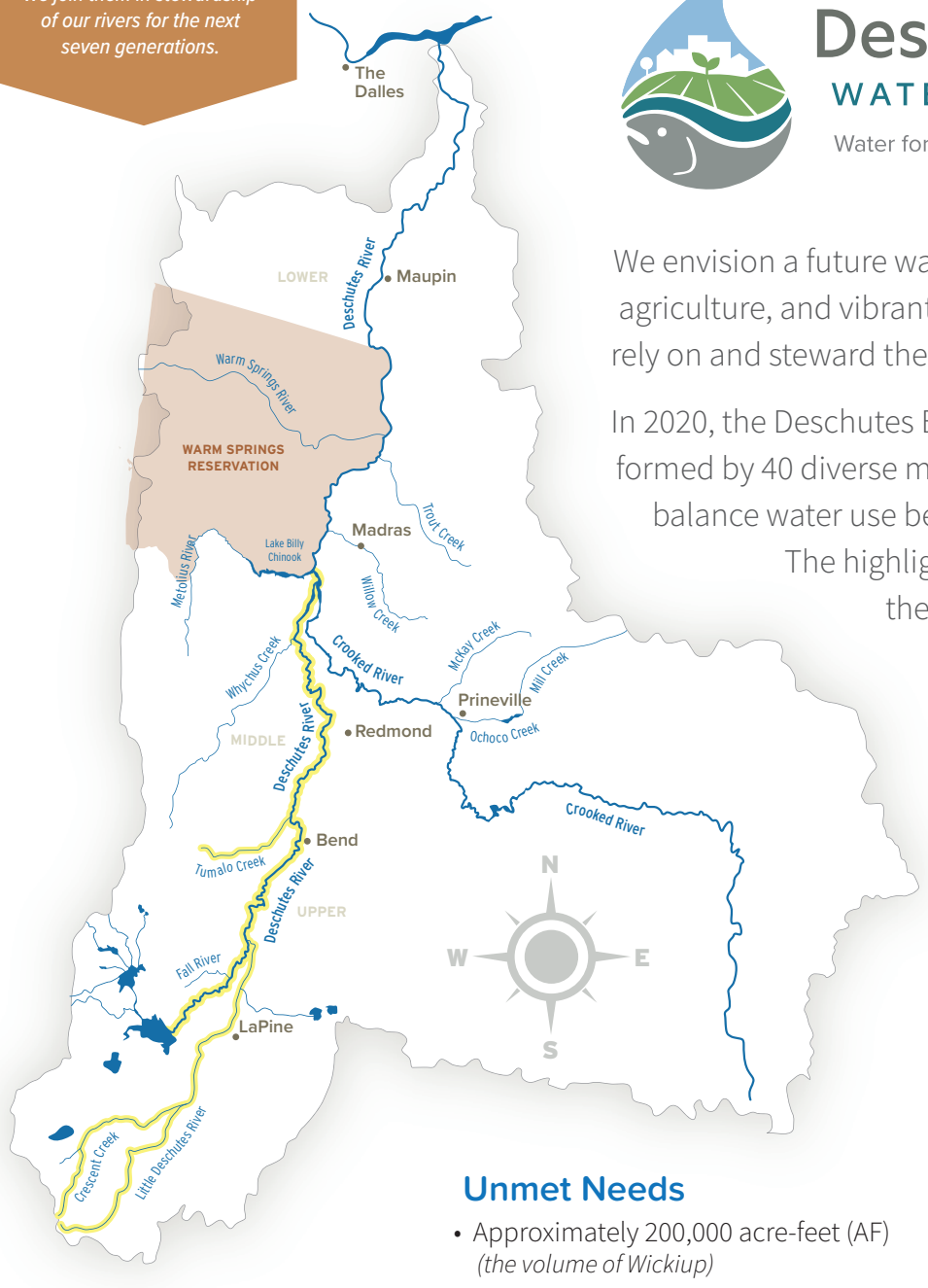
We honor the native people who have called this region home for thousands of years.

We join them in stewardship of our rivers for the next seven generations.

Deschutes Basin
WATER COLLABORATIVE

Water for Rivers, Agriculture and Communities



We envision a future watershed with healthy streams, thriving agriculture, and vibrant, connected communities that both rely on and steward the water resources in the basin.

In 2020, the Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative (DBWC) was formed by 40 diverse members who are working together to balance water use between human and ecological needs. The highlighted area on the map is phase one of the DBWC's focus.

Issues

- Low and altered streamflows
- Water quality
- Increased water temperatures
- Prolonged, exceptional drought
- Degraded habitat
- Threatened species
- Water use inefficiency
- Uneven and unreliable water supply
- Climate change

Unmet Needs

- Approximately 200,000 acre-feet (AF) *(the volume of Wickiup)*
- Up to 400,000 AF in dry years

The basin is working to secure sufficient water supply (acre-feet) to meet current and future water needs for agriculture and cities and to restore instream flows (cubic feet per second) in specific reaches. Total annual inflows to the basin amount to 860,000 to 2.3 million AF.

Basin Progress

- Success through collaboration
- Nearly 300 cfs restored in key reaches
- Increased agricultural reliability
- Some future water supply secured for municipalities

Healthy Streams

Restore flows in the Deschutes River and its tributaries. Water quantity and quality to support fish, frogs, and other wildlife.

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Thriving Agriculture

Support irrigated agriculture by promoting water equity and increased efficiency so that production in Central Oregon remains viable.

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Vibrant Communities

Enough water to secure and maintain a safe, affordable, and high-quality water supply for urban communities in one of the fastest growing regions in the country.