



Drought Information Statement for NW Oregon and SW Washington

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- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/pqr/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.

- Above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation persists
- Below normal normal streamflows and soil moisture persists
- Drought is predicted to persists or develop for the rest of the summer

Covering July-Mid August 2026



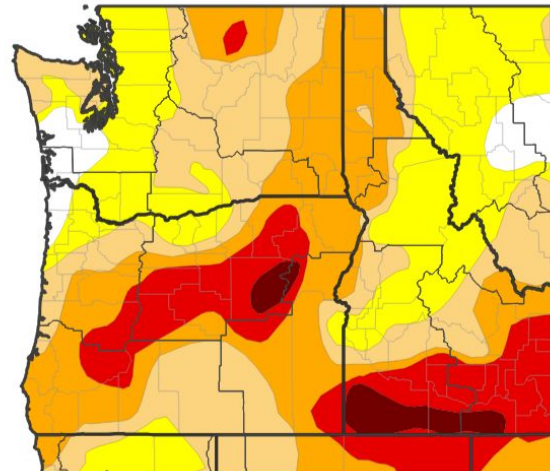


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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

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Precipitation

In July, below to well below average precipitation fell across much of WA as well as northern and western OR. August continues to be below normal conditions.

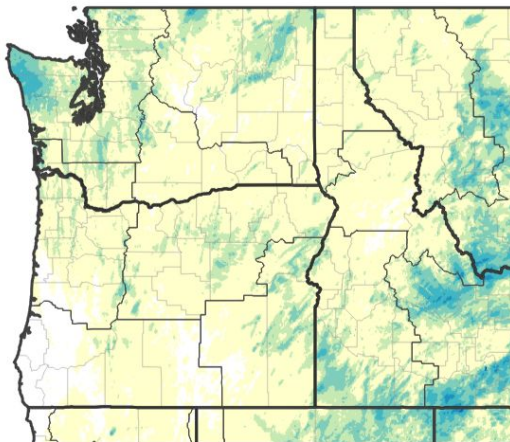
Washington

July: 41% of average

Oregon

July: 45% of average

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



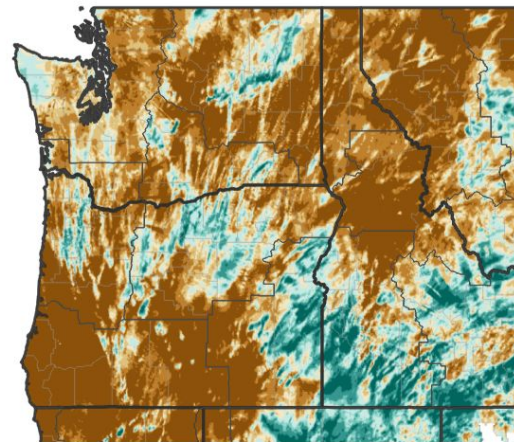
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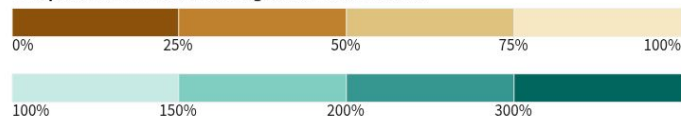
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Temperature

Near average temps were observed across western OR and WA, while above average temps were observed across most of WA and OR east of the Cascades. August continue to see above normal temperatures

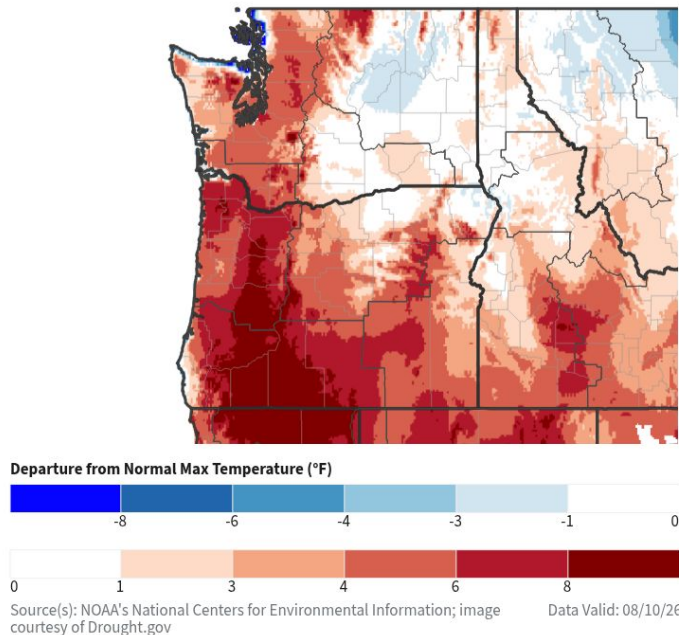
Washington

21st warmest July
(3.2° above normal)

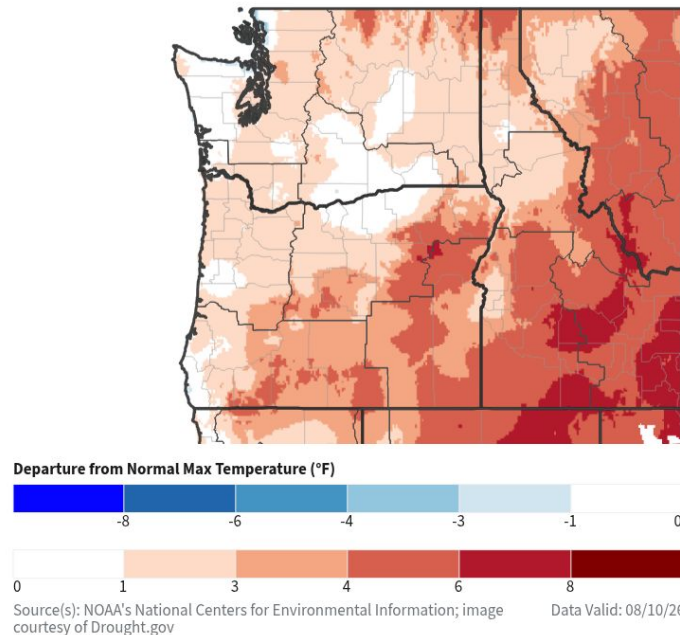
Oregon

15th warmest July
(3.8° 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 in the Cowlitz, Willamette, and Sandy river systems.
- Western Oregon Soil Moisture is much below normal in the Willamette Valley
- Groundwater and stream water quality could worsen with less water

Agricultural Impacts

- Water availability strained by lower than normal precipitation and snowpack
- Oregon- Over 75% of topsoil and subsoil moisture classified as short or very short (USDA)
- Washington- Over 60% of topsoil and subsoil moisture classified as short or very short (USDA)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Significant fire potential throughout Oregon and Washington 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

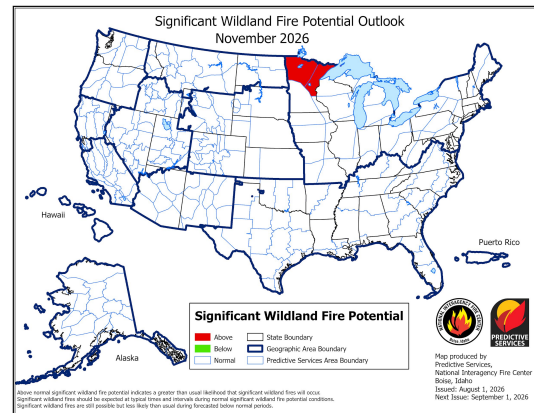
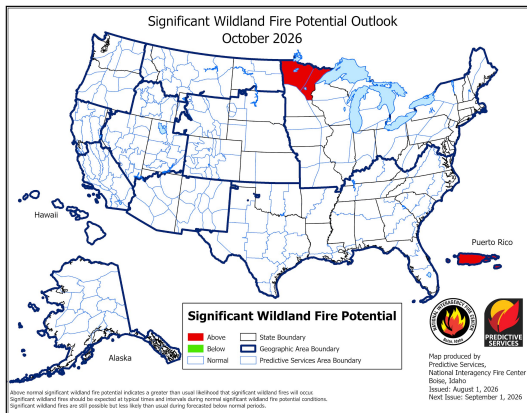
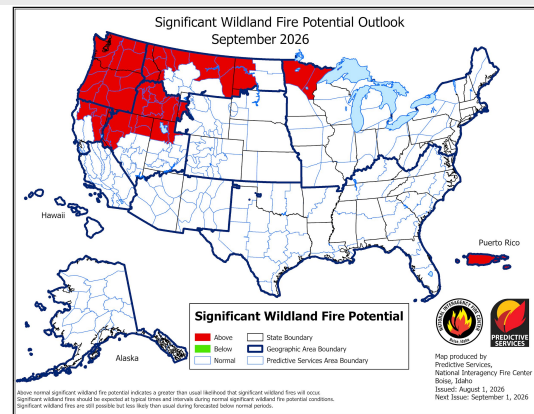
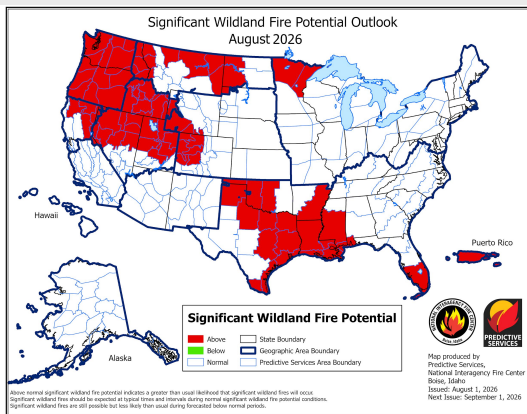




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Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

Fire potential continues through the summer in Washington and Oregon. Significant fire potential reduces to normal potential starting in October.



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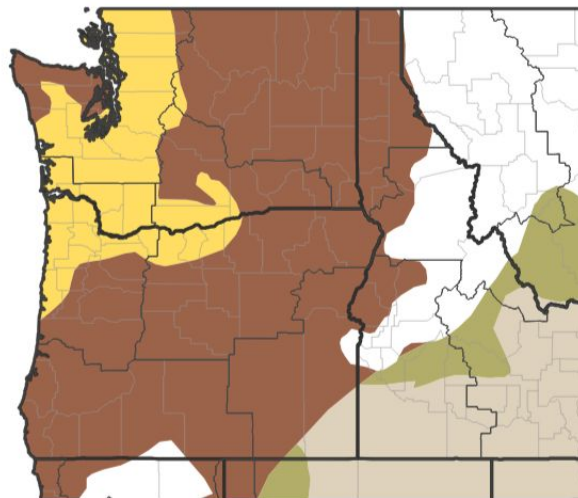


Drought Outlook

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 July 31, 2026–October 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](#)



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