



Drought Information Statement for NW Oregon and SW Washington

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- This product will be updated Monthly 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/pqr/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

- No change in drought intensity in last 30 days
- Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation persists
- Drought is predicted to persist or develop for the rest of the summer

Covering June-Mid July 2026



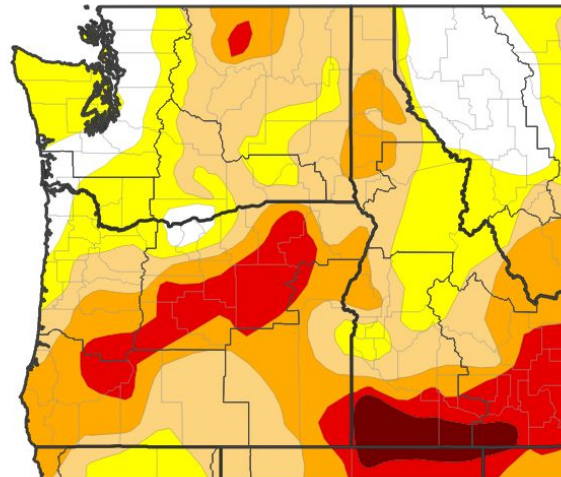


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, southeastern Yamhill
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Western Lane, Lincoln, western Polk, Yamhill, Washington, eastern Tillamook, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, northern Clackamas, Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz

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

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Precipitation

In June, below to well below average precipitation fell across much of eastern OR and WA, while near average precipitation was observed in parts of western WA into northwest OR .

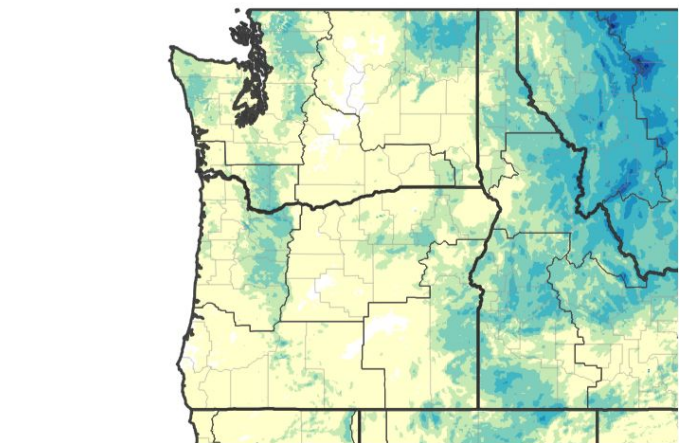
Washington

June: 84% of average

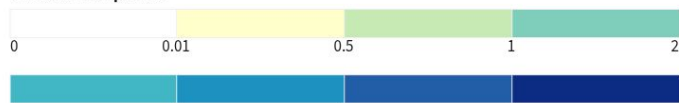
Oregon

June: 62% of average

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



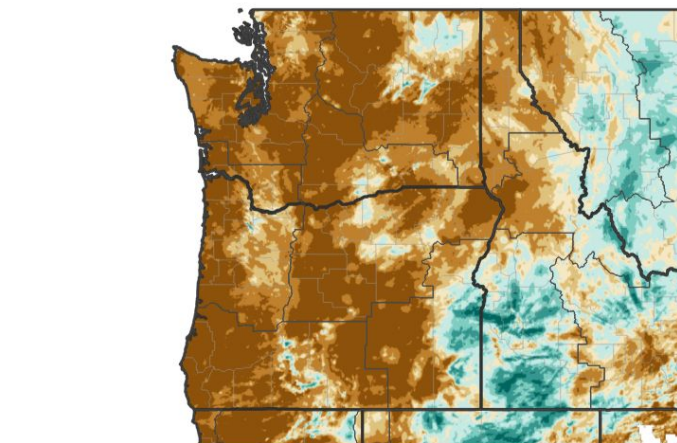
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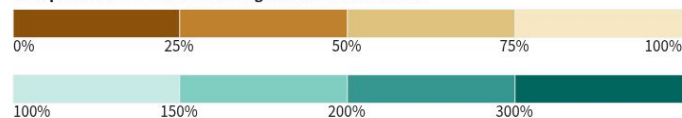
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Temperature

Last week had below normal temperatures for the area but overall, above average temps were observed across most of Washington and Oregon for June.

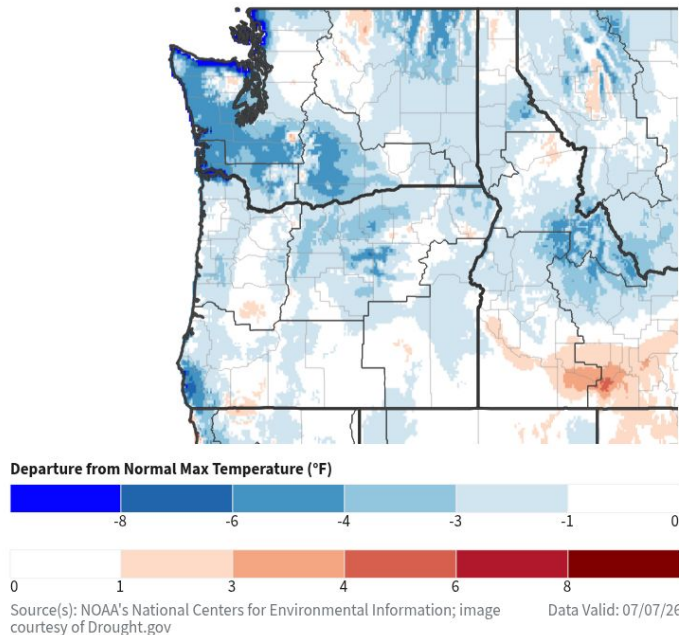
Washington

25th warmest June
(2.5° above normal)

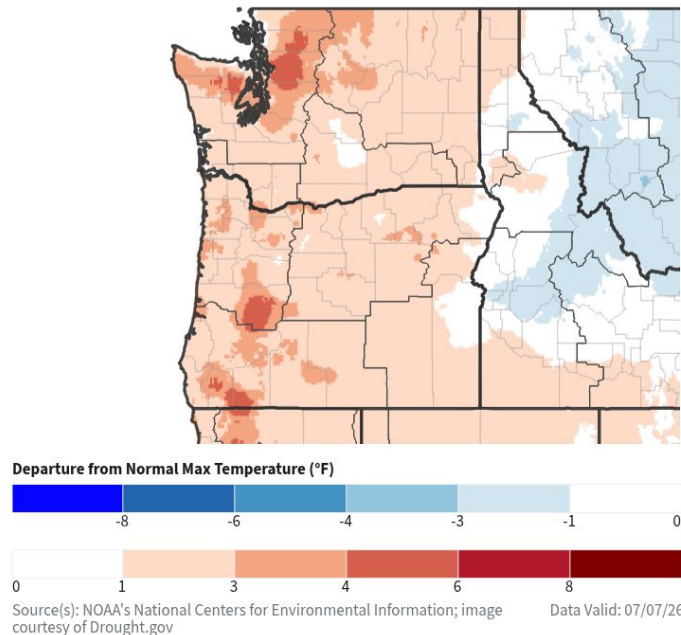
Oregon

18th warmest June
(3° 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

- Below normal to much below streamflow on river systems flowing into the Cowlitz, Willamette, and Sandy river systems.
- Groundwater and stream water quality could worsen with less water

Agricultural Impacts

- Water availability strained by lower than normal precipitation and snowpack
- Oregon- 72% of topsoil and subsoil moisture classified as short or very short (USDA)
- Washington- 62% of topsoil moisture classified as short or very short (USDA)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Significant fire potential starts for the area starting in August and persists through September.

Other Impacts

- Hydropower could be impacted with less water in system

Mitigation Actions

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

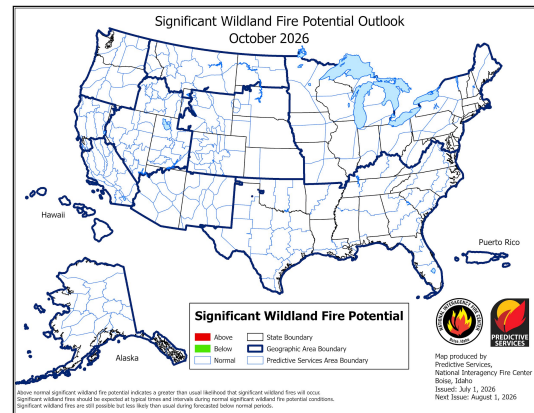
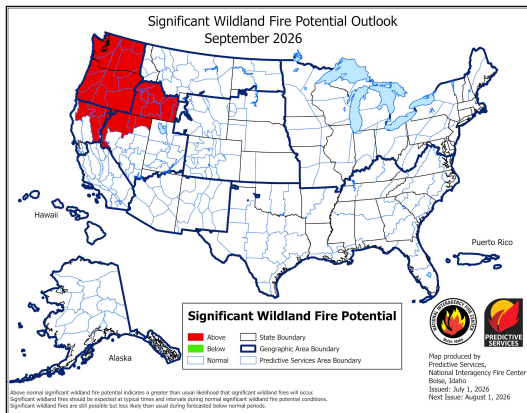
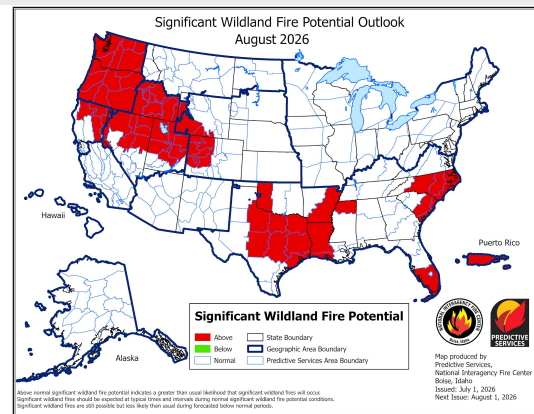
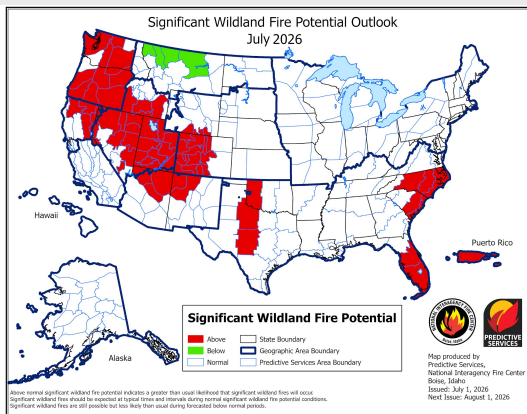




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Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

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.



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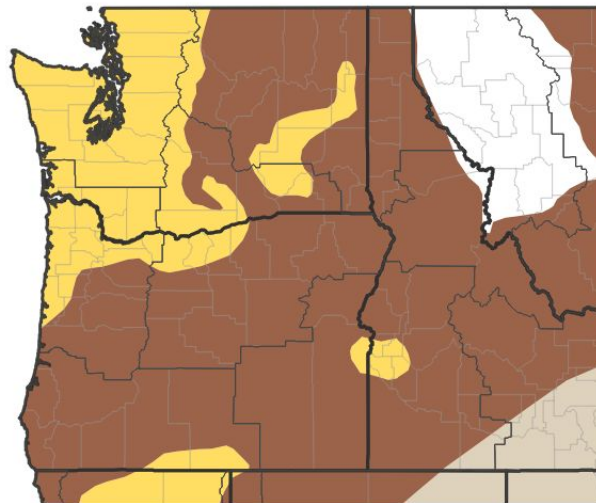


Drought Outlook

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 June 30, 2026–September 30, 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](#)



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