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September 29, 2006

Andy Fischer  
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Re: Central Oregon Irrigation District Conserved Water Application

Dear Andy;

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is writing in support of the conserved water application for the C-1 lateral piping project proposed for implementation in the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID).

It is ODFW's understanding that the piping project will result in piping of 1,680 feet of the COID C-1 lateral canal beginning at the point of diversion located in Bend at River Mile 165. The applicant and agent propose to transfer and protect 0.88 cfs (100%) of the conserved water instream from the point of diversion downstream to Lake Billy Chinook for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources. Flows would be protected from April 1 through November 1, during the normal irrigation season. This instream transfer will result in improved habitat for redband trout, brown trout, bull trout, summer steelhead and spring Chinook in the Deschutes River.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Brett Hodgson  
District Fisheries Biologist

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September 26, 2008

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RE: Conserved Water Project

Dear Mr. Fischer,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) C-1 Lateral conserved water project

According to the information provided for comment, COID will be piping approximately 1,680 feet of open earth canal to eliminate seepage. The material specified is 20" HDPE pipe. The project is expected to produce up to .88 cfs, of which COID will place 100% instream upon successful financing by DRC. The saved water will be transferred instream using the Oregon Conserved Water Statute (see ORS 537.455 to 537.500).

COID assures that all of the conserved water will be protected permanently instream from COID's diversion at Bend to Lake Billy Chinook (RM 120-165) from April 1st-November 1st. The instream water will not be for mitigation purposes but rather for restoration only. The project is expected to benefit native trout and improve water quality conditions in the middle Deschutes River.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is generally supportive of projects that permanently protect water for instream uses. The OPRD does support the COID – Juniper Ridge Piping project for the purposes of the conserved water program.

Sincerely,

Jan E. Houck  
Program Coordinator

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