached to the well. If a well does not have a Well ID, the permittee shall apply for one from the Department and attach it to the well within 60 days of the date the permit is issued. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

The water source identified in your application may be affected by an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. These plans are developed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) with the cooperation of local landowners and other interested stakeholders, and help to ensure that current and new appropriations of water are done in a way that does not adversely harm the environment. You are encouraged to explore ODA's Water Quality Program web site at [http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water\\_agplans.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water_agplans.shtml) to learn more about the plans and how they may affect your proposed water use.

If you have any questions:

Feel free to call me at 503-986-0815 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or your application. Please have your application number available if you call. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0801. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Joel Plahn, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Joel Plahn  
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

# APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: G-17076

Applicant: ANDRE MEYER, KALEX FARMS PARTNERSHIP

County: Gilliam

Watermaster: 21

Priority Date: June 26, 2008

Source: WELL 1 (GILL 50189) IN EIGHTMILE CANYON BASIN

Use: IRRIGATION USE ON 385.0 ACRES

Quantity: 1.11 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umatilla, #7

Stream Index Reference: Volume 4A EIGHTMILE CAN

Well Location(s): SESW, SECTION 8, T1N, R22E, W.M.; NORTH 45 DEGREES 34.610 MINUTES AND WEST 120 DEGREES 05.630 MINUTES

Place of Use:

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  21.0 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  2.0 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  26.0 ACRES  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  23.0 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  11.0 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  12.0 ACRES  
SECTION 8

NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  14.0 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  9.0 ACRES  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  15.0 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  32.0 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  24.0 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  34.0 ACRES  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  22.0 ACRES  
NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  18.0 ACRES  
SECTION 17

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  14.0 ACRES  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  27.0 ACRES  
NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  30.0 ACRES  
SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  34.0 ACRES  
SECTION 18

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  17.0 ACRES  
SECTION 19

TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, W.M.

**14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, November 14, 2008**

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 2008**

**30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, December 4, 2008**

# Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #G-17076

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## Original mailed to applicant:

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## Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # G-17076
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr
3. WRD - Regional Well Inspector

<p>Copies Mailed By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF) on: _____ (DATE)</p>
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## IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

4. WRD - Regional Manager (not SCR): NC
5. WRD - Watermaster # 21
6. Department of Agriculture

Affected Landowners (include "Notice of Initial Review--Affected Landowner"):

Copies sent to Other Interested Persons (CWRE, Agent, Well Driller, Commenter, etc.)

Caseworker: Joel Plahn

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