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VIA E-MAIL ONLY: GEN@DESCHUTESRIVER.ORG

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Re: Three Sisters Irrigation District Instream Lease Applications

Dear Ms. Hubert:

We represent the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (“Tribe”). Deschutes River Conservancy (“DRC”), on behalf of the Three Sisters Irrigation District (“TSID”), has provided the Tribe with certain information concerning three proposed instream leases on behalf of TSID, identified in **Appendix A**, **Appendix B**, and **Appendix C** hereto (collectively, the “Leases”).

The Tribe has reviewed the information about the Leases provided by DRC. The Tribe is relying in good faith upon the 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,

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