

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

In the Matter of Water Rights Application)
S-87373, Morrow County)

FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE USE OF
STORED WATER

Authority

ORS 537.147 establishes the process by which an application to use stored water exclusively may be submitted. OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 310 and 340 implement the statute, and provide the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating applications to use stored water.

Findings of Fact

1. On January 6, 2009, Willow Creek District Improvement Co., submitted an application for a water-use permit pursuant to ORS 537.147. The Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice on January 20, 2009. A 30-day comment period followed.
2. The use of stored water under this permit may be used in place of any existing ground water right for primary irrigation of the same land in order to conserve ground water supplies (OAR 690-320-0070(3)).
3. The Department has evaluated the application and any comments received, and finds that no public interest in ORS 537.170(8) would be affected adversely by the proposed use.

Conclusions of Law

Application S-87373 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.147 and OAR Chapter 690.

Now Therefore, it is Ordered:

Application S-87373 is approved pursuant to ORS 537.147. Upon submission of an executed and valid contract with the Bureau of Reclamation authorizing appropriation of stored water from Willow Creek Reservoir, constructed under Permit R-10880, a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.

Failure to meet this requirement within 60 days from the date of this Final Order may result in the proposed rejection of the application.

If you need to request additional time, your written request should be received in the Salem office of the Department within 60 days of this Final Order. The Department will evaluate the request and determine whether or not the request may be approved.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on MARCH 1 2010.



for Phillip C. Ward, Director

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF MORROW

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS **DRAFT PERMIT** IS HEREBY ISSUED TO:

WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT CO.
530 CENTER ST NE, SUITE 400
SALEM OR 97301

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: S-87373

SOURCE OF WATER: WILLOW CREEK RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-10880, TRIBUTARY TO WILLOW CREEK

USE: PRIMARY IRRIGATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 2538.14 ACRES

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 2500.0 ACRE FEET

DATE OF PRIORITY: JANUARY 6, 2009

PERIOD: SEE TABLE BELOW

Authorized Dam Location:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
2 S	26 E	WM	35	NW SE	1530 FEET NORTH AND 3050 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 35

Authorized Points of Diversion (POD):

HOSKINS MAP #1	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
POD 1	2 S	26 E	WM	27	SE NW	1810 FEET SOUTH AND 400 FEET WEST FROM N1/4 CORNER, SECTION 27
POD 3	2 S	26 E	WM	27	SW NE	2510 FEET SOUTH AND 200 FEET EAST FROM N 1/4 CORNER, SECTION 27

DAMON MAP #2A & 2B	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
POD 1	2 S	26 E	WM	8	SW SW	100 FEET NORTH AND 550 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 8
POD 2	2 S	26 E	WM	21	NE SW	2150 FEET NORTH AND 1300 FEET WEST FROM S1/4 CORNER, SECTION 21
POD 3	2 S	26 E	WM	21	SW SE	50 FEET NORTH AND 1150 FEET EAST FROM S1/4 CORNER, SECTION 21

TEMPLE MAP #9	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
POD 1	1S	25 E	WM	36	SW SW	560 FEET NORTH AND 450 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 36
POD 2	2 S	25 E	WM	1	SW NE	910 FEET NORTH AND 140 FEET EAST FROM C1/4 CORNER, SECTION 1

SHATTUCK /BARROW MAP #10	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
POD 1	2S	25 E	WM	1	SW NE	920 FEET NORTH AND 160 FEET EAST FROM C1/4 CORNER, SECTION 1

The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall not exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year. The right to the use of the water for the above purpose is restricted to beneficial use on the lands or place of use described.

Authorized Place of Use: (* represents land with existing ground water right for primary irrigation)

Q-Q	Acres	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Primary Irrigation Season	Supplemental Irrigation Season	Primary Irrigation Season
SW NW*	4.40	1 S	23 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SW*	1.30	1 S	23 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
NW SW*	27.10	1 S	23 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SW*	20.70	1 S	23 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SW*	16.30	1 S	23 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SE*	0.70	1 S	23 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SE*	2.60	1 S	23 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SE*	0.10	1 S	23 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NE*	22.90	1 S	23 E	WM	12		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW*	14.20	1 S	23 E	WM	12		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW*	0.70	1 S	23 E	WM	12		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SW	1.50	1 S	24 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SW	5.20	1 S	24 E	WM	3	3/1 through 3/14	3/15 through 10/1	10/2 through 10/31
SE SW	3.00	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
SE SW	4.00	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SW	1.10	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SE	1.80	1 S	24 E	WM	3	3/1 through 3/14	3/15 through 10/1	10/2 through 10/31
SW SE	4.30	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SE	0.40	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
SW SE	15.40	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SE	2.70	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SE	6.80	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SE	12.50	1 S	24 E	WM	3		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NE	2.70	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NE	14.50	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
NE NE	5.00	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NE	14.50	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
NW NE	1.00	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW	22.65	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
NW NW	3.40	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW	9.00	1 S	24 E	WM	10		3/1 through 9/30	10/1 through 10/31
NW NE	1.70	1 S	24 E	WM	11		3/1 through 10/31	

Q-Q	Acres	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Primary Irrigation Season	Supplemental Irrigation Season	Primary Irrigation Season
SW NW*	30.40	1 S	25 E	WM	34		3/1 through 10/31	
SE NW*	16.80	1 S	25 E	WM	34		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SE*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	34		3/1 through 10/31	
NW SE*	34.40	1 S	25 E	WM	34		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SE*	30.10	1 S	25 E	WM	34		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SE*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	34		3/1 through 10/31	
SW NE*	0.40	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SW NE	2.80	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW	1.40	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW*	0.70	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SW NW	5.10	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SW NW*	32.80	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SE NW	11.60	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SE NW*	13.30	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SW*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NW SW*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SW*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SW*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SE	3.20	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SE*	7.30	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NW SE	9.80	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
NW SE*	26.00	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SE*	40.00	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SE SE*	31.50	1 S	25 E	WM	35		3/1 through 10/31	
SW SW	13.32	1 S	25 E	WM	36		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
SE SW	1.90	1 S	25 E	WM	36		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW	13.40	2 S	25 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW	2.40	2 S	25 E	WM	1		3/1 through 9/1	9/2 through 10/31
SE NW	2.20	2 S	25 E	WM	1		3/1 through 10/31	
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SE NE*	9.40	2 S	25 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW*	40.00	2 S	25 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW*	39.20	2 S	25 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
SW NW*	40.00	2 S	25 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
SE NW*	40.00	2 S	25 E	WM	2		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NE*	12.00	2 S	25 E	WM	12		3/1 through 10/31	
SE NE*	24.00	2 S	25 E	WM	12		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SE*	5.00	2 S	25 E	WM	12		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NE*	19.60	2 S	26 E	WM	7		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NE*	29.70	2 S	26 E	WM	7		3/1 through 10/31	
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NE NW	26.00	2 S	26 E	WM	7		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW*	12.20	2 S	26 E	WM	7		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW	10.00	2 S	26 E	WM	7		3/1 through 10/31	
NW NW*	17.00	2 S	26 E	WM	7		3/1 through 10/31	
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NW NW	16.00	2 S	26 E	WM	21	3/1 through 3/14	3/15 through 9/15	9/16 through 10/31
SE NW	4.50	2 S	26 E	WM	21		3/1 through 7/1	7/2 through 10/31
SE NW*	2.30	2 S	26 E	WM	21		3/1 through 10/31	
SE NW*	1.65	2 S	26 E	WM	21		3/1 through 9/30	10/1 through 10/31
NE SW	4.00	2 S	26 E	WM	21		3/1 through 7/1	7/2 through 10/31
NW SW	3.00	2 S	26 E	WM	21		3/1 through 7/1	7/2 through 10/31
NW SW*	2.20	2 S	26 E	WM	21		3/1 through 10/31	
SW NE	1.00	2 S	26 E	WM	27		3/1 through 10/31	
NE NW	4.50	2 S	26 E	WM	27		3/1 through 10/31	
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SE NW	1.10	2 S	26 E	WM	27		3/1 through 10/31	
NE SW	1.00	2 S	26 E	WM	27		3/1 through 10/31	
NW SE	2.00	2 S	26 E	WM	27		3/1 through 10/31	

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 diversion. The permittee shall maintain the meter in good working order.
- B. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit an annual report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department by December 1 of each year. 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.
- C. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

The water user shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion, while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional, and approved in writing by ODFW prior to diversion of water. The water user may submit evidence in writing that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.

The use of water under this right is subject to the terms and conditions of Contract No. XXXXXXXXXX, or a satisfactory replacement, between the Bureau of Reclamation and the applicant, a copy of which is on file in the records of the Water Resources Department.

Use of water under this permit shall be subject to applicable provisions of the articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Willow Creek District Improvement Company.