

Inland NW Drought Forum 2013: Emergency Drought Declarations in Idaho

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Legal Reference

- Idaho Code § 42-222A (added in 1993)
 - Upon declaration of drought emergency by IDWR Director & approval by Governor
 - Authorizes IDWR to allow temporary water right transfers or exchanges
 - Provides an expedited but temporary transfer or exchange process

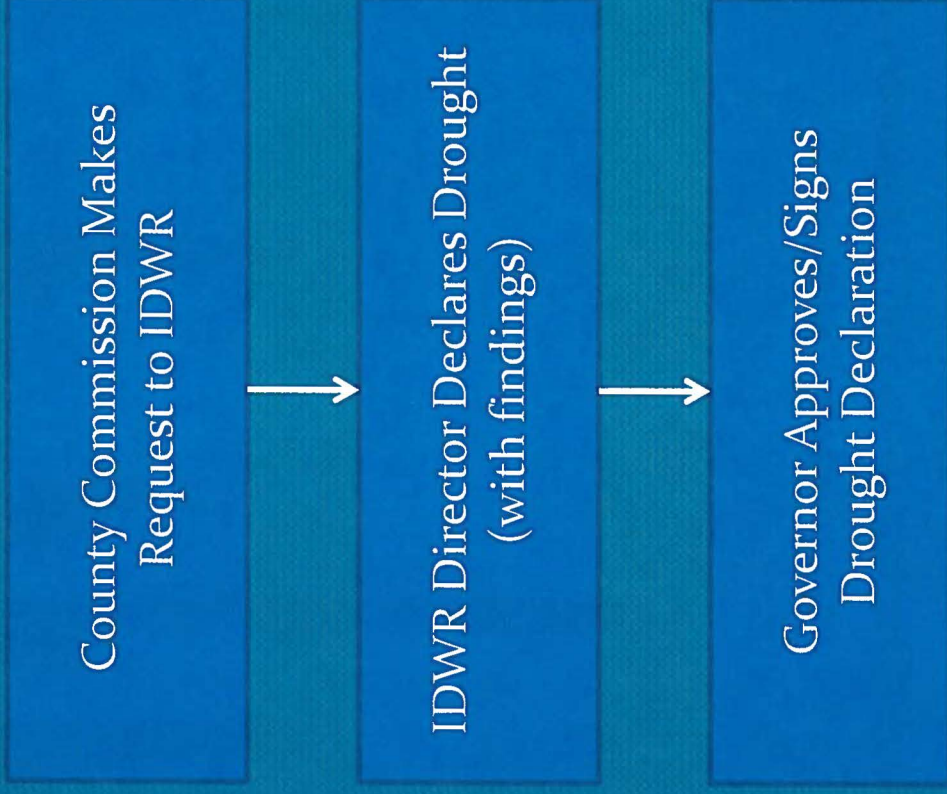
Temporary Changes

- Changes in point of diversion, place of use, purpose of use
- \$50 application fee
- No advertising required
- IDWR not required to make findings needed in normal transfer process such as injury, enlargement, local public interest etc. (recipient assumes these risks)

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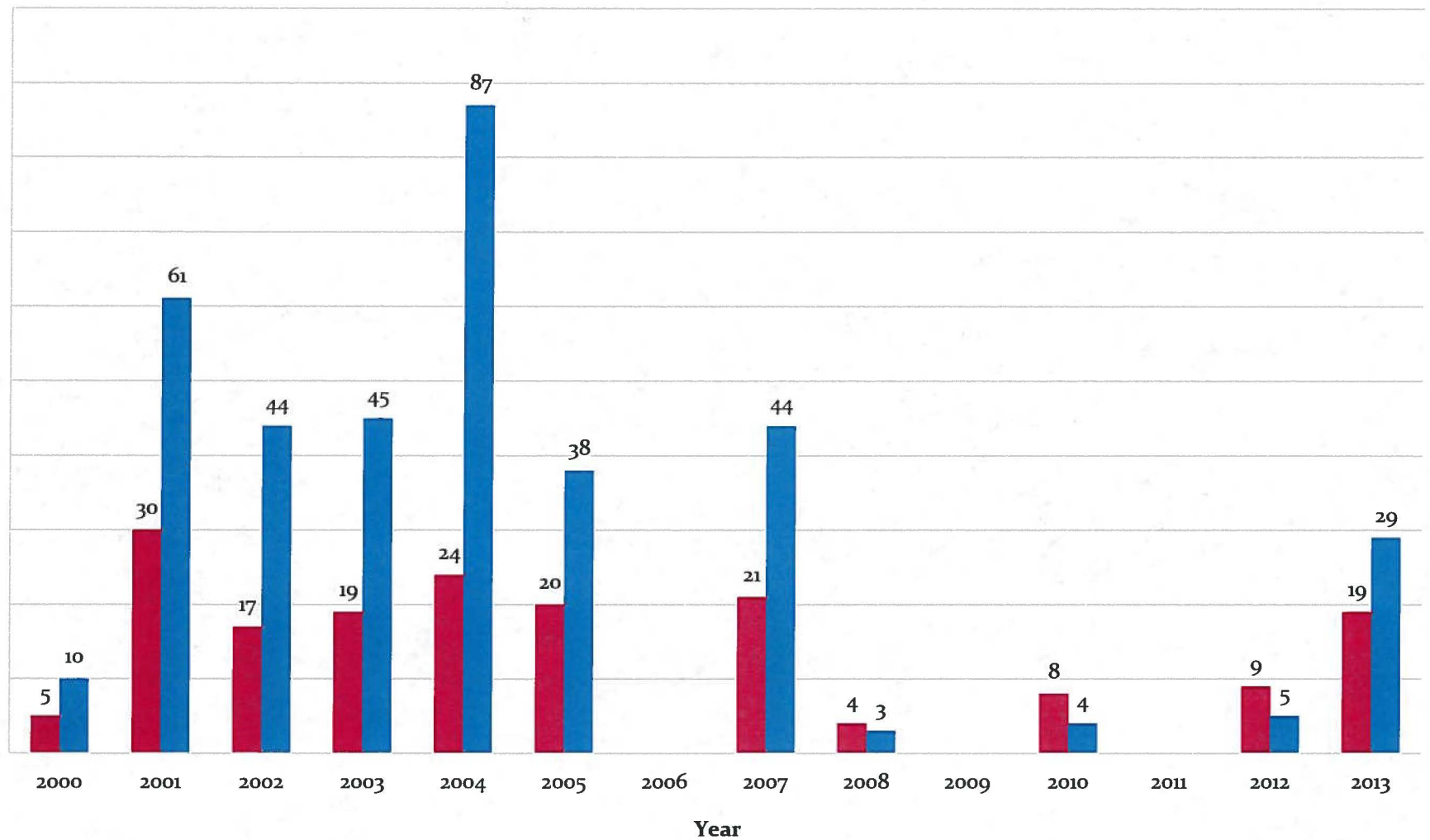
- Changes are to provide a replacement water supply for uses that normally have a full supply except for drought
- Expires at end of year or season

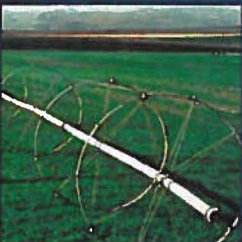
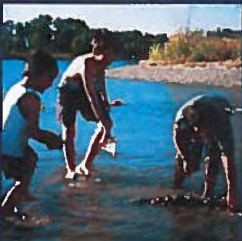
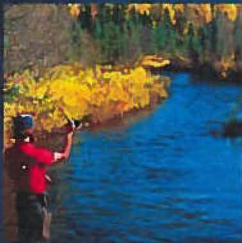
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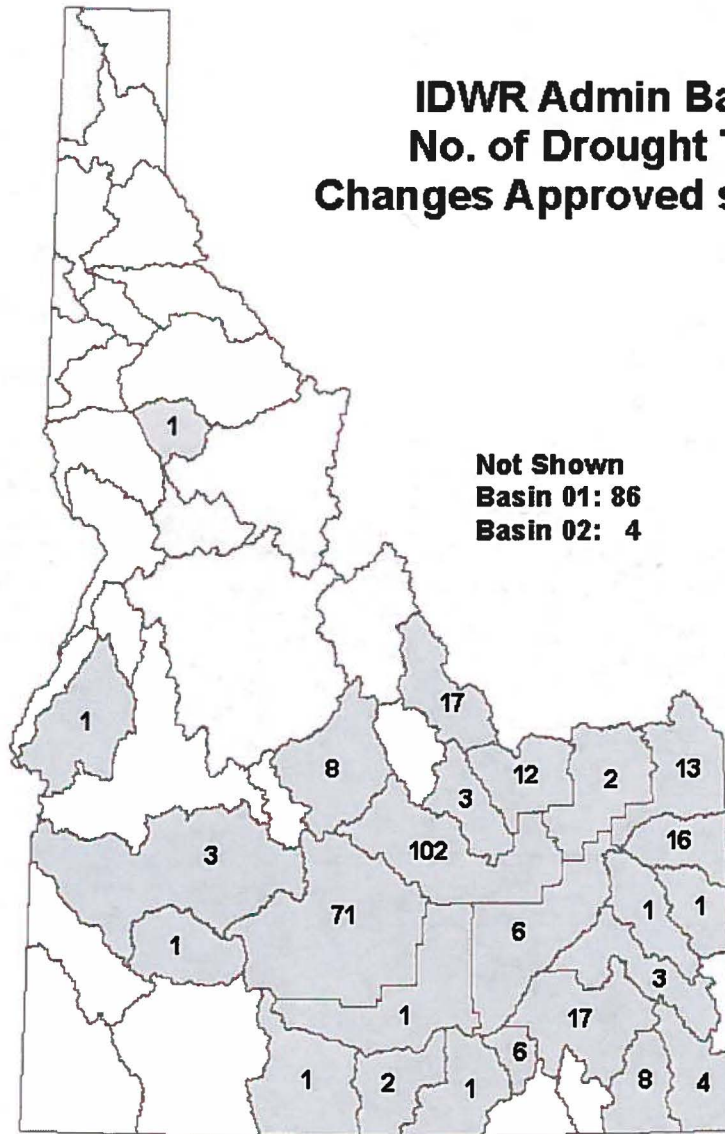
County Drought Declarations and Temporary Changes by Year

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IDWR Admin Basins No. of Drought Temp Changes Approved since 2001



Questions?

