

WATER TRANSFER WORKING GROUP PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APPLICATION NO./COURT CLAIM NO.		
Various Court Claims – See Water Rights List Attached		
APPLICANT NAME USBR (Seaton Water Users Association (SWUA) and Teanaway River Ranch Associates (TRRA) water rights appurtenant to Teanaway River Subbasin No. 3 properties)	CONTACT NAME Stan Isley/Walt Larrick	TELEPHONE NO. 509-575-5848 Stan: ext. 281; Walt: ext. 209
WATER RIGHT HOLDER'S NAME (if different) Claims confirmed to SWUA and TRRA water right holders – see attached list.		EMAIL sisley@pn.usbr.gov wlarrick@pn.usbr.gov

DATE OF APPLICATION Order Pendente Lite request on the Court's 6-14-07 Docket	PRIORITY DATE Various – from 6-30-1882 to 6-30-1894 – see list.
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WATER SOURCE: Teanaway River (Historic POD's: SWUA, NE¼SE¼ Sec. 26; TRRA, SW¼SW¼ Sec. 13; both in T. 20 N., R. 16 E.W.M.)	CROP: Pasture/Hay
INSTANTANEOUS QUANTITY: "Up to 20%" blocks: SWUA, up to 0.54 cfs; TRRA, up to 1.39 cfs.	ANNUAL QUANTITY: "Up to 20%" blocks: SWUA, up to 146.45 af/yr; TRRA, up to 374.76 af/yr.
PERIOD OF USE: 5/1 – 9/15 each year	
PLACE OF USE: SWUA: within Sections 33 and 34 of T. 20 N., R. 16 E.W.M. TRRA: within Sections 13, 24, and 25 of T. 20 N., R. 16 E.W.M.	PURPOSE OF USE: SWUA: irrigation of 135.6 acres and stock water; TRRA: irrigation of 347.0 acres and stock water.
IRRIGATION METHOD: Historic: flood irrigation now upgraded to sprinkler irrigation, creating water conservation savings for the primary reaches (i.e., from the old diversion points to the last return flow points at the new pumpsite locations).	

CONSUMPTIVE USE CALCULATION: Not applicable – This water conservation/efficiency upgrade project did not fallow any irrigated lands nor create any consumptive use savings. The conservation savings apply only to the primary reaches of the Teanaway River between the historic points of diversion for the abandoned gravity flow ditches to the last return flow points at the new downstream pumpsites for SWUA and TRRA.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) provided funding and USBR & YRBWEP provided oversight for construction and implementation of this efficiency upgrade for the SWUA and TRRA irrigation systems and service areas in 2000. SWUA and TRRA immediately assigned 30% of their Court-confirmed water rights to instream flow use in the primary reaches (from old diversions to new pumpsite locations) under the Court's 3-09-2000 Order Pendente Lite. Contracts with SWUA and TRRA provide for a 5-year demonstration period of use with the new system, after which "up to an additional 20%" block of the SWUA and TRRA water rights is to be assigned to instream flow use in the primary reaches, if proven to not be needed for irrigation and stock water use by SWUA and TRRA water users. The demonstration period is now at or near completion. Stan Isley intends to meet with the SWUA and TRRA water users in the summer of 2007 to review diversion and use records to define how much of the "up to an additional 20%" block of water the water users have needed to divert and use during the demonstration period, and how much of that block of water can be transferred to instream flow use in the Teanaway River (in the affected primary reaches). USBR is seeking Court Order Pendente Lite transfer and protection of this "up to an additional 20%" block of these water rights immediately to instream flow use and will later seek transfer of a minimum of 30% and a maximum of 50% of the Court-confirmed SWUA and TRRA water rights to the State Trust Water Rights Program for permanent instream flow enhancement use in the affected primary reaches of the Teanaway River. USBR and Ecology are currently negotiating an MOA on joint management of State Trust Water Rights in the Yakima Basin. WTWG Project form
