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SUBJECT: Regional Irrigation Information for Spokane Region

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In order to identify areas and water districts where irrigation water supply is suspected to be reduced, the following information includes the areas that the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) has identified as having reduced water availability. RMA has not confirmed any water reduction was due to an insurable cause of loss within the insurance period or made any determination, but is providing information it has gathered for Approved Insurance Provider's reference:

509 228-6320  
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#### **Idaho**

Here are links for more info about Idaho and individual basins from NRCS's Water Supply Outlook Report web page:

<ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/ID/snow/webftp/wsor/2014/borid414.pdf>

#### **Oregon**

Here are links for more info about Oregon and individual basins from NRCS's Water Supply Outlook Report web page:

[ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/OR/snow/watersupply/2014/WSOR\\_2014\\_Apr.pdf](ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/OR/snow/watersupply/2014/WSOR_2014_Apr.pdf)

The Bureau of Reclamation sent the RMA Administrator a letter dated April 11, 2014 outlining Klamath Project Drought issues. This letter was forwarded to approved insurance providers.

#### **Washington**

Here are links for more info about Washington and individual basins from NRCS's Water Supply Outlook Report web page:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wa/snow/waterproducts/>

#### **Summary**

According to the NRCS data, the counties most likely affected by potential irrigation water shortages at this time are:

#### **Idaho:**

Southside Snake River Basin counties of Owyhee, Cassia, and Twin Falls.  
Wood and Lost River Basins: counties include those using water from the Mackay, Magic and Little Wood reservoirs.

**Oregon:**

Klamath Basin, Malheur County, Lake County and Harney County

We will continue to track summaries of the streamflow forecast probabilities, basin area reservoir supplies, and SNOTEL data from the Water and Climate Center of the NRCS and inform the Administrators Office of any deteriorating conditions. We encourage insurance providers to notify the Spokane Regional Office immediately of any other counties or areas of suspected irrigation water shortages.

The above is for informational purposes only and may be helpful to AIPs when considering any claims that may be submitted. If you should have any questions regarding the information contained in this assessment, please contact the Spokane Regional Office at 509-228-6320.

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