

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR WHEELER COUNTY, OREGON
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-008
A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY

THIS MATTER, coming before the County Court sitting as the County governing body at a regularly scheduled meeting on this 15th day of April 2026; and

WHEREAS as of April 1, 2026, well over 95% of Wheeler County is experiencing D2-D4 drought conditions (Severe, Extreme and Exceptional) according to the US Drought Monitor (EXHIBIT A); and

WHEREAS the total precipitation for the area is significantly below average and the snow water equivalent is at 1% of the average (EXHIBIT B); and

WHEREAS Wheeler County is faced with potential crop failure both in dry land and irrigated areas that are served by streams; and

WHEREAS Wheeler County is faced with substantial reduction in available range forage for livestock likely necessitating livestock feed assistance; and

WHEREAS extremely dry conditions lead to potential wildfires, mitigation of such will be difficult with low volume reservoirs and ponds.

NOW, THEREFORE, Wheeler County Court hereby resolves as follows:

- 1- The Wheeler County Court declares that a state of drought emergency exists within Wheeler County; and
- 2- The Wheeler County Court requests that Governor Tina Kotek declare a state of drought emergency for Wheeler County and that Governor Tina Kotek requests that the United States Secretary of Interior and the United States Secretary of Agriculture issue a Drought Disaster Declaration for Wheeler County.

Adopted by the Wheeler County Court this 15th day of April 2026.


N Lynn Morley, County Judge


Ben Logan, Commissioner


Matt Davis, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Chrissa McCreary, Court Secretary