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Water Right Application Initial Review

July 13, 2018

TRIPLE 7 RANCH LLC
51338 HWY 402
MONUMENT OR 97864

Reference: Application S-88589

This document is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of the water-use permit application and to describe your 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 Preliminary Determinations (Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-310-0080)

1. The application proposes the diversion of 0.067 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from an unnamed spring for year-round domestic and livestock use.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. Domestic and livestock use are allowable use under the John Day Basin Program (690-506).
4. An assessment of water availability at 80% exceedance for the proposed use was completed using the Department's Water Availability Reporting System (WARS). A copy of this assessment is in the application file. This review is done consistent with OAR 690-410-0070(2)(a). The assessment established surface water is available for diversion June 1 through March 31 of each year. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.153(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0080(1)(b)
5. OAR 690-033-0120(2)(a) prohibits the diversion of water from April 15 through September 30 each year.
6. The proposed use is located above the John Day Scenic Waterway, as designated under ORS 390.826.

7. Based on information provided by the applicant and the Department's review, the source of water does not form a well-defined channel, does not flow off the lands on which it first arises, and is therefore an exempt spring. Although exempt, the applicant requested the spring be permitted. It is unlikely the spring is in connection with other surface water sources; therefore OAR 690-033 and surface water availability will not be a consideration unless information can be provided proving otherwise.
8. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates the proposed use is allowed outright. ORS 537.621(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)

Summary

The diversion of 0.067 CFS of water from an unnamed, exempt spring for year-round domestic and livestock use is allowable.

Because of the favorable determinations described herein, Application R-88589 can move to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, which includes a public interest review.

Public interest issues and/or public comments will be addressed as the Department prepares a Proposed Final Order. If significant public interest issues are identified, they could have an impact on the eventual outcome of the application.

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

Proceed

If you choose to proceed with the application you do not have to notify the Department. The application will 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.

Withdraw

You may withdraw the application and receive a refund (minus a \$260 processing fee per application). You must notify the Department in writing by **July 27, 2018**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

If a Permit is Issued it will Likely Include the Following Conditions:

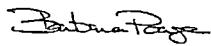
1. Construction of the water system shall begin within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. A permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.
2. **Measurement Devices and Recording/Reporting of Annual Water Storage Conditions:**
 - A. The Director may require the permittee to install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. If the Director notifies the permittee to install a measuring device, the permittee shall install such device within the period stated in the notice. Once installed, the permittee shall maintain the device in good working order, and shall allow the watermaster access to the device.

- B. The Director may require the permittee to keep and maintain a record of the volume of water diverted, and may require the permittee to report water-use on a periodic schedule as established by the Director. In addition, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, the periods of water use and the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
- C. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

If you have any questions:

Feel free to contact me at Barbara.J.Poage@oregon.gov or 503-986-0859 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or the application. Please include the application number in all correspondence. 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: Barbara Poage, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Barbara Poage
Water Right Application Specialist
Oregon Water Resources Department

Enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form
R-88589
WAB: 69946 (EXEMPT SPRING ONLY)

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: R-88589

Applicant: TRIPLE 7 RANCH LLC

County: GRANT

Watermaster: ERIC JULSRUD, 4, NCR

Priority Date: June 11, 2018

Source: UNNAMED, EXEMPT SPRING

Purpose or Use of the Stored Water: DOMESTIC AND LIVESTOCK

Volume/ Rate: 0.067 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: John Day, # 6

WAB: COTTONWOOD CR > N FK JOHN DAY R - AT MOUTH

Point of Diversion:

POD	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1	9 S	28 E	WM	7	SE SE	1250 FEET NORTH AND 1150 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 18

Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
9 S	28 E	WM	7	SE SE
9 S	28 E	WM	18	NE NE
9 S	28 E	WM	18	NW NE

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: July 17, 2018

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: July 27, 2018

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: August 16, 2018

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

In order to use the waters of Oregon, an application must be submitted and a permit obtained from the Water Resources Department. The water must be used for beneficial purpose without waste. For more information about water right topics, weekly public notice, forms and fees please visit our web site at 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 Customer Service Group 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.
- An 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.
- Four 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.
- **An 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.

5. Final Order (FO)

- If no protest is filed, Final Order is issued.

The protest process

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

- settlement discussion;
- contested case hearing;
- proposed Order;
- period of time to file exceptions; or
- Possible hearing by Water Resources Commission.
- Final Order is 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 the 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.

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

- Stop processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review.
- Applicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application **R-88589**.
- After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and the fees be refunded (minus a \$260 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 \$260 processing fee) be returned.
- This notice must be received at Water Resources Department by:

July 27, 2018

- Return the notice to:

OWRD, Water Right Services Division
STOP PROCESSING
725 Summer Street, NE - Suite A,
Salem OR, 97301-1271
