

Outstanding Resource Water Rulemaking Advisory Committee

Illinois River/Rough and Ready Creek
Meeting 3

Tatyana Isupov
Nov. 17, 2026
Virtual Meeting

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DEQ Department of Environmental Quality

Zoom Meeting Logistics

- Trina Mayberry – DEQ Admin. and Technical Support
- “Raise hand” to be recognized for questions or comments
- Feel free to post questions into the chat and we will respond
- If you are listening on the phone:
  - Press *9 To raise your hand
  - Press *6 Unmute/Mute your line
- Today’s meeting will be recorded

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Agenda

9 a.m.	Introductions and Rulemaking Advisory Committee Charter Review (Tatyana Isupov, facilitator)
9:20 a.m.	Rule Language Revisions and Discussion (Aron Borok, rulemaking lead) Project Schedule Update (Aron Borok, rulemaking lead)
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Fiscal Impact Statement and Discussion (Aron Borok, rulemaking lead)
11:45 a.m.	Project Schedule Update/Wrap Up & Next Steps (Aron Borok, rulemaking lead & Tatyana Isupov, facilitator)
12 p.m.	Adjourn

Introductions – DEQ Staff

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Committee Members

Name	Affiliation
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Zachery Collier	Kalmiopsis Guides Association
Michael Dotson	Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center
Tyler Ernst	Oregon Forest Industries Council
Keri Handaly	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Eric Larsen	City of Grant's Pass on behalf of Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies
David Moryc	American Rivers
Brian Paul	Cave Junction
Gary Richardson	Josephine County
Shawn Simpson	Bureau of Land Management
Jeff Strobel	Patriot Nickel Corporation
Barbara Ullian	Friends of the Kalmiopsis
Ann Vileisis	Kalmiopsis Audubon Society

Agency Advisors

Name	Affiliation
Vaughn Balzer	Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
Michelle Maier	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Justin Dillon	Oregon Water Resources Department
Becky Anthony	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Advisory Committee Purpose

- Provide policy input to DEQ on the proposed rulemaking.
- Focus on social, fiscal, and economic impacts of proposed changes (ORS 183.333).
- Be informed about DEQ's technical development process.

Advisory Committee Purpose

- Provide input to DEQ as individuals or representatives of communities of interest.
- Not requested to agree on policy recommendations as a group.
- Not expected to reach consensus on views or input.
- DEQ retains discretion over final content of proposed rules.

Advisory Committee Ground Rules

Committee Member Responsibilities

- Prepare for and sets aside time for the meetings;
- Provide DEQ staff with copies of relevant research and documentation cited during the meeting;
- Stay focused on the specific agenda topics for each meeting;
- Consult regularly with constituencies to inform them on the process and gather their input;
- Be courteous by not engaging in sidebar discussions; and
- Avoid representing the views of other committee members or the entire committee to the public or media.

Meeting Ground Rules

- Please mute your line when you are not speaking.
- Be respectful of each other.
- Raise your hand to speak.
- Speak for yourself when recognized.
- Limit background noise.
- Let others speak without interrupting.

Meeting Materials

Meeting Announcements:	GovDelivery: two weeks prior DEQ Events Calendar Direct Email to Committee Membership
Meeting Materials:	Agenda, other background materials posted to website two weeks prior to each meeting Presentation slides posted following each meeting
Meeting Summary:	Committee will have at least 1 week to review, provide corrections Posted to webpage

Questions about the charter or today's meeting?



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Review and changes to proposed rules

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Objectives

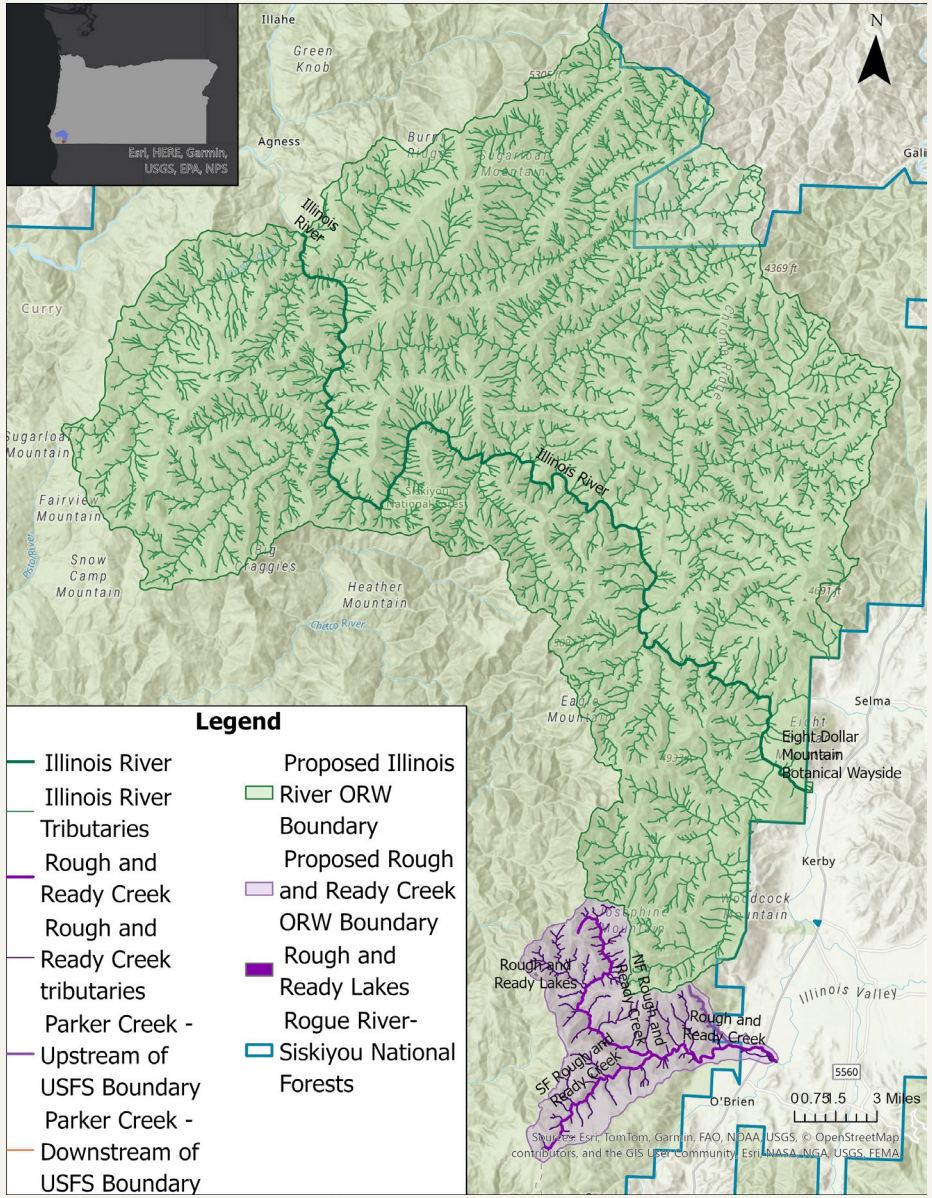
- Review of previous meeting topics and ORW basics
- Revisions to proposed rule language



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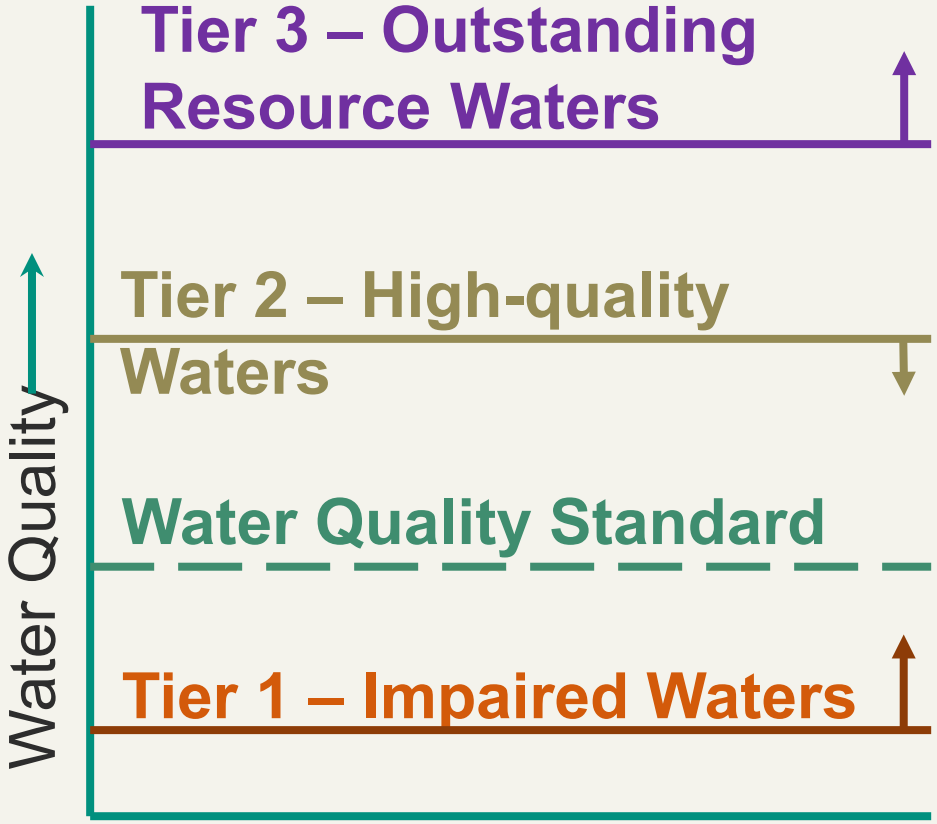
RAC meeting topics

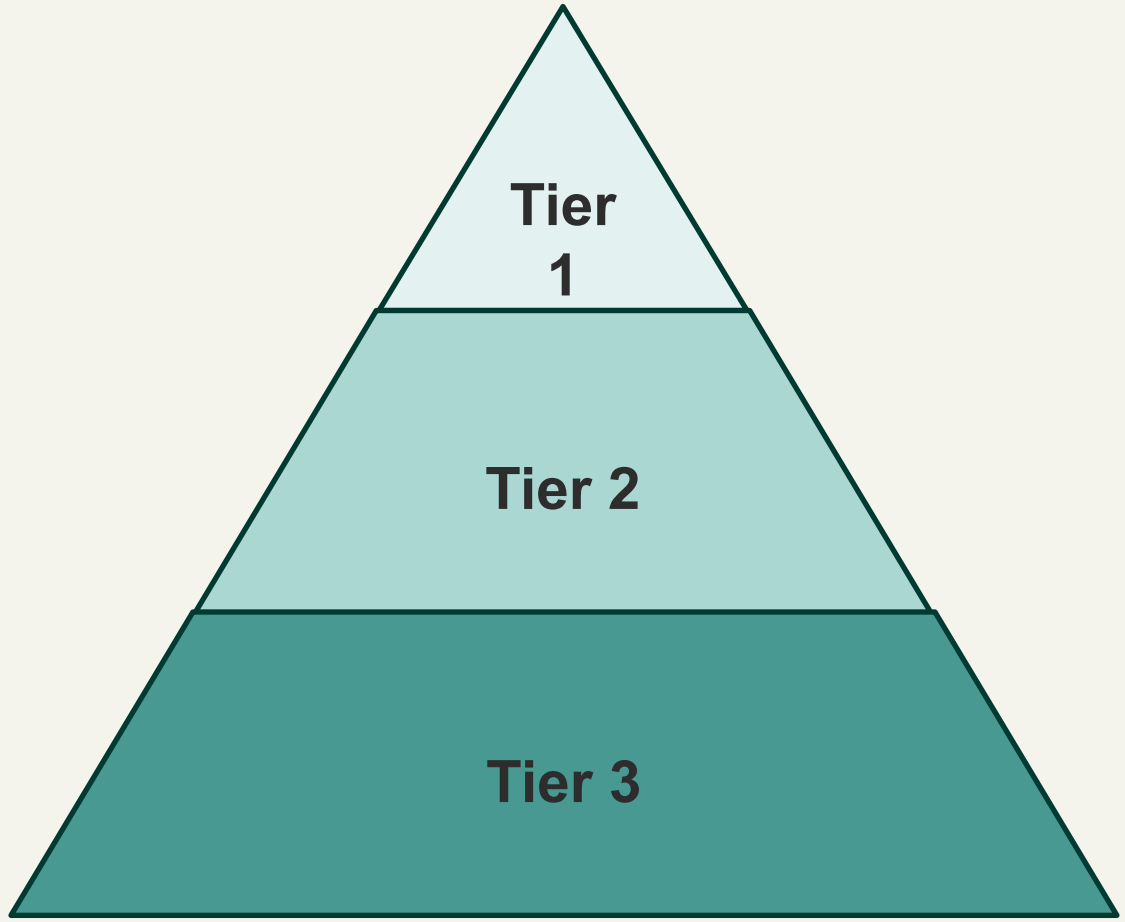
- RAC 1 – Jun. 10
  - ORW Basics
  - Illinois R. and Rough and Ready Cr. qualifications
- RAC 2 – Aug. 12
  - Draft rule language
  - 1st draft Fiscal Impact Statement



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Clean Water Act Tiers of Protection





How does DEQ implement ORW policy

- Existing permitted activities & routine non-permitted activities OK
- New permits must meet ORW rules.
- Work with other agencies for other activities



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ORW Rules

- Establishes ORW boundaries.
- Lists outstanding water quality values.
- Describes activities that will not affect outstanding water quality values.

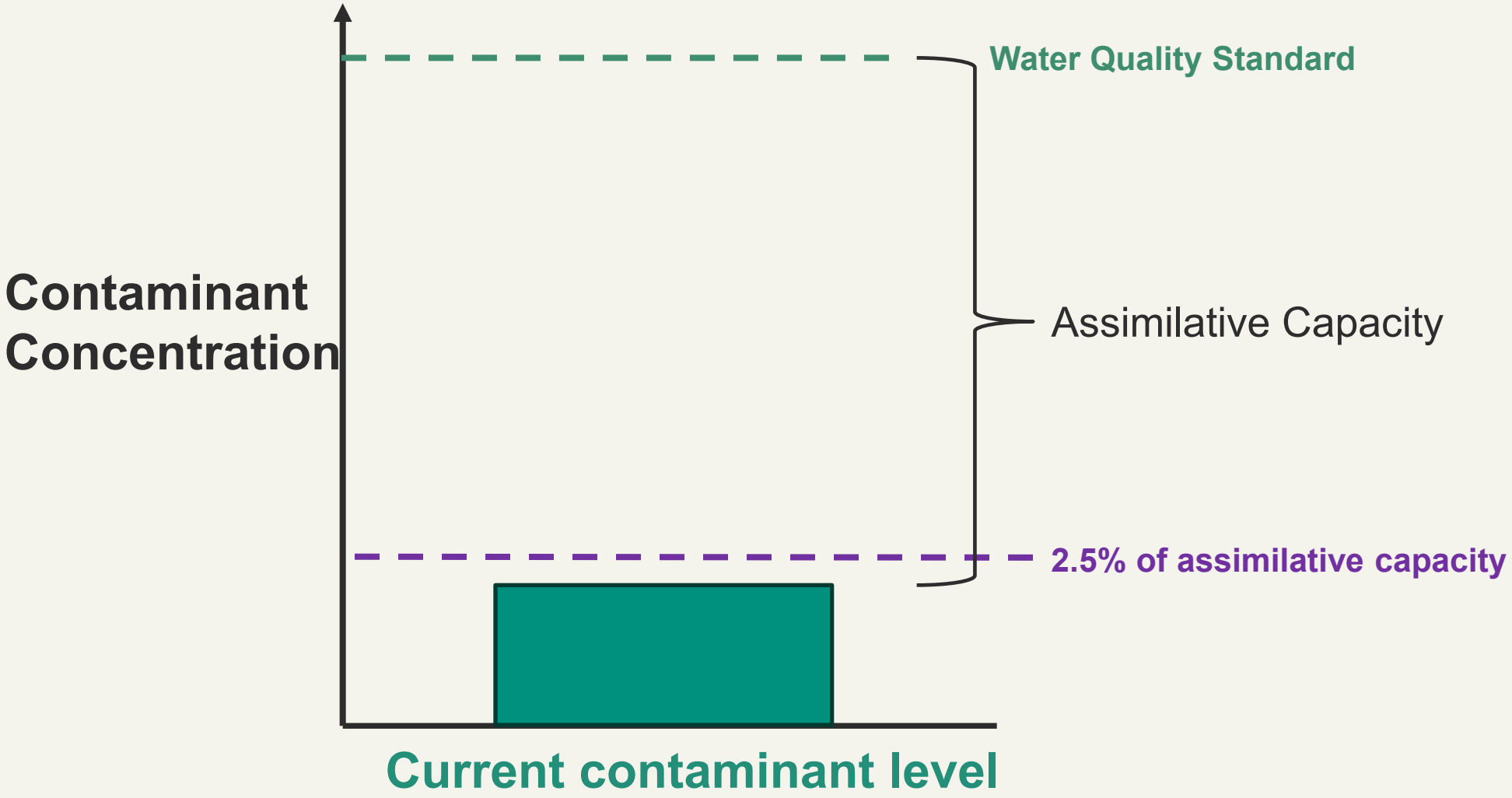


Changes to proposed rules

- Discharge from upstream sewage treatment facility OK if:
  - Consistent with temperature TMDL
  - Minimal decrease in dissolved oxygen (<0.1 mg/L)
  - Minimal increase for other pollutants. (2.5% of assimilative capacity)



Assimilative capacity



Questions and Discussion



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Revisions to fiscal impact statement

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Fiscal impact requirements (ORS 183.335)

- Identify fiscal impacts on:
  - state agencies
  - local governments
  - businesses, including cost of compliance on small businesses
- Additional sections for:
  - Federal agencies
  - First nations

Advisory committee role (ORS 183.333)

- Will the draft rule have a fiscal impact?
- What is the extent of that impact?
- Will there be a significant adverse impact on small business?
  - If so, what can be done to reduce that impact?

Impacts on State Agencies

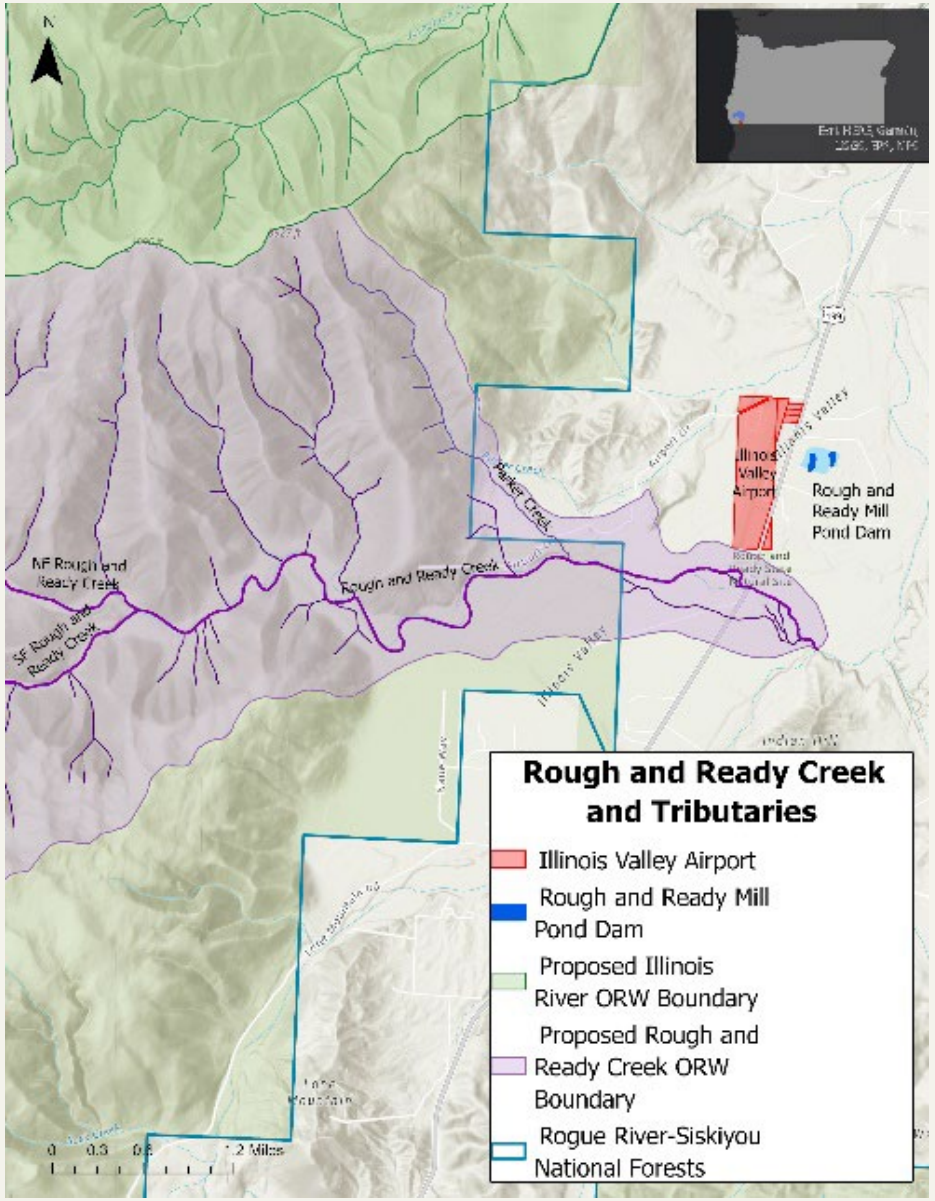
- ORW requirements incorporated into permit conditions.
- Permit holders must comply with permit conditions.



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Local governments

- Impacts on Josephine County
  - No impact on existing operations.
- Impacts on Cave Junction
  - Accounts for new provision for publicly-owned sewage treatment facility.



Public

- Preserves water quality, recreational and ecological values for benefit of public
- No foreseeable impacts on Cave Junction rate payers.



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Impacts on large and small business

- Outdoor recreation spending
- Impacts on mining
- Options for industrial stormwater
  - Infiltration on-site
  - 1200Z permit



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Questions for input (ORS 183.333)

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Next Steps and Discussion

- Final input on draft Fiscal Impact Statement by **Nov. 30**.
- Anticipated Project Schedule
  - Public comment period: Feb.– Mar. 2027.
  - Public hearings: in-person and virtual: first week of Mar. 2027
  - EQC rule adoption: Jul. 2027

- Questions & Comments?

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