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Informational Update on Existing Agency Efforts

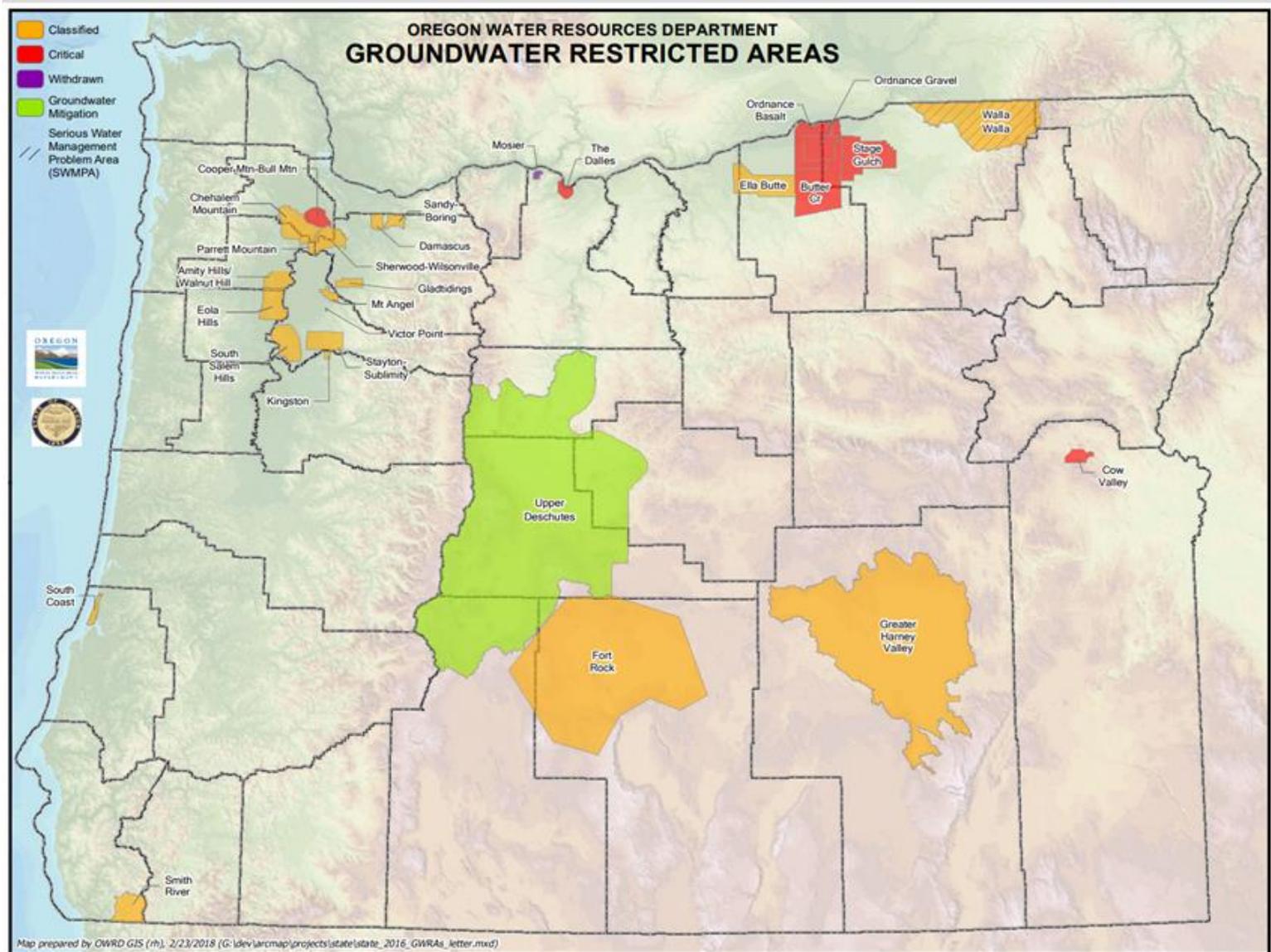
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Overview

- Status of groundwater restrictions
- Surface water availability
- 2019 & 2021 legislative investments in basin water budgets and studies
- Modernization of groundwater allocation process

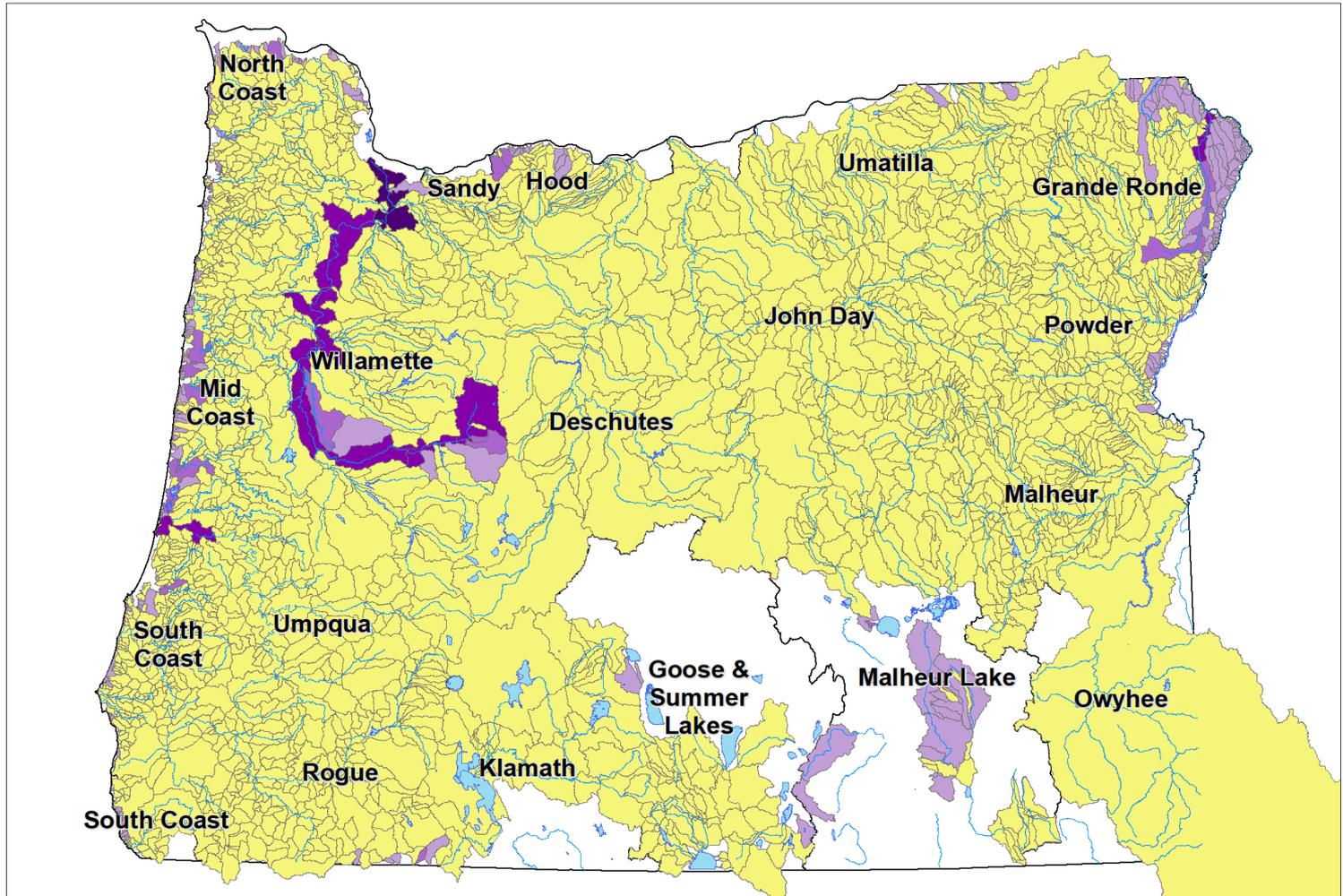


Groundwater Restrictions



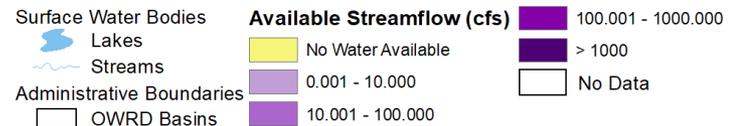


Surface Water Availability



August Available Streamflow Calculated at 80% Exceedance

OWRD Surface Water (RMA), March 20, 2023, Projection: Oregon Lambert NAD 83
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2019 & 2021 Legislative Investments

- Water budgets for all hydrologic basins
- Increased capacity for basin studies
- Staffing to support both

Progress – Statewide Basin Budgets and Studies

- USGS Basin Water Budgets
 - Initial results available late 2026
 - Refinement with local data by 2032
- Harney Basin Study
 - Wrapping up
- Walla Walla Basin Study
 - Coordination with State of Washington

Groundwater Allocation Project Goals

- Comprehensive evaluation for new groundwater permit applications
- Protect existing water right holders
- Sustainably manage Oregon's water resources

Rule adoption late 2023 - early 2024

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