

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-25

DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN HOOD RIVER COUNTY.

At the request of Hood River County (through Hood River County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 2673, dated August 17, 2026) and based on the recommendations of the Drought Readiness Council and input from the Water Supply Availability Committee dated September 3, 2026, and pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that moderate drought and abnormally dry conditions in Hood River County as well as well above normal temperature conditions, well below normal snowpack conditions, below normal precipitation conditions, below normal streamflow conditions and drier-than-normal soil moisture conditions will cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Hood River County (County).

Drought is likely to have a significant economic impact on the agricultural, natural resource and recreational tourism sectors and increases wildfire risk in the County.

Conditions continue to be monitored by the State's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Oregon Department of Forestry's Fire Protection Division.

Preparation and resiliency to drought are vital to the health and safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of the County. I, therefore, declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists and is likely to continue to exist in Hood River County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources to mitigate drought conditions and assist in agricultural recovery in the County.
- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in the County as the Department and Commission determine necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
- III. The Oregon Water Resources Department is directed to seek information from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to help understand the impacts of water availability on Oregon's fish and



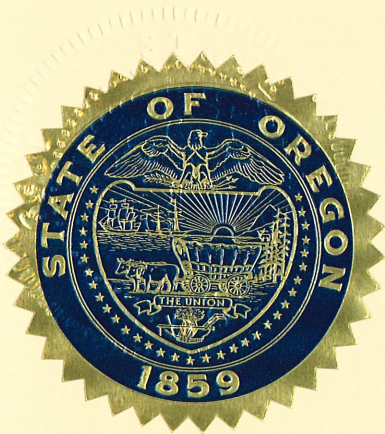
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wildlife, as necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.

- IV. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in the County.
- V. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in the County.
- VI. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2026.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 11th day of September, 2026.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR



ATTEST

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SECRETARY OF STATE