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In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Bruce Scanlon
Ochoco Irrigation District
1001 NW Deer St.
Prineville, Oregon 97754

Re: Ochoco Irrigation District's Bowman Dam Preliminary Application Document, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. 14791

Dear Mr. Scanlon:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the Ochoco Irrigation District's (OID) November 1, 2018, Preliminary Application Document (PAD) for the Proposed Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) No. 14791.

The BLM has jurisdictional authority related to the Crooked River Wild and Scenic River Corridor located below Bowman Dam. Given this, we are notifying you of our interest in this project and are requesting to be a cooperator and have an active role in the Section 7 Determination required under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

As noted at your April 2, 2019, public meeting and site visit, comments regarding your PAD are due on June 3, 2019. The BLM has reviewed the studies requested by both the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Park Service (NPS). Their requests would also benefit our agency. Therefore, we are not requesting any further studies

The BLM appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed project and looks forward to working with you. If you have any questions or comments regarding the letter, please contact me at (541) 416-6766

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Kitchens
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