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September 22, 2017

OREGON RANCHING CO. (TWIN BUTTES RANCH)  
62400 PAULINA HWY  
POST, OR 97752

Reference: File R-88443

Dear Applicant:

**THIS IS NOT A PERMIT AND IS  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT PHASE OF PROCESSING.**

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of the water-use permit application and to describe the options. In determining whether an application may be approved, the Department must consider the factors listed below, all of which must be favorable to the proposed use if it is to be allowed. Based on the information supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

Initial Review Determinations:

1. The application proposed the diversion of 195.0 acre feet (AF) of water from Davis Creek, a tributary of Camp Creek, for storage in Delamarter Reservoir for fish culture, recreation, and wildlife.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. The diversion of water from Davis Creek, a tributary of Camp Creek for storage in Delamarter Reservoir for fish culture, recreation, and wildlife is allowable under the Deschutes Basin Program (OAR 690-505-0030).
4. Surface water is not available during the period May 1 through February 28/29.
5. OAR 690-033-0120(2) prohibits the diversion of water from April 15 through September 30 of each year.
6. The proposed use is located above the Deschutes Scenic Waterway, as designated under Oregon Revised Statute 390.826.
7. Because this application will have an impact on surface water flows where the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has identified that sensitive, threatened or endangered fish are present, this application will be reviewed by at least ODFW and the Department of Environmental Quality in accordance with OAR 690-033 rules. This review could have an impact on the eventual outcome of your application. This review could cause your application to be proposed for denial, the season of use to be shortened or impacted in some other way when the Department issues a proposed final order at the next stage of processing.

8. The proposed reservoir site is subject to a wetland determination by the Department of State Lands.

### Summary of Initial Determinations

**The diversion of 195.0 AF of water from Davis Creek, a tributary of Camp Creek, for fish culture, recreation, and wildlife may be allowed March 1 through April 14 of each year.**

Because of the Department's determination, the application can be moved to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, where public interest factors will be evaluated. However, due to #4 and #5 above, the application will likely be limited accordingly.

Please reference the application number when sending any correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

At this time, you must decide whether to proceed or to withdraw the application as described below.

#### Withdrawal Refunds:

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw the application and receive a refund (minus a \$225 processing charge per application). To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday, October 6, 2017**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

#### To Proceed With The Application:

If you choose to proceed with the application, you do not have to notify the Department. The application will automatically be placed on the Department's Public Notice to allow others the opportunity to comment. After the comment period the Department will complete a public interest review and issue a Proposed Final Order.

#### If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

##### 1. Measurement Devices, and Recording/Reporting of Annual Water Storage 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 stored each month, and shall submit a report which includes water-storage 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.
4. You may be required to install fish screens at the point of diversion to meet Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife specifications for adequate protection of aquatic life.

This initial review does not attempt to address various public interest issues such as sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species. These issues will be addressed as the Department reviews comments from the public and other agencies, and prepares a Proposed Final Order. You should be aware that, if significant public interest issues are found to exist, such a finding could have an impact on the eventual outcome of the application.

The water source identified in the application may be affected by an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. These plans are developed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) with the cooperation of local landowners and other interested stakeholders, and help to ensure that current and new appropriations of water are done in a way that does not adversely harm the environment. You are encouraged to explore ODA's Water Quality Program web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/NaturalResources/Pages/AgWaterQuality.aspx> to learn more about the plans and how they may affect the proposed water use.

If you have any questions:

Feel free to call me at 503-986-0899 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or the application. Please have the application number available if you call. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0801. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Scott Grew, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Scott Grew  
Water Right Application Specialist

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

R-88443  
WAB 5-30530409  
POU 5-30530409  
GW

# APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: R-88443

Applicant: OREGON RANCHING CO. (TWIN BUTTES RANCH)

County: Crook

Watermaster: 11

Priority Date: August 14, 2017

Source: DAVIS CREEK, A TRIBUTARY OF CAMP CREEK

Use: FISH CULTURE; RECREATION; WILDLIFE

Quantity: 195.0 ACRE FEET

Basin Name & Number: Deschutes, #5

Stream Index Reference: Volume 2A CAMP CR & TRIBS

Point of Diversion: SENE SECTION 22, T18S, R21E, W.M.; 250 FEET NORTH AND 60 FEET WEST FROM E1/4 CORNER, SECTION 22

Place of Use:

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SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$   
SECTION 22

NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$   
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$   
SECTION 23

TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, W.M.

**14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, October 6, 2017**

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

**30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2017**

# APPLICATION PROCESS DESCRIPTION FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

In order to take and use the waters of Oregon, a citizen must first obtain a permit from the Water Resources Department. The water must be used for beneficial purpose - without waste. To become well-informed about water right topics, weekly public notice, forms and fees please visit our web site at [www.wrd.state.or.us](http://www.wrd.state.or.us)

## 1. Pre-application considerations

- follow instructions in the application packet
- if you have questions about completing an application or would like to arrange a pre-application conference contact the Department's Water Rights Information Group (WRIG) at 503-986-0801

## 2. Application filing

- application with fee is received by the Department
- Department determines completeness of application
- if use is not allowed by statute (ORS 538), the application and fees are returned to the applicant
- incomplete application and fees are returned to the applicant
- only a complete application receives a tentative priority date, is assigned a caseworker, and moves forward for processing

## 3. Initial Review (IR)

- caseworker reviews application by considering basin plans, water availability, statutory restrictions and all other appropriate factors
- caseworker sends IR report to applicant
- contact the caseworker if you have questions about the IR
- seven days after date of the IR, it is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public comments must be submitted within 30 days after the Public Notice
- **administrative hold** may be requested in writing by applicant

## 4. Proposed Final Order (PFO)

- caseworker evaluates application against required criteria and develops draft permit, if appropriate
- PFO includes instructions for filing of protests
- caseworker considers public comments and mails PFO to applicant
- the PFO is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public protests to the PFO must be submitted within 45 days after the Public Notice

**Stop Processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review - use the form below**  
- applicant may request no further action and fee refund of all but \$225

## STOP PROCESSING REQUEST FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

Applicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application # \_\_\_\_\_

After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and the fees be refunded (minus a \$225 examination fee.) I understand that without a valid permit I may not legally use the water as requested in my application

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

*Under ORS 537.150 (5) and 537.620 (5) timely submission of this request authorizes that the water right application process be stopped and all filing fees (except \$225 examination fee) be returned.*

This notice must be received at Water Resources Department by \_\_\_\_\_

Return the notice to: OWRD, Water Rights Division

STOP PROCESSING

725 Summer Street, NE - Suite A

Salem OR 97301-1271

## 5. *Final Order (FO)*

- if no protest is filed, Final Order is issued

### *The protest process*

If one or more protests are filed, permit process consists of:

- settlement discussion
- contested case hearing
- proposed order
- period of time to file exceptions
- possible hearing by Water Resources Commission
- final order issued

### *Permit holder responsibilities*

- comply with all water use conditions of the permit
- advise Department of address change or assignment to new permit holder
- if need arises, request extension of time or authorize cancellation of permit
- submit timely claim of beneficial use (COBU) to Department
- most permits require COBU to be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner
- permits may be canceled by the permit holder or by the Department for failure to comply with or one or more permit conditions