

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS**

TO: Water Rights Section Date June 14, 2010

FROM: Ground Water/Hydrology Section Marc Norton  
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 17253 Supersedes review of October 26, 2009  
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: Steven & Janice Puntteney County: Morrow

- A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 1.45 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Umatilla River Basin,  
Willow Creek subbasin Quad Map: Cecil
- A2. Proposed use: Irrigation of 56.43 acres Seasonality: March 1 – October 31
- 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	MORR51857	1	CRBG	0.724	01N/23E-27 NW SE	2450' N, 2274' W fr SE cor S 27
2						
3						
4	MORR 383	---	CRBG	---	01N/23E-27 NW SE	2450' N, 2260' W fr SE cor S 27
5	MORR51705	---	CRBG	---	01N/23E-27 NW NE	1120' S, 2180' W fr NE cor S 27

\* 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	855	130	-37	3/12/10	420	0-158	+2-158	-----	-----	800	????	Air
4	855	---	????	11/24/68	297	0-140	0-140	---	---	????	---	none
5	850	---	---	---	220	????	?????	---	---	????	????	none
5	---	330	-2.3	3/25/09	360	????	?????	---	---	400	---	Air

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** Because of well construction concerns, the original well #1 (MORR 383) has been replaced with MORR 51857. Well #2 has been dropped from the application. (Original review - There is no original well log for Well #2. Well #2 was deepened in March 2009 – MORR 51716 but based on the deepening log, there was no change to the original casing; therefore there is no information on the presence of a seal or the amount of casing in well #2 )

Requested discharge rate is 650 gpm = 1.45 cfs.

A5.  Provisions of the Willow Creek or Umatilla River 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: Ella Butte Classified Area  
 Comments: The well is located SOUTH of the classified area by about 2.5 miles.

**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 - Interference, 7N - Annual WL, 7P - Well tag + large monitoring and reporting with a flow meter at the well;
  - 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 a single aquifer within the Columbia River Basalt Group;
- 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): MORR 383 still does not meet well construction standards –insufficient casing and seal. MORR 383 is no longer a POA for this application.

B3. Ground water availability remarks: Based on the initial review, changes have been made to the application regarding the wells. Because of well construction concerns, the original well #1 (MORR 383) has been replaced with MORR 51857. Well #2 has been dropped from the application. As a result of these changes, the requested discharge rate of 1.45 cfs will be produced from MORR 51857 only. MORR 383 should be abandoned.

(Original comments –I tried contacting the owners by phone and email to get additional information concerning comments about well construction or the wells. I did not hear back from the applicants. I visited both wells last year with the watermaster, Joel Clark, as part of his annual flowmeter readings. The visit was prior to the deepening of well #2. I was able to measure a water level in well #2; the level was 16.0 feet below land surface. There was artesian pressure at well #1 but there was no gage or plumping to install a gage.)

B1. d. iii. I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well abandonment of MORR 383 is filed with the Department and approved by the Enforcement Section and the Ground Water Section.

**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	CRBG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	CRBG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Based on general basalt hydrology and information on well logs

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	Willow Creek	860	840	280	<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: Well construction at well #1 (MORR 51857), indicates that the well is cased and sealed to a level well below the elevation of Willow Creek.

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

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?
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Comments: NA

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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
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
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Interference CFS													
(A) = Total Interf.													
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q													
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q													
(D) = (A) > (C)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(E) = (A / B) x 100		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

**Basis for impact evaluation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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 groundwater reservoir;
- c.  permits the loss of artesian head;
- d.  permits the de-watering of one or more groundwater 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 Groundwater 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).**

### Groundwater Application G-17253, Puntenney Morrow County, Cecil Quad

#### Legend

- Obs Well Current
- Obs Well Non-Current
- State Obs Well Current
- State Obs Well Non-Current
- Other Wells

Ground Water Restrided areas

