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September 21, 2012

Reference: File S-87837

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 proposed the use of 0.01 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from North Umpqua River, a tributary of Umpqua River, for year-round domestic use expanded for one household.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. The use of water from North Umpqua River, a tributary of Umpqua River, for year-round domestic use expanded is allowable under the Umpqua Basin Program.
4. An assessment of water availability has been completed, a copy of which is in the file. This assessment compared a calculation of natural streamflow minus the consumptive portion of all relevant rights of record. The assessment determined water is not available for further appropriation (at 80 percent exceedance probability) because water has been fully appropriated by senior water rights. However, pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into by the Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Douglas County, seven (7) cubic feet per second (CFS) of additional water is available for human consumption, domestic, domestic expanded, industrial, commercial, irrigation, and agricultural use. As of the date of this application, 1.03 CFS of the total 4.0 CFS for human consumption, domestic, or domestic use expanded has been appropriated.
5. The application is subject to Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act.

Summary of Initial Determinations

The use of 0.01 CFS from North Umpqua River, a tributary of Umpqua River, for year-round domestic use expanded for one household is allowable.

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.

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 **Friday, October 5, 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. The Director may require the permittee to install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of diversion. If the Director notifies the permittee to install a totalizing flow meter or other measuring device, the permittee shall install such device within the period stated in the notice. Such installation period shall not be less than 90 days unless special circumstances warrant a shorter installation period. Once installed, the permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order and shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device.
 - B. The Director may require the permittee to keep and maintain a record of the amount (volume) of water diverted, and may require the permittee to report water use on a periodic schedule as established by the Director. In addition, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, the periods of water use and the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
2. You may be required to install fish screens at the point of diversion to meet Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife specifications for adequate protection of aquatic life.

This initial review does not attempt to address various public interest issues such as sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species. These issues will be addressed as the Department reviews comments from the public and other agencies, and prepares a Proposed Final Order. You should be aware that, if significant public interest issues are found to exist, such a finding could have an impact on the eventual outcome of your application.

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 503-986-0816 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: Kerry Kavanagh, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Kerry Kavanagh
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

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WAB 16-71173
POU 16-71173
GW

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-87837

Applicant: ROLAND THEISS

County: Douglas

Watermaster: 15

Priority Date: September 5, 2012

Source: NORTH UMPQUA RIVER, A TRIBUTARY OF UMPQUA RIVER

Use: DOMESTIC USE EXPANDED FOR ONE HOUSEHOLD

Quantity: 0.01 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umpqua, #16

Stream Index Reference: Volume 2A N UMPQUA R

Point of Diversion Location: NWSW, SECTION 11, T26S, R3W, W.M.; 20 FEET SOUTH AND 575 FEET EAST FROM W1/4 CORNER, SECTION 11

Place of Use:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SECTION 11
TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, W.M.

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, October 5, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, September 25, 2012

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, October 25, 2012

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #S-87837

IR Date: September 21, 2012

Original mailed to applicant:

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SENT VIA EMAIL:

1. WRD - Watermaster #15
2. ODFW
3. DEQ

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # S-87837
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

3. WRD - Regional Manager: SW
4. Department of Agriculture
5. Kim Kratz, Director, Oregon State Habitat Office
National Marine Fisheries Service, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Portland OR 97232
6. Jim Thraikill, Field Supervisor, USFWS
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Caseworker: Kerry Kavanagh

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