

Tina Kotek, Governor

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Nathan Seable
OPRD Wolf Creek Inn
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sent by email only

**Re: Well (PR#160-2025)
OPRD Wolf Creek Inn (PWS ID#91037)
Site Plan Evaluation**

Dear Nathan Seable:

Thank you for your submittal to the Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Services (DWS) of information for the proposed well at the OPRD Wolf Creek Inn public water system. On February 10th, 2025, DWS received drawings, proposed well construction information and a plan review fee of \$825.

The project includes drilling a new well on the southwest side of the Wolf Creek Inn, within the parking lot. The work will include the well construction and new water line construction to connect the well to the distribution system. The work will be performed on the Wolf Creek Inn property located in Wolf Creek, Oregon.

The proposed well does not meet required property line setback requirements per OAR 333-061-0050(2)(a)(B). Due to the setback and radius of control issue, **the site plan/location cannot be approved at this time**. A waiver for the property line setback cannot be approved prior to drilling the well. If the well is properly drilled into a confined aquifer, then DWS may be able to waive the requirement. If the well is not drilled into a confined aquifer, then DWS may not be able to final approve the well for use by the public water system.

The regional DWS geologist has reviewed the proposed well construction and provided the following comments for reference:

"The proposed well will have a 6 inch well casing to a depth of approximately 38.5 feet and

will be sealed to that same depth. A 4 inch PVC liner will be installed to a depth of 260 feet and screened from 260-300 feet in depth.”

“The well shall be sealed according to OAR 690-210-0150 or the applicable standard. The area has documented fecal contamination and OAR 690-210-0100 is applicable. The water system was notified of nearby wells constructed in a similar manner with documented contamination and recommended to consider the potential for a deeper well seal (refer to attached map).”

“Wells in the area appear to produce from volcanoclastic rocks of Jurassic Age. The aquifer appears to be confined based on the rise in static water level compared to initial water bearing zones documented in neighboring well logs.”

Due to the setback issue, the proposed well location cannot be approved at this time. If a properly constructed confined aquifer well is drilled, please submit:

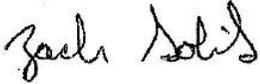
1. The well driller’s report (well log).
2. A waiver request for the above noted setback issues, as appropriate.
3. Well pumping test information including static water level, pumping rate, drawdown and rate of recovery.
4. Pump information.
5. Raw (Untreated) Water Quality Data including coliform bacteria, IOCs (including nitrate, nitrite and arsenic), SOCs, VOCs and radionuclides. These are to be taken from the new well’s raw water sample tap at the wellhead.
6. Engineered plans that show the above-well structure detail including the well house, concrete slab, drainage, pump-to-waste piping and plans and specifications for reconnection of the well to the water system.
7. A copy of the Water Right Permit from WRD, if a water right permit is required.

Once complete, the as-built work should be reviewed in conjunction with contractors to ensure the applicable construction standards in OAR 333-061-0050 have been met. Provide as-built information for the well and associated work with projects conditional approval review.

The above items should reference Plan Review #160-2025 and can be emailed to me at zachariah.cunningham-golik@oha.oregon.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 541-231-9077.

Sincerely,



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