



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-23

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN JACKSON COUNTY DUE TO UNUSUALLY LOW STREAMFLOW AND HOT, DRY CONDITIONS

Pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that extremely low water supply conditions have caused natural and economic disaster conditions in Jackson County, resulting in a severe, continuing drought emergency in that county during 2020.

Drought conditions arrived early and have persisted, including reduced snowpack, precipitation, and subsequent minimal streamflow. The long-term forecast for the region continues for warmer than normal temperatures and lower than normal precipitation. These conditions have had significant economic impact on agriculture, timber, and recreational industries in Jackson County.

Conditions continue to be 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 resiliency to drought are vital to the health and safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of Jackson County. I therefore declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists in Jackson 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 Jackson County.
- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Jackson 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 Jackson 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 Jackson County.
- V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2020.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 1st day of May, 2020.

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Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bev Clarno".

Bev Clarno
SECRETARY OF STATE

