



Drought Information Statement for Southwest Idaho and Southeast Oregon

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- This product will be updated in early November or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/boi/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Moderate to exceptional drought exists across the majority of southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.
 - Many streamflow gauging stations are below or much below normal, with a few locations at all-time lows.
 - Observed Water Year 2026 runoff volumes were less than 50 percent of normal for the majority of southeast Oregon, and SW Idaho near the Nevada border.



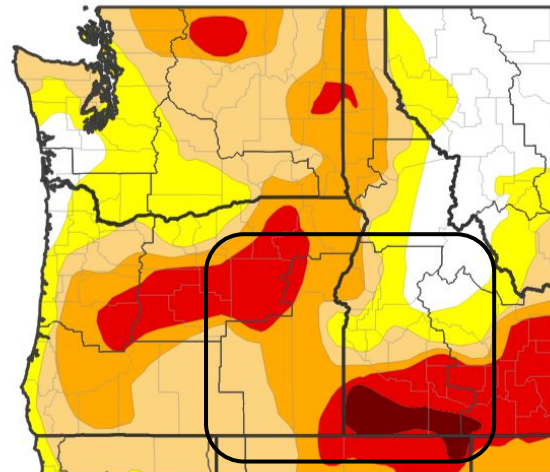


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Southwest Idaho and Southeast Oregon

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Southern Owyhee County and southern Twin Falls County.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Much of Owyhee County, Twin Falls, Jerome, and Gooding Counties, southern Elmore County, southeast Malheur County, northern Harney and western Baker Counties.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: NW Owyhee, central Elmore, and Camas Counties, southern Ada County, western Washington and Adams Counties, much of Harney and Malheur Counties and Baker County.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Far northwest Owyhee County, southern Canyon and Ada Counties, northern Elmore and Camas Counties, southern Boise County, portions of Valley, Gem, Washington, Adams, Payette, Malheur and Harney Counties.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of the lower Treasure Valley and Central Mountains.

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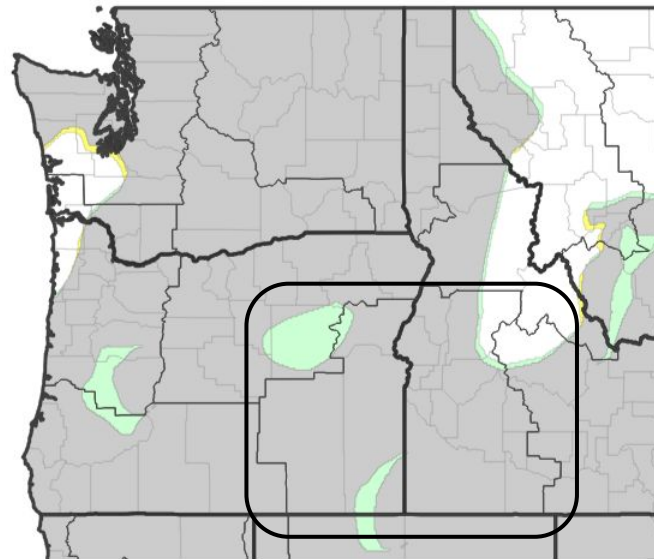


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

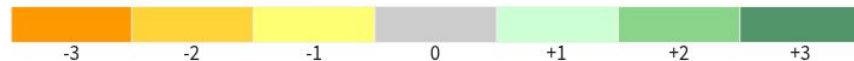
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Southwest Idaho and Southeast Oregon

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** N/A
 - **Drought Improvement:** SE Malheur County and far western Baker County
 - **No Change:** Various degrees of drought persisted across southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.



Drought Change Since Last Week



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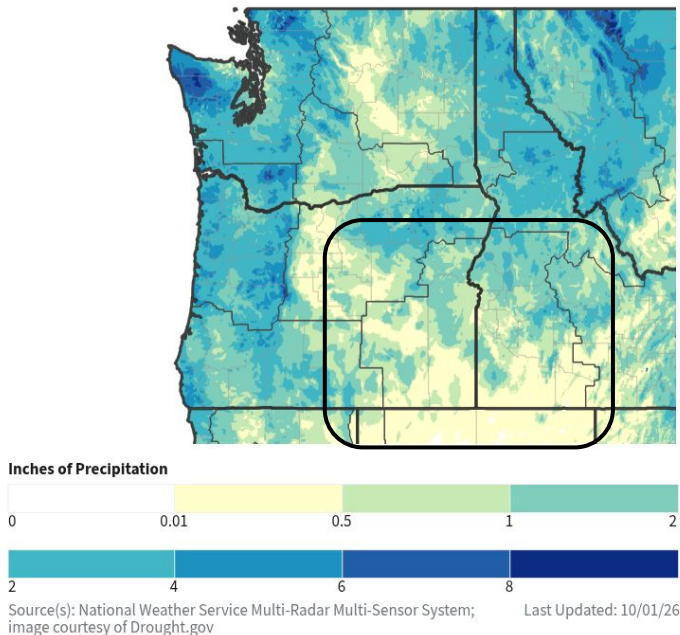




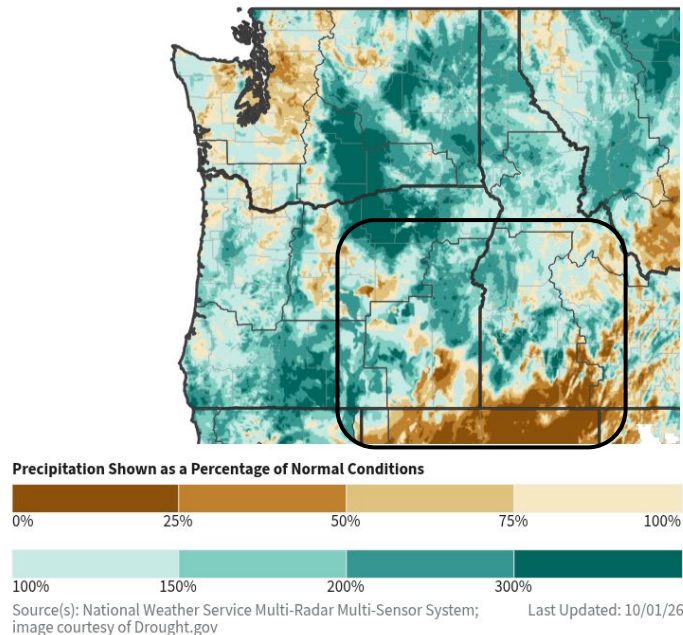
Precipitation

- As of October 1, 30-day precipitation was near normal to above normal for the majority of the area. Exceptions to this were portions of southern Malheur County, Twin Falls County, and southern Owyhee County where precipitation was below normal.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

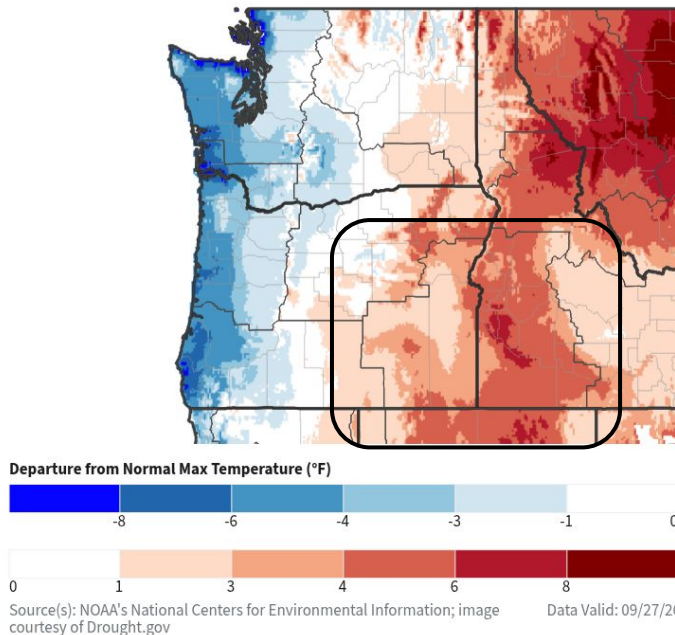




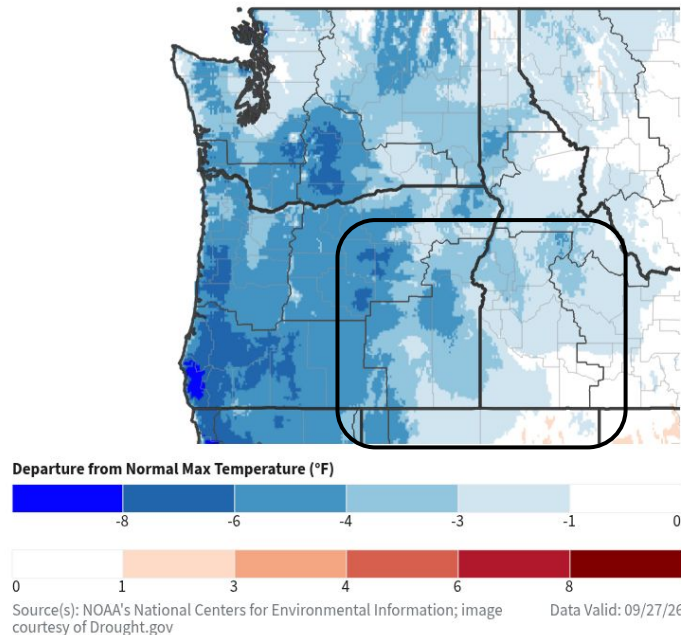
Temperature

- 7-day maximum temperature anomalies as of September 27 were 1-8 degrees above normal across southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.
- 30-day max temperatures anomalies as of September 27 were 1-6 degrees below normal except for the Magic Valley area of south-central Idaho where temperatures were essentially normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



30-Day Temperature Anomaly





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- [Below normal streamflows.](#)
- Many natural springs in south-central Idaho are running unusually low or have gone dry.
- Reservoir storage entering into the new Water Year is well below normal for most storage systems.

Agricultural Impacts

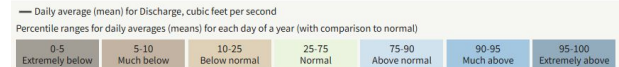
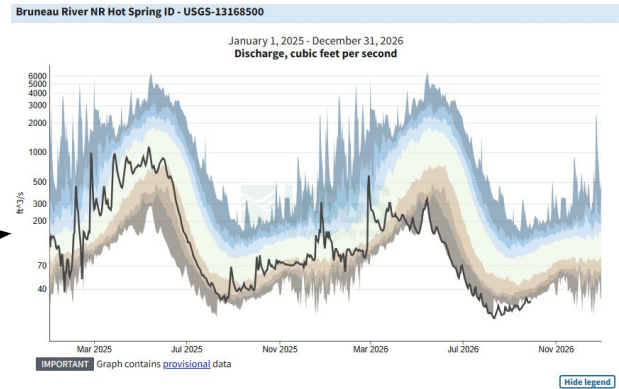
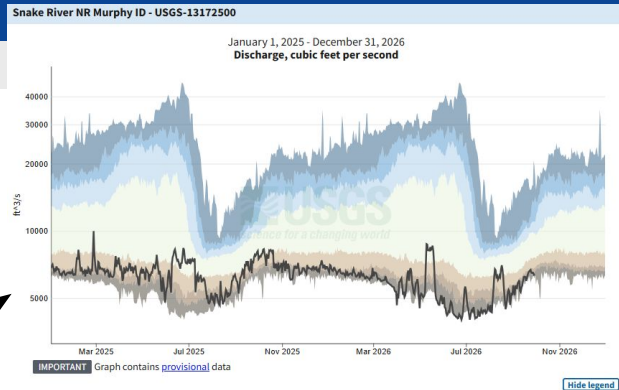
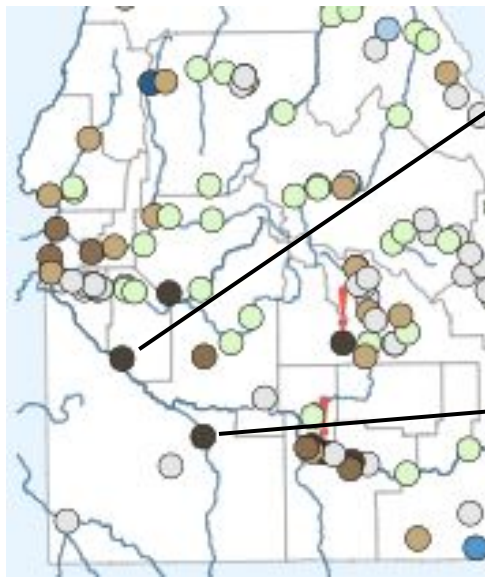
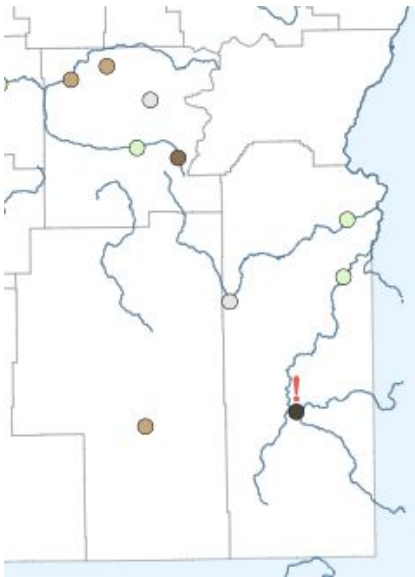
- Much below normal [water supply runoff volumes](#) to end the 2026 Water Year.
- Well below normal storage in many reservoirs.
- Fallow fields, poor pasture, reduced yields, plant stress, less water in ponds, creeks, and cisterns.
- Early irrigation water cutoff and reduced water allotments.
- Water hauling for livestock.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Below to much below normal streamflows are present throughout southeast Oregon and southwest Idaho. The exceptions are mainly below reservoirs where flows are regulated.

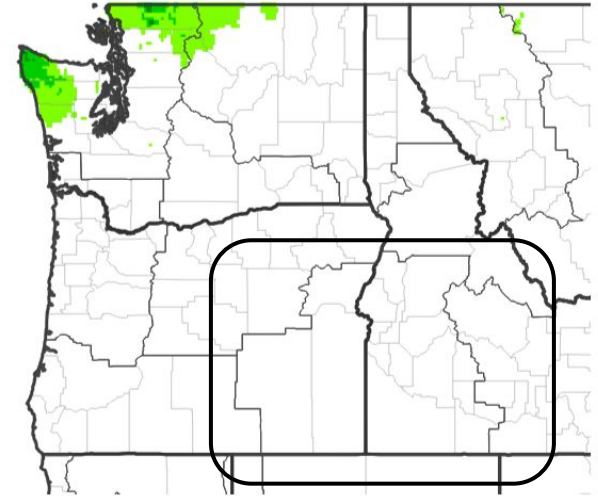




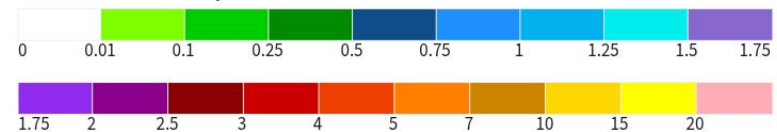
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- The 7-day precipitation forecast is for no significant precipitation across southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 1, 2026–October 8, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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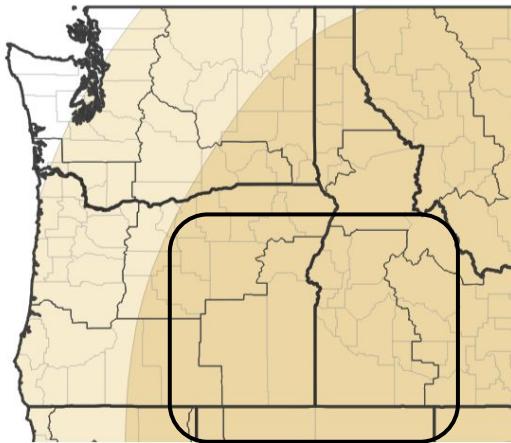


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The precipitation outlook favors below normal precipitation for October.
- The temperature outlook favors above normal temperatures for October.

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



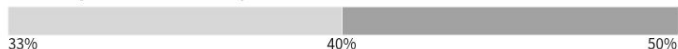
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



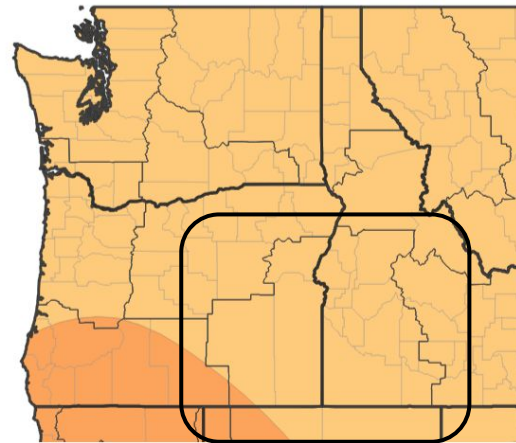
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1,
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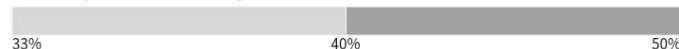
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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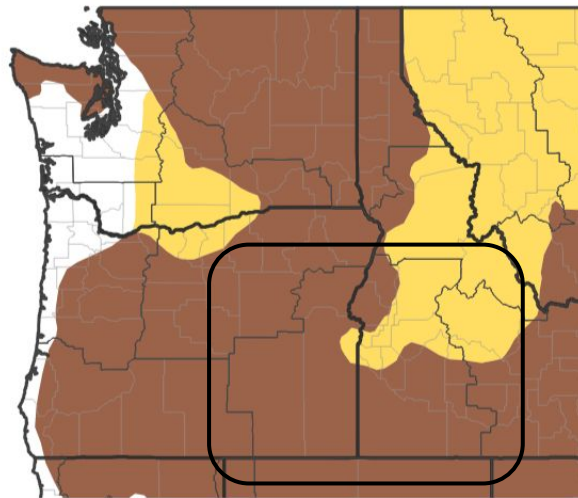


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist in areas already experiencing drought. Drought is expected to develop in areas currently not experiencing drought.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 2026–December 31, 2026



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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