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This is the Final Report submitted regarding Oregon Water Trust's Combined Work Plan for fiscal year 2003, with the contract period April 2002 to May 2003. Of this 12 month period, six month were spent concluding our work for the 2002 irrigation season and six months were spent preparing for the 2003 irrigation season. After this grant was completed, projects were finished with funding from the Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program.

Many of the 2003 irrigation season successes began in the fall of 2002, when projects were researched and partnerships were developed. Trout Creek Ranch was one of the large successes. During the 2003 irrigation season, 2.6 cfs was leased which led to a permanent instream transfer, protecting critical spawning habitat for summer steelhead in the Deschutes basin. Another success was the Walla Walla Lease Bank project. This project is an agreement between the OWT, the Walla Walla Irrigation District and 11 individual landowners. Through this single year lease, 7.9 cfs of water was legally protected in the Walla Walla River. The Vidando lease on Middle Fork John Day River was renewed for 2 more years, protecting 11.29 cfs. An innovative single year split-season lease was conducted with Voight on Standard Creek in the John Day basin to protect 4.93 cfs. Many other deals were conducted and the total was an impressive 50.43 cfs instream during 2003 and 9.39 cfs pending approval for the 2004 season.

Included is a summary of the activities within the Fifteenmile subbasin and the Columbia Plateau basin by quarter and two tables. The summary of activities is broken down by objectives and quarters. The first summarizes the total cfs by type of lease or transfer. The second table lists all the projects by subbasin and provides project type, lease number, cfs, cost of acquisition, partners in the project and funding source.

Table 1: Total cfs Instream by Acquisition Type		
Type of Acquisition	cfs acquired for season	
	2003	2004
Seasonal Leases (incl. splitseason)	4.93	
Short Term Leases (1-2 yrs) 0.	30.96	
Long Term Leases (3-5 yrs)	14.55	
Other Leases	0.00	
Permanent Transfers	0.00	5.39
Other Permanent	0.00	4.00
Totals	50.43	9.39

Table 2: Columbia Plateau and Fifteenmile Water Rights Acquisitions

Stream	Project Name	Project Type	WRD Lease #	WRD Transfer #	2003 Instream	2004 Instream	Partners	OWT 2003 Funds	Funding Source
Columbia Plateau									
<u>Deschutes</u>					<u>11.13</u>	<u>8.68</u>		<u>\$124,500</u>	
Tygh Creek	Harvey	5 yr Lease Renewal	242		4.72		DRC, SWCD	donated	
White River	Justesen JJ	5 yr Lease Renewal	15		0.87			donated	
Tygh Creek	Justesen RT	5 yr Lease Renewal	61		0.07			donated	
Indian Ford Creek	Knapp	1 yr Lease	415		2.09		DBLT, DRC	donated	
Antelope Creek	Parlette	5 yr Lease	463		0.79			donated	
Trout Creek	PGE-Trout Creek Ranch	1 yr Lease Renewal	426		2.59			donated	
Indian Ford Creek	Knapp	Permanent Transfer				2.09	DBLT, DRC	donated	
Deschutes, Crooked	NUID - Lateral 52	CWP				1.00	BOR	donated	
Trout Creek	PGE-Trout Creek Ranch	Permanent Transfer				2.59		\$124,500	BPACP
Squaw Creek	SCID - Cloverdale Ditch	CWP - Piping				3.00	DRC	donated	
<u>John Day</u>					<u>25.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>\$110,000</u>	
Pine Creek	CTWS-Pine Creek Ranch	1 yr Lease Renewal	311		3.79		CTWSIR	donated	
John Day River	CTWS-Wagner Ranch	5 yr Lease Renewal	191		1.29		CTWSIR	donated	
Middle Fork John Day	Paquet	2 yr Lease Renewal	21		1.37			donated	
Middle Fork John Day	TNC - Dunston Ranch	5 yr Lease Renewal	12		3.22			donated	
Middle Fork John Day	Vidondo-MFk	2 yr Lease Renewal	407		11.29			\$100,000	BPACP(50,000); BOR(50,000)
Standard Creek	Voigt	1yr Split Season Contract			4.93			\$10,000	BPACP
<u>Umatilla</u>					<u>7.90</u>	<u>0.71</u>		<u>\$16,586</u>	
Walla Walla River	WWRID/Lease Bank	1 yr Pooled Leases	452, 453, 454		7.90		WWRID	\$16,586	CBWTP
Walla Walla River	Lampson	Permanent Transfer				0.71		donated	
<u>Hood</u>									
<u>Fifteenmile</u>					<u>5.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>\$0</u>	
Fifteenmile Creek	City of Dufur	5 yr Lease	52		1.85				
Fifteenmile Creek	Clausen	5 yr Lease	62		0.42				
Fifteenmile Creek	Eddin	1 yr Lease	185		0.82				
Eightmile Creek	Fulton	1 yr Lease	198		0.09				
Eightmile Creek	Miller	1 yr Lease	119		1.02				
Eightmile Creek	Neal	5 yr Lease	216		0.16				
Fifteenmile Creek	Underhill	5 yr Lease	68		1.16				
Total cfs:					50.43	9.39			
Number of Projects:					20	5			