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Subject: Notification of Potential Shortage of Storage Allocations for 2023, Prineville Reservoir,
Crooked River Federal Reclamation Project, Oregon

Dear Prineville Reservoir Storage Contractor:

While recent precipitation and cooler temperatures have improved water supply conditions, Central Oregon continues to experience historic multi-year drought conditions which have the potential to result in shortages to Prineville Reservoir storage contractor allocations for 2023. The spring runoff is in its early stages, so at this time it is unknown what the final storage allocations will be this season, or if shortages will even occur. Final storage allocations will be determined by Reclamation following the date of allocation¹, likely to be sometime in April or May.

Similar to last year, you will need to follow the procedures in Attachment 2 (Requesting and Delivering Storage Water) to request delivery of your storage this season. Storage usage will be tracked throughout the season and communicated regularly to project contractors through Reclamation's Prineville Reservoir information website:

<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/cca0/projects/PrinevilleResStorage/PrinevilleResStorage.html>

Important Reminder: In accordance with your storage contract, Reclamation and Ochoco Irrigation District (OID) are responsible for delivering your storage water to the outlet works of the dam. Neither Reclamation nor OID have any jurisdiction over, or control of, your storage water after it leaves the dam's outlet works. The responsibility for administering water rights, including both natural (live) flows and storage, below the dam is vested solely in Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) pursuant to State law.

During the irrigation season, Reclamation and OID will communicate regularly with the OWRD watermaster regarding (1) the quantity of storage water being delivered at the outlet works of the dam, and (2) the intended recipient(s) of that storage water. However, you are strongly encouraged to contact the watermaster to determine what action(s) need to be taken to ensure your storage water is protected after it is released from the dam until it reaches your headgate.

¹"Date of allocation" refers to the date on which the reservoir reaches its maximum storage content.

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If you have questions, please contact me at the phone number/email provided above.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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 Distributed to Dry Year Plan Distribution List electronically

Attachment 2: Requesting and Delivering Storage Water

Date: March 17, 2023

The following procedure describes the process for requesting and delivering storage water from Prineville Reservoir. To allow flexibility to adapt to changing hydrologic conditions or other circumstances, the procedure set out below is subject to change. The latest version of the procedure can be found on Reclamation's website at:

<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/cao/projects/PrinevilleResStorage/PrinevilleResStorage.html>

Anyone with questions regarding this procedure, or who would also like to receive email notifications of procedure updates, should contact Gregg Garnett, Reclamation Bend Field Office Manager, at ggarnett@usbr.gov or (541) 389-6541. Weekly storage reports will be posted on Reclamation's website.

Step 1: To request storage water, contractors must contact the Ochoco Irrigation District (OID) office (541-447-6449) prior to each Tuesday by 12:00 pm PT, requesting their desired storage water flow rate from Prineville Reservoir for the subsequent 7-day Wednesday through Tuesday period.

Step 2: OID, Reclamation, and the Watermaster will coordinate on Tuesday afternoons to determine the final flow rate target from Prineville Reservoir with consideration of the storage water flow rate orders from Step 1, reservoir inflow, and other pertinent factors.

Step 3: OID will travel to Prineville Reservoir and will set the outflow to the flow rate determined in Step 2 to the extent practical on Wednesday morning, unless conditions dictate otherwise.

Step 4: Reclamation will compute storage water remaining for each contractor based on the contractor's storage allocation and to-date storage water delivered from Prineville Reservoir. A Weekly Storage Report will be posted on Reclamation's website above as soon as practical each week.