

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF PERMIT NO. 63-33261)
IN THE NAME OF KELLY STEPHENS)
_____))

**PRELIMINARY ORDER DENYING
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME**

This matter having come before the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") as a request for additional time to submit proof of beneficial use, the Department finds, concludes and orders:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 15, 2014, the Department issued Permit No. 63-33261 ("Permit") in the name of Kelly Stephens ("Permit Holder") authorizing the diversion of 0.2 cubic feet per second (cfs) of ground water for irrigation use in the SE¼SE¼ of Section 9, Township 01 North, Range 01 East, B.M., Ada County. A condition of permit approval required the Permit Holder to submit proof of beneficial use of water to the Department on or before October 1, 2019.
2. On July 31, 2019, the Department notified the Permit Holder by certified mail that proof of beneficial use was due and instructed the Permit Holder of the steps to be taken to submit a *Statement of Completion for Submitting Proof of Beneficial Use* ("Proof"), or a *Request for Extension of Time* ("Extension Request").
3. On September 30, 2019, the permit holder filed an Extension Request with the Department. The Permit Holder described the work completed as "none since well was drilled and pump installed", and states the reason for delay as "cost – lack of financial resources to proceed further."
4. On October 25, 2019, the Department requested additional information from the Permit Holder via email to support their request for extension of time. The email stated that no response within fourteen (14) days would result in a denial. The Department has not received a response from the Permit Holder.
5. On March 6, 2020, the Department sent a letter to the Permit Holder requesting information to support their request for extension of time. The letter stated that no response within fourteen (14) days would result in a denial. The Department has not received a response from the Permit Holder.

APPLICABLE STATUTES

Idaho Code § 42-204 states, in pertinent part:

Every holder of a permit which shall be issued under the terms and conditions of an application filed hereafter appropriating twenty-five (25) cubic feet or less per second must, within (1) year from the date upon which said permit issues from the office of the department of water resources, commence the excavation or construction of the works by which he intends to divert the water, and must prosecute the work diligently and uninterruptedly to completion, unless temporarily interrupted through no fault of the holder of such permit by circumstances, over which he had no control.

Idaho Code § 42-204(6) states, in pertinent part:

In all other situations . . . the department may grant one (1) extension of time, not exceeding five (5) years beyond the date originally set for completion of works and application of the water to full beneficial use . . . provided good cause appears therefor.

. . . The holder of any permit who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section within the time or times specified shall be deemed to have abandoned all rights under his permit.

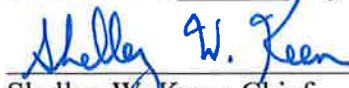
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Permit Holder has not commenced excavation or construction of the diverting works or worked diligently on the project as required by Idaho Code § 42-204.
2. The Permit Holder has not demonstrated good cause for an extension, as required by Idaho Code § 42-204(6).
3. The Department should deny the Extension Request because the Permit Holder did not meet the commencement of construction, reasonable diligence, and good cause requirements.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Extension Request filed on September 30, 2019, for Permit No. 63-33261 in the name of Kelly Stephens is **DENIED**.

DATED this 5th day of May, 2020.


Shelley W. Keen, Chief
Water Allocation Bureau

RECEIVED

SEP 30 2019

DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCESSTATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

\$50 fee

Received by DABReceipt No. C187786Date 9/30/2019

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

to provide additional time in which to submit proof of beneficial use for a water right permit

The Idaho Department of Water Resources will consider this form a request that the permit holder(s) be granted an additional period of time under the provisions of Section 42-204, Idaho Code, in which to complete development of a water right and file proof of beneficial use of water. There is a **FILING FEE of \$50.00** to be included with this form when filed with IDWR.

Permit no. 63-33261 Date proof is due 10-1-19Name(s) of permit holder(s) Kelly StephensMailing address 18601 S. Cloverdale RD City Kuna State ID Zip 83634Telephone no. 208 703-1550 Email kdworldtravels@gmail.com

Describe what work has been completed toward the development of this water right:

If no work has been completed, show "none".

none since well was drilled and pump installed

Costing \$ _____

DENIED

The permit holder(s) has been unable to complete the remainder of the work for the following reasons:

cost - lack of financial resources to proceed furtherPermit holder(s) request an extension for 5 year(s).

Signature (If other than permit holder, Power of Attorney must be supplied)

Date

9-26-19

ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Department has reviewed the explanation for delay and concludes the reason(s) for delay meets the requirements for approval of the Request for Extension of Time as provided by Section(s) 42-204 and/or 42-218, Idaho Code.

☐ **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the permit is **REINSTATED** with the priority date advanced to _____, 20____.

☐ **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above request for extension of time is **APPROVED**, and the time within which to submit proof of beneficial use is extended to _____, 20____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Shelley W. Keen, Chief
Water Allocation Bureau



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GARY SPACKMAN
Director

May 7, 2020

KELLY STEPHENS
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RE: Permit No. 63-33261

Dear Permit Holder:

The Department acknowledges receipt of your request for extension of time (extension request) for the permit referenced above. The Department will not grant an additional extension for this permit based on good cause or due diligence according to Idaho Code § 42-204(6).

Enclosed is a copy of an Order Denying Request for Extension of Time issued in response to the extension request you filed with the Department for this permit. The accompanying order is a **preliminary order** issued by the Department pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5243. It can and will become a final order without further action of the Department unless a party (1) petitions for reconsideration within fourteen days after the service date of the preliminary order, or (2) requests a hearing within fifteen days after the service date of the preliminary order. These remedies are further described in the attached information sheet.

LAPSE NOTICE

You are hereby notified that under the provision of Idaho Code § 42-218a, the above referenced **permit has lapsed and is of no further force nor effect**. The permit may be reinstated according to Idaho Code § 42-218a (1) if you submit an acceptable proof of beneficial use (proof statement) to the department within sixty days of the mailing of this lapse notice. An acceptable proof statement submittal must include the examination fee or a completed field examination report prepared by a certified water right examiner. **A proof statement may be submitted for all or any portion of the permitted use which has been established during the development period from September 15, 2014 to October 1, 2019.**

After 60 days of this lapse notice the permit may only be reinstated according to Idaho Code § 42-218a (2) including a reasonable cause for the delay, a reinstatement fee of \$250.00 and a report prepared by a certified water right examiner clearly confirming the extent of beneficial use of water during the development period of the permit. The permit priority date will be advanced to the date an acceptable proof statement is received.

If you cannot meet the requirements explained above to reinstate this permit, you may be able to apply for a new water right permit or seek other remedies. Please contact our regional office in your area for information related to new appropriations or other options. Department forms are available from any Department office or at the Department's website at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



Shelley Keen, Chief
Water Allocation Bureau

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on **May 7, 2020** I mailed a true and correct copy, postage prepaid, of the foregoing PRELIMINARY ORDER (**PRELIMINARY ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**) to the person listed below:

RE: Preliminary Order in the Matter of Permit No. **63-33261**

**KELLY STEPHENS
18601 S CLOVERDALE RD
KUNA ID 83634**



Jean Hersley
Technical Records Specialist

EXPLANATORY INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY A PRELIMINARY ORDER

(To be used in connection with actions when a hearing was **not** held)

(Required by Rule of Procedure 730.02)

The accompanying order or approved document is a "**Preliminary Order**" issued by the department pursuant to section 67-5243, Idaho Code. **It can and will become a final order without further action of the Department of Water Resources ("department") unless a party petitions for reconsideration, files an exception and brief, or requests a hearing as further described below:**

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of a preliminary order with the department within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order. **Note: the petition must be received by the department within this fourteen (14) day period.** The department will act on a petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See Section 67-5243(3) Idaho Code.

EXCEPTIONS AND BRIEFS

Within fourteen (14) days after: (a) the service date of a preliminary order, (b) the service date of a denial of a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, or (c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration from this preliminary order, any party may in writing support or take exceptions to any part of a preliminary order and may file briefs in support of the party's position on any issue in the proceeding with the Director. Otherwise, this preliminary order will become a final order of the agency.

REQUEST FOR HEARING

Unless a right to a hearing before the Department or the Water Resource Board is otherwise provided by statute, any person aggrieved by any final decision, determination, order or action of the Director of the Department and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for a hearing on the matter may request a hearing pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code. A written petition contesting the action of the Director and requesting a hearing shall be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the denial or conditional approval.

ORAL ARGUMENT

If the Director grants a petition to review the preliminary order, the Director shall allow all parties an opportunity to file briefs in support of or taking exceptions to the preliminary order and may schedule oral argument in the matter before issuing a final order. If oral arguments are to be heard, the Director will within a reasonable time period notify each party of the place, date and hour for the argument of the case. Unless the Director orders otherwise, all oral arguments will be heard in Boise, Idaho.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

All exceptions, briefs, requests for oral argument and any other matters filed with the Director in connection with the preliminary order shall be served on all other parties to the proceedings in accordance with IDAPA Rules 37.01.01302 and 37.01.01303 (Rules of Procedure 302 and 303).

FINAL ORDER

The Director will issue a final order within fifty-six (56) days of receipt of the written briefs, oral argument or response to briefs, whichever is later, unless waived by the parties or for good cause shown. The Director may remand the matter for further evidentiary hearings if further factual development of the record is necessary before issuing a final order. The department will serve a copy of the final order on all parties of record.

Section 67-5246(5), Idaho Code, provides as follows:

Unless a different date is stated in a final order, the order is effective fourteen (14) days after its service date if a party has not filed a petition for reconsideration. If a party has filed a petition for reconsideration with the agency head, the final order becomes effective when:

- (a) The petition for reconsideration is disposed of; or
- (b) The petition is deemed denied because the agency head did not dispose of the petition within twenty-one (21) days.

APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER TO DISTRICT COURT

Pursuant to sections 67-5270 and 67-5272, Idaho Code, if this preliminary order becomes final, any party aggrieved by the final order or orders previously issued in this case may appeal the final order and all previously issued orders in this case to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

- i. A hearing was held,
- ii. The final agency action was taken,
- iii. The party seeking review of the order resides, or
- iv. The real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

The appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of this preliminary order becoming final. See section 67-5273, Idaho Code. The filing of an appeal to district court does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.



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March 6, 2020

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Re: Permit 63-33261 Request for Extension of Time

Dear Permit Holder:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") is processing your Request for Extension of Time to Submit Proof of Beneficial Use ("Extension") for the above referenced permit. Your permit authorizes irrigation of up to 10 acres from a ground water well. The Department can only grant an Extension request based on a determination that the permit holder is proceeding diligently to develop the water use permitted. Your responses on the Extension request form do not provide sufficient evidence to make that determination. The Department requires additional information to process your Extension request.

On the Extension form, you stated that you have done no work to develop this permit since the well was drilled and the pump was installed due to lack of financial resources. According to Department records, the well and pump were installed prior to approval of this permit. Condition #3 of the permit requires project construction to commence within one year of permit approval, in this case by 9/15/15. Construction of the well and putting the pump in place is a component of construction, but can you please confirm that you have made additional efforts to develop the 10 acres of irrigation. Have you cleared on land in advance of irrigation? Have you expanded your irrigation practices at all beyond the 0.5 acres allowed under the un-recorded domestic exempt water use you established prior to applying for permit 63-33261? Have you contacted pump installers to receive bids for a larger pump (if needed) for the increased irrigation? These activities or potentially others will likely meet the permit requirement to commence construction within one year of permit approval.

Please provide additional information confirming you commenced construction of your project and are proceeding diligently to complete the project. If additional information is not received within the next 14 days, the Department will pursue a denial of your Extension request and issue a lapse notice for your permit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 208-287-4920.

Sincerely,

Debbi Judd
Technical Records Specialist