



Drought Report for the Week of July 20, 2015



Current Water Conditions: In the final Water Supply Outlook for 2015, the NRCS reported that State-wide, Oregon's snowpack this winter peaked at the lowest levels measured in the last 35 years. Many snow monitoring sites set records for the lowest peak snowpack and earliest melt-out date since measurements began. Consequently, streamflow is expected to be well below normal through the end of summer, especially in the more arid regions of the state. The current statewide average precipitation is 87%.

County-wide drought declarations go through a three-part process before securing a drought declaration from the Governor's Office.

First, County Commissions meet to determine whether they want to seek a Governor's declaration.

Second, these recommendations go to the Water Availability Committee (chaired by the Oregon Water Resources Department) and then the Oregon Drought Council (chaired by Oregon Emergency Management) for technical review. The next meeting of the Oregon's Drought Council is August 13, 2015. The Water Availability Committee will convene if requested by the Drought Council. Counties that have gone through these committees and have been forwarded to the Governor's Office with a recommendation for drought declaration are: Curry, Hood River and Union.

Finally, if approved for drought declaration, the Governor's Office issues an Executive Order, declaring drought in specific counties. In recent years, these Executive Order have been set to expire at the end of a calendar year. A Governor's declared drought is in place for 2015 in the following counties: Baker, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco and Wheeler. A Governor's Drought Declaration allows the Water Resources Department to issue emergency drought permits to applicants, using an expedited process.

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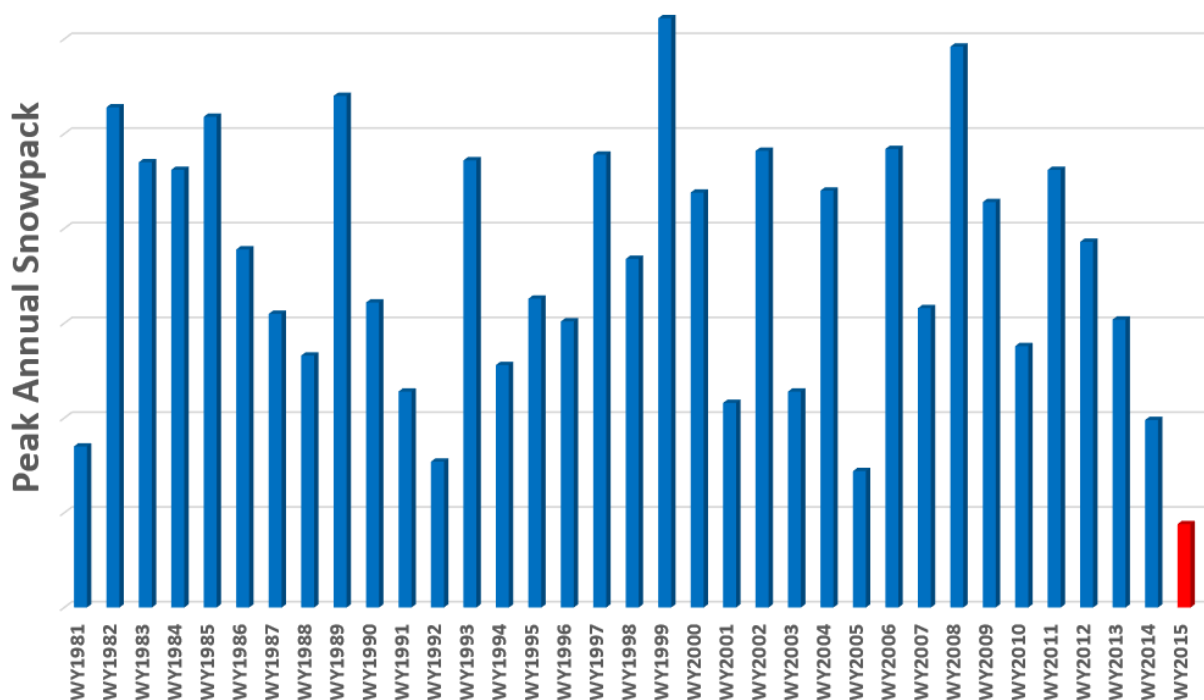
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Oregon Basin Outlook Report

June 1, 2015

****Final Report for 2015****

Oregon Snowpack Lowest on Record 2015 Water Year



State-wide, Oregon's snowpack this winter peaked at the lowest levels measured in the last 35 years. The chart above puts this year's record low snowpack into historical context. The height of each bar reflects the peak snowpack—from across the state of Oregon—for each water year. This year, 2015, is shown in red at the far right. Many snow monitoring sites set records for the lowest peak snowpack and earliest melt-out date since measurements began. In western Oregon, the snowpack peaked 60-90% below the normal amounts and the snow melted up to 3 months early. The snowpack in the eastern part of the state was only slightly better, peaking 30-80% below normal levels and up to 2 months earlier than normal. Lack of normal mountain snowpack has led to well below normal streamflow forecasts for the state. Currently, most of Oregon is included in the severe to extreme drought category, according to the National Drought Monitor. Water shortages across Oregon are expected this summer and Governor Kate Brown has declared a drought state of emergency in 15 counties as a result.

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Current Basin Water Status







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1	North Coast	Drought Unavoidable	Record low flows
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 Unavoidable	Flows dropping rapidly
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	Record low flows

Oregon's Water Availability Committee* Water Supply Assessment

7/9/2015

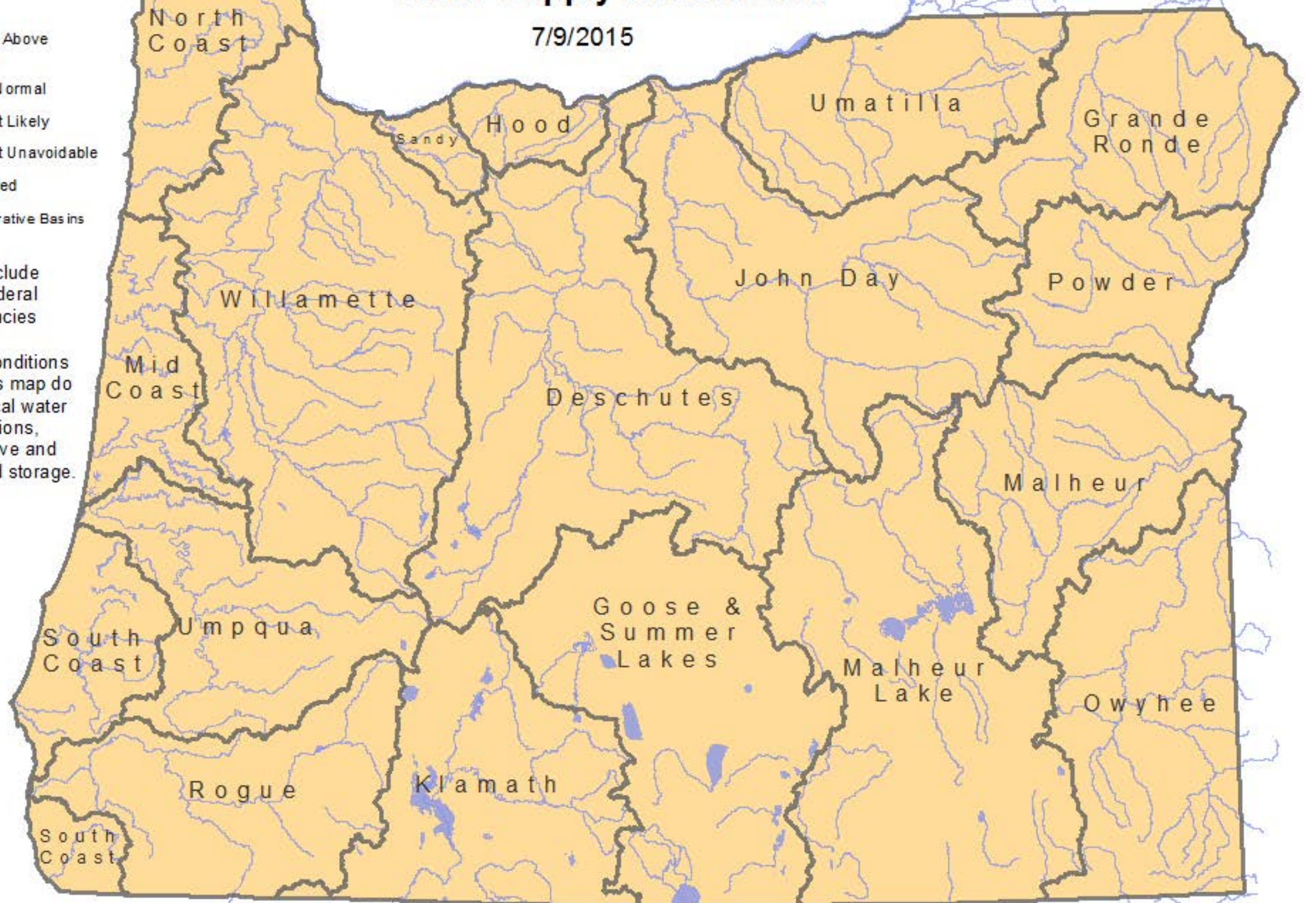
Drought by Basin

Status

-  Near or Above Normal
-  Below Normal
-  Drought Likely
-  Drought Unavoidable
-  Not Rated
-  Administrative Basins

*Members Include
State and Federal
Science Agencies

Hydrologic conditions
shown on this map do
not reflect local water
supply conditions,
including above and
below-ground storage.



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Drought Declarations

Search Criteria

County: **Start Drought Year:**

Drought Status: **End Drought Year:**

	<u>Drought Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Drought Title</u>	<u>Drought Status</u>	<u>County Request Date</u>	<u>Forwarded to Governor Date</u>	<u>Governor Declaration Date</u>	<u>Federal Declaration Date</u>	<u>Executive Order</u>	<u>Drought Begin Date</u>	<u>Drought End Date</u>
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Oregon's Drought Council* Drought Declaration Status

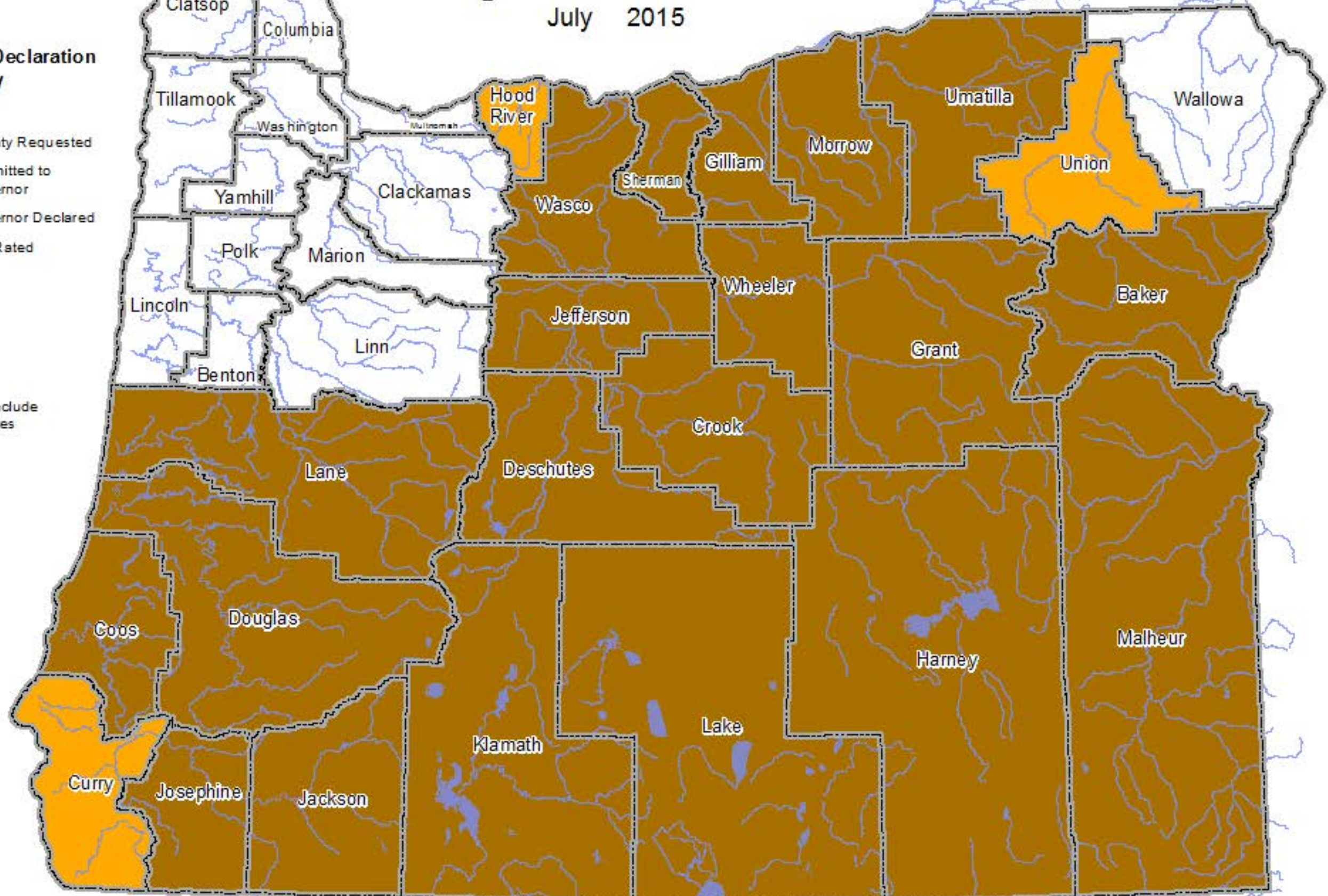
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Drought Declaration by County

Status

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

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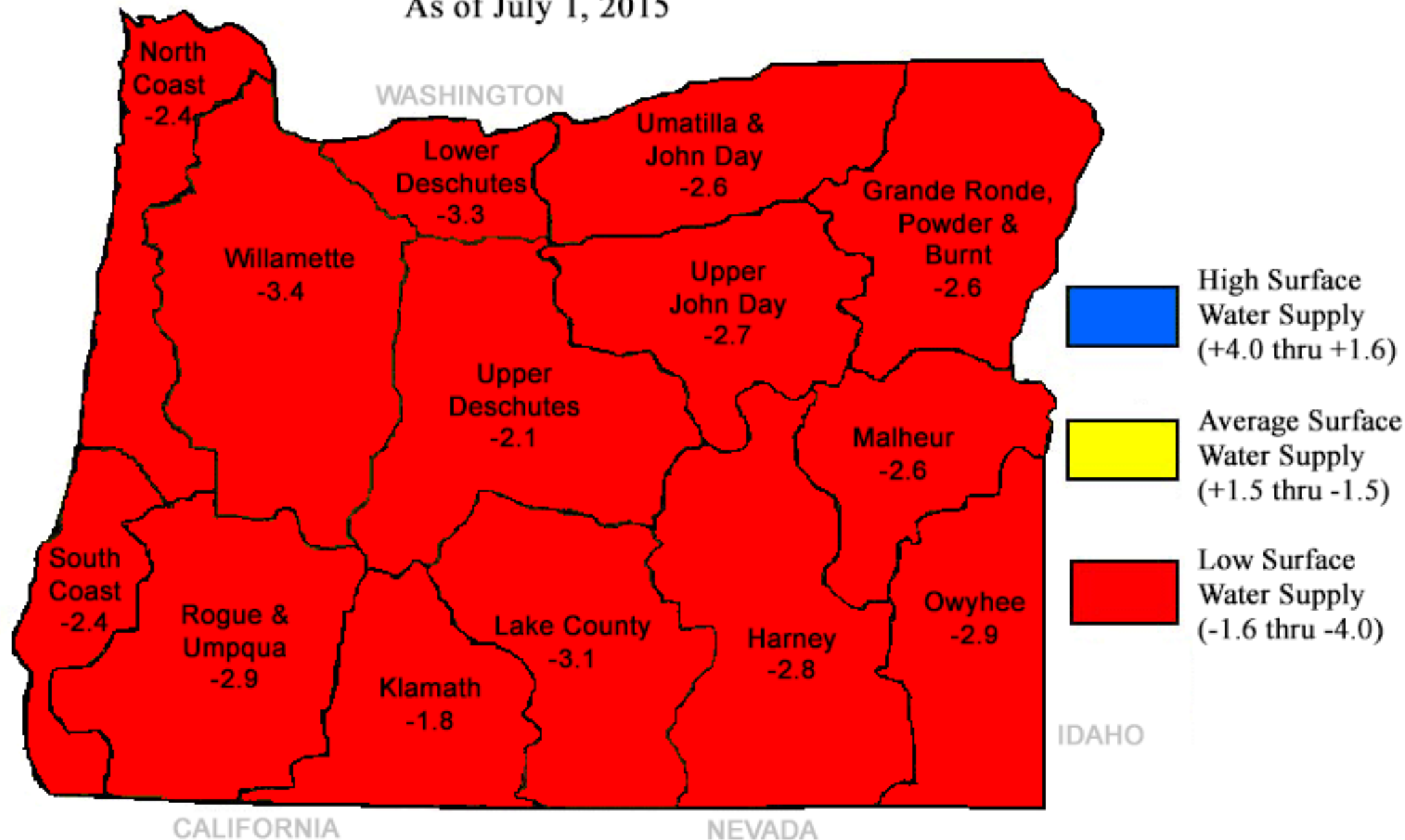


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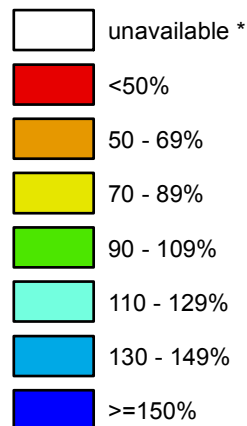
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Oregon SNOTEL Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation % of Normal

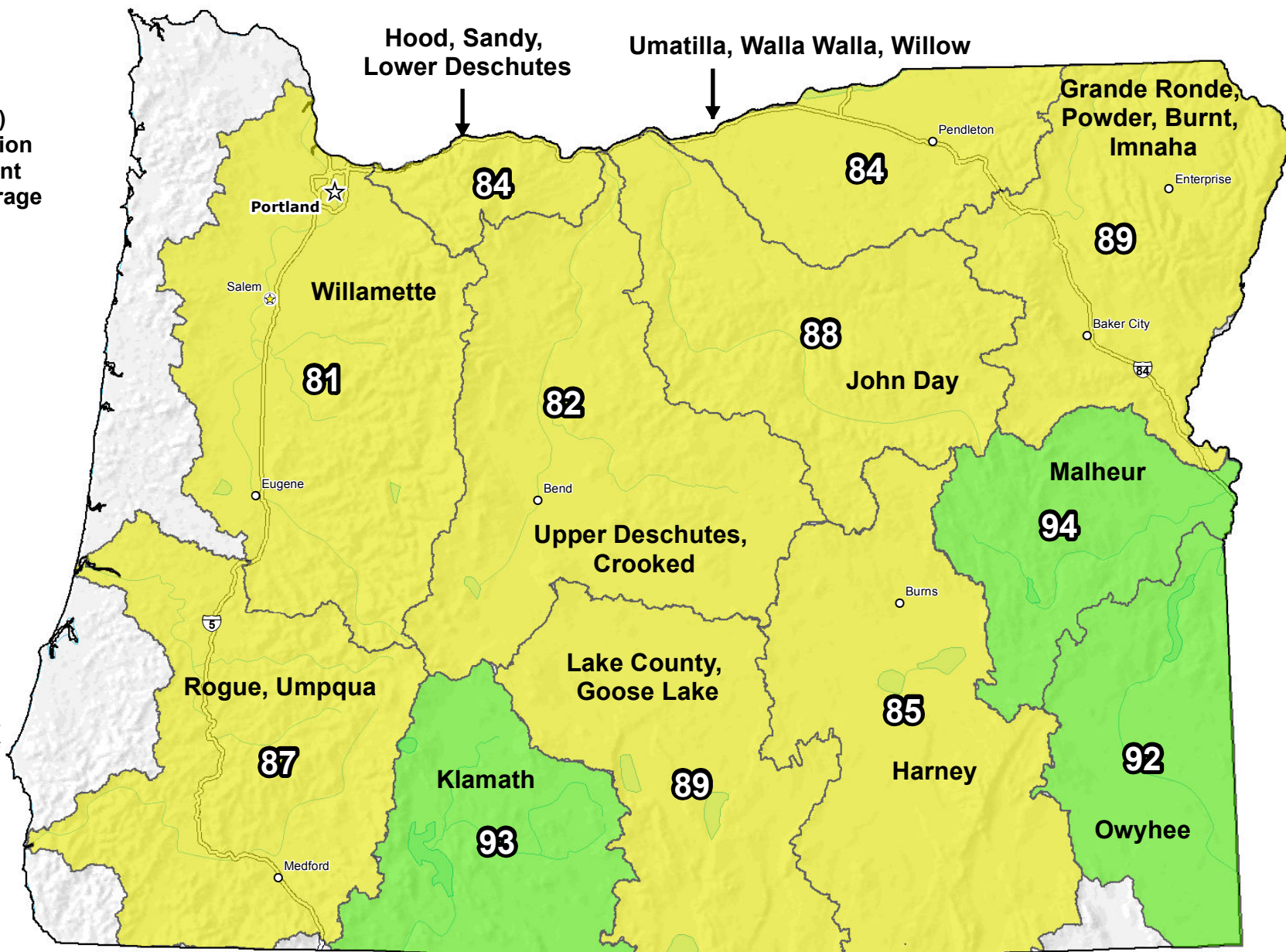
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Water Year (Oct 1)
to Date Precipitation
Basin-wide Percent
of 1981-2010 Average



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The water year to date precipitation percent of normal represents the accumulated precipitation found at selected SNOTEL sites in or near the basin compared to the average value for those sites on this day. Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00).

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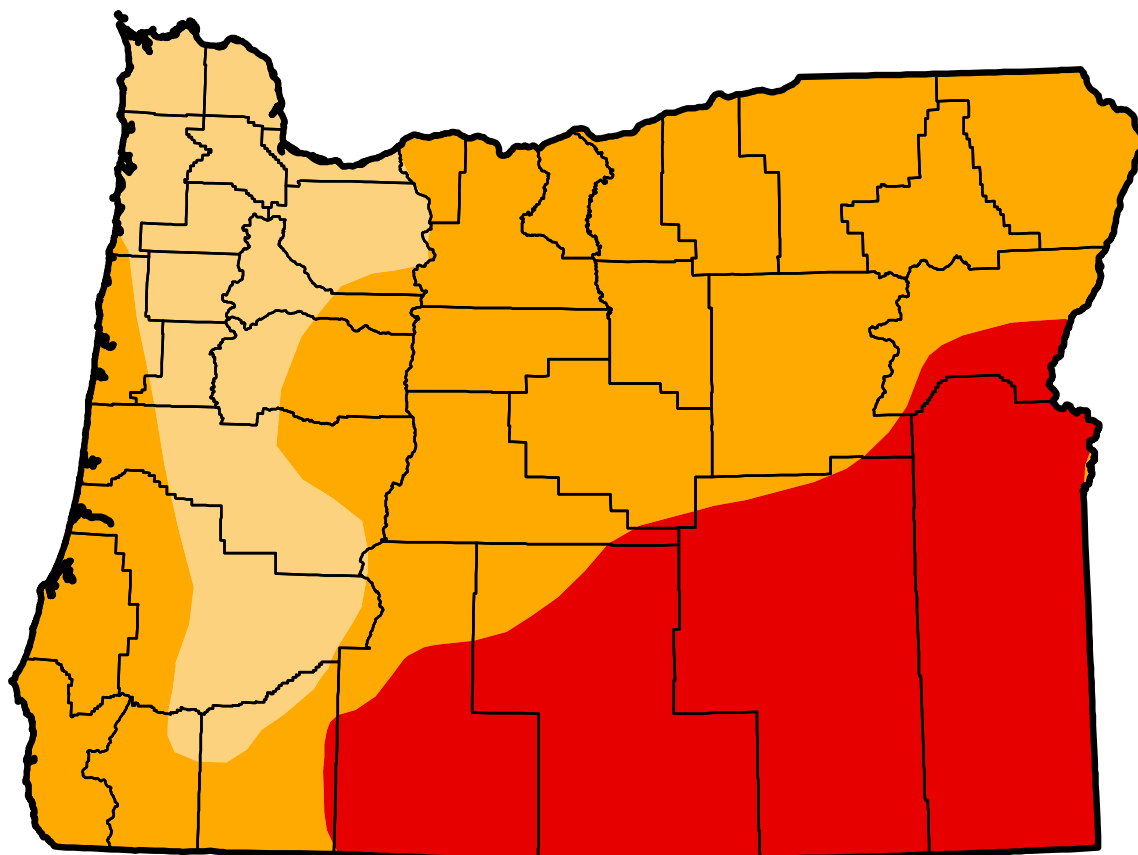
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	83.71	34.09	0.00
Last Week 7/7/2015	0.00	100.00	100.00	83.71	34.09	0.00
3 Months Ago 4/14/2015	14.44	85.56	82.30	49.90	33.72	0.12
Start of Calendar Year 12/30/2014	13.61	86.39	80.70	49.29	34.11	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/30/2014	1.56	98.44	76.61	56.26	35.30	0.00
One Year Ago 7/15/2014	6.09	93.91	72.78	52.00	14.72	0.00



Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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Drought Water Right Summary Report

Search Criteria

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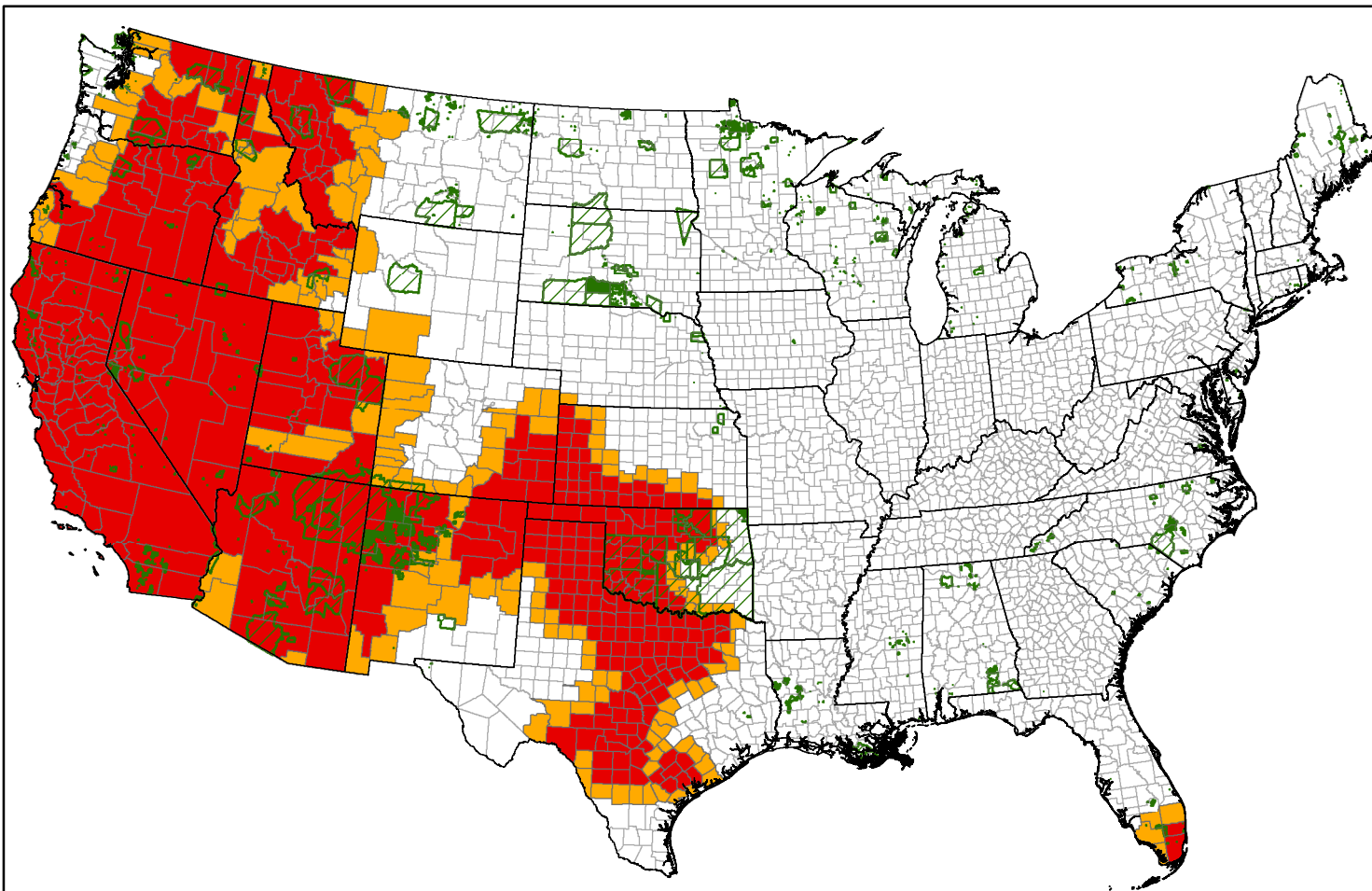
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End Drought Year:

Clear






<u>Drought Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Applications Rec'd</u>	<u>Applications Denied</u>	<u>Applications Approved</u>	<u>Acres Approved</u>	<u>Transfers Rec'd</u>	<u>Transfers Denied</u>	<u>Transfers Approved</u>
2015	Baker	0				1		1
2015	Crook	2		1	68.20	1		1
2015	Harney	2	1	1	372.60	2	1	
2015	Jackson	0				1		
2015	Klamath	38	1	37	21725.84			
2015	Lake	3		2	153.00	2		1
2015	Lane	0				4		2
2015	Malheur	13		13	3006.82	4		4
2015	Morrow	1		1	32.70			
2015	Umatilla	0				1		

2015 Secretarial Drought Designations - All Drought



Secretarial Drought Designations for 2015

Disaster Incidents as of July 15, 2015

-  State Boundary
-  County Boundary
-  Tribal Lands
-  Primary Counties: 390
-  Contiguous Counties: 186



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