

“Tumalo Irrigation District would like to thank Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for their continued support for the replacement of Tumalo Irrigation District’s 100 years old failing irrigation infrastructure. Senator Merkley’s support of our financial assistance request gives our farmers and ranchers hope of relief during this current drought, as well as access to a safer, more efficient, and stable delivery system to help our farmers and ranchers and future generations have a more secure water source now and into the future,” **said Chris Schull, Tumalo Irrigation District Manager.**

“The City of Myrtle Creek is thankful for the support of Oregon Senators Merkley and Wyden and their willingness to advocate for the needed improvements to the City’s water treatment system and replacement of significant portions of the City’s aging water distribution system. The much needed improvements and replacements would not be possible if it were not for this financial support,” **said Matthew Hald, Mayor, City of Myrtle Creek.**

"Timberline Lodge is an important federal building built under FDR's Works Progress Administration. Today it stands as a National Historic Landmark and one of Oregon's premier visitor attractions. The Friends of Timberline is dedicated to preserving this treasure for future generations. We are grateful to Senator Wyden and to Senator Merkley for providing the leadership necessary to secure the federal funding necessary to address critical maintenance and historic preservation improvements at the Lodge." **Said Jean Craemer, President, Friends of Timberline**

“The City of Estacada is very excited to hear that our funding request was included in the draft bill. As a small city, just over 5,000 residents, the cost of building a new wastewater treatment plant will more than double our resident’s monthly sewer bill. This money will help us decrease the costs to our ratepayers. The current plant was built in the 1960s and is dire need of replacement. The new plant will handle our growth and increase the quality of our effluent discharge into the Clackamas River. Thank you Senators Merkley and Wyden for your efforts to help the small towns in Oregon,” **said Elaina Turpin, Assistant City Manager, City of Estacada.**

"Wallowa Lake Irrigation District is thrilled to be included in the list of Community-Initiated Projects approved at this stage. This funding will help us provide fish passage and screening for our irrigation infrastructure serving growers in Wallowa County," **said Joe Dawson, Wallowa Lake Irrigation District.**

“The City of Astoria is grateful for the assistance provided by Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden to address our community’s aging infrastructure. This high priority waterline resiliency project will upgrade existing drinking water pipes installed in 1928 and 1970. Without this critical funding, the project would have been delayed for another decade with debt service as the only option to pay for this essential infrastructure,” **said City of Astoria Mayor, Sean Fitzpatrick.**

“The Rogue River Watershed Council and our partners are enthusiastic about Oregon Senators Merkley and Wyden's support for watershed restoration in the Upper Rogue River Basin. The ecological restoration actions will use regional contractor expertise to re-engage natural processes in streams that will improve and protect drinking water sources, rehabilitate streamside areas that are overrun with blackberry thickets, and address key limiting factors for Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, and steelhead. These improvements increase the resilience of local communities, wildlife, and the natural areas we all depend on,” **said Brian Barr; Executive Director, Rogue River Watershed Council.**

“Thanks to the efforts of Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden and their staff, the City of Sumpter is excited about the funds awarded to make the long-neglected repairs to our city water supply!” **said Linda Wise, Mayor of Sumpter.**

“The Oregon Trails Coalition is grateful to Senators Merkley and Wyden for elevating local investment priorities that will address major gaps in Oregon's Signature Trail network and increase access to the outdoors in communities across Oregon,” **said Steph Noll, Oregon Trails Coalition Director.**

“Morrow County thanks Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden for their efforts in securing this funding. With their help we will continue our partnership in first identifying, then implementing, long-term solutions to provide safe and clean drinking water for all our citizens,” **said Morrow County Chair, David Sykes.**

“The City of West Linn appreciates the work of Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, and Representative Chavez-DeRemer to secure \$1.25 Million in funding towards replacement of the City's main drinking water supply line under the I-205 Abernethy Bridge. This work, required by the State of Oregon as part of the I-205 construction, is essential to West Linn residents and businesses. Our community is already shouldering most of the costs of the replacement and these Federal funds will help us close the gap and keep the water flowing in West Linn. Thank you to our Federal delegation for securing these funds, and to everyone who supported our request!” **said West Linn Mayor Rory Bialostosky.**

“The work done by Senators Merkley and Wyden has really helped Redmond increase the capacity of our new wastewater plant to meet the needs of our growing community,” **said Redmond Mayor Ed Fitch.**

“We're very grateful to Representative Chavez-DeRemer and Senators Wyden and Merkley for their support of vital wastewater infrastructure development in Albany. This funding goes a long way to make it possible for our city to open up areas for development, build additional housing, and thereby provide much needed relief from the upward pressure on housing prices,” **said Mayor Alex Johnson II.**

“The Senators' steadfast support for our funding request of \$1,160,000 to revitalize the aging sewer system in the Alpine and Alsea Service District is not only about ensuring community

safety but also helping keep utility bills affordable for low-income, rural families," **said Benton County Board Chair, Pat Malone.**

"The City of Hillsboro is grateful for the financial funding request support to update a nearly 80-year-old, 20-mile-long water transmission line that supplies drinking water to several thousands of customers in unincorporated Washington County. This support will play a key role in our plan to seismically reinforce this important lifeline and ensure our rural customers will continue to have clean, high-quality, dependable water for generations to come. We thank Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for their ongoing support, dedication, and investment in vital water infrastructure projects across Oregon," **said Niki Iverson, Water Director/JWC General Manager.**

"The City of Prineville is very appreciative of this funding that will help to address human health and safety concerns through the extension of water and sewer services," **said Caroline Ervin, Capital Project Manager, City of Prineville.**

"All of us at EWEB and in the McKenzie River Valley are honored to receive the support of Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden as together we invest today in a resilient tomorrow. EWEB's McKenzie Valley Fuels Reduction Project is a vital initiative that addresses the pressing need for wildfire risk reduction in the McKenzie watershed and surrounding communities. This project will help safeguard the region's natural resources, infrastructure, and residents from the devastating impacts of wildfires, while also protecting the water quality that wildfires can threaten," **said Susan Fricke, EWEB Water Resources Supervisor.**

"Thanks to Senators Merkley and Wyden and Representative Blumenauer, Gresham's wastewater treatment plant upgrade is set for a remarkable transformation. This nearly one million dollars in federal funding not only champions our critical infrastructure but deeply aligns with our vision for clean water, economic prosperity, and job creation. Our city's commitment to environmental stewardship and community resilience is greatly bolstered by this investment, ensuring a sustainable and thriving future for Gresham," **said Mayor Travis Stovall.**

"Clean Water Services appreciates Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley and Congresswoman Bonamici and their support for the Western Washington County Inflow and Infiltration Rehabilitation project. This funding is critical as it will enable the replacement of aging sanitary infrastructure in the city of Forest Grove, providing important water quality, public health and community benefits for the ratepayers of Forest Grove, Cornelius and Gaston." **said Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, CEO, Clean Water Services.**

"We're deeply grateful to Senators Wyden and Merkley and Representative Salinas, as well as their staff, for securing funding for the Corvallis Road Waterline and the Chestnut Street Bridge projects," **said The City of Independence Mayor, John McArdle.** "The water line is a critical step forward and integral to our new water treatment facility's development. The Chestnut Street Bridge will enhance the connectivity of our transportation system and reduce congestion. These

projects exemplify Independence's commitment to finding community-conscious solutions to fund our essential infrastructure upgrades."

"As Oregon's landscape is increasingly under pressure from extended high-intensity fire seasons, the collective fire response community has organized many tools and resources to detect and combat wildfire. Fire cameras play an important role in detection, event confirmation, and situational awareness for responders and the public. Thanks to CIP funds and the leadership of Oregon's own senators, the Committee will now be able to increase the efficacy of detection cameras in Oregon, allowing fire response and defense to be enhanced and safer for first responders. This makes Oregon the first state wildfire camera interoperability committee to have dedicated funding to begin implementation," **said Leland O'Driscoll, Associate Director, UO Oregon Hazards Lab, and co-chair, Oregon Wildfire Detection Interoperability Committee.**

"Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden's support for interagency coordination for wildfire detection cameras will help advance the mitigation and response effort amidst a complex landscape of different fire regimes in Oregon," **said Professor Doug Toomey, Director of UO Oregon Hazards Lab.**

"The Harney County Watershed Council would like to thank Senator Merkley for his support in helping the State of Oregon and USGS to develop tools to sustainably manage groundwater resources for the people, communities and watersheds of Oregon." **Said Karen Moon, Coordinator for the Harney County Watershed Council.**

"The Curry Soil and Water Conservation District greatly appreciates the work of Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden to advance the suppression and eradication of gorse on the southern Oregon coast. Gorse is an extremely flammable, highly invasive shrub that creates unnaturally hazardous wildfire conditions, and displaces productive land uses such as ranching, timber, and fish and wildlife habitat," **said Matt Swanson, Curry Watersheds Partnership.**

"Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden understand the critical importance of the Willamette River to the health and safety of Oregon and the City of Portland. Harmful Cyanobacteria Blooms (HCB) dangerously threaten the health of people, fish, wildlife and our pets, and will only worsen with climate change. This funding is a very meaningful boost to our work to address the Ross Island Lagoon blooms. We are committed to mitigating this risk, and are grateful to have Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden and their staff as partners," **said Willie Levenson, Ringleader, Human Access Project.**