

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division

Application for Extension of Time

In the Matter of the Application for an Extension of Time)
for Permit S-50728, Water Right Application S-67361) FINAL ORDER
in the name of Vale Oregon Irrigation District)

Permit Information

Application: S-67361
Permit: S-50728
Basin: Malheur / Watermaster District 9
Date of October 6, 1983
Priority:
Source of Malheur River, Warm Springs Reservoir constructed under Permit R-457,
Water: Beulah Reservoir constructed under Permit R-671, Bully Creek and Bully
Creek Reservoir constructed under Permit R-4456, tributaries to Snake River
Purpose or irrigation of 1,192.0 acres, being 1,185.0 acres from Malheur River, and 7.0
Use: acres from Bully Creek
Maximum 29.81 cubic feet per second (cfs), being 29.63 cfs from Malheur River, with
Rate: any deficiency to be made up from Warm Springs and Beulah Reservoirs, and
0.18 cfs from Bully Creek, with any deficiency to be made up from Warm
Springs and Beulah Reservoirs

This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.230 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315.

Appeal Rights

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, 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.

Application History

Permit S-50728 was issued by the Department on September 15, 1989. The permit specified completion of construction by October 1, 1991, and complete application of water to beneficial

use by, October 1, 1992. On January 29, 2021, Vale Oregon Irrigation District submitted an Application for Extension of Time for Permit S-50728. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on June 15, 2021, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to complete construction from October 1, 1992, to October 1, 2040, and the time to apply water to full beneficial use from October 1, 1992, to October 1, 2040. The protest period closed July 30, 2021, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the findings in the Proposed Final Order dated June 15, 2021.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, the permit may be extended subject to the following conditions:

LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. Checkpoint Condition

The permit holder must submit a completed Progress Report Form to the Department by **October 1, 2026, 2030, 2035, and 2039**. *A form will be enclosed with your Final Order.*

(a) At each checkpoint, the permit holder shall submit and the Department shall review evidence of the permit holder's diligence towards completion of the project and compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and extension. If, after this review, the Department determines the permit holder has not been diligent in developing and perfecting the water use permit, or complied with all terms and conditions, the Department shall modify or further condition the permit or extension to ensure future compliance, or begin cancellation proceedings on the undeveloped portion of the permit pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410, or require submission of a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.250;

(b) The Department shall provide notice of receipt of progress reports in its weekly notice and shall allow a 30 day comment period for each report. The Department shall provide notice of its determination to anyone who submitted comments.

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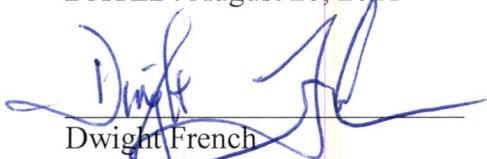
CONCLUSION OF LAW

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.230, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2).

ORDER

The extension of time for Application S-67361, Permit S-50728, therefore, is approved subject to conditions contained herein. The deadline for completing construction is extended from October 1, 1991, to October 1, 2040. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use within the terms and conditions of the permit is extended from October 1, 1992, to October 1, 2040.

DATED: August 20, 2021



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Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
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