

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date April 11, 2012

FROM: Groundwater Section Marc Norton & Mike Zwart
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 17480 Supersedes review of September 30, 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 groundwater 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: William & Rosa Rupp County: Umatilla

- A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 1.79 cfs from 2 well(s) in the Umatilla River Basin,
Birch Creek subbasin Quad Map: Pilot Rock & Sevenmile Creek
- A2. Proposed use Irrigation (70.2 Primary + 72.5 Supp.) Seasonality: March 1 through 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	UMAT 54401	OLD	Bedrock	1.79	02S/32E - 13 NW NW	50' S, 4620' W fr SE cor S 12
2	PROPOSED	NEW	Bedrock/CRB	1.79	02S/32E - 11 SE SE	660' N, 6580' W fr SE cor S 12
3						
4						
5						

* 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
OLD	2320	440	1	09/12/2001	800	0 - 66	+2 - 66	----	-----	100	-----	Air
NEW	2410				840	0-66	0-646					

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** The original well is completed in a metamorphic rock. The yield is less than 100 gpm. The proposed amended location of Well #2 will develop water from the Columbia River basalts, if indeed there is sufficient thickness of basalt to produce the desired quantity.

A5. **Provisions of the Umatilla River** Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater 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: NONE

Comments: _____

B. GROUNDWATER 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 groundwater 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 groundwater 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 groundwater resource; or
- d. **will, if properly conditioned**, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater resource:
 - i. The permit should contain condition #(s) 7B – Interference, 7N - Annual WL (February/March), 7P – Well Tag, 7T – Measuring Tube, Large measuring and reporting with flow meter on each 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 groundwater production from no deeper than _____ ft. below land surface;
- b. **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no shallower than _____ ft. below land surface;
- c. **Condition** to allow groundwater production only from the _____ groundwater reservoir between approximately _____ ft. and _____ ft. below land surface;
- d. **Condition** to allow production only from a single aquifer in the Columbia River Basalt groundwater reservoir;
- e. **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 Groundwater 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. Groundwater availability remarks: The amended application moves the proposed well to a location that may be underlain by basalt. However, based on UMAT 55931, about 0.5 mile to the west of the proposed new location, the basalt will likely be thin and the proposed well depth of 840 feet will likely penetrate mostly the underlying metamorphic bedrock. That well was the subject of a water right application, G-16781, which was rejected as a result of a failure of the applicant to complete the application process. I reviewed that application and spoke to the applicant about the well. He was disappointed in the production of the well, reported as 20 gallons per minute on the well log. He indicated that the actual production was even less and that he would not be pursuing a permit as a result. Therefore, I suspect that it will be difficult to produce the desired quantity from both the existing and proposed wells combined, unless local geologic conditions result in higher bedrock permeability than was encountered elsewhere.

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
OLD	Bedrock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEW	Basalt of the Columbia River Basalt Group and Bedrock	<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"/>

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Groundwater levels rose above where encountered in the well.

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
OLD	1	Un-Named intermittent stream	2320	2310	100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2	East Birch Creek		2250	900	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEW	1	Un-Named intermittent stream	2320	2320	250	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2	East Birch Creek		2250	1250	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: Groundwater was encountered at a depth of 440 feet, well below Birch Creek.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: NA

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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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<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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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"/>
			<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"/>

Comments: NA

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													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(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: NA

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 groundwater 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** _____

References Used: _____

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:** _____

- 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: _____

_____, 200_____
(Enforcement Section Signature)

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

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Ivan Gall

FROM: Kerry Kavanagh, Water Rights Section

DATE: 4-2-12

RE: G-17480 William Rupp - application revised - new location for Well 2 - please review

On 3-16-12, the applicant amended the application by moving the proposed location of Well 2 and paid \$250 for the add'l POA. Please complete a Div 9 review for the new location of Well 2 – see revised map as well.

Marc Norton completed the first Div 9 review on August 30, 2011.

Thanks.