

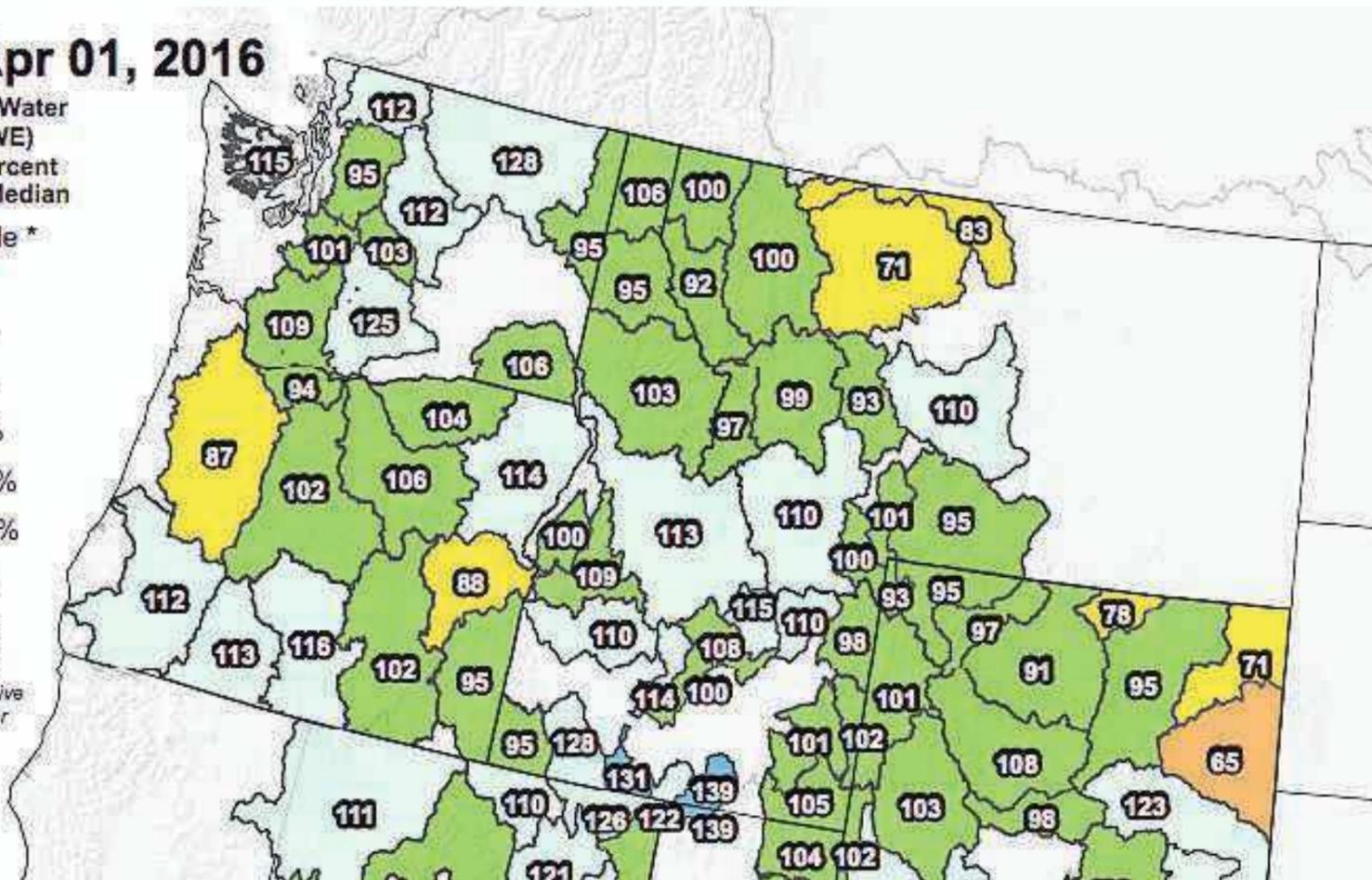
Westwide SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

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Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Basin-wide Percent of 1981-2010 Median



* Data unavailable at time of posting or measurement is not representative at this time of year



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A map shows snowpack on April 1 in Oregon. Even with summertime temperatures gracing the Willamette Valley this week, the Northwest should have a fairly normal summer in terms of water.



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Fresh snow covers outdoor furniture from last week's storm at Hoodoo Ski Area.

Snowpack

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sible. Yet another lucky break — March storms combined with a system of cool air — bolstered the

snowpack back to 105 percent of normal statewide as of April 1.

“We were lucky in that while we had a lot of warm weather, when the storms came in, it happened to be cold enough for us to get some snow,” Dello said.

Whether it's good fortune or just part of nature's cycle, the summer of 2016 is looking a lot healthier than 2015.

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“The take home is that we're in excellent condition at this point.”

SCOTT OVIATT

Snow survey supervisor

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Who do I call first?

When a death is unexpected and a person is not on hospice, nor in a licensed care facility, your first phone call may be to the funeral home. However, the police must be notified first. Often the funeral home will call and notify the police for you.

Once police are notified, they will come to the place of death and assess things. They will also contact EMT to come and certify the time and that a death has occurred. Afterward, the police may phone the nearest funeral home to assist in transportation of the individual. In certain cases, the medical examiner's deputy may also be requested at the scene to determine if an autopsy may be required. In other cases, an autopsy may not be necessary. If family wishes to pursue an autopsy, they should notify the funeral director.

Is embalming required?

No. Only in certain circumstances. Embalming is required in cases of communicable disease or prolonged public viewing (6 hours or longer). Most often times the funeral home will utilize mortuary refrigeration, as required after the first 24 hours of death.

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