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VIA E-MAIL ONLY: GEN@DESCHUTESRIVER.ORG

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Re: Three Sisters Irrigation District | Instream Leases

Dear Ms. Hubert:

We represent the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (“Tribe”). Deschutes River Conservancy (“DRC”), on behalf of Three Sisters Irrigation District (“TSID”), has provided the Tribe with certain information concerning several proposed instream leases identified in **Appendix A** hereto (collectively, the “Leases”), which Leases propose to lease water for instream purposes.

The Tribe has reviewed the information about the Leases provided by DRC. The Tribe has not reviewed the Leases themselves, and is instead relying in good faith upon the summary information provided by DRC. Based on that information, the Tribe does not object to the Department of Water Resources (“Department”) processing the Leases in accordance with applicable law, and the Department’s customary practice. The Tribe, however, expressly reserves, and does not waive, all rights, claims, and defenses that it may possess in connection with the Leases, including, but not limited to, whether the Leases 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,

Josh Newton
of BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

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