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Hi Chris:

I've got two problems on fish releases and one we need to have addressed immediately!

1) A Desert Springs truck pulled into Frissell Boat Landing and Paradise Boat Landing this week and released hatchery rainbow trout into the wild fish section of the McKenzie River. This is a violation of McKenzie River Oregon Administrative Rules passed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. This is unacceptable to ODFW and our Commission and needs be remedied immediately. There is no excuse for placing fish into the wrong location. If a truck driver is unable to find the correct location, they should not be releasing fish.

2) Not as egregious though still a problem, I have had some anglers complaining about the release strategy Desert Springs is using at Alton Baker Canoe Canal. It appears the truck drivers are only releasing fish at the lowermost release site and not the other four sites on the canal. Our long term release protocol was developed over 20 years ago and includes five release sites which Desert Springs has stocked many times in the past.

Please let me know your plans to address these two issues. Thanks.

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