



## **Water Right Application Initial Review**

August 2, 2019

UMPQUA RANCH COOPERATIVE  
1 FORRESTWOOD LANE  
IDLEYLD PARK OR 97447

Reference: Application S-88714

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:

### **Preliminary Determinations (Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-310-0080)**

1. The application proposes the diversion of 0.049 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from North Umpqua River, tributary to Umpqua River, for year-round domestic use expanded for 111 households.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. Domestic use expanded is an allowable use under the Umpqua Basin Program (690-516-0005(1)).
4. Pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into by Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Douglas County, seven (7) cubic feet per second (CFS) of additional water were made available for human consumption, domestic, domestic expanded, industrial, commercial, irrigation, and agricultural uses. As of the date of this application, all of the 3.0 CFS for industrial, commercial, irrigation, and agricultural use have been appropriated, and 1.325 CFS of the total 4.0 CFS for human consumption, domestic, or domestic use expanded uses have been appropriated. Therefore, approximately 2.675 CFS are available for human consumption, domestic, or domestic use expanded uses.
5. The proposed use is not located within or above any state scenic waterway.
6. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates the proposed use is allowed outright.

## Summary of Preliminary Determinations

**The diversion of 0.049 CFS of water from North Umpqua River, tributary to Umpqua River, for year-round domestic use expanded for 111 households is allowable.**

Because of the favorable determinations described herein, Application S-88714 can move to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, which includes a public interest review.

### **Public Comment & Further 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.

Division 33 Review – The Department's Division 33 administrative rules (OAR 690-033) establish additional procedures and standards to aid the Department in determining whether a proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest with regard to sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species. This Initial Review does not address the potential impact that your proposed use may have on these species.

Your application will now undergo an additional review from numerous federal, state, local, and tribal governmental entities. This review may cause your application to be limited, conditioned, or denied. Depending on the proposed use, you may be required to mitigate for potential impacts identified in the review.

Mitigation for impacts to STE Species – Mitigation is often complicated, time consuming, and expensive, and may include, but is not limited to, actions such as replacing the proposed amount of water within the impacted reach through purchasing or transferring an existing water right. Following the Initial Review, you will be notified if mitigation is required, due to impacts to sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species.

If you choose to pursue mitigation, you will likely need to place your application on administrative hold in order to explore options. There will be an additional fee of \$670 required with any mitigation proposal submitted.

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

- To 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.
- To 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 **August 16, 2019**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

# APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-88714

Applicant: UMPQUA RANCH COOPERATIVE

County: DOUGLAS

Watermaster: SUSAN DOUTHIT, 15, SWR

Priority Date: July 1, 2019

Source: NORTH UMPQUA RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO UMPQUA RIVER

Purpose or Use: DOMESTIC USE EXPANDED FOR 111 HOUSEHOLDS

Rate: 0.049 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umpqua, # 16

WAB: N UMPQUA R > UMPQUA R - AB LITTLE R

Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
26 S	3 W	WM	10	NW SW	500 FEET SOUTH AND 1210 FEET EAST FROM W1/4 CORNER, SECTION 10

Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
26 S	3 W	WM	10	SW NW

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 6, 2019**

**14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: August 16, 2019**

**30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: September 5, 2019**

**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. **Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting Condition:**
  - A. The Director may require the permittee to install an in-line flow restrictor 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.
3. The permittee may be required in the future to install, maintain, and operate fish screening and bypass devices to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion and to provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish.

**For Further Information:**

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 503-986-0900. 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  
S-88714  
WAB: 71173

## 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](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 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

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

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- Stop processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review.
- Applicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application **S-88714**.
- 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:

**August 16, 2019**

- Return the notice to:

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

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# Mailing List for IR Copies

Application S-88714

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IR Date: August 2, 2019

**Original and map mailed to applicant:**

UMPQUA RANCH COOPERATIVE  
1 FORRESTWOOD LANE  
IDLEYLD PARK OR 97447

**Sent via auto email:**

1. Agent - rbrookerurc@gmail.com
2. WRD – Watermaster Susan Douthit # 15
3. ODFW
4. DEQ

**Copies sent to:**

1. WRD - File S-88714
2. WRD – SW Section
3. ALO – Steven Scott Kennaday, 28623 227<sup>th</sup> Ct SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038

Copies Mailed
By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF)
On: _____ (DATE)