

WATER TRANSFER WORKING GROUP PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APPLICATION NO./COURT CLAIM NO.: Court Claim No. 00366		
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DATE OF APPLICATION: 1/30/2017	PRIORITY DATE: May 24, 1884
WATER SOURCE: Wilson Creek	CROP: n/a
INSTANTANEOUS QUANTITY: 1.75 cfs	ANNUAL QUANTITY: 350
PERIOD OF USE: April 1-October 31	
PLACE OF USE: instream flows Wilson Creek, Yakima River, Columbia River	PURPOSE OF USE: Instream flow and mitigation
IRRIGATION METHOD: n/a	

CONSUMPTIVE USE CALCULATION:

Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) determined a consumptive use calculation of 113 AF/year (see Record of Examination, CS4-00366CTCLsb9@1).

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

WSDOT acquired Court Claim #00366 in October 2009. This water right was confirmed in the Conditional Final Order issued in Subbasin No. 9 (Wilson-Nanum), dated April 17, 2006.

Between 2009 through 2015, WSDOT received approvals by the Yakima Superior Court, the Water Transfer Working Group (Applications 2009-20, 2010-04 and 2016-16) and Ecology (main: ROE CS4-00366CTCLsb9@; Temporary use S4-25746) to change the purpose and place of use of the original water right to instream flows through October, 2019 and temporarily use 60 AF/YR through November 2021 via withdrawals from Keechelus Lake to support the Interstate 90 construction project (i.e., dust control, embankment compaction, road materials and processing and equipment washout; and landscape /mitigation site watering) and/or future WSDOT construction or maintenance activities within the Yakima Basin. The place of use was generally the Interstate 90 corridor between Hyak and Easton.

WSDOT and Ecology entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to hold this water right in the Trust Water Rights Program (TWRP) for ten-years, which requires an extension in 2019. The water right was also assigned to the USBR-Ecology Water Storage and Exchange Contract (#09XX101700).

Preliminary proposed change: WSDOT requires new additional points of diversion/withdrawal from Yakima River, Kachess River and temporary wells. The only viable location for a Yakima River diversion is via FS 5400 bridge which is access to the WA State Crystal Springs SnoPark leased to WSDOT during the summer months. Access to a Kachess River diversion would occur within the existing interstate ROW near the I-90 bridge crossings. Temporary wells may be drilled at various staging/stockpile/contractor use sites, all with the interstate ROW or USFS sites near the highway project that are used by WSDOT. Priority locations are at the median west of Easton and near interchanges where contractor staging/stockpiling would occur.

The trust donation and agreement, and place of use would remain the same. We are requesting feedback if there are any issues with the potential new diversion/withdrawal locations.

See attached project vicinity map for additional information.

