

Methow 2024 Drought Mitigation Program

Fact Sheet

What is the program: We are looking for landowners willing to fallow or forgo irrigation starting July 1 – August 15, continuing through the end of the irrigation season. This effort aims to help alleviate low stream flows and community hardship resulting from this year's drought emergency declaration.

- The program will pay a starting rate of \$150/acre*

Why: Drought creates stressful conditions for fish and wildlife, farms, and our community. Incentive based programs help reduce those stresses while still providing income to producers.

Who is eligible:

- Valid state surface water right holders with a point of diversion on the Methow River or its tributaries
- Five or more acres of irrigated land – this could be an individual, group of neighbors, or land lessee***
- Must have irrigated within the last 5 years

Minimum eligibility requirements. All projects are subject to approval.

Interested? Please contact us!

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*Rates are prorated based on start date and negotiable.

***Typically a land lessee can participate with landowner agreement.