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As of now, even with this year's heavy rainfall and snow pack, water is being hoarded for irrigation purposes at the expense of river health for other uses. Case in point: The upper DesChutes with Wikiup reservoir at high levels, the irrigation district is still releasing less than 100 cfs into the upper river. This summer, however, the water will be released at bank scouring levels, making the river an irrigation ditch conveying water downstream and rendering the river useless as a recreational asset.

This needs legislative attention!

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