

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date 2 November 2009

FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section K. Lite

Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 17214 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 John Giorgi County: Crook

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) (489 gpm) 1.09 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Deschutes Basin,
South Fork Crooked River (Beaver Creek) subbasin Quad Map: Paulina

A2. Proposed use: 1.09 cfs Irrigation (87.1 acres primary) Seasonality: 15 April – 15 September

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	Not yet drilled	1	Basalt	1.09	17S/23E-sec 02 ADC	590' N, 660' W fr E1/4 cor S 02

* 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	3810				Prop 150-200	Prop 0-20	Prop +1.5-20					

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** The proposed well is located near Alkali Creek, an intermittent tributary to Beaver Creek /Crooked River. The well will likely be constructed into water-bearing zones within basalt. The basalt is likely Picture Gorge Basalt.

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: The well is located outside the USGS Deschutes Ground Water Study Area.

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 AND 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): _____

B3. Ground water availability remarks: _____

Condition with 7B and 7N

A large amount of groundwater has been, and is being permitted in a relatively small area of the Paulina Basin. The sustainability of the resource in the area, given the new development, is unknown. The groundwater resource is likely relatively small (in area) within the Paulina Basin. There are no State Observation Wells in the vicinity of the new development.

Alluvium, other sediments, and tuffaceous sedimentary rocks overly basalt in the area. The basalt is likely vertically fractured, and ground water in the basalt may be hydraulically connected to the overlying sediments, when saturated, and subsequently to surface water. The canyon of Beaver Creek is locally cut in Picture Gorge Basalt, and likely provides an interconnection with surface water.

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
1	Basalt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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: _____

The groundwater flow system is characterized as generally unconfined with discontinuous low permeability layers causing local (discontinuous) confinement. The basalt water-bearing zone in the well is likely vertically fractured as evidenced by discrete water-bearing zones with similar hydraulic head in area wells. Widely-spaced (>100 ft) water-bearing zones in basalt at an area well (CROO 53636) with coincident hydraulic head also indicate vertical connectivity between the zones.

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 1/4 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
1	1	Beaver Creek	3810	3700	5,800	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<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: The elevation of the hydraulic head in the well will likely be slightly above the surface water elevation, however, the aquifer unit (Picture Gorge Basalt) is not exposed at the nearest reach.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: BEAVER CR > CROOKED R - AT MOUTH

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:** _____

If a permit is issued: condition with 7B, 7N, and 7J.

References Used: _____

Application File: G-17214

Thayer, T. P. 1966. Geologic map of the Canyon City quadrangle, northeastern Oregon: U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-447.

Swanson, D.A. 1969. Reconnaissance geologic map of the east half of the Bend quadrangle, Crook, Wheeler, Jefferson, Wasco, and Deschutes Counties, Oregon: U.S. Geological Survey Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-568.

Gonthier, J.B. 1985. A description of aquifer units in eastern Oregon: U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Investigations Report 84-4095, 39 p., maps.

Walker, G. W. (editor) 1990. Geology of the Blue Mountains region of Oregon, Idaho, and Washington; Cenozoic geology of the Blue Mountains region: U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1437, 135 p.

Paulina quadrangle map (USGS map, 1:24,000 scale), Dayville quadrangle map (USGS map, 1:100,000 scale).

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:** _____

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: _____

_____, 200____.
(Enforcement Section Signature)

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