

Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance

Variance Request: Regional Dry Maintenance Period

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Oregon statute requires that work done under a Valid Notice from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) must occur during Regional Dry Maintenance Time Periods (RDMTPs) designated by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

“A person must begin and complete activities that require removal of material from the traditionally maintained channel during the applicable regional dry maintenance time period, as designated by ODFW, for the region where the traditionally maintained channel is located (ORS 196.913 (2)(b).”

However, there is a process to request permission to work outside the RDMTP. This form constitutes that request.

Both ODA and ODFW will review the variance request for eligibility and to determine if any additional conditions are needed to protect water quality, fish and/or wildlife.

Requests can only apply to the upcoming maintenance season; ODFW will recommend denial of requests for more than one year.

If it rains sufficiently during the work to result in standing water or flow in the channel, the work must stop. Another variance must then be requested or work resumed after channel is again dry; approval of the variance is not guaranteed.

Submittal of this form does not guarantee acceptance of your request.

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To be filled out by the responsible person/party

Name of landowner/business name/water district: _____

Contact name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

A. Attach aerial photo(s) that identifies the location of the activity along the channel affected by the proposed variance.

B. When is your RDMTP? _____

C. Why can't the maintenance work be done during the RDMTP?

D. Specify the dates you wish to work outside the RDMTP: _____

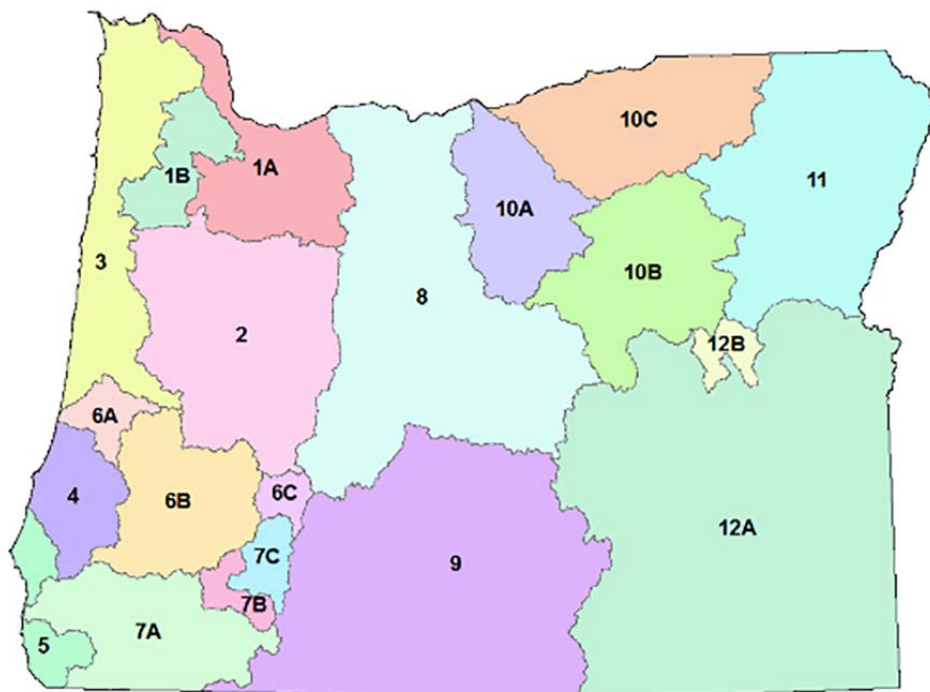
E. Indicate why you believe the channel is likely to be dry at that time.

F. Describe the consequences to your operation or water district if the variance is not granted.

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Regional Dry Maintenance Time Periods (RDMTs), summarized from OAR 603-635-418

All work must be conducted during the RDMT for your area, unless you have an approved variance. The region descriptions are being updated and will be finalized in spring 2022. This map and table provide the current valid descriptions. Updated Nov. 1, 2021



Region	Description, as summarized by ODA	Time Period
1A. North Willamette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbia River above Hunt Creek to Herman Creek Sandy Willamette to, but not including, the Santiam River Except for watersheds described in 1B. 	Aug. 1-31
1B. North Willamette	Tualatin, Yamhill and Rickreall watersheds	Aug. 1-Sept. 30
2. South Willamette	Santiam River, and the Tualatin and Yamhill watersheds	July 15-Sept. 15
3. North Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Columbia downstream of and including Hunt Creek Tribs to the ocean south to and including 3Mile Creek (basically Necanicum south to Siltcoos) 	July 15-Aug. 31
4. Coos-Coquille-10Mile	From south of the South Jetty at Winchester Bay to and including Twomile Creek	July 15-Sept. 22
5. South Coast	2Mile Creek to California	July 15-Sept. 22
6A. Umpqua	Below Scottsburg Bridge, including Smith River	July 15-Sept. 22
6B. Umpqua	Above Scottsburg Bridge upstream, including North Fork to Slide Creek Dam	July 1-Sept. 30
6C. Umpqua	North Fork above Slide Creek Dam	July 15-Oct. 15

Region	Description, as summarized by ODA	Time Period
7A. Rogue	Below Dodge Bridge at Highway 234 (including Illinois and Applegate Rivers)	July 15-Sept. 30
7B. Rogue	Between Dodge Bridge and William Jess Dam (Lost Creek Lake)	July 15-Aug. 31
7C. Rogue	Above William Jess Dam	July 15-Sept. 30
8. Deschutes	Hood River, Deschutes, tribs to Columbia River above Herman Creek to mouth of John Day	Oct. 15-Nov. 15
9. Klamath	Klamath River Basin, Closed Lakes Basin (includes Goose Lake)	Sept. 1-Sept. 30
10A. John Day	John Day below North Fork	July 15-Aug. 30
10B. John Day	John Day above North Fork and including North Fork	July 15-Aug. 15
10C. Willow-Umatilla-WallaWalla	Umatilla, Walla Walla, Mill Creek/Butter Creek, Willow Creek	July 15-Sept. 30
11. Grande Ronde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grande Ronde and its tribs Powder and Burnt Rivers and their tribs Tribs to the Snake River between Washington border and Annex, Oregon 	July 1-Aug. 15
12A. Malheur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Lakes Basin (Harney) Snake River tributaries except for 'Malheur 12B' 	Oct. 1-Nov. 15
12B. Malheur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malheur River and tribs above Wolf Creek North Fork Malheur River above Beulah 	Aug. 1-Aug. 31

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For ODA use only

Notice #: _____ Date received by ODA: _____ Date to ODFW: _____

Channel or Receiving Stream: _____

ODA initial review

ODA reviewer: _____ Complete Incomplete

ODA comments:

Final ODA decision

Decision Date: _____

Grant variance

Deny variance

Grant variance with additional conditions

Recommendations and additional conditions: