

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division

Water Right Application S-88814 in the)
name of HAMILTON RANCH LLC)
)

FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE USE OF
STORED WATER

Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.147 establishes the process by which an application to use stored water exclusively may be submitted. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 310 and 340 implement the statute, and provide the Department’s procedures and criteria for evaluating applications to use stored water exclusively.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 2, 2020, Hamilton Ranch LLC submitted an application for a water-use permit pursuant to ORS 537.147:

Volume and Source	247.4 ACRE-FEET (AF), BEING 200.0 AF FROM WATSON RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-5707, AND 47.4 AF FROM MERWIN RESERVOIR #2, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-3258, TRIBUTARIES TO WATSON CREEK
Use	SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 123.7 ACRES
County	CROOK COUNTY
Place of Use	SECTIONS 2 & 11, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, W.M.

2. The required examination fees were paid and minimum application requirements were met.
3. The Department has determined that the proposed use is an authorized use under the water right permit, certificate, or decree that allows the storage of water.
4. The Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice on March 24, 2020. A 30-day comment period followed.
5. The Department received public comments from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management related to the possible issuance of the attached permit. The Department considered the comments, however the comments were for a nearby property and do not apply to this application. Therefore, the Department has determined that no public interest issues as identified in ORS 537.170(8) have been raised.

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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Application S-88814 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.147 and OAR Chapter 690.

ORDER

Application S-88814 is approved and Permit S-55274 is issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on AUG 11 2020



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

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