



Drought Report for the Week of June 8, 2015



County-wide drought declarations go through a three-part process before securing a drought declaration from the Governor's Office.

First, County Commissions meet to determine whether they want to seek a Governor's declaration.

Second, these recommendations go to the Water Availability Committee (chaired by the Oregon Water Resources Department) and then the Oregon Drought Council (chaired by Oregon Emergency Management) for technical review. The next meeting of the Water Availability Committee and Oregon Drought Council is June 11, 2015.

Finally, if approved for drought declaration, the Governor's Office issues an Executive Order, declaring drought in specific counties. In recent years, these Executive Order have been set to expire at the end of a calendar year. A Governor's declared drought is in place for 2015 in the following counties: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Wasco and Wheeler. A Governor's Drought Declaration allows the Water Resources Department to issue emergency drought permits to applicants, using an expedited process.

Current Water Conditions: The NRCS reports that State-wide, Oregon's snowpack this winter peaked at the lowest levels measured in the last 35 years. Many snow monitoring sites set records for the lowest peak snowpack and earliest melt-out date since measurements began. Consequently, streamflow is expected to be well below normal through the end of summer, especially in the more arid regions of the state. The current statewide average precipitation is 88%.

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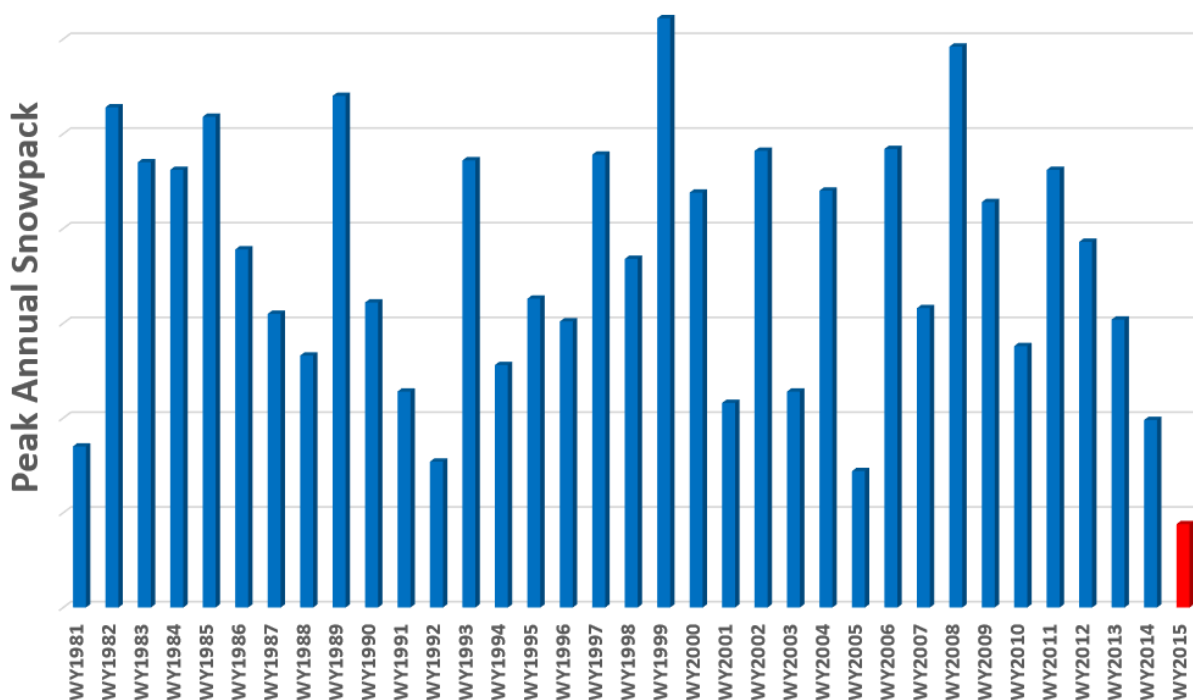


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Oregon Basin Outlook Report

June 1, 2015

Oregon Snowpack Lowest on Record 2015 Water Year



State-wide, Oregon's snowpack this winter peaked at the lowest levels measured in the last 35 years. The chart above puts this year's record low snowpack into historical context. The height of each bar reflects the peak snowpack—from across the state of Oregon—for each water year. This year, 2015, is shown in red at the far right. Many snow monitoring sites set records for the lowest peak snowpack and earliest melt-out date since measurements began. In western Oregon, the snowpack peaked 60-90% below the normal amounts and the snow melted up to 3 months early. The snowpack in the eastern part of the state was only slightly better, peaking 30-80% below normal levels and up to 2 months earlier than normal. Lack of normal mountain snowpack has led to well below normal streamflow forecasts for the state. Currently, most of Oregon is included in the severe to extreme drought category, according to the National Drought Monitor. Water shortages across Oregon are expected this summer and Governor Kate Brown has declared a drought state of emergency in 15 counties as a result.

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Current Basin Water Status


	Basin #	Basin Name	Basin Status	Reason
Edit	1	North Coast	Drought Likely	
Edit	2	Willamette	Drought Likely	Below normal streamflow; Dry Forecast
Edit	3	Sandy	Drought Likely	Below normal streamflow; Dry Forecast
Edit	4	Hood	Drought Likely	Below normal streamflow; Dry Forecast
Edit	5	Deschutes	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoirs are near full
Edit	6	John Day	Drought Unavoidable	No Storage or Snowpack; Dry Forecast
Edit	7	Umatilla	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoirs are roughly 50%; Dry Forecast
Edit	8	Grande Ronde	Drought Likely	Snowpack >5000'
Edit	9	Powder	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir Storage is mixed; no snowpack
Edit	10	Malheur	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir storage is near empty
Edit	11	Owyhee	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir storage is near empty
Edit	12	Malheur Lake	Drought Unavoidable	No reservoir storage; No snowpack
Edit	13	Goose & Summer Lake	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir storage is near empty
Edit	14	Klamath	Drought Unavoidable	Stressed soil; No snowpack
Edit	15	Rogue	Drought Unavoidable	Lack of snowpack; Reservoir storage is decent
Edit	16	Umpqua	Drought Likely	Weak Snowpack; Dry Forecast
Edit	17	South Coast	Drought Likely	
Edit	18	Middle Coast	Drought Likely	

Oregon's Water Availability Committee* Water Supply Assessment

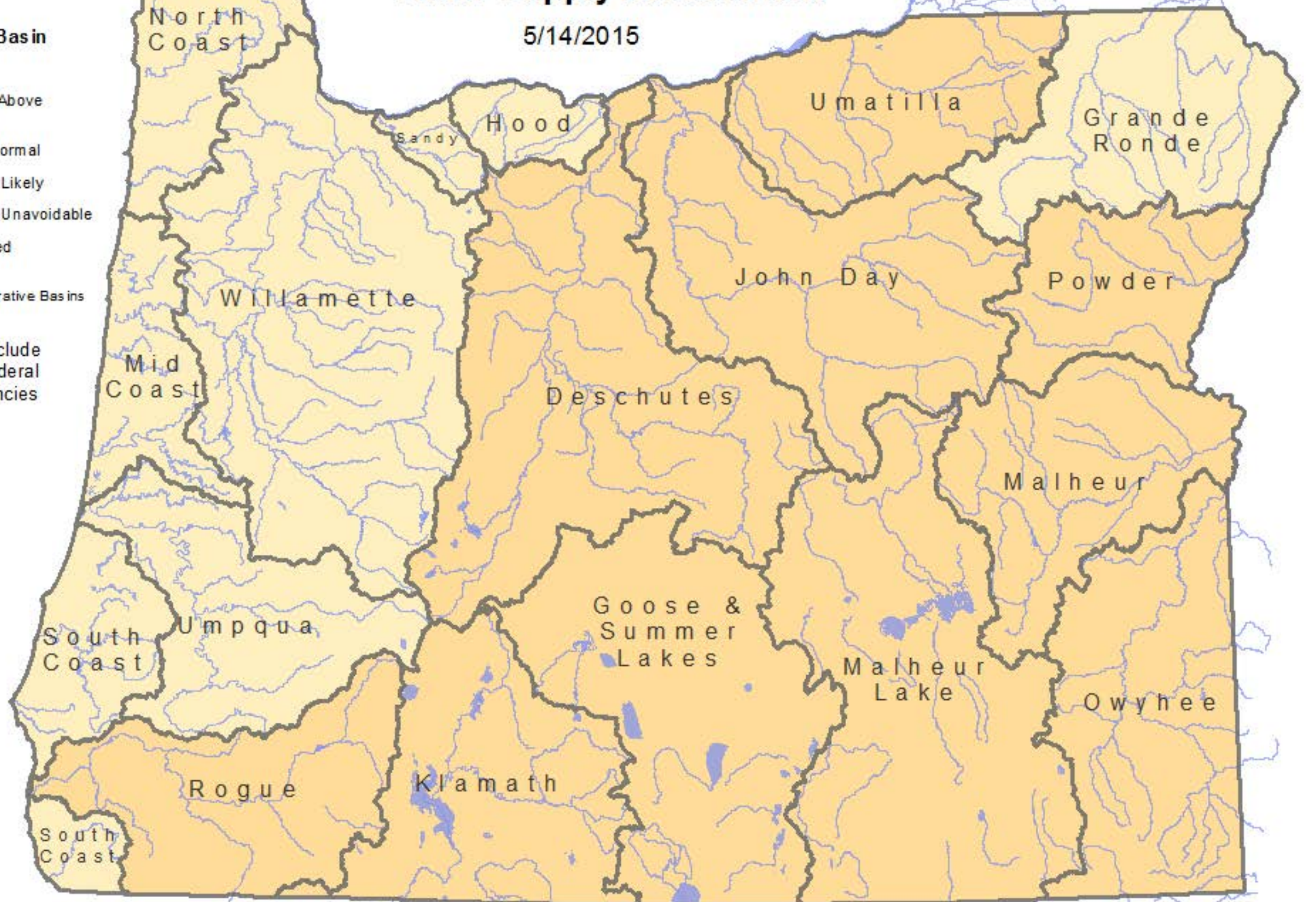
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Drought by Basin Status

-  Near or Above Normal
-  Below Normal
-  Drought Likely
-  Drought Unavoidable
-  Not Rated

 Administrative Basins

*Members Include
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Drought Declarations

Search Criteria

County: **Start Drought Year:**
Drought Status: **End Drought Year:**

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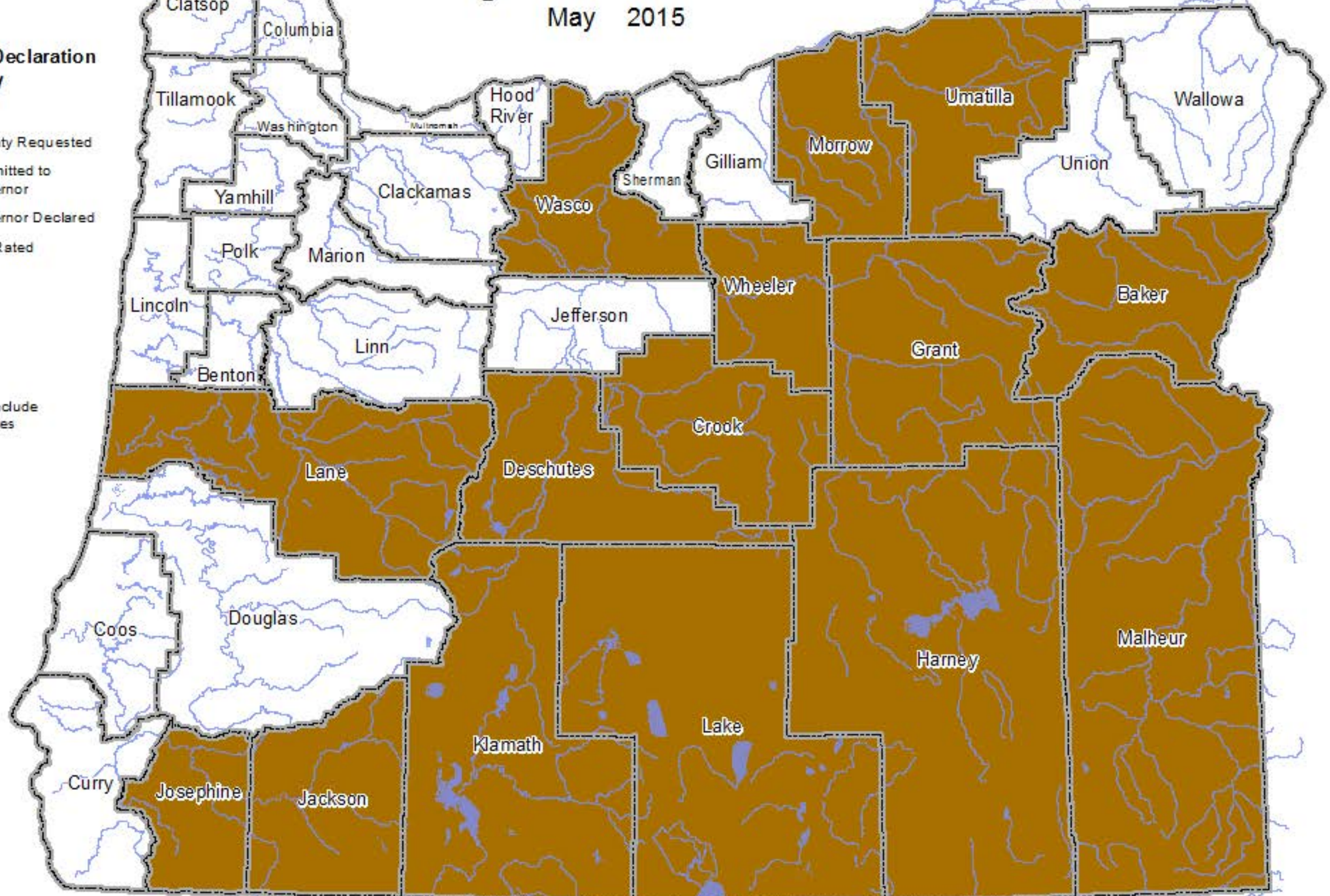
Oregon's Drought Council* Drought Declaration Status May 2015

Drought Declaration by County

Status

-  County Requested
-  Submitted to Governor
-  Governor Declared
-  Not Rated

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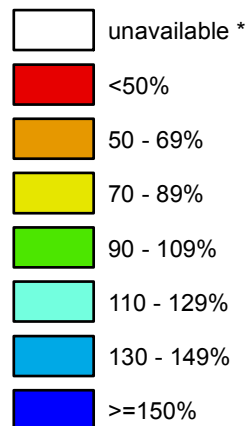
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Oregon SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

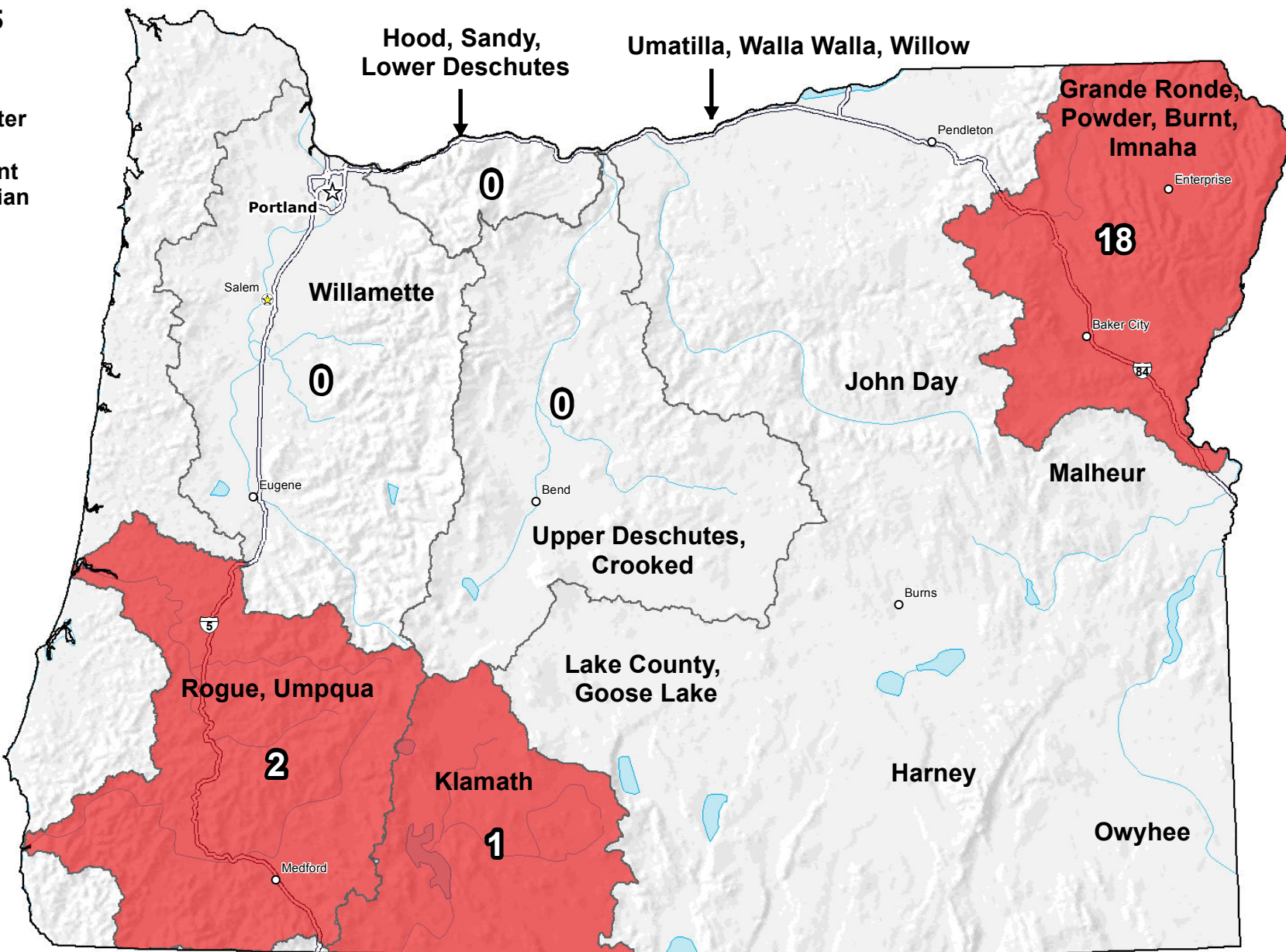
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Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Basin-wide Percent of 1981-2010 Median



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The snow water equivalent percent of normal represents the current snow water equivalent found at selected SNOTEL sites in or near the basin compared to the average value for those sites on this day. Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00).

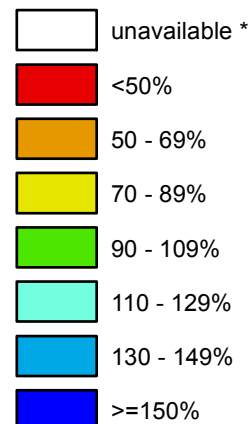
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Oregon SNOTEL Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation % of Normal

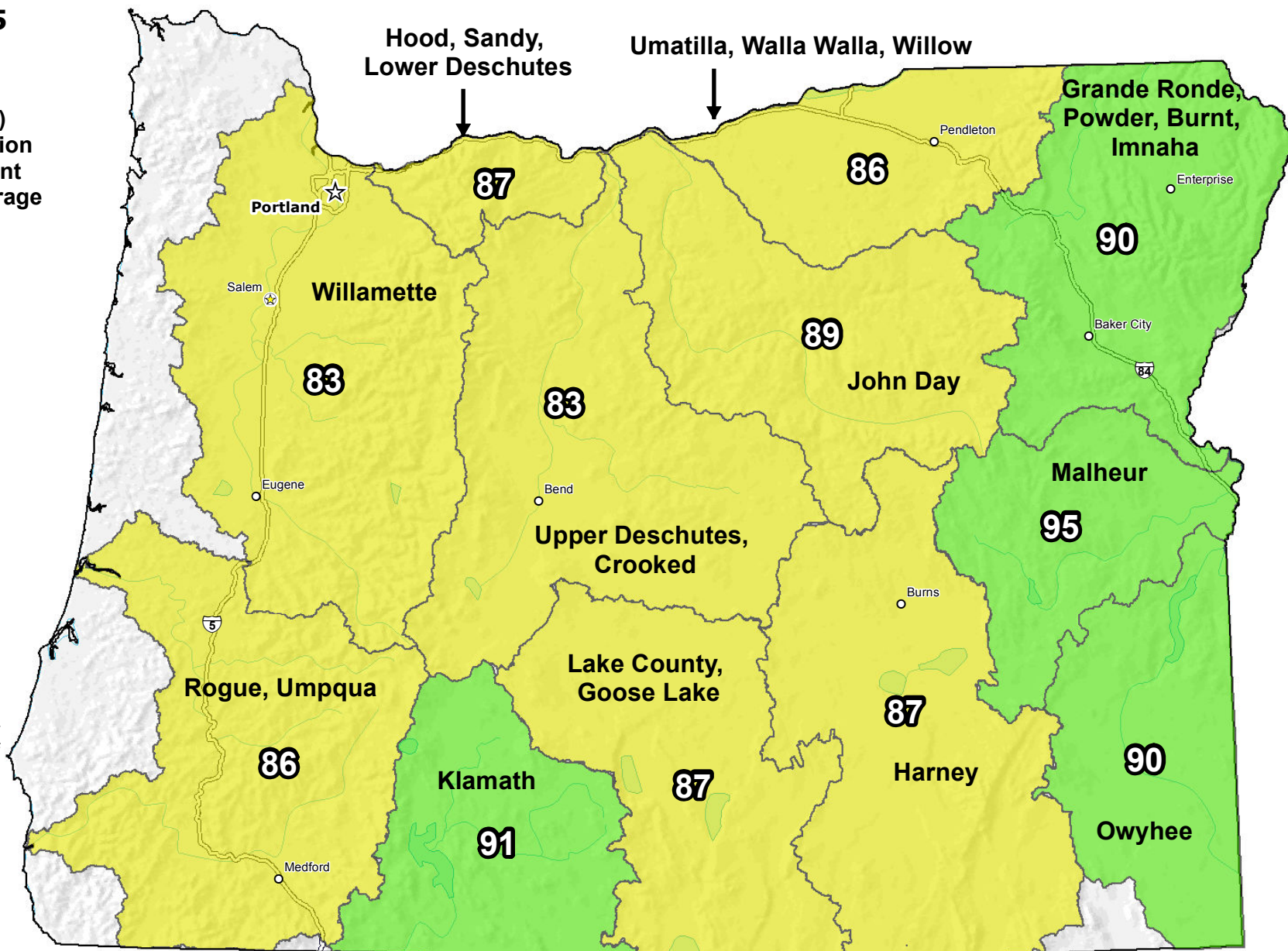
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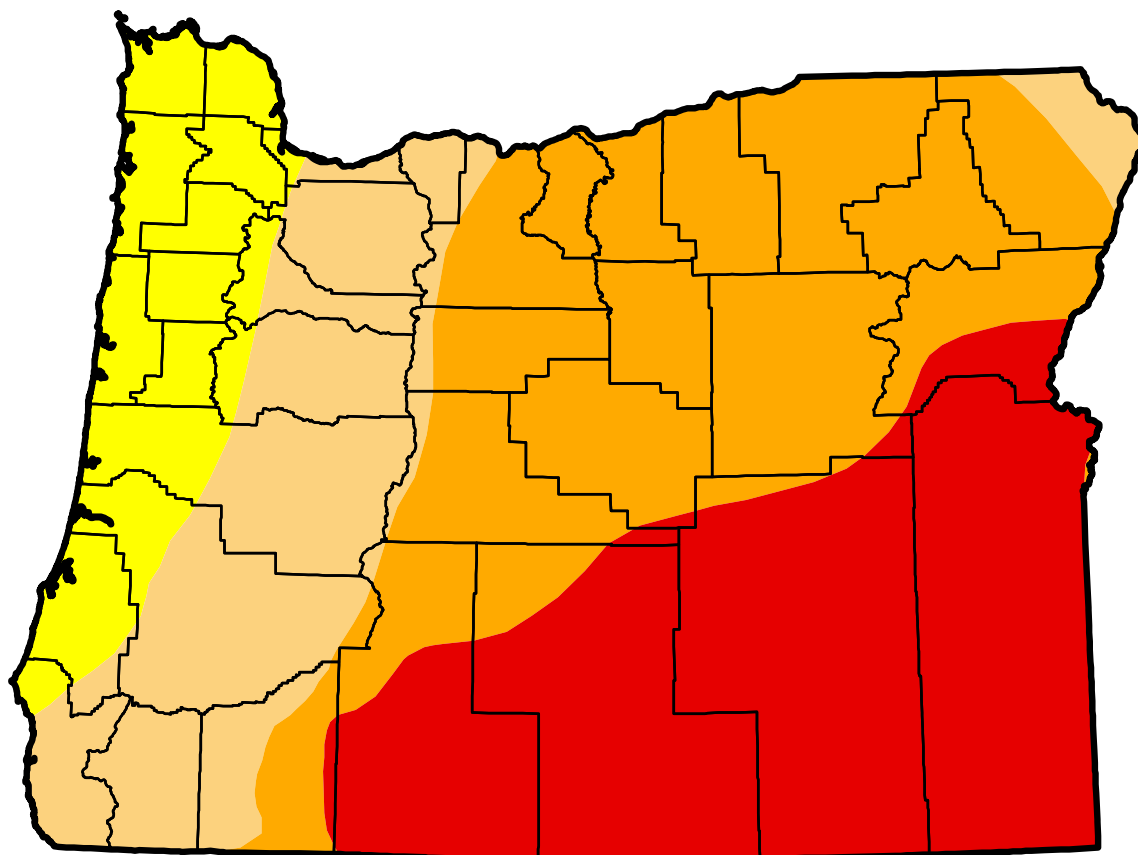
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	88.27	68.48	34.09	0.00
Last Week 5/26/2015	0.00	100.00	88.27	68.48	34.09	0.00
3 Months Ago 3/3/2015	14.22	85.78	82.37	44.95	33.72	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/30/2014	13.61	86.39	80.70	49.29	34.11	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	1.56	98.44	76.61	56.26	35.30	0.00
One Year Ago 6/3/2014	5.45	94.55	72.78	46.03	9.31	0.00



Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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Drought Water Right Summary Report

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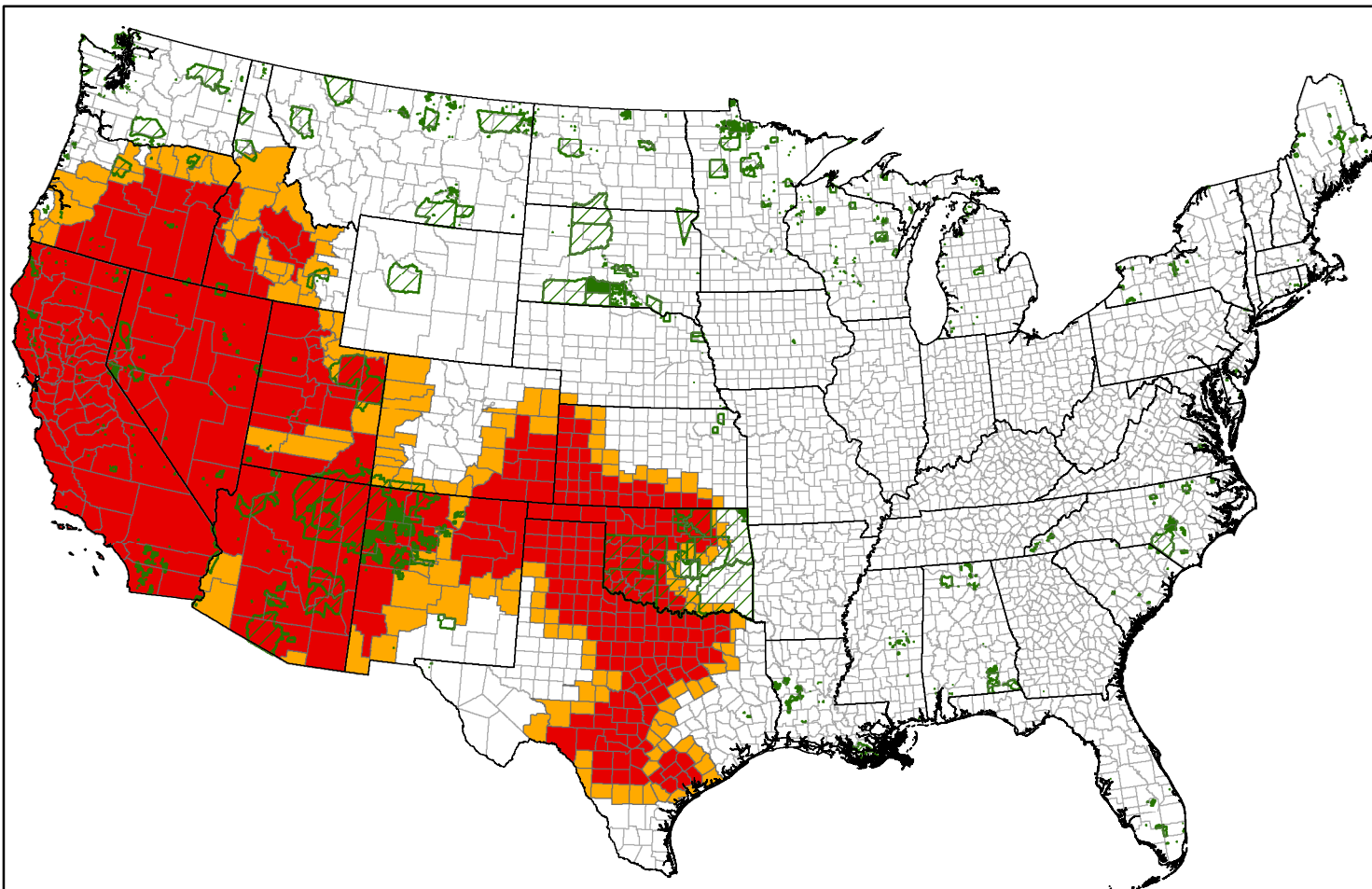
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2015	Harney	1		1	372.60	1	1	
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2015	Lake	1				1		1
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




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2015 Secretarial Drought Designations - All Drought



Secretarial Drought Designations for 2015

Disaster Incidents as of June 3, 2015

-  State Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Tribal Lands
-  Primary Counties: 329
-  Contiguous Counties: 153



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