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March 27, 2015

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RE: HEADGATE AND MEASURING DEVICE

This notice is to inform you of the need to install a headgate and measuring device at your point of diversion from Cow Creek. The point of diversion from Cow Creek identified below does not have adequate headgate and measuring devices to allow for proper regulation of water use. Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 540.045(1)(a) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-250-0050 authorize the watermaster to regulate the distribution of water among users in accordance with existing water rights of record. A workable headgate and measuring device is necessary for water management and to ensure compliance with your water right.

Your point of diversion for the use of Cow Creek and Upper Cow Lake authorized by Certificate 33790 and referred to as the Oliver Ditch, is located as follows: Lat 43.09555 N., long -117.33100 W., within the NE¼ SE¼, sec. 28, T. 28 S., R. 44 E., of the W.M., Malheur County, Oregon.

ORS 540.310 and OAR 690-250-0060 provide the authority for the Department to require the headgate and measuring device. Pursuant to ORS 540.320, the headgate and measuring device must be installed within ten (10) days from the mailing of this notice. After April 7, 2015 the watermaster may regulate off your use of water and prohibit you from diverting water until an approved, workable, headgate and measuring device is installed and operating properly.

Prior to installation, you are required to get approval from the watermaster for the type and configuration of the headgate and measuring device. Facilities shall be of such construction that it can be kept locked and closed by the watermaster. The watermaster may approve an alternate plan or construction schedule under certain circumstances. The watermaster should be contacted if other arrangements are needed.

ORS 540.710 provides that no person shall willfully open, close, change or interfere with any lawfully established headgate or water box, or willfully use water or divert water into or through the ditch of a person that has been lawfully denied water by a watermaster or other competent authority. Violation of ORS 540.710 is punishable upon conviction, by a fine or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both, and may also be subject to assessment of civil penalties under ORS 536.900.

Please contact Watermaster Ron Jacobs at 541-473-5130, or by email at Ronald.K.Jacobs@wrdd.state.or.us for more information or if you have any questions about this notice.

Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
FIRST CLASS MAIL

This is a Final Order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under 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 ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080 you may either 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.

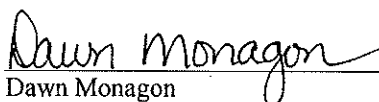
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 27, 2015, I mailed a true certified copy of the attached **HEADGATE AND MEASURING DEVICE NOTICE**, by first class mail and certified mail, by depositing the same in the US Post Office, with prepaid postage thereon, addressed to the following:

Timothy and Michelle Freeman
P O Box 264
Jordan Valley, OR 97910

and by regular mail to:

Jason Spriet
OWRD Region Manager
Baker County Courthouse
1995 3rd St., Ste 180
Baker City, OR 97814



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Water Resources Department