

# DROUGHT: Possible emergency designation looms

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But as lucky as Wallowa County has been with rain, it's just not enough to save the rivers and streams.

Even with the rainfall, the low snowfall has driven the precipitation average in Wallowa County down.

Record low snowfalls and rapid melts resulted in low to no snow water reserves. And only snowpack can maintain stream water flow into the later season.

Now, measurements taken on the Grand Ronde River at Troy show the flow at 50 percent of average. Locally, creeks like Hurricane are nearly dry at lower elevations.

The Drought Monitor reports that even with better than average rains so far, when both snow and rain precipitation is calculated,

Wallowa County precipitation hovers at about 87 percent of normal — with the hottest, driest months to come.

Other counties are in far worse condition than Wallowa County, and a big part of their problem has to do with no reservoir storage.

Wallowa County again caught a break in this department.

Wallowa Lake Reservoir was reported at 135 percent of normal on June 1.

"Anyone who uses water from Wallowa Lake is positioned to have a good supply into the summer," said Bates. "The lake is doing pretty good. There was not much demand on the lake early on."

The streams and rivers are a different story, and as bad as this may bode for farmers and ranchers, it's death to fish.

After 18 years of development that saw a surviving population of about 70 breeding pair of Chinook bred back to a fishing population of 3,000, Lostine Chinook are facing obstacles they will not

## FISH: Mystery solved

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The immediate result is that 3,000 trout intended for Wallowa County ponds will instead be released into Wallowa Lake in July.

The department expects conditions at Wallowa Lake to remain good for trout releases throughout the summer due to its large size, depth and exceptional water quality.

Any additional stocking cancellations in Northeast Oregon may result in even more trout being rerouted to Wallowa Lake.

"It's disappointing to lose any fishing opportunities, but we're glad we can put these fish someplace where the public can still

fish for them," Yanke said.

The ponds affected are: Salt Creek, McGraw, Weaver, Marr and Kinney Lake. Many of these ponds traditionally have been stocked from April through July.

Releases at Salt Creek and McGraw ponds were canceled last week due to high temperatures.

Salt Creek, McGraw, Honeymoon and Teepee ponds are scheduled to be stocked again in late September; however, managers will be monitoring water temperatures at these ponds to see if September trout stocking will occur.

Anglers should check ODFW's weekly Recreation Report for stocking updates.

be able to meet.

"Chinook in the lower Imnaha will not progress further than the Imnaha because they

are facing 70- to 80-degree water. Those temperatures are lethal to them," said Kyle Bratcher, Wallowa District assistant fish biologist. "Bear Creek is dried up and the Lostine is low."

Fishing in forest ponds is already effectively ended, and fishing in general will probably be poor for the rest of the

season.

"A lot of our forest ponds are getting really hot and we're moving all of those fish to Wallowa Lake," Bratcher said. "That's going to be our main battle this year, hot and low water. A lot of the fish will not bite this year because they'll be stressed out."

The effects of drought on fish and wildlife, however, do not come into consideration in determining if a county qualifies for a state of emergency designation.

"The process is not tied to fisheries," said Wallowa County Commissioner Mike Hayward. "Partly because the drought declaration opens the door for some low-interest loan programs and so forth available to farmers and ranchers."

Wallowa County Commissioners will not be the ones to make the decision to declare a federal state of emergency; that determination is made based on the Drought Monitor report, which draws information in part from Natural Resources Conservation Service data.

If a county has been rated D2, as Wallowa County has, for eight consecutive weeks, it automatically qualifies for a disaster designation with

the Farm Service Agency and further programs to assist agriculture are available.

In Oregon, a county does not have to wait for a federal designation but can petition the governor directly. The State Drought Council then examines their petition. As of July 9 that process has been expedited to assist counties in achieving a drought status.

A Governor's Drought Declaration allows the Water Resources Department to issue emergency drought permits to applicants, using an expedited process.

Livestock producers in Wallowa County are already eligible for one month of payment due to drought for their loss of grazing on non-irrigated native grasses.

Wallowa County Commissioners have scheduled a meeting of agencies for July 20 to discuss the upcoming filing with the governor's office.

In the meantime, two more counties, Curry and Hood River, received word Thursday that they would get a governor's executive order for a state of emergency. This brings the total number of Oregon counties in a drought state of emergency to 22.

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## MARSH: Logger's daughter curates display

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She went on to have a career that led her to write the PEPFAR bill that gave \$15 billion to combat AIDS in Africa and took her to South Africa to assist the new democratic government in learn-

ing how to govern.

But she remained a logger's daughter. So, when she retired three years ago, she came back to tell the story of Wallowa area loggers.

"I knew there was a story," she said. "In 1991 I brought my dad back to

Wallowa and sat with Caleb Brooks and Wes Conrad and put a tape recorder down in the middle of the table and let them talk. Since then it's been my passion to reconstruct the social history of the African-American loggers of Wallowa."

One of the best things about the story, Marsh said, was the way in which it dispelled the notion of a racist and segregated Wallowa city. "The metaphor I've been using is that you can cherry-pick any story and find an incident of racism," she said. "But it's not the whole story. This story is unique to Wallowa. I want people to understand there is a story of African-Americans in Wallowa and it is a story of migration, optimism, labor and community and it's a positive story."

For more information on The Memory Project visit the Wallowa City Hall during office hours through July 20.

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## Church Directory

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## DAM: Plan progresses

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Butterfield says no releases to downstream users from the 4,200 acre/feet currently under consideration would occur before the dam was rehabilitated, probably followed by a period of increased storage — what Butterfield calls "time to build our inventory."

Due to the dam's deteriorated condition, regulators currently allow storage only to 72 percent of the reservoir's capacity. At 100 percent capacity, the reservoir would be holding an additional 12,000 acre/feet, ADC officials say.

Although leasing water to downstream users lies at the heart of ADC's plan to defray the reservoir rehab project's estimated \$15 million cost, Butterfield says ADC isn't currently negotiating with prospective downstream users. He adds that ADC is in talks, however, "with someone who may be interested in putting up some money" for the project.

Last week, Wallowa County commissioners Susan Roberts and Mike Hayward both voiced support for the plan, pointing out that any water that would be sent to downstream, out-of-county users would only come from increased storage.

Asserts Roberts, "We have three choices: do nothing and have (the dam) blow out; do nothing and have the federal government shut it down; fix it — which we can't afford. So they've been looking for private money."