

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF STATEMENT OF HISTORICAL USE**

**GWS-12A (9/2016)**

Please type or print legibly in black or blue ink. Applications may be faxed, mailed or submitted by email to: [dwrpermitsonline@state.co.us](mailto:dwrpermitsonline@state.co.us)  
**Incomplete forms are not acceptable and will be returned. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.** For additional information concerning filing online please go to the DWR Website at: [www.water.state.co.us](http://www.water.state.co.us)

Certain wells not previously registered or permitted may be registered pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-602(5) or 37-90-105(4). The wells must have been constructed and put to beneficial use prior to May 8, 1972. The types of wells that may be registered are identified as follows:

- 1) Wells not exceeding fifteen gpm which are used for ordinary household purposes, fire protection, the watering of poultry, domestic animals and livestock on farms and ranches, the irrigation of not over one acre of home gardens and lawns, but not used for more than three single family dwellings.
- 2) Wells not exceeding fifty gpm which were in production as of May 22, 1971, and were and are currently used for purposes not exceeding those described in (1) above.
- 3) Wells not exceeding fifteen gpm, which are used for drinking and sanitary facilities in individual commercial businesses.
- 4) Wells used exclusively for fire-fighting purposes if the wells are capped, locked and are used only in fighting fires.
- 5) Wells within Designated Groundwater Basins may be registered provided they do not exceed 50 gpm and are used for not more than three single family dwellings and the irrigation of not over one acre of home gardens and lawns, the watering of livestock on range and pasture, or use in one commercial business.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not the existing well was previously registered or permitted you may contact our Records Section at 303-866-3581 for assistance with well permit research.

**This form is to be submitted with the Registration of Existing Well form (GWS-12)**

The **Well Owner** is to complete this form. **Attach additional sheets if more space is needed to explain an answer.**

The well location must match the location indicated on the Registration of Existing Well form (GWS-12).

Describe the existing well location, condition, and construction to the best of your knowledge.

Enter the historical use of this well. The area of **home** lawn and/or garden irrigation (not to include crop or pasture irrigation) may be indicated in square feet or as a fraction of an acre (up to a maximum one (1) acre). One acre is equivalent to 43,560 square feet. The claimed historical use must have been initiated prior to May 8, 1972. The location of the historical use must be identified with street address and/or subdivision name/lot/block/filing as applicable. If the future place of use is different than the historical place of use, you must also identify the proposed future place of use.

Uses not initiated prior to May 8, 1972, or any expansion of use that occurred after May 8, 1972 are not eligible for registration. If the claimed uses have not been in continuous use since May 8, 1972, you must identify the dates when the well was used for the claimed uses. Uses that have not occurred for ten (10) or more continuous years are considered abandoned and cannot be registered.

Only the uses identified in the beginning of the instructions above are potentially eligible for registration. Other uses such as crop irrigation, filling a pond, industrial, municipal, etc., are not eligible for registration. If you are applying for a permit to use an existing well that was not used prior to May 8, 1972, use either the Residential (GWS-44) or General Purpose Water Well Permit Application (GWS-45), as applicable, and the Post-Construction Well Inspection Report (GWS-68).

**The owner of the well must sign the form.** If **signing as a representative of a company** who owns the well, you must also indicate your title.

It is the responsibility of the well owner completing this form to have knowledge of the historical use of this well. If you do not have knowledge of the use of this well since May 8, 1972, it is your responsibility to research and determine the historical use of the well to support the historical use claims made herein.

If you have any questions, contact the Denver office or the Division office where your well is located. Water Divisions and offices are based on major river drainage areas. For example, the Division 1 office administers the South Platte River Basin.

<p><b>Division 1</b> 810 9<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 200 Greeley, CO 80631 (970) 352-8712 Fax (970) 392-1816</p>	<p><b>Division 2</b> 310 E. Abriendo Ave., Ste. B Pueblo, CO 81004 (719) 542-3368 Fax (719) 544-0800</p>	<p><b>Division 3</b> 301 Murphy Drive Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-6683 Fax (719) 589-6685</p>	<p><b>Division 4</b> 2730 Commercial Way Montrose, CO 81401 (970) 249-6622</p>
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**STATEMENT OF HISTORICAL USE**  
 Review form instructions prior to completing form  
**This form is to be submitted with the Registration of Existing Well form, GWS-12**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do state as follows: I am the owner of a well located in the  
 (print name of well owner)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4, Sec. \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_  N. or  S., Range \_\_\_\_\_  E. or  W, \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Water Court case no. \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable), Owner's well designation (well name) \_\_\_\_\_

Location of well (street address - if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of well (subdivision name/lot/block/filing – if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Is historical use on same parcel as where well is located? \_\_\_ Yes/ \_\_\_ No. If no, provide location where well is used  
 (address/subdivision name/lot/block/filing): \_\_\_\_\_

Size of parcel where well is located \_\_\_\_\_ acres. Will this be the only well on the parcel? \_\_\_ Yes/ \_\_\_ No. If no, list permit number(s)  
 or water court decree case number(s) for other well(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Will future use be on same parcel as historical? \_\_\_ Yes/ \_\_\_ No. If no, provide new location (address/subdivision name /lot/block/filing)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Existing well location and visual conditions:** If stating no, must include an explanation of the circumstances.

Type of existing well (circle one): drilled; hand dug; spring well; gallery well; gravel pit; other \_\_\_\_\_

Distance to nearest septic tank/sewer line (approximate) \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Distance to nearest leach field (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

Is the well in a clean and sanitary location? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the ground at the surface surrounding the well firm and stable and sloped away from the well for proper drainage? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the well situated in a well house or vault? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, is the well house or vault in good repair and condition? \_\_\_\_\_

**Existing well construction and materials:** If stating no, must include an explanation of the circumstances.

Is the well equipped with a sanitary well seal/cap? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the well constructed with steel casing that extends at least one (1) foot above the ground surface? \_\_\_\_\_

Casing size (diameter) \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

Who constructed well? \_\_\_\_\_ Who installed pump? \_\_\_\_\_

**Historical use initiated prior to May 8, 1972**

The well identified above has been used since prior to May 8, 1972 as the water supply for the following exempt uses listed in § 37-92-602, C.R.S. (or § 37-90-105, C.R.S., in a Designated Ground Water Basin):

- a) Ordinary household use inside \_\_\_\_\_ single-family dwelling(s) (maximum of 3 single family dwellings);
- b) The irrigation of \_\_\_\_\_ acre/square feet (circle one) of home gardens and lawns (maximum of one acre - one acre is equivalent to 43,560 square feet);
- c) The watering of domestic animals/poultry \_\_\_ yes/\_\_\_ no; livestock on a farm or ranch \_\_\_ yes/ \_\_\_ no

OR (above uses cannot be combined with commercial uses)

- d) Drinking and sanitary facilities inside an individual commercial business \_\_\_ yes/ \_\_\_ no (If commercial use claimed, Form GWS-57, Commercial drinking and sanitary well worksheet, must also be completed and submitted.)

(Note: Commercial wells in a Designated Ground Water Basin may also include outside uses.)

Have the above claimed uses been in continuous use since May 8, 1972? \_\_\_ Yes/ \_\_\_ No. If no, for each claimed use, list dates when this well supplied the above claimed uses: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that uses that were not initiated prior to May 8, 1972 are not eligible for registration and any expansion of use that occurred after May 8, 1972 is not eligible for registration. Additionally, I understand that if the well has not been operational or has not existed for a period of at least ten (10) years, the well is not eligible for registration.

The making of false statements herein constitutes perjury in the second degree, which is punishable as a class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to C.R.S. 23-3-104(13)(a). I have read the statements herein, know the contents thereof, and state they are true to my knowledge.

Sign or Enter Name of Well Owner(s)  _____ _____	Print Name and Title of Well Owner(s)  _____ _____	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)  _____ _____
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