

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS**

TO: Water Rights Section Date December 17, 2009

FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section Michael Zwart  
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 17284 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: Steve & Kristi Rickman County: Harney

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 1.6 cfs from one well(s) in the Malheur Lake Basin,  
 \_\_\_\_\_subbasin Quad Map: Poison Creek Slough

A2. Proposed use: Irrigation, 125.6 acres (P) Seasonality: March 1 to October 31

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

Well 1	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	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Basin Fill</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>23S/32E-18 NE-SE</b>	<b>2440' N fr SE cor S 18</b>
2						
3						
4						
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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
<b>1</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>145*</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>0-100+</b>	<b>0-400</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>200-400</b>			

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments: \*Local well logs usually describe the first water-bearing zone at 15-30 feet below land surface, so this figure is probably not accurate.**

A5.  **Provisions of the Malheur Lake** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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) 7N; 7K, as modified below;
  - 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: Region Manager Ivan Gall recommends consistent use of Condition 7N in the Harney Basin.

The well shall be continuously cased and continuously sealed to a minimum depth of 100 feet below land surface. The well may not be completed in such a manner that it allows ground water to be developed from \_\_\_\_\_. If during well construction, it becomes apparent that the well can be constructed to eliminate interference with nearby shallow wells or hydraulically connected streams in a manner other than specified in this permit, the permittee can contact the Department Hydrogeologist for this permit or the Ground Water/Hydrology Section Manager to request approval of such construction. The request shall be in writing, and shall include a rough well log and a proposed construction design for approval by the Department. The request can be approved only if it is received and reviewed prior to placement of any permanent casing and sealing material. If the well is constructed first and then the request made, requested modification will not be approved. If approved, the new well depth and construction specifications will be incorporated into any certificate issued for this permit.

Dedicated Measuring Tube. The well shall be equipped with and measured through a dedicated measuring tube pursuant to figure 200-5 in OAR 690-200. This requirement does not apply to flowing wells and wells without pumps.

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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
1	<b>Basin-fill sediments: sand, clay and volcanoclastic seds.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Qal and Tvs of Leonard, 1970</b>	<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:** Regionally the basin-fill aquifer is unconfined and discharges to Malheur Lake or more local surface water sources. The deeper water-bearing zones appear to be semiconfined to confined, based on a recent aquifer test. Also, the proposed well construction condition will ensure that shallow unconfined water-bearing zones are not developed.

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
1	1	<b>Poison Creek Slough</b>	<b>4092±</b>	<b>4129</b>	<b>2400</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
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**Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation:** Results of a nearby aquifer test suggest that there is some vertical separation between the shallow and deeper water-bearing zones which leads to a finding that there is poor hydraulic connection with nearby reaches of the sloughs.

**Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within:** Poison Cr Sl > Ninemile Sl at mouth (31200106).

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?
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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?
		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: This section does not apply.

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													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%



**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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\_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_.  
(Enforcement Section Signature)

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