



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14-05

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
GRANT, JOSEPHINE, AND WHEELER COUNTIES DUE TO DROUGHT
AND LOW WATER CONDITIONS**

At the request of Grant County (Resolution 2014-08 dated April 2, 2014), Josephine County (Resolution 2014-020 dated May 15, 2014), and Wheeler County (Resolution 2014-3 dated March 5, 2014), and based on recommendations of the Drought Council and Water Availability Committee, and pursuant to ORS 401.165 and ORS 536.740, I find the continuing dry conditions, low snowpack, and lack of precipitation have caused natural and economic disaster conditions in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.

Projected forecasts are not expected to alleviate the severe drought conditions and the drought is having significant economic impact on Grant, Josephine and Wheeler Counties' agricultural, livestock, and natural resources.

The dry conditions present hardships for these communities: crops and agricultural and recreation investments are at risk; animals and plants that rely on Oregon's surface water supplies are threatened; and the risk of wildfires across the state is greatly increased. Current conditions are being monitored and analyzed by state agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, and Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

A timely response to the severe drought conditions is vital to the safety of persons and property and economic security of the citizens and businesses of Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties; I am therefore declaring a state of drought emergency in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties and directing the following activities;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and affect agricultural recovery in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.

II. The Department of Water Resources is directed to coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.

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 Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.



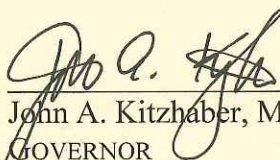
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IV. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in Grant, Josephine, and Wheeler Counties.

V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2014.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 29 day of May, 2014.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE