

# Instream Lease Process

## Changing a Water Right

OAR 690 Division 77



*The vision of the Water Resources Department is to assure sufficient and sustainable water supplies are available to meet current and future needs.*

### Limitations

- The length of the lease may not exceed 5 years
- May lease a portion of or an entire water right
- Must specify if protecting a point or a reach
- May not exercise supplemental rights on the "FROM" lands during the term of the lease

### Submittal Deadlines

- July 1 for seasonal uses
- October 1 for year around uses

### Application & Fee Submitted

- Must specify the length of time being requested
- Must include all required information and attachments
- Acceptance is subject to completeness review
- Needs signatures of both Lessors and Lessees
- May apply for split-season lease

### Public Notice

- OWRD Weekly Notice
- Posted in the local Watermaster's office
- Notice sent to each affected local government and district
- Notice sent to affected Indian tribes
- 21-day comment period

### Application and Stream Conditions Reviewed

- Subject to Watermaster review
- No injury or enlargement
- Review of surface water availability and existing instream uses

### Final Order Issued

- OWRD will Approve or Deny Application
- Approved changes have an expiration date
- OWRD may revoke at any time if the lease is found to cause injury

### Changes Revert Upon Expiration

- All uses automatically revert to terms and conditions of originating water right upon expiration

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