



# Sisters Trails Alliance Speakers Series

## Balancing Irrigation and our Local Ecosystem

As presented by Marc Thalacker with Three Sisters Irrigation District. Thursday, March 24, 2016

Location: The Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Fire Station Community Hall, 301 S Elm Street, Sisters, Oregon. Doors will open to the public 6:00 PM, with the presentation getting underway at 7:00 PM. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

In recent months cooperative land use management as well as land use conflicts have filled newspapers and other media in the eastern Oregon high desert. On Thursday March 24 Marc Thalacker Manager of the Three Sisters Irrigation District will give an overview on his organization's amazing efforts to continue modernization of their irrigation system and their role, with other partners, in the restoration of Whychus Creek. The presentation is part of the Sisters Trails Alliance Speakers Series.

Thalacker has been the Manager of Three Sisters Irrigation District (TSID) since 1997 and has overseen multiple projects designed to enhance the irrigation water delivery system in the Sisters area. As a result, and in partnership with other organizations and agencies, TSID has played a significant role in the improving health and restoration of Whychus Creek.



Similar cooperative efforts between ranchers and the needs of the natural ecosystem recently prevented the greater sage grouse from being listed as endangered. If only similar cooperative efforts could have been undertaken to avoid the standoff at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

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