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RULE CAPTION

Updates to Grande Ronde Basin Program and Extension of Reservations

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer
7-27-16	4:00 p.m.	Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande, OR 97850	Bruce Corn

RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:

AMEND:

OAR 690-508-0000 through 690-508-0110

REPEAL:

RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

AMEND AND RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

Statutory Authority:

ORS 536 & 537

Other Authority:

Statutes Implemented:

ORS 536.220, 536.300, 536.310, 537.249, & 537.358

RULE SUMMARY

A reservation of water for future economic development sets aside a quantity of water for storage to meet future needs. The rules establishing the Grande Ronde Basin reservations of water are set to expire on February 7, 2017, unless extended by rule by the Water Resources Commission. This rule would extend reservations of water for future economic development for the Upper Grande Ronde Subbasin and Middle Grande Subbasin of the Grande Ronde Basin for an additional 20 years, and changes reporting requirements. Without these rules, the Grande Ronde Basin reservations will expire. In addition, the rules include expansion of classified uses to clarify that the allowable uses include agricultural, commercial, and flow augmentation for instream use, and to address inconsistencies in terminology.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

07-29-2016 5:00 p.m.
Last Day (m/d/yyyy) and Time
for public comment

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