



Water Right Application Initial Review

November 15, 2019

MERRITT (BUTCH) D. COURTRIGHT
110 N. FOLSOM RD
COQUILLE OR 97423

Reference: Application S-88749

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 0.01 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from North Fork Coquille River, tributary to Coquille River, for domestic use December 1 through March 31 and human consumption use April 1 through November 30 of each year.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. Domestic use and human consumption use are allowable under the South Coast Basin Program (OAR 690-517-0000(12)).
4. An assessment of water availability at 80% exceedance for the proposed use was completed using the Department's Water Availability Reporting System. 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 during the period December 1 through March 31 of each year. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.153(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0080(1)(b)
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.

7. Surface water is not available April 1 through November 30 of each year. The application requested 0.01 CFS for human consumption use (indoor use only: cooking, drinking, and sanitation) for one household during this period, provided information documenting that no alternate water source is available, and that denial of the permit during this time period would cause loss of reasonable expectation for use of the property.

The Department may recommend the use of 0.005 CFS of water, further limited to 500 gallons per day, for human consumption use, as this use may be considered a high public-interest use if there is no reasonable alternative. The Department will work with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to attempt to determine conditions which will protect instream values during the months when instream flow requirements are not met. These conditions may include mitigation measures to offset the impact of the requested use. This information will be evaluated at the next step in the application process.

Summary of Preliminary Determinations
The diversion of 0.01 CFS of water from North Fork Coquille River, tributary to Coquille River for domestic use December 1 through March 31 is allowable.
The diversion of 0.005 CFS of water, further limited to 500 gallons per day, from North Fork Coquille River, tributary to Coquille River, for human consumption use (indoor use only: cooking, drinking, and sanitation) April 1 through November 30, may be allowable.

Because of the favorable determinations described herein, Application S-88749 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 (STE) 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 STE 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 **November 29, 2019**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

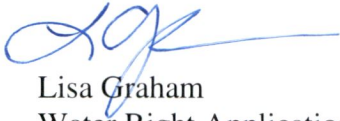
If a permit is issued, it will likely include the following conditions:

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. **Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting Condition:**
 - A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the device in good working order.
 - B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however, where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
 - C. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the volume of water used each month, and shall submit an annual report which includes the recorded water-use measurements to the Department annually, or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
 - D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.
3. You may be required to install fish screens at the point of diversion to meet Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife specifications for adequate protection of aquatic life.

For Further Information:

Feel free to contact me at Elisabeth.A.Graham@oregon.gov or 503-986-0808 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: Lisa Graham, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Lisa Graham
Water Right Application Specialist
Oregon Water Resources Department

Enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form
S-88749
WAB: 72805

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-88749

Applicant: MERRITT (BUTCH) D. COURTRIGHT

County: COOS

Watermaster: GREG WACKER, 19, SWR

Priority Date: OCTOBER 31, 2019

Source: NORTH FORK COQUILLE RIVER, TRIBUTARY TO COQUILLE RIVER

Purpose or Use: DOMESTIC USE AND HUMAN CONSUMPTION USE

Rate: 0.01 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND FOR DOMESTIC USE AND 0.01 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND, FURTHER LIMITED TO 500 GALLONS PER DAY

Basin Name & Number: SOUTH COAST, # 17

WAB: N FK COQUILLE R > COQUILLE R - AB MIDDLE CR

Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
27 S	11 W	WM	18	SW NW	400 FEET NORTH AND 220 FEET EAST FROM W 1/4 CORNER, SECTION 18

Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot
27 S	11 W	WM	18	SW NW	2

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: November 19, 2019

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: November 29, 2019

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: December 19, 2019

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

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 **S-88749**.
- 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:

November 29, 2019

- Return the notice to:

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

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application S-88749

IR Date: November 15, 2019

Original and map mailed to applicant:

MERRITT (BUTCH) D. COURTRIGHT
110 N. FOLSOM RD
COQUILLE OR 97423

Sent via auto email:

1. Applicant - ccourtright@frontier.com
2. Agent - vancamconsulting@gmail.com
3. WRD – Watermaster District #19, Gregory J. Wacker
4. WRD - Jake Johnstone SWR
5. ODFW
6. DEQ

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File S-88749
2. WRD – SW Section

Application Specialist: Lisa Graham

Copies Mailed

By: _____
(SUPPORT STAFF)

On: _____
(DATE)