

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

In the Matter of the Proposed Short-Term        )     FINAL ORDER  
Lease of Existing Water Rights for Instream    )     WITHDRAWING INSTREAM  
Use, Deschutes County                            )     LEASE

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.348 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to lease an existing water right for instream purposes. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 077 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating instream lease applications.

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**Lessee**  
Deschutes River Conservancy  
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**Findings of Fact**

1. On June 8, 2015, the City of Sisters, Three Sisters Irrigation District, and the Deschutes River Conservancy filed a renewal application to lease the entirety Certificates 85392, 86826, 86828 for instream use.
2. On June 16, 2015, the Department provided notice of the lease application pursuant to OAR 690-077-0077(6). No comments were filed in response to this notice.
3. On July 17, 2015, the Department received a request from the Deschutes River Conservancy to withdraw the lease application.

**Conclusions of Law**

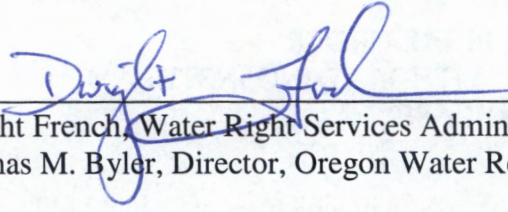
The Department concludes that this lease has been withdrawn and does not result in the protection of any instream flow pursuant to OAR 690-077-0077.

**Now, therefore it is ORDERED:**

This is a final order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

The Short-Term Lease application described herein is withdrawn.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 17 day of July, 2015.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for  
Thomas M. Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: July 21 2015

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