



State of Washington
DRAFT
REPORT OF EXAMINATION
FOR WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

PRIORITY DATE
8/8/2012

WATER RIGHT NUMBER
S3-30672

MAILING ADDRESS
LOREN CRUDEN
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ORIENT WA 99160

SITE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)

Quantity Authorized for Withdrawal or Diversion

WITHDRAWAL OR DIVERSION RATE	UNITS	ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR)
0.02	GPM	0.5

Purpose

PURPOSE	WITHDRAWAL OR DIVERSION RATE			ANNUAL QUANTITY (AF/YR)		PERIOD OF USE (mm/dd)
	ADDITIVE	NON-ADDITIVE	UNITS	ADDITIVE	NON-ADDITIVE	
Single Domestic supply	0.02			0.5		01/01 - 12/31

Source Location

COUNTY	WATERBODY	TRIBUTARY TO	WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA				
STEVENS	PELKY CREEK		60-KETTLE				

SOURCE FACILITY/DEVICE	PARCEL	TWP	RNG	SEC	QQ Q	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
PELKY CREEK	8000367	39N	36E	12	SE¼SW¼	48.8902213	118.1891043

Datum: NAD83/WGS84

Place of Use (See Attached Map)

PARCELS (NOT LISTED FOR SERVICE AREAS)
1531300

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE
SW¼SW¼ of Section 12, T. 39 N., R. 36 E.W.M.

Proposed Works

Gravity feed pipe to 1000 gallon tank. Gravity feed to the house

Development Schedule

BEGIN PROJECT	COMPLETE PROJECT	PUT WATER TO FULL USE
Begun	Complete	In use

Provisions

Easement and Right-of-Way

The water source and/or water transmission facilities are not wholly located upon land owned by the applicant. Issuance of a water right authorization by this department does not convey a right of access to, or other right to use, land which the applicant does not legally possess. Obtaining such a right is a private matter between applicant and owner of that land.

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.

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 Application No. S3-30672, 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.

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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 day of 2012.

Keith L. Stoffel, Section Manager

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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Water Right Application Number S3-30672

BACKGROUND

This report serves as the written findings of fact concerning Water Right Application Number S3-30672.

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 Statesman Examiner on October 17 and 24, 2012 and no protests were received

Consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife

RCW 90.03.280 requires the Department to send notice to the Department of Fish and Wildlife of applications to divert, withdraw or store water. The department also provides notice to appropriate Indian Tribes. The department has developed an electronic procedure to meet this statutory requirement. Applications are posted to an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed to which Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tribes and other agencies have been advised to subscribe. Through subscription to the RSS feed, interested parties may review new water right applications and provide comment. The department did not receive any objections to the granting of this permit.

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 December 5, 2012. The applicant was present. The applicant has an existing residence constructed on the property. The water is diverted from Pelkey Creek on USFS property. The water is diverted into a 1¼ inch pvc line lying on the ground to a 1000 gallon buried holding tank. The water is piped to the house. There are times when the diversion pipe freezes, but there is sufficient capacity in the holding tank for these time periods. Water is used in house and for a small garden. No lawn irrigation is requested. The garden irrigation is being considered part of the domestic use. There is no electricity at this location, requiring sufficient distance to the diversion to create pressure. Pelkey Creek was flowing at ½ to 1 cfs at the time of the field exam. The applicant indicated the flow can get low during late summer in dry years, but seems to always have some flow. The water flows down to the flats along Rockcut Road in Section 11 and dissipates into the moraine and does not flow into the Kettle River.

Beneficial Use

Single domestic supply (including the garden) is a beneficial use. Ten gallons per minute, 0.5 acre-feet per year should be sufficient for single domestic supply.

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. There is sufficient water for single domestic supply. This property does not have electricity and a well is not an option.

Therefore, water for single domestic supply is available for appropriation.

Impairment Considerations

A review of department records was conducted for existing water rights, permits, and claims within the vicinity of the proposed diversion.

Surface Water Certificate 2027 confirms a right of 0.03 cfs, for domestic supply and 10 acres of irrigation from a point of diversion in the SE¼SE¼ of Section 11, downstream from the applicant's property. The use of water for this small appropriation will not impair existing rights downstream.

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.

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 is available for single domestic supply (including a garden). 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:

0.02 cubic feet per second

0.5 acre-foot per year

Single domestic supply

Point of Diversion: 1200 feet north and 1400 feet east of the SW corner of Section 12 being within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T. 39 N. R. 36 E.W.M. Stevens County, Washington

Kevin Brown, Report Writer

Date

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