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RE: Gilliam County Drought
Date: 9/6/2018
Dr. Bateman and Ms. Andron:

Gilliam County, by and through its County Elected Officials, requests that the Governor of Oregon issue an executive order for all of Gilliam County under the provisions of ORS 536 as a direct result of severe and continuing/projected drought conditions.

There is the potential for the Gilliam County agricultural and livestock, natural resources, recreational, tourism, and related economies to experience widespread and severe damage resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county. We are already experiencing large wildland fires with extreme fire behavior, historically low stream flows, and minimal precipitation. These conditions are negatively affecting our recreational & tourism economies as well as our crop and livestock production driven agricultural economy.

The county has already formally declared a drought, and has attached a copy of the adopted resolution for your files.

The Gilliam County Court has determined that additional action by and support from the state is needed. This may include assistance from the Oregon Water Resources Department and other Oregon executive branch agencies, operating within their statutory authorities.

Gilliam County Court therefore requests an executive order from the Governor, declaring drought in Gilliam County.

We extend in advance our appreciation for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Judge Steven Shaffer
Gilliam County Court

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