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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Subject: Request Extension of Time to Complete Transfer T-86977 (Water Rights 31-3250, 31-2362, 31-7301, 31-11230, 31-11231)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wishes to submit the form for Extension of Time to complete transfer T-86977. The additional time is needed to complete the proposed wells due to a variety of unforeseen site conditions and associated construction delays. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has incurred over \$500,000.00 in additional construction costs associated with well drilling operations. In addition, due to supply chain issues associated with electrical components, Rocky Mountain Power has been unable to secure the necessary transformers to provide the needed power for the new wells.

Please accept this Extension of Time form for transfer T-86977. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at Rachel_Esralew@fws.gov, or at (503) 231-2395.

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Rachel Esralew,
Water Resources Branch Chief, Supervisory Hydrologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
911 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232-4181

Attachments:

(1) Request for Extension of Time to Complete Transfer Form

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COLUMBIA-PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

Idaho, Montana*, Oregon*, Washington

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**INTERIOR REGION 12
Pacific Islands**

American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO COMPLETE TRANSFER

The holder of the water rights listed below requests an additional period of time in which to accomplish change(s) authorized by approval of

Application for Transfer of Water Right(s) No. T-86977 approved on May 26, 2023.

Water Right No(s). 31-2350, 31-2362, 31-7301, 31-11230, 31-11231

Number of Year(s) Authorized in which to Accomplish Change(s) X (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Number of Additional Year(s) Requested in which to Accomplish Change(s) (1) X (2) (3) (4)

(Not to exceed 5 years total from date of the approval.)

Name(s) of Right Holder: U.S Fish and Wildlife Service

(If not the right holder of record, submit a Notice of Change of Water Right Ownership, appropriate fee and documentation.)

Mailing Address: 911 NE 11th Avenue

City Portland

State OR Zip 97232-4128

Phone No.: (503) 231-2395

Email: Rachel_Esralew@fws.gov

Explain why additional time to complete transfer is needed and show a reasonable cause for the delay:

The additional time is needed to complete the proposed wells due to a variety of unforeseen site conditions and associated construction delays. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has incurred over \$500,000.00 in additional construction costs associated with unforeseen site conditions. In addition, due to supply chain issues associated with electrical components, Rocky Mountain Power has been unable to secure the necessary transformers to provide the needed power for the new wells. Costing \$ 500,000.00

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(Signature) If other than right holder, Date: 20240422 12:02:57 -0700

(Date)

ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Department approved the above referenced Application for Transfer with a condition that it be completed within 1 year(s).

The right holder has notified the Department that the transfer has not yet been accomplished.

The right holder has requested an extension of time for completion of the transfer and has shown reasonable cause for the delay.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED that the right holder of Transfer No. 86977 is granted an extension to May 26, 2026 in which to accomplish the transfer. IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that this extension does not stay the accumulation of the 5 year period associated with forfeiture of a water right for non-use.

OR Extension is not granted. (See correspondence in water right file.)

Signed this

7th

day of

May

, 2024.

