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Mosier Basin Groundwater Update

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Mosier Area Overview





Mosier GW Problem Statement

Water level declines since 1960s, known in 1980s, leading to withdrawn area

Declines due to overappropriation and well construction issues (commingling)





Actions to Address Problem

Withdrawal of Mosier area in 1988

Continuing study and education regarding commingling well issues

Several recent projects





Recent Programs

Special Well Construction Standards

Well repair/replace program

Deep wells project





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- studied, and continues to study, the area
- built relationships that have lead to public understanding and action
- mentored staff that continue this work



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Mosier Special Area Standards for Well Construction

Erik Thomasser, North Central Region Well Inspector

Mosier Special Area Standards



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- Introduced in June 2015
- Increases oversight and Department involvement
- Process and science-driven
- Improves data collection
- Improves compliance and resource health









Well Drilling Activity

June 2015 - August 2019 Mosier Special Area Standards Activity



- 101 start cards submitted
- 23 Monitoring Wells
- 7 Irrigation Wells
- 16 Abandonments
- 55 Domestic Wells



Results, Impacts, and Feedback

- Observed 100% compliance
- Improved communication and rapport with drillers
- Driller response is positive



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Mosier Well Replacement Project Completion Summary

Erik Thomasser, North Central Region Well Inspector

Mosier Well Replacement Project

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- 2015 Legislative response to a natural resource protection and rehabilitation need
- \$1M to repair or decommission and replace commingling wells





Replacement Project Timeline

- 2015 Fall 2017: site assessments and prioritization
- Spring 2018 Fall 2019: 13 priority project sites repaired/replaced
- Beyond Fall 2019: data collection, compilation, and analysis





Project Site Prioritization

Site Assessments:

- "Desktop" assessment
- Field assessment
- Access agreements



Criteria for Scoring Matrix:

- Proximity to system boundary
- Source aquifer
- Estimated rate of commingling



Priority Site Locations

Mosier Well Replacement Project Site Locations



- 4 Irrigation replacements
- 9 Domestic replacements



Project Partners

- Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Mosier Watershed Council
- Mosier Landowners and Irrigators
- GSI Water Solutions
- M&M Well Drilling
- OWRD
- Oregon Legislature



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Mosier Deep Wells Summary

Aurora Bouchier, Hydrogeologist





- Stress Relief
- Who Benefits
- Opportunity









1st Deep Well (WASC 52569) completed in mid-2018, permitted for supplemental irrigation of 171.7 acres.

Pumped 163 AF in 2018; 185 AF (to date) in 2019



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Mosier Water Levels



Questions or comments?





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