



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-09

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
BAKER COUNTY DUE TO LOW SNOWPACK, PRECIPITATION, AND
STREAMFLOW, AND WARMING TEMPERATURES**

Pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that the absence of snowpack, lack of precipitation, low streamflows, and warming temperatures are likely to cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Baker County, resulting in a severe, continuing drought emergency in that county during 2018.

Forecasted water conditions are not expected to improve, and drought is likely to have significant economic impacts on agriculture, livestock, and other natural resources in Baker County. Dry conditions will place agricultural and livestock investments at risk; affect irrigators and domestic users; threaten recreational and tourism activities; increase the potential for early onset fire danger; and subject the regional economy to widespread and severe damage.

Conditions are being monitored by the state's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Preparation and timely response to drought are vital to the safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of Baker County. I therefore declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists in Baker County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources to mitigate drought conditions and to assist in agricultural recovery in Baker County.
- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Baker County as the Department and Commission determine is necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.




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- III. The Office of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in Baker County.
- IV. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in Baker County.
- V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2018.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of June, 2018.




Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE