

Update on State Drought Declarations

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State Drought Declaration Process

- **County declaration**
- **Letter requesting Governor declaration**
- **Water Availability Committee technical review**
- **Drought Council Policy Review**
- **Recommendation from Drought Council to Governor, from Office of Emergency Management**
- **Governor determination and declaration as appropriate**

Governor-Declared Drought Counties

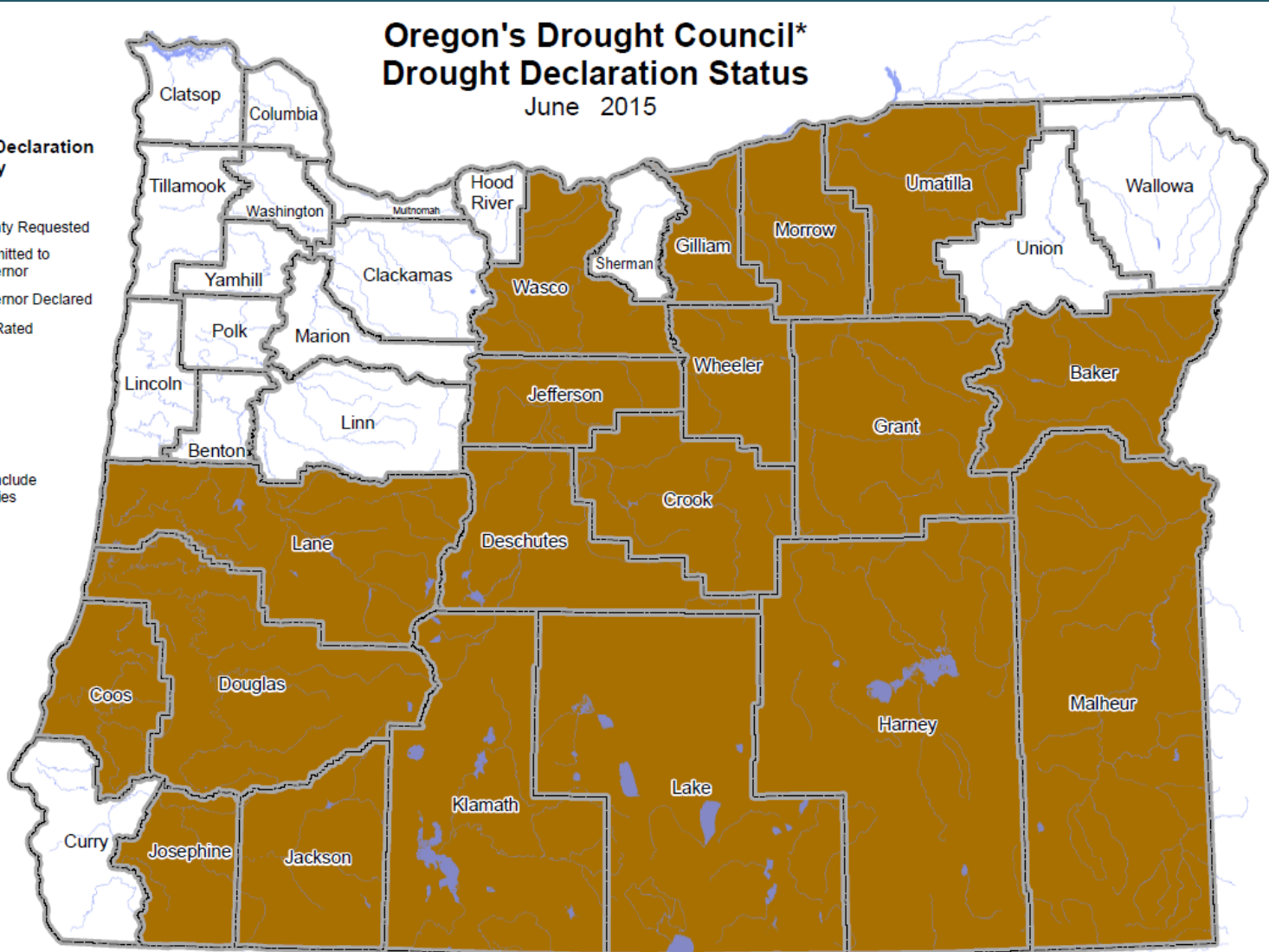
Oregon's Drought Council* Drought Declaration Status June 2015

Drought Declaration by County

Status

- County Requested
- Submitted to Governor
- Governor Declared
- Not Rated

*Members Include
State Agencies



Current Drought Conditions in Oregon's Basins

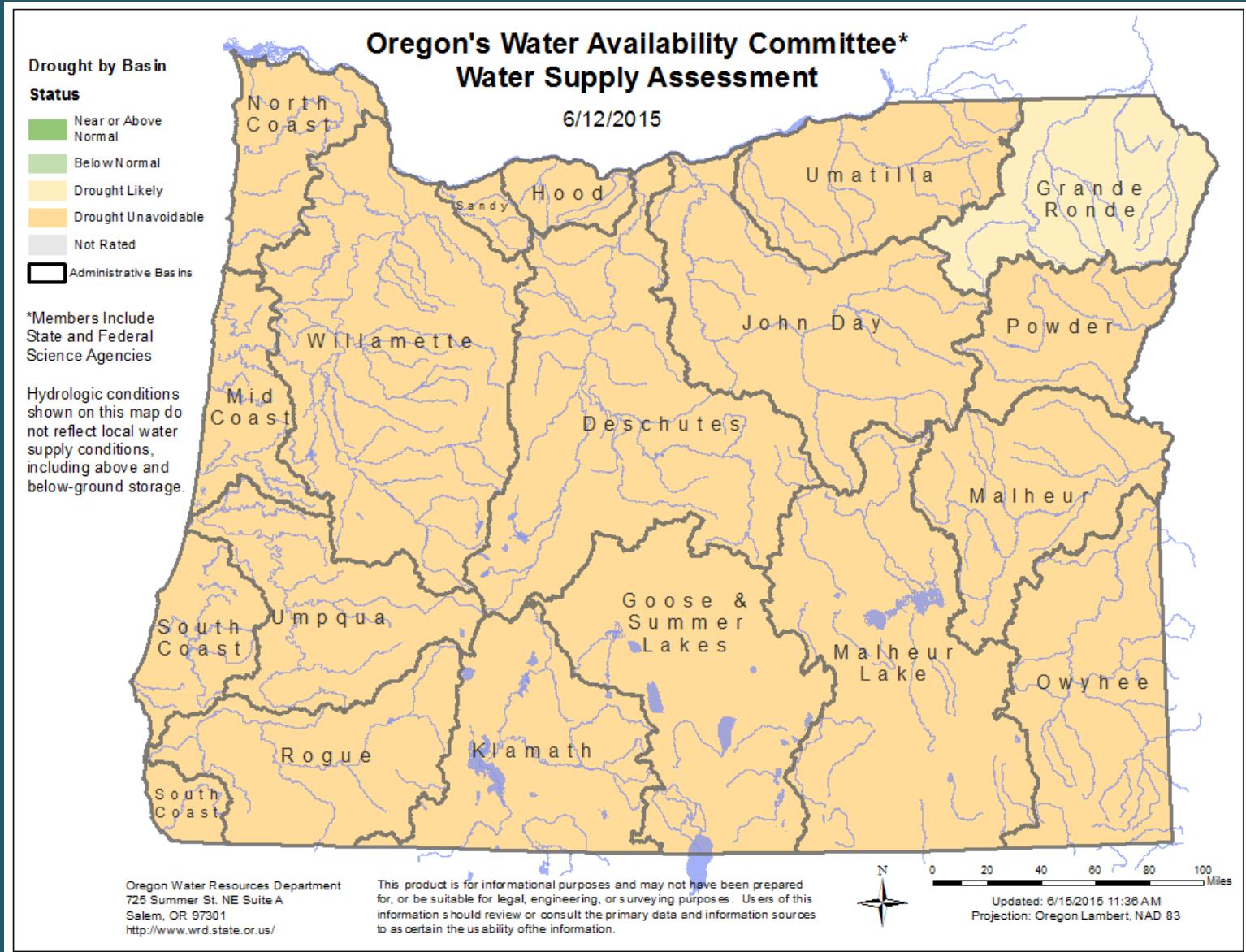
Current Basin Water Status

Basin #	Basin Name	Basin Status	Reason
1	North Coast	Drought Unavoidable	
2	Willamette	Drought Unavoidable	Corps Reservoirs 50%
3	Sandy	Drought Unavoidable	Near record low streams
4	Hood	Drought Unavoidable	Very low streamflow
5	Deschutes	Drought Unavoidable	Very low tributary flows
6	John Day	Drought Unavoidable	Very low flows
7	Umatilla	Drought Unavoidable	Very low flows
8	Grande Ronde	Drought Likely	Some recent rainfall
9	Powder	Drought Unavoidable	Very low tributary flows
10	Malheur	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir storage is near empty
11	Owyhee	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir storage is near empty
12	Malheur Lake	Drought Unavoidable	No reservoir storage; Very low flows
13	Goose & Summer Lake	Drought Unavoidable	Reservoir storage is near empty; low flows
14	Klamath	Drought Unavoidable	Low flows
15	Rogue	Drought Unavoidable	Low flows
16	Umpqua	Drought Unavoidable	Low flows
17	South Coast	Drought Unavoidable	Record low flows
18	Middle Coast	Drought Unavoidable	Near record low flows

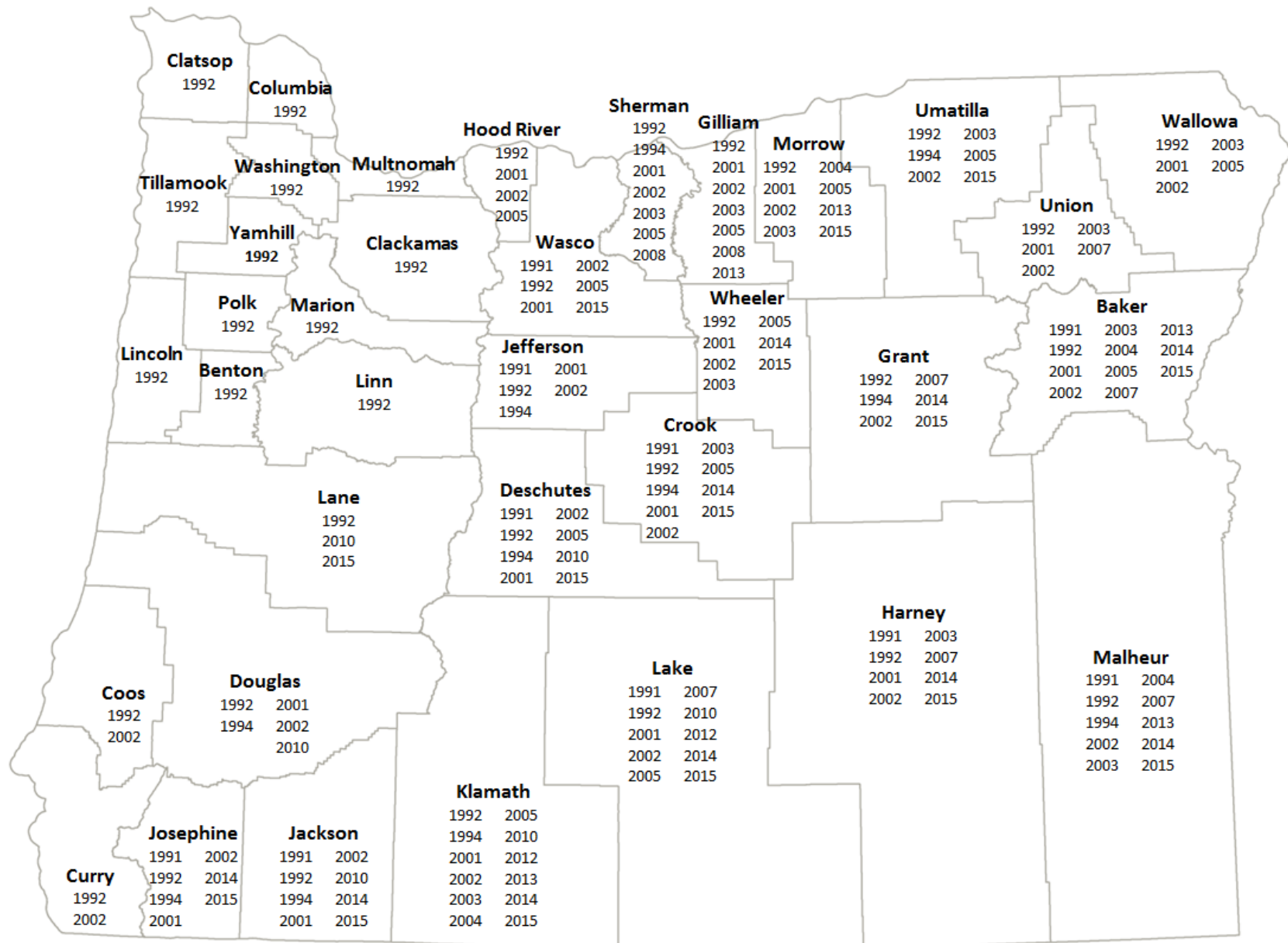
Definitions

Normal	<i>Water supply is not atypical.</i>
Below Normal	<i>Water supply under what is needed to meet normal demands.</i>
Drought Likely	<i>Water supply likely to fall well short of meeting normal demands.</i>
Drought Unavoidable	<i>Water supply will fall well short of meeting normal demands.</i>

"Drought Unavoidable" in Oregon basins**



State Declarations by County (Jan. 1990 – June 2015)



Drought Emergency Permits



Drought

Search Criteria

County:

County	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Transfers Received	Transfers Approved
Crook	1		1	1
Harney	1	1	1	
Klamath	37	36		
Lake	1		1	1
Lane	0		3	
Malheur	13	13	4	4
Morrow	1	1		

Drought Year	County	Applications Rec'd	Applications Denied	Applications Approved	Acres Approved	Transfers Rec'd	Transfers Denied	Transfers Approved
2015	Crook	1				1		1
2015	Harney	1		1	372.60	1	1	
2015	Klamath	37	1	36	21679.59			
2015	Lake	1				1		1
2015	Lane	0				2		
2015	Malheur	13		13	3006.82	4		4
2015	Morrow	1		1	32.70			

Any Questions?



Policy Discussion

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