

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date 10/06/2016

FROM: Groundwater Section Jen Woody
Reviewer's Name

SUBJECT: Application G- 18307 Supersedes review of 7/26/2016
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: Duane and Terise Paulsen County: Jackson

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 0.15 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Rogue Basin,
Gore Creek subbasin

A2. Proposed use Nursery use 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 53846	1	bedrock	0.15	T38S/R2W-24 SE ¼ NE ¼	1823' S, 1143' W fr NE cor S 24
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	2100	72	39	5/19/2000	200	0-47	0-47	4-200	120-180	11	200	air

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** _____

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) Medium water-use reporting; 7J (Scenic waterway);
 - 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 proposed POA accesses water in sandstone of the Hornbrook Formation. At this location, about 100 feet of the Hornbrook Formation overlies marine meta-sedimentary rocks of the Applegate Terrane. The Department does not have sufficient static water level data in the area of the proposed POA to identify long-term trends or determine if groundwater is over-appropriated. Groundwater rights are relatively sparse in this area; there are three permitted groundwater rights with one mile of the proposed POA. Median well yield is 10 gpm (based well log data in this section) due to the low-yield nature of the bedrock.

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	Hornbrook Formation	☒	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: JACK 53846 reports the water bearing zone from 72-88 feet below land surface. Static water level is reported as above the water-bearing zone, indicating the aquifer is confined.

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	Unnamed tributary to Gore Creek	2061	1800-2000	1330-5280	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: The water level at the well, as reported on the well log, is above nearby creek beds. While the exact groundwater discharge point is unknown, recent photographs show the creek bed within ¼ mile of the well is poorly defined and unlikely to be a viable surface water source. Groundwater likely discharges to surface water seasonally and/or at distances greater than ¼ mile.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Watershed ID #: 70993 BEAR CR > 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	☐	☐	IS70993 A	20	☐	17.10	☐	*	☐

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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).

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?
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			☐			☐		☐		☐

Comments: n/a

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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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													
(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: 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:** _____

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 7/27/2016.

USGS topographic quadrangle maps: Sterling Creek, Talent, Medford East and Medford West quadrangles.

Wiley, T. J., J. D. McClaghry, 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: n/a**D4. ☐ **Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.**

Water Availability Tables

Water Availability Analysis Detailed Reports

BEAR CR > ROGUE R - AT MOUTH ROGUE BASIN

Water Availability as of 7/26/2016

Watershed ID #: 70993 ([Map](#))

Exceedance Level:

Date: 7/26/2016

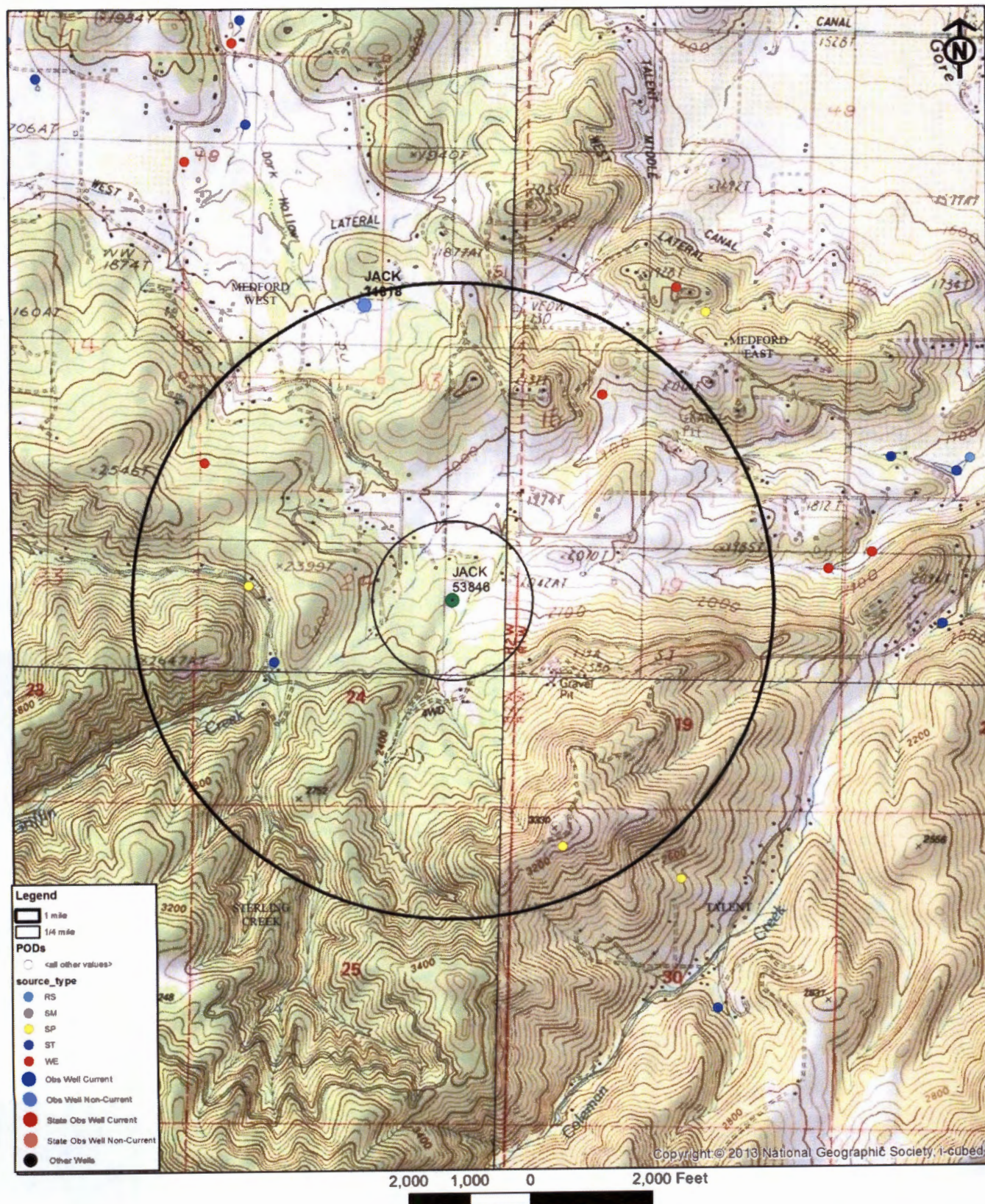
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Water Availability Calculation

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

G-18307 Paulsen
T38S/R2W- Section 24

Water-Level Trends in Nearby Wells

