Classification Rule Language Explainer

This document is a supporting document for the proposed classification rule language. Its purpose is to outline the rule language into different sections and explain what the rule language means.

The proposed rule language is outlined in the following sections:

Administrative Boundaries

> Section 4: Classification Boundary.

Classification

> Section 1: Allowed uses for the Malheur Lake Administrative Basin.
> Section 2: Allowed uses within the defined classification boundary.

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(4) Classification Boundary	(4) The Groundwater Classification Boundary is defined as the Harney Basin within the Malheur Lake Basin and within portions of Grant and Harney Counties, as shown in Exhibit #.	**Classification Boundary** • The classification boundary includes the Harney Basin Groundwater Study Area boundary and portions of Grant County, mainly around Seneca.

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(1) Allowed uses for the Malheur Lake Administrative Basin.	(1) Except as provided in OAR 690-512-####(2), the groundwater and surface water of the Malheur Lake Basin are classified for direct appropriation of, or storage of surface water and use of, water for domestic, livestock, irrigation, municipal, quasi-municipal, industrial, mining, agricultural water use, commercial, power development, forest management, public uses, road watering, dust abatement, and wildlife refuge management.	**Allowed uses within the Malheur Lake Basin:** • This section specifies what surface water and groundwater can be used for within the Malheur Lake Basin. • These uses are allowed outside the classification boundary defined in **690-512-####(2)**.

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(2) Allowed uses within the defined classification boundary.	(2) Groundwater in the Groundwater Classification Boundary defined in OAR 690-512-####(4) is classified for statutorily exempt groundwater uses as specified in ORS 537.545.	**Allowed uses within the classification boundary** • Groundwater can only be used for exempt uses within the classification boundary. • Exempt uses are defined in ORS 537.545.