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BRETT RUDD
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COVE, OR 97824

July 5, 2012

Reference: File G-17558

Dear Applicant:

**THIS IS NOT A PERMIT AND IS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT PHASE OF PROCESSING.**

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of your water-use permit application and to describe your options. In determining whether an application may be approved, the Department must consider the factors listed below, all of which must be favorable to the proposed use if it is to be allowed. Based on the information you have supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

Initial Review Determinations:

1. The application form indicated supplemental irrigation of 370.0 acres but the acreage on the map totals 368.0 acres. The Department will proceed with the acreage shown on the map, 368.0 acres, unless you provide a revised map by **Thursday, August 9, 2012**. If you need additional time, you may send a written request for up to 180 days.
2. The application form indicated 2000.0 gallons per minute of water on Page 5, which is 4.46 cubic feet per second (CFS), and 1/60 CFS per acre on Page 7, which would amount to 12.5 CFS for irrigation of 750.0 acres and 6.13 CFS for supplemental irrigation of 368.0 acres. The exam fees paid are consistent with a rate of 4.46 CFS. If you want the Department to consider a rate higher than 4.46 CFS, please specify that amount (in either gallons per minute or cubic feet per second), and pay the corresponding fee for the additional water (\$250 for each CFS or fraction thereof) by **Thursday, August 9, 2012**. If you need additional time, you may send a written request for up to 180 days. If we do not receive anything by this date, the Department will process the application for 4.46 CFS. Please feel free to call me with any questions.
3. The application proposed the appropriation of 2000.0 gallons per minute of water, which is 4.46 CFS, from Well 1, Well 2, and Well 3 in Wright Slough Basin for irrigation of 750.0 acres and supplemental irrigation of 368.0 acres March 1 through October 31 of each year.
4. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
5. The appropriation of water from Well 1, Well 2, and Well 3 in Wright Slough Basin for irrigation and supplemental irrigation is allowable under the Grande Ronde Basin Program.

6. Ground water will likely be available within the capacity of the resource, and if properly conditioned, the proposed use of ground water will avoid injury to existing ground water rights.

The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed ground water use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.

7. The proposed use is located above the Willowa-Grande Ronde Scenic Waterway, as designated under Oregon Revised Statute 390.826.
8. Prior to permit issuance, if one is issued, the Department must receive evidence that you have written authorization or an easement permitting access to lands not owned by you.
9. Please refer to the **Additional Information Required** section below for specific information regarding deficiencies with the application.

Summary of Initial Determinations

The appropriation of 4.46 CFS from Well 1, Well 2, and Well 3 in Wright Slough Basin for irrigation of 750.0 acres and supplemental irrigation of 368.0 acres is allowable March 1 through October 31 of each year, contingent upon the submission of the required information.

Because of these favorable determinations, the Department can now move your application to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, where public interest factors will be evaluated.

Additional Information Required:

Additional exam fees are required prior to issuance of any Proposed Final Order that may recommend approval. The total exam fee is \$3000 for 4.46 CFS (and may be more if you request a rate higher than 4.46 CFS; see item #2 above), and the Department has received a total of \$2750; please provide the additional examination fee of \$250 at this time.

Please note, prior to permit issuance an additional \$400 for recording fees must be received.

Category	Fee
Base	\$1000
Up to 1 CFS	\$250
4 additional CFS @ \$250 each	\$1000
2 additional wells @ \$250 each	\$500
1 additional use at \$250	\$250
TOTAL EXAM FEES:	\$3000

Please submit this information no later than Thursday, August 9, 2012. If you are unable to submit the information listed above, you may request an administrative hold for up to an additional 180 days. You must submit the request in writing, stating how much more time you will need and why you need additional time. If an administrative hold is granted, your application will not be processed further until the requested information is received or the extended deadline has passed. If we do not receive the items requested above or a request for an administrative hold by this date, the Department will likely proceed with a Proposed Final Order recommending denial of the application.

Please reference the application number when sending any correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

To Proceed With Your Application:

If you choose to proceed with your application, you do not have to notify the Department. Your application will automatically be placed on the Department's Public Notice to allow others the opportunity to comment. After the comment period the Department will complete a public interest review and issue a Proposed Final Order.

Withdrawal Refunds:

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw your application and receive a refund (minus a \$200 processing charge per application). To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Thursday, July 19, 2012**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

1. Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:
 - A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.
 - B. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the amount of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water-use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. 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 any 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.
2. Dedicated Measuring Tube: Wells with pumps shall be equipped with an unobstructed, dedicated measuring tube pursuant to figure 200-5 in OAR 690-200.

3. The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s) if any of the following events occur:

- A. Annual water-level measurements reveal an average water-level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or
- C. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- D. Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

4. Ground water production shall only occur from the basalt ground water reservoir.

5. The wells shall be constructed in such a manner as to produce from a single basalt aquifer.
6. The permittee shall notify the Groundwater/Hydrology Section of the Department at least five business days prior to beginning well construction. The Department may require the well constructor to collect drill cuttings during the construction of the well.
7. Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.
8. Use of water under authority of this permit may be regulated if analysis of data available after the permit is issued discloses that the appropriation will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife in effect as of the priority date of the right or as those quantities may be subsequently reduced.

The water source identified in your application may be affected by an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. These plans are developed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) with the cooperation of local landowners and other interested stakeholders, and help to ensure that current and new appropriations of water are done in a way that does not adversely harm the environment. You are encouraged to explore ODA's Water Quality Program web site at http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water_agplans.shtml to learn more about the plans and how they may affect your proposed water use.

If you have any questions:

Feel free to call me at 503-986-0859 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or your application. Please have your application number available if you call. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0801. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Jeana Eastman, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Jeana Eastman
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

G-17558
WAB 8-
POU 8-
GW

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: G-17558

Applicant: BRETT RUDD

County: Union

Watermaster: 6

Priority Date: May 21, 2012

Source: WELL 1, WELL 2, AND WELL 3 IN WRIGHT SLOUGH BASIN

Use: IRRIGATION OF 750.0 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 368.0 ACRES

Quantity: 4.46 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Grande Ronde, #8

Stream Index Reference: Volume 3 HUNTER CR & MISC

Point of Diversion or Well Location(s):

WELL 1: SWNW, SECTION 20, T2S, R39E, W.M.; 3960 FEET NORTH AND 435 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 20

WELL 2: SENW, SECTION 20, T2S, R39E, W.M.; 3960 FEET NORTH AND 1325 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 20

WELL 3: SENW, SECTION 20, T2S, R39E, W.M.; 3960 FEET NORTH AND 2575 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 20

Place of Use:

<u>QQ</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u>
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
	SECTION 19	
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10.0 ACRES	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	40.0 ACRES	

<u>OO</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u>
NE ¼ SW ¼	40.0 ACRES	
NW ¼ SW ¼	40.0 ACRES	
SW ¼ SW ¼	40.0 ACRES	
SE ¼ SW ¼	40.0 ACRES	
SECTION 20		
NE ¼ NE ¼	40.0 ACRES	
NW ¼ NE ¼		40.0 ACRES
SW ¼ NE ¼	20.0 ACRES	18.0 ACRES
SE ¼ NE ¼	40.0 ACRES	
NE ¼ NW ¼		40.0 ACRES
NW ¼ NW ¼		40.0 ACRES
SW ¼ NW ¼		35.0 ACRES
SE ¼ NW ¼		40.0 ACRES
SECTION 29		
NE ¼ NE ¼		40.0 ACRES
NW ¼ NE ¼		40.0 ACRES
SW ¼ NE ¼		40.0 ACRES
SE ¼ NE ¼		35.0 ACRES
SECTION 30		
TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, W.M.		

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, July 19, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 2012

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, August 9, 2012

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #G-17558

IR Date: July 5, 2012

Original mailed to applicant:

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Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # G-17558
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr

<p>Copies Mailed By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF) on: _____ (DATE)</p>

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

3. WRD - Regional Manager (not SCR): E
4. WRD - Watermaster # 6

Affected Landowners (include "Notice of Initial Review--Affected Landowner")

1. Dale Case, 63136 Wallsinger Rd, Cove OR 97824
2. Ginger Key, 65333 Booth, Cove OR 97824
3. Gayle Fuller-Hug, 68274 Hug Rd, Summerville OR 97876

Caseworker: Jeana Eastman

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