

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Water Rights Application     )  
G-17051, Jefferson County                     )

**PROPOSED FINAL ORDER**

**Summary of Recommendation**

The Department recommends that the application be approved as conditioned in the attached draft permit.

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 690-310 establish the process by which an application to use public waters may be submitted and evaluated by the Department. OAR 690-505 and 521 describe the process by which certain ground waters in the Deschutes Basin may be appropriated by mitigating the impact of the proposed use.

In reviewing applications, the Department may consider any relevant sources of information, including the following:

- recommendations by other state agencies
- any applicable basin program
- any applicable comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance
- the amount of water available
- the rate and duty of the proposed use
- pending senior applications and existing water rights
- designations of any critical ground water areas
- Scenic Waterway requirements of ORS 390.835
- applicable statutes, administrative rules, and case law
- any general basin-wide standards for flow rate and duty of water allowed
- the need for a flow rate and duty higher than the applicable standard
- any comments received

**Findings of Fact**

1. On [May 13, 2008](#), [Crooked River Ranch Club & Maintenance Association](#) submitted an application for a permit to use ground water:  
  
Amount of Water: 2.11 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS)  
Proposed Use: [IRRIGATION USE ON 148.53 ACRES](#)  
Source: A WELL, TRIBUTARY TO CROOKED RIVER  
Location: [JEFFERSON COUNTY IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, W.M.](#)
2. On [November 21, 2008](#), the Department mailed the applicant its Initial Review. The applicant did not request that the Department stop processing of the application within 14 days of that date. The Initial Review included the Notice of Mitigation Obligation for the proposed ground water use pursuant to the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules (OAR 690-505).
3. On [November 25, 2008](#), the Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly notice, thereby initiating a 30-day comment period. The notice included a request for comments, and information about obtaining future notices or a copy of the Proposed Final Order.
4. The Department has not received adverse comments related to the possible issuance of a permit.

5. It was determined in the Initial Review that, based on the standard allowable rate for irrigation of 1/80 CFS per acre, if the application is approved, the rate allowed would be limited to 1.86 CFS.
6. On January 15, 2009, on behalf of the applicant, Peter Mohr submitted information clarifying the intended irrigation season. The application requested an irrigation season of April 1 through November 1, whereas Form I requested an irrigation season of the "full season", being March 1 through November 1. Peter Mohr clarified that the applicant intended to request an irrigation season of March 1 through November 1.
7. The Initial Review omitted the following determination: The application requested irrigation use through November 1. The standard allowable irrigation season is March 1 through October 31. If the application is approved, the irrigation season will be limited to March 1 through October 31.
8. On March 20, 2009, on behalf of the applicant, Peter Mohr submitted an Affidavit for the Partial Cancellation of Water Right Certificate 64216, which effectively resolved the conflict addressed in the Initial Review.
9. If a permit is issued for Application G-17051, the Department will then issue a Final Order approving the partial cancellation of Certificate 64216.
10. The Deschutes Basin Program allows the use of ground water for irrigation.
11. An assessment of ground water availability has been completed by the Department's Ground water/Hydrology section, a copy of which is in the file. The proposed use of ground water will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing ground water rights and the ground water resource.
12. The proposed ground water use is not within a designated critical ground water area.
13. The proposed ground water use is junior to existing water rights downstream in the Deschutes River basin.
14. The proposed ground water use is located within the Deschutes Ground Water Study Area, and is subject to the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules (OAR 690-505).
15. The proposed use will have the potential for substantial interference with the Crooked River (OAR 690-09). Pursuant to ORS 390.835(9), the proposed use shall be denied unless mitigation is provided. Without the required mitigation, there is a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use will measurably reduce surface water flows necessary for the Deschutes River Scenic Waterway ORS 390.835(9). Consequently, the applicant must mitigate for the proposed use pursuant to the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules.
16. The mitigation obligation for the proposed use is 267.4 acre-feet, which represents the Department's determination of the consumptive portion of the proposed use (OAR 690-505-0610(5)).
17. Mitigation must be provided in the Crooked River Zone of Impact, located anywhere in the Crooked River Basin above river mile 13.8.
18. A permit may not be issued unless the mitigation obligation, as identified by the Department, is satisfied. The applicant has proposed to obtain mitigation credits within the Crooked River Zone of Impact through a project resulting in mitigation credits and/or by purchasing mitigation credits.
19. On March 20, 2009, the Department received the applicant's Response to Notice of Mitigation Obligation Credit or Project Option, wherein the applicant acknowledged that they intend to provide mitigation in the amount of 267.4 acre-feet within the Crooked River Zone of Impact.
20. The Department finds that the mitigation proposed by the applicant will satisfy the mitigation required under OAR Chapter 690, Division 505; therefore, pursuant to OAR 690-505-0630, that mitigation effectively eliminates the potential for substantial interference with surface water.

21. The Department requested comments on the application and proposed mitigation from the Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Quality, State Lands, Parks and Recreation, and Agriculture pursuant to the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules. No issues were raised in that review that required conditioning of the attached draft permit.
22. The applicant has not provided the Department with documentary evidence that the qualifying mitigation credits have been obtained.

### **Conclusions of Law**

Under the provisions of ORS 537.621, the Department must presume that a proposed use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest, if the proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340, if water is available, if the proposed use will not injure other water rights, and if the proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission.

1. The proposed use requested in this application is allowed in the Deschutes Basin Program.
2. The applicant shall provide mitigation pursuant to the Scenic Water Way Act (ORS 390.835).
3. The mitigation proposed by the applicant will satisfy the mitigation required under OAR 690-505. Therefore, notwithstanding OAR 690-09: ground water is available for the proposed use; the proposed use will not result in injury to existing water rights; the proposed use will not measurably reduce surface water flows necessary for the Deschutes River Scenic Waterway; the proposed use complies with other rules of the Water Resources Commission not otherwise described above.
4. The proposed use complies with requirements of the State Agency Coordination Program regarding land use.
5. A flow rate and duty higher than the basin-wide standard is not necessary.
6. All criteria for establishing the presumption have been satisfied.
7. The Department therefore concludes that the proposed use would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.
8. In order to obtain a permit, documentary evidence of mitigation credits must be submitted to the Department within five years of the issuance of a Final Order approving the proposed ground water use.

### **Recommendation**

The Department recommends that application [G-17051](#) be approved, and the attached draft permit be issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on June 2, 2009.



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for [Phillip C. Ward](#), Director  
Water Resources Department

## **Protests**

Under the provisions of ORS 537.621(8), you can protest this Proposed Final Order. Protests must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than July 17 2009, be in writing, and include the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number;
2. A description of your interest in the Proposed Final Order, and, if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
3. A detailed description of how the action proposed in this Proposed Final Order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
4. A detailed description of how the Proposed Final Order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
5. Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known.
6. If you are not the applicant, the protest fee of \$350 required by ORS 536.050, and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.
7. If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing. If you do not request a hearing, the Department will presume that you do not wish to contest the findings of the Proposed Final Order.
8. If you do not protest this Proposed Final Order, and if no substantive changes are made in the Final Order, you will not have an opportunity for judicial review, protest or appeal of the Final Order when it is issued.

## **Requests for Standing**

Under the provisions of ORS 537.621(8), persons other than the applicant who support a Proposed Final Order can request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the Proposed Final Order, or for judicial review of a Final Order.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than July 17 2009, be in writing, and include the following:

1. The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
2. If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address and telephone number of the represented group;
3. A statement that the requester supports the Proposed Final Order as issued;
4. A detailed statement of how the requester would be harmed if the Proposed Final Order is modified.
5. A standing fee of \$100.00. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$250.00 must be submitted, along with a request for intervention.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a Final Order or schedule a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and either:

1. upon review of the issues, the Director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
2. the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a final order by default. If the Director issues a final order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a *prima facie* case upon default.

This order was produced by Brook Geffen. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document, I am probably the best person to answer your questions. You may reach me at 503-986-0808 or Brook.A.Geffen@ wrd.state.or.us.

If you have questions about how to file a protest or a request for standing, please refer to the respective sections in this Proposed Final Order entitled "Protests" and "Requests for Standing". If you have previously filed a protest and want to know its status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.

If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801. Address all other correspondence to: Water Rights Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE, Suite A, Salem OR 97301-1266, Fax: 503-986-0901.

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO:

CROOKED RIVER RANCH CLUB & MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION  
5195 CLUB HOUSE ROAD  
CROOKED RIVER RANCH OR 97760

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-17051

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL, TRIBUTARY TO CROOKED RIVER

RATE: 1.86 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

DATE OF PRIORITY: MAY 13, 2008

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

USE: IRRIGATION USE ON 148.53 ACRES

**Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
13 S	12 E	WM	14	NE SW	2640 FEET NORTH AND 60 FEET WEST FROM S1/4 CORNER, SECTION 14

**Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
13 S	12 E	WM	14	SW NE	4.35
13 S	12 E	WM	14	NE NW	1.50
13 S	12 E	WM	14	NW NW	24.15
13 S	12 E	WM	14	SW NW	8.46
13 S	12 E	WM	14	SE NW	11.16
13 S	12 E	WM	14	NE SW	20.53
13 S	12 E	WM	14	SE SW	15.29
13 S	12 E	WM	14	NW SE	17.11
13 S	12 E	WM	14	SW SE	21.11
13 S	12 E	WM	14	SE SE	2.44
13 S	12 E	WM	23	NE NE	20.63
13 S	12 E	WM	23	NW NE	0.87
13 S	12 E	WM	23	SE NE	0.40
13 S	12 E	WM	24	NW NW	0.49
13 S	12 E	WM	24	SW NW	0.04

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**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.

**Ground Water Mitigation Conditions:**

1. Mitigation Obligation: 267.4 acre-feet of mitigation water in the Crooked River Zone of Impact, located anywhere in the Crooked River Basin above river mile 13.8.
2. Mitigation Source: mitigation credits and/or mitigation credits from a mitigation project.
3. Mitigation water must be legally protected instream in the Crooked River Zone of Impact for the life of the permit and subsequent certificate(s). Regulation of the use and/or cancellation of the permit, or subsequent certificate(s) will occur if the required mitigation is not maintained.
4. The permittee shall provide additional mitigation if the Department determines that average annual consumptive use of the subject appropriation has increased beyond the originally mitigated amount.
5. If mitigation is from a secondary right for stored water from a storage project not owned or operated by the permittee, the use of water under this right is subject to the maintenance and terms and conditions of a valid contract or satisfactory replacement, with the owner/operator of the storage project, a copy of which must be on file in the records of the Water Resources Department.
6. Failure to comply with these mitigation conditions shall result in the Department regulating the ground water permit, or subsequent certificate(s), proposing to deny any permit extension application for the ground water permit, and proposing to cancel the ground water permit, or subsequent certificate(s).

**Scenic Waterway Condition:**

Use of water under authority of this permit may be regulated if analysis of data available after the permit is issued discloses that the appropriation will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife in effect as of the priority date of the right, or as those quantities may be reduced subsequently. However, the use of ground water allowed under the terms of this permit will not be subject to regulation for Scenic Waterway flows, provided the required mitigation is maintained.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS**

1. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.
2. If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may not be valid, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

3. If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.
4. The wells shall be constructed in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.
5. Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.
6. Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.
7. This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best-practice technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.
8. By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged comprehensive land-use plan.
9. Completion of construction and complete application of the water to the use shall be made within five years from the date of permit issuance. If the water is not completely applied before this date, and the permittee wishes to continue development under the permit, the permittee must submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.
10. Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

Issued

**DRAFT – NOT A PERMIT**

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for [Phillip C. Ward](#), Director  
Water Resources Department



# Mailing List for PFO

Scheduled Mailing Date:

**Application:** [G-17051](#)

**Permit:** DRAFT

Original mailed to Applicant:

[CROOKED RIVER RANCH CLUB & MAINTENANCE  
ASSOCIATION  
5195 CLUB HOUSE ROAD  
CROOKED RIVER RANCH OR 97760](#)

<p><b>Copies Mailed</b></p> <p><b>by:</b> _____</p> <p>(STAFF)</p> <p><b>on:</b> _____</p> <p>(DATE)</p>
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Copies of PFO sent to:

1. WRD - File [G-17051](#)
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr
3. WRD - Laura Wilke
4. DRC – Genevieve Hubert

Copies of PFO sent to other interested persons (CWRE, Agent, Commenter, etc.):

- 1.

Copies of Map sent to (remember to reduce copy margins):

5. Watermaster District: 11

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

1. Kate LaRiche Moore and Peter Mohr, 1 SW Columbia St, Suite 1110, Portland OR, 97258
2. William Tye, CWRE #191, TYE Engineering & Surveying, Inc, 725 NW Hill, Bend OR

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