



DATE: October 14, 2015

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Keith Grellner, Chair

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE DROUGHT

Background and Summary:

This year, Washington state experienced historic drought conditions. Declarations of drought emergencies began in May and continued to grow throughout the summer. The impacts of Washington's drought are varied and far reaching and include an unprecedented fire season and devastating crop losses.

To learn more about Washington's drought, we have invited Ginny Stern, a hydrogeologist at the Department of Health, to provide a briefing on drought and what we might expect in the future.

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