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**Re: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Letter of Non-Objection to Sixteen (16) Transfer Applications**

Dear Mr. Giffin, Ms. Reece, and Ms. Henderson:

We represent the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (“Tribe”). The Department of Water Resources (“Department”) has provided the Tribe with certain information concerning several transfer applications. This letter pertains to the following transfer applications, which are further identified in **Appendix A** (the “Applications”) available at the following link: [https://www.imanageshare.com/#h11ik96vq/folder/4H44IKNWSGw0saldzuMVOpG\\_Dgqs-I7Q5ZaPpL2RaoU](https://www.imanageshare.com/#h11ik96vq/folder/4H44IKNWSGw0saldzuMVOpG_Dgqs-I7Q5ZaPpL2RaoU)

<b>Transfer Application</b>	<b>Transfer Applicant</b>
T-14309	Wanek Ranch LLC
T-14066	Big Falls Ranch Co
T-13939	Oregon Water Utilities Inc.
T-13575	Aspen Valley Ranch; Jim Wood
T-13897	Philip Knight
T-14208	Sigman Ranch LLC
T-13864	Lindberg
T-14214	Idleway Improvement Dist Inc
T-14366	Tumalo Irrigation Dist
T-12698	Tumalo Irrigation Dist
T-13665	Botug LLC
T-13686	Dice
T-13710	Desert Springs Ranch Lmtd Partnership
T-14071	Tumalo Town Dist Improvement Co
T-14283	Crabtree Endersby Ranch LLC
T-14336	Dry Fly Management Co for Big Falls Ranch

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The Tribe has reviewed the Applications. Based on that information, the Tribe does not object to the Department processing the Applications in accordance with applicable law, and the Department's customary practice. The Tribe expressly reserves, and does not waive, all rights, claims, and defenses that it may possess in connection with the Applications, including, but not limited to, whether the Applications violate 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.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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