

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date July 6, 2016
 FROM: Groundwater Section Michael J Thoma
 SUBJECT: Application G- 18270 Reviewer's Name
 Supersedes review of _____ 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: Monte Minchow County: Jackson

- A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 0.02 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Rogue Basin,
Bear Cr subbasin
- A2. Proposed use Nursery Seasonality: year-round
- 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	JACK 32874	1	Bedrock	0.02	38S/01W-28 NWSW	1753'N, 1259'E of SW cor S28
2						
3						

* 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	2350	94	27	10/15/1993	400	0-21	+1-59	0-400	80-400 (mult zones)	10		A

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** _____

A5. **Provisions of the** Rogue (OAR 690-515) 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) 7J (Scenic Waterway); Medium Water-use Reporting;
 - 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:** The Department has no observation well data in the immediate area so groundwater over-appropriation could not be determined. The area of the proposed POA is on the slopes to the west of Bear Cr Valley and consists of fairly low taxlot density (and thus likely low well density) where groundwater use primarily limited to domestic and small lawn/garden use. There are no permitted groundwater POAs within 1 mile of the applicant’s proposed POA and the nearest surface water PODs are on Anderson Cr, also > 1 mile away. There are three spring POAs (Cert. 17401; 1945 priority date) to the south of the applicant’s taxlot that have been auto-mapped to the center of the quarter-quarter. The permit for these springs describes a “spring box” which suggests that the sources of these springs have been altered and so will be classified as groundwater rather than surface water for the purpose of this review. In either case, the springs are located in the adjacent creek channel separated by a 200 ft relief ridge from the applicant’s proposed POA and so interference is unlikely.

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	Meta-volcanics of W. Hayfork Terrane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: The applicant's well log reports SWL several feet above 'first water'; fractured metamorphic aquifers in this area typically exhibit confined-aquifer characteristics

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?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
						YES	NO	ASSUMED	YES	NO
1	1	Anderson Cr	~2323	1680-1920	~6290*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: SWL is higher than surface water elevations which suggests that groundwater is flowing towards and discharging to surface water.

*Distance is to nearest reach where hydraulic connection is likely

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Bear Cr > Rogue R – At Mouth (ID# 70993)

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?
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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?
	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

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
1	1	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS		0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Interference CFS		*see comments below											
Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
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: _____

* Interference with Anderson Cr was not estimated because the terrain (high-relief slopes) and geology (faulted, fractured bedrock aquifer) do not meet model assumptions of widely accepted techniques for determining stream depletion (e.g., Hunt 1999, 2003)

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:** The applicant's proposed POA would be producing from a fractured bedrock aquifer that has been found to be hydraulically connected to Anderson Cr at a distance of ~6300 ft. The department is unable to calculate interference and so cannot determine that the proposed use will have the potential for substantial interference per OAR 690-009.

References Used:

Hunt, B. 1999. *Unsteady Stream Depletion from Ground Water Pumping*. Journal of Hydrologic Engineering, Vol 8(1), pp 12-19

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Wiley, T. J., J. D. McClaughry, and J. A. D'Allura. 2011. *Geologic Database and Generalized Geologic Map of Bear Creek Valley, Jackson County, Oregon*. Oregon Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries. OFR O-11-11.

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

BEAR CR > ROGUE R - AT MOUTH ROGUE BASIN							
Water Availability as of 7/6/2016							
Watershed ID #: 70993 (Map)				Exceedance Level: 80%			
Date: 7/6/2016				Time: 2:23 PM			
Water Availability Calculation		Consumptive Uses and Storages		Instream Flow Requirements		Reservations	
Water Rights				Watershed Characteristics			
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	107.00	192.00	-85.40	0.00	170.00	-255.00	
FEB	129.00	235.00	-106.00	0.00	170.00	-276.00	
MAR	129.00	214.00	-85.20	0.00	170.00	-255.00	
APR	105.00	31.00	74.00	0.00	170.00	-96.00	
MAY	84.20	47.20	37.00	0.00	170.00	-133.00	
JUN	61.60	73.40	-11.80	0.00	100.00	-112.00	
JUL	28.10	94.20	-66.10	0.00	40.00	-106.00	
AUG	19.30	79.80	-60.50	0.00	24.00	-84.50	
SEP	17.10	56.50	-39.40	0.00	20.00	-59.40	
OCT	18.30	18.10	0.17	0.00	24.00	-23.80	
NOV	30.90	57.90	-27.00	0.00	62.00	-89.00	
DEC	65.30	138.00	-72.30	0.00	153.00	-225.00	
ANN	89,800.00	74,400.00	24,400.00	0.00	76,600.00	0.00	

Well Location Map

