



SISKIYOU RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RE: Fish Screen Maintenance

The intent of this letter is to notify you that the Fish Screen Maintenance Program run by the Siskiyou RCD has been unable to secure funding for this irrigation season.

You are receiving this letter because your diversion has had a fish screen installed by the Siskiyou RCD at some point between 1996 and 2009. To the best of our knowledge, all diversions operating in the Scott River watershed within the known or presumed range of Chinook and Coho Salmon are currently fitted with a fish screen. The willingness of local water users to protect resources is unparalleled and we both commend and appreciate your participation in these efforts.

To support this undertaking, the Siskiyou RCD has provided a voluntary fish screen maintenance service for nearly twelve years through the diligent work of our part time staff member, Bill Watrous. However, the program is entirely funded by grant agreements and as hard as Bill and our other staff members try, our service is not complete nor is it permanent. The Fish Screen Maintenance Program has some funding options on the horizon that may come into play by late 2015 or 2016 but continued support is uncertain. We will notify you by the end of the year whether the Siskiyou RCD will be able to offer continued assistance to water users in the form of maintenance and repairs on these structures or if an alternative will need to be found such as a Fish Screen Maintenance Cooperative where users pool resources to reduce individual burden.

In the mean time, if you need to contact the Siskiyou RCD for guidance on repairs and part replacement we will work to put you in contact with a qualified individual.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay Magranet".

Lindsay Magranet
District Secretary