



Drought Information Statement for Pacific Northwest

Valid June 8, 2026

Issued By: National Weather Service Seattle, WA

Contact Information: nws.seattle@noaa.gov

- This product will be updated around July 10, 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.
-
- State-Wide [Emergency Drought declaration](#) by Washington Department of Ecology
 - much below normal water supply and streamflows expected:
 - Very low snowpack and early melt out
 - Outlook for below normal precipitation
 - Outlook for above normal temperature, increasing water demand



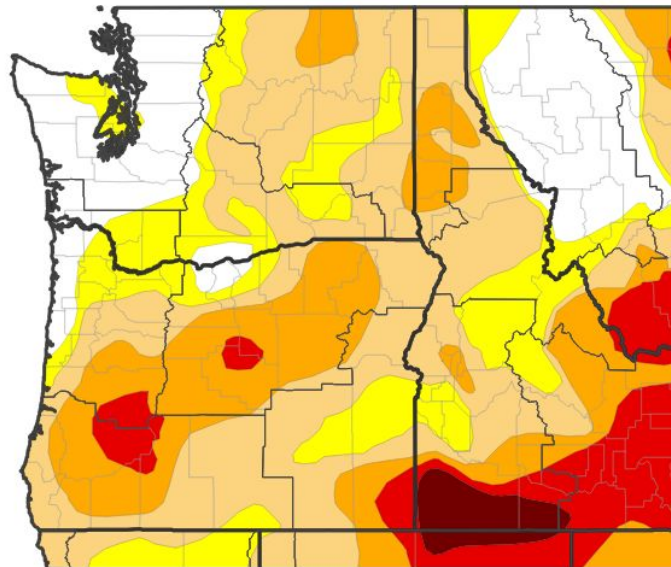


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

U.S. Drought Monitor

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of the Olympic Peninsula and Cascade crest



U.S. Drought Monitor



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

Data Valid: 06/02/26



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

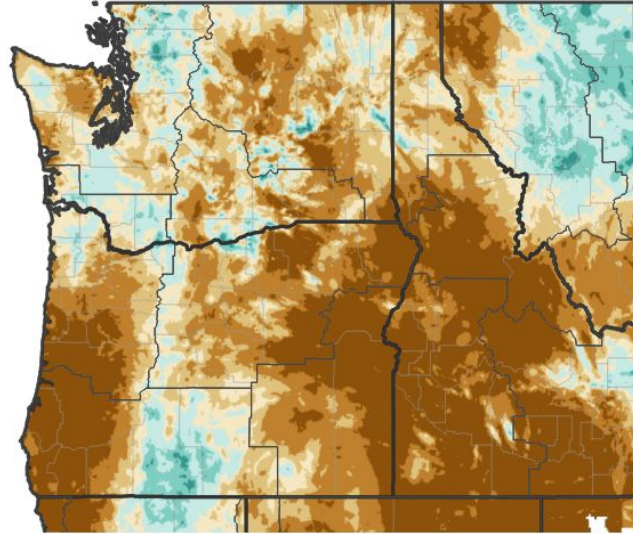
National Weather Service
Seattle, WA



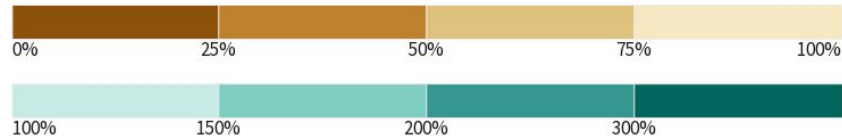
Precipitation

- Much of western WA was below normal precipitation for the last 30 days

30-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

Last Updated: 06/08/26



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

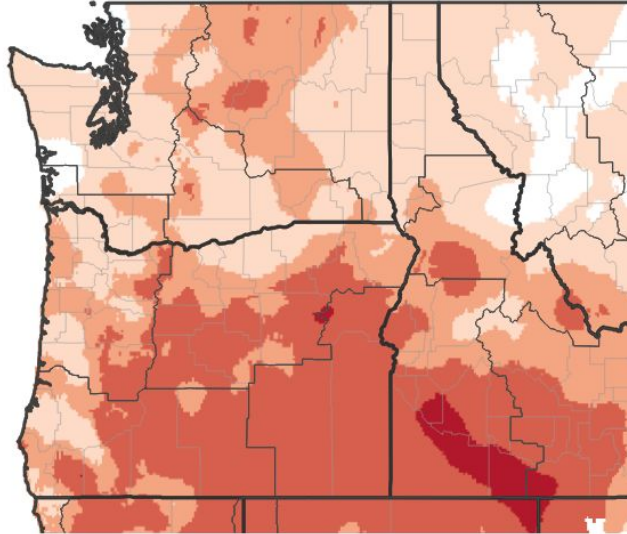
National Weather Service
Seattle, WA



Temperature

- Temperatures were mostly above normal over the last 30 days by as much as 3-4 degrees F

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

Data Valid: 06/04/26





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Lower than normal water supply this summer
- Lower than normal streamflows at this time
- Very low snowpack this year melted off early and is impacting streamflow and water supply

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known or reported impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Low snowpack and early melt off indicates more likely early start to fire season
- Western WA predicted to have above normal significant wildland fire potential July through September

Other Impacts

- There are no known other impacts at this time

Mitigation Actions

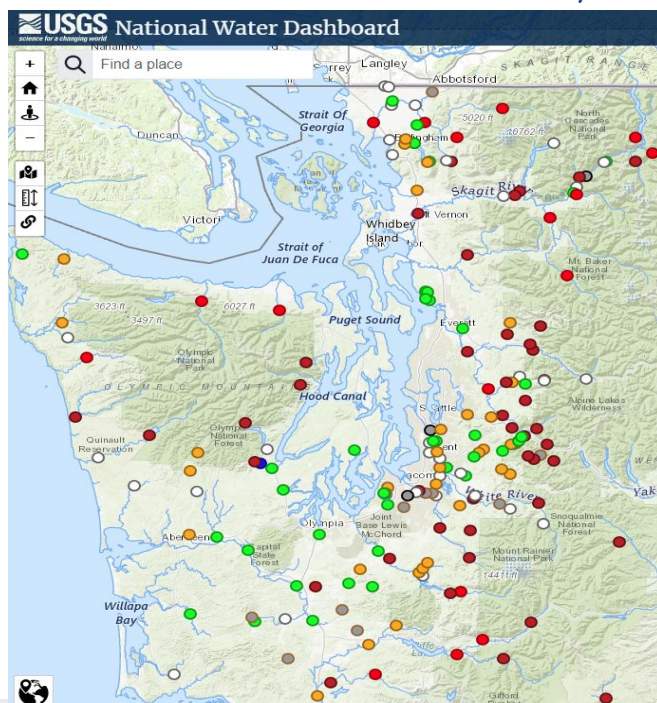
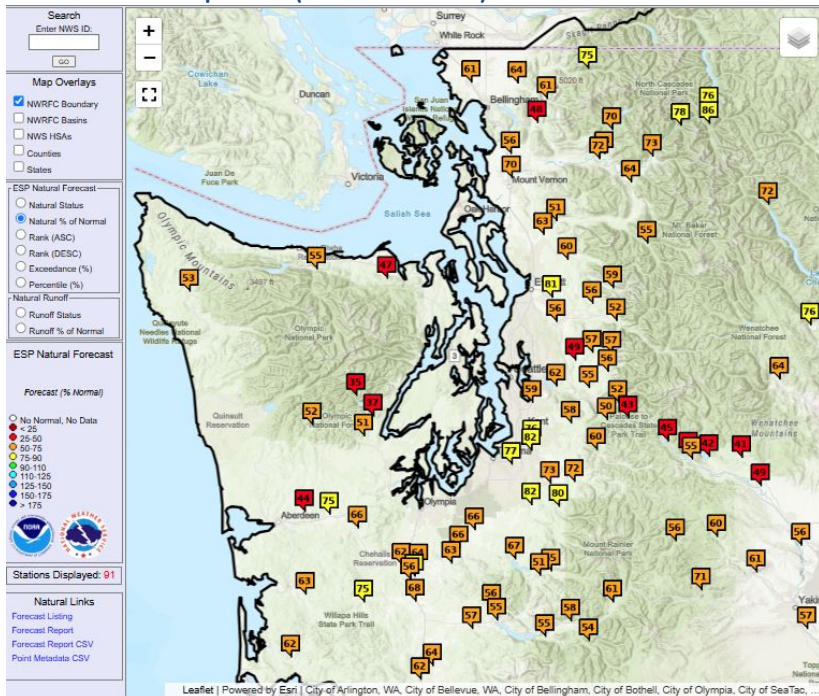
- WA State Department of Ecology declared a Drought Emergency for the entire state
 - Fourth year in a row for at least a portion of the state in drought emergency





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Forecast April - September Water Supply volumes are for much less than normal
- Streamflows are much below normal
- Snowpack (not shown) was much below normal with almost all locations already melted off



Streamflow: Status		
● Above flood stage		
● All-time high for this day	100 th percentile (maximum)	
● Much above normal	>90 th percentile	
● Above normal	76 th - 90 th percentile	
● Normal	25 th - 75 th percentile	
● Below normal	10 th - 24 th percentile	
● Much below normal	<10 th percentile	
● All-time low for this day	0 th percentile (minimum)	
● Not flowing		
● Not ranked		
● Measurement flag		
● Recent measurement unavailable		

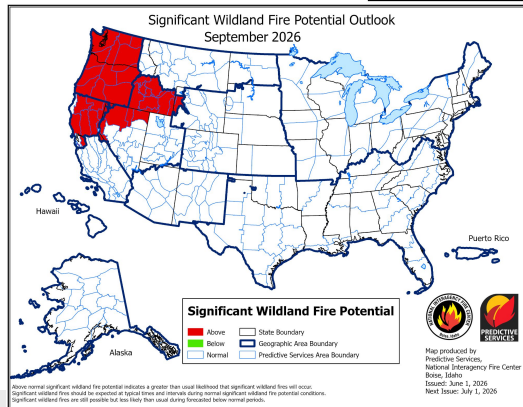
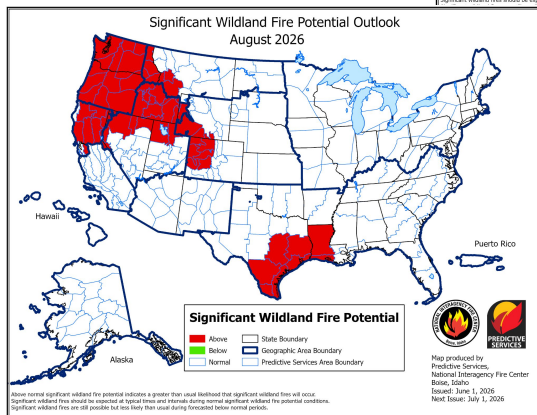
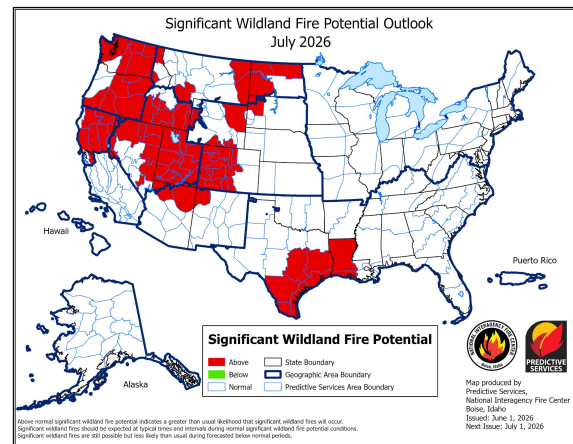
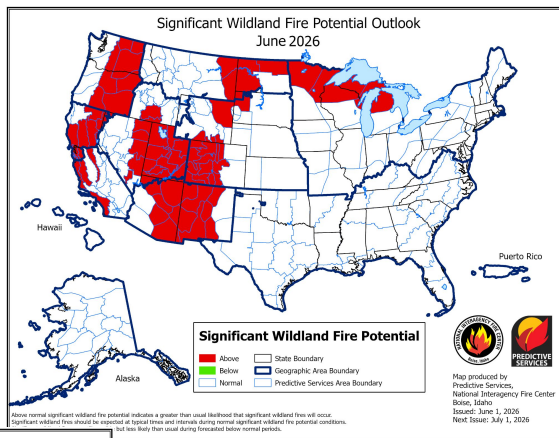




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Above normal significant wildland fire potential for WA in June and western WA by July and through September



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Seattle, WA

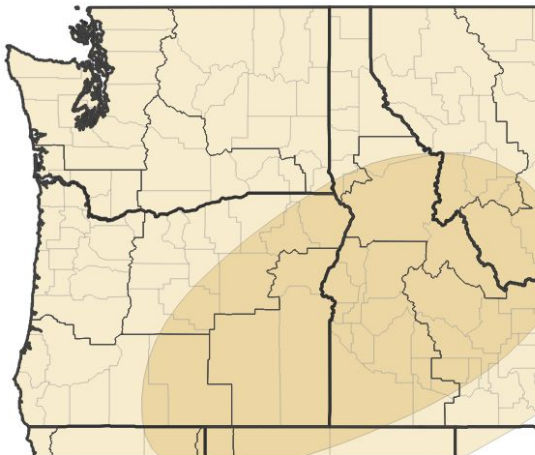


Long-Range Outlooks

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

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

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



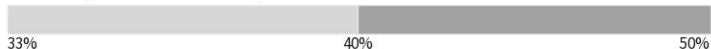
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



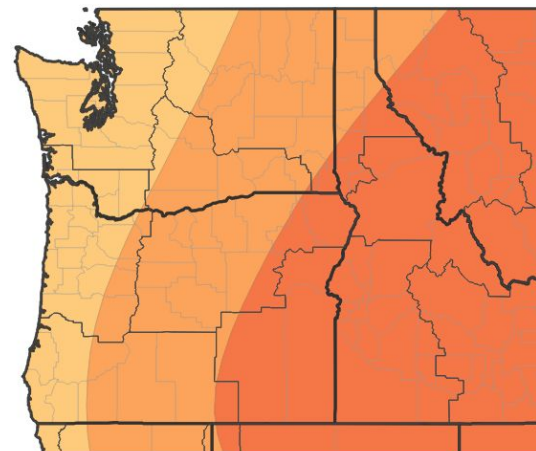
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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

Last Updated: 05/31/26

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



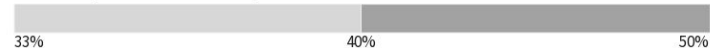
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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

Last Updated: 05/31/26



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Seattle, WA

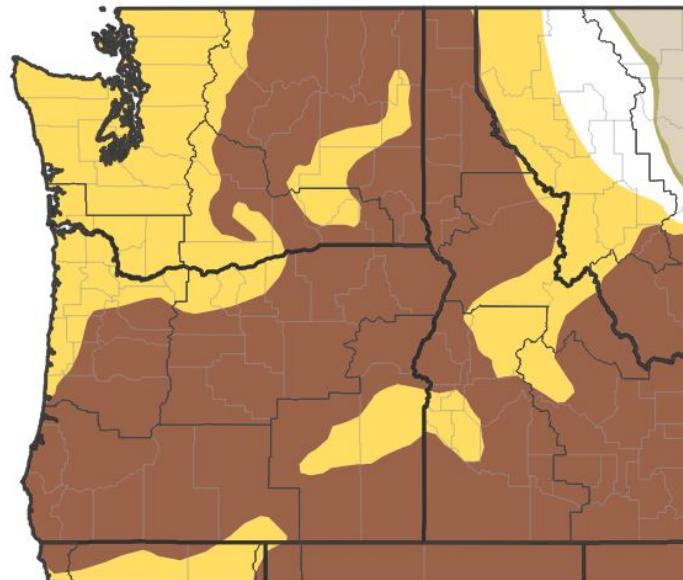


Drought Outlook

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

- Seasonal Drought Outlook showing drought is predicted to develop across western Washington this 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

Last Updated: 05/31/26

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



**National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration**
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Seattle, WA