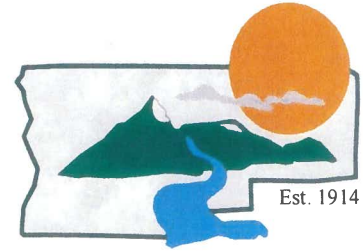


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RE: Jefferson County Drought

Mr. Andrews and Ms. Naile:

Jefferson County, by and through its County Elected Officials, requests that the Governor of Oregon issue an executive order for all of Jefferson County under the provisions of ORS 536 as a direct result of severe and devastating drought conditions.

There is the potential for the Jefferson County agricultural and livestock, natural resources, recreational, tourism, and related economies to experience widespread and severe damage resulting from extreme weather conditions within the county. North Unit Irrigation District supports moving forward with a drought declaration as well.

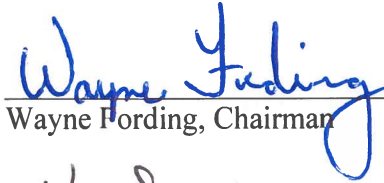
The county has already formally declared a drought and has attached a copy of the adopted resolution for your reference.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners has determined that additional action by and support from the state is needed. This may include assistance from the Oregon Water Resources Department and other Oregon executive branch agencies, operating within their statutory authorities.

Jefferson County Board of Commissioners therefore requests an executive order from the Governor, declaring drought in Jefferson County.

We extend in advance our appreciation for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Wayne Fording, Chairman

  
Kelly Simmelink, Commissioner

  
Mark Wunsch, Commissioner