## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This checklist is intended to facilitate the Department of Water Resources' ("Department") processing of water rights transfer applications within the Deschutes Basin for the 2025 calendar year. The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon ("Tribe") has reviewed this checklist. The Tribe does not object to the Department's processing of any water rights transfer applications that meets a "Yes" of all applicable checklist items, and therefore satisfies the "Meets Requirements" category at the top of this checklist. When the checklist is so satisfied, the Department may process the application in accordance with applicable law, and the Department's customary practice.

Water rights transfer applications that meet all of the checklist criteria appear to present a low risk of injury to the Tribal Reserved Water Right as defined in the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation Water Rights Settlement Agreement, dated November 17, 1997, as amended. The Tribe does not waive its right to dispute or challenge any transfer application, whether or not they satisfy this checklist, on the basis that the transfer injures the Tribal Reserved Water Right or other federally-reserved water right held by the Tribe. The Tribe expressly reserves, and does not waive, all rights, claims, and defenses that it may possess in connection with the application, including, but not limited to, whether the application violates the Treaty of June 25, 1855, with the Tribes of Middle Oregon, 12 Stat. 963, or the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation Water Rights Settlement Agreement, dated November 17, 1997, as amended.

The Tribe further reserves the right to conduct additional analysis on any transfer that is submitted to the Department with a completed checklist. The Tribe reserves the right to consider, among other things, the risk of localized impacts, cumulative impacts, water quality, return flows, groundwater recharge, Habitat Conservation Plan flow augmentation agreements, water bank transactions, and additional analyses received from the Tribe's staff, Department, applicant, or third party.

A "temporary instream lease" is any instream lease lasting five (5) years or less.

 $This \ check list\ applies\ to\ surface\ water\ transfers\ only.\ This\ check list\ does\ not\ apply\ to\ groundwater\ transfers.$ 

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CTWS Low-Risk Transf	fer Che	cklist	Requirements
Patron Name/Applicant Name: North Unit Irrigation Dist Transfer Type: Instream Lease Transfer #: NUID Lease 2025-02 Review Date: 6/24/25			Meets Requirements:  Does Not Meet Requirements:  Checklist Completed By: A Ehrens - DRC
Water Right Transfer - Check Applicable Transfer Type			
Own Lands Transfer  Water Right Sale			
	YES	NO	Comments:
Transfer Within Same District Boundary On/Off Lands Balance On/Off Lands Within Five (5) Miles No Increase in Diversion Amount No Change in Type of use No Change in Point of Diversion or Appropriation On/Off Lands Served by Same Canal NOT a Multi-Step Transfer NOT a Mitigation Credit			Identify Canal:
Temporary Instream Lease	YES	NO	Comments:
Decrease in Diversion - Increased River Flows Transfer of Surface Water ONLY No Potential for Measurable Impact to Crooked River No Potential for Measurable Impact to Whychus Creek No Potential for Measurable Impact to Deschutes River			Instream lease - Deschutes water rt
Summary of Transfer: This is a one year lease of 10.3 acres of NUID D	eschutes I	River wa	ter rights.
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