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*Re: Proposed Instream Water Right Applications in Southwest Oregon*

It is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) policy to apply for instream water rights (ISWRs) on waterways of the state to conserve, maintain, and enhance aquatic and fish life, wildlife, and fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit of present and future generations of the citizens of this state. The Oregon Water Resources Department requires applicants intending to file an application for an ISWR to notify affected local governments (OAR 690-077-0020 (j)). We notified you via email on November 6, 2020 and are following up with a final notification.

For additional information and to receive automatic updates, you can visit ODFW's Water Quality and Quantity Program website ([www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/water/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/water/)). In addition, public notifications for state water right applications can be found through the Oregon Water Resources Department Water Rights Public Notice page ([apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd\\_notice\\_view/?notice\\_id=21](http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/?notice_id=21)).

If you have any questions regarding the current instream filing process or the proposed applications, please do not hesitate to contact Anne Hayden-Lesmeister at 503-947-6236 or [anne.e.hayden-lesmeister@state.or.us](mailto:anne.e.hayden-lesmeister@state.or.us).

Sincerely,

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