

**Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division**

Water Rights Application
Number S-87600

Proposed Final Order

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

Findings of Fact

1. On May 6, 2010, Theresa Cliff and Bell A Land and Cattle Co submitted an application to the Department for the following water use permit:
 - Amount of Water: 330.0 acre feet (AF)
 - Use of Water: supplemental irrigation of 931.5 acres
 - Source of Water: East Thompson Valley Reservoir, constructed under Permit R-680, a tributary of Silver Creek
 - Area of Proposed Use: Lake County within Sections 2, 11, 12, 14, and 15, Township 28 South, Range 14 East, W.M.
2. On August 26, 2011, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that *"the use of 330.0 AF of stored water from East Thompson Valley Reservoir (constructed under Permit R-680), tributary to Silver Creek, for supplemental irrigation of 931.5 acres is allowable during the full period requested, April 1 through September 30, contingent upon submission of a valid contract between you and Silver Lake Irrigation District to appropriate stored water from East Thompson Lake Reservoir."* The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.
3. On August 30, 2011, 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 obtaining future notices and a copy of the Proposed Final Order. No written comments were received within 30 days.
4. On September 29, 2011, the applicant submitted a corrected map as required in the Initial Review.
5. On November 3, 2011, the applicant submitted a valid storage contract from Silver Lake Irrigation District, as required in the Initial Review.

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

- any applicable basin program
 - applicable statutes, administrative rules, and case law
 - the amount of water available
 - the rate and duty for the proposed use
 - pending senior applications and existing water rights of record
 - any applicable comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance
 - recommendations by other state agencies
 - the Scenic Waterway requirements of ORS 390.835
 - any comments received
4. The Goose & Summer Lake Basin Program allows supplemental irrigation (OAR 690-513-0060).
 5. Senior water rights exist on East Thompson Valley Reservoir, constructed under Permit R-680, a tributary of Silver Creek, or on downstream waters.
 6. East Thompson Valley Reservoir, constructed under Permit R-680, a tributary of Silver Creek is not within or above a State Scenic Waterway.
 7. Stored water is available in the amount and for the full period requested.
 8. The Department finds that the amount of water requested, 330.0 AF, is an acceptable amount.
 9. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates the proposed use is allowed outright.
 10. In accordance with OAR 690-033-0330, an interagency team reviewed this proposed use for potential adverse impacts on sensitive, threatened and endangered fish populations. This team consisted of representatives from the Oregon Departments of Water Resources (WRD), Environmental Quality (DEQ), Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and Agriculture. WRD and ODFW representatives included both technical and field staff. The interagency team recommended that additional limitations or conditions of use be imposed on this application as follows:
 - a. The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.
 - b. The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current ODFW

standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional prior to diversion of any water. The permittee shall obtain written approval from ODFW that the installation of the required screen and by-pass devices meets the state's criteria or the permittee shall submit documentation that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.

- c. Measurement devices, and recording/reporting of annual water use conditions:
- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. The permittee shall maintain the device in good working order.
 - B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however, where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
 - C. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the volume of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes 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.
 - D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

Conclusions of Law

1. Under the provisions of ORS 537.153, the Department must presume that a proposed use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest 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.
2. The proposed use requested in this application is allowed in the Goose & Summer Lake Basin Program.
3. Water is available for the proposed use.

4. The proposed use will not injure other water rights.
5. The proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission not otherwise described above.
6. The application is in compliance with the State Agency Coordination Program regarding land use.
7. For these reasons, the required presumption has been established.
8. Once the required presumption has been established, under the provisions of ORS 537.153(2) 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 will impair or be detrimental to the public interest as demonstrated in comments, in a protest . . . or in a finding of the department that shows:
 - (A) The specific public interest under ORS 537.170(8) that would be impaired or detrimentally affected; and
 - (B) Specifically how the identified public interest would be impaired or detrimentally affected.
9. 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 will impair or be detrimental to the public interest.
10. The Department therefore concludes that the proposed use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest as provided in ORS 537.170.
11. When issuing permits, ORS 537.211(1) authorizes the Department to include limitations and conditions which have been determined necessary to protect the public interest. The attached draft permit is conditioned accordingly.

Recommendation

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

DATED November 10, 2015

E. Timothy Wallin

E. Timothy Wallin, Water Rights Program Manager
for Thomas M. Byler, Director

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 **December 25, 2015**. 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 the 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;
- To affect the Department's determination that the proposed use in this application will, or will not, impair or be detrimental to the public interest ORS 537.153(2)(b) requires that a protest demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence any of the following: (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are, or are not, satisfied; or (b) the specific public interest in ORS 537.170(8) that would be impaired or detrimentally affected, and specifically how the identified public interest in ORS 537.170(8) would be impaired or be detrimentally affected;

- If you are the applicant, the protest fee of \$350 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If you are not the applicant, the protest fee of \$700 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.

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 **December 25, 2015**. 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 \$200. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$500 must be submitted along with a petition for party status.

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.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a Final Order by default. If the Director issues a Final Order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a *prima facie* case upon default.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 137-003-0555, an agency representative may represent a partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. You may contact the Oregon State Bar or the Oregon Military Department for more information. The toll-free telephone number for the Oregon State Bar is: 1 (800) 452-8260. The toll-free telephone number of the Oregon Military Department is: 1 (800) 452-7500. The Internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator website is: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>

This document was prepared by Kim French. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I can be reached 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 Patricia McCarty 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.

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF LAKE

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

THERESA CLIFF
BELL A LAND AND CATTLE CO
PO BOX 97
LA PINE, OR 97739

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: S-87600

SOURCE OF WATER: EAST THOMPSON VALLEY RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-680, A TRIBUTARY OF SILVER CREEK

PURPOSE OR USE: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 931.5 ACRES

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 330.0 ACRE FEET EACH YEAR

PERIOD OF USE: APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

DATE OF PRIORITY: MAY 6, 2010

POINT OF DIVERSION LOCATIONS:

POD #1: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 22, T28S, R14E, W.M.; 1970 FEET SOUTH AND 1480 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER, SECTION 22

POD #2: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 15, T28S, R14E, W.M.; 100 FEET NORTH AND 1560 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER, SECTION 15

POD #3: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 15, T28S, R14E, W.M.; 850 FEET NORTH AND 2290 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER, SECTION 15

POD #4: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 15, T28S, R14E, W.M.; 1380 FEET SOUTH AND 1700 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER, SECTION 15

POD #5: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 11, T28S, R14E, W.M.; 1750 FEET NORTH AND 1250 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER, SECTION 11

POD #6: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 11, T28S, R14E, W.M.; 3230 FEET NORTH AND 2030 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER, SECTION 11

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 2.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 39.1 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 10.4 ACRES
 SECTION 2

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 30.5 ACRES
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SECTION 11

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 39.1 ACRES
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 38.8 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 28.5 ACRES
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 38.5 ACRES
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 33.4 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 10.7 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 11.0 ACRES
 SECTION 12

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 6.8 ACRES
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 6.8 ACRES
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 27.3 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 39.1 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
 SECTION 14

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 21.7 ACRES
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 19.0 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 31.9 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 39.0 ACRES
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34.7 ACRES
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 37.1 ACRES
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34.7 ACRES
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 33.4 ACRES
 SECTION 15

TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, W.M.

Measurement devices, and recording/reporting of annual water use conditions:

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- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

The permittee shall install, maintain, and operate fish screening and by-pass devices consistent with current Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) standards. Fish screening is to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion while by-pass devices provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish. The required screen and by-pass devices are to be in place and functional prior to diversion of any water. The permittee shall obtain written approval from ODFW that the installation of the required screen and by-pass devices meets the state's criteria or the permittee shall submit documentation that ODFW has determined screens and/or by-pass devices are not necessary.

The permittee shall not construct, operate or maintain any dam or artificial obstruction to fish passage in the channel of the subject stream without providing a fishway to ensure adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish, unless the permittee has requested and been granted a fish passage waiver by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. The permittee is hereby directed to contact an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Passage Coordinator, before beginning construction of any in-channel obstruction.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

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.

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.

If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of diversion, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.

The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

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 allowed herein may be made only at times when sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including prior rights for maintaining instream flows.

Construction of the water system shall begin within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.

Complete application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after making beneficial use of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

Issued

DRAFT - THIS IS **NOT** A PERMIT

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for Thomas M. Byler, Director

Mailing List for PFO Copies

Application #S-87600

PFO Date November 10, 2015

Original mailed via CERTIFIED MAIL to applicant:

THERESA CLIFF, BELL A LAND AND CATTLE CO, PO BOX 97, LA PINE, OR 97739

SENT VIA EMAIL:

1. WRD - Watermaster # 12

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # S-87600
2. Water Availability: Shawn Ortiz-Turner

Copies sent to Other Interested Persons

1. Glender's Hydro Tech Services, Dennis Glender, 8664 SW Sand Ridge Rd, Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760
2. Silver Lake Irrigation District, PO Box 69, Silver Lake, OR 97638

Copies Mailed

By: _____
(SUPPORT STAFF)

on: _____
(DATE)

Protest/
Standing Dates
checked

CASEWORKER : Kim French