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RICHLAND, WA 99352

September 13, 2013

Reference: File S-87886

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 15.625 cubic feet per second (CFS) of water from Columbia River, a tributary of Pacific Ocean, for irrigation of 3046.9 acres September 15 through April 15.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. The use of water from Columbia River, a Tributary of Pacific Ocean for irrigation is allowable under the Columbia River Basin Program.
4. Surface water is available in the amount and for the full period requested.
5. OAR 690-033-0120(2) prohibits the diversion of water from April 15 through September 30 of each year.
6. The period of use allowed for irrigation, which includes raising the soil moisture to field capacity to be utilized by plant growth in the subsequent growing season, is October 1 through April 14.
7. The application indicated primary irrigation of 3047 acres, but the map indicated 3046.9 acres. Please clarify the total number of acres, and provide a revised map if appropriate by **Thursday, October 17, 2013**. If you need additional time, you may send a written request for up to 180 days. **If we do not receive clarification and/or a revised map or a hold request by this date, the Department will proceed with the acreage shown on the map.**

Summary of Initial Determinations

The use of 15.625 CFS from Columbia River, a tributary of Pacific Ocean, for irrigation of 3046.9 acres, which includes raising the soil moisture to field capacity to be utilized by plant growth in the subsequent growing season, is allowable during the period October 1 through April 14.

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 \$225 processing charge per application). To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday, September 27, 2013**. 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 diversion. 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. 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.
3. The use allowed herein may be made when water can be put to beneficial use by irrigation, either for immediate crop growth or for forecast requirements to raise the soil moisture to field capacity to be utilized by plant growth in the subsequent growing season.
4. The use of water for out-of-season irrigation allowed herein shall not establish priority of right against future appropriations for beneficial uses or storage for such beneficial uses, other than rights for irrigation during the allowed period of use.
5. Should this permit be used as the base right for an aquifer storage and recovery project, the limited period of use stipulated herein shall not apply to water withdrawn from storage.

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

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-87886

Applicant: RANDY RUPP; RUPP RANCHES

County: Umatilla

Watermaster: 5

Priority Date: April 4, 2013

Source: COLUMBIA RIVER, A TRIBUTARY OF PACIFIC OCEAN

Use: IRRIGATION OF 3046.9 ACRES

Quantity: 15.625 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umatilla, #7

Stream Index Reference: Volume 3A COLUMBIA R & MISC

Point of Diversion Location: SWNW, SECTION 8, T5N, R30E, W.M.; 2920 FEET NORTH AND 150 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 8

Place of Use:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 36.8 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 35.7 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 33.3 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 2

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 32.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 32.3 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 32.0 ACRES
SECTION 3

TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 31 EAST, W.M.

Place of Use (continued):

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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SECTION 3

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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SECTION 4

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES

SECTION 8

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES

SECTION 9

TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 31 EAST, W.M.

Place of Use (continued):

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 38.7 ACRES
SECTION 10

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 20.8 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 12.4 ACRES
SECTION 11

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34.9 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34.7 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 23.3 ACRES
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
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SECTION 15

TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 31 EAST, W.M.

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, September 27, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2013

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2013

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #S-87886

IR Date: September 13, 2013

Original **emailed** to applicant:

RANDY RUPP
RUPP RANCHES
176 KRANICHWOOD ST
RICHLAND, WA 99352

Copies Mailed By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF) on: _____ (DATE)
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SENT VIA EMAIL:

1. WRD - WM #5
2. Applicant - randy@costlesscarpet.com
3. Agent - saidamali@amaliconsulting.com
4. ODFW
5. DEQ

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # S-87886
2. WRD - Water Availability: Shawn Turner

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

3. Department of Agriculture
4. Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, Julie Carter,
700 NE Oregon St, Ste 1200, Portland OR 97232
5. US Fish & Wildlife Service, Gary Miller, 3502 Hwy 30, La Grande, OR 97850
6. NW Power Planning Council, Fish & Wildlife Division, Karl Weist
851 SW Sixth Ave, Ste 1020, Portland OR 97204
7. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Carl Merkle or Jennifer Hudson
Nixyaawii Governance Center, 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton OR 97801
8. National Marine Fisheries Service, Spencer Hovekamp
3502 Hwy 30, La Grande, OR 97850
9. Kim Kratz, Director, Oregon State Habitat Office, National Marine Fisheries Service
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

Caseworker: Kerry Kavanagh

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APPLICATION PROCESS DESCRIPTION FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

In order to take and use the waters of Oregon, a citizen must first obtain a permit from the Water Resources Department. The water must be used for beneficial purpose - without waste. To become well-informed about water right topics, weekly public notice, forms and fees please visit our web site at www.wrd.state.or.us

1. *Pre-application considerations*

- follow instructions in the application packet
- if you have questions about completing an application or would like to arrange a pre-application conference contact the Department's Water Rights Information Group (WRIG) at 503-986-0801

2. *Application filing*

- application with fee is received by the Department
- Department determines completeness of application
- if use is not allowed by statute (ORS 538), the application and fees are returned to the applicant
- incomplete application and fees are returned to the applicant
- only a complete application receives a tentative priority date, is assigned a caseworker, and moves forward for processing

3. *Initial Review (IR)*

- caseworker reviews application by considering basin plans, water availability, statutory restrictions and all other appropriate factors
- caseworker sends IR report to applicant
- contact the caseworker if you have questions about the IR
- seven days after date of the IR, it is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public comments must be submitted within 30 days after the Public Notice
- **administrative hold** may be requested in writing by applicant

4. *Proposed Final Order (PFO)*

- caseworker evaluates application against required criteria and develops draft permit, if appropriate
- PFO includes instructions for filing of protests
- caseworker considers public comments and mails PFO to applicant
- the PFO is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public protests to the PFO must be submitted within 45 days after the Public Notice

Stop Processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review - use the form below

- applicant may request no further action and fee refund of all but \$225

STOP PROCESSING REQUEST FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

Applicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application # _____

After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and the fees be refunded (minus a \$225 examination fee.) I understand that without a valid permit I may not legally use the water as requested in my application

Signature _____ date _____

Signature _____ date _____

Under ORS 537.150 (5) and 537.620 (5) timely submission of this request authorizes that the water right application process be stopped and all filing fees (except \$225 examination fee) be returned.

This notice must be received at Water Resources Department by _____

Return the notice to: OWRD, Water Rights Division
STOP PROCESSING
725 Summer Street, NE - Suite A
Salem OR 97301-1271

5. *Final Order (FO)*

- if no protest is filed, Final Order is issued

The protest process

If one or more protests are filed, permit process consists of:

- settlement discussion
- contested case hearing
- proposed order
- period of time to file exceptions
- possible hearing by Water Resources Commission
- final order issued

Permit holder responsibilities

- comply with all water use conditions of the permit
- advise Department of address change or assignment to new permit holder
- if need arises, request extension of time or authorize cancellation of permit
- submit timely claim of beneficial use (COBU) to Department
- most permits require COBU to be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner
- permits may be canceled by the permit holder or by the Department for failure to comply with or one or more permit conditions