DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

# STATE OF WASHINGTON
# FINAL
# REPORT OF EXAMINATION
# FOR WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

WR Doc ID 6800004

| PRIORITY DATE | WATER RIGHT APPLICATION NUMBER |
|---|---|
| February 10, 2017 | S3-30784 |

| NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS | SITE ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) |
|---|---|
| Flat Top Ranch<br>2550 Borton Rd<br>Yakima, WA 98903 | |

## Total Rate and Quantity Authorized for Diversion

| DIVERSION RATE (cfs) | ANNUAL QUANTITY (ac-ft/yr) |
|---|---|
| 5.57 | 0.00 |

cfs = Cubic Feet per Second; ac-ft/yr = Acre-feet per Year

**Attention:** Additive Qi only, 5.57 cfs

## Purpose(s)

| PURPOSE | DIVERSION RATE (cfs) | ANNUAL QUANTITY (ac-ft/yr) | PERIOD OF USE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Irrigation | 5.57 | 0.00 | 3/1 – 10/31 |

| IRRIGATED ACRES | |
|---|---|
| ADDITIVE | NON-ADDITIVE |
| | 1044.9 |

## Source Location

| COUNTY | WATERBODY | TRIBUTARY TO | WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA |
|---|---|---|---|
| Franklin County | Snake River | Columbia River | 33 – Lower Snake Watershed |

| SOURCE NAME | PARCEL | TOWNSHIP | RANGE | SECTION | QQ Q | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snake River (McNary Pool) | 110210021 | 9 N. | 31 E. | 21 | SW¼SW¼ | 46.24159°N | -118.94911°W |

QQ Q = Quarter Quarter

Datum: NAD83/WGS84

## Place of Use

| PARCEL(S) |
|---|
| 110220010, 110210012, 110150015 |

| LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE |
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| All of the N½, the NW¼SW¼ and those portions of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 lying north of the northerly right of way lines of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company as disclosed by Deeds recorded under Auditor's file numbers 148612 and 182502, in Sec. 21, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M., and the S½N½ and NE¼NE¼ of Sec. 22, T. 9 N., R.31 E.W.M., together with Sec. 15, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M. ALL WITHIN Franklin County, Washington. |

## Proposed Works

Four 250 hp turbine powered pumps at River station, and two flow meters installed. Fish screens installed. Irrigation includes drip systems, solid set under tree, and solid set over tree.

## Development Schedule

| BEGIN PROJECT BY THIS DATE | COMPLETE PROJECT BY THIS DATE | PUT WATER TO FULL USE BY THIS DATE |
|---|---|---|
| Began | Complete | In Use |

## Measurement of Water Use

| | |
|---|---|
| HOW OFTEN MUST WATER USE BE MEASURED AND RECORDED? | weekly |
| HOW OFTEN MUST WATER USE DATA BE REPORTED TO ECOLOGY? | annually by January 31 |
| WHAT QUANTITY SHOULD BE REPORTED? | Total annual quantity in acre-feet |
| WHAT RATE SHOULD BE REPORTED? | Annual peak rate of diversion in cfs |

## Provisions

The total combined quantities under Water Right authorizations S3-30784, G3-28237, and S3-28907, shall not exceed 17.57 cfs, 3687.5 acre-feet per year for the irrigation of 1044.9 acres.

This authorization to use public waters of the state is classified as a Family Farm Permit in accordance with chapter 90.66 RCW. This means the land being irrigated under this authorization shall comply with the following definition: Family Farm - a geographic area including not more than 6,000 acres of irrigated agricultural lands, whether contiguous or noncontiguous, the controlling interest in which is held by a person having a controlling interest in no more than 6,000 acres of irrigated agricultural lands in the state of Washington which are irrigated under water rights acquired after December 8, 1977. Furthermore, the land being irrigated under this authorization must continue to conform to the definition of a family farm.

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**
This authorization for surface water diversion is required to meet fish screening statutes (RCW 77.57.010, RCW 77.57.040, and RCW 77.57.070) and may require compliance with the state Hydraulic Code (chapter 77.55 RCW). No diversion under this authorization shall take place unless all WDFW screening and permitting requirements are complete, in place, and maintained. For additional information see the WDFW permitting page (https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/environmental/hpa) and consult with the appropriate Habitat Biologist according to the contact map found at the WDFW Contact Us webpage (https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/contact). You may also call the WDFW Help Desk between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday at: (360) 902-2422 or send an email to: APPS.Help@dfw.wa.gov.

Supporting information on screening and fish passage may be found on the WDFW Regulations, guidelines, and determining compliance page (https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/habitat-recovery/fish-passage/screens/regulations).

This authorization is subject to the following minimum flows as specified in WAC 173-563-040 and WAC 173-563-050 and the following table. It is subject to regulation by the Department of Ecology for protection of instream resources whenever the March 1 forecast of April-September runoff at The Dalles is 60 MAF or less, and when gaged flows are predicted by the BPA 30-Day Power Operation Plan to violate the following minimum flow provisions at:

Primary Control Station(s):
River Mile(s):

Minimum Average Weekly Flows
Columbia River Projects
(1,000 cubic feet/second)

| PRIMARY CONTROL STATION: RIVER MILE: | Chief Joseph* (545.1) | Wells/ Rocky Reach* (515.6) (473.7) | Rock Island & Wanapum* (453.4) (415.8) | Priest Rapids (397.1) | McNary (292.0) | John Day (215.6) | The Dalles (191.5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan | 30 | 30 | 30 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Feb | 30 | 30 | 30 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Mar | 30 | 30 | 30 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Apr 1-15 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 100 | 100 | 120 |
| Apr 16-25 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 70 | 150 | 150 | 160 |
| Apr 26-30 | 90 | 100 | 110 | 110 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| May | 100 | 115 | 130 | 130 | 220 | 220 | 220 |
| Jun 1-15 | 80 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Jun 16-30 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Jul 1-15 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Jul 16-31 | 90 | 100 | 110 | 110 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| Aug | 85 | 90 | 95 | 95 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Sep | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 60 | 85 | 90 |
| Oct 1-15 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 40 | 60 | 85 | 90 |
| Oct 16-31 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 70 | 60 | 85 | 90 |
| Nov | 30 | 30 | 30 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Dec | 30 | 30 | 30 | 70 | 60 | 60 | 60 |

*****For the reach from Grand Coulee through Wanapum, minimum average weekly flows shall be as shown above, or as necessary to maintain minimum flows (subject to low runoff and adjustment) at Priest Rapids, whichever is higher. As provided in WAC 173-563-050(1), the minimum average weekly flows set forth in this subsection are subject to a reduction of up to 25 percent during low flow years, except that in no case shall the outflow from Priest Rapids Dam be less than 36,000 cfs.

Use of water under this authorization shall be contingent upon the water right holder's use of up-to-date water conservation practices and maintenance of efficient water delivery systems consistent with established regulation requirements and facility capabilities.

Use of water under this authorization can be expected to be curtailed at least once in every 20 years.

Water available under this authorization will not provide a firm supply throughout each irrigation season.

This authorization to make use of public waters of the State is subject to existing rights, including any existing rights held by the United States for the benefit of Indians under treaty or otherwise.

Nothing in this authorization shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

**Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting**
An approved measuring device must be installed and maintained to measure water used from each source identified in this water right. Chapter 173-173 WAC Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use describes requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, information collection and reporting, and your right to request a variance.

For more information on how to follow the terms of this permit, including forms to complete and how to report water use, refer to our Recording and Reporting Water Use webpage: ecology.wa.gov/record-report-water-use. Contact a Metering Coordinator with questions about this provision: 509-329-3400 or wrero@ecy.wa.gov.

Recorded water use data shall be submitted electronically by January 31 each year.

**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.

**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.

**Easement 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 change 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.

## Findings of Fact and Order

Upon reviewing the investigator's report, I find all facts, relevant and material to the subject application, have been thoroughly investigated.

Therefore, I ORDER **APPROVAL** of Application No. S3-30784, subject to existing rights and the provisions specified above.

## Your Right To Appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. 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 all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

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

## Filing An Appeal

**Filing with the PCHB**
For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: https://eluho.wa.gov/ or call: 360-664-9160.

**Service on Ecology**

**Street Address:**

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

**Mailing Address:**

Department of Ecology
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk
PO Box 47608
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

**E-mail Address:** ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

## More Information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**
  https://eluho.wa.gov/
- **Chapter 43.21B RCW – Environmental Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**
  http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure**
  http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**
  http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05
- **Ecology's Laws, Rules & Rulemaking**
  https://www.ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Laws-rules-rulemaking#ws

## Authorizing Signature

Signed at Spokane, Washington, this 30th day of September 2026.

Jaime R. Short, Section Manager
Water Resources Program/Eastern Region Office
Department of Ecology

## INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Water Right Application No.: S3-30784
Applicant Name: Flat Top Ranch
Investigator: Shannon Adams

## BACKGROUND

This report serves as the written findings of fact concerning Water Right Application No. S3-30784.

Flat Top Ranch applied for a Qi-only water right to increase the instantaneous rate of diversion by 5.57 cubic feet per second (cfs). The resulting water right will be regulated by WAC 173-563 and is additive to Certificate No. S3-28907 (also regulated by WAC 173-563), with zero increase in annual quantity or irrigated acres.

The proposed place of use includes 1044.9 non-additive acres located within three parcels north of the Snake River. The parcels consist of existing developed agriculture land and small drainage areas that are undeveloped within the existing/proposed place of use. Map 1 below shows project location of the proposed Surface Water Permit S3-30784.

**Map 1. Project Location**

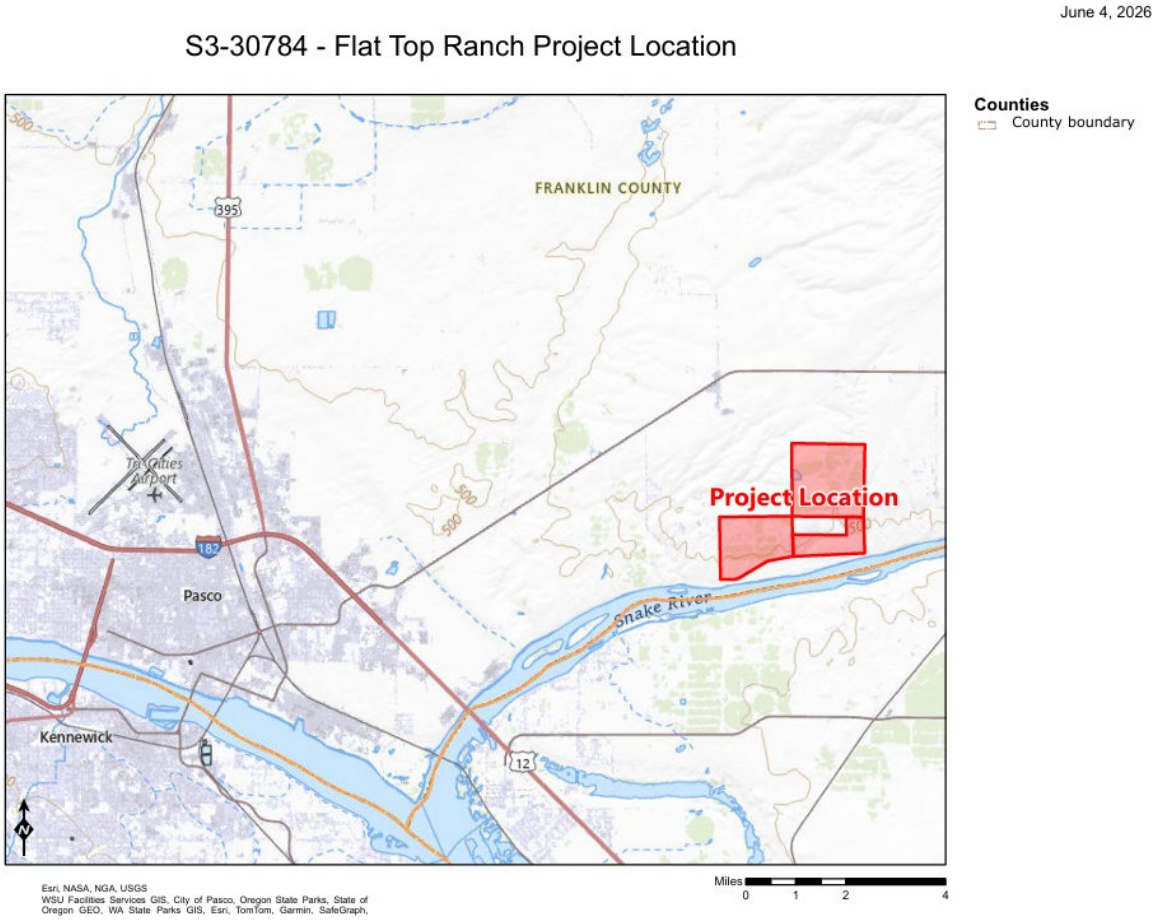

**Table 1. Summary of Requested Water Right**

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|---|---|
| **Applicant Name** | Flat Top Ranch |
| **Priority Date** | February 19, 2017 |
| **County** | Franklin County |
| **WRIA** | 33 – Lower Snake watershed |
| **Water Source** | Snake River |
| **Tributary to** | Columbia River |
| **Place of Use** | All within Sec. 15, 21, and the S½N½ and NE¼NE¼ of Sec. 22, T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M. All within Franklin County, Washington. |

| Purpose | Instantaneous Rate (cfs) | Annual Quantity (ac-ft/yr) | Begin Season | End Season |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Irrigation (1054 non-additive acres) | 5.57 | 0 | Seasonal | Seasonal |

| Source Name | Parcel | Township | Range | Section | QQ Q | Latitude | Longitude |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Snake River (McNary Pool) | 110210021 | 9 N. | 31 E. | 21 | SW¼SW¼ | 46.24159°N | -118.94911°W |

Datum: NAD83/WGS84

## INVESTIGATION

In considering the proposed application, the investigation included, but was not limited to, research and review of: (1) Appropriate rules and statutes; (2) Ecology water right file; (3) Other water rights, permits and claims; (4) USGS topographic maps, aerial photographs, and other GIS data; (5) Proposed point of diversion; (6) Proposed place of use; (7) Chapter 173-563 WAC Instream Resources Protection Program for The Main Stem Columbia River in Washington State and Chapter 173-564 WAC Water Resources Snake River (expired), WRIA 33 and Watershed Planning; and (8) Discussions with Department of Ecology regional program staff.

The Investigator, Shannon Adams, attempted to visit the site on May 27, 2026. The Investigator was unable to meet with the Applicant and access the irrigated land but was able to view the pumps on the Snake River and the southern portion of the project. The project is located approximately eight (8) miles east of Pasco, Washington in Franklin County, within WRIA 33 – Lower Snake watershed. The main stem of the Snake River in Washington State was previously protected by Chapter 173-564 WAC which expired on January 1, 1999.

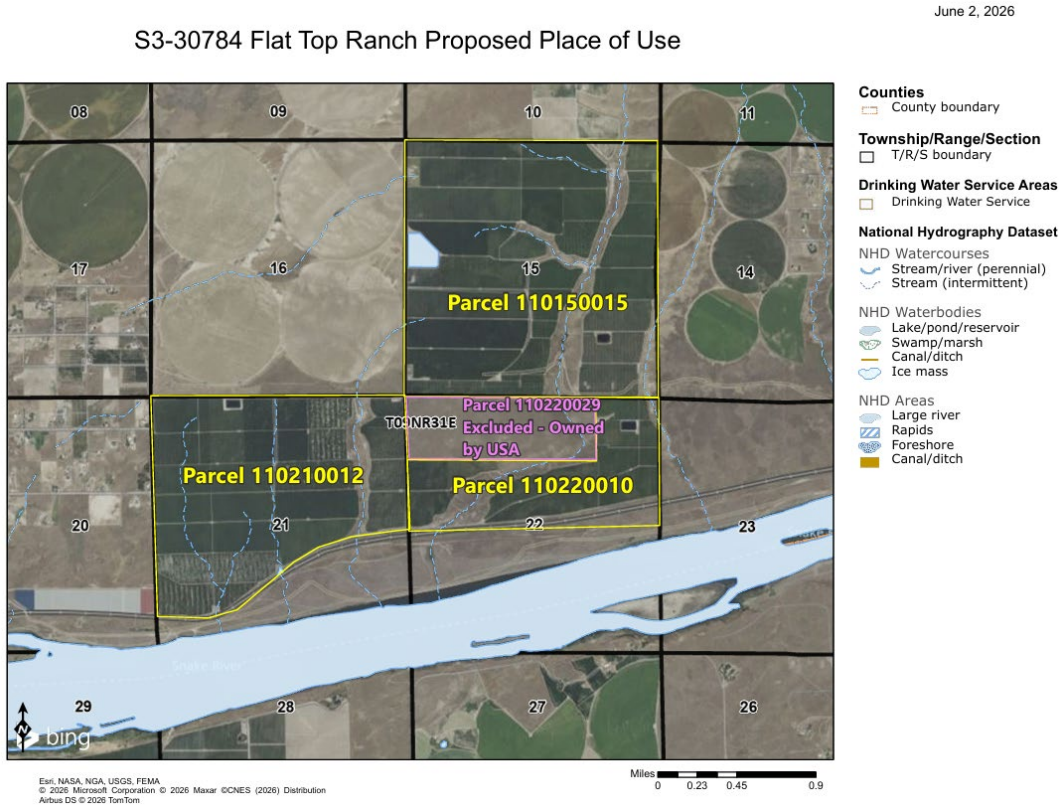
### Proposed Use and Basis of Water Demand

***Site Description***

The land consists of rolling hills developed with apple orchards, cherry orchards, and cover crops between the tree rows. Areas that have not been developed are limited to natural drainages.

The Applicant proposes increasing the instantaneous rate of diversion by 5.57 cfs for a more efficient irrigation system. The place of use will be the same as Surface Water Certificate S3-28907, Reservoir Certificate R3-30370, and Groundwater Permit G3-28237. There will be no added annual quantity or added irrigated acreage. Map 2 below shows the proposed place of use.

**Map 2. Proposed Place of Use**




***Water System Description***

The Applicant diverts water from the Snake River with four 250 horsepower turbine pumps at their River station. Surface water is pumped into a common intake manifold that separates into two pipes where two flow meters are installed. Fish screens were installed when the diversion/pump station was constructed in the early 1990's per Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers requirements. Irrigation includes drip systems, solid set under tree, and solid set over tree.

**Photos emailed June 3, 2026 – Flat Top Farm Manger Scott Crawford.**

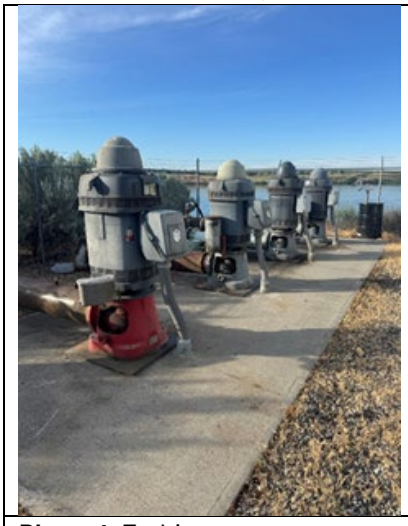


**Photo 1:** Turbine pumps

**Photos 2:** Meter

On June 3, 2026, the Investigator requested information on the four 250 horsepower turbine pumps to determine if the pumps could pump 17.57 cfs (7885.42 gpm). On June 9, 2026, Isabellah von Trapp with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (formerly Aspect Consulting) provided the following calculations estimating pumping rates:

$$Q = \frac{HP \times 1714 \times \eta}{\Delta P}$$

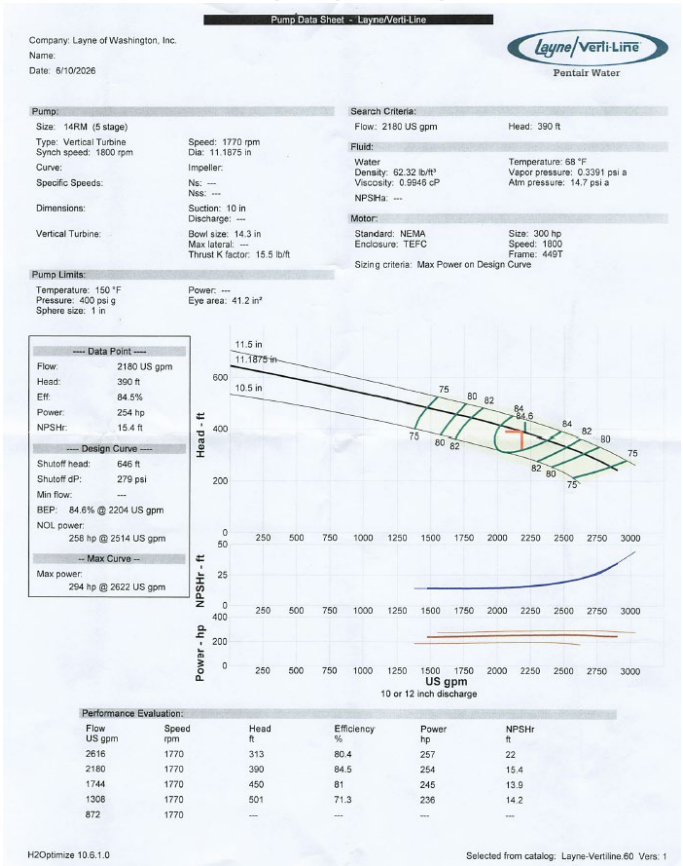
Where:

*Q* = flow rate (gpm)
*HP* = total pump horsepower (1,000 hp in this case)
1714 = unit conversion constant
$\eta$ = pump/motor efficiency (assumed to be 80% in this case)
$\Delta P$ = system operating pressure (170 psi in this case)

$$8065.88 = \frac{1000 \times 1714 \times 0.8}{170}$$

The calculated flow estimation of the four turbine pumps combined is approximately 18 cfs (8066 gpm). The authorized 12 cfs (5385.6 gpm) under S3-28907 combined with this additional 5.57 cfs (2499.82 gpm) totals 17.57 cfs (7885.42 gpm). Given the estimate of 18 cfs and the authorized 17.57 cfs, it is reasonable to assume the pumps will pump the requested instantaneous rate. The farm manager Scott Crawford provided a copy of the pump curve for the Westbank River pumping station on June 11, 2026, stating all four pumps are the same.

**Figure 1: Westbank River pump curve provided June 11, 2026.**



***Proposed Use***

The Applicant requested an increase in the authorized instantaneous rate of diversion by 5.57 cfs with no increase in annual quantity for the irrigation of those same acres as Surface Water Certificate No. S3-28907. This application originally proposed the irrigation of 1054 non-additive acres. Subsequently, S3-28907 was certificated for 1044.9 acres. Therefore, the place of use under this water right will issue for 1044.9 non-additive acres to be consistent with Certificate S3-28907.

A typical instantaneous recommendation when filing an application for irrigation is 10 gpm per acre. Under S3-28907, the Applicant can irrigate a little over half that at 5.15 gpm, per acre. An additional 5.57 cfs (2500 gpm) would provide an added 2.4 gpm per acre, with a total of 7.55 gpm per acre. The request for 5.57 cfs appears reasonable.

## Other Rights Associated with Project or Place of Use

Ecology records were reviewed for existing water right certificates, permits, and claims within the project and the surrounding area. The search focused primarily in Sections 15, 21, and 22 within T. 9 N., R. 31 E.W.M. Table 2 below provides the attributes of the overlapping certificates, and permit associated with this project and place of use:

**Table 2: Overlapping certificates and permit associated with the place of use.**

| RECORD NUMBER | PURPOSE | RATE of DIVERSION (cfs) or WITHDRAWAL (gpm) | ANNUAL QUANTITY (ac-ft/yr) | PERIOD OF USE | ACRES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S3-28907 Certificate | Irrigation | 12 cfs | 3687.5 | 3/1 – 10/31 | 1044.9 **total** (404.9 additive 640 non-additive) |
| G3-28237 Permit | Irrigation | 2250 gpm | 2560 | Seasonal | 640 |
| R3-30370 Certificate | Irrigation water storage[1] | 0 | 128.4 Storage only | 1/1 – 12/31 | 0 |

*****Reservoir Water Certificate No. R3-30370[1] is a secondary permit to Surface Water Certificate No. S3-28907 and Groundwater Permit No. G3-28237 that provide water for the reservoir.
******Please note Surface Water Application No. S3-29391 – Flat Top Ranch was denied. Please see decision under S3-29391.
*******Groundwater Application No. G3-30113 has not been processed.

*The validity and extent of the above listed overlapping water rights are not determined in this report.*

# ANALYSIS

Under Washington State law (RCW 90.03.290), each of the following four criteria must be met for an application for a new water right permit to be approved:

- Water must be available for appropriation.
- Water diversion and use must not cause impairment of existing water rights.
- The proposed water use must be beneficial.
- Water use must not be detrimental to public interest (public welfare).

## Water Availability

For any new appropriation, water must be both physically and legally available.

***Physical Availability***
For water to be physically available for appropriation, water must be present in quantities and quality and on a sufficiently frequent basis to provide a reasonably reliable source for the requested beneficial use or uses. An analysis of physical availability is required for both surface water and groundwater applications.

***Legal Availability***
To meet the legal availability test, the proposed appropriation may not divert and use water that is already "spoken for", such as water from sources that are protected by administrative rule or court order.

The proposed source is the Snake River. The applicant proposes to divert an additive instantaneous quantity of 5.57 cfs with non-additive annual quantity. Meaning the request is non-consumptive since only the rate of withdrawal will increase with this request. This part of the Snake River, which is part of McNary Pool, is anticipated to have adequate capacity available for the proposed increase to the instantaneous diversion. No active Statute or Rule prohibits non-consumptive use from the Snake River. Therefore, water is both physically and legally available for the proposed appropriation as there will be no increase in the overall annual quantity.

## Impairment

In analyzing impairment, Ecology must make a determination as to whether existing water rights, including adopted instream flows, may be impaired by the diversion and proposed use.

The applicant proposes to divert an additive instantaneous quantity of 5.57 cfs with non-additive annual quantity. Meaning the request is non-consumptive since only the rate of withdrawal will increase with this request. Because the annual quantity will not increase, it is anticipated the increased instantaneous diversion will only allow for a more efficient irrigation system and will not impair other water rights.

The portion of the Snake River within the McNary Pool is anticipated to have adequate capacity without negatively affecting existing water rights, since only the rate of withdrawal increases. In the unforeseen event the increased instantaneous causes impairment to existing rights including instream flows under WAC 173-563-040 and 050, it will be regulated accordingly.

## Beneficial Use

Irrigation is considered a beneficial use of water under RCW 90.54.020(1).

## Public Interest

The diversion and associated use must not be detrimental to the public interest. At a minimum, the following are considered when making this assessment.

***Notification to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife***
Per RCW 90.03.280 and 77.57.020, Ecology must give notice to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) of applications to divert, withdraw, use, or store water.

WDFW was provided notice of this water right application on March 17, 2025. WDFW responded on December 16, 2025, via email with an attached letter dated December 16, 2025. In the letter, WDFW recommended denial of this water right. However, in a follow up phone conversation with Steve Boessow, Water Rights Biologist, he had no concern with this water right application as there was no increase in annual quantity.

This permit for surface water diversion may require compliance with state Hydraulic Code (Chapter 77.55 RCW) and is required to meet fish screening statutes (Chapter 77.57 RCW). Please see WDFW permitting page and consult with the appropriate Habitat Biologist according to the contact map. For information on screens, please contact staff specialists by sending an email to fishscreening@dfw.wa.gov. If the links provided do not work, please contact our Help Desk between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday at: (360) 902-2422 or APPS.Help@dfw.wa.gov.

***State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)***

Under chapter 197-11 WAC, a water right application is subject to a SEPA threshold determination (i.e., an evaluation of whether there will be significant adverse environmental impacts) if any of the following conditions are met:

- It is a surface water right application for more than 1 cfs, unless that project is for agricultural irrigation, in which case the threshold is increased to 50 cfs, so long as that irrigation project will not receive public subsidies;
- It is a groundwater right application for more than 2,250 gpm;
- It is an application that, in combination with other water right applications for the same project, collectively exceed the amounts above;
- 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);
- 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.

Considering that none of the above conditions are met, the application under review is categorically exempt from a SEPA threshold determination.

***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 stored, diverted, and used.

Notice of this application was published once a week, for two consecutive weeks (beginning March 30, 2017, and April 6, 2017), in the *Tri-City Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation, in Franklin County.

There has been no public expression of protests or letters of concern regarding this application. The proposed use is considered non-consumptive in nature since no additional annual quantity is authorized and only the rate of withdrawal will increase with this request.

This investigation indicates the proposed diversion and associated use are not detrimental to public interest (public welfare).

## Conclusions

I find that:

- Water is physically and legally available.
- The appropriation will not impair existing rights.
- The proposed irrigation is a beneficial use.
- Approval of this application will not be detrimental to the public interest.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### Recommended Quantities, Purpose of Use, and Project Location

The rate and quantity of water recommended are maximum limits. The permit holder may only divert water at a rate and quantity within the specified limits that are reasonable and beneficial:

**Table 3. Recommended Limits and Location**

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|---|---|
| **Maximum Instantaneous Rate (cfs)** | 5.57 |
| **Maximum Annual Quantity (ac-ft/yr)** | 0 |
| **Purpose(s) of Use** | Irrigation |
| **Point of Diversion** | SW¼SW¼, Section 21, Township 9 North, Range 31 E.W.M. |
| **Place of Use** | See pages 1 and 2 |

Shannon E Adams

*Report Writer*

September 18, 2026
*Date*

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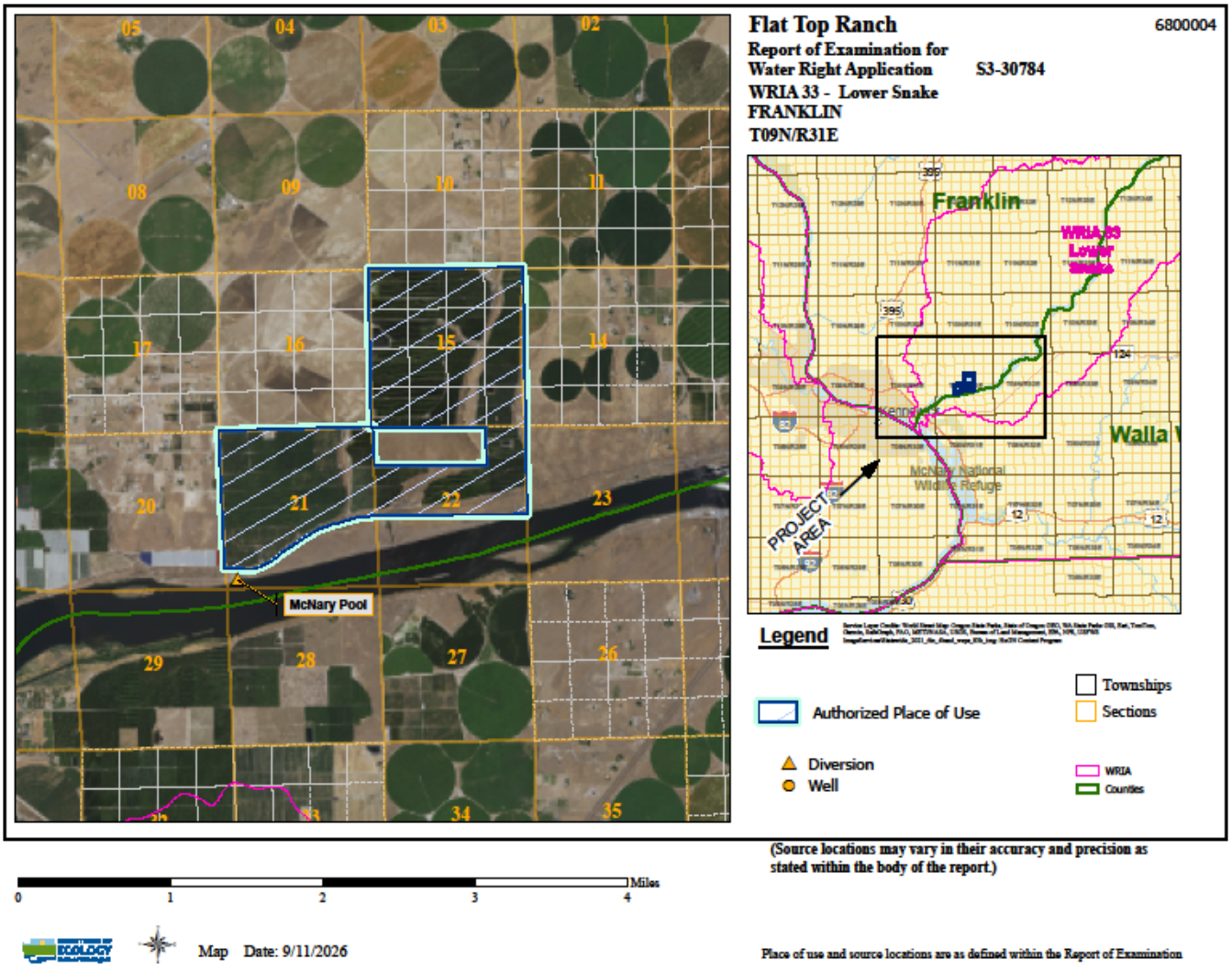
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