



Drought Information Statement for Western Washington

Valid April 25, 2025

Issued By: NWS Seattle, WA

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated by May 16, 2025 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.

- STATE OF WASHINGTON [DROUGHT ADVISORY](#) FOR PARTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON (see link)
- Current conditions are mostly drier than normal and will likely persist



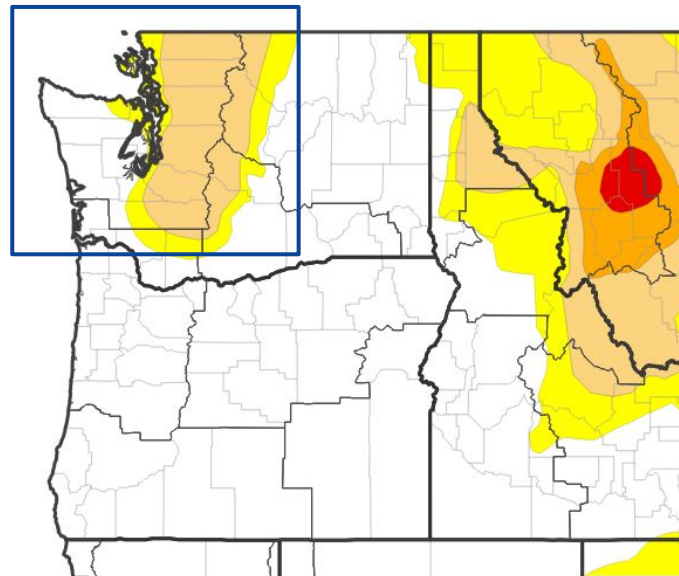


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for western Washington

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Washington Cascades and foothills
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Western WA from the Puget Sound and south, east to the Cascade crest

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

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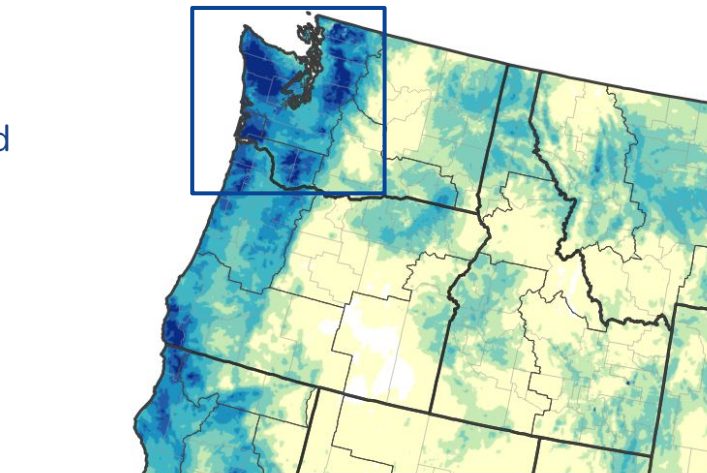


Precipitation

Last 30, 120 days

- Parts of western Washington had normal precipitation for the last 30 days
- Some other scattered areas were 25% to 75% of normal

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



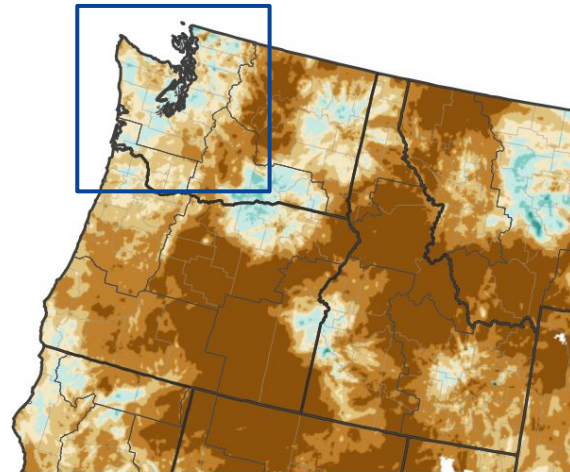
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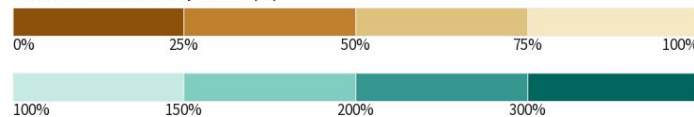
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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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 is for mostly below normal to well below normal ([NWS NWRFC](#))
- Snowpack conditions are mostly below to well below normal ([NRCS](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time, this early in the season

Other Impacts

- Washington State [Declared Drought Advisory](#) for Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties

Mitigation Actions

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





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Snow Water Equivalent mostly below to much below average with the very south Washington Cascades near average
- Some stations less than 30% of average, some already melted out

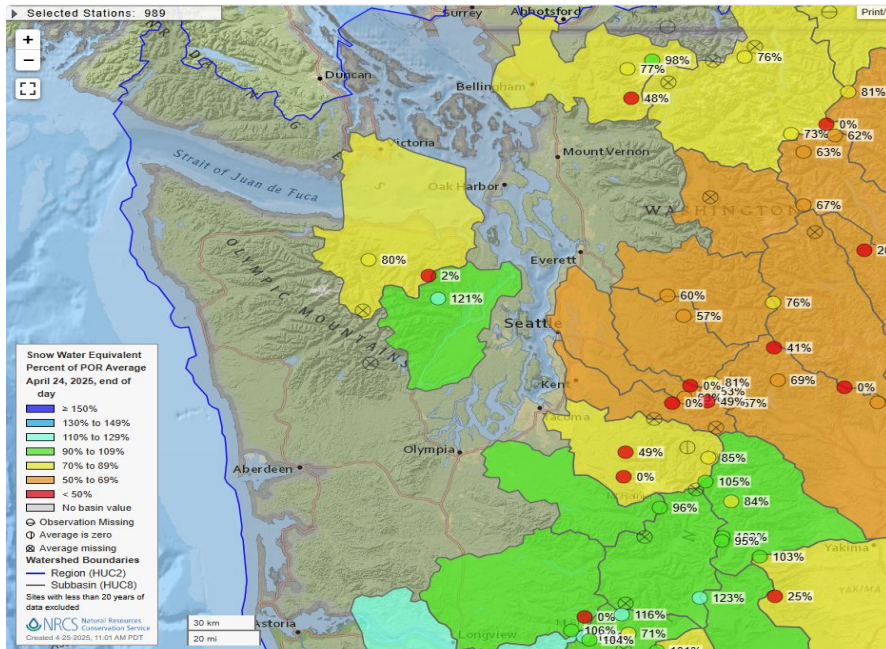


Figure Caption: NRCS [Snow Water Equivalent Percent of POR Average](#) for April 24, 2025

- Natural water volume forecasts were mostly below to well below normal; a few near normal

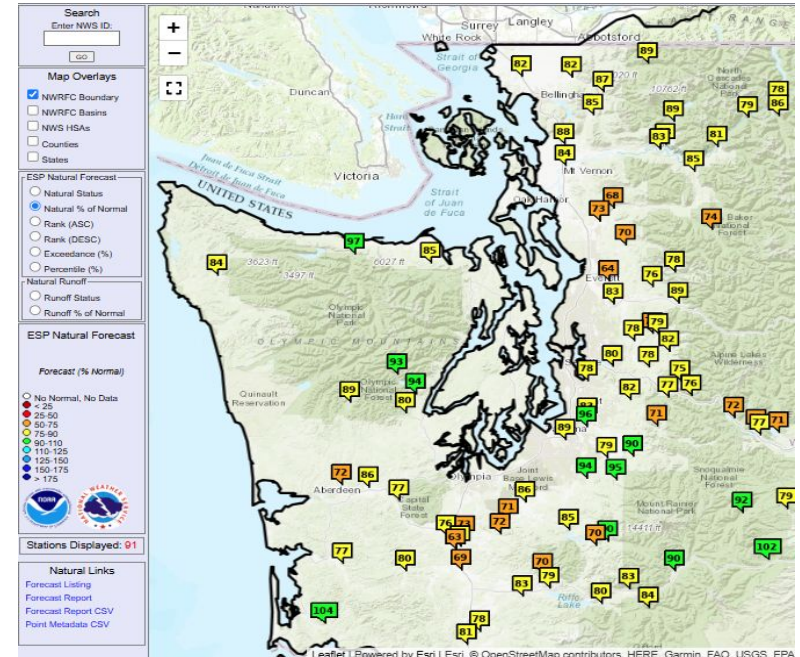


Figure Caption: NWRFC [ESP Natural Water Supply Forecasts](#) for April 24, 2025

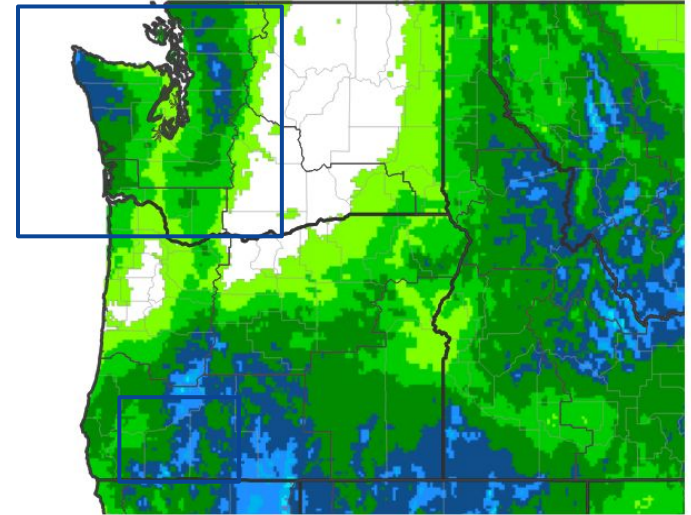




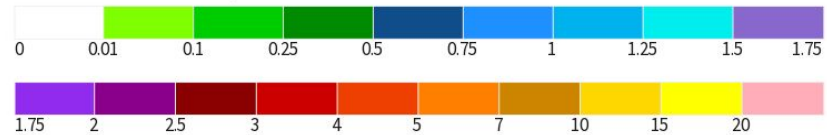
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 24,
2025-May 1, 2025**

- Light rainfall is forecast for western Washington over the coming week
 - Less than a quarter inch for the lowlands
 - An inch or less for the mountains
- Less than 25%-50% average for the period



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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

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Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid Thursday April 24 to Thursday May 1, 2025.



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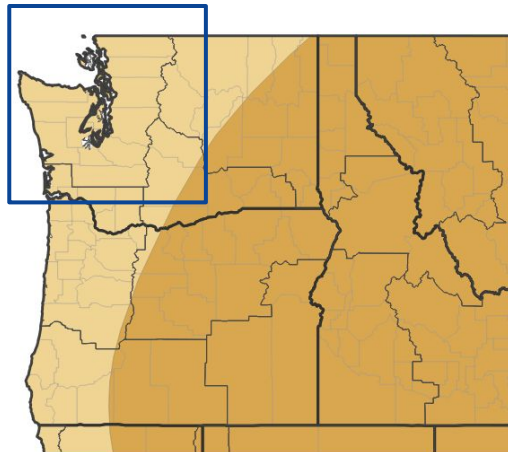


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Outlook for May through July
- Greater odds of below normal precipitation on average
- Greater odds of above normal temperatures on average

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for May 1, 2025–July 31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



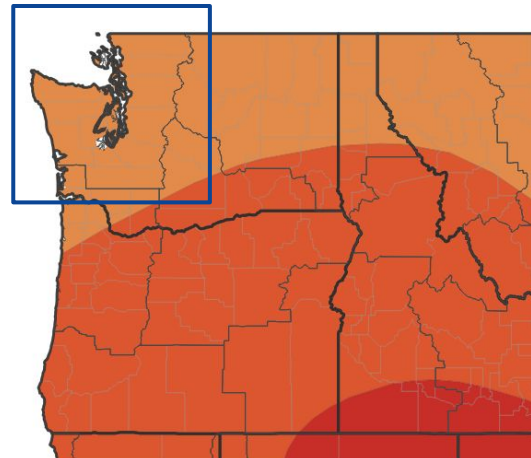
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for May 1, 2025–July 31, 2025



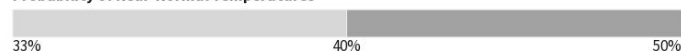
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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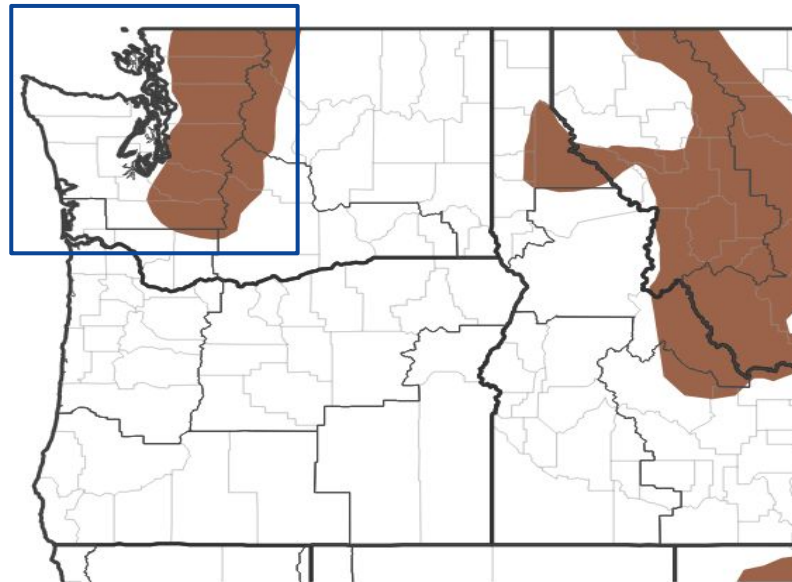
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Drought Outlook

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- Drought expected to persist over the western slopes of the Cascades into summer



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

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Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released April 17, 2025 valid for April 17, 2025 - July 31, 2025



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