

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date 9/9/2016

FROM: Groundwater Section Jen Woody
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 18353 Supersedes review of n/a
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: Shad Vaughan County: Jackson

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 0.111 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Rogue Basin,
Big Butte Creek subbasin

A2. Proposed use Irrigation and Pond Maintenance
Seasonality: April 1- Oct 31 and year-round, 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	JACK 32784	1	Bedrock	0.111	T34S/R1E-34 NW ¼ SE ¼	2624' N, 1507' W fr SE cor S 34
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	1840	103	70	10/01/1993	200	0-19	0-19	0-200	100-120,160-200	3		air

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** The well log's reported yield is much less than the requested rate.

A5. ☐ **Provisions of the** Rogue 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: N/A

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

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) 7C, 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): N/A

- B3. **Groundwater availability remarks:** The applicant proposes to use 50 gallons per minute (gpm) from the fractured volcanic bedrock aquifer. There are no permitted groundwater rights within one mile of the proposed POA. There are about 60 well logs on file for Sections 34, indicating moderate groundwater development for exempt uses. Median reported yield is 2 gpm, which suggests that the requested rate is likely more than a single well in this aquifer will produce. Well-to-well interference is unpredictable in fractured rock aquifers because fractures are not continuous or consistently connected, so there is some uncertainty regarding the potential for interference with nearby groundwater users. There are no nearby, long-term static water level data available in the subject aquifer. Therefore, the groundwater resource cannot be determined to be over-appropriated. The proximity to neighboring wells raises the potential for interference with senior groundwater users, but pumping drawdown effects in a fractured aquifer are not expected to be widespread. Annual water level and water use monitoring and reporting is recommended to address the potential impact to senior users.

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	Lava flows of the Roxy Formation	☒	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Well log JACK 32784 reports the water level rises above the water-bearing zone, indicating the 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?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
						YES	NO	ASSUMED	YES	NO
1	1	Neil Creek	1770	1770	4825	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: Groundwater elevation at the well is coincident with surface water. Groundwater likely discharges to surface water down-gradient, indicating hydraulic connection.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Watershed ID #: 31530710, BIG BUTTE CR > ROGUE R - AB 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	☐	☐	n/a	n/a	☐	90.30	☐	*	☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐

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 at 30 days 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													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
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													

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(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: N/A

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:
- ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s) _____;
 - ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions:** Under OAR 690-009 the proposed use does not produce the finding of potential for substantial interference with nearby surface water.

References Used:

Beaulieu, J.D., Hughes, P.W. 1977 Land Use Geology of Central Jackson County, Oregon. State of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Bulletin 94. 87 p.

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

Hunt, B. 2003. Unsteady Stream Depletion when Pumping from a Semiconfined Aquifer. *Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*. Vol 8(1), pp 12-19.

U.S. Geological Survey topographic map, Obenchain Mountain Quadrangle.

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. Well #: _____ Logid: this section does not apply

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

BIG BUTTE CR > ROGUE R - AB MOUTH ROGUE BASIN

Water Availability as of 9/9/2016

Watershed ID #: 31530710 ([Map](#))

Exceedance Level: 80%

Date: 9/9/2016

Time: 9:25 AM

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	137.00	326.00	-189.00	0.00	0.00	-189.00
FEB	229.00	396.00	-167.00	0.00	0.00	-167.00
MAR	251.00	430.00	-179.00	0.00	0.00	-179.00
APR	205.00	390.00	-185.00	0.00	0.00	-185.00
MAY	145.00	280.00	-135.00	0.00	0.00	-135.00
JUN	113.00	202.00	-88.80	0.00	0.00	-88.80
JUL	105.00	194.00	-88.70	0.00	0.00	-88.70
AUG	98.50	179.00	-81.00	0.00	0.00	-81.00
SEP	90.30	161.00	-71.10	0.00	0.00	-71.10
OCT	96.90	189.00	-91.60	0.00	0.00	-91.60
NOV	91.60	182.00	-90.50	0.00	0.00	-90.50
DEC	125.00	305.00	-180.00	0.00	0.00	-180.00
ANN	158,000.00	195,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Well Location Map

G-18353 Vaughan
T34S/R1E-Section 34

