



Drought Information Statement for NW Oregon and SW Washington

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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/pqr/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- No change in drought intensity
 - Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation persists
 - Drought is predicted to persist or develop for the rest of the summer



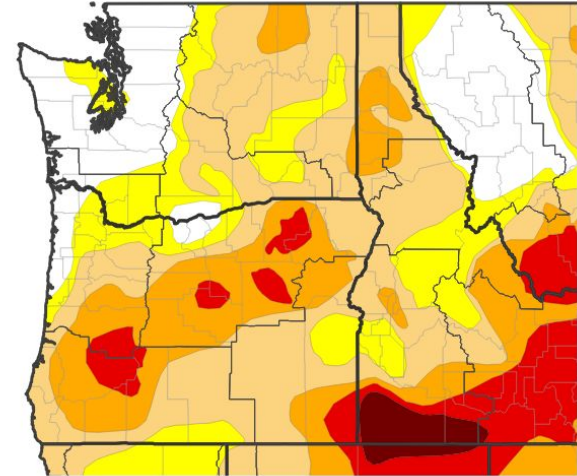


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Southeastern Lane
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Eastern Lane, southern Linn
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Central Lane, Benton, northern Linn, Marion, southern Clackamas, eastern Polk, eastern Yamhill
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Western Lane, western Benton, Southern Lincoln, Central Polk, eastern Yamhill, Washington, western Tillamook, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, northern Clackamas, Skamania, Clark, eastern Cowlitz

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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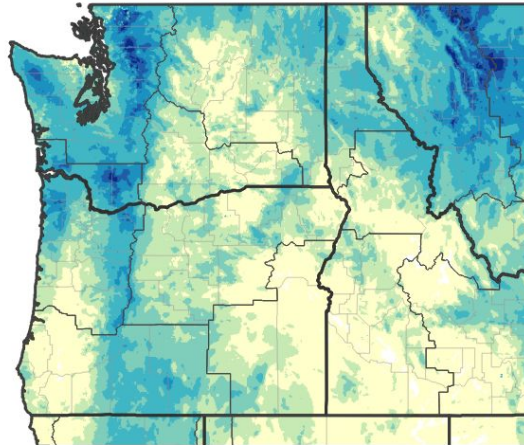
Precipitation

Below to well below average precipitation fell across much of western and eastern Oregon, while above average precipitation was observed in south-central Oregon and southwest Washington.

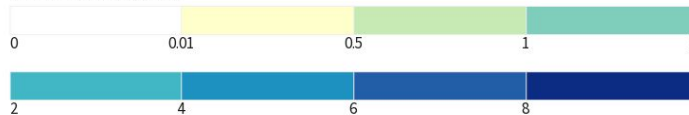
Washington
May: 72% of average

Oregon
May: 57% of average

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



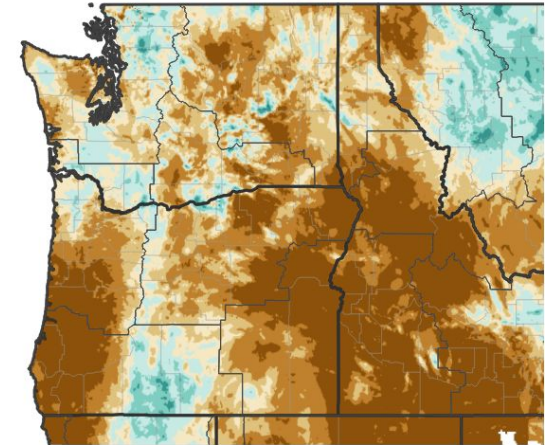
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Below normal to much below streamflow on river systems flowing into the Cowlitz, Willamette, and Sandy river systems. Below normal to much below streamflow on river systems flowing into the Columbia in the gorge.

Agricultural Impacts

- Water availability strained by lower than normal precipitation and snowpack
- Pumps not able to reach lower than normal streamflow

Fire Hazard Impacts

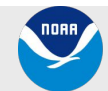
- There are no known impacts at this time

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

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

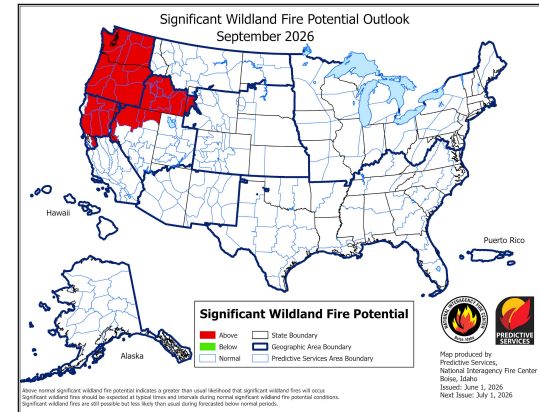
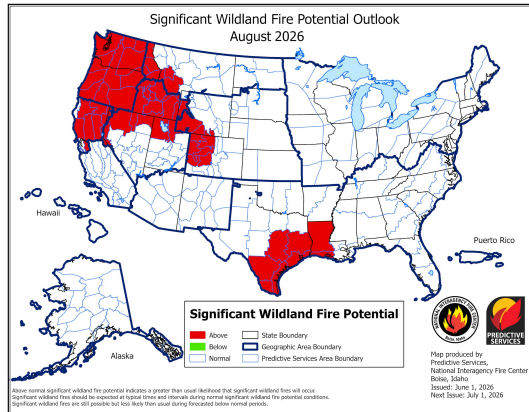
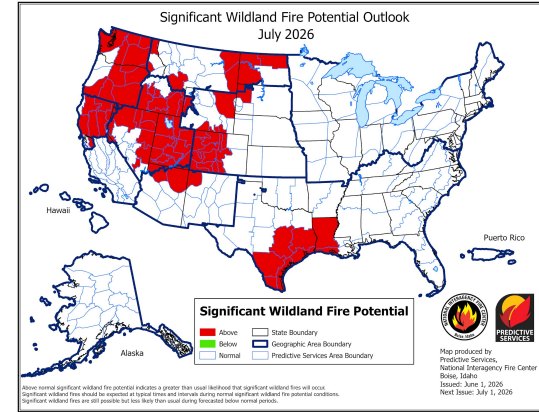
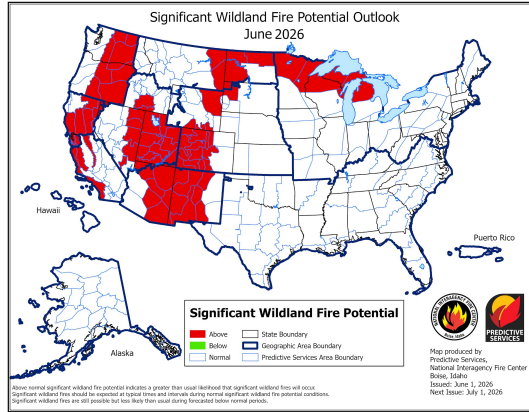




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

Fire potential increases over southwestern Washington and northwestern Oregon over next months. Significant fire potential starts for the area starting in August and persists through September.



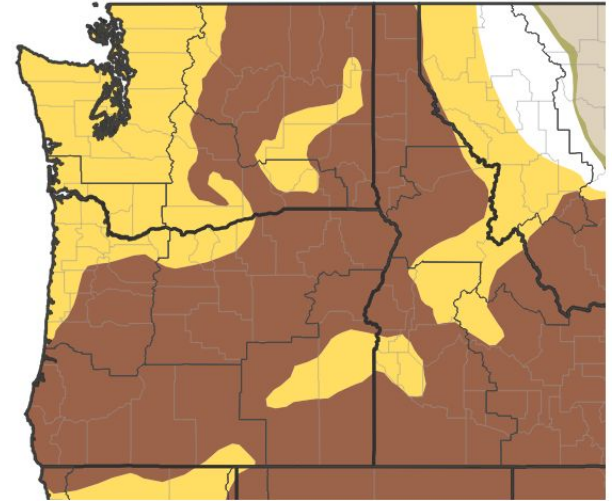


Drought Outlook

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

With above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation forecasted, drought is predicted to persist or develop for the rest of the summer.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for May 31, 2026–August 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

