

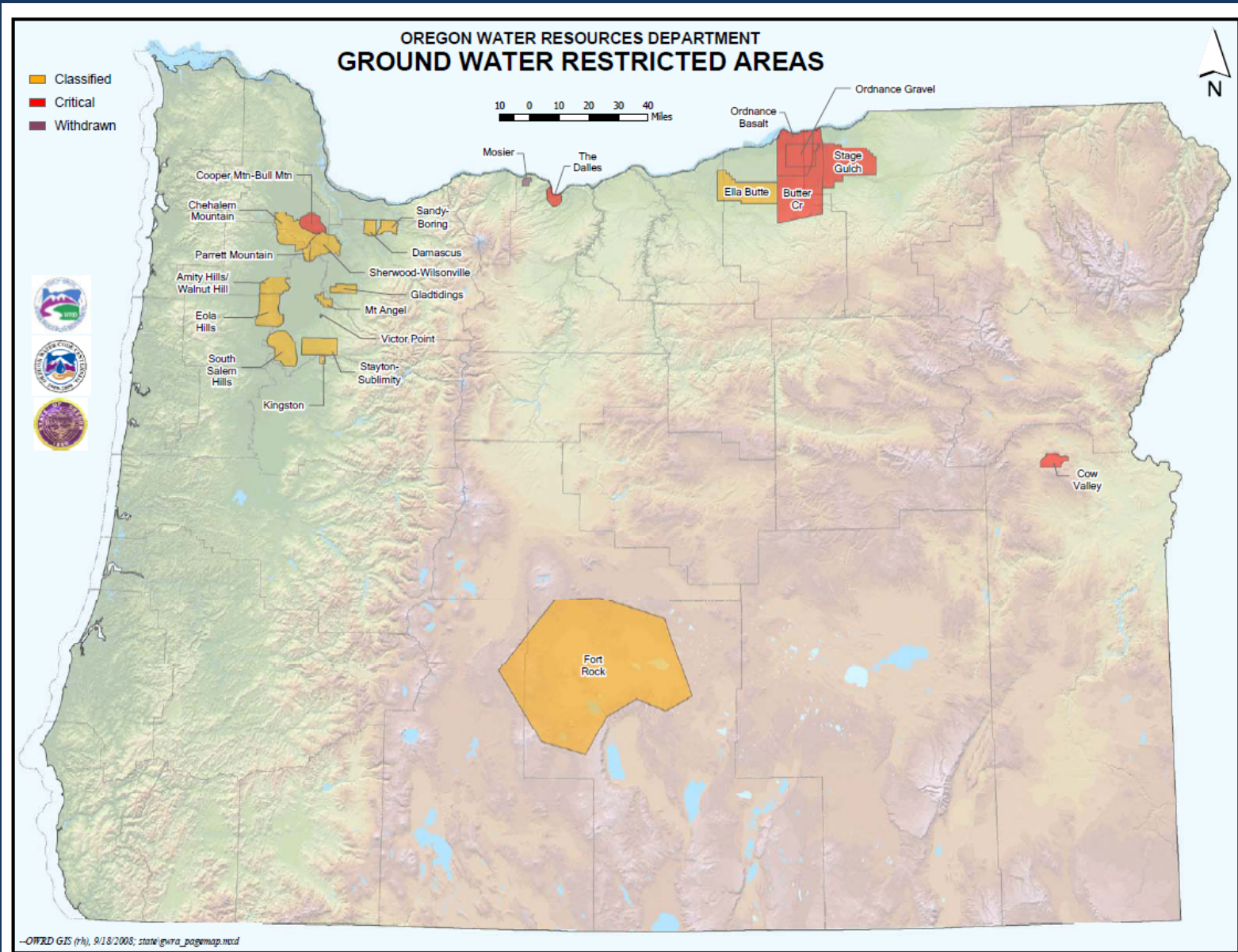
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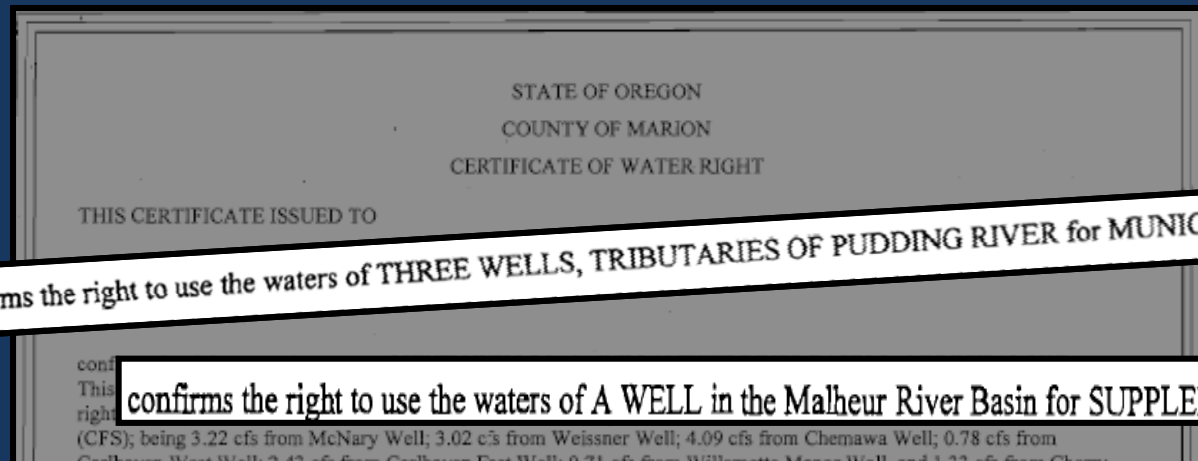


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Economic Development

Total of 18,670 groundwater rights,
authorizing 25,660 wells throughout the state

Approximately 230,000 exempt use wells



confirms the right to use the waters of A WELL in the Clackamas River Basin for INDUSTRIAL USE (CONCRETE BATCH PLANT & PRESTRESS FABRICATION PLANT).

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Agriculture

More than 1.2 million irrigated acres via groundwater rights



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Drinking Water

35 percent of Oregonians rely solely on groundwater

and

more than **90 percent** of Oregonians living in rural areas rely on groundwater to meet their drinking water needs.

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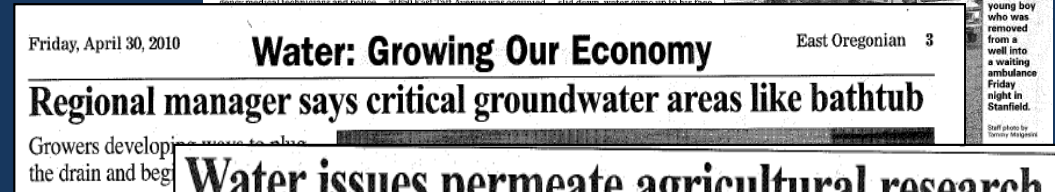
Streamflows & Ecosystems

**Groundwater contributes to flow within our
rivers, lakes, and streams**



What do Groundwater Managers Protect?

- Public health and safety
- Quantity
- Sustainable supplies
- Water rights/authorized water uses



How do Groundwater Managers Ensure these Protections?

- By educating and licensing well drillers



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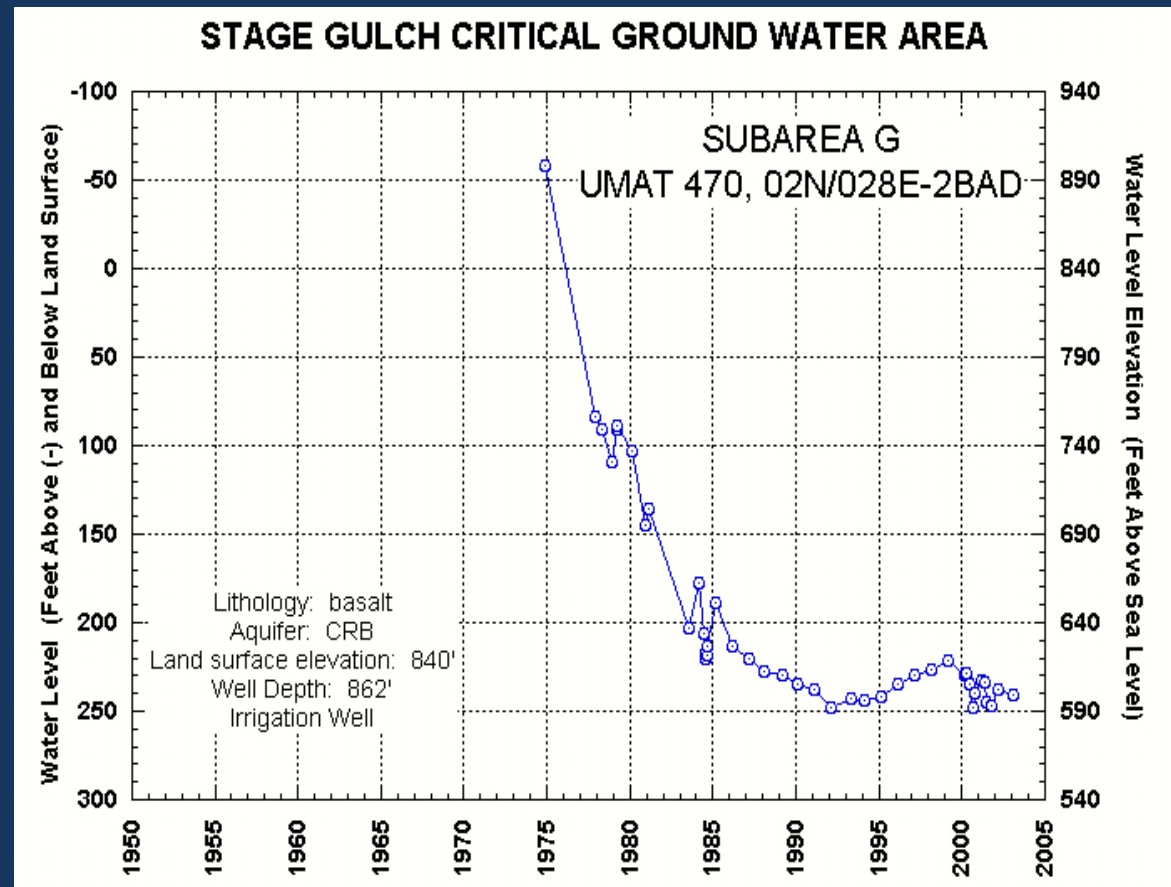
- By setting well construction standards

- Conducting well inspections



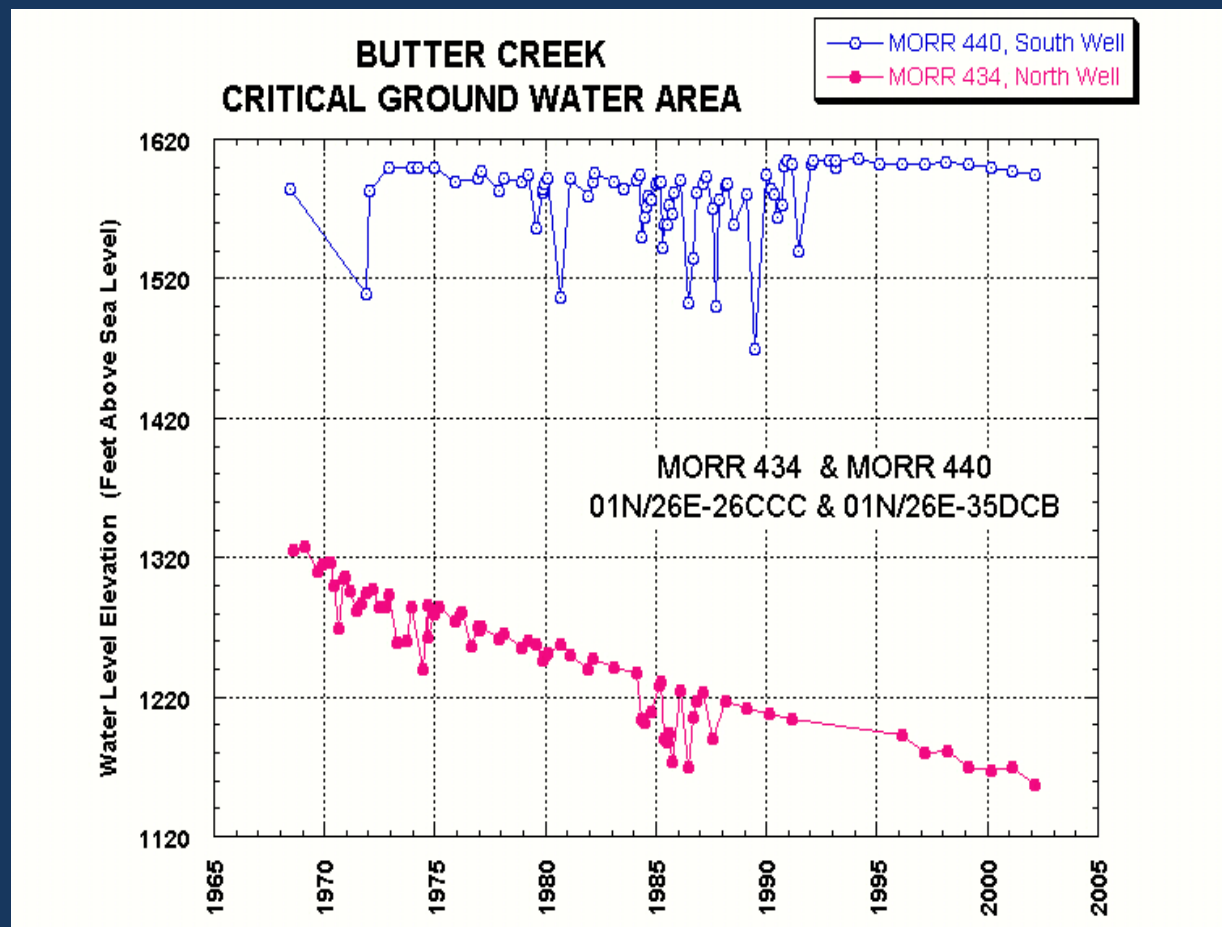
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How does the State Pay for These Protections?

- **Licensing fees**
- **Start Card fees**
- **Permitting fees**
- **Recording fees**
- **General Fund**

Conclusion

- **Oregonians depend on clean, reliable, and sustainable groundwater supplies**
- **Groundwater protection is vital to public health, safety, and Oregon's economy**
- **Funding comes from a variety of sources, including both fees and the General Fund**