

# Temporary Mitigation v. Permanent Mitigation

## Temporary Mitigation

- Must be purchased each year
- Credit availability not guaranteed year-to-year
- Supplied by instream leases
- Price per credit depends on prices paid for instream leases
- 1 credit of use requires one credit in reserve due to temporary nature of credits (2:1 supply to demand ratio)
- An alternative for those who are not sure how long they will hold onto their property
- Credits may not be consistently available in certain zones of impact (ZOI) such as the Crooked River ZOI
- Risk a little higher, but cost lower
- Temporary credits can be purchased from the Deschutes Water Exchange state sanctioned temporary mitigation bank
- 1.8 credits (acre-feet) per acre
- \$70.00 per credit (includes reserve credit) – 2006 pricing
- \$126.00 per acre

## Permanent Mitigation

- Purchase once to attain permanent water
- Permanent credits do not expire at year end
- Supplied by purchase of surface water or ground water from an existing water right or certificate in the same ZOI
- Price per acre depends on price paid for water and any exit fees associated with acquiring that water
- If type of use is the same, ratio is 1:1 supply to demand ratio
- Permanent credits = security if purchased from an established State sanctioned “water bank”
- Limited availability
- \$2000 to \$3000 per acre depending on source of credits, up to \$5000 per acre from water marketers

## Simplified Picture:

