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Dear Bill,

Please accept *Your Jurisdiction’s Name* TMDL Annual Report summarizing TMDL implementation actions for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. The attached matrix report summarizes the actions that we have taken in the last year.

**Program Highlights**

* More than 300 samples were collected for monitoring of water quality in the Bear Creek watershed from Bear Creek and its tributaries, storm drains, and the Rogue River.
* Education and Outreach Programs including volunteer activities, events, Stream Smart, and Salmon Watch reached over 2,400 schools (K-12) and residents.
* Leveraged over $250,000 for the implementation programs for restoration including fire restoration, education and outreach, clean-up, and volunteer activities.
* Continued the Salmon watch program for an ninth consecutive season in the Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022. We conducted 31 in person field days. Classes represented schools from the Bear Creek Valley and Greater Jackson County. *1,330 participants.*
* Salmon Watch Partners included representatives from the TMDL DMAs and Bear Creek MS4s, Bear Creek Watershed Education Partners (BCWEP) volunteers, RVSS, Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC), Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, BLM, the Freshwater Trust, the Army Corps of Engineers, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, Kid Time, and local schools.
* Secured funding to support continuation of the Salmon Watch Program in 2022 from Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District and Central Point Rotary.
* Completed on the ground invasive species management activities along the Bear Creek Riparian Corridor and planted almost 5,000 willow stakes in the area impacted by the Almeda fire with local partners.
* Planted hundreds of pollinator species (e.g., milkweed) along the Bear Creek Corridor in partnership with RVCOG, Rogue River Watershed Council, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, and the Freshwater Trust.
* Supported the efforts of the Bear Creek Restoration Initiative (BCRI) including the coordination of the technical team. Restoration activities of the TMDL program including management of invasive species, planting of native species, building pollinator habitat, willow staking, and other activities play a large role in the program.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to implement strategies to achieve TMDL

requirements and protect water quality. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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