

# Klamath farmers, ranchers get 2018 operations plan months late

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SALEM — It may be several months late, but farmers and ranchers in the Klamath Project finally know just how much water is available for the 2018 irrigation season — pending an injunction requested by the Klamath Tribes to protect endangered sucker fish in Upper Klamath Lake.

The Bureau of Reclamation released its annual operations and drought plans for the Klamath Project on June 18, serving 230,000 irrigated acres in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Regulators calculate the water supply based on factors such as stream flows, reservoir storage and existing legal obligations for fish. According to the 2018 plans, irrigators can use 233,911 acre-feet of water from Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River, which is 40 percent less than the historical full demand.

As of June 18, the bureau had already diverted 38,000 acre-feet for irrigation, leaving roughly 196,000 acre-feet still in the pipeline.

Jeff Nettleton, area manager for the Bureau of Reclamation office in Klamath Falls, said this year has been challenging on all fronts, from the lack of usual snowfall to a court order requiring more water in the Klamath



Steve Silton/The Herald And News via AP, File

**This 2013 file photo shows Klamath Falls on the far side of Upper Klamath Lake.**

River to protect salmon from disease. “I appreciate the willingness of the entire community to work together to seek solutions to meet these challenges,” Nettleton said. “Careful management of irrigation and continued water conservation efforts will help to minimize negative impacts of the reduced water supply as we proceed through the season.”

The Klamath Basin, like much of Southern Oregon, had a drier-than-usual winter, with snowpack at 55 percent of normal by April 1, 46 percent of normal by May 1 and completely melted by June 1.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service anticipates stream flows will be as low as 26 percent of normal in parts of the basin through September, and the bureau warns that most agricultural producers will not have enough water “to meet the requirements of good irrigation practices for the acres served by the Project.”

A federal judge in San Francisco also upheld a ruling earlier this year that requires more water from Upper Klamath Lake be kept in-river to flush away a deadly salmon-killing parasite known as *C. shasta*.

## House Democrats pull support from candidate

By **TOM JAMES**  
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — Top Democrats in Oregon’s state House have withdrawn their support for the party’s candidate in an important swing district following allegations of unspecified misconduct.

In a statement late Monday, the party’s House campaign arm said it would no longer support Bend Democratic candidate Nathan Boddie after an internal investigation had substantiated allegations of misbehavior.

But the release contained no details on the nature of the allegations or their source, and appeared to have created some confusion among Democrats more broadly Tuesday, with several saying they were waiting for more information.

“I believe these allegations are credible,” the Democratic speaker of the House, Tina Kotek, said in the Monday release. “We are very disappointed in Dr. Boddie.”

The release also cited House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson as supporting the move.

But Molly Woon, deputy director of the Democratic Party of Oregon, said Tuesday that the group hadn’t taken a position, and was supporting the local Democratic party chapter, which Monday issued a statement on social media saying they continued to support Boddie.

“It does seem that there’s a lot of uncertainty,” Woon said, including around the nature and source of the allegations.

A spokesperson for Boddie, a physician and Bend city councilman, said Tuesday that the campaign had not been

given details of allegations, but generally denied them.

“We still have not been informed what the allegations are... but in the realm the press release is suggesting, they are most certainly untrue,” said Alice Finer.

A spokesperson for FuturePAC, which supports Democratic House candidates, did not return messages seeking comment on the nature of the allegations Tuesday.

The controversy likely marks a setback for Democrats, who are trying to win Republican seats in swing districts and secure a supermajority in the state House.

## Corrections

The *East Oregonian* ran incorrect information in the June 25 story “Police catch trio after report of armed robbery.” The Stanfield officer was not alone in the effort to catch the suspects, as the department reported. Rather, multiple agencies were involved. The *EO* regrets the oversight.

## BRIEFLY

### Crews contain wildfire that threatened Rufus

PORTLAND (AP) — Authorities say a wildfire threatened a small town in the Columbia Gorge, but the blaze is now mostly contained.

The Sherman County Sheriff’s Office said in a Facebook post Tuesday that the fire burning near Rufus is 95 percent contained. It thanked firefighters, farmers and “everyone else with a hose.”

The sheriff had ordered evacuations after the fire broke out Monday. Rufus is located east of The Dalles in north-central Oregon.

Wildfire season is off to an early start in a state that tends to see most of its fire activity from late July through early September.

Several other large fires are burning in Central Oregon — all have more than 50 percent containment.

### Springfield ends jail contract with ICE

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Springfield has terminated a deal with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that allows the agency to house immigrants who are living in or entering the country illegally in the Springfield Municipal Jail.

The *Register-Guard* reports the Springfield City Council voted unanimously Monday to end the ICE contract with the Springfield Police Department.

ICE had been allowed to rent up to five of the jail’s 100 beds at a time for inmates transferred there from other ICE detention centers.

Community members and activists have spoken out in protest against the ICE contract for months.

A city council memo says the jail housed 92 ICE detainees last year. The jail held 40 to 50 ICE detainees a year in previous fiscal years.

### Wallowa woman honoring late daughter with a park

LA GRANDE (AP) — The mother of a young woman who was killed in a car crash is honoring her late daughter by building a park in Wallowa.

Audra Allen tells *The La Grande Observer* that her daughter, Effie Burns, said shortly before the accident that the small Eastern Oregon town wasn’t as cared for as when she was growing up. Recalling that conversation, Allen decided to make a space for Wallowa residents to enjoy.

Allen envisions Wallowa Memorial City Square as a spot for town gatherings that will incorporate a memorial observation display.

Oregon State Police said last year that Burns lost control of her Honda Civic while traveling west on Interstate 84 near Gilliam County. She was living in Gresham at the time. Her baby was properly secured in a safety seat and survived the crash.

### Animal rights activist arrested after chicken truck crash

BATTLE GROUND, Wash. (AP) — An animal rights activist was arrested after taking hold of a chicken that was among the thousands being hauled by a truck that crashed.

*The Columbian* reports that the tractor-trailer landed on its side while trying to make a U-turn Monday afternoon near Battle Ground.

That caused more than 5,000 chickens in small cages that were headed for a Foster Farms processing plant to spill onto the road.

It’s unclear how many chickens died. And as traffic was blocked for hours for cleanup, about 30 animal rights activists showed up to the scene to protest.

One woman was arrested because she picked up a chicken and refused to give it back, though she hasn’t been booked.

The driver was ticketed for making an improper U-turn.

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**TODAY**

Mostly sunny and pleasant

**THURSDAY**

Not as warm with clouds and sun

**FRIDAY**

Pleasant with clouds and sun

**SATURDAY**

Partly sunny and beautiful

**SUNDAY**

Mostly sunny and nice

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
84°	53°	76°	55°	82°
89°	57°	81°	59°	87°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
84°	56°	82°	57°	82°
89°	57°	81°	59°	87°

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#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

**TEMPERATURE**

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 75°	50°
Normals 83°	54°
Records 104° (2015)	39° (1976)

**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.42"
Normal month to date	1.00"
Year to date	6.49"
Last year to date	11.30"
Normal year to date	7.51"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

**TEMPERATURE**

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 80°	49°
Normals 83°	55°
Records 105° (2015)	39° (2007)

**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.14"
Normal month to date	0.54"
Year to date	5.10"
Last year to date	6.59"
Normal year to date	5.65"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:49 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:26 p.m.
Moonset today	4:55 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
June 27	July 6	July 12	July 19

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Sunshine in central parts today; some sun across the north. Clouds, then sun in the south.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Mostly sunny today; very warm in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

**Western Washington:** Clouds and sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow.

**Eastern Washington:** Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

**Cascades:** Mostly sunny today; pleasant. Partly cloudy tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

**Northern California:** Low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast today; plenty of sunshine elsewhere.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	64	54	pc	64	55	c
Baker City	86	50	s	73	46	pc
Bend	80	44	s	72	43	pc
Brookings	66	50	pc	66	51	pc
Burns	88	49	s	73	39	pc
Enterprise	80	47	s	68	46	pc
Eugene	75	47	s	74	51	pc
Heppner	81	52	s	73	53	pc
Hermiston	89	57	pc	81	59	pc
John Day	85	48	s	72	49	pc
Klamath Falls	84	44	s	76	42	pc
La Grande	82	50	s	71	51	pc
Meacham	79	46	s	68	48	pc
Medford	84	53	s	81	54	pc
Newport	60	50	pc	61	53	pc
North Bend	63	51	s	65	53	pc
Ontario	95	62	s	83	56	pc
Pasco	88	56	pc	81	57	pc
Pendleton	84	53	s	76	55	pc
Portland	73	54	pc	69	58	c
Redmond	83	45	s	75	44	pc
Salem	74	51	pc	74	56	pc
Spokane	78	53	pc	70	51	pc
Ukiah	79	45	s	68	46	pc
Vancouver	71	52	pc	67	56	c
Walla Walla	85	57	s	76	58	pc
Yakima	81	51	pc	75	51	c

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	99	73	s	95	72	s
Hong Kong	89	83	pc	89	83	pc
Jerusalem	90	68	s	87	66	s
London	82	55	s	82	57	s
Mexico City	73	54	t	74	52	t
Moscow	79	57	pc	80	59	s
Paris	84	62	s	81	65	s
Rome	86	61	s	83	63	pc
Seoul	80	68	pc	79	69	pc
Sydney	63	54	sh	63	47	c
Tokyo	84	76	c	84	75	c

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	WSW 8-16
Pendleton	W 7-14	WSW 10-20

### UV INDEX TODAY

2	5	9	9	5	2
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.					
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme					
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.					

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

**National Summary:** Heavy, gusty storms will focus from the eastern Great Lakes to the Ohio Valley and southern Appalachians today. Storms will dot the Southeast and northern Plains. Most other areas will be dry.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 111°** in Needles, Calif. **Low 28°** in Angel Fire, N.M.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	101	71	s	99	71	s
Atlanta	89	74	t	91	72	pc
Atlantic City	76	70	pc	82	70	t
Baltimore	78	71	t			