

Running commentary

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If the first few days of the U.S. Olympic Trials are any indication of the superb quality of the American track and field athletes, the remainder of the meet, which began July 1 and concludes July 10, should be equally dazzling.

I met with decathlete Ashton Eaton's high school coach and mentor Tate Metcalf and his wife, Aimee, on day one of the decathlon, Saturday, July 2. Word on the street and in the press hinted that Ashton Eaton was dealing with some minor injuries and his coach Harry Marra made it clear that Eaton had no intention of improving on his world record in Eugene. The goal was to get through the meet in one piece, with the real focus on the Rio Olympics in mid-August.

Eaton followed the plan well through the first five events. Metcalf said, "He is playing it smart simply wanting to make it to Rio unscathed."

Eaton was still the leader in total points after day one, which points to his level of talent. Not many athletes could perform "conservatively" and still be winning.

An added bonus for Metcalf was the late addition of Mitch Modin to the field of decathletes. Modin, a junior at the University of Oregon, also attended Mountain View High School, where Tate coached.

"A spot opened up and the meet organizers wanted to have a full field of 16 athletes, so Mitch accepted the invitation," Metcalf said.

Modin made the best of an unbelievable opportunity, finishing seventh overall thanks to consistent efforts in all 10 events, including three personal bests.

Eaton, of course, repeated as the champion, but it was not without some struggle. After dominating the field in the 110 hurdles, despite a sore hamstring, Eaton fouled his first attempt in the discus and had a poor mark on his second attempt. He pulled things together with his final throw and held off the challengers for the time being. The pole vault brought another challenge as Zach Ziemek, who finished third to also qualify for the Olympics, cleared 17 feet 2-3/4 inches in the pole vault to move closer to Eaton.

But in true "world's best" form, Eaton also cleared the height on his final attempt to underscore his position as the one to beat. His reaction after landing in the pit, pumping his fist in front of a wildly



PHOTO BY CHARLIE KANZIG

Ashton Eaton shows his passion after making a pole vault.

appreciative crowd, was his most demonstrative moment of the meet.

"He was controlled overall, but he certainly showed his world-class gamesmanship and sportsmanship throughout the meet," said Metcalf. "He could have jogged through the final event, the 1,500, but his respect for himself, the fans, and the other competitors wouldn't allow for that."

As for Modin, Metcalf couldn't have been happier. "He seized on the opportunity that was given to him. When an athlete is relaxed and does not have undue pressure they do their best. It was his hometown track. He was having fun."

I ran into some Sisters track fans Sunday, including Sue and Jim Beck, Sally Taylor, Chris Ambrose, and Dan Stewart, all of whom seemed to be soaking in the electric atmosphere and the elite level of completion.

Ambrose bought a book from John Carlos, famous for his sprint medal in the 1968 Olympics and even better known for raising his black-gloved fist of protest on the podium. Sue Beck, a diehard Oregon fan, rejoiced in former Duck English Gardner's decisive win in the women's 100.

"What a great day to be a Duck!" she said.

Taylor said, "Being witness to the announcer saying numerous times 'fastest or highest or longest in the world this year' was great, and seeing the decathletes revel together in the steeplechase water pit during their traditional group lap was really cool."

Those of us in attendance got to see two men sailing over 28 feet in the long jump, which has never happened in a track meet before. We watched the grace and beauty of both an 18-year-old girl and a 32-year-old mother of three high jumping over

6 feet 5 inches to become Olympians. We saw former gold medalists handing over the reins to new young stars and we rubbed elbows with track and field luminaries signing autographs. We got to relish the experience of a number of current and former Oregon athletes qualifying for Rio. We even heard one former star sing the national anthem.

The sport of track and field is fascinating and it does not take much to become a fan. As I sat trackside trying to capture a decent photo of Ashton Eaton, a woman behind me asked her friend, "Who is that guy?"

She was pointing at Eaton.

I turned and gave her a quick explanation. World record-holder, four-time national champion, gold medalist, from Bend, Oregon. I also explained about the point chart for the decathlon and how the 10 events are split over two days.

She had never been to a track meet of any kind, but given a bit of context, and surrounded by excited fans, she could soon be heard cheering every pole vault clearance and groaning with every miss, just like the rest of the crowd.

That's why you should go to Eugene. The schedule for July 7-10 is filled with action. If you don't make it for the trials, keep in mind Eugene hosts the Diamond League Prefontaine Classic every spring and will be the site for the NCAA Championships again next year.

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NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF A QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY AND SOLICITING COMMENTS AND MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

(June 16, 2016)

On June 2, 2016, as supplemented on June 13, 2016, Three Sisters Irrigation District filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 (HREA). The proposed Watson Net Meter/Micro Hydroelectric Demonstration Facility would have an installed capacity of 198.6 kilowatts (kW), and would be located along the outlet pipe for an existing irrigation pipeline, the Watson McKenzie Main Canal South Pipe. The project would be located in the town of Sisters, Deschutes County, Oregon.

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FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, Phone No. (202) 502-6778, email: Christopher.Chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The proposed project would consist of: (1) a new powerhouse, approximately 20 feet by 40 feet, along the existing 24-inch-diameter outlet pipe of the 54-inch-diameter Watson McKenzie Main Canal South Pipe; (2) four new turbine/generating units with a total installed capacity of 198.6 kW; (3) four new, short intake pipes of variable diameters; (4) four new, short discharge pipes of variable diameters; (5) a discharge pool structure, approximately 13.5 feet by 25 feet, with two 36-inch-diameter outlet pipes to Watson Reservoir; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed project would have a total installed capacity of 198.6 kW.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all of the criteria shown in the table below.

Table 1: Criteria for Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility

Statutory Provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A), as amended by HREA	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i), as amended by HREA	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii), as amended by HREA	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 5 megawatts.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii), as amended by HREA	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed addition of the hydroelectric project along the existing irrigation pipeline will not alter its primary purpose. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the proposal satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria is **45 days** from the issuance date of this notice.

Deadline for filing motions to intervene is **30 days** from the issuance date of this notice.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the "COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff's preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant or such copies can be viewed and reproduced at the Commission in its Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (*i.e.*, CD16-13) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001–2005 (2015).