

Permit Claims of Beneficial Use

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Water Resources Lingo & Abbreviations

- Claim, CBU, COBU Claim of Beneficial Use
- "C" Date Complete application of water date in a permit or as extended through a permit extension of time
- ODFW Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- POA Point of Appropriation (typically a well)
- POD Point of Diversion
- POU Place of Use
- WRD Water Resources Department
- WRIS Water Right Information System





Claim of Beneficial Use

- •What is a Claim of Beneficial Use (Claim, CBU, or COBU)?
 - A report that describes the extent of use developed under a permit and <u>timely</u> compliance with conditions; and
 - A **map** that identifies the developed location of the use, point(s) of diversion or appropriation, delivery system, as well as any measuring devices and fish protection devices required by the permit.



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What is Beneficial Use under a Permit?

- Beneficial use under a permit is the timely use of water, for the allowed use(s), while timely complying with the conditions of the permit.
- Use + Compliance = Beneficial Use
- Use Compliance ≠ Beneficial Use
- **Important: Most conditions are time sensitive.





Permit Claims

- •See CWRE Resource Page for Claim forms or access the Forms page from our home page.
- Multiple Claim forms have been developed.
 The forms are broken out by permit type (surface water, groundwater, and reservoirs) and then by the rate being claimed.
- Always download the most current version of the Claim form when beginning a new project.



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Purpose of the Claim for a Permit

To describe the extent of beneficial use developed under the Permit

- Describe the uses developed;
- Describe the rate developed for each use;
- Describe where water was used; and
- Describe how conditions were satisfied.



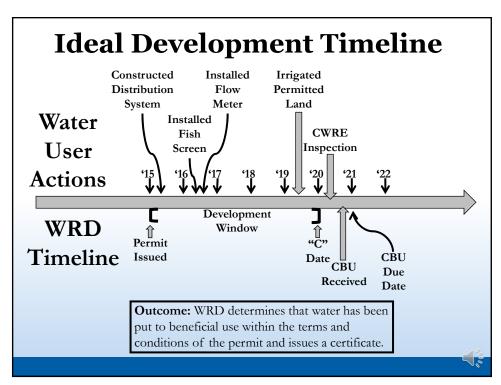


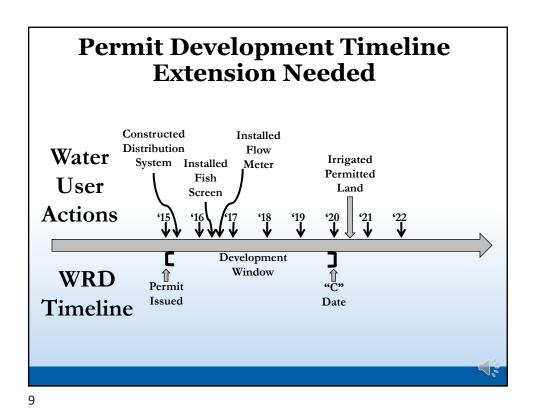
Claim VS Extension of Time

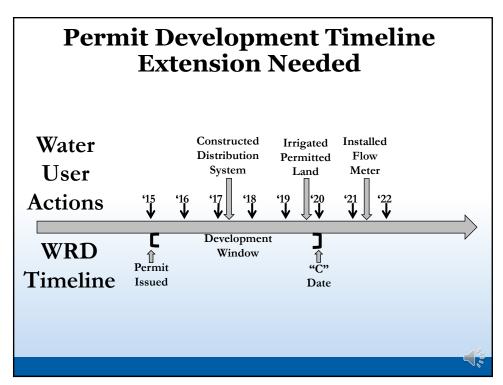
Should a Claim be submitted or is an Extension of Time needed?

- Has the water user made beneficial use under a permit?
- How do you decide if beneficial use has been made?
 - Review the permit, permit extension of time order, and records available from the water user and WRIS.











Claim VS Extension of Time

To Summarize:

- If you find that the water user did not complete their use or comply with conditions within the time period allowed in the permit, an extension of time should be requested.
- If the Department reviews a Claim and finds that the timeline to either make the beneficial use or comply with conditions was not met, the Department will move to cancel the permit.



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Tips and Reminders

Tips, Reminders, and Examples:

- Permit Amendments
- Fees
- Signatures
- System Descriptions
- Calculations
- Variations
- Conditions and Extensions
- Mapping





Permit Amendments

A note about Permit Amendments:

- A permit amendment is a process used to amend either the location of a point of diversion or appropriation and/or the place of use of a permit.
- This type of change is <u>not</u> a transfer.
- In completing a Claim for a permit that has been amended, you will select the Claim form from the list of Claims for permits, not transfers.



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Fees

- •Not all Claims require a fee.
- To determine whether a fee is required for a permit, you must look at the priority date of the permit.







Signatures

- •A Claim must be signed by all permit holders of record.
- •When a Claim is submitted that has not been signed by all permit holders of record, the Claim is returned.



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Signatures

A Claim must be stamped and signed by the CWRE and signed by all permit holders of record.

Signature page:

- CWRE Stamp, signature and contact information.
- Permit <u>holder(s)</u> of record signatures.
- Missing or incorrect signatures are the number one reason for the Department returning a Claim.



Signatures

Be sure this section of the Claim is complete.

- Stamped and signed by you, the CWRE
- Signed by <u>all</u> permit holders of record
- Claim will be returned if not properly signed.
- Include title of person signing the Claim.

Things to look for:

- "and"
- "or"
- Northwest Farm Credit Services

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Signatures

Check WRIS to confirm the current permit holder(s).

 Newer Assignments are included in WRIS under 'Scanned Documents"

It may be necessary to submit an Assignment either prior to, or concurrent with the Claim.



Signatures – Partial Claim

Partial Claim

- It is possible to submit a Claim for an individual permit holder.
- Claim must clearly identify what portion of the permit is included in the Claim.
- Claim must identify excluded property owners.
- Claim needs to be signed only by the owners of the portion being described in the Claim.
- The Department does not process a partial Claim unless:
 - It is a at least one year and three months past the "C" Date; or
 - The permit has been split.

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Claims – System Descriptions

General Narrative Description of the System:

- Provides an outline for the system specific information provided later in the Claim.
- Provides a general description of the system for the point of diversion to the place of use.

System Specific Description:

 Provides specific information about the components of the system including theoretical calculations.





- Provide a complete description of the system in the Claim
 - General narrative in Section 3
- **4.** Provide a general narrative description of the distribution works. This description must trace the water system from **each** point of appropriation to the place of use:

Well #1 – Water is pumped from the well which is equipped with a totalizing flow meter. The water is conveyed through a buried mainline to a pivot.

Well #2 – Water is pumped from the well which is equipped with a totalizing flow meter. The water is conveyed through an above ground mainline to a wheel line.

Well #3 – Water is pumped from the well which is equipped with a totalizing flow meter. The water is conveyed through an above ground mainline to a big gun.

Reminder: The map associated with this claim must identify the location of the point(s) of diversion, Donation Land Claims (DLC), Government Lots (GLot), and Quarter-Quarters (QQ).

 This system would require that each of the three wells, the pivot, wheel line, and big gun be described to include a computed theoretical capacity for each well, wheel line sprinklers, and big gun. For the pivot, the theoretical capacity can be provided using manufacturer's design data.

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Claims – System Descriptions 2

- Provide a complete description of the system in the Claim
 - General narrative in Section 3
- **4.** Provide a general narrative description of the distribution works. This description must trace the water system from **each** point of diversion to the place of use:

The system includes 3 separate springs. There is a collection pipe at each spring which convey water to a 2" pvc mainline. The mainline delivers the water to a single 1000 gallon storage tank. A pipeline leads from the tank to the house served under the permit. The entire system is gravity flow.

Reminder: The map associated with this claim must identify the location of the point(s) of diversion, Donation Land Claims (DLC), Government Lots (GLot), and Quarter-Quarters (QQ).

 For this system, the Claim would need to describe the three spring collection pipes, the tank, and the pipe to the place of use. As part of the description, the Claim would include the computed theoretical capacity for <u>each</u> spring and the pipe to the place of use.



- Provide a complete description of the system in the Claim
 - General narrative in Section 3
- **4.** Provide a general narrative description of the distribution works. This description must trace the water system from **each** point of appropriation to the place of use:

The system includes 3 wells. Each well is equipped with a totalizing flow meter. The wells contribute to a common buried mainline that serves all the irrigation developed under the permit. The water is applied for irrigation using a combination of pivots and wheel lines.

Reminder: The map associated with this claim must identify the location of the point(s) of diversion, Donation Land Claims (DLC), Government Lots (GLot), and Quarter-Quarters (QQ).

 This system would require that each of the three wells, the pivots, and wheel lines be described to include a computed theoretical capacity for the well and wheel line sprinklers. For the pivot, the theoretical capacity can be provided using manufacturer's design data.



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Claims - Variations

- Describe any variations from the permit to developed use
 - Section 3 of the Claim
- 5. Variations:

Was the use developed differently from what was authorized by the permit,
permit amendment final order, or extension final order? If yes, describe below.
(e.g. "The permit allowed three points of appropriation. The water user only developed one of the points." or "The permit allowed 40.0 acres of irrigation. The water user only developed 10.0 acres.")

The permit authorized the development of 6 wells. The $\overline{\text{permit holder developed 3 wells.}}$

The permit authorized the development of 100 acres of irrigation. The permit holder developed 88.2 acres of irrigation.

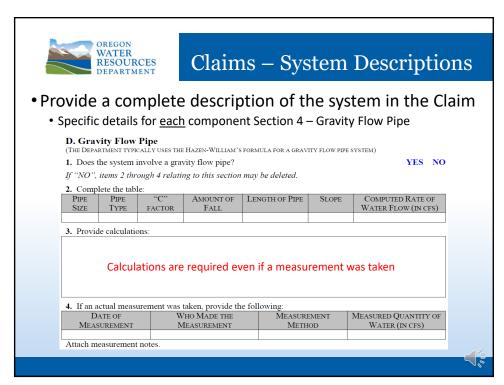
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 - Specific details for <u>each</u> component Section 4 Pump

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- Provide a complete description of the system in the Claim
 - \bullet Specific details for \underline{each} component Section 4 – Gravity Flow Canal or Ditch

E. Gravity Flow Canal or Ditch

(THE DEPARTMENT TYPICALLY USES MANNING'S FORMULA FOR CANALS AND DITCHES)

1. Is a gravity flow canal or ditch used to convey the water as part of the distribution system?

YES

If "NO", items 2 through 4 relating to this section may be deleted.

2. Complete the	laule.							
CANAL OR DITCH TYPE (MATERIAL)	TOP WIDTH OF CANAL OR DITCH	BOTTOM WIDTH OF CANAL OR DITCH	DEPTH	"N" FACTOR	AMOUNT OF FALL	LENGTH OF CANAL / DITCH	SLOPE	COMPUTED RATE (IN CFS)

3. Provide calculations:

Calculations are required even if a measurement was taken

 4. If an actual measurement was taken, provide the following:

 Date of Measurement
 Who Made the Measurement
 Measurement Measurement
 Measured Quantity of Water (in cfs)

Attach measurement notes

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Claims – System Descriptions

- Provide a complete description of the system in the Claim
 - Specific details for each component Section 4 (Mainline)
- 7. Is the distribution system piped?

YES NO

If "NO" items 8 through item 11 may be deleted.

8. Mainline Information

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9. Lateral or Handline Information

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LATERAL OR	LENGTH	Type of Pipe	BURIED OR ABOVE GROUND
HANDLINE SIZE			



- Provide a complete description of the system in the Claim
 - Specific details for each component Section 4 Sprinklers, Pivots, and Notes

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13. Pivot I	nformation:						
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Any additional information that you feel would help to describe the system

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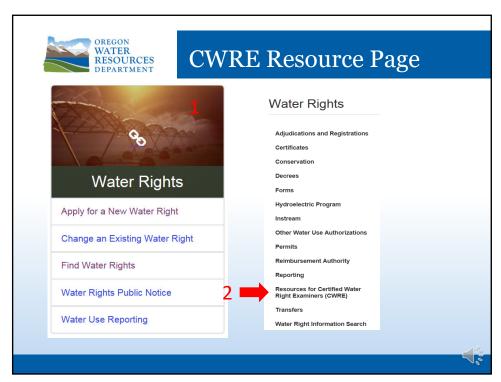


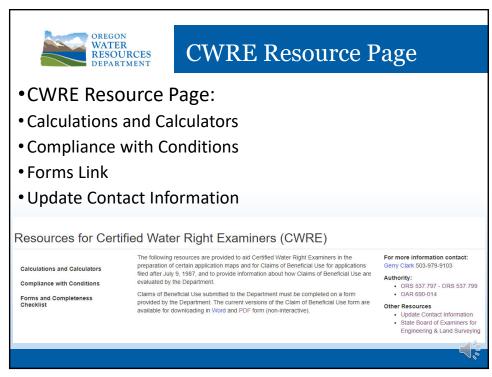
Claims – System Descriptions

System Description Summary

- The Claim must contain enough information about the pump, ditch, pipe, sprinklers, and drip emitters or drip tape in order to run theoretical calculations
- The Claim must contain enough information in order to determine the maximum amount of use
 - Certificates are limited to the lesser of the authorized amount, the capacity of the delivery system, or the amount of actual beneficial use
- Calculations are required even if the system was operating, and a measurement was taken
 - Common calculators are available on the CWRE Resource Page







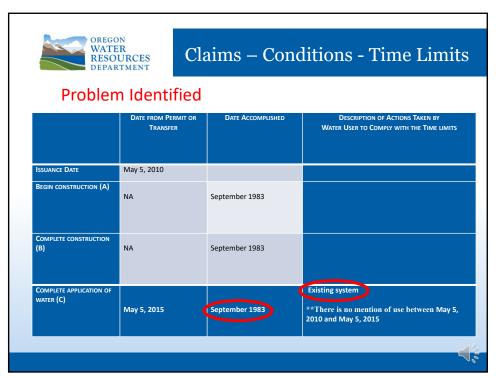


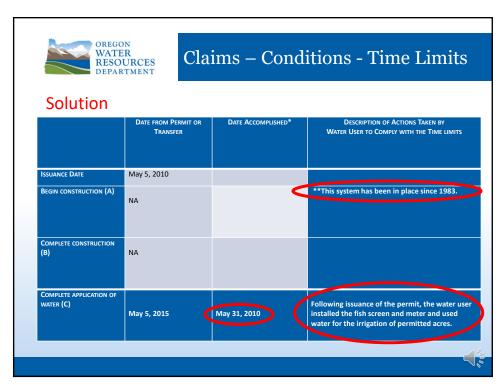
Claims - Conditions

- The Claim must fully address compliance with conditions:
 - Time Limits
 - Measuring Devices
 - Water Use Reporting Check WRIS
 - Static Water Levels Check WRIS
 - Fish Protection Devices
 - Well ID Tags
 - Measuring Tubes in Groundwater Permits
 - Pump Tests *Prior to certificate issuance*
 - Other Conditions

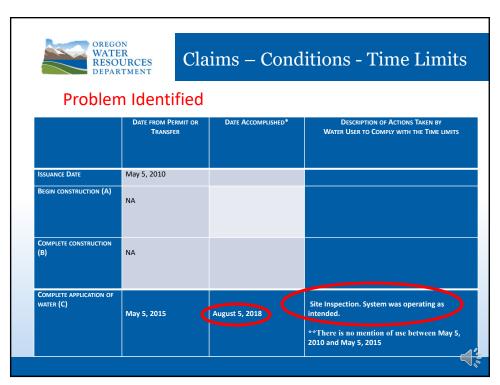


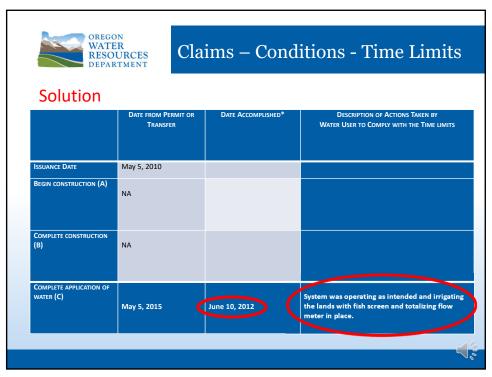
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ISSUANCE DATE	May 5, 2010		
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION (A)	NA	September 1983	
COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION (B)	NA	September 1983	
COMPLETE APPLICATION OF WATER (C)	May 5, 2015	September 1983	Existing system



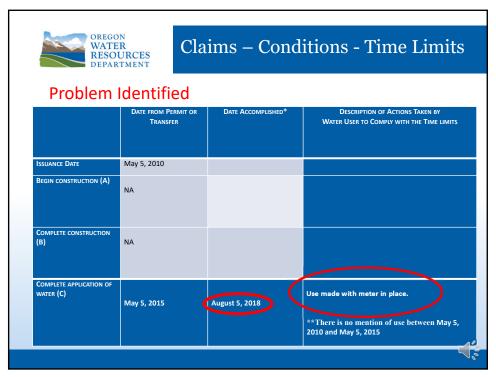


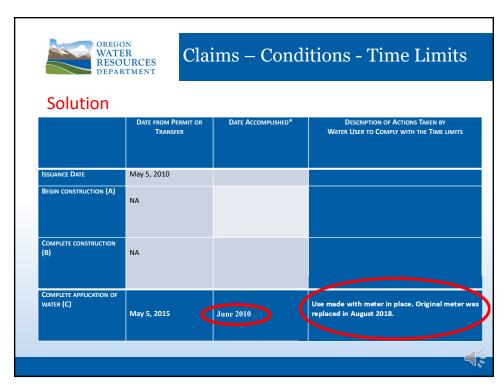






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ISSUANCE DATE	May 5, 2010		
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION (A)	NA		
COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION (B)	NA		
COMPLETE APPLICATION OF WATER (C)	May 5, 2015	August 5, 2018	Use made with meter in place.







Claims – Measuring Devices

What measurement device is required?

- Meter vs Totalizing Flow Meter
 - Totalizing flow meter is specific
 - Must be a totalizing flow meter
 - Meter is generic
 - Could be:
 - · Dedicated electrical meter
 - Instantaneous flow meter
 - Totalizing flow meter
 - Hour meter on a generator







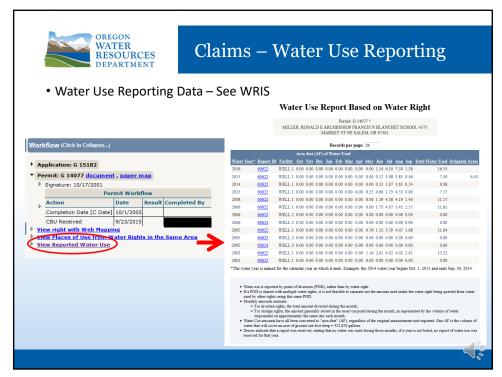


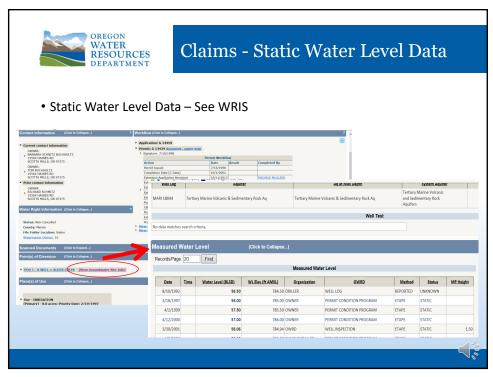
Claims – Measuring Devices

What measurement device is required?

- Other suitable measuring devices
 - Require approval by Watermaster
 - Example A reservoir permit that requires a meter or other suitable measuring device. Watermaster would need to approve a Staff Gage.
- Flow Restrictors
- Key questions to ask:
 - When was the original measuring device installed? Is this a replacement device?









Static Water Level Measurements Tip

• If multiple wells are involved in a permit, there may be an opportunity to provide an alternative plan to measure and report SWLs:

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.





Claims - Fish Protection Conditions

- Most likely will require Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife approval or waiver in writing.
- For some older permits and transfers the water user may be able to self-certify the fish screen:
 - Must be for a <u>pumped</u> diversion;
 - Developed pumping capacity must be less than 225 gpm;
 - Only applies to permits and transfers issued prior to February 1, 2011.



Claims - Well ID Tags

 Newer groundwater permits contain a condition that requires the water user to have a Well ID Tag assigned and permanently attached to the well <u>prior to use of any water from</u> the well.

This is a time sensitive condition. The condition should be addressed in the "Other Conditions" section of the Claim.



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Claims - Pump Tests

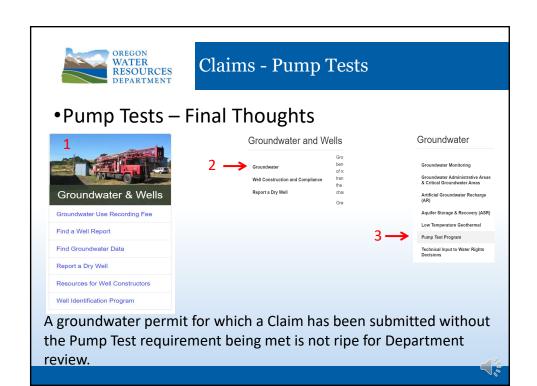
- •What is a Pump Test?
 - •It is a minimum four hour test of the aquifer.
- •Pump Test Specifications Three Phases:
- 1. Pre-Pumping Phase
- 2. Pumping Phase
- 3. Post Pumping or Recovery Phase



Claims - Pump Tests

- •Three ways that the Pump Test Requirement can be satisfied:
- Perform the Pump Test
- Request an Unreasonable Burden Exemption
- Request a Multiple Well Exemption
- Wells not requiring a Pump Test





Claim of Beneficial Use Mapping Reminders/Examples

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Common Map Issues

- Here is a list of the most common mapping issues:
 - Maps not submitted on polyester film;
 - Scrivener's errors in application, permit, certificate or transfer numbers referenced on the map;
 - Scrivener's errors in the township, range and section on the map;
 - Scrivener's errors in the coordinates for points of diversion or appropriation;



Common Map Issues Cont.

- Common mapping issues continued:
- Measurement devices not identified on map;
- Fish protection devices not identified on map;
- Donation Land Claims and Government Lots not identified, and acreages not designated within projected quarter quarters; and
- Maps not at authorized scale without an approved waiver request.



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Claim Map Coordinates

- •Two acceptable location measurement descriptions for the point of diversion/appropriation:
 - Bearing and distance by reference to a recognized public land survey corner; or
 - Coordinates distance north or south and distance east or west by reference to a recognized public land survey corner.
 - See OAR 690-014-170 and OAR 690-310-050





Claim Map Coordinates

- Point of Diversion or Point of Appropriation descriptions by coordinates on Claim map.
 - Should the location of a POD or POA be describes using cardinal directions or as description along section, donation land claim, quarter quarter, or government lot lines?
 - Cardinal directions should be used to identify the location of the POD or POA.

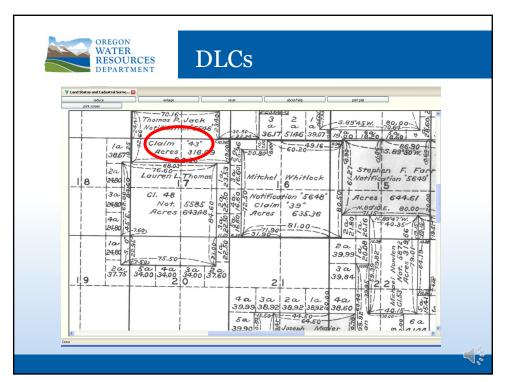


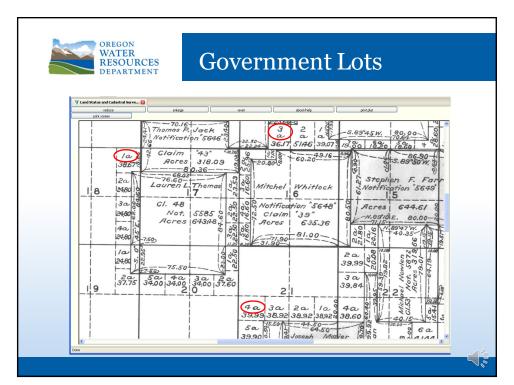




Government Lots and DLCs

- •The map must include Government Lots and Donation Land Claims, if applicable.
- Attach copies of the maps you used to lay out the section(s) where the use or point of diversion/appropriation is located.
- Copies of the Government Land Office records (GLOs) can be found through the Bureau of Land Management's web site at:
- www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/survey/ySrvy1.php







Mapping Multiple Rights

- •In some cases, multiple permits may be included on a single Claim map. If this is the case, be sure to differentiate between the various rights.
 - Important because:
 - Different priority dates;
 - Different rights; and
 - Different sources



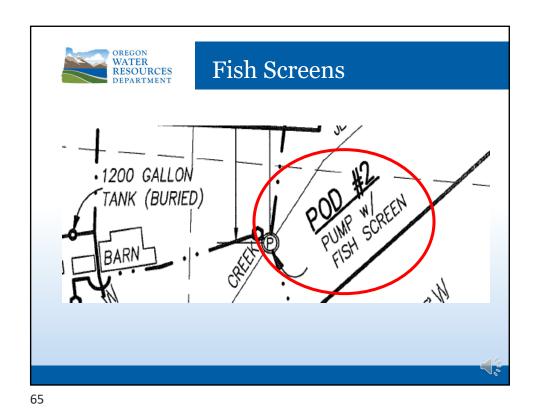
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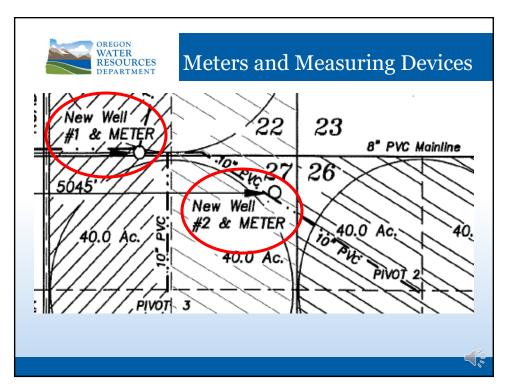


Fish Screens and Measurement Devices

- The location of any required fish screens, fish bypass devices, or fish passage devices are required to be identified on the Claim map in relationship to the point of diversion.
- The location of any required measurement devices are required to be identified on the Claim map in relationship to the point of diversion or appropriation.









Summary – Claim Form

- Beneficial use under a permit is the timely use of water, for the allowed use(s), while timely complying with each condition of the permit.
- Claims for a permit need to describe the use(s) developed, the extent of the developed use (including acres, rate and volume), and compliance with conditions;
- The Claim must address each condition of the permit;

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Summary – Claim Form

- •Claim forms can be found on our Forms Page;
- •If ownership of the lands involved has changed, an Assignment may be necessary in order to file the Claim; and
- Always download the most current version of the Claim form when beginning a new project.



Summary – Claim Map

- •The map must be prepared on polyester film map;
- The map must include Government Lots, Donation Land Claims, or Home Entry Surveys;
- The map must identify the tax lots, by both the unique tax lot number(s) and location;
- If you need a different map scale, request a waiver. Acceptable scales are 1" = 400', 1" = 1320', or the full scale of the Assessor's map;



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Summary – Claim Map

- •The map must include the location of any required fish protection devices;
- •The map must include the location of any required measurement devices; and
- •The map must differentiate between the various permits if more than one is included on the Claim map.





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