MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Join us on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. at Ridgeview High School for a joint town hall meeting with North Unit Irrigation District. We'll be discussing the season outlook and detailing our partnership efforts to enhance water supply reliability.

Send us your questions in advance! **Nuid@NorthUnitID.com**

COID WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

C.B Foss
Division I
Covers north Redmond and Terrebonne areas

C.B. is deeply rooted in Central Oregon. He is the owner of Cinder Butte Rock Products and a rancher and beef producer at Foss Angus Ranch. C.B.'s long-time connection to the community is fundamental to his roles in owning multiple businesses and working in production agriculture.

"The challenges and experiences I have acquired as a successful business owner and rancher, I feel will serve me well for this position with COID. I look forward to being your ears and bringing your voices to the table."

Brian Lepore
Division 3
Covers the general Bend area

Brian is an Organic Farm Inspector certified by the USDA and a small farmer. Holding a Ph.D. in Soil Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his academic and agricultural journey has revolved around water and soil conservation, coupled with the production of healthy food. Brian also serves as a board member for the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District.

"As a soil scientist with commercial farming experience who is currently working with farmers around the state and region, I believe I can offer a unique and knowledgeable viewpoint to help shepherd our district into the future."

Financial Assistance for Noxious Weed Control

Deschutes County offers financial assistance to private landowners who wish to control noxious weeds on their property. **View the Noxious Weed Financial Assistance Application**.

For more information, contact **forester@deschutescounty.gov.**

Are You Planning to Build On Your Property?

If you're considering building any new impermeable structures, please contact COID beforehand to assess the potential impact on water rights. Options are available to protect water rights before finalizing the footprint of your new structure.

Let COID staff guide you through this process, ensuring the protection of the water rights associated with your land.

CONTACT THE COID WATER RIGHTS TEAM

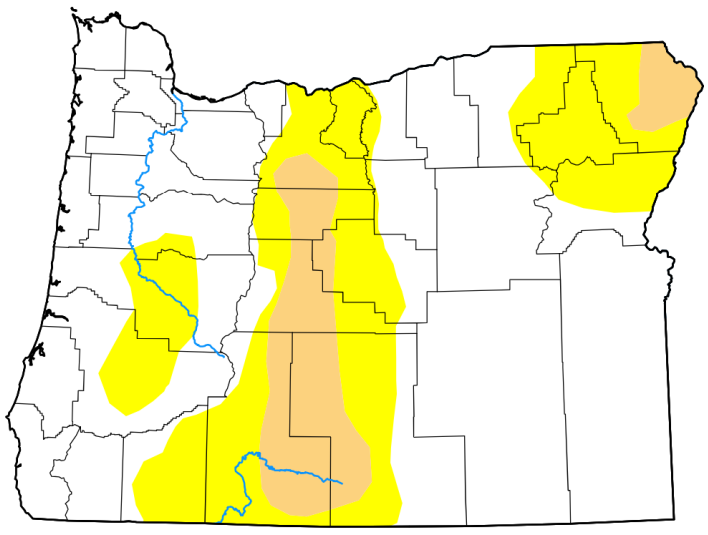
Oregon Slowly Emerges From Drought

Drought across Oregon is easing up. That's good news for Central Oregon farmers who've had to scale back as a result of low water reserves. However, it'll take more than one good year to recover from a years-long drought.

As of early March, the drought monitor shows that 35% of Deschutes County is abnormally dry, and 44% is in moderate drought conditions.

According to Larry O'Neill, state climatologist, the last four years were among the worst in Oregon's recorded history, dating back to the late 1800s.

"That drought was driven by a variety of things, but the biggest thing, obviously, is a lack of precipitation," O'Neill said.



Map released: Thurs. March 7, 2024

Data valid: March 5, 2024 at 7 a.m. EST

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

Authors

United States and Puerto Rico Author(s):

Curtis Riganti, National Drought Mitigation Center

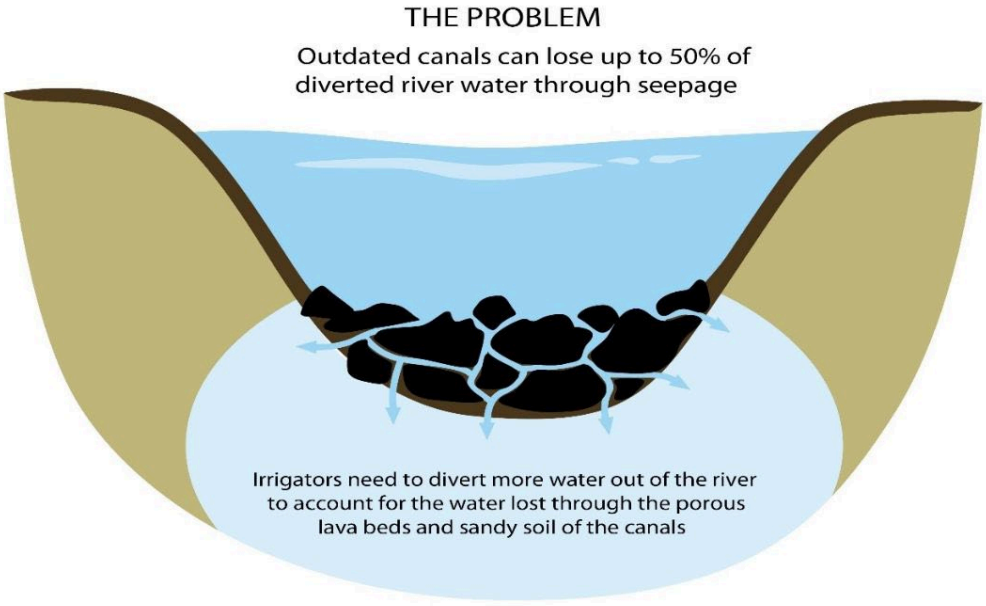
Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author(s):

Denise Gutzmer, National Drought Mitigation Center

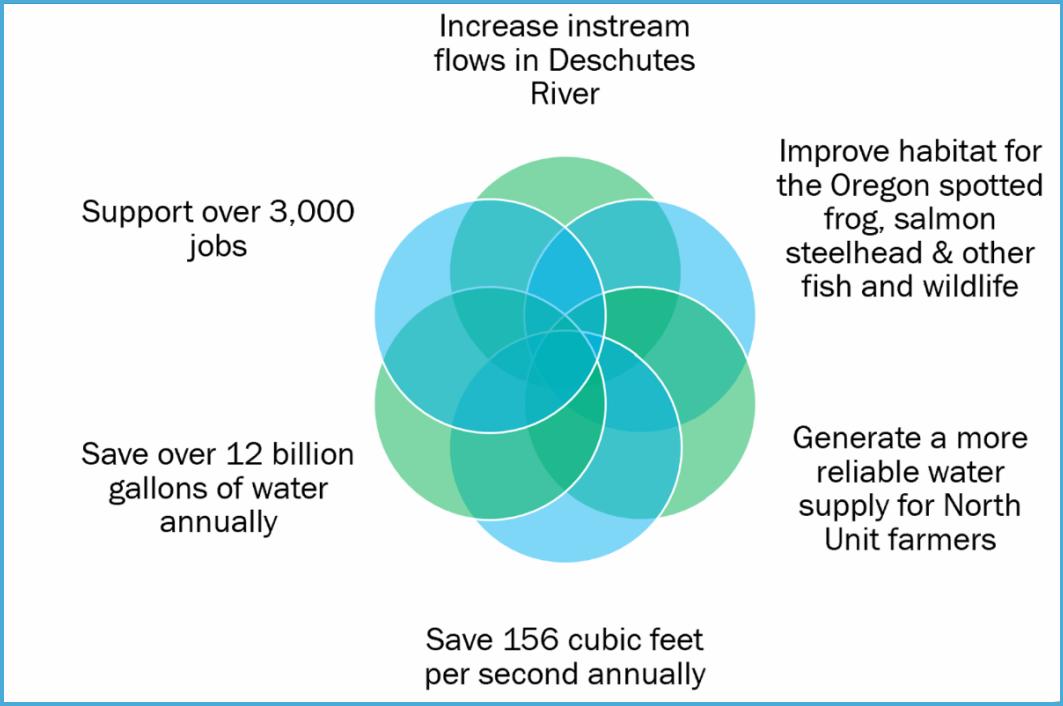
View current U.S. Drought Monitor Conditions for Oregon

Why Pipe Canals?

Conserves Water
Improves Drought Resistance
Reduces Operating & Maintenance Costs
Helps Meet Habitat Conservation Plan



Creating Water Supply Reliability Through Piping Improvements



Fun Fact!

Central Oregon Irrigation District has provided water throughout Bend, Redmond, Powell Butte and Alfalfa through its irrigation system since 1906.

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