# Oregon Water Resources Department Water Right Services Division

## **Application for Extension of Time**

|  | Application for an Extension of Time Water Right Application G-17280, in of Wallowa  | ) | FINAL ORDER |
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|  | Permit Information   | _ |             |
| Application: Permit: Basin: Date of Priority: Source of Water: Purpose or Use: Maximum Rate: | G-17280 G-16778 8 – Grande Ronde / Watermaster District 7 October 23, 2009 Well 1 (WALL 663) in Spring Creek Basic Commercial Use 0.67 cubic foot per second (cfs) |   |             |

This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.630 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315.

### Appeal Rights

This is a final order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. A request for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080 you may either file for judicial review, or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

### Application History

Permit G-16778 was issued by the Department on September 23, 2010. The permit specified completion of construction and application of the water was to be made within five years of the date of permit issuance, being September 23, 2015. On September 22, 2017, County of Wallowa submitted an Application for Extension of Time for Permit G-16778. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on October 31, 2017, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to complete construction to October 1, 2028, and the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2028. The protest period closed December 15, 2017, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the findings of fact in the Proposed Final Order dated October 31, 2017.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, any comments received, and information within the file, the permit may be extended subject to the following conditions:

### LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Water Use Condition

If no water is applied to beneficial use under the terms and conditions of Permit G-16778 on or before October 1, 2028, this will be the last extension of time granted for Permit G-16778.

### 2. Checkpoint Condition

The permit holder must submit a completed Progress Report Form to the Department by October 1, 2022 and October 1, 2027. A form will be enclosed with your Final Order.

- (a) At each checkpoint, the permit holder shall submit and the Department shall review evidence of the permit holder's diligence towards completion of the project and compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and extension. If, after this review, the Department determines the permit holder has not been diligent in developing and perfecting the water use permit, or complied with all terms and conditions, the Department shall modify or further condition the permit or extension to ensure future compliance, or begin cancellation proceedings on the undeveloped portion of the permit pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410, or require submission of a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.250;
- (b) The Department shall provide notice of receipt of progress reports in its weekly notice and shall allow a 30 day comment period for each report. The Department shall provide notice of its determination to anyone who submitted comments.

### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.630, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2).

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### **ORDER**

The extension of time for Application G-17280, Permit G-16778, therefore, is approved subject to conditions contained herein. The deadline for completing construction is extended from September 23, 2015, to October 1, 2028. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use within the terms and conditions of the permit is extended from September 23, 2015, to October 1, 2028.

DATED: December 22, 2017

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Water Right Services Division Administrator, for

Thomas M Byler, Director

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- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact the Permit Extension Specialist at (503) 986-0802.
- If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at (503) 986-0900

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