AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER QUALITY CONCERNS

- **Discharge of pollutants** (petroleum products, chemicals, soaps, sediment, etc.) directly or indirectly from a specific source into public waters—call DEQ 541-776-6010 ext 0. Be as specific as possible, <u>especially when it comes to identifying the source</u>.

- If there is a **spill of petroleum products or chemicals**, call DEQ and OERS (Oregon Emergency Response System) immediately (541-776-6010 ext 0 and 1-800-452-0311 respectively). Again the more specific information you have, the better.

- If you observe a **fish kill**, call ODF&W at 826-8774; after normal business hours, contact OERS at 1-800-452-0311.

- For **failing septic systems or improper disposal of household sewage** (including laundry waste water), contact the Jackson County Planning Department at 541-774-6900; in Josephine County, contact the DEQ office in Grants Pass at 541-471-2850.

- **Solid Waste (garbage)** placed in public waters—Jackson County Planning Department for unincorporated areas or the appropriate city hall for problems inside city limits.

- **Removal of fill** of more than 50 cubic yards of material from within the banks of a stream is regulated by the Oregon Division of State Lands; the person assigned to this area is Bob Lobdell, 503-378-3805.

- For problems caused by **construction or fill and removal activities in the floodplain**, contact the appropriate county or city planning department; Jackson County: 541-774-6900; Josephine County: 541-474-5421.

- If the source of the water pollution is an **aggregate removal operation (gravel pit)**, contact Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) at 541-967-2039.

- If the source of the water pollution is an **agricultural operation**, contact Tim Stevenson of the Oregon Department of Agriculture at 541-471-7838.

- If the problem is a **large farm animal on a public right-of-way or in a stream OR an improperly disposed of animal**, you can call your local police department.

- Oregon Department of Forestry regulates **commercial timber harvesting and other operations associated with growing and harvesting forests** (reforestation, forest application of chemicals, forest road construction and maintenance, and slash disposal). For Jackson County, call 664-3328. For Josephine County, call 474-3152.

- If you do not know who to call, you can contact Greg Stabach or Allison Dew at Rogue Valley Council of Governments: 541-664-6674.

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