

Oregon Water Resources Department  
Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application  
Number G-16692

Prior to the issuance of a permit, the Department must receive permit recording fees in the amount of \$250.00. Please include your application number on your check made out to the Oregon Water Resources Department. If this fee is not paid prior to **April 20, 2007**, issuance of a permit may be delayed.

### Proposed Final Order

*Summary of Recommendation:* The Department recommends that the attached draft permit be issued with conditions.

#### *Application History*

On June 26, 2006, RICHARD FOX submitted an application to the Department on behalf of GOLDEN MOUNTAIN, LLC. for the following water use permit:

- Amount of Water: 0.212 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
- Use of Water: IRRIGATION USE ON 50.0 ACRES
- Source of Water: A WELL (HOOD 50507) IN ODELL CREEK BASIN
- Area of Proposed Use: Hood River County within SECTION 28 AND SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, W.M.

On December 29, 2006, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that "*The use of 0.212 cubic foot per second (95 gallons per minute) from a well (HOOD 50507) in Odell Creek Basin for irrigation use (including agricultural use and temperature control) on 50.0 acres is allowable during the full period requested, March 1 through October 31.*" The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.

On January 2, 2007, the Department gave public notice of the application in its weekly notice. The public notice included a request for comments, and information for interested persons about both obtaining future notices and a copy of the proposed final order.

Within 30 days of the Department's public notice, written comments were received from the applicant requesting an administrative hold on processing the application. On February 1, 2007, an administrative hold was granted until April 2, 2007. On February 16, 2007, the applicant submitted a revised map clarifying the proposed place of use.

In reviewing applications, the Department may consider any relevant sources of information, including the following:

- recommendations by other state agencies
- any applicable basin program
- any applicable comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance
- the amount of water available
- the rate and duty for the proposed use
- pending senior applications and existing water rights of record
- designations of any critical groundwater areas
- the Scenic Waterway requirements of ORS 390.835
- applicable statutes, administrative rules, and case law
- any general basin-wide standard for flow rate and duty of water allowed
- the need for a flow rate and duty higher than the general standard
- any comments received

#### *Findings of Fact*

The Hood Basin Program allows IRRIGATION USE.

A WELL (HOOD 50507) IN ODELL CREEK BASIN is not within or above a State Scenic Waterway.

The Groundwater Section finds, per ORS 390.835(9), there is not a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use of groundwater 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.

#### Groundwater Findings Under OAR 690-09

The Department determined, consistent with OAR 690-09-0040(4), that the proposed ground water use will not have the potential for substantial interference with the nearby surface water sources.

In making this determination, the Department considered whether:

- (a) There is a hydraulic connection from the proposed well(s) to any surface water sources.
- (b) The point of appropriation is a horizontal distance less than one-fourth mile from the surface water source;
- (c) The rate of appropriation is greater than five cubic feet per second, if the point of appropriation is a horizontal distance less than one mile from the surface water source;
- (d) The rate of appropriation is greater than one percent of the pertinent adopted minimum perennial streamflow or instream water right with a senior priority date, if one is applicable, or of the discharge that is equaled or exceeded 80 percent of time, as determined or estimated by the Department, and if the point of appropriation is a horizontal distance less than one

- mile from the surface water source;
- (e) The ground water appropriation, if continued for a period of 30 days, would result in stream depletion greater than 25 percent of the rate of appropriation, if the point of appropriation is a horizontal distance less than one mile from the surface water source.

According to the Department's rules, the potential for substantial interference is assumed if (a) and either (b) or (c) or (d) or (e) are met. For this application, the Department determined that there is no potential for substantial interference, because either (a) is not met, or (b), (c), (d) or (e) are not met, or both.

An assessment of groundwater availability has been completed by the Department's Groundwater/Hydrology section. A copy of this assessment is in the file. Water will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing rights and the resource.

The Department finds that the amount of water requested, 0.212 CFS, is an acceptable amount.

The proposed well is not within a designated critical ground water area.

#### *Conclusions of Law*

Under the provisions of ORS 537.621, the Department must presume that a proposed use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health if the proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310(12), if water is available, if the proposed use will not injure other water rights and if the proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission.

The proposed use requested in this application is allowed in the Hood Basin Plan, or a preference for this use is granted under the provisions of ORS 536.310(12).

Water is available for the proposed use.

The proposed use will not injure other water rights.

The proposed use complies with other rules of the Water Resources Commission not otherwise described above.

The proposed use complies with the State Agency Agreement for land use.

No proposed flow rate and duty of water higher than the general basin-wide standard is needed.

For these reasons, the required presumption has been established.

Under the provisions of ORS 537.621, once the presumption has been established, it may be overcome by a preponderance of evidence that either:

- (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are not satisfied; or
- (b) The proposed use would not ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as demonstrated in comments, in a protest . . . or in a finding of the department that shows:
  - (A) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 that would be impaired or detrimentally affected; and
  - (B) Specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 would be impaired or be adversely affected.

In this application, all criteria for establishing the presumption have been satisfied, as noted above. The presumption has not been overcome by a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use would impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

The Department therefore concludes that water is available in the amount necessary for the proposed use; the proposed use will not result in injury to existing water rights; and the proposed use would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.

When issuing permits, ORS 537.628(1) authorizes the Department to include limitations and conditions which have been determined necessary to protect the public welfare, safety, and health. The attached draft permit is conditioned accordingly.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the attached draft permit be issued with conditions.

DATED March 6, 2007

 *Phillip C. Ward*

Phillip C. Ward, Director  
Water Resources Department

*If you have any questions,  
please check the information  
box on the last page for the  
appropriate names and  
phone numbers.*

## Protests

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for ground water), you can protest this proposed final order. Protests must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **April 20, 2007**. Protests must be in writing, and must include the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A description of your interest in the proposed final order, and, if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- A detailed description of how the action proposed in this proposed final order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
- A detailed description of how the proposed final order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
- Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known; and
- If you are not the applicant, the protest fee of \$250 required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.
- If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing. If you do not request a hearing, the Department will presume that you do not wish to contest the findings of the proposed final order.
- *If you do not protest this Proposed Final Order and if no substantive changes are made in the final order, you will not have an opportunity for judicial review, protest or appeal of the final order when it is issued.*

## Requests for Standing

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for ground water), persons other than the applicant who support a proposed final order can request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the proposed final order or for judicial review of a final order.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **April 20, 2007**. Requests for standing must be in writing, and must include the following:

- The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
- If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address and telephone number of the represented group;
- A statement that the requester supports the proposed final order as issued;
- A detailed statement of how the requester would be harmed if the proposed final order is modified; and
- A standing fee of \$50.00. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$200.00 must be submitted along with a request for intervention.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a final order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and either:

- upon review of the issues, the director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
- the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

*This document was prepared by Kerry Kavanagh. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I am most likely the best person to answer your questions. You can reach me at 503-986-0816.*

*If you have questions about how to file a protest or a request for standing, please refer to the respective sections in this Proposed Final Order entitled "Protests" and "Requests for Standing". If you have previously filed a protest and want to know its status, please contact Mike Reynolds at 503-986-0820.*

*If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801. Address all other correspondence to:*

*Water Rights Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266, Fax: 503-986-0901.*

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This is not a permit.  
STATE OF OREGON

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COUNTY OF HOOD RIVER

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

GOLDEN MOUNTAIN, LLC.  
2470 LICHENS DR  
HOOD RIVER, OR 97031

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-16692

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL (HOOD 50507) IN ODELL CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION USE (INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL USE AND  
TEMPERATURE CONTROL) ON 50.0 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.212 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: JUNE 21, 2006

WELL LOCATION: SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SECTION 28, T2N, R10E, W.M.; 1260 FEET NORTH  
AND 40 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 28

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with  
the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is  
limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and  
3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of  
each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  13.0 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  17.0 ACRES  
SECTION 28

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  20.0 ACRES  
SECTION 29  
TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, W.M.

## Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.
- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- C. The Director may require the permittee to keep and maintain a record of the amount (volume) of water used 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. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative reporting procedures for review and approval.

The Department requires the water user to measure 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 submit 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 measure 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 submitted 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.

The well(s) shall produce groundwater only from the basalt groundwater reservoir.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS

If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may not be valid, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.

The well(s) shall be constructed in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also

include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.

Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

The use of water shall be limited when it interferes with any prior surface or ground water rights.

Completion of construction and complete application of the water to the use shall be made on or before October 1, 2011. If the water is not completely applied before this date, and the permittee wishes to continue development under the permit, the permittee must submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner (CWRE).

Issued \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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Phillip C. Ward, Director  
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