

**(DRAFT) Klamath Project Drought Response Agency proposal to provide stored water needed for 2020 Disease Mitigation Flushing Flow**

The Klamath Project Drought Response Agency (DRA) proposes to provide approximately 25-35 TAF of water from storage in Upper Klamath Lake Reservoir (UKL) that is needed to attain the flow volume needed to accomplish the flushing flow that is modeled in the 2018 Biological Assessment for the operation of the Klamath Reclamation Project. This stored water would become available to Reclamation upon completion of the 2020 Contract between Reclamation and the DRA (approximately April 17), after which time Reclamation would be free to decide the exact dates of the flow. Because Reclamation has only identified \$8.3 million as being available to compensate the DRA for providing fish and wildlife benefit, the DRA would accept \$8.3 million as full compensation for the unknown quantity of stored water necessary to sustain a flow below Iron Gate Dam (USGS 11516530) of 6030 CFS for 72 hours plus rampdown flows consistent with the 2018 Biological Assessment.

The DRA is in communication with the Oregon Water Resources Department to assure them that release of stored water under the terms of this Proposal is acceptable to the Irrigation Districts that call on UKL, and to ask that any needed permitting be expedited. Release of water for the flushing flow will not result in any reduction of what is called "Project Supply" in the 2018 Biological Assessment/2019 Biological Opinions.