



Drought Information Statement for Pacific Northwest

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- This product will be updated May 8, 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/sew/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- State-Wide [Emergency Drought declaration](#) by Washington Department of Ecology
 - Very low snowpack will result in below normal water supply and streamflow



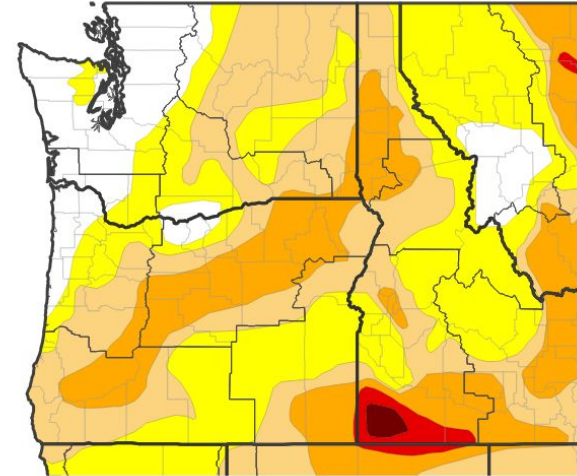


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Pacific Northwest

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of the Olympic and southern WA Cascades

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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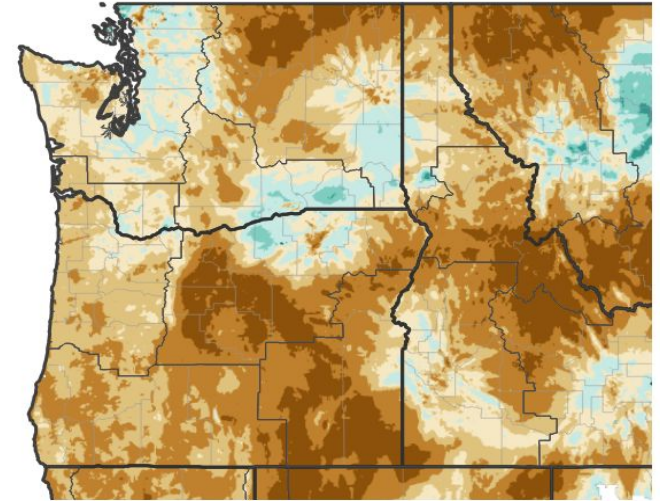




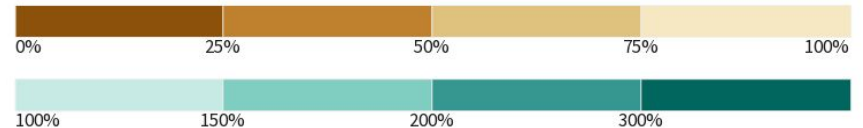
Precipitation

- Precipitation for the last 90 days has a mix of slightly above and slightly to much below normal

90-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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

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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Lower than normal water supply and stream flows to come this summer
- Very low snowpack currently that curtailed snow recreation season and will impact water supply

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Low snowpack and early melt off indicates more likely early start to fire season

Other Impacts

- There are no known other impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

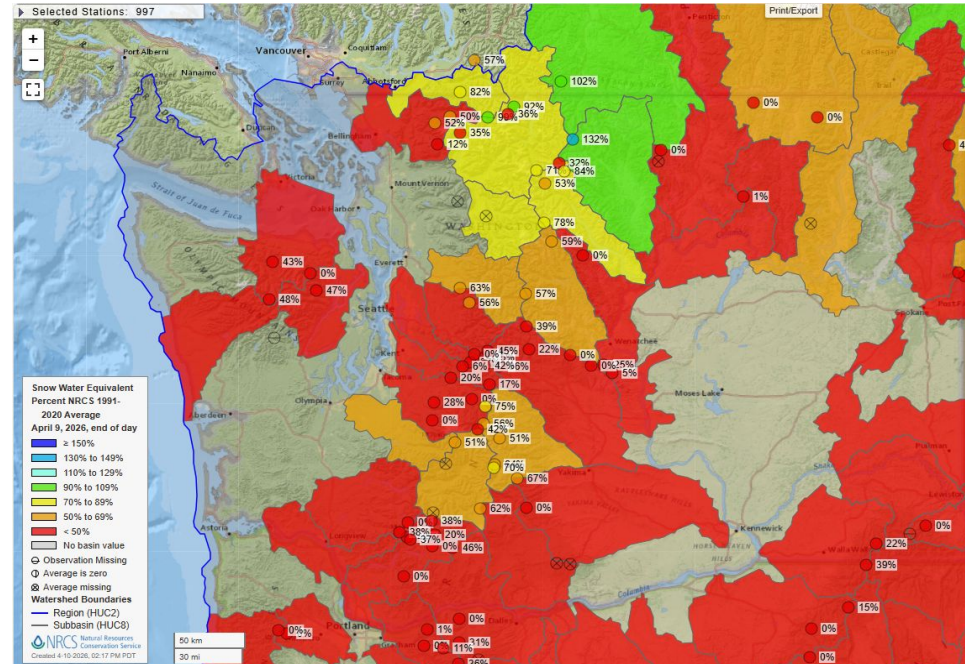
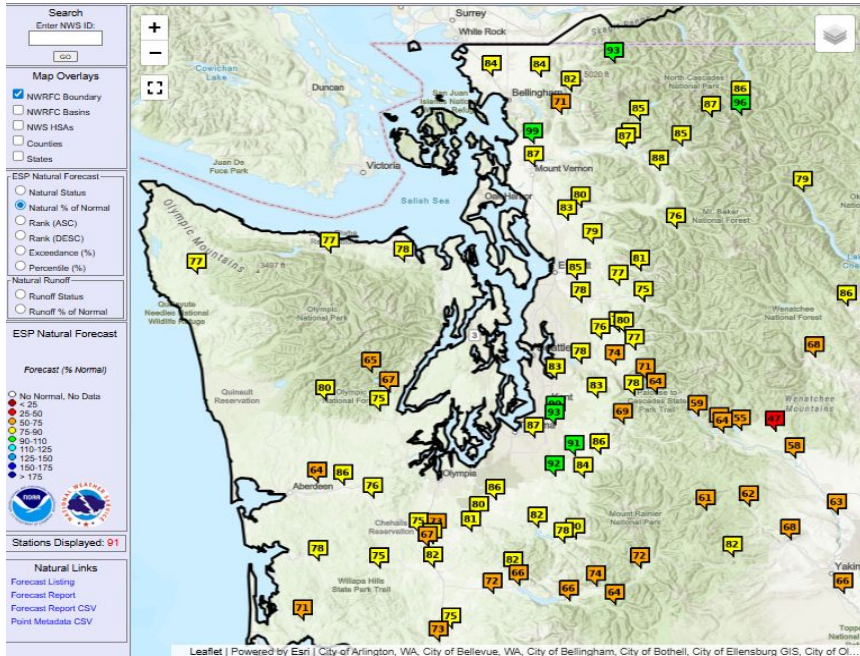
- WA State Department of Ecology declared a Drought Emergency for the entire state
 - Fourth year in a row for at least a portion of the state in drought emergency
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Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Forecast April - September Water Supply volumes are for much less than normal and final amount expected to land at the lower range of solutions
- Snowpack is much below normal with early melt off possible

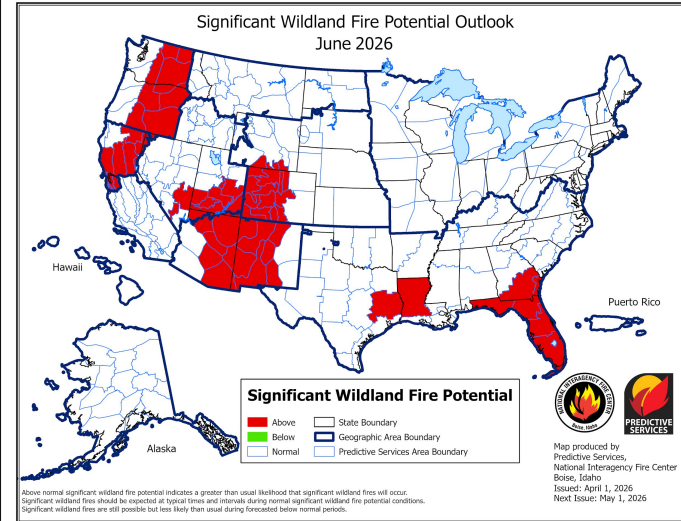
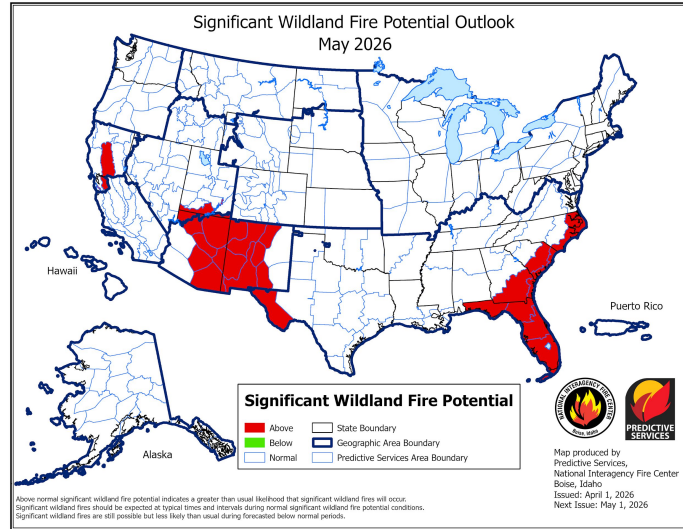




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Western Washington not yet showing up above normal Significant Wildland Fire Potential



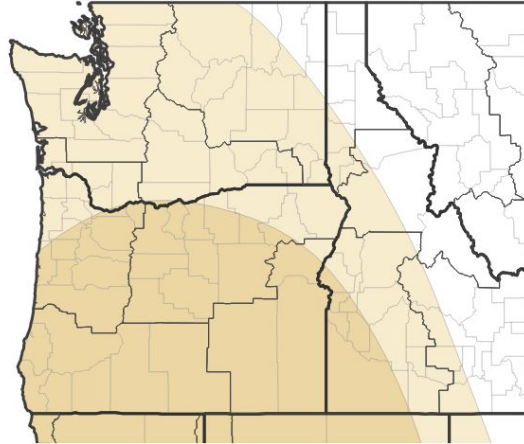


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Precipitation leaning to drier than normal for April
- Temperatures leaning warmer than normal for April

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



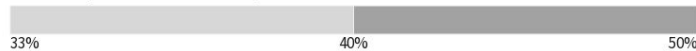
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



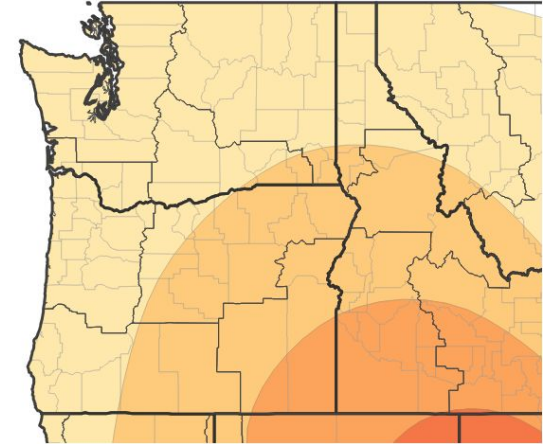
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2026–April 30, 2026



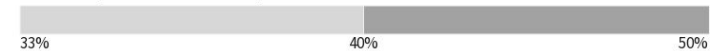
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



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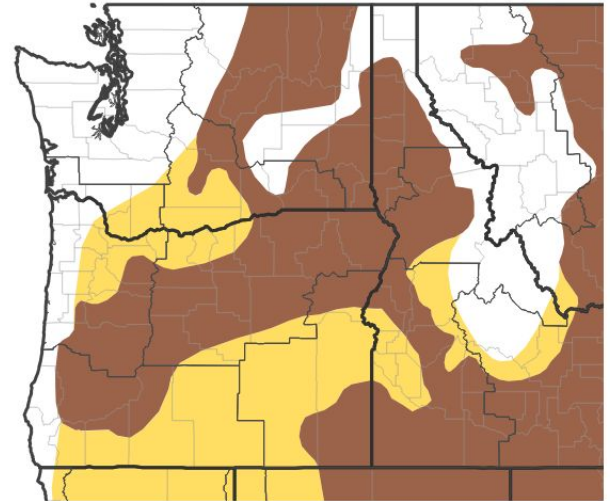


Drought Outlook

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- Seasonal Drought Outlook not yet picking up on likely drought conditions development in western Washington

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2026–June 30, 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](#)

