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*Invitation
to provide* **COMMENT**

ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO CONSIDER PENDING APPLICATIONS
TO EXTEND BURNT RIVER RESERVATIONS
Amending OAR Division 079 and Adding New Provisions

The Oregon Water Resources Department is conducting a temporary rulemaking to establish the process for extending reservations of water for storage for future economic development. These rules are intended to provide guidance on how to process applications that were submitted in September to extend the North Fork Burnt River, South Fork Burnt River, and Burnt River Subbasin Reservations. These reservations will expire in March 2016 without further action by the Water Resources Commission. A permanent rulemaking will be conducted at a future date to establish the process for extending reservation in other basins. The Burnt River area reservations are the first set to expire.

Prior to processing the applications, a process must first be established for the Department to consider the requests to extend. Therefore, the Water Resources Commission will be considering adoption of temporary rules at its November 19, 2015 meeting.

While the timeline is short, the Department appreciates public input. The Department will accept written public comments through 5:00 PM, Monday, November 16, 2015. All written comments received by 5:00 PM will be submitted to the Water Resources Commission for consideration at their November 19 meeting.

Written comments and materials need not be typed, but must be legible. In order to ensure timely delivery, the Department recommends written comments be submitted by email or fax. It will be your responsibility to verify that comments are received.

Comments can be submitted to:

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Questions about this rulemaking should be directed to Racquel Rancier, Senior Policy Coordinator, at 503-986-0828 or racquel.rancier@state.or.us.

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