



## 2018 Human Consumption Preference Notice DRAFT

Oregon Revised Statute 536.750(1)(c) authorizes the Water Resources Commission to grant a preference of use to rights for human consumption or stock watering. Governor Kate Brown declared a drought in Klamath County under Executive Order No. 18-02 on March 13, 2018. The Water Resources Commission adopted temporary emergency administrative rules, OAR 690-022-0060 to OAR 690-022-0063, on April 13, 2018, effective XXX date through XXX date.

The temporary rules grant a preference of use for water for human consumption.

Water for human consumption means the use of water for the purposes of drinking, cooking, and sanitation. The preference for water use for human consumption applies when a water right authorizing domestic, commercial, industrial, municipal, quasi-municipal use, or other use that may allow water for human consumption, is regulated off by the Watermaster in response to a call for water by a senior water right holder. Using water under the preference means that that quantity of water used is not available to the senior water user. This is not a desired or sustainable result. For this reason, you are encouraged to develop alternative options to meet your human consumption needs to prevent the need for a preference in the future.

Only that quantity of water required to meet the human consumption component of a water right may be appropriated. All other authorized use is regulated off when required by the Watermaster. The water user is expected to take all measures available to minimize the quantity of water needed to meet the human consumption needs. The rules require the water right holder exercising the preference to: (a) Use the most efficient means of delivery available to them to divert the minimum amount necessary to meet human consumption water needs, (b) Curtail all other water uses unrelated to human consumption; and (c) Allow the watermaster access to confirm compliance.

The temporary rules require water right holders wishing to utilize the stock water or human consumption preference to provide notice to the Klamath Basin Watermaster. Submission of this form to the Watermaster satisfies that notice requirement.

**Submit Form to:**      **Dani Watson – District 17 Watermaster**  
                                  **305 Main Street**  
                                  **Klamath Falls, OR 97601**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

- NAME OF WATER USER: \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER USE AUTHORIZATION** (List only the human consumption use authorization being used)

- WATER RIGHT PERMIT No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- WATER RIGHT CERTIFICATE No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- WATER RIGHT TRANSFER No.: \_\_\_\_\_
- CLAIM No. OF CLAIM INCLUDED IN ORDER OF DETERMINATION FILED WITH KLAMATH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON MARCH 7, 2013: \_\_\_\_\_

**WATER USE AUTHORIZATION DETAILED INFORMATION**

- AUTHORIZED SOURCE OF WATER: \_\_\_\_\_
- POINT OF DIVERSION(S) or APPROPRIATION TO BE USED TO MEET HUMAN CONSUMPTION NEED: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- NUMBER OF PERSONS (POPULATION) TO BE SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**ESTIMATED WATER NEEDED TO MEET HUMAN CONSUMPTION (CFS)**

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR MUNICIPAL OR QUASI-MUNICIPAL USE (WINTER CFS USE)

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR DOMESTIC USE (CFS INDICATED ON THE WATER PERMIT/CERTIFICATE)

**STEPS BEING TAKEN TO SECURE ALTERNATE SUPPLY TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS:**

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**UNDERSTANDING OF RULES:**

The water right holder exercising the preference must (a) Use the most efficient means of delivery available to them to divert the minimum amount necessary to meet human consumption water needs, (b) Curtail all other water uses unrelated to human consumption; and (c) Allow the watermaster access to confirm compliance. Initial Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_