

Date: April 23, 2018
To: Environmental Quality Commission
From: Richard Whitman, Director
Subject: Agenda item B: Tour
May 10-11, 2018, EQC meeting

Purpose of item EQC will tour several locations on Mill Creek and Threemile Creek, near The Dalles. The tour will include information from DEQ, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Services, Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District and local land operators and partners.

Background The commissioners have asked to tour sites and areas relevant to their work as the policy body for DEQ. During this tour, DEQ and project partners will discuss water quality information, investments and results to-date at Mill Creek and Threemile Creek.

Mill Creek has shown high levels of bacteria contamination from agricultural and urban sources. Threemile Creek has shown high levels of sediment contamination and temperatures. Threemile Creek has an approved temperature TMDL, which requires nonpoint sources to achieve effective shade targets by restoring and protecting streamside vegetation.

EQC involvement No commission action is requested at this time.

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