



Drought Information Statement for Eastern Washington & North Idaho

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- STATE OF WASHINGTON [DROUGHT EMERGENCY](#) FOR PARTS OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (see link)
 - Drought persists and has expanded across the Inland Northwest
 - Extreme drought persisted and Exceptional drought expanded in ID Panhandle
 - Severe drought expanded in eastern WA and ID Panhandle



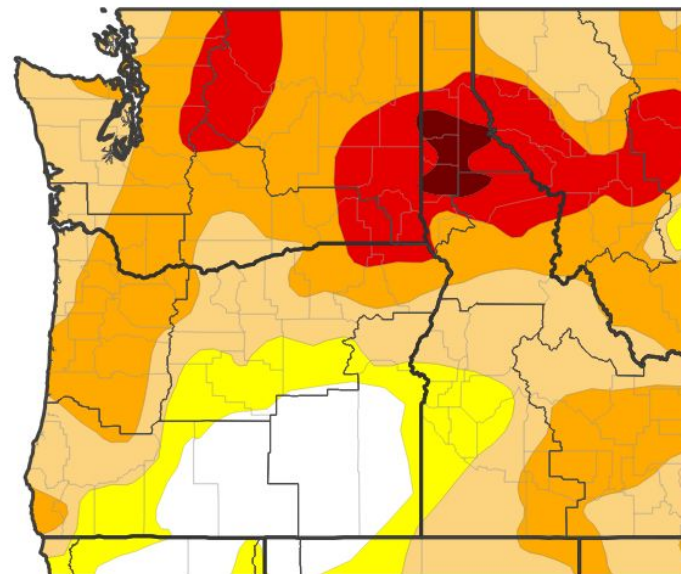


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

U.S. Drought Monitor

- Drought intensity and Extent for the Inland NW
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** Southern Idaho Panhandle ~**0.5%**
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Southern Idaho Panhandle, North WA Cascades ~**12%**
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** The northern Cascades through the northwest Oregon coast, north-central Washington and Washington Palouse ~**36%**
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** The Olympic Washington coast, most of eastern Washington and far northern Idaho Panhandle ~**32%**
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Southern Washington, Washington/Oregon Columbia Gorge ~ **16%**
 - **NONE: ~4%**



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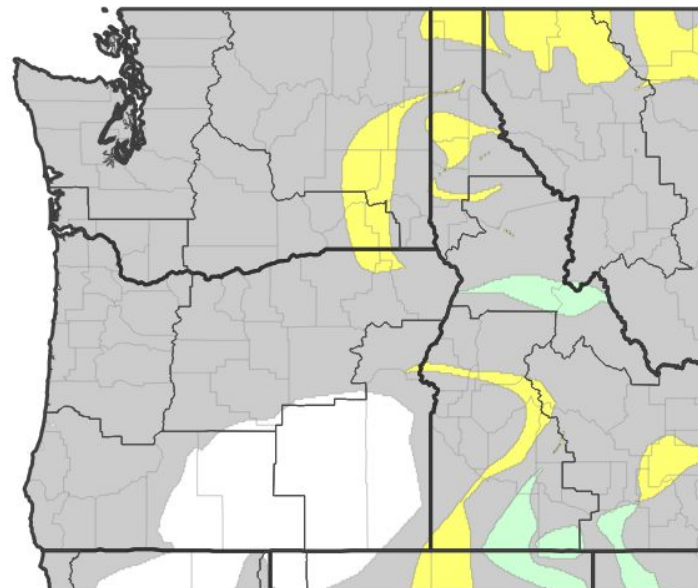


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

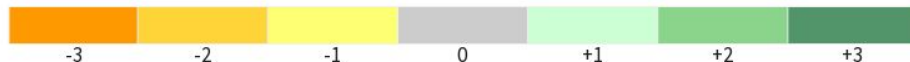
Link to the latest 1 week [change map](#) for eastern Washington and north Idaho

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change
 - No Change: much of WA and north Idaho
 - Moderate drought → Severe drought: Portions of far northern Idaho Panhandle
 - Severe drought → Extreme drought: Expansion of extreme drought across eastern Washington
 - Extreme drought → Exceptional drought: Expansion across the central Idaho Panhandle/Idaho Palouse

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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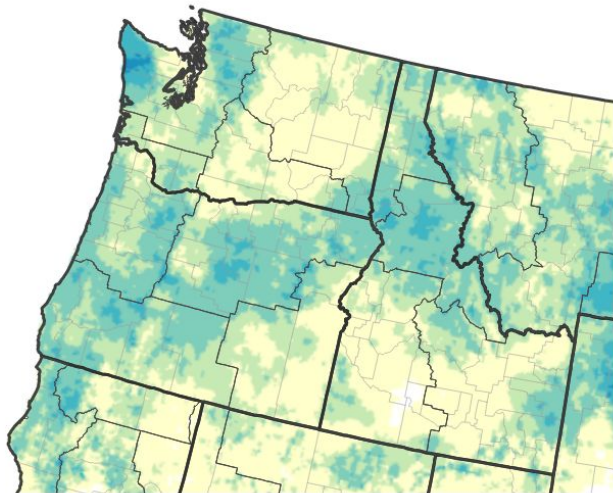


Precipitation

Last 30 Days

Precipitation over the last 30 days has been below normal for most of the region, except in the Camas Prairie where it has been above normal. The accumulations have been below half an inch in total for most low elevation areas.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



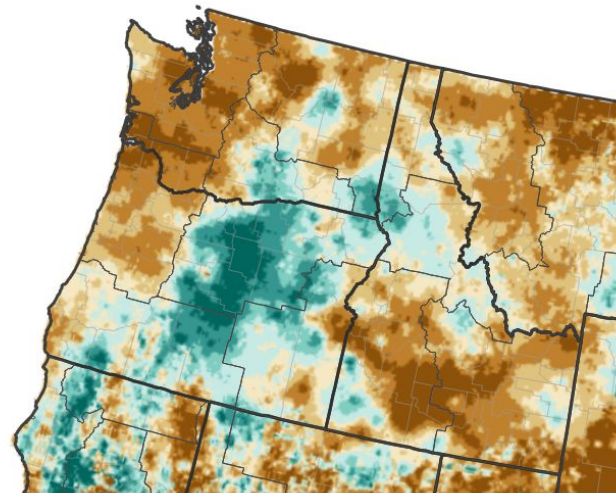
Inches of Precipitation



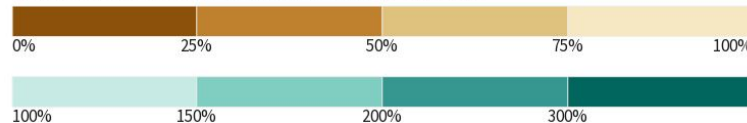
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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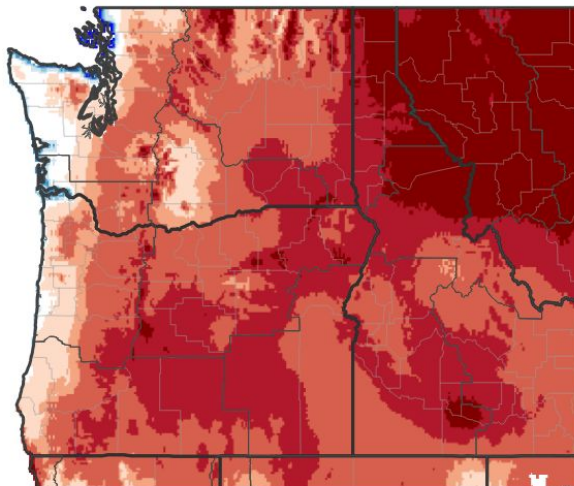


Temperature

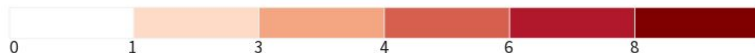
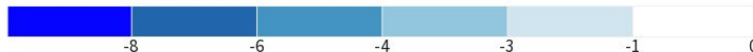
Last 7 Days and 30 Days

Temperatures the last week have been above normal region-wide. Over the last 30 days, temperatures have been much above normal.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



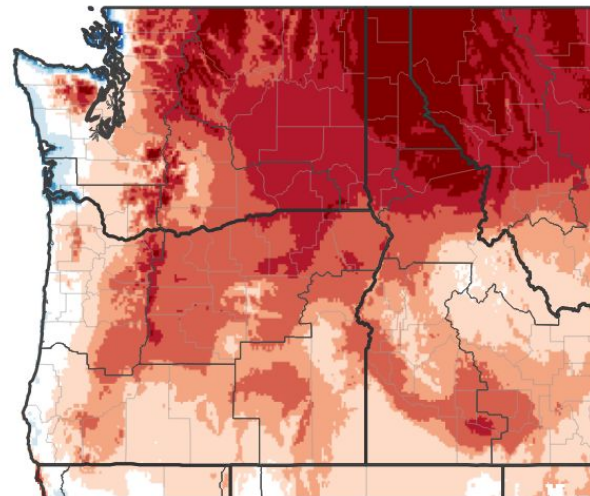
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



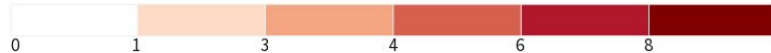
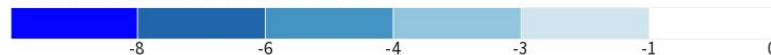
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Water supply outlook remains below normal. ([NWS NWRFC](#))
- Stream flows remain much below to below normal across the region as the Summer convective season comes to an end. ([NWS NWRFC](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is moderately to severely dry and harvesting is earlier than normal across Washington. Crop conditions are very poor to fair (67%). [USDA Crop Progress Reports](#)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fuel conditions remain below normal (dry) at this time. The significant wildland fire potential now highlights near normal risk for the Inland Northwest through November. ([NIFC](#))

Other Impacts

- Washington State Declared [Drought Emergency](#) for Chelan, Okanogan, and portions of Ferry County in June.

Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflows over the past 7 days have been below normal across the Okanogan Valley and Highlands and the Palouse. Parts of north-central Washington and the Idaho Panhandle remain much below normal. Areas of east-central and southeast Washington are seeing near normal conditions.

Explanation - Percentile classes							
	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90		
Low	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	High	No Data



Tuesday, September 30, 2025

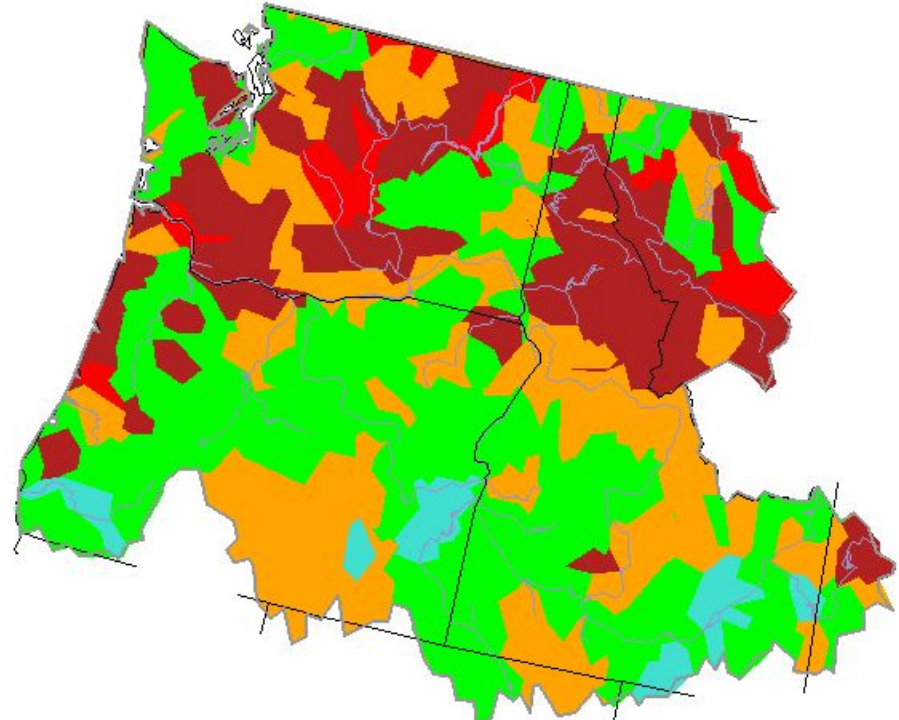


Image Caption: [USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map](#) valid September 30, 2025



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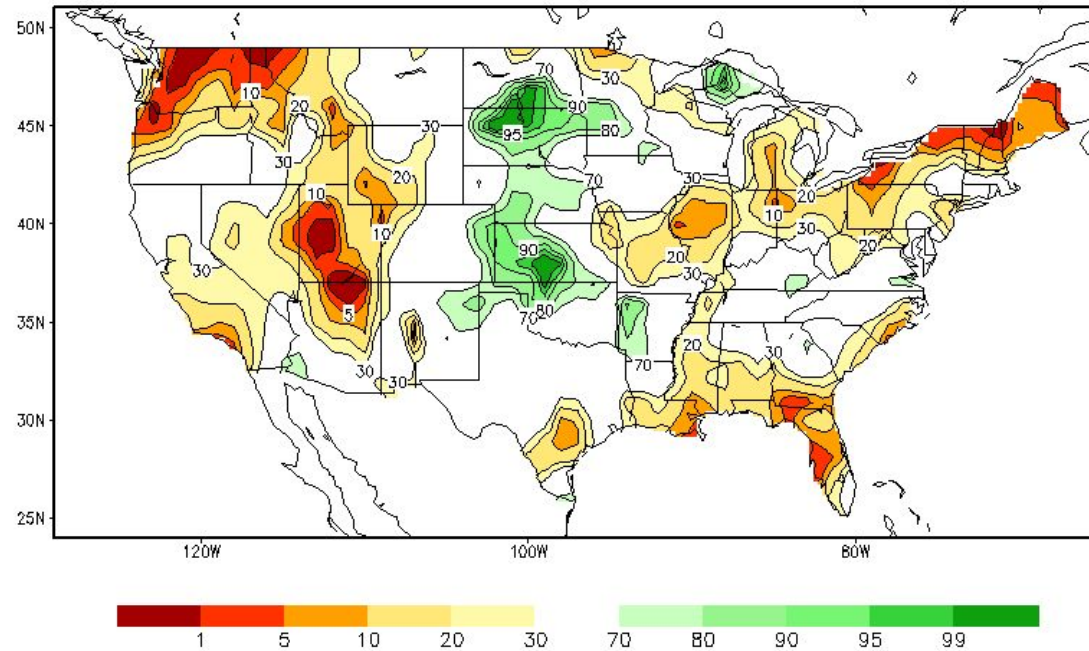
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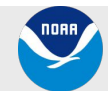


Agricultural Conditions and Impacts

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
SEP 30, 2025



- Soil moisture remains drier than normal across much of the Inland NW, especially over the Cascades, eastern Washington, and the Idaho Panhandle.
- Winter Wheat harvesting in Idaho is almost 90% complete (ahead of 2024 rates) and in Washington is just over 90% complete, tracking near the 2024 timeline compared to this time last year.
- Pasture and Rangeland conditions in Washington were Very Poor to Poor (40-50%) and Very Poor to Fair (77%) in Idaho at the end of September.

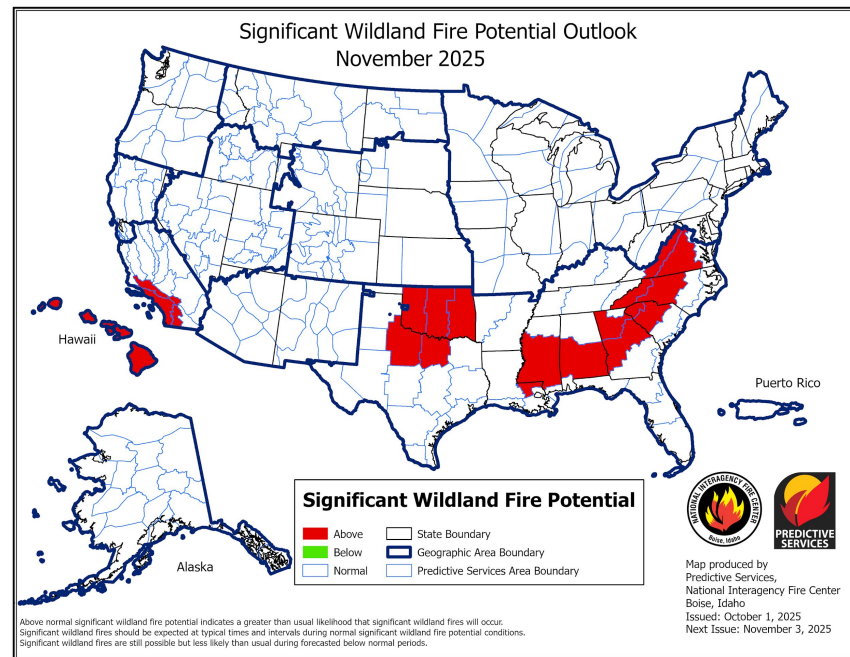
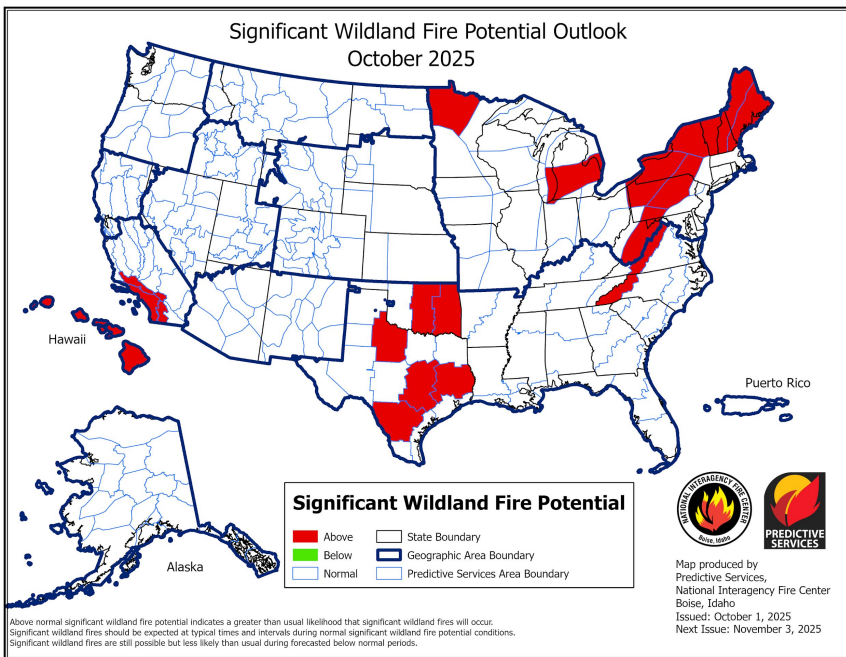




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

The significant wildland fire potential has been updated to show normal fire potential in the October and November outlooks. September was warm and dry, and saw a lot of lightning-driven weather events.

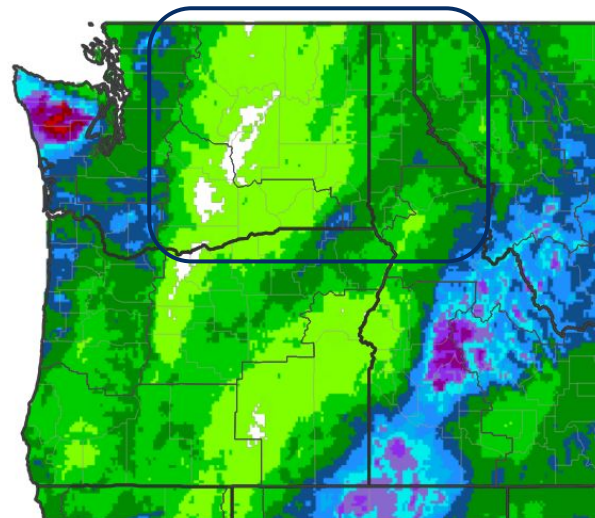




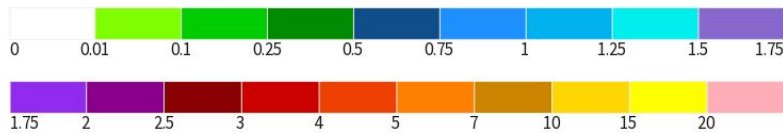
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

Widespread light precipitation (less than 0.10 inch) across the Inland Northwest. Some areas in the Cascades and the Idaho Panhandle will see up to a 0.25 inch of precipitation in the next week.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 1, 2025–October 8, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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Rapid Onset Drought Risk

The latest 8-14 Day Hazard Outlook can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

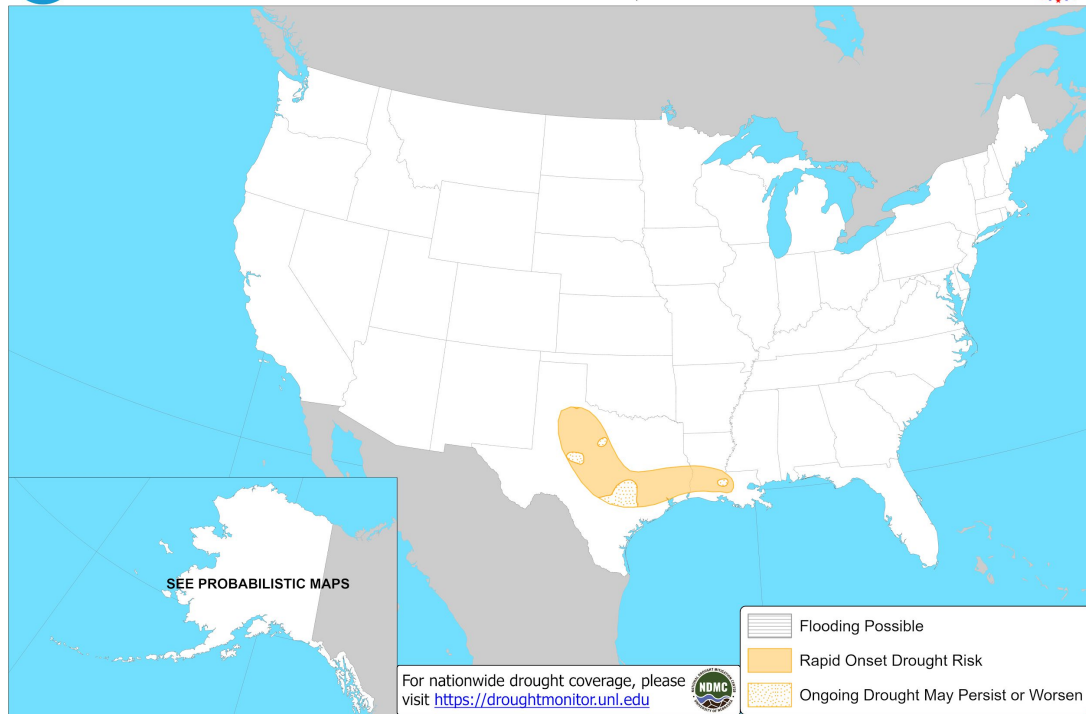
Hazards for the coming 2-week period:

Rapid Onset Drought (ROD) possible for parts of Texas and Louisiana.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

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Climate Prediction Center

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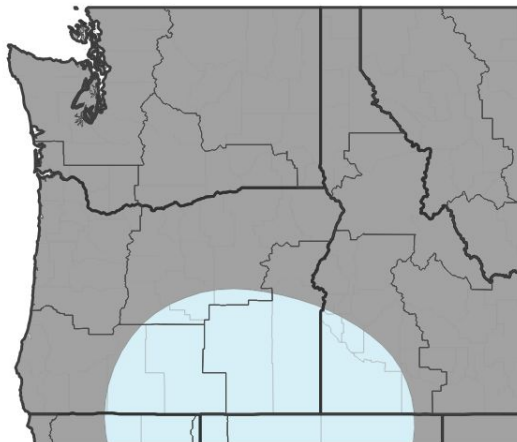


8-14 Day Outlook

The latest near-term outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

The near-term outlook favors near-normal temperatures and a 30-40% chance of above normal precipitation across central/eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for October 7, 2025–October 13, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

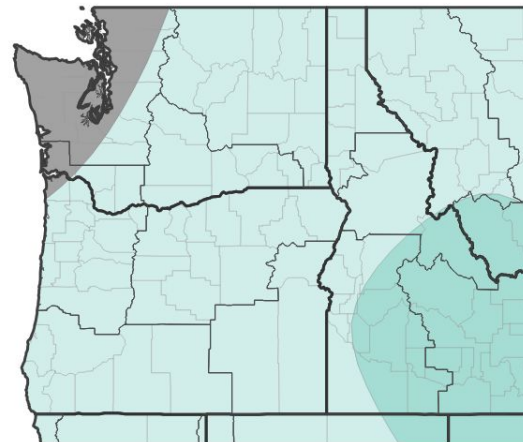


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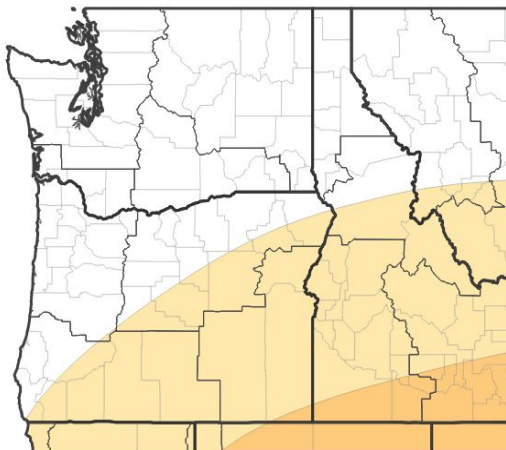
Seasonal Outlook

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

October, November, December:

Outlook favors near normal temperatures (no signal one way or another) for the Inland Northwest. The precipitation outlook across much of the Inland NW favors above normal chances (40-60%) for precipitation.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



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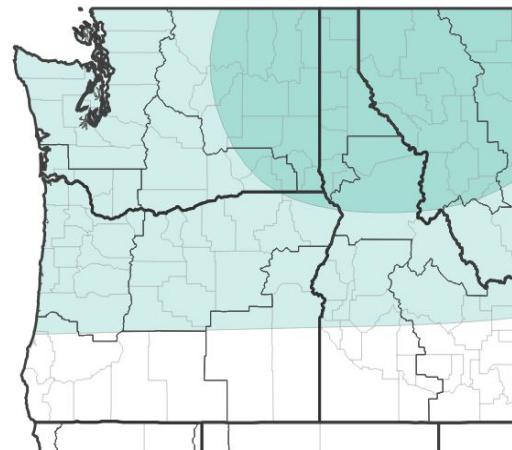
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



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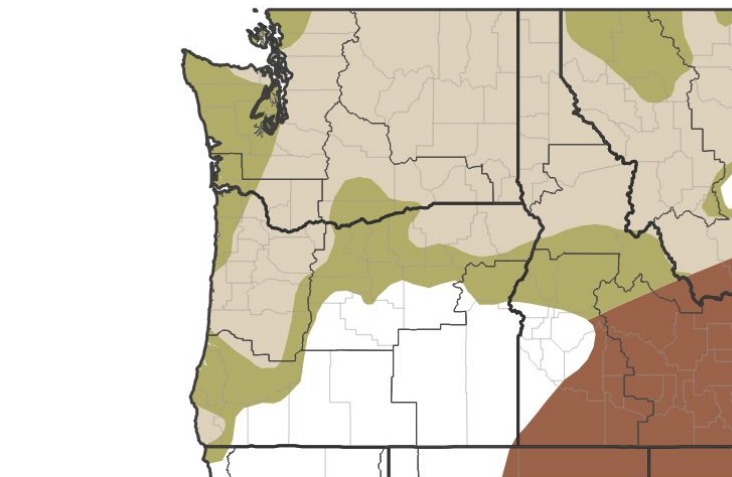


Drought Outlook

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The Seasonal Drought Outlook shows where drought conditions will change over the next 1 and 3 months. Much of the drought across the Inland Northwest will improve or end. Drought in southern Idaho will persist.

1-Month Drought Outlook for October 1, 2025–October 31, 2025



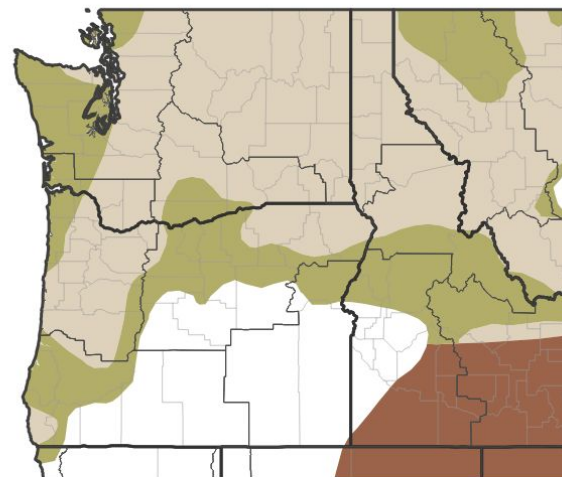
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