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Application for Limited Water Use License

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License No.: LL-1858

Applicant Information

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NAME <u>NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT</u>		PHONE (HM)	
PHONE (WK) <u>541 475 3625</u>	CELL	FAX <u>541 475 3905</u>	
ADDRESS <u>2024 NW BERR ST</u>			
CITY <u>MADRAS</u>	STATE <u>OR</u>	ZIP <u>97541</u>	E-MAIL * <u>IRRIGATION@NORTHUNITID.COM</u>

Agent Information

NAME		PHONE	FAX
ADDRESS		CELL	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL *

I (We) make application for a Limited License to use or store the following described surface waters or groundwater – not otherwise exempt, or to use stored water of for a use of a short-term or fixed-duration:

- SOURCE(S) OF WATER:** PRINEVILLE RESV. a tributary of DESCHUTES RIVER
- AMOUNT OF WATER** to be diverted;
 Maximum and instantaneous rate (cubic feet or gallons per minute): 15-120 CFS
 Total volume (gallons or acre-feet): _____ . If water is to be used from more than one source, give the quantity from each: _____
- INTENDED USE(S) OF WATER:** (check all that apply)
 - Road construction or maintenance
 - General construction
 - Forestland and rangeland management; or
 - Other: IRRIGATION
- DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:** Include a description of the place of use as shown on the accompanying site map, the method of water diversion, the type of equipment to be used (including pump horsepower, if applicable), length and dimensions of supply ditches and pipelines:
- PROJECT SCHEDULE:** (List day, month, and year)

Date water use will begin: April 1, 2021
 Date water use will be completed: Oct 31, 2021
 Months of the year water would be diverted and used: April THROUGH October
 If for other than irrigation from stored water, how and where will water be discharged after use: NA

[Signature]
 Applicant Signature

MIKE BRITTON
 Print Name and title if applicable

1/19/2021
 Date

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

NOTE: A completed water availability statement from the local watermaster, Land Use Information Form completed by the local Planning Department, fees and site map meeting the requirements of OAR 690-340-030 must accompany this request. The fee for this request is **\$280** for the first point of diversion plus **\$30** for each additional point of diversion. Please review the Department's fee schedule to view fees required to request a limited license for Aquifer Storage and Recovery testing purposes or for Artificial Groundwater Recharge testing purposes.

Failure to provide any of the required information will result in return of your application. The license, if granted, will not be issued or replaced by a new license for a period of more than five consecutive years. The license, if granted, will be subordinate to all other authorized uses that rely upon the same source, or water affected by the source, and may be revoked at any time it is determined the use causes injury to any other water right or minimum perennial streamflow.

If water source is well, well logs or adequate information for the Department to determine aquifer, well depth, well seal and open interval, etc. are required. The licensee shall indicate the intended aquifer. If for multiple wells, each map location shall be clearly tied to a well log.

If a limited license is approved, the licensee shall give notice to the Department (Watermaster) at least 15 days in advance of using the water under the Limited License and shall maintain a record of use. The record of use shall include, but need not be limited to, an estimate of the amount of water used, the period of use and the categories of beneficial use to which the water is applied. During the period of the Limited License, the record of use shall be available for review by the Department upon request.

**A summary of review criteria and procedures that are generally applicable to these applications is available at: <http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/pubs/forms.aspx>*

Mapping Requirements (OAR 690-340-0030):

- (1) A request for a limited license shall be submitted on a form provided by the Water Resources Department, and shall be accompanied by the following:
 - a. A site map of reproducible quality, drawn to a standard, even scale of not less than 2 inches = 1 mile, showing:
 - i. The locations of all proposed points of diversion referenced by coordinates or by bearing and distance to the nearest established or projected public land survey corner;
 - ii. The general course of the source for the proposed use, if applicable;
 - iii. Other topographical features such as roads, streams, railroads, etc., which may be helpful in locating the diversion points in the field.

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This page to be completed by the local Watermaster.

WATER AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

Name of Applicant: NORTH UNIT ID Limited License Number: LL-1858

1. To your knowledge, has the stream or basin that is the source for this application ever been regulated for prior rights?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: yes, we regulate every day of the year for out of stream rights and storage released from account holders.

2. Based on your observations, would there be water available in the quantity and at the times needed to supply the use proposed by this application?

Yes No

reservoir is very low but this account should get filled.

3. Do you observe this stream system during regular fieldwork?

Yes No

If yes, what are your observations for the stream?

Flows are determined by fill curve releases, minimum releases and account holder demands.

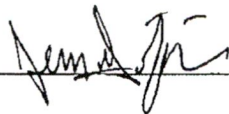
4. If the source is a well and if WRD were to determine that there is the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface water sources, would there still be ground water and surface water available during the time requested and in the amount requested without injury to existing water rights?

Yes No N/A

What would you recommend for conditions on a limited license that may be issued approving this application?

5. Any other recommendations you would like to make?

Signature



WM District #: 11

Date: 1-25-21

This page to be completed by the local Watermaster.

WATER AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

Name of Applicant: NORTH UNK 1D Limited License Number: 22-1858

1. To your knowledge, has the stream or basin that is the source for this application ever been regulated for prior rights?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. Based on your observations, would there be water available in the quantity and at the times needed to supply the use proposed by this application?

Yes No

3. Do you observe this stream system during regular fieldwork?

Yes No

If yes, what are your observations for the stream?

4. If the source is a well and if WRD were to determine that there is the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface water sources, would there still be ground water and surface water available during the time requested and in the amount requested without injury to existing water rights?

Yes No N/A

What would you recommend for conditions on a limited license that may be issued approving this application?

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NOTE TO APPLICANTS

In order for your application to be processed by the Water Resources Department (WRD), this Land Use Information Form must be completed by a local government planning official in the jurisdiction(s) where your water right will be used and developed. The planning official may choose to complete the form while you wait, or return the receipt stub to you. Applications received by WRD without the Land Use Form or the receipt stub will be returned to you. Please be aware that your application will not be approved without land use approval.

This form is NOT required if:

- 1) Water is to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used only on federal lands; **OR**
- 2) The application is for a water right transfer, allocation of conserved water, exchange, permit amendment, or ground water registration modification, and all of the following apply:
 - a) The existing and proposed water use is located entirely within lands zoned for exclusive farm-use or within an irrigation district;
 - b) The application involves a change in place of use only;
 - c) The change does not involve the placement or modification of structures, including but not limited to water diversion, impoundment, distribution facilities, water wells and well houses; and
 - d) The application involves irrigation water uses only.

NOTE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The person presenting the attached Land Use Information Form is applying for or modifying a water right. The Water Resources Department (WRD) requires its applicants to obtain land-use information to be sure the water rights do not result in land uses that are incompatible with your comprehensive plan. Please complete the form or detach the receipt stub and return it to the applicant for inclusion in their water right application. You will receive notice once the applicant formally submits his or her request to the WRD. The notice will give more information about WRD's water rights process and provide additional comment opportunities. You will have 30 days from the date of the notice to complete the land-use form and return it to the WRD. If no land-use information is received from you within that 30-day period, the WRD may presume the land use associated with the proposed water right is compatible with your comprehensive plan. Your attention to this request for information is greatly appreciated by the Water Resources Department. If you have any questions concerning this form, please contact the WRD's Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.

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Applicant: NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DIST.
First Last

Mailing Address: 2024 NW BEECH ST.

MAADRAZ OR 97241 Daytime Phone: 5414753625
City State Zip

A. Land and Location

Please include the following information for all tax lots where water will be diverted (taken from its source), conveyed (transported), and/or used or developed. Applicants for municipal use, or irrigation uses within irrigation districts may substitute existing and proposed service-area boundaries for the tax-lot information requested below.

Township	Range	Section	¼ ¼	Tax Lot #	Plan Designation (e.g., Rural Residential/RR-5)	Water to be:			Proposed Land Use:
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List all counties and cities where water is proposed to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used or developed:

WATER TO BE USED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

B. Description of Proposed Use

Type of application to be filed with the Water Resources Department:

- Permit to Use or Store Water
 Water Right Transfer
 Permit Amendment or Ground Water Registration Modification
 Limited Water Use License
 Allocation of Conserved Water
 Exchange of Water

Source of water: Reservoir/Pond
 Ground Water
 Surface Water (name) _____

Estimated quantity of water needed: 10,000
 cubic feet per second
 gallons per minute
 acre-feet

Intended use of water:
 Irrigation
 Commercial
 Industrial
 Domestic for _____ household(s)
 Municipal
 Quasi-Municipal
 Instream
 Other _____

Briefly describe:

IRRIGATION WITHIN NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Note to applicant: If the Land Use Information Form cannot be completed while you wait, please have a local government representative sign the receipt at the bottom of the next page and include it with the application filed with the Water Resources Department.

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The following section must be completed by a planning official from each county and city listed unless the project will be located entirely within the city limits. In that case, only the city planning agency must complete this form. This deals only with the local land-use plan. Do not include approval for activities such as building or grading permits.

Please check the appropriate box below and provide the requested information

Land uses to be served by the proposed water uses (including proposed construction) are allowed outright or are not regulated by your comprehensive plan. Cite applicable ordinance section(s): _____

Land uses to be served by the proposed water uses (including proposed construction) involve discretionary land-use approvals as listed in the table below. (Please attach documentation of applicable land-use approvals which have already been obtained. Record of Action/land-use decision and accompanying findings are sufficient.) **If approvals have been obtained but all appeal periods have not ended, check "Being pursued."**

Type of Land-Use Approval Needed (e.g., plan amendments, rezones, conditional-use permits, etc.)	Cite Most Significant, Applicable Plan Policies & Ordinance Section References	Land-Use Approval:	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Obtained <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Pursued <input type="checkbox"/> Not Being Pursued
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Local governments are invited to express special land-use concerns or make recommendations to the Water Resources Department regarding this proposed use of water below, or on a separate sheet.

Name: Jeff Rasmussen Title: County Admin. Off.
 Signature: [Signature] Phone: 541 475 2449 Date: 1/19/2021
 Government Entity: Jefferson County

Note to local government representative: Please complete this form or sign the receipt below and return it to the applicant. If you sign the receipt, you will have 30 days from the Water Resources Department's notice date to return the completed Land Use Information Form or WRD may presume the land use associated with the proposed use of water is compatible with local comprehensive plans.

Receipt for Request for Land Use Information

Applicant name: _____
 City or County: _____ Staff contact: _____
 Signature: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

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One Hundred Thirteenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday,
the third day of January, two thousand and fourteen*

An Act

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act of 2014".

SEC. 2. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER; CROOKED, OREGON.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (72) and inserting the following:

"(72) CROOKED, OREGON.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The 14.75-mile segment from the National Grassland boundary to Dry Creek, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in the following classes:

"(i) The 7-mile segment from the National Grassland boundary to River Mile 8 south of Opal Spring, as a recreational river.

"(ii) The 7.75-mile segment from a point ¼-mile downstream from the center crest of Bowman Dam, as a recreational river.

"(B) HYDROPOWER.—In any license or lease of power privilege application relating to non-Federal hydropower development (including turbines and appurtenant facilities) at Bowman Dam, the applicant, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall—

"(i) analyze any impacts to the scenic, recreational, and fishery resource values of the Crooked River from the center crest of Bowman Dam to a point ¼-mile downstream that may be caused by the proposed hydropower development, including the future need to undertake routine and emergency repairs;

"(ii) propose measures to minimize and mitigate any impacts analyzed under clause (i); and

"(iii) propose designs and measures to ensure that any access facilities associated with hydropower development at Bowman Dam shall not impede the free-flowing nature of the Crooked River below Bowman Dam."

SEC. 3. CITY OF PRINEVILLE WATER SUPPLY.

Section 4 of the Act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058; 73 Stat. 554; 78 Stat. 954) is amended—

(1) by striking “SEC. 4. In order” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 4. CITY OF PRINEVILLE WATER SUPPLY.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order”;

(2) in subsection (a) (as so designated), by striking “during those months” and all that follows through “purpose of the project”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) **ANNUAL RELEASE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Without further action by the Secretary of the Interior, beginning on the date of enactment of the Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act of 2014, 5,100 acre-feet of water shall be annually released from the project to serve as mitigation for City of Prineville ground-water pumping, pursuant to and in a manner consistent with Oregon State law, including any shaping of the release of the water.

“(2) **PAYMENTS.**—The City of Prineville shall make payments to the Secretary of the Interior for the water released under paragraph (1), in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies, directives, and standards.

“(c) **ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES.**—Consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and other applicable Federal laws, the Secretary of the Interior may contract exclusively with the City of Prineville for additional quantities of water, at the request of the City of Prineville.”.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

The Act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058; 73 Stat. 554; 78 Stat. 954), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 6. FIRST FILL STORAGE AND RELEASE.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Other than the 10 cubic feet per second release provided for in section 4, and subject to compliance with the flood curve requirements of the Corps of Engineers, the Secretary shall, on a ‘first fill’ priority basis, store in and when called for in any year release from Prineville Reservoir, whether from carryover, infill, or a combination of both, the following:

“(1) Not more than 68,273 acre-feet of water annually to fulfill all 16 Bureau of Reclamation contracts existing as of January 1, 2011.

“(2) Not more than 2,740 acre-feet of water annually to supply the McKay Creek land, in accordance with section 5 of the Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act of 2014.

“(3) Not more than 10,000 acre-feet of water annually, to be made available first to the North Unit Irrigation District, and subsequently to any other holders of Reclamation contracts existing as of January 1, 2011 (in that order) pursuant to Temporary Water Service Contracts, on the request of the North Unit Irrigation District or the contract holders, consistent with the same terms and conditions as prior such contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and District or contract holders, as applicable.

“(4) Not more than 5,100 acre-feet of water annually to mitigate the City of Prineville groundwater pumping under section 4, with the release of this water to occur not based on an annual call, but instead pursuant to section 4 and the release schedule developed pursuant to section 7(b).

“(b) CARRYOVER.—Except for water that may be called for and released after the end of the irrigation season (either as City of Prineville groundwater pumping mitigation or as a voluntary release, in accordance with section 4 of this Act and section 6(c) of the Crooked River Collaborative Water Security and Jobs Act of 2014, respectively), any water stored under this section that is not called for and released by the end of the irrigation season in a given year shall be—

“(1) carried over to the subsequent water year, which, for accounting purposes, shall be considered to be the 1-year period beginning October 1 and ending September 30, consistent with Oregon State law; and

“(2) accounted for as part of the ‘first fill’ storage quantities of the subsequent water year, but not to exceed the maximum ‘first fill’ storage quantities described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 7. STORAGE AND RELEASE OF REMAINING STORED WATER QUANTITIES.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall store in and release from Prineville Reservoir sufficient quantities of remaining stored quantities to be released pursuant to the annual release schedule under subsection (b) and to provide instream flows consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the recommendations for in-channel strategies in the plan prepared by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council entitled ‘Deschutes Subbasin Plan’ and dated March 24, 2005, for flow between Bowman Dam and Lake Billy Chinook.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In calculating the quantity of released water under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) comply with the flood curve requirements of the Corps of Engineers; and

“(B) credit toward the requirements of paragraph (1) the instream flow benefits provided by—

“(i) the quantities released under section 4;

“(ii) the ‘first fill’ quantities released under section 6; and

“(iii) any quantities released to comply with the flood curve requirements of the Corps of Engineers.

“(3) USE OF UNCONTRACTED WATER.—If a consultation conducted under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or an order of a court in a proceeding under that Act requires releases of stored water from Prineville Reservoir for fish and wildlife downstream of Bowman Dam, the Secretary shall use uncontracted water under paragraph (1).

“(4) STATE WATER LAW.—All releases and downstream uses authorized under paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with Oregon State water law.

“(b) ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE.—The Commissioner of Reclamation, in consultation with the Assistant Administrator of Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall develop annual

release schedules for the remaining stored water quantities (including the quantities described in subsection (a) and the water serving as mitigation for City of Prineville groundwater pumping pursuant to section 4) that maximizes, to the maximum extent practicable, benefits to downstream fish and wildlife.

“(c) CARRYOVER.—Any water stored under subsection (a) in 1 water year that is not released during the water year—

“(1) shall be carried over to the subsequent water year; and

“(2)(A) may be released for downstream fish and wildlife resources, consistent with subsection (b), until the reservoir reaches maximum capacity in the subsequent water year; and

“(B) once the reservoir reaches maximum capacity under subparagraph (A), shall be credited to the ‘first fill’ storage quantities, but not to exceed the maximum ‘first fill’ storage quantities described in section 6(a).

“(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects the authority of the Commissioner of Reclamation to perform all other traditional and routine activities associated with the Crooked River Project.

“SEC. 8. RESERVOIR LEVELS.

“The Commissioner of Reclamation shall—

“(1) project reservoir water levels over the course of the year; and

“(2) make the projections under paragraph (1) available to—

“(A) the public (including fisheries groups, recreation interests, and municipal and irrigation stakeholders);

“(B) the Assistant Administrator of Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service; and

“(C) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

“SEC. 9. EFFECT.

“Except as otherwise provided in this Act, nothing in this Act—

“(1) modifies contractual rights that may exist between contractors and the United States under Reclamation contracts;

“(2) amends or reopens contracts referred to in paragraph (1); or

“(3) modifies any rights, obligations, or requirements that may be provided or governed by Federal or Oregon State law.”.

SEC. 5. OCHOCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

(a) EARLY REPAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 213 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm), any landowner within Ochoco Irrigation District, Oregon (referred to in this section as the “district”), may repay, at any time, the construction costs of the project facilities allocated to the land of the landowner within the district.

(2) EXEMPTION FROM LIMITATIONS.—Upon discharge, in full, of the obligation for repayment of the construction costs allocated to all land of the landowner in the district, the land shall not be subject to the ownership and full-cost pricing limitations of Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.)).

(b) CERTIFICATION.—Upon the request of a landowner who has repaid, in full, the construction costs of the project facilities allocated to the land of the landowner within the district, the Secretary of the Interior shall provide the certification described in section 213(b)(1) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm(b)(1)).

(c) CONTRACT AMENDMENT.—On approval of the district directors and notwithstanding project authorizing authority to the contrary, the Reclamation contracts of the district are modified, without further action by the Secretary of the Interior—

(1) to authorize the use of water for instream purposes, including fish or wildlife purposes, in order for the district to engage in, or take advantage of, conserved water projects and temporary instream leasing as authorized by Oregon State law;

(2) to include within the district boundary approximately 2,742 acres in the vicinity of McKay Creek, resulting in a total of approximately 44,937 acres within the district boundary;

(3) to classify as irrigable approximately 685 acres within the approximately 2,742 acres of included land in the vicinity of McKay Creek, with those approximately 685 acres authorized to receive irrigation water pursuant to water rights issued by the State of Oregon if the acres have in the past received water pursuant to State water rights; and

(4) to provide the district with stored water from Prineville Reservoir for purposes of supplying up to the approximately 685 acres of land added within the district boundary and classified as irrigable under paragraphs (2) and (3), with the stored water to be supplied on an acre-per-acre basis contingent on the transfer of existing appurtenant McKay Creek water rights to instream use and the issuance of water rights by the State of Oregon for the use of stored water.

(d) LIMITATION.—Except as otherwise provided in subsections (a) and (c), nothing in this section—

(1) modifies contractual rights that may exist between the district and the United States under the Reclamation contracts of the district;

(2) amends or reopens the contracts referred to in paragraph (1); or

(3) modifies any rights, obligations, or relationships that may exist between the district and any owner of land within the district, as may be provided or governed by Federal or Oregon State law.

SEC. 6. DRY-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND VOLUNTARY RELEASES.

(a) PARTICIPATION IN DRY-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLANNING MEETINGS.—The Bureau of Reclamation shall participate in dry-year management planning meetings with the State of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, municipal, agricultural, conservation, recreation, and other interested stakeholders to plan for dry-year conditions.

(b) DRY-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Bureau of Reclamation shall

develop a dry-year management plan in coordination with the participants referred to in subsection (a).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan developed under paragraph (1) shall only recommend strategies, measures, and actions that the irrigation districts and other Bureau of Reclamation contract holders voluntarily agree to implement.

(3) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in the plan developed under paragraph (1) shall be mandatory or self-implementing.

(c) VOLUNTARY RELEASE.—In any year, if North Unit Irrigation District or other eligible Bureau of Reclamation contract holders have not initiated contracting with the Bureau of Reclamation for any quantity of the 10,000 acre feet of water described in subsection (a)(3) of section 6 of the Act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058) (as added by section 4), by June 1 of any calendar year, with the voluntary agreement of North Unit Irrigation District and other Bureau of Reclamation contract holders referred to in that paragraph, the Secretary may release that quantity of water for the benefit of downstream fish and wildlife as described in section 7 of that Act.

SEC. 7. HYDROPOWER DECISION.

Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Reclamation shall determine the applicability of the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Reclamation to non-Federal hydropower development pursuant to—

(1) the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, entitled “Establishment of Processes for the Early Resolution of Issues Related to the Timely Development of Non-Federal Hydroelectric power at the Bureau of Reclamation Facilities” and signed November 6, 1992 (58 Fed. Reg. 3269); or

(2) any memorandum of understanding that is subsequent or related to the memorandum of understanding described in paragraph (1).

SEC. 8. RELATION TO EXISTING LAWS AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS.

Nothing in this Act (or an amendment made by this Act)—

(1) provides to the Secretary the authority to store and release the “first fill” quantities provided for in section 6 of the Act of August 6, 1956 (70 Stat. 1058) (as added by section 4) for any purposes other than the purposes provided for in that section, except for—

(A) the potential instream use resulting from conserved water projects and temporary instream leasing as provided for in section 5(c)(1);

(B) the potential release of additional amounts that may result from voluntary actions agreed to through the dry-year management plan developed under section 6(b); and

(C) the potential release of the 10,000 acre feet for downstream fish and wildlife as provided for in section 6(c); or

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(2) alters any responsibilities under Oregon State law or Federal law, including section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536).

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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