

FINDINGS OF FACT

Application History

1. On June 11, 2018, Triple 7 Ranch LLC filed a complete application for the following water use:

Source	UNNAMED SPRING, TRIBUTARY TO COTTONWOOD CREEK
Use	DOMESTIC AND LIVESTOCK USE
Rate	0.067 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND (CFS)
County:	GRANT COUNTY
Location	SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, W.M.

2. On July 13, 2018, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that **"The diversion of 0.067 CFS of water from an unnamed, exempt spring for year-round domestic and livestock use is allowable."** The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.
3. On July 17, 2018, the Department gave public notice of the application in its weekly notice. The public notice included a request for comments, and information for interested persons about obtaining future notices and a copy of the Proposed Final Order.

Presumption Criteria (a) Consistency with Basin Program

4. The proposed use is allowed under the John Day Basin Program (OAR 690-506). ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0110(1)(a)

Presumption Criteria (b) Water Availability

5. 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 are not a consideration.

Presumption Criteria (c) Injury Determination

6. The proposed use will not injure other water rights. ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(e)

Presumption Criteria (d) Whether the Use Complies with Rules of the Commission

7. 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)

Determination of Presumption that a Proposed Surface Water Use will not Impair or be Detrimental to the Public Interest

8. Based on the review of the presumption criteria (a)-(d) above, the presumption has been established. ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0110(1)(a)-(d)

Further Evaluation of the Proposed Use

9. No comments were received by the close of the comment period. OAR 690-310-0120(3)

10. Information available in department files, received from other interested agencies, and other available information provides a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest under ORS 537.153. OAR 690-310-0120(3)

Other Criteria and Requirements

11. The proposed use is not located within or above a state scenic waterway, as designated under ORS 390.826.
12. The amount requested, 0.067 CFS, is necessary for the proposed use.
13. The applicant proposed to apply water when needed and use the most efficient method of water application for the crop being irrigated. These measures are adequate at this time. OAR 690-310-0150(2)(j)

CONCLUSION OF LAW

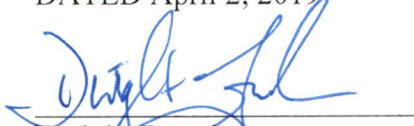
1. The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

NOTE: When issuing permits, ORS 537.170(6) authorizes the Department to include provisions or restrictions concerning the use, control and management of water to be appropriated for the project. The attached draft permit is conditioned accordingly.

PROPOSED ORDER

The Department recommends approval of Application S-88589 and issuance of a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

DATED April 2, 2019.



Dwight French
Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Protests

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), you can protest this Proposed Final Order. Protests must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than **May 17, 2019**. Protests must be in writing and include the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A description of your interest in the Proposed Final Order, and, if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- A detailed description of how the action proposed in the Proposed Final Order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
- A detailed description of how the Proposed Final Order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
- Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known;
- To affect the Department's determination that the proposed use in this application will, or will not, impair or be detrimental to the public interest, ORS 537.153(6) requires that a protest demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence any of the following: (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are, or are not, satisfied; or (b) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.170(8) that would be impaired or detrimentally affected, and specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.170 (8) would be impaired or be adversely affected;
- If you are the applicant, a protest fee of \$410 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If you are not the applicant, a protest fee of \$810 required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.
- If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing.

Requests for Standing

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), persons other than the applicant who support a Proposed Final Order can request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the Proposed Final Order or for judicial review of a Final Order.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **May 17, 2019**. Requests for standing must be in writing, and must include the following:

- The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
- If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address and telephone number of the represented group;
- A statement that the requester supports the Proposed Final Order as issued;
- A detailed statement of how the requester would be harmed if the Proposed Final Order is modified; and
- A standing fee of \$230. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$580 must be submitted along with a petition for party status.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a Final Order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and either:

- upon review of the issues, the director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
- the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a Final Order by default. If the Director issues a Final Order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a prima facie case upon default.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 137-003-0555, an agency representative may represent a partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. You may contact the Oregon State Bar or the Oregon Military Department for more information. The toll-free telephone number for the Oregon State Bar is: 1 (800) 452-8260. The toll-free telephone number of the Oregon Military Department is: 1 (800) 452-7500. The Internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator website is: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>

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- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Barbara Poage at Barbara.J.Poage@oregon.gov or 503-986-0859.
 - If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and you want to know the status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.
 - If you have any questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.
 - Address any correspondence to : Water Right Services Division
725 Summer St NE, Suite A
Salem, OR 97301-1266
- Fax: 503-986-0901
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This is not a permit.

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF GRANT

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

TRIPLE 7 RANCH LLC
51338 HWY 402
MONUMENT OR 97864

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: S-88589

SOURCE OF WATER: UNNAMED SPRING, TRIBUTARY TO COTTONWOOD CREEK

PURPOSE OR USE OF THE WATER: DOMESTIC AND LIVESTOCK USES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.067 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: JUNE 11, 2018

POINT OF DIVERSION:

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

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

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

1. Measurement Devices and Recording/Reporting of Annual Water Storage Conditions:

- A. The Director may require the permittee to install a staff gage that measures the entire range and stage between full reservoir level and dead-pool level in the reservoir. If no dead-pool, the gage must measure the full depth of the reservoir. If the Director notifies the permittee to install a staff gage, 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 stored, and may require the permittee to report water-storage 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.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

- 1. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.
- 2. This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.
- 3. By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.
- 4. The use of water allowed herein may be made only at times when sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including prior rights for maintaining instream flows.
- 5. 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. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.
- 6. Complete application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Issued

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Dwight French
Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing List for PFO Copies

Application S-88589

PFO Date APRIL 2, 2019

Original mailed via CERTIFIED MAIL to applicant:

TRIPLE 7 RANCH LLC
PHILIP WIRTH, MANAGER
51338 HWY 402
MONUMENT OR 97864

SENT VIA AUTO EMAIL:

1. WRD - Eric Julsrud - # 4

Copies sent to:

2. Agent – Philip or Kimberly Wirth, TIMBERWEST@ONLINEMAC.COM

PFO and Map sheet Copies to:

3. WRD – File # R-88589
4. WRD –Surface Water Section

Copies Mailed

By: _____
(SUPPORT STAFF)

on: _____
(DATE)

Protest/Standing Dates
checked
05/17/19
