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**Public Correspondence received as
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From: lacyc@bendcable.com
To: [ODFW Commission](#)
Subject: Bowman Dam
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Dear ODFW Commission,

I understand you will be considering issueing an exemption to the Ochoco Irrigation District (OID) for fish passage at a proposed hydro project on Bowman Dam. I would like to suppost the staff recommendation to not issue that exemption regardless of the proposed insufficient mitigation measures. The critical habitat above the dam is important to a variety of species and gaining access to that habitat is of primary importance. I realize that fish passage there is expensive and probably more than the hydro project can support. I propose that OID/ODFW establish a fund for future passage work. OID should put 10% of the gross proceeds per year of the project into that fund to be used exclusively for passage. Additional funds could be sought from BPA, PGE and others to add to those of OID. Hopefully, sometime in the future enough money could be saved to actually provide the much needed passage. If something like this doesn't occur, we will never have passage in that critical area.

Note: The 10% gross for fish passage is similar to what the BPA pays for mitigation at their dams on the Columbia

Thanks,
Craig Lacy,
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