



Drought Information Statement for Eastern Washington and North Idaho

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- This product will be updated early September 2026 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/OTX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
- Drought conditions persist across the Inland Northwest
 - Snowpack deficits and a warm and dry July has led to increased drought severity in the region.
 - **Washington is in a statewide [drought emergency](#).**
 - **Idaho is in a statewide [drought emergency](#).**
 - Impacts on agriculture production are being reported.
 - Drought conditions are contributing to enhanced wildfire potential.



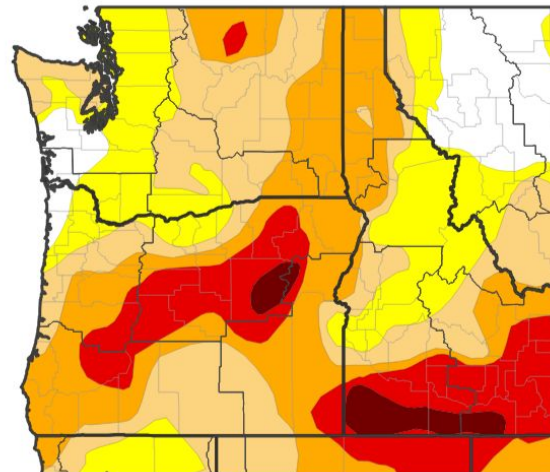


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Eastern Washington and North Idaho

- Drought intensity and extent in [Spokane service area](#).
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: 2% - Small area in the southern Okanogan Highland.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: 40% - Idaho Panhandle, NE Washington, Palouse, parts of the Okanogan highlands.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: 57% - Upper Columbia Basin and Eastern Cascades and northern mountains.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: 1% Small region of Washington's Central Cascade crest.
 - No drought: 0%

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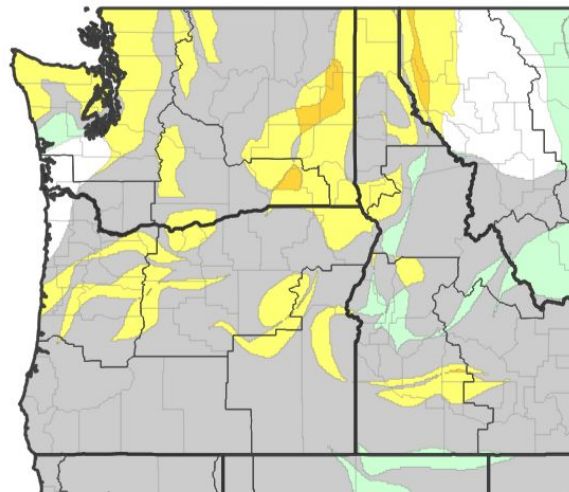


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Eastern Washington and North Idaho

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change:
 - Drought Worsened: Along the Cascade Crest, Palouse, northern Idaho Panhandle Regions and NE Washington.
 - Drought Improvements: no areas of improvement within service area.

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map



Drought Degradation



Drought Improvement



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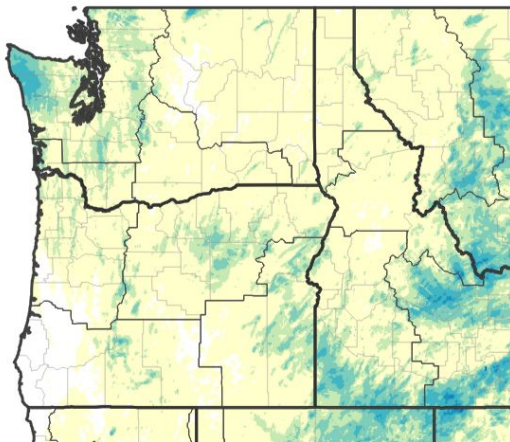




Precipitation

- Last 30 days has been drier than normal for the most of the region.
- Last 30 days has been wetter than normal for small isolated areas that have seen convective precipitation.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



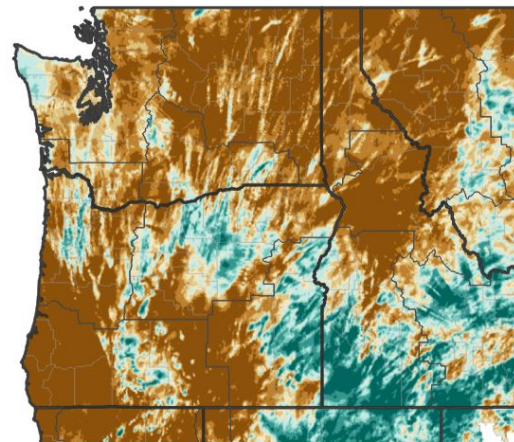
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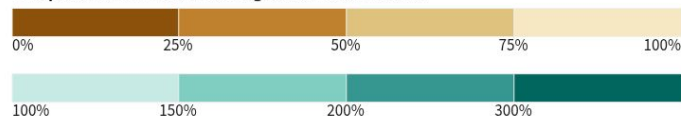
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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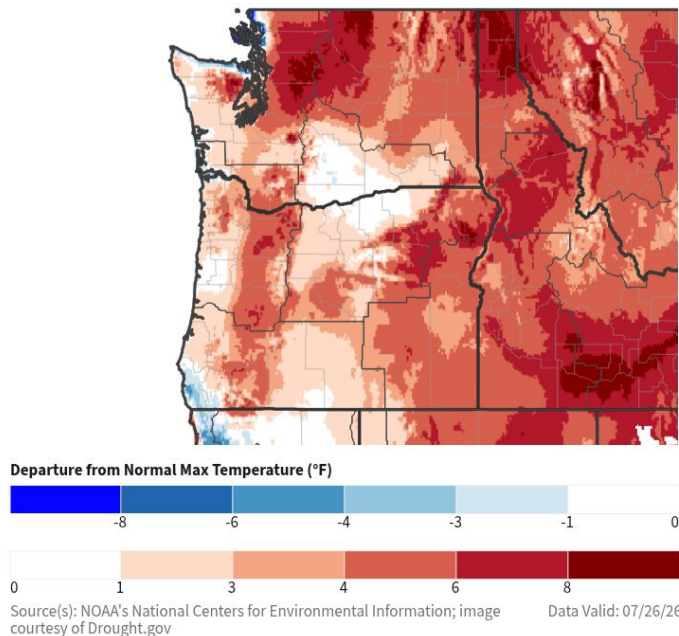




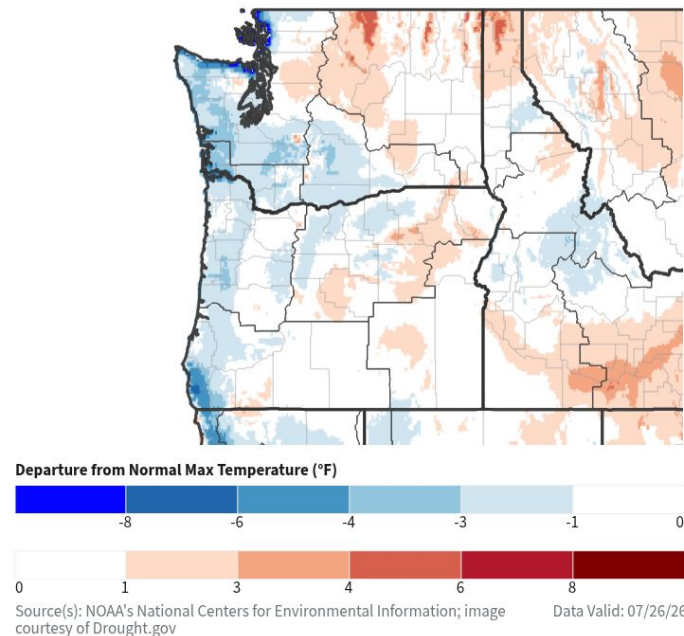
Temperature

- Over the last week temperatures have ranged from 1 to over 8 degrees above normal.
- In the last 30 days temperatures have ranged between 3 degrees below normal to 8 degrees above 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

- Water supply outlook remains below normal for most of eastern Washington and north Idaho ([NWS NWRFC](#)).
- Water supply outlook is more optimistic for the Columbia River main stem due to last winter's robust snowpack in British Columbia.

Agricultural Impacts

- Degradation in crop condition.
- Reduction in yields due to wildfire impacts and crop stress.
- Harvesting earlier than normal.

Other Impacts

- Drought conditions have contributed to 631,152 acres [burned across WA](#) as of August 3rd.
- Washington has declared a [drought emergency](#) for the entire state due to snowpack deficits.
- Idaho has declared a [drought emergency](#) for the entire state due to snowpack deficits and elevated temperatures.

Mitigation Actions

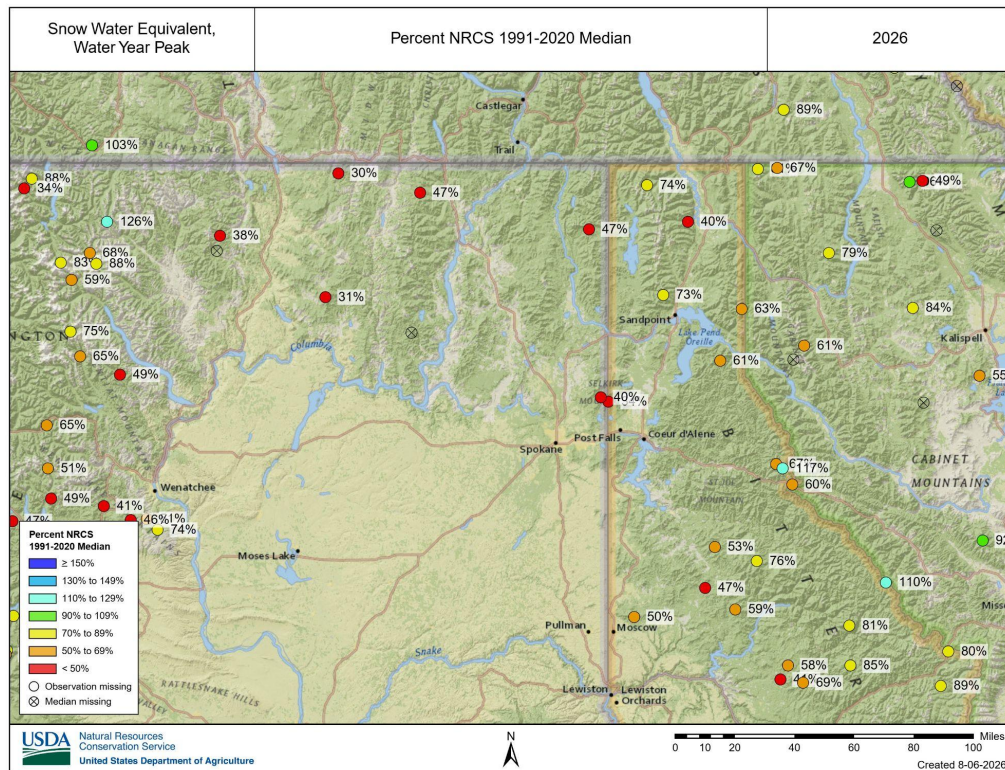
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- A warm winter lead to below normal snowpack and mid and low elevations
- Regional snowpack peaked early and melted out early due to above normal temperatures.



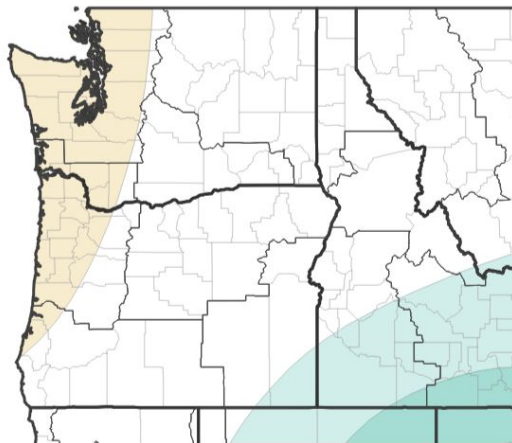


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- For August, precipitation has an equal chance of being above or below normal.
- Temperatures are more likely to be above normal (33-40% chance)

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



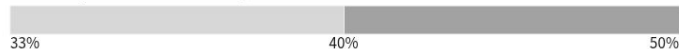
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



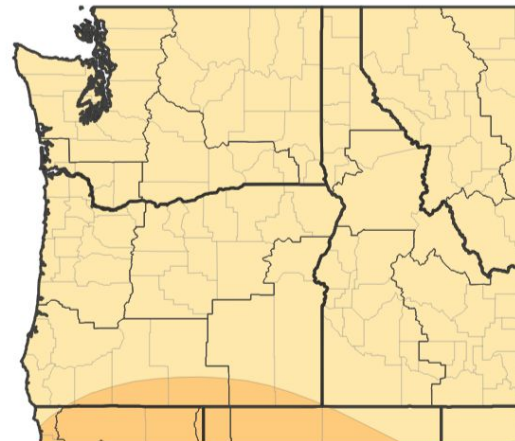
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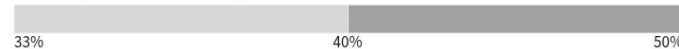
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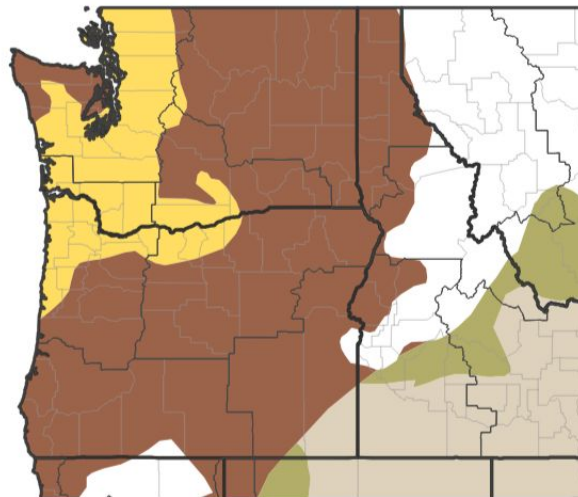


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions in the region are expected to persist or intensify by the end of October.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 31, 2026–October 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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