



Drought Information Statement for Western Washington

Valid June 13, 2025

Issued By: NWS Seattle, WA

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated by July 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 EMERGENCY](#) DECLARED FOR PARTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON (see link)
- Current conditions are much drier with less snowpack than normal and will likely persist or possibly worsen



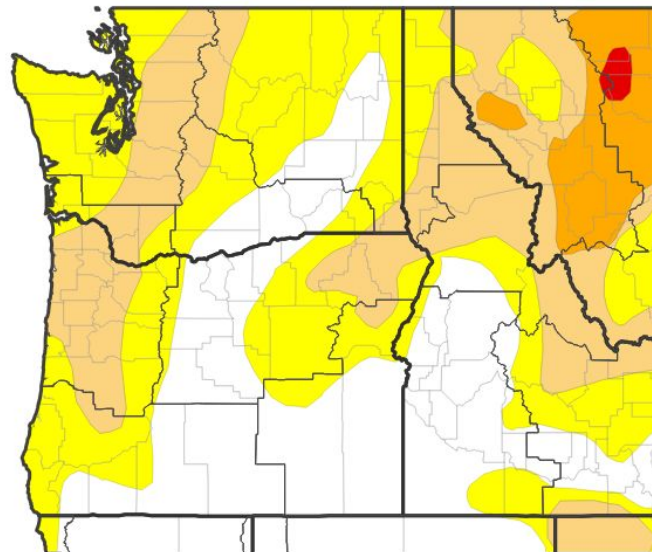


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Washington Cascades and foothills
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: the rest of Western WA

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

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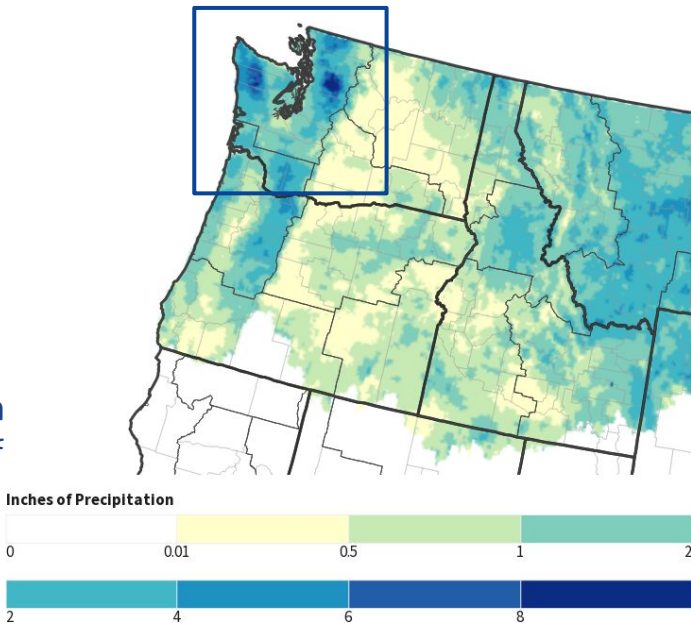


Precipitation

Last 30 days

- Parts of western Washington along the north coast and north Puget Sound had normal precipitation for the last 30 days
- Most of the south and other areas of western Washington were 25% to 75% of normal

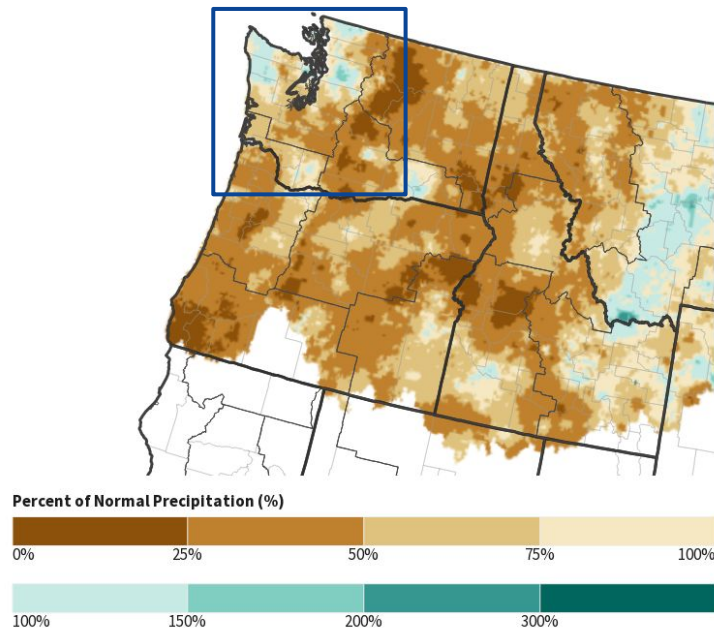
NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



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

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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



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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 below normal to well below normal ([NWS NWRFC](#))
- There are few stations still reporting any snow; most have melted out. Snowpack conditions are mostly below to well below normal ([NRCS](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Significant Wildland Fire Potential is above normal for western WA July through September
- Possible early start to wildfire season

Other Impacts

- Washington State declared a [Drought Emergency](#) for Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, and portions of Lewis, Clallam, Jefferson Counties (excluding the Everett, Seattle, Tacoma Metro area)

Mitigation Actions

- Stage 2 water alert for some water systems in Clallam County, Washington [Drought Impact Reporter](#)
- Please refer to your local municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Snow Water Equivalent below to much below average with most stations melted out
- Except for a handful of stations, most melted out 10 to 34 days early
- Natural water volume forecasts were mostly below to well below normal; very few near normal

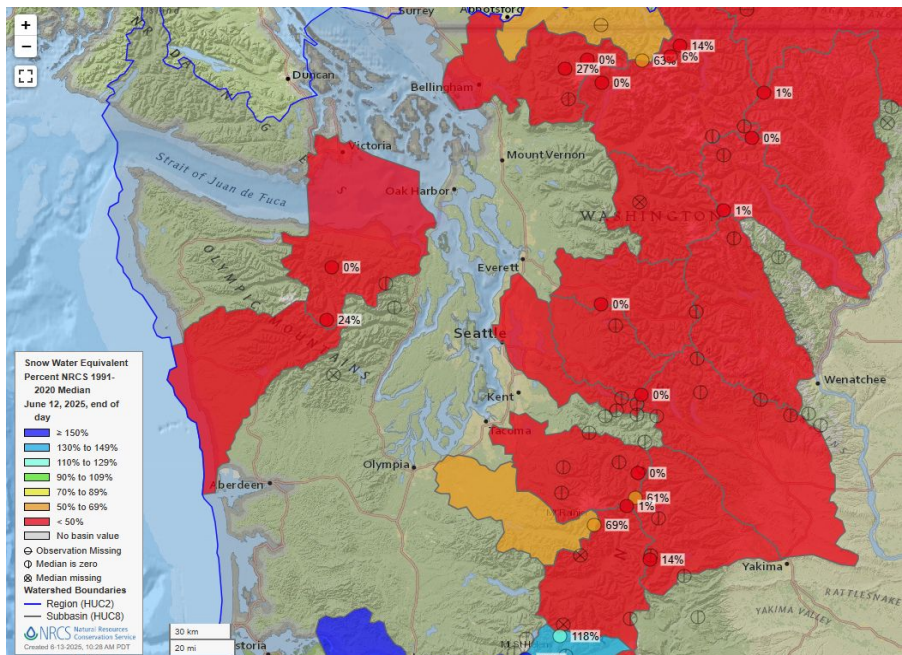


Figure Caption: NRCS [Snow Water Equivalent Percent of 1990-202 Median](#) as of June 12, 2025

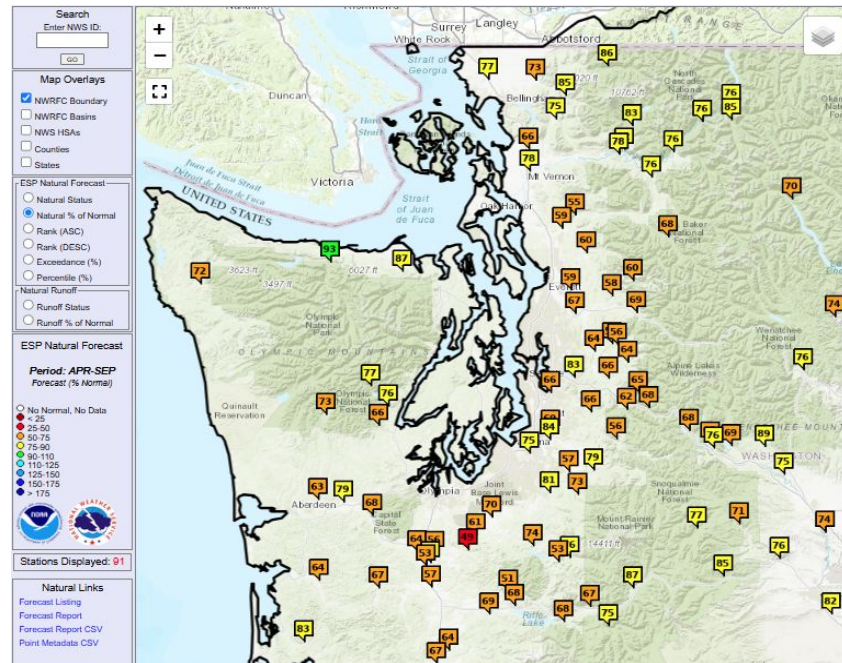


Figure Caption: NWRFC [ESP Natural Water Supply Forecasts](#) as of June 8, 2025

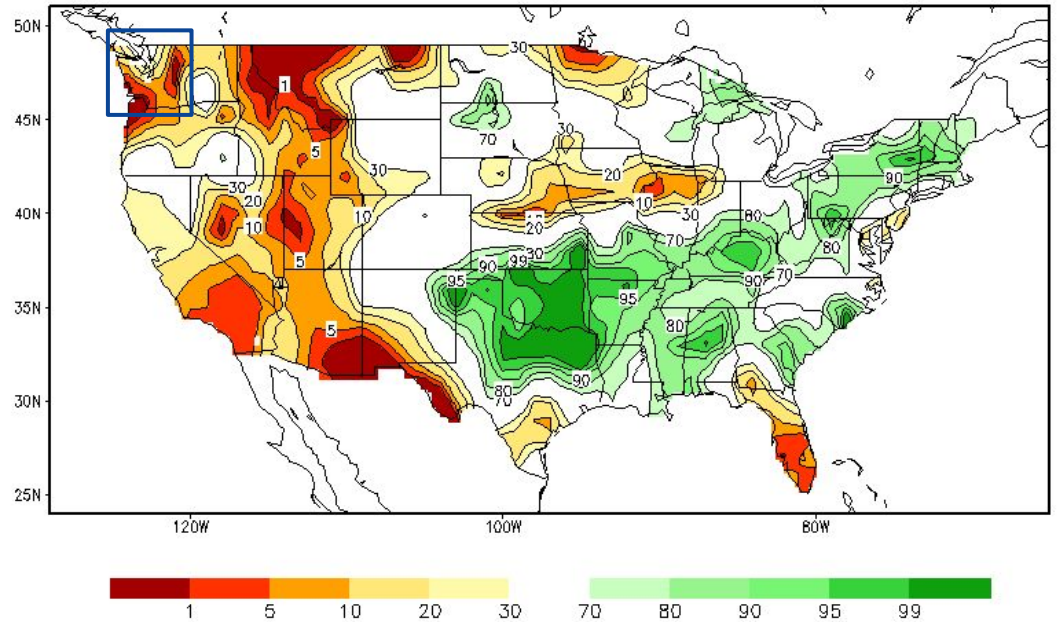




Agricultural Impacts

- Soil Moisture is below normal for much of the area, ranking in the driest 10 percentile in some areas

Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile
JUN 12, 2025

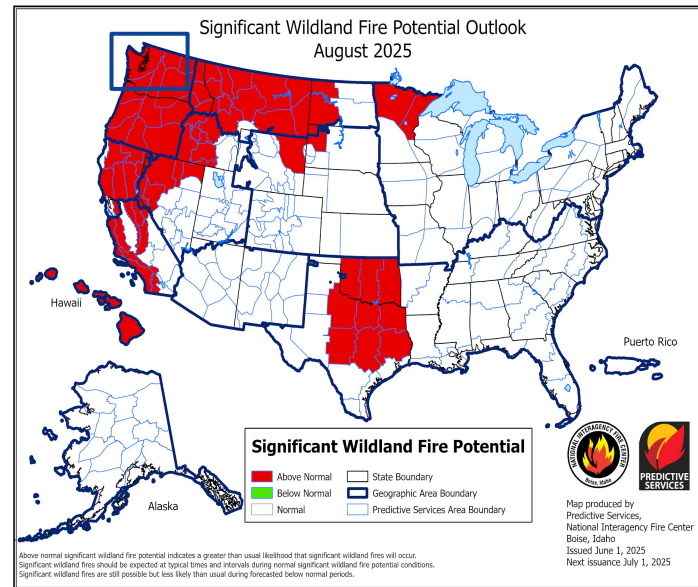
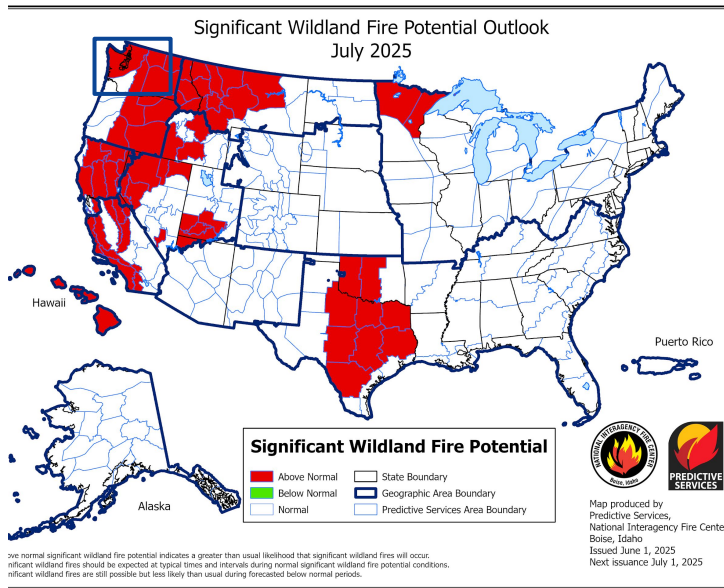




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Western Washington has above normal wildland fire potential starting July
- By August, the potential is above normal for all of WA and most of the Pacific Northwest
- Above normal wildland fire potential lasts through September

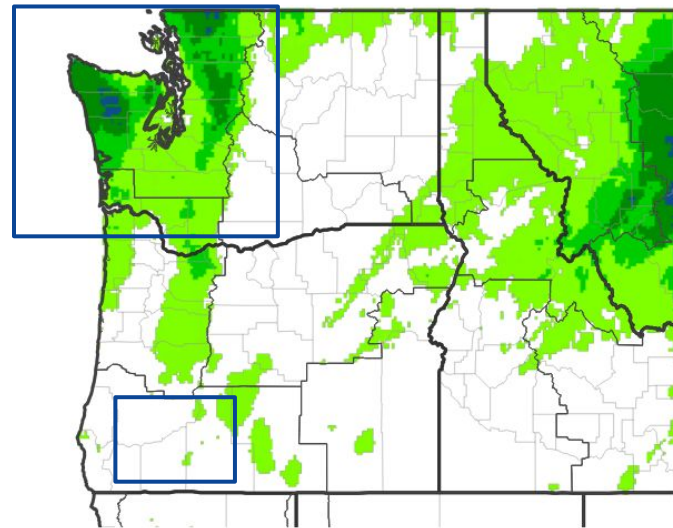




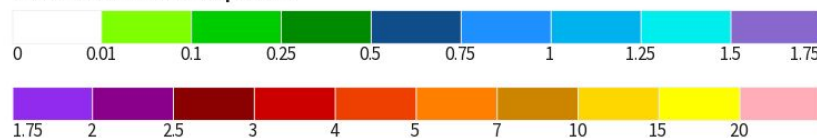
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 13,
2025-June 20, 2025**

- Light rainfall is forecast for western Washington over the coming 7 days
 - Less than a quarter inch for the lowlands
 - Half and inch or less for the mountains
- Less than 25%-50% of 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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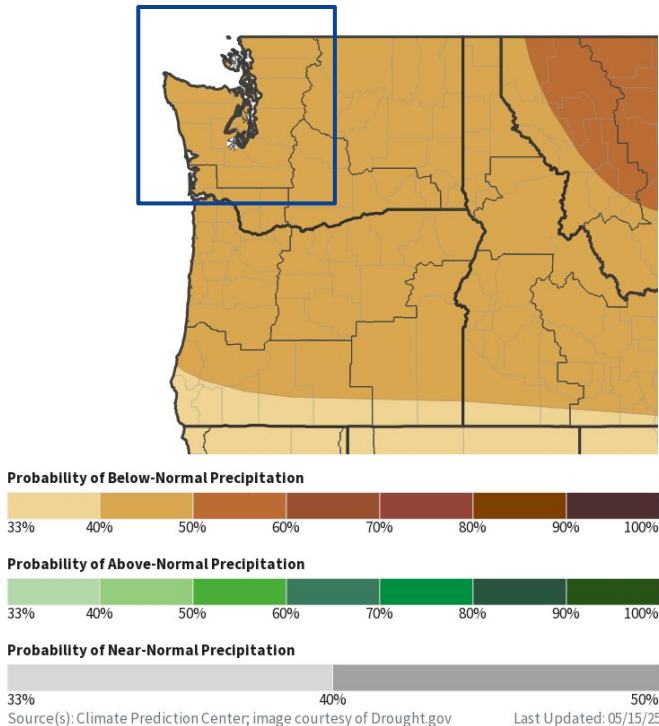


Long-Range Outlooks

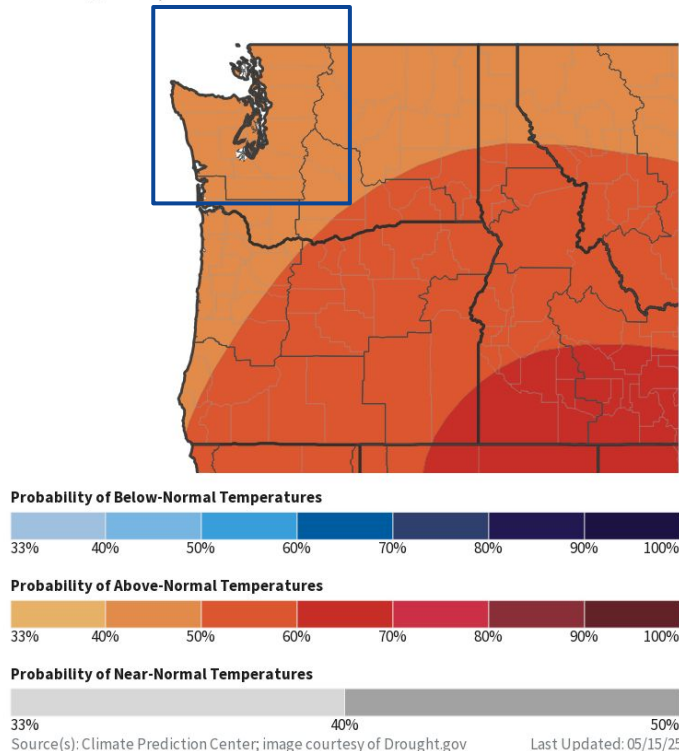
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- Outlook for June through August
- Greater odds (50%) of below normal precipitation on average
- Greater odds (50%) of above normal temperatures on average

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for June 1, 2025–August 31, 2025



Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for June 1, 2025–August 31, 2025



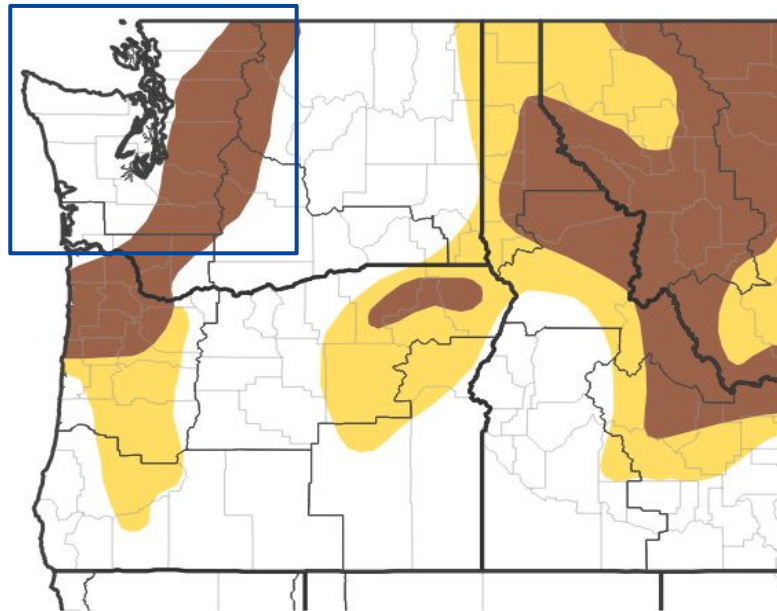


Drought Outlook

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**Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for May 31,
2025–August 31, 2025**

- Drought expected to persist or worsen over the the Cascade mountains and foothills through summer



Drought Is Predicted To...



Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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