

# Proposed Classification Rule Language

## **690-512-#### Administrative Boundaries**

- (4) The Groundwater Classification Boundary is defined as the Harney Basin within the Malheur Lake Basin and within portions of Grant and Harney Counties, as shown in Exhibit #.

## **690-512-#### Classifications**

- (1) Except as provided in OAR 690-512-####(2), the groundwater and surface water of the Malheur Lake Basin are classified for direct appropriation of, or storage of surface water and use of, water for domestic, livestock, irrigation, municipal, quasi-municipal, industrial, mining, agricultural water use, commercial, power development, forest management, public uses, road watering, dust abatement, and wildlife refuge management.
- (2) Groundwater in the Groundwater Classification Boundary defined in OAR 690-512-####(4) is classified for statutorily exempt groundwater uses as specified in ORS 537.545 and nonconsumptive geothermal uses below 250 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Statutory/Other Authority:** ORS 537.026, ORS 537.027 ORS 536.300, 536.340, 537.621(2), 537.777(1), &537.780(1) and (1)(h) & 537

**Statutes/Others Implemented:** ORS 536.340

**Rule Summary:** This rule classifies the Malheur Lake Basin and further classifies the area within the boundary defined in 690-512-####.