

BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

Water Right Application R-88695 in the)
name of RED HILLS FARM LLC)
)

FINAL ORDER APPROVING THE STORAGE OF SURFACE WATER

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.409 establishes the process by which an application to store waters of the public may be submitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 22, 2019, Red Hills Farm LLC submitted an application for a permit to store water pursuant to ORS 537.409:

Storage Volume	3.8 ACRE-FEET
Dam Height	9.8 FEET
Source	RUNOFF, TRIBUTARY TO CEDAR CREEK
County	WASHINGTON COUNTY
Reservoir Location	SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, W.M.

2. The required examination fees were paid and minimum application requirements were met.
3. The Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice on January 29, 2019. A 60-day comment period followed.
4. The Department has received public comments related to the possible issuance of the attached draft permit. The Department has recorded its evaluation of the public comments received, which have been made part of the application file.
5. Consistent with the Watermaster review, the proposed use, as conditioned, will not injure other water rights.
6. The Department has determined that the proposed source has not been withdrawn from further appropriation under ORS 538.
7. The proposed reservoir is not prohibited under ORS 390.835.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 536.075 and ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to OAR 137-004-0080, you may petition 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.

ORS 537.409 does not provide an opportunity to request a contested-case hearing. Appeal rights on this final order approving the application are limited to the above procedures.

8. An assessment of water availability at 50% 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 that water is available November 1 through May 31 for the proposed use.
9. The Department relies on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's review and recommendations in determining whether a proposed use would pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources. The review limited the withdrawal period to December 1 through April 30. The Department has determined that, as conditioned, the proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

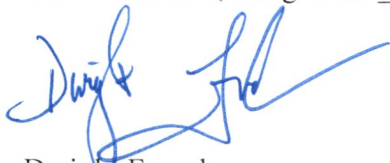
1. The proposed use will not injure existing water rights
2. Water is available for the proposed use.
3. The proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.
4. Application R-88695 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.409.

ORDER

Application R-88695 is approved. **Upon demonstration of compatibility with the acknowledged comprehensive land-use plan a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.** Failure to meet this requirement within 60 days from the date of this Final Order may result in the proposed rejection of the application.

If you need to request additional time, your written request should be received in the Salem office of the Department within 60 days of this Final Order. The Department will evaluate the request and determine whether or not the request may be approved.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on AUG 28 2019



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

If you have questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Lisa Graham at Elisabeth.A.Graham@oregon.gov or 503-986-0808.

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.

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

DRAFT PERMIT TO STORE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO:

RED HILLS FARM LLC
PO BOX 189
DAYTON OR 97114

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: R-88695

SOURCE OF WATER: RUNOFF, TRIBUTARY TO CEDAR CREEK

STORAGE FACILITY: RESERVOIR BR-A

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 3.8 ACRE-FEET

MAXIMUM DAM HEIGHT: 9.8 FEET

DATE OF PRIORITY: JANUARY 22, 2019

WATER MAY BE APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS: DECEMBER 1 THROUGH APRIL 30

USE: MULTIPLE PURPOSE

Dam Location/Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
3 S	2 W	WM	11	NW NW	671 FEET SOUTH AND 677 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER, SECTION 11

The Area To Be Submerged:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
3 S	2 W	WM	11	NW NW

1. Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting Condition:

- 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.
2. 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.
 3. The storage of water allowed herein is subject to the installation and maintenance of an outlet pipe (with a minimum diameter of 8" for any in-channel reservoir). This requirement may be waived if the Department determines other means have been provided to evacuate water when necessary.
 4. The permittee shall pass all live flow outside the storage season described above.
 5. The Director may require the user to measure inflow and outflow, above and below the reservoir respectively, to ensure that live flow is not impeded outside the storage season. Measurement devices and their implementation must be acceptable to the Director, and the Director may require that data be recorded on a specified periodic basis and reported to the Department annually or more frequently.
 6. The permittee shall not construct, operate or maintain any dam or artificial obstruction to fish passage in the channel of the subject stream without providing a fishway to ensure adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish, unless the permittee has requested and been granted a fish passage waiver by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. The permittee is hereby directed to contact an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Passage Coordinator, before beginning construction of any in-channel obstruction.
 7. This permit allows an annual appropriation (not to exceed the specified volume). This permit does not provide for the appropriation of water for out-of-reservoir uses, the maintenance of the water level or maintaining a suitable freshwater condition. If any water is to be used for out-of-reservoir purposes, a secondary water right is required. If any additional live flow is to be appropriated to maintain either the water level or a suitable freshwater condition, an additional water right is required.
 8. The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.
 9. Permittee shall not release off-channel stored water into waters of the state, unless under emergency situations. Permittee shall comply with OAR 340-041 and ensure that water-quality standards are not violated by releases from storage. The reservoir will discharge when full and water exits the overflow.
 10. Permittee may not cause pollution to any waters of the state, or place or cause to be placed any wastes in a location where such wastes are likely to escape or be carried into the waters of the state by any means, per ORS 468B.025(1). The use may be restricted if the Department of Environmental Quality notifies the Water Resources Department that the permittee fails to meet corrective actions associated with the violation.

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. The permitted volume of water shall be stored within five years of the date of permit issuance. If additional time is needed, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.
7. Within one year after storage of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use to the Oregon Water Resources Department.
8. The claim of beneficial use shall be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner in conformance with the requirements of OAR 690-014 if an associated secondary permit exists for the use of stored water under this permit, or if the reservoir capacity is equal to or greater than 9.2 acre-feet.
9. If no secondary permit exists and the reservoir capacity is less than 9.2 acre-feet of water, the claim of beneficial use need not be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner. The information submitted to the Oregon Water Resources Department shall include:
 - a. the dimensions of the reservoir;
 - b. the maximum capacity of the reservoir in acre-feet; and
 - c. a map identifying the location of the reservoir prepared in compliance with Water Resource Department standards.

Issued

DRAFT – NOT A PERMIT

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