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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

State of Washington
REPORT OF EXAMINATION
FOR WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

PRIORITY DATE
July 18, 2005

WATER RIGHT NUMBER
S3-30494

MAILING ADDRESS
Charles and Dawn Loftis
1434 Munro Lane
Usk, WA 99180-0416

SITE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

Quantity Authorized for Diversion

DIVERSION RATE	UNITS	ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR)
0.11	CFS	1.81

Purpose of Use

PURPOSE	DIVERSION RATE ADDITIVE	DIVERSION RATE NON-ADDITIVE	UNITS	ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR) ADDITIVE	ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR) NON-ADDITIVE	IRRIGATION PERIOD OF USE (mm/dd)
Irrigation	0.11	---	CFS	1.81	---	May 1 - Oct 1
Fire protection	---	0.11	CFS	---	---	As needed

IRRIGATED ACRES		PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION	
ADDITIVE	NON-ADDITIVE	WATER SYSTEM ID	CONNECTIONS
0.5	0	N/A	N/A

Source Limitations

SOURCE FACILITY/DEVICE	DIVERSION RATE	ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR)	PERIOD OF USE (mm/dd)
PEND OREILLE RIVER	0.11 CFS	1.81	May 1- Oct 1

A|S: A=Alternate; S=Standby/Reserve

Source Location

COUNTY	WATERBODY	TRIBUTARY TO	WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA
PEND OREILLE	PEND OREILLE RIVER	COLUMBIA RIVER	62-PEND OREILLE

SOURCE FACILITY/DEVICE	PARCEL	TWP	RNG	SEC	QQ Q	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
PEND OREILLE RIVER	443215510038 Lot 2, Pend Oreille River Ranch Estates	32N	44E	15	NW¼NW¼	48.27831° N	117.23882° W

Datum: WGS84

Place of Use (See Attached Map)

PARCELS (NOT LISTED FOR SERVICE AREAS)

443215510038

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE

Lot 2 of Pend Oreille River Ranch Estates within Sec. 15, T. 32 N., R. 44 E.W.M.

Proposed Works

1 horsepower portable pump, rainbird sprinklers

Development Schedule

BEGIN PROJECT	COMPLETE PROJECT	PUT WATER TO FULL USE
Began	September 1, 2013	September 1, 2014

Measurement of Water Use

How often must water use be measured?	Monthly
How often must data be reported to Ecology?	Upon Request by Ecology
What volume should be reported?	Total Annual Volume
What rate should be reported?	Annual Peak Rate of Diversion (gpm or cfs)

Provisions

Pend Oreille River Low Flow

All irrigation shall cease when the flow of the Pend Oreille River falls below 7700 cubic feet per second at U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) gage #12395500, Pend Oreille River at Newport, located within Section 24, Township 56 N., Range 6 W.B.M.

Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting

An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", WAC 173-173.

WAC 173-173 describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Requirement(s)

The intake(s) shall be screened in accordance with Department of Fish and Wildlife screening criteria (pursuant to RCW 77.57.010, RCW 77.57.070, and RCW 77.57.040). Contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091. Attention: Habitat Program, Phone: (360) 902-2534 if you have questions about screening criteria. http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/contact/

Water Use Efficiency
The water right holder is required to maintain efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with RCW 90.03.005.

Proof of Appropriation
The water right holder shall file the notice of Proof of Appropriation of water (under which the certificate of water right is issued) when the permanent distribution system has been constructed and the quantity of water required by the project has been put to full beneficial use. The certificate will reflect the extent of the project perfected within the limitations of the permit. Elements of a proof inspection may include, as appropriate, the source(s), system instantaneous capacity, beneficial use(s), annual quantity, place of use, and satisfaction of provisions.

Schedule and Inspections
Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

Findings of Facts
Upon reviewing the investigator's report, I find all facts, relevant and material to the subject application, have been thoroughly investigated. Furthermore, I concur with the investigator that water is available from the source in question; that there will be no impairment of existing rights; that the purpose(s) of use are beneficial; and that there will be no detriment to the public interest.

Therefore, I ORDER approval of Surface Water Application No. S3-30494 subject to existing rights and the provisions specified above.

Your Right To Appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of the Order.

File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.

- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

- You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503	**Department of Ecology** Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW Ste 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	**Pollution Control Hearings Board** PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

Signed at Spokane, Washington, this 11th day of October, 2012.

Keith L. Stoffel, Section Manager

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: http://www.eho.wa.gov. To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: http://www1.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser.

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT
Application for Water Right -- Loftis
Water Right Control Number S3-30494
Gene Drury, Department of Ecology

BACKGROUND

This report serves as the written findings of fact concerning Water Right Application Number S3-30494.

Table 1 Summary of Requested Water Right

Applicant Name:	Charles and Dawn Loftis
Date of Application:	July 18, 2005
Place of Use	Lot 2 of Pend Oreille River Ranch Estates within Sec. 15, T. 32 N., R. 44 E.W.M.

County	Waterbody	Tributary To	WRIA
Pend Oreille	Pend Oreille River	Columbia River	62-Pend Oreille

Purpose	Rate	Unit	Ac-ft/yr	Begin Season	End Season
Irrigation	0.11	CFS	1.81	01/01	12/31
Fire protection	0.11*	CFS	---	As needed	As needed

*non-additive

Source Name	Parcel	Twp	Rng	Sec	QQ Q	Latitude	Longitude
Pend Oreille River	443215510038	32N	44E	15	NW¼NW¼	48.27831° N	117.23882° W

CFS = Cubic Feet per Second; Ac-ft/yr = Acre-feet per year; Sec. = Section; QQ Q = Quarter-quarter of a section; WRIA = Water Resource Inventory Area; E.W.M. = East of the Willamette Meridian; Datum: WGS84.

Public Notice

RCW 90.03.280 requires that notice of a water right application be published once a week, for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the water is to be stored, diverted and used. Notice of this application was published in the Newport Miner on March 15 and 22, 2006.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

A water right application is subject to a SEPA threshold determination (i.e., an evaluation whether there are likely to be significant adverse environmental impacts) if any one of the following conditions are met.

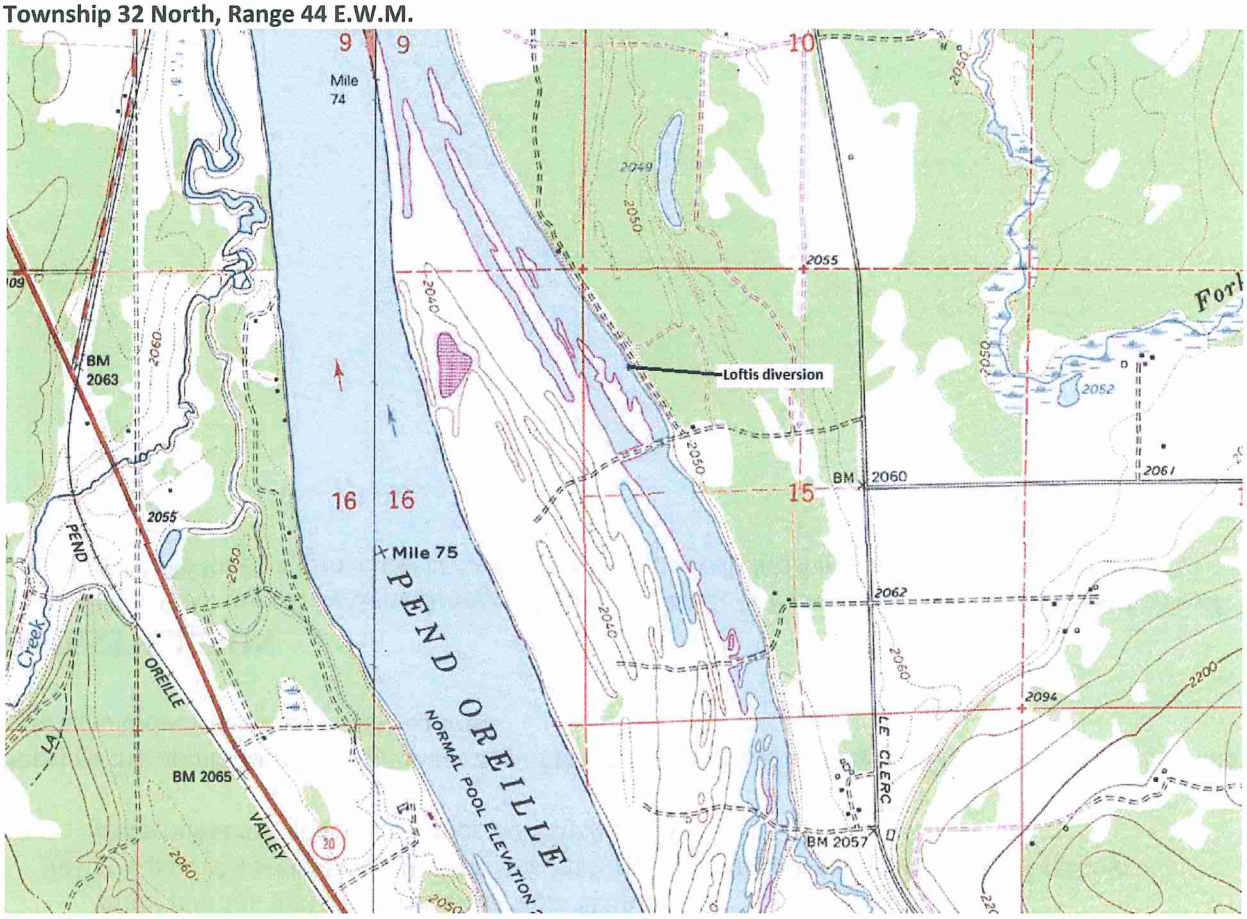
(a) It is a surface water right application for more than 1 cubic foot per second, unless that project is for agricultural irrigation, in which case the threshold is increased to 50 cubic feet per second, so long as that irrigation project will not receive public subsidies;
(b) It is a groundwater right application for more than 2,250 gallons per minute;
(c) It is an application that, in combination with other water right applications for the same project, collectively exceed the amounts above;
(d) It is a part of a larger proposal that is subject to SEPA for other reasons (e.g., the need to obtain other permits that are not exempt from SEPA);
(e) It is part of a series of exempt actions that, together, trigger the need to do a threshold determination, as defined under WAC 197-11-305.

Because this application does not meet any of these conditions, it is categorically exempt from SEPA and a threshold determination is not required.

INVESTIGATION

A site visit was conducted by Gene Drury on August 21, 2012. The project is located on the east side of the Pend Oreille River, approximately 3 miles southeast of Usk, Washington, off LeClerc Creek County Road.

Township 32 North, Range 44 E.W.M.



USGS 7.5 Minute (Topographic Map) - "Skookum Creek"

The proposed place of use is on the Loftis 20 acre parcel of land (Lot 2 of Pend Oreille River Ranch Estates). There is a home built on the property and a shared well that provides domestic drinking water to the applicant and the neighbor to the north (McGennis). The point of diversion will be located on the existing dock structure and water will be diverted from a slough of the Pend Oreille River. This system will consist of a portable 1 horsepower pump (Flotec Model #FP5162-08).

The applicant proposes to irrigate about one half acre of garden, including fruit trees and some grass. The Washington State Irrigation Guide (WA210-Vi-WAIG, AMEND.1NOVEMBER1990 at Newport, Washington) estimates that crops including fruit trees could require up to 43.4 inches or 3.62 acre-feet per acre (based on 70% system efficiency). Therefore, 1.81 acre feet should be adequate for the irrigation portion under this permit.

Beneficial Use

Irrigation and fire protection are both beneficial uses.

Water Availability

An analysis of water availability must take into account not only the physical limitations on the source of supply, but the legal availability as well.

Hydrogeologic Analysis: The Department of Ecology has not closed the Pend Oreille River to further consumptive appropriations, however all diversions shall cease when the flow of the Pend Oreille River falls below 7700 cfs at U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) gage #12395500. This low-flow is a recommendation from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDF&W) and applies to surface and ground water in hydraulic continuity with the Pend Oreille River since October 18, 1999.

Therefore, water is available for appropriation as long as irrigation ceases when the Pend Oreille River falls below the low flow recommendation from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Impairment Considerations

A review of Ecology records was conducted for existing water rights, permits, and claims in the vicinity of the proposed point of diversion within the NW¼ of Section 15, T. 32 N., R. 44 E.W.M. Two water right claims were found to overlap the place of use under this application. Both claims were filed in 1974 and are recorded as follows:

- Water Right Claim No. 129447, Robert F. Utter, Skookum Creek, 100 cubic feet per second for Domestic, Stock, Power and Irrigation of 1,200 acres. Claimed Priority Date June 10, 1912

- Water Right Claim No. 129448, Robert F. Utter, Pend Oreille River, No Qi given, 2,400 acre-feet per year for Domestic, Stock and Irrigation of 600 acres. Claimed Priority Date June 10, 1912

Water under these two claims is not used on the applicant's property however, the overall water use and validity of these two claims was not investigated. The Department of Ecology recognizes that the final determination of the validity and extent associated with a claim registered in accordance with RCW 90.14 ultimately lies with the Superior Court through the general adjudication process provided for by Sections 90.03.110 through 90.03.240 RCW. The proposed appropriation under this application will not cause any impairment to existing water rights, provided the recommendations of the minimum flow are satisfied.

Public Interest Considerations

There has been no public expression of protest or concern regarding the subject proposal, and no findings through this investigation indicate that there would be any detrimental impact to the public welfare through issuance of the proposed appropriation.

Chapter 90.54 RCW provides that water allocation shall secure maximum net benefits to the people of the state, while also requiring that perennial rivers of the state shall be retained with base flows necessary to provide for the preservation of fish and other environmental values. To maintain these values the irrigation authorization shall be subject to the minimum instream flow of 7700 cfs as measured at U.S.G.S. gage #12395500 near Newport set by WDF&W on October 18, 1999.

The approval of this application for this quantity and use will not be detrimental to the public interest.

Conclusions

Under Chapter 90.03.290 RCW, an application for permit may be approved if water is available for appropriation, and the proposed use would be a beneficial use, would not impair existing water rights, and would not be detrimental to the public welfare.

It is the conclusion of this examiner that public surface water, from the Pend Oreille River, is available for the seasonal irrigation of 0.5 acre and fire protection as needed. This appropriation is considered a beneficial use and will not impair existing water rights or be detrimental to the public welfare.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the above investigation and conclusions, I recommend that this request for a water right be approved in the amounts and within the limitations listed below and subject to the provisions listed above.

Purpose of Use and Authorized Quantities

The amount of water recommended is a maximum limit and the water user may only use that amount of water within the specified limit that is reasonable and beneficial:

0.11 cubic feet per second
1.81 acre-feet per year
Seasonal irrigation of ½ acre
Fire protection as needed

Point of Diversion

NW¼NW¼, Section 15, Township 32 North, Range 44 E.W.M.

Gene Drury, Report Writer — *Date* 10-8-2012

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ATTACHMENT 1

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S3-30494
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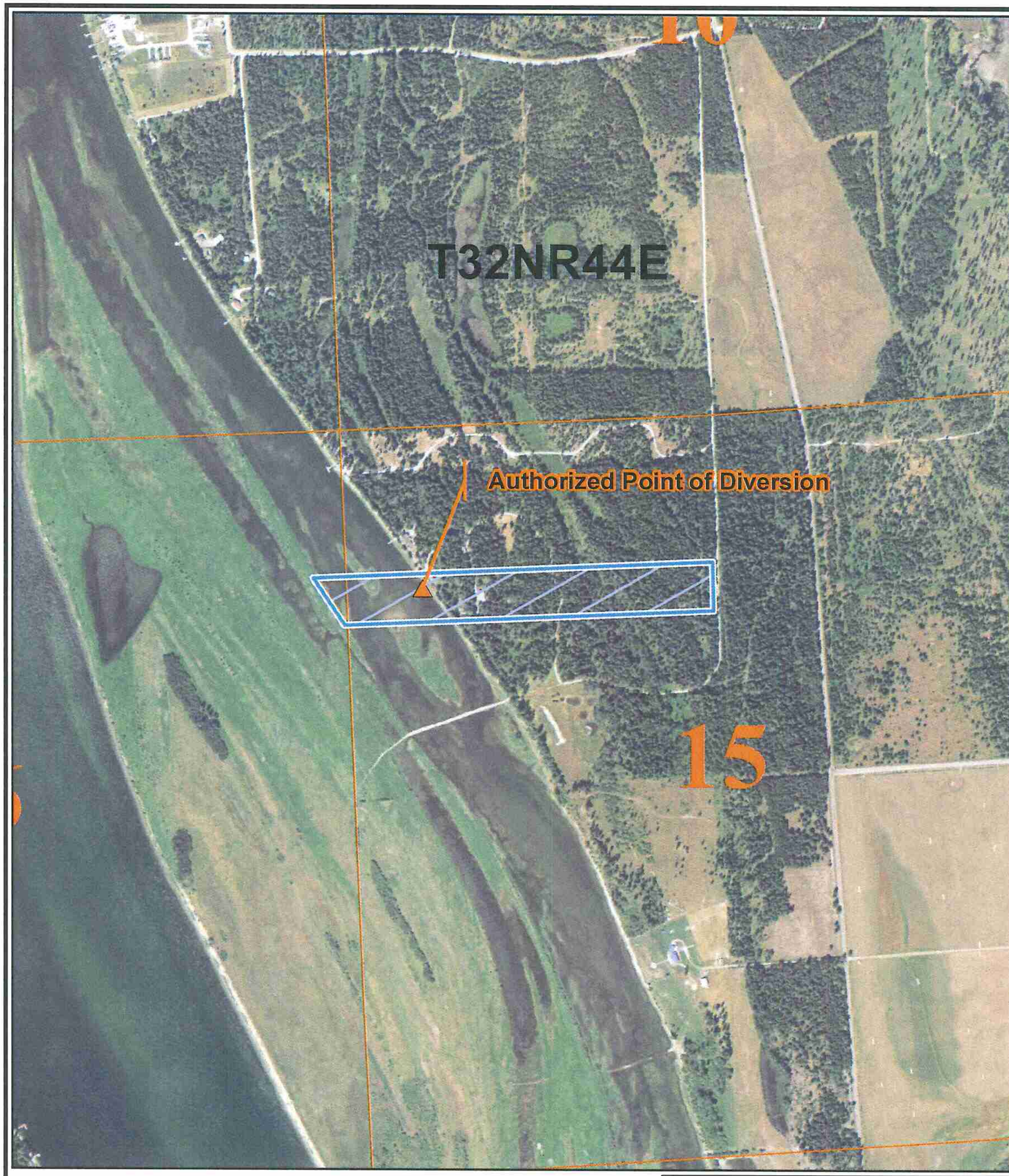

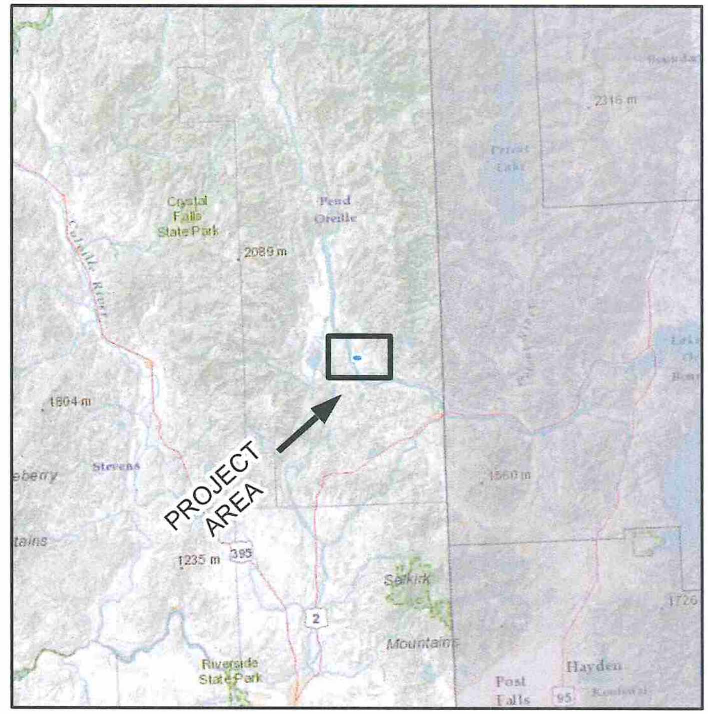

Basemap - (ESRI US Topographic Maps)

Legend

Authorized Place of Use

Townships

Sections

Authorized Point of Diversion

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