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Subject: Update on Warren Act Contract Allocation Under Klamath Project 2020 Drought Plan

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the Klamath Project water allocation for Warren Act contracts served from Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River during the 2020 spring-summer irrigation season (March 1 to November 30), under the 2020 Drought Plan issued April 24, 2020.

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) May 1 inflow forecast for Upper Klamath Lake during May through September 2020. NRCS's forecast decreased more than one-third from the mid-April forecast, from 178,000 to 113,000 acre-feet of water. This figure represents 38 percentage of the historical average.

Based on this new information, Reclamation has determined that at this time there is **no remaining** Project water available for Warren Act contractors served from Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River. The Klamath Basin is experiencing historic drought conditions, and there simply is not enough water available to irrigate all the land within the Klamath Project.

Reclamation and the US Department of Agriculture are presently coordinating with KWUA to draw attention to this crisis, and evaluating potential drought relief responses by the Federal Government for the Klamath Project.

Reclamation will continue to assess the available water supply and update you, as new information becomes available. Information on current water conditions and Project supplies will also be available on the Klamath Basin Area Office website (www.usbr.gov/mp/kbao).

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If you have further questions on this matter, please contact Dave Felstul, Water Operations Division Chief, at (541) 880-2550 or at dfelstul@usbr.gov.

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