PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date **4/22/2016**

FROM: Groundwater Section **Jen Woody**
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- **18238** Supersedes review of **3/09/2016**
Date of Review(s)

PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER

OAR 690-310-130 (1) *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.* Department staff review groundwater applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. **This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.**

A. GENERAL INFORMATION: Applicant's Name: **Bruce, Judy, Eric, Amy Walport** County: **Jackson**

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) **0.22** cfs from **1** well(s) in the **Rogue** Basin, **Applegate** subbasin

A2. Proposed use **Irrigation, Temperature Control, Storage, Pond Maintenance**
Seasonality: **March 1- October 31, Jan 1-Dec 31, Jan 1-Dec 31, Jan 1-Dec 31 respectively**

A3. Well and aquifer data **(attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid)**:

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	PROP 999999	1	Granitic Bedrock	0.22	T37S/R4W-31	475'N, 2490'W fr SE cor S 31
2						
3						
4						
5						

* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
1	*1325*		25		200	0-60	0-60			201		

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** The well is proposed to 200 feet deep, casing and seal 0-60 feet below land surface. Water level is estimated based on nearby wells (JACK 30970).

A5. ☐ **Provisions of the** _____ Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater hydraulically connected to surface water ☐ **are**, *or* ☐ **are not**, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)
Comments: _____

A6. ☐ **Well(s) #** _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.
Name of administrative area: _____
Comments: _____

B. GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070

B1. **Based upon available data**, I have determined that groundwater* for the proposed use:

a. ☐ **is** over appropriated, ☐ **is not** over appropriated, *or* ☒ **cannot be determined to be** over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. * This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;

b. ☐ **will not** *or* ☐ **will** likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. * This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;

c. ☐ **will not** *or* ☐ **will** likely to be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource; or

d. ☒ **will, if properly conditioned**, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater resource:
   i. ☒ The permit should contain condition #(s) **7I, 7J, Medium Water Use Reporting Condition**;
   ii. ☐ The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
   iii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

B2. a. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no deeper than _____ ft. below land surface;

b. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no shallower than _____ ft. below land surface;

c. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production only from the _____ groundwater reservoir between approximately _____ ft. and _____ ft. below land surface;

d. ☐ **Well reconstruction** is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Groundwater Section.

Describe injury –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): _____

B3. **Groundwater availability remarks:** _____

Well yields in the area are relatively good, being generally greater than 10 gpm and as high as 100+ gpm. Well depths are generally less than 250 feet. Bedrock in the area consists of meta-sediments with some intrusives. The area lies near the contact between the granitic pluton and the meta-sediments (Wiley, 2006).

Groundwater development increased near the subject site over the last 10 years. There are several groundwater permits within ¼ mile radius of the proposed POA (see map). Water level data from these wells show a downward trend, with about 15 feet of head loss over the last 7 to 10 years (see hydrograph). Water levels, however, did recover in early 2016, probably in response to precipitation after an exceptionally dry 2015. This indicates that the fractured bedrock groundwater resource is influenced by climate trends in addition to being sensitive to use. Water level decline conditions and monitoring conditions are included to address this uncertainty about the capacity of the resource.

C. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040

C1. **690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
1	**Granitic Aquifer**	☒	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Nearby well logs drilled to similar depths report the static water level rises tens of feet about the water-bearing zone(s) in the fractured bedrock, indicating the target aquifer is more confined than unconfined.

C2. **690-09-040 (2) (3):** Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected? YES	NO	ASSUMED	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed? YES	NO
1	1	**Slagle Creek**	**1300***	**1300**	**1330**	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: *Water level is assumed to be similar to JACK 30970, which is similarly constructed and located approximately 260 feet to the northeast. Groundwater elevation is coincident with Slagle Creek, indicating hydraulic connection. Additionally, there is a flowing well on the topographic map in the vicinity of the subject site, indicating it is likely a groundwater discharge area.

This re-review incorporates the changes described in an April 8, 2016 email from the applicant to Barbara Park, OWRD water rights caseworker. The changes include correcting the proposed well location and a decrease in proposed pumping rate and total annual use.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Watershed ID #: 249 APPLEGATE R > ROGUE R - AT MOUTH

C3a. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% *natural* flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked ☒ box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
1	1	☐	☐			☐	**45.8**	☐	*	☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐

C3b. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. **Complete only if Q is distributed among wells**. Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

	SW #		Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐

Comments: *Interference @ 30 d could not be estimated because the terrain (high-relief slopes) and geology (fractured bedrock aquifer) do not meet model assumptions of the widely accepted techniques for determining stream depletion (e.g., Hunt 1999, 2003).

C4a. **690-09-040 (5):** Estimated impacts on **hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile** as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													

Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
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Interference CFS													
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Interference CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													

(A) = Total Interf.												
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q												
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q												

(D) = (A) > (C)												
(E) = (A / B) x 100	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

Basis for impact evaluation:

C4b. **690-09-040 (5) (b) The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.**

C5. ☐ **If properly conditioned**, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or groundwater use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:

i. ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s)_____;

ii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions:**

References Used:

Hunt, B., 1999, Unsteady stream depletion from ground water pumping: Ground Water, v. 37, no. 1, p. 98-102.

Hunt, B., 2003, Unsteady stream depletion when pumping from semiconfined aquifer: Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, January/February, 2003.

OWRD water level database, accessed 4/22/2016.

USGS topographic quadrangle maps: Applegate quadrangle.

Wiley, T.J., 2006, Preliminary geologic map of the Sexton Mountain, Murphy, Applegate, and Mount Isabelle 7.5' quadrangles, Jackson and Josephine Counties, Oregon, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Open-File Report O-06-11.

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. **Well #:** _____ **Logid:** _____

D2. **THE WELL does not appear to meet current well construction standards based upon:**

a. ☐ review of the well log;
b. ☐ field inspection by _____;
c. ☐ report of CWRE _____;
d. ☐ other: (specify) _____

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency or other comment is described as follows:** _____

D4. ☐ **Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.**

Water Availability Tables

Water Availability Analysis

Detailed Reports

APPLEGATE R > ROGUE R - AT MOUTH

ROGUE BASIN

Water Availability as of 3/8/2016

Watershed ID #: 249 (Map) Exceedance Level:80%

Date: 3/8/2016 Time: 4:01 PM

Water Availability Calculation

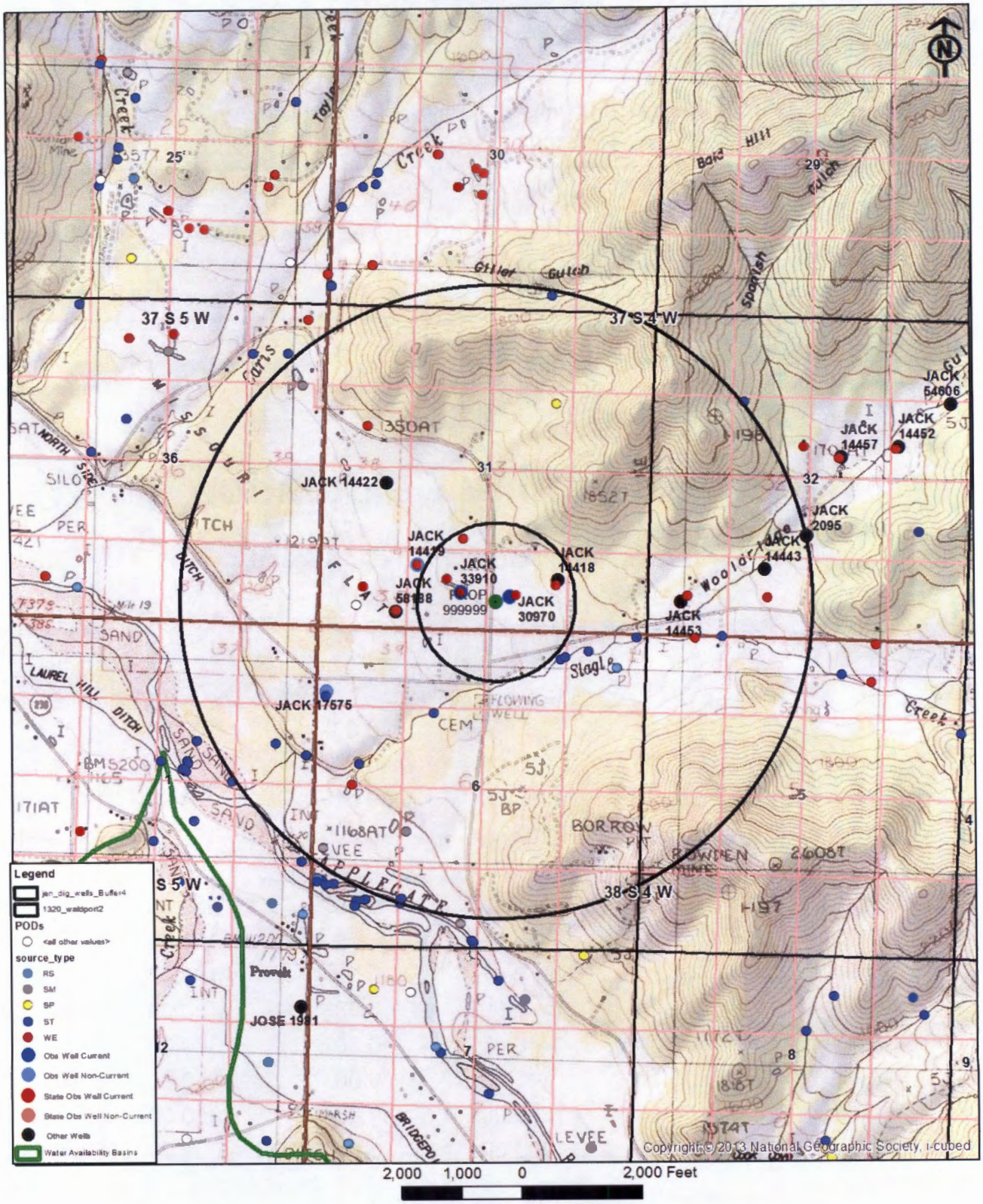
Monthly Streamflow in Cubic Feet per Second

Annual Volume at 50% Exceedance in Acre-Feet

Month	Natural Stream Flow	Consumptive Uses and Storages	Expected Stream Flow	Reserved Stream Flow	Instream Flow Requirement	Net Water Available
JAN	373.00	5.54	367.00	0.00	300.00	67.50
FEB	674.00	439.00	235.00	0.00	300.00	-64.70
MAR	792.00	438.00	354.00	0.00	340.00	14.00
APR	662.00	460.00	202.00	0.00	340.00	-138.00
MAY	591.00	42.10	549.00	0.00	360.00	189.00
JUN	222.00	57.20	165.00	0.00	360.00	-195.00
JUL	91.80	75.80	16.00	0.00	120.00	-104.00
AUG	59.00	63.00	-3.97	0.00	120.00	-124.00
SEP	45.80	42.10	3.69	0.00	120.00	-116.00
OCT	56.00	15.40	40.60	0.00	360.00	-319.00
NOV	146.00	3.54	142.00	0.00	360.00	-218.00
DEC	244.00	4.59	239.00	0.00	300.00	-60.60
ANN	421,000.00	97,700.00	323,000.00	0.00	204,000.00	160,000.00

Well Location Map

G-18238 Waldport
T37S/R4W- Section 31



Water-Level Trends in Nearby Wells