



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Oregon and South Central Washington

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- Extreme drought has expanded throughout the eastern Oregon mountains and into central Oregon and the central Oregon Cascades while the rest of the area has a mix of abnormally dry to severe drought.
 - Well below normal precipitation (0% to 50% of normal) in most areas over the last 30 days. Below to near normal precipitation (50% to 100% of normal) in eastern Wallowa, southern Union, western Grant, eastern Crook, southeastern Deschutes and northeast Columbia counties over the last 30 days.
 - Drought is expected to persist or develop over the entire area through the end of September 2026.
 - All areas are forecast to have above normal significant fire potential from now through September 2026.





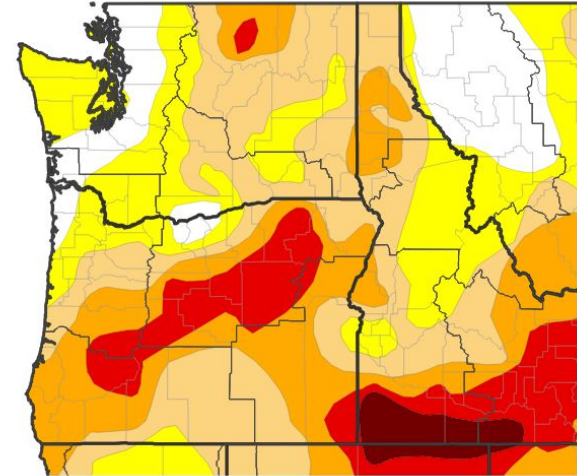
U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Northeast Oregon and South Central Washington

• Drought intensity and Extent

- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portions of southern and eastern Umatilla, western Union, far southeastern Morrow, most of Grant, southern Wheeler, northern Crook northeast to southwest Deschutes and southeastern Jefferson counties
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Northwest and southeast Deschutes, most of western and northern Jefferson, southern Crook, southeast Grant, northwest Wheeler, eastern Union, southeast Wasco, southeast Morrow, central and northern Umatilla, far southeast Gilliam and southeast Wallowa counties
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Eastern Kittitas, central and northeast Yakima, most of Benton, southern Walla Walla, nearly all of Columbia, northern Wallowa, far northwest Umatilla, north central Morrow, portions of southern Wasco, southern Sherman and far northwest Jefferson counties
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Western Kittitas, western and southeastern Yakima, northern Klickitat, most of Franklin, far northeast and far southwest Benton, northern Walla Walla, northwest Morrow, northern Gilliam, southern Sherman and northwest and central Wasco counties
- **Normal Conditions:** northeast Wasco, northern Sherman, northwest Gilliam and southern Klickitat counties

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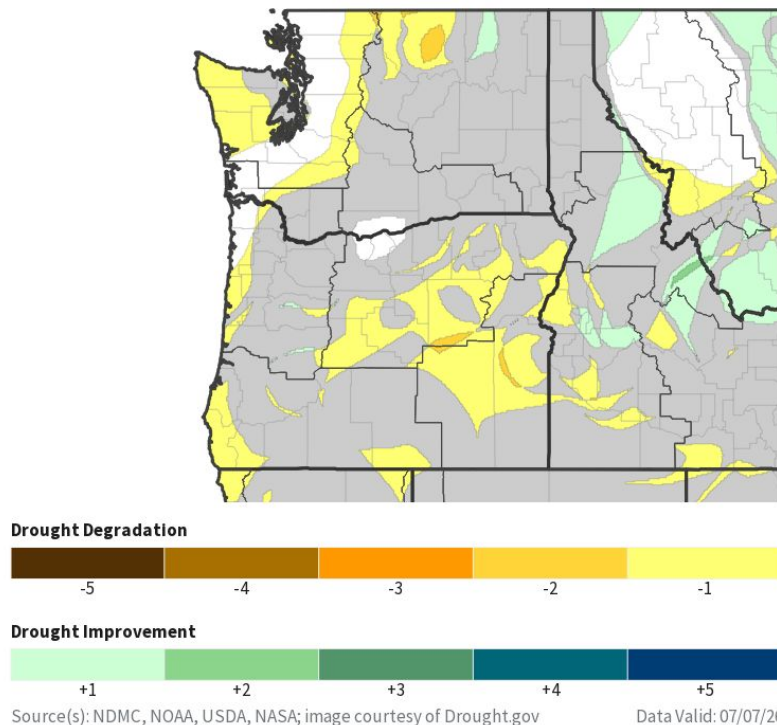
Recent Changes in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast Oregon and South Central Washington

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened (2 classes):** Portions of southern Grant county
- **Drought Worsened (1 class):** Western Kittitas and northwest Yakima, southeast Wallowa, central and southwest Union, portions of central and southern Umatilla and Morrow, portions of southern Gilliam, most of Grant, central and eastern Wheeler, central and western Crook, southeast Jefferson and northeast to southwest Deschutes counties
- **Drought Improved (1 class):** None
- **No Change:** All other areas not mentioned above

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map

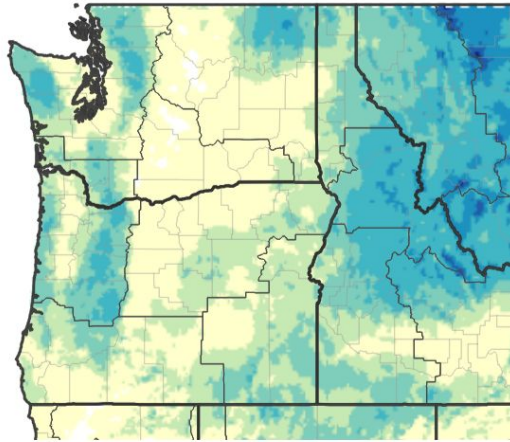




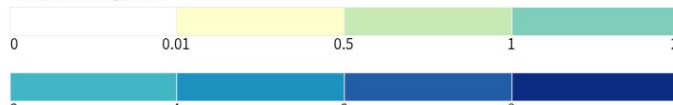
Precipitation - Last 30 Days

- Well below normal precipitation (0% to 50% of normal) in most areas over the last 30 days
- Below to near normal precipitation (50% to 100% of normal) in eastern Wallowa, southern Union, western Grant, eastern Crook, southeastern Deschutes and northeast Columbia counties over the last 30 days.
- Highest precipitation amounts were 1 to 2 inches in small pockets of the Ochoco Mountains, eastern and southern Union and southeastern Wallowa counties over the last 30 days
- Generally 1 inch or less of precipitation in the eastern OR mountains with less than 0.5 inch in the most of the lower elevations over the last 30 days

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



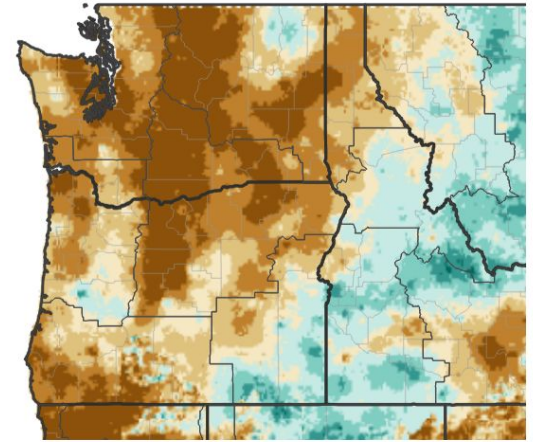
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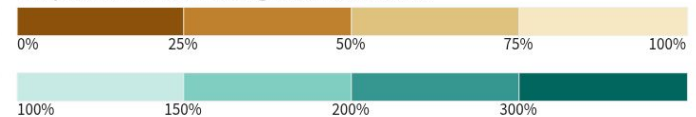
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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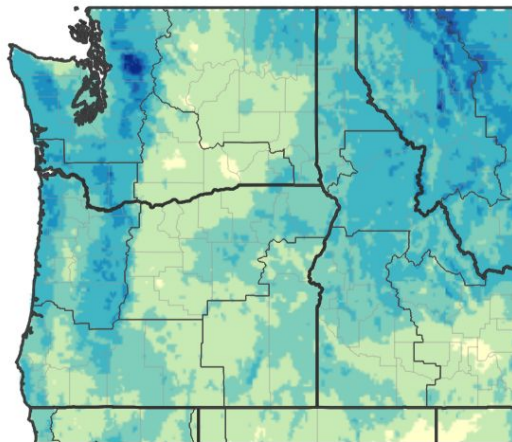




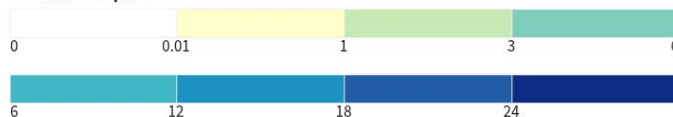
Precipitation - Last 90 Days

- Near to well below normal precipitation (25% to 100% of normal) in most areas over the last 90 days
- Near to above normal precipitation (100% to 150% of normal) in pockets of the WA Cascades and northern Grant county over the last 90 days
- Precipitation amounts of 3 to 12 inches in the mountains and up to 1 inch in the lower elevations over the last 90 days
- Wettest locations had 6 to 12 inches over small pockets of the Blue and Wallowa Mountains over the last 90 days
- Driest locations received less than 1 inch in western Crook, central Yakima, eastern Benton and southwest Franklin counties over the last 90 days

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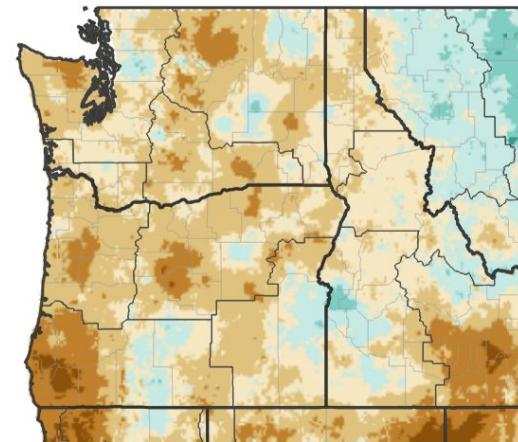
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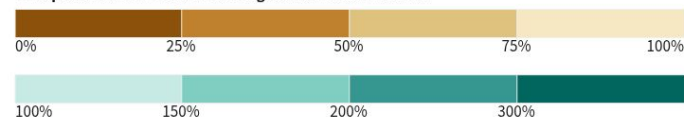
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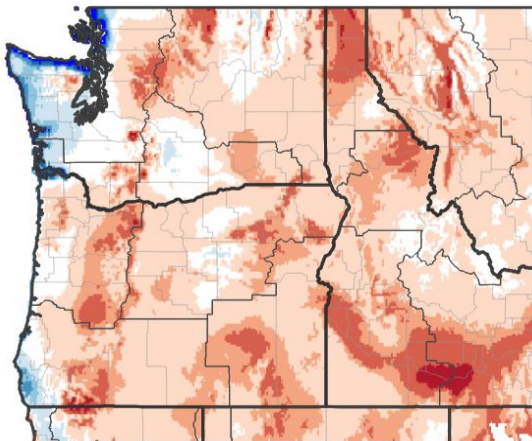




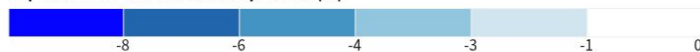
Temperatures - Last 7 And Last 30 Days

- Near to above normal temperatures (1 degree below to 4 degrees above normal in most areas for the last 7 days
- Well above normal temperatures (4 to 6 degrees above) in portions of the Cascade, Blue and Wallowa Mountains and below normal temperatures (1 to 3 degrees below normal in central Yakima county over the last 7 days
- Above normal temperatures (1 degree above to 4 degrees below normal) in most areas for the last 30 days
- Small pockets of well above normal temperatures (4 to 6 degrees above normal) in the central OR Cascades and southern Blue Mountains and small pockets of near normal temperatures (1 degree below to 1 degree above normal) in Wallowa county for the last 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



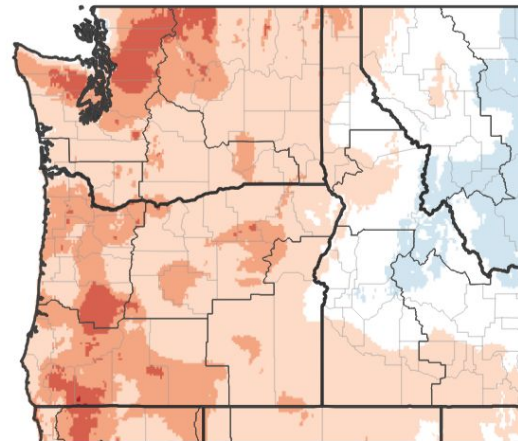
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Below to well below normal streamflows (42% - 70% of normal) in most WA basins and (28% - 58% of normal) in most OR basins
- Far below normal streamflows (less than 10% of normal) in the Crooked River basin
- Slightly below normal streamflows (84% - 91% of normal) at Columbia River locations

Agricultural Impacts

- Reservoirs in the WA Cascades are partly to mostly full (53% - 93% full - average is 72%). Other reservoirs are 32%-47% full with the Deschutes basin having a couple outliers at less than 25% full and a couple of outliers above 75% full. Water deliveries to agricultural interests in the Yakima area are projected to be at 53% of normal (up from earlier projections of 44%) but remain uncertain. Impacts elsewhere are uncertain at this time but water availability will likely also be below normal.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Significant wildland fire potential is present over the entire area through September 2026

Other Impacts

- Washington: [Washington Issues A Drought Emergency For The Entire State Through April 2027](#)
- Oregon: [Drought Declarations Issued For All NE Oregon Counties Except Sherman through 12-31-2026](#)

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts as of July 12th, 2026

Main Takeaways

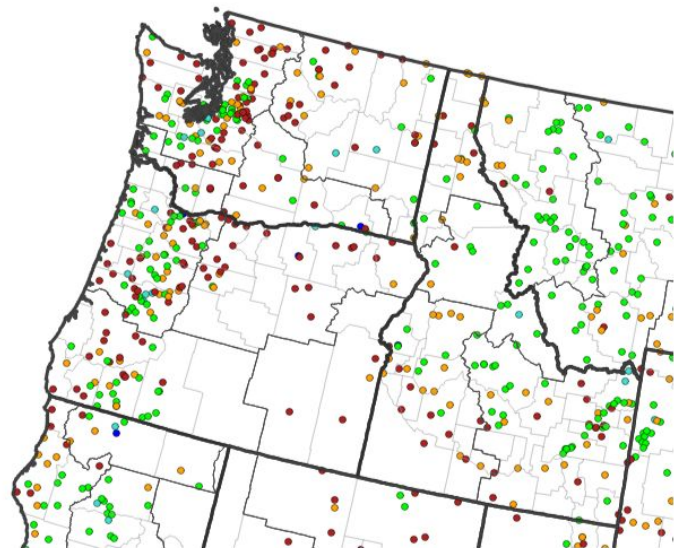
- Below to much below normal streamflows in most basins with a few locations (mainly along the Columbia River) near normal

Impacts

No known impacts at this time

Reduced streamflow may be detrimental to aquatic species and recreational activities.

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



Source(s): U.S. Geological Survey; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Water Supply Forecast - April - September 2026

Link to the latest [Northwest River Forecast Center Water Supply Forecast](#).

Main Takeaways

- Below normal water supply (42% to 70% of the 1991-2020 normal) is forecast over most WA locations for the April - September 2026 period
- Slightly below normal water supply (84% to 91% of the 1991-2020 normal) is forecast for Columbia River locations for the April - September 2026 period
- Well below normal water supply (28% to 58% of the 1991-2020 normal) is forecast for most OR locations except 65% to 79% for Blue Mountain Foothills location for the April - September 2026 period
- Far below normal water supply (<10% of the 1991-2020 normal) is forecast along the Crooked River Basin for the April - September 2026 period
- These forecasts for 2026 are based on streamflow data from the new water year which started on October 1, 2025

Impacts

No known impacts at this time

Low reservoir levels would be expected to affect agriculture production, fish, and other aquatic species.

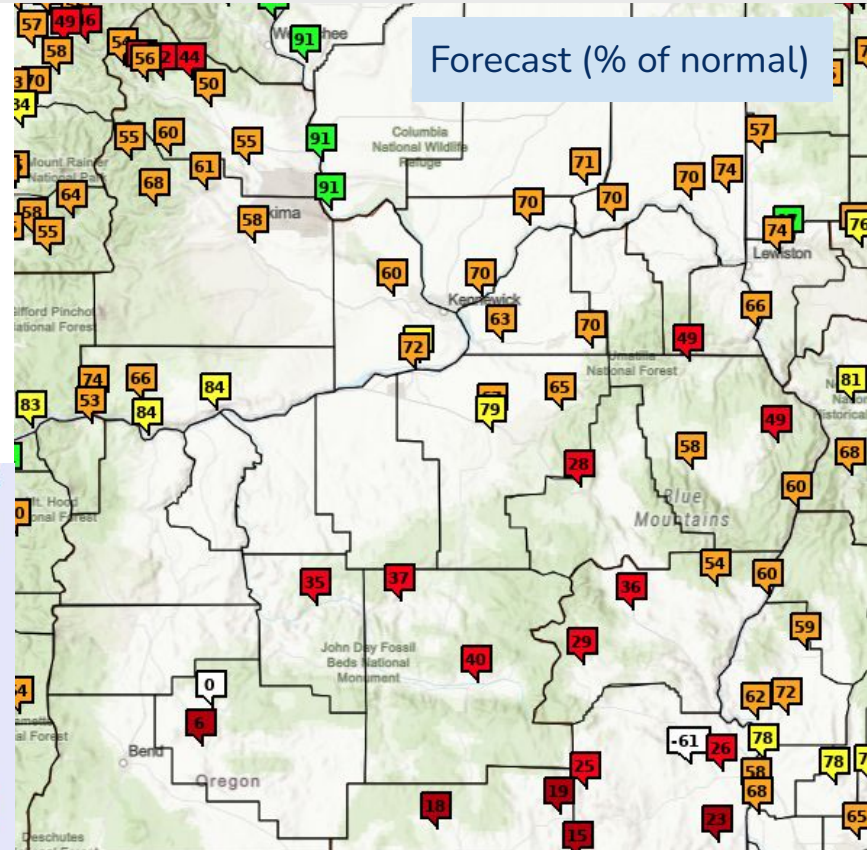
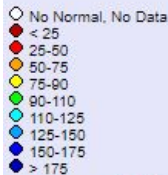


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ESP Natural Forecast

Period: APR-SEP
Forecast (% Normal)



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Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

Main Takeaways

- Above normal significant wildland fire potential (i.e., greater than normal risk) is forecast for all areas in July, August and September 2026
- Near normal significant wildland fire potential (i.e., normal risk) is forecast for all areas in October 2026

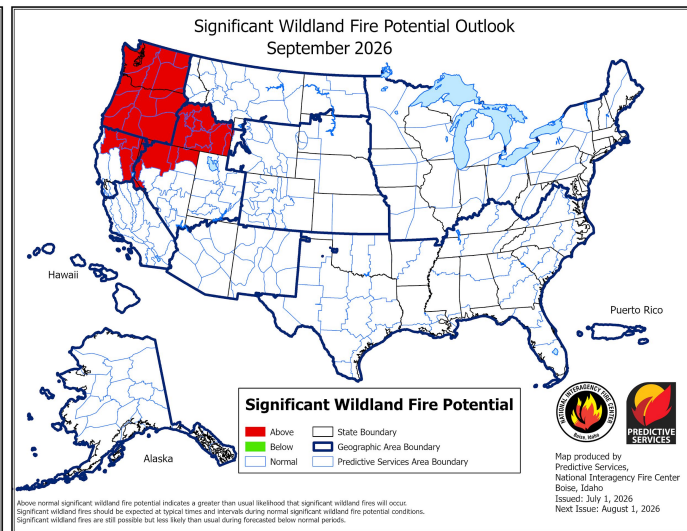
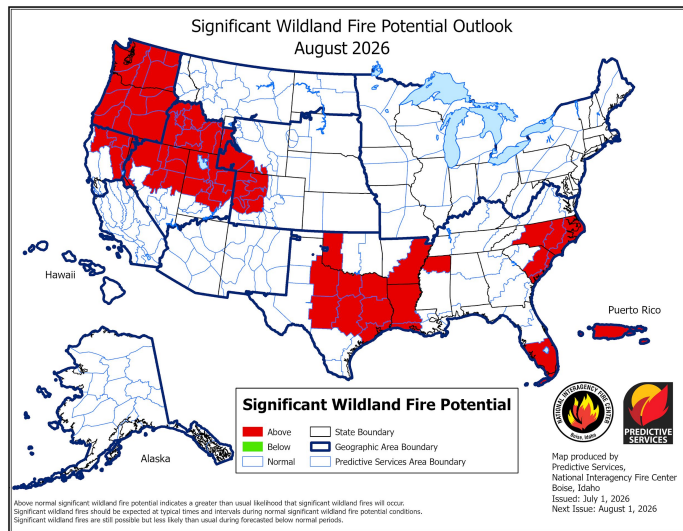


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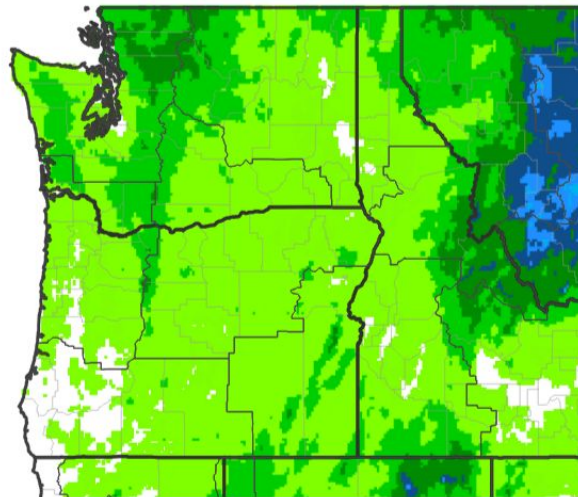
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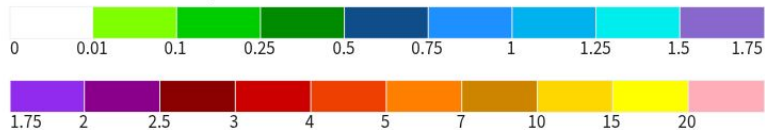
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 13, 2026–July 20, 2026

- Models have significant uncertainty but southwest flow over high pressure centered to our east will create the potential for light convective showers Tuesday and again Thursday and Friday before ending next weekend
- Rain amounts will be less than a tenth of an inch in most areas with up to a quarter inch in the mountains
- Above normal temperatures are expected with highs mainly in the 90s to lower 100s



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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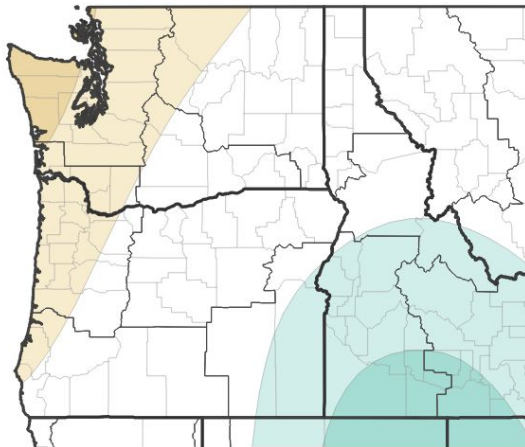


Monthly Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- A 50% to 60% chance of above normal temperatures is expected across the entire area
- Near normal precipitation is favored except for a 33% to 40% chance of below normal precipitation across the central WA Cascade crest

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



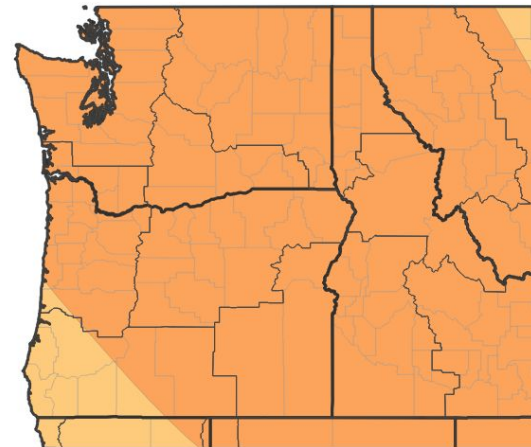
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–July 31, 2026



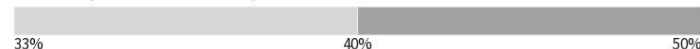
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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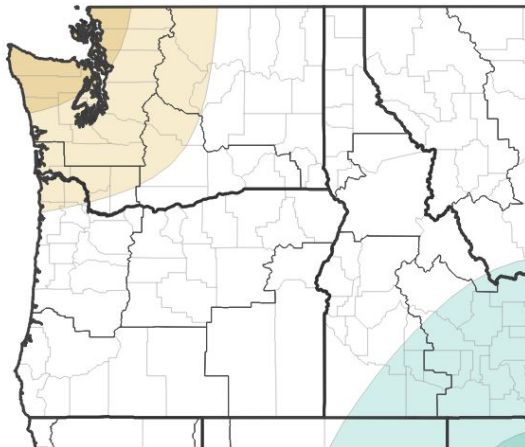


Three Month Outlook

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- A 60% to 70% chance of above normal temperatures is expected across the entire area
- Near normal precipitation is expected except for a 33% to 40% chance of below normal precipitation across most of Kittitas and western Yakima counties

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



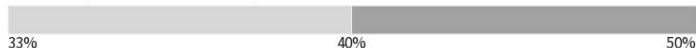
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



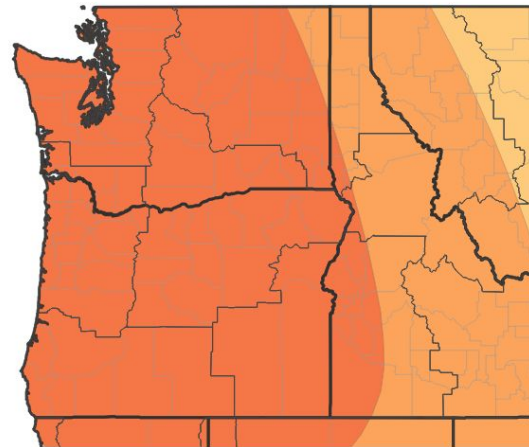
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



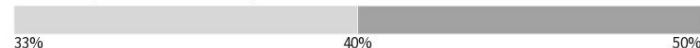
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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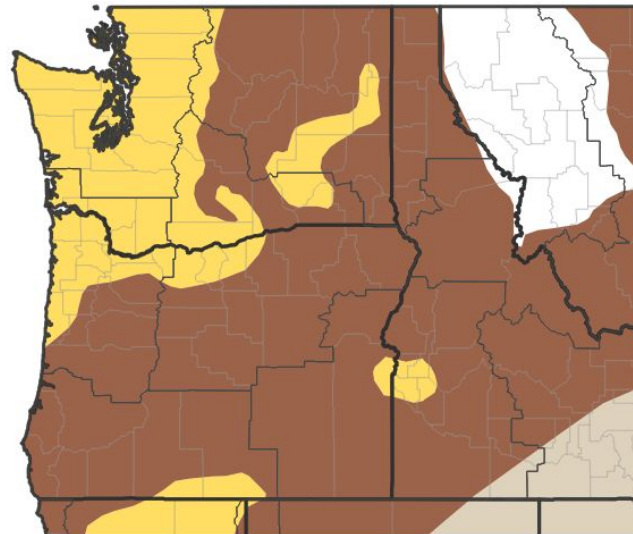
Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 30,
2026–September 30, 2026

Main Takeaways

- Drought is expected to either persist or develop over the entire area through the end of September

Possible Impacts

- Any lingering drought may result in reduced streamflows and low reservoir levels which may result in a possible reduction of agricultural yield, crop loss, and poor pasture conditions where irrigation water is not available.



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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