

WATER TRANSFER WORKING GROUP PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APPLICATION NO./COURT CLAIM NO. CS4-00694CTCL/694		TODAY'S DATE 02/26/07
APPLICANT NAME Billy & Sheryl Smith	CONTACT NAME George Marshall	TELEPHONE NO. 509-249-0226
WATER RIGHT HOLDER'S NAME (if different) Walter C. Cope/Billy & Sheryl Smith		EMAIL

DATE OF APPLICATION November 08, 2004	PRIORITY DATE June 30, 1867
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WATER SOURCE: Ahtanum Creek	CROP: Alfalfa/Lawn
INSTANTANEOUS QUANTITY: 0.90 cfs senior right 0.32 cfs junior right	ANNUAL QUANTITY: 155 acre-feet per year senior right 55.12 acre-feet per year junior right
PERIOD OF USE: April 15 through July 10	
PLACE OF USE: Yakima County-Subbasin 23 90 acres for senior right 31.6 acres for junior right, both being the southerly 412.5 feet of the easterly 527 feet of the SE ¹ / ₄ lying northerly of Ahtanum Creek; the east 527 feet of the SE ¹ / ₄ lying northerly of Ahtanum Creek; the east 2191.86 feet of that part of the SE ¹ / ₄ of Section 4 lying north of Ahtanum Creek, except the east 527 feet; the NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ , Lot 6 and the west 528 feet of the NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ and the west 528 feet of Lot 7; all in of Section 4, T. 12 N., R. 18 E.W.M.	PURPOSE OF USE: Irrigation
IRRIGATION METHOD: Hand line with sprinklers, and set risers in yard.	

CONSUMPTIVE USE CALCULATION: N/A – POD change only.
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The Yakima Adjudication Court confirmed Walter C. Cope/Billy & Sheryl Smith an 1867 priority date water right under court claim number 02398 in Subbasin 23 (Ahtanum Creek). In 2004 Billy and Sheryl Smith applied to add a point of diversion for a portion of the water right on Ahtanum Creek located within the SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ of Section 4, T. 12 N., R. 18 E.W.M.

Both the senior and junior water rights are confirmed to divert water from the same points on Ahtanum Creek located at a point near the southwest corner of Lot 6; point near the center of the NW¼SW¼; within the NE¼SE¼; within the NW¼SW¼; point on the south boundary of Lot 6; point on the line between Lots 7 and 8; 1300 feet west and 825 feet north of the southeast corner of Section 4, being within Government Lots 7 and 8; 100 feet west and 70 feet south from the east quarter corner of Section 4, being within the NE¼SE¼ of Section 4, all in Section 4, T. 12 N., R. 18 E.W.M. However, the junior right can only be exercised when the flow in Ahtanum Creek exceeds 62.59 cfs and no uses are being made of the excess by water right holders on the reservation.

The Yakima Adjudication Court, in its Report of the Court for Subbasin No. 23 (Ahtanum Creek), confirmed the same points of diversion that were certified in the previous 1925 Ahtanum Creek Adjudication. However, many water right holders are now using different points of diversion (e.g., pump sites) that were never authorized through the water right change process outlined in RCW 90.03.380. The purpose of the application described above is to request authorization for an additional point of diversion, one currently used today, under the original right.

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