

Water Right Conditions  
Tracking Slip

Groundwater/Hydrology Section

FILE ## G-17500

ROUTED TO: Kerry Kavinagh

TOWNSHIP/

RANGE-SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITIONS ATTACHED?  yes  no

REMARKS OR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Re-review - No PSI for  
new replacement well Obendorf  
#2

Reviewer: Mike Zwart

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUND WATER APPLICATIONS**

TO: Water Rights Section Date February 28, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Application G- 17500 Supersedes review of November 18, 2011  
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: Brock Obendorf County: Malheur

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 10.0 cfs from 3 well(s) in the Owyhee Basin,  
Jordan Creek subbasin Quad Map: Jordan Valley

A2. Proposed use: Irrigation, 229.3 (P), 797 (S) Seasonality: April 1 to 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	Proposed	Obendorf #1	Alluvium	5.9804	30S/46E-15 NW-NE	500' S, 1850' W fr NE cor S 15
2	MALH 2428	Jaca #1	Alluvium	2.4064	30S/46E-15 SE-SE	300' N, 140' W fr SE cor S 15
3	Proposed	Obendorf #2	Alluvium	0.6306	30S/46E-10 SW-SW	1290' N, 6500' E fr SW cor S 9
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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
1	4386				400	0-20	0-400	None	100-400			
2	4397		25	8/15/66	420	0-20	0-420	None	100-410	4100	104	P
3	4369				400	0-20	0-400	None	100-400			

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. Comments: Proposed Obendorf Well #2 is essentially replacing well MALH 2426, and is proposed to be pumped at a lower rate.

A5.  **Provisions of the Owyhee** 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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
All	Interbedded sand, gravel and clay	<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 water-bearing zones may be semiconfined to confined at greater depth, but the existing older well logs report no water-bearing zones and no differing water levels as drilling progressed.

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	Jordan Creek	4370±	4362	6100	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	1	Jordan Creek	4372±	4372	10500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	1	Jordan Creek	4365±	4358	4500	<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"/>
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**Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation:** The wells are much closer to Sheep Spring Creek, but Watermaster Ron Jacobs recommends that this creek not be considered a surface water source for Division 9 reviews (email attached) due to intermittent flow, usually only in early spring. The wells effectively develop all water-bearing zones penetrated.

**Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within:** Owyhee R > Snake R at mouth (31111001).

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?
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	156	<input type="checkbox"/>	<25%	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

<b>Non-Distributed Wells</b>													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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Interference CFS													
<b>Distributed Wells</b>													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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(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: This section applies for wells 1 and 2. However, it is very unlikely that calculated interference after one irrigation season will be greater than 1% of the natural flow of the Owyhee River (156 cfs in October). Therefore, no calculations were made. The lack of a Water Availability Basin for Jordan Creek is problematic because natural flows there must be much less than for the Owyhee River and, if calculations were possible, they likely would disclose much greater than 1% interference.**

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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) 7J \_\_\_\_\_;  
ii.  The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions Note that the Scenic Waterway form includes calculations of interference with surface water and the results should be forwarded to staff in Hydrographics.**

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References Used: Regional geologic maps; local well logs; nearby reviews, especially file G-16654.

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**D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200**

D1. Well #: 2 Logid: MALH 2428

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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(Enforcement Section Signature)

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