



CITY OF THE DALLES
Department of Public Works
1215 West First Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

June 19, 2020

Regional Forester (Objection Reviewing Officer)
Pacific Northwest Regional Office
Attn: 1570 Objections
PO Box 3623
Portland, OR 97208-3623

SUBJECT: Dog River Objection

Dear Regional Forester Casamassa:

The City of The Dalles strongly supports the draft decision related to the Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project as posted on June 1, 2020. The need for the project is thoroughly documented in the associated Proposed Action and Environmental Analysis. Implementation of the project as described will 1) fulfill a critical need for the City's municipal water supply system, and 2) provide environmental benefits of fish screening, seasonal fish passage, eliminating an open-channel vehicular stream crossing, and providing seasonal bypass flows for downstream fish habitat. All of these environmental elements of the project have been voluntarily offered as part of the project by the applicant, City of The Dalles. None were, to the applicant's knowledge, required by law or regulation. And none of them will be realized without implementation of the project.

The project will improve water use efficiency by reducing leakage from an aged, wooden pipeline. The project is to be constructed within The Dalles Municipal Watershed, an area which, through agreements dated 1912 and 1972 with US Secretary of Agriculture and Mt. Hood National Forest respectively, is to be managed with a priority objective of serving as a municipal water supply for City of The Dalles. The project will be supplied through the City's existing senior water rights as administered by the State of Oregon, a role delegated to the states by the federal government.

In closing, the City of The Dalles supports the draft decision and looks forward to the successful completion of this important project. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Anderson
Public Works Director
City of The Dalles