



2018 Stock Water Preference Notice - DRAFT

Oregon Revised Statute 536.750(1)(c) authorizes the Water Resources Commission to grant a preference of use to rights for human consumption or stock watering. Governor Kate Brown declared a drought in Klamath County under Executive Order No. 18-02 on March 13, 2018. The Water Resources Commission adopted temporary emergency administrative rules, OAR 690-022-0060 to OAR 690-022-0063, on April 13, 2018, effective XXX date through XXX date.

The stock water use preference applies when a water right authorizing stock watering is regulated off by the Watermaster in response to a call for water by a senior water user. Use of the stock water preference means that the quantity of water diverted under the preference is not available to the senior water user. This is not a desired or sustainable result. For this reason, you are encouraged to develop alternative supplies to meet your stock water needs in the future without a preference.

This preference only allows for use of stock water under a water right during a call, preventing the stock water use from being regulated off. All other use will be regulated off when required by the Watermaster. The water user is expected to take all measures available to minimize the quantity of water diverted to meet the stock water use. Measures such as piping or trucking the water to stock water troughs or tanks are preferred methods.

The temporary rules grant a preference of use for water rights for stock water in Klamath County in the Williamson River Basin (including the Sprague River, Sycan River and all tributaries) provided that the water right holder: (a) must curtail all other water uses, (b) allow the watermaster access to confirm compliance, (c) limit diversion of water for stock to an amount specified in the rule, (d) prevent dewatering of the stream (no less than 2 cubic feet per second streamflow), (e) record information as specified in the rule and provide it to the Department upon request.

The temporary rules require water users wishing to utilize the stock water preference to provide notice to the Klamath Basin Watermaster, prior to exercising the preference. Submission of this form to the Watermaster satisfies that notice requirement.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **NAME OF WATER USER:** _____
- **ADDRESS:** _____
- **CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:** _____

WATER USE AUTHORIZATION (List only the stock water use authorization being used)

- **WATER RIGHT PERMIT No.:** _____
- **WATER RIGHT CERTIFICATE No.:** _____
- **WATER RIGHT TRANSFER No.:** _____
- **CLAIM No. OF CLAIM INCLUDED IN ORDER OF DETERMINATION FILED WITH KLAMATH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON MARCH 7, 2013:** _____

WATER USE AUTHORIZATION DETAILED INFORMATION

- **AUTHORIZED SOURCE OF WATER:** _____
- **POINT OF DIVERSION(S) TO BE USED TO MEET STOCK NEED:**

- **NUMBER OF STOCK TO BE SERVED:** _____
- **ESTIMATED DATE WHEN STOCK ARE TO BE MOVED:** _____
- **DESCRIPTION OF STOCK TO BE SERVED:** _____

WATER DELIVERY METHOD

When exercising the preference, water diverted for stock water is limited to an amount not to exceed one-tenth of one cubic foot per second, equivalent to 45 gallons per minute, per thousand head of stock as measured at the surface water point of diversion or at the well.

- CLOSED PIPELINE FROM WATER SOURCE TO STOCK TANK OR TROUGH**
- TRUCK AND HAUL TO STOCK TANK OR TROUGH**
- OPEN CANAL**
- OTHER (EXPLAIN):**

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**STEPS BEING TAKEN TO SECURE ALTERNATE STOCK WATER SUPPLY TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS:
(Such as: construction of a well or filing of water right application for stock water pond)**

UNDERSTANDING OF REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE STOCK WATER PREFERENCE

I understand that I, as the water right holder, I may exercise the preference during a call as directed by the watermaster provided that *(sign initials below)*:

_____ Water diverted for stock water is limited to an amount not to exceed one-tenth of one cubic foot per second, equivalent to 45 gallons per minute, per thousand head of stock as measured at the surface water point of diversion or at the well.

_____ The diversion of water under the stock water preference may not result in the depletion of a stream to less than 2 cubic feet per second.

_____ I must curtail all other water uses unrelated to stock water and allow the watermaster access to confirm compliance.

_____ I must record information on the number of days stock water is diverted, the diversion rate, and how many stock were served. I will provide this information to the Department upon request.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit Form to: Dani Watson – District 17 Watermaster
305 Main Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601