

# Klamath Basin Settlement

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# Settlement

- 2002 – Settlement talks begin
- 2010 – Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement
  - 45 organizations, including Federal agencies, California and Oregon, Indian tribes, counties, irrigators and conservation and fishing groups
- Did not include off-project users



# UKL Settlement

- 2013 Governor's Klamath Task Force on Upper Klamath Settlement
- The tribes, state, federal government and off-project irrigators met July 2013 to March 2014
- Agreement signed April 18, 2014



Photo: Lake of the Woods, State Archives

# Historic Signing of Upper Klamath Basin Water Agreement



April 18, 2014

# Agreement In Principle

- Water Use Program permanently increases streamflows into Upper Klamath Lake by 30,000 AF
- Stable, sustainable basis for continued irrigation
- Riparian improvements
- Economic Development program for Klamath Tribes

# Comprehensive Agreement

- Will be administered by:
  - Joint Management Entity
  - Landowner Entity
- Agreement:
  - Identifies how Tribal flows will be protected
  - Quantifies water right retirements
  - Provides a framework for GW regulation

# Agreement and Regulation

Off-project users agree to use less water and undertake riparian restoration

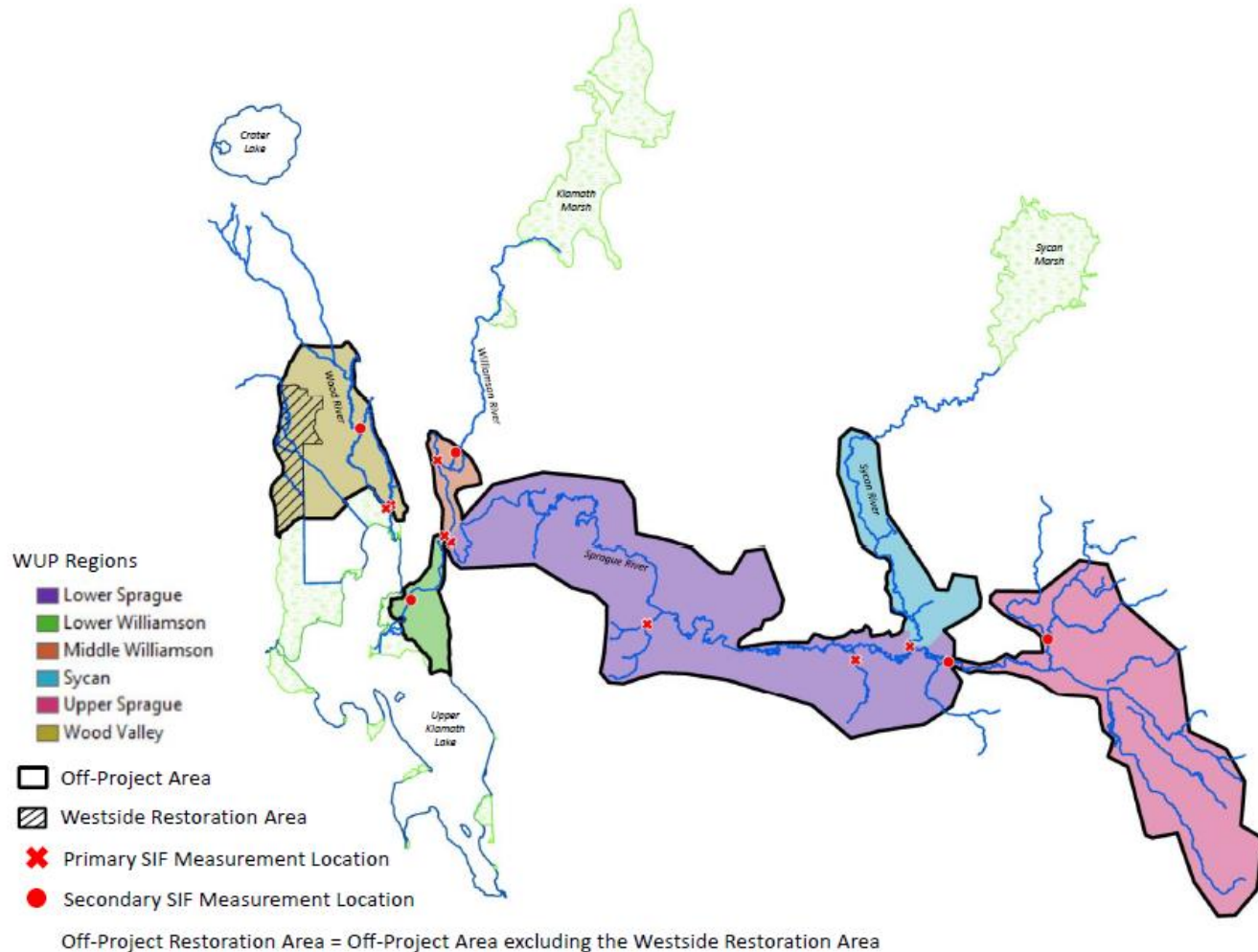


Tribes agree to reduced water call threshold



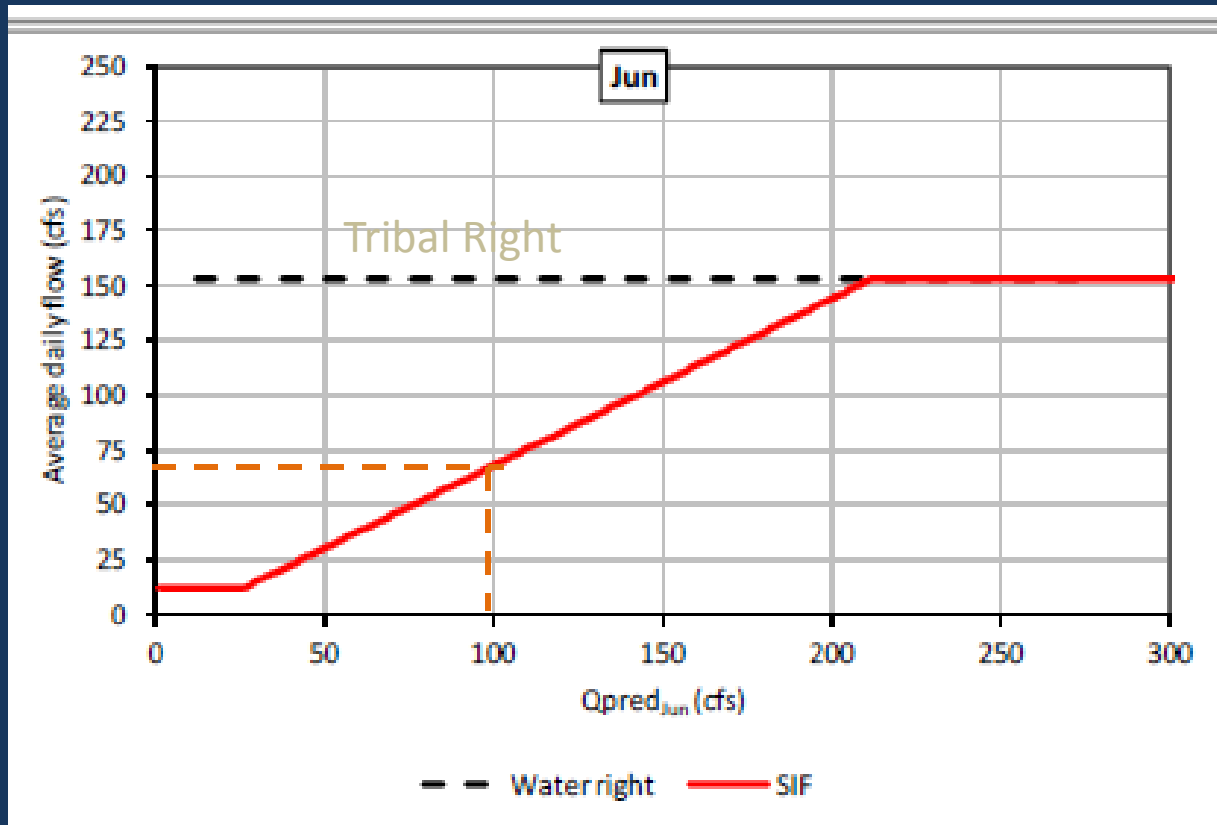
Fewer users regulated and more water instream

# Water Use Program Regions



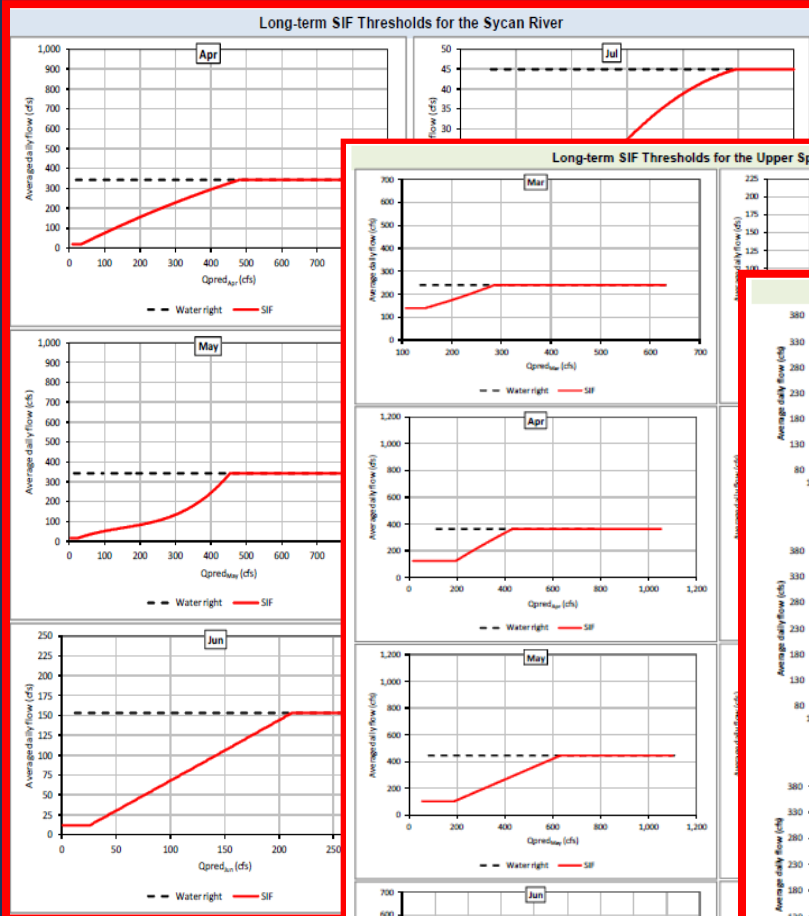


# Sycan River Specified Instream Flow

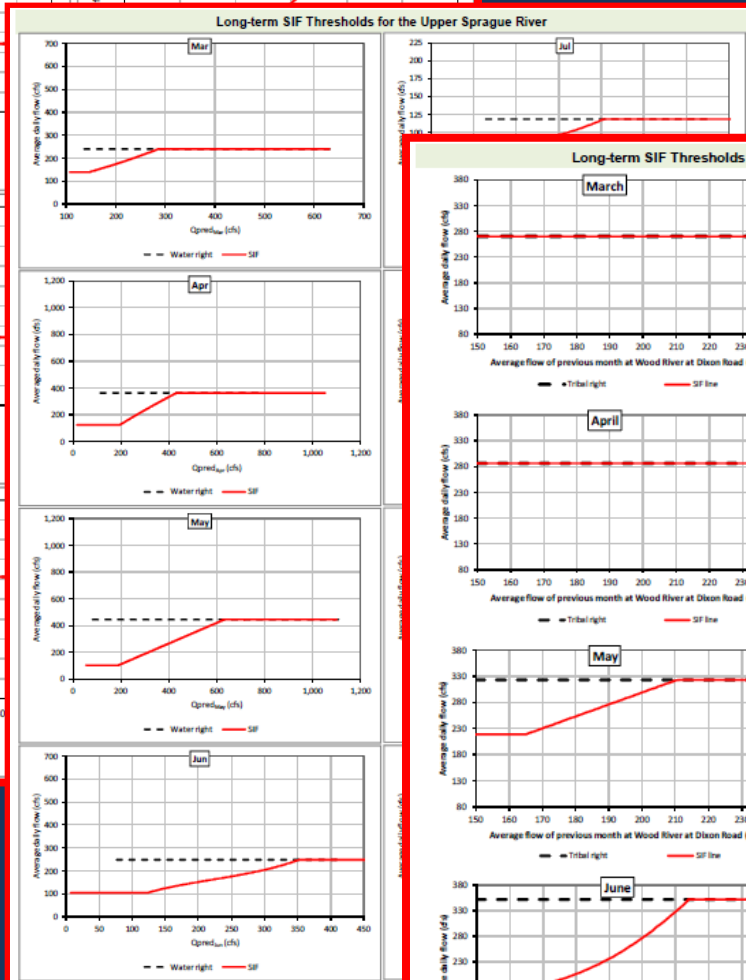


SIF calculated the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month

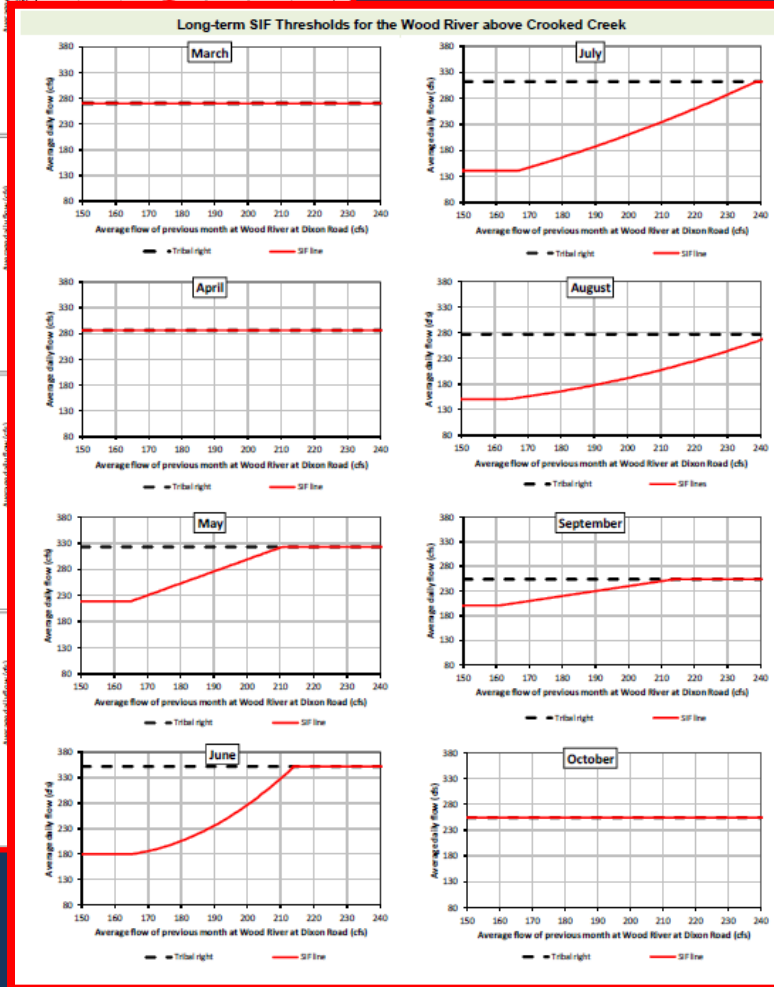
SIFs calculated for each measurement location and each month



Sycan R



Upper Sprague R

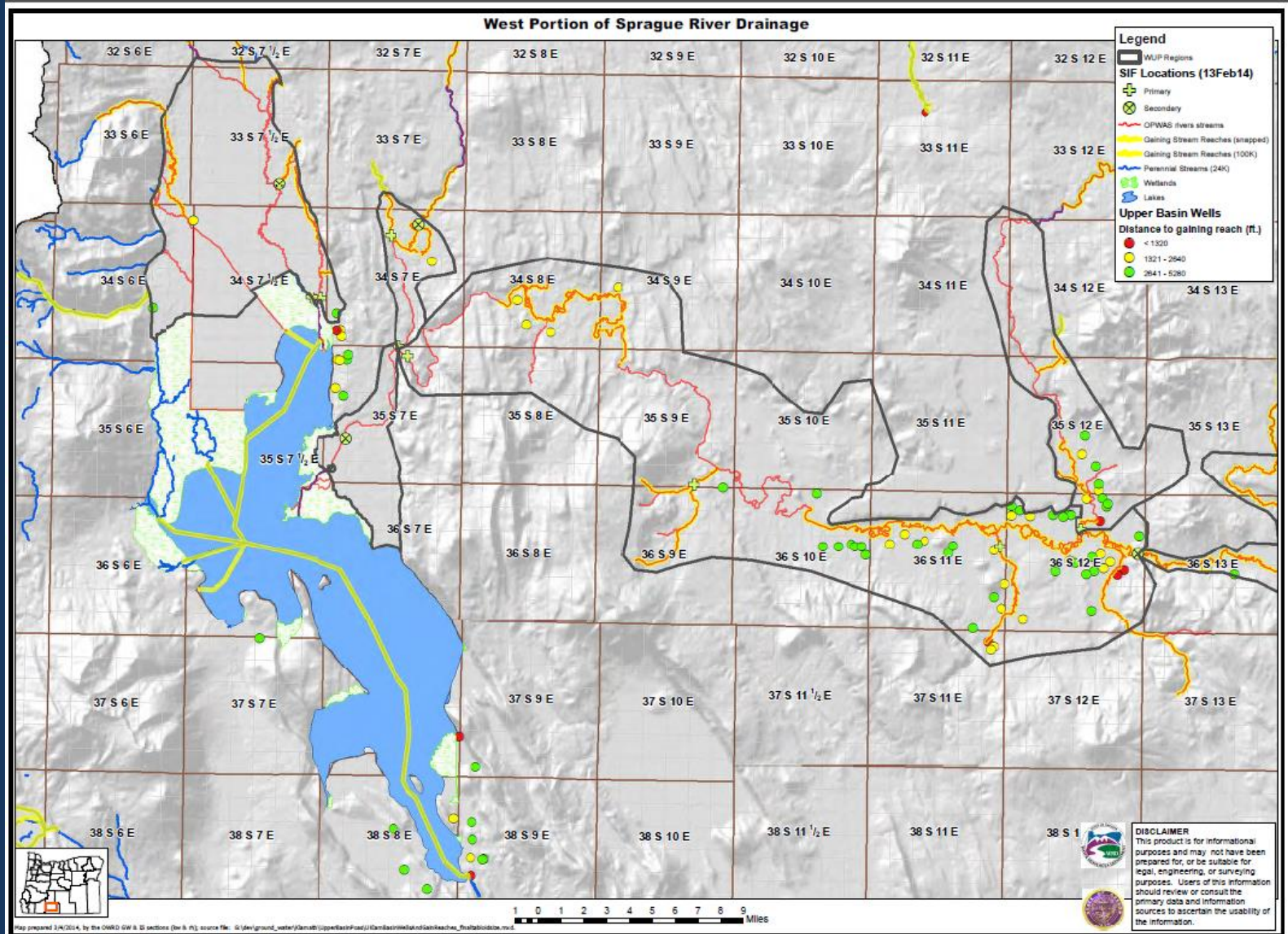


Wood R

# Groundwater



# Gaining Reaches and Wells



# Regulation of wells

## Distance to a gaining stream reach

Water Right  
Flow Target

< ¼  
mile

¼ - ½  
mile

½ - 1  
mile

> 1  
mile

| Met                    |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
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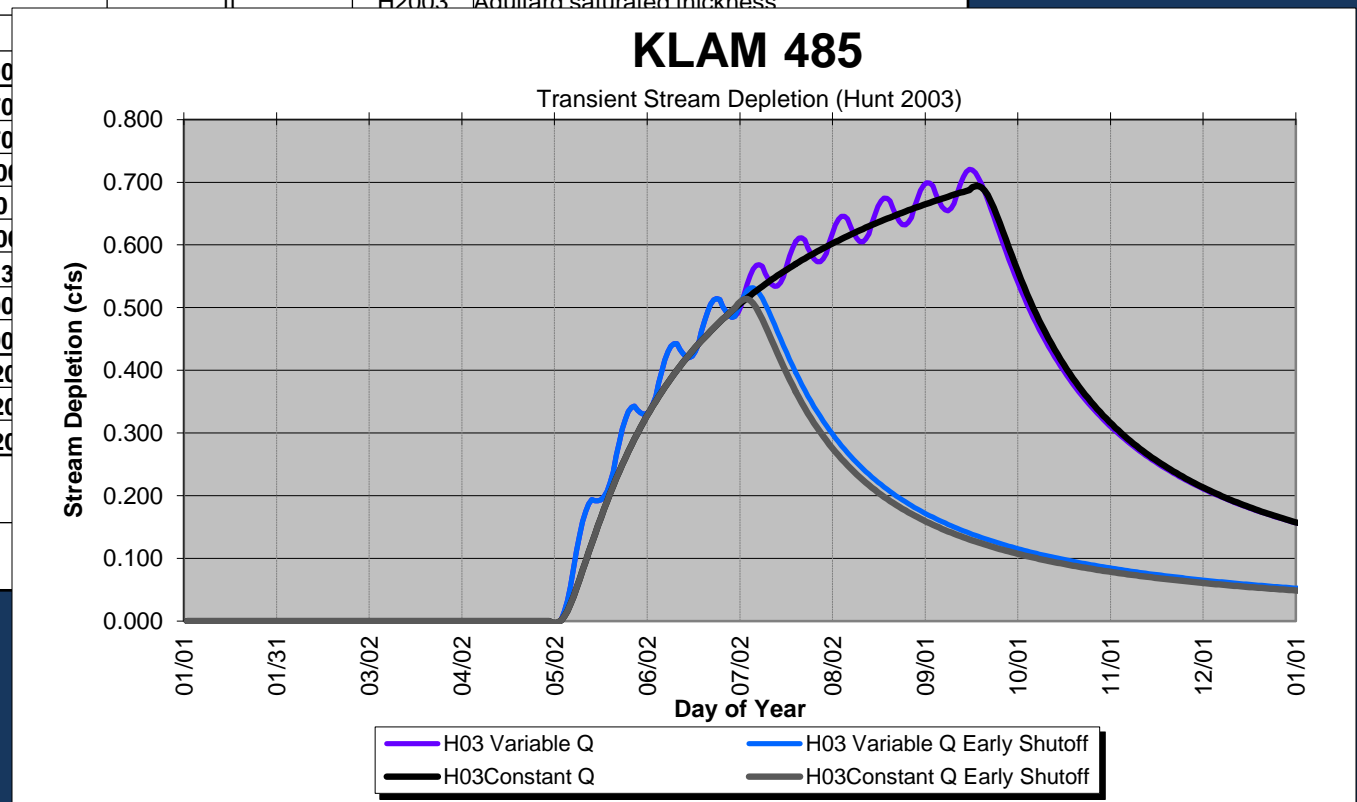
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# Well by well analysis

## Input data

| Parameter            | Values          | Unit   |       | Description                                |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|-------|--|
| Plot Title           | <b>KLAM 485</b> |        |       | Plot title                                 |
| a                    | <b>3135</b>     | ft     |       | Perpendicular distance from well to stream |
| d                    | <b>358</b>      | ft     |       | Well depth                                 |
| K                    | <b>7.4536</b>   | ft/day |       | Aquifer hydraulic conductivity             |
| b                    | <b>2196</b>     | ft     |       | Aquifer saturated thickness                |
| S                    | <b>0.00100</b>  |        |       | Aquifer storativity or specific yield      |
| ws                   | <b>120</b>      | ft     | H2003 | Stream width                               |
| Kva                  | <b>28.4727</b>  | ft/day | H2003 | Aquitard vertical hydraulic conductivity   |
| ba                   | <b>30</b>       | ft     | H2003 | Aquitard saturated thickness               |
| babs                 | <b>30</b>       |        |       |  |
| n                    | <b>0.1000</b>   |        |       |  |
| QwMaxPermit          | <b>2.270</b>    |        |       |  |
| QwMaxWell            | <b>2.270</b>    |        |       |  |
| AcresMaxPerWell      | <b>181.0</b>    |        |       |  |
| AfPerAcre            | <b>2.00</b>     |        |       |  |
| PpgDaysIrrSeason     | <b>138.0</b>    |        |       |  |
| QwAvgIrrSeason       | <b>1.323</b>    |        |       |  |
| IrrigationEfficiency | <b>1.000</b>    |        |       |  |
| AcreFraction         | <b>1.000</b>    |        |       |  |
| DateModelStart       | <b>01/01/20</b> |        |       |  |
| DatePumpOn           | <b>05/01/20</b> |        |       |  |
| DateEarlyShutOff     | <b>07/01/20</b> |        |       |  |
| QwConstantMethod     | <b>1</b>        |        |       |  |
| QwVariableMethod     | <b>2</b>        |        |       |  |



# Department Recommendation

- Comprehensive Agreement
  - Proposal for Rule
- Division 09
  - local rules
- Rules Advisory Committee



Spring Creek in the Klamath basin



# Action item

## Alternatives:

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# 2014: What can we expect?

**Drought**

**Stream flows**

**Klamath Project**

**Settlement Agreement**

**Specified Instream Flows**

**Surface water gages**

**Groundwater uses**

# Questions?

