



Drought Information Statement for Pacific Northwest

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- This product will be updated around September 4, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - 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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- Little change since last month other than continued drying
 - State-Wide [Emergency Drought declaration](#) by Washington Department of Ecology Continues
 - Much below normal water supply, streamflows, with higher water demand expected:
 - Outlook is for below normal precipitation
 - Outlook is for above normal temperatures



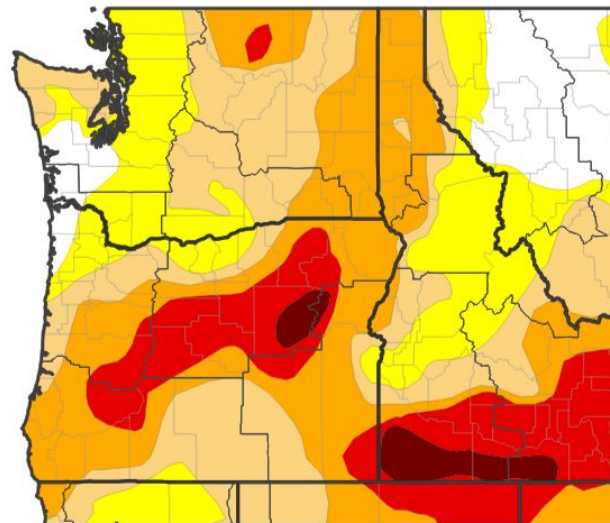


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

U.S. Drought Monitor

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: None
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Parts of north Cascades, Northern Olympic Peninsula
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: The Cascade crest and portions of the Olympic Peninsula



U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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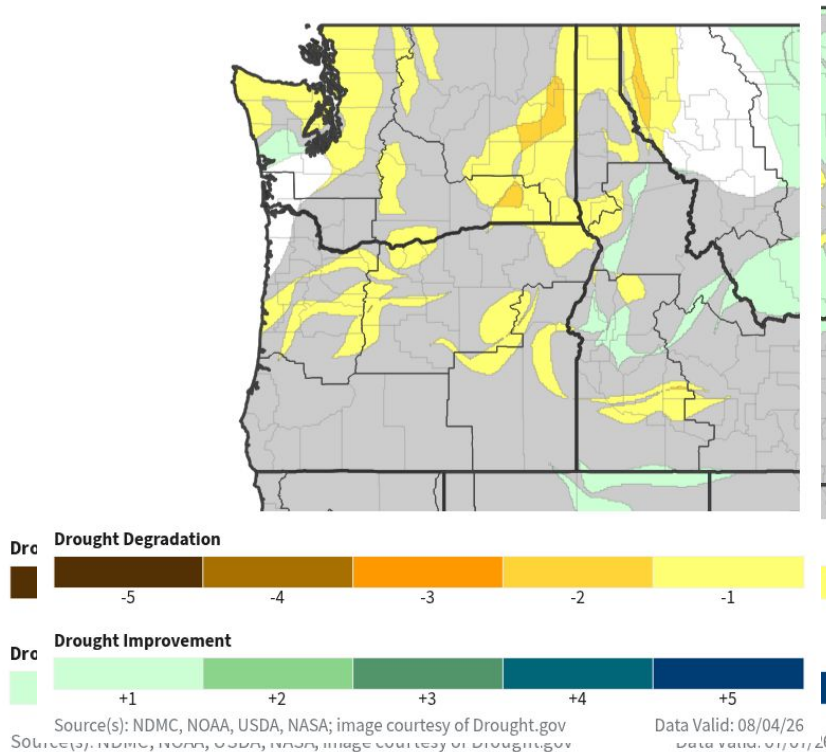


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Pacific Northwest

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Puget sound lowlands and and northern Olympic Peninsula
 - No Change: Cascade crest, southern WA Cascades, and Olympic Mountains

U.S. Drought Monitor 4-Week Change Map

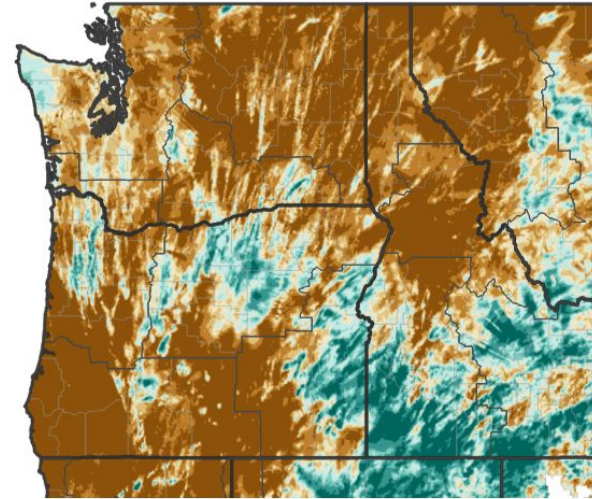




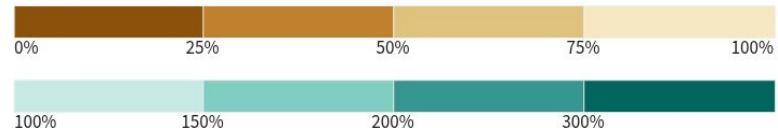
Precipitation

- 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;
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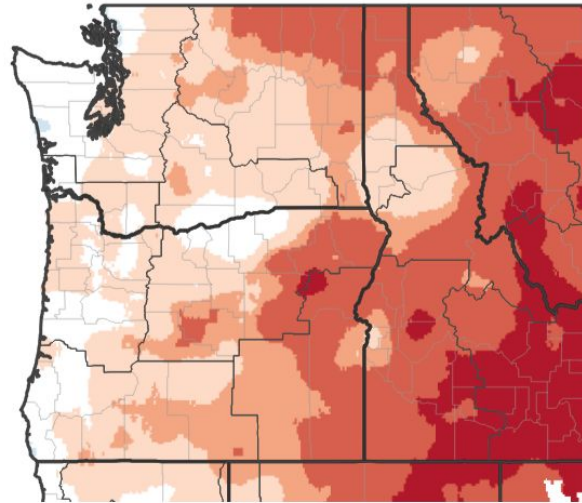




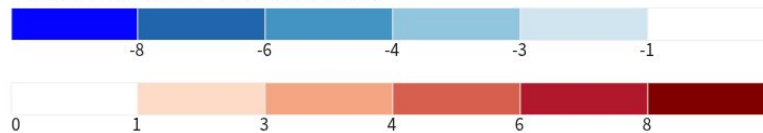
Temperature

- Temperatures from the I-5 corridor eastward were mostly above normal over the last 30 days

30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; 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 this summer; major municipalities have adequate supply
- Lower than normal streamflows at this time
- Higher than normal water demand

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is low as seen in Crop Moisture Index; there are no other known or reported impacts at this time

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Western WA predicted to have above normal significant wildland fire potential July through September
- Wildfires are ongoing

Other Impacts

- Burn bans are in effect for all areas. Check with DNR and local fire departments for details

Mitigation Actions

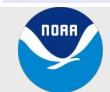
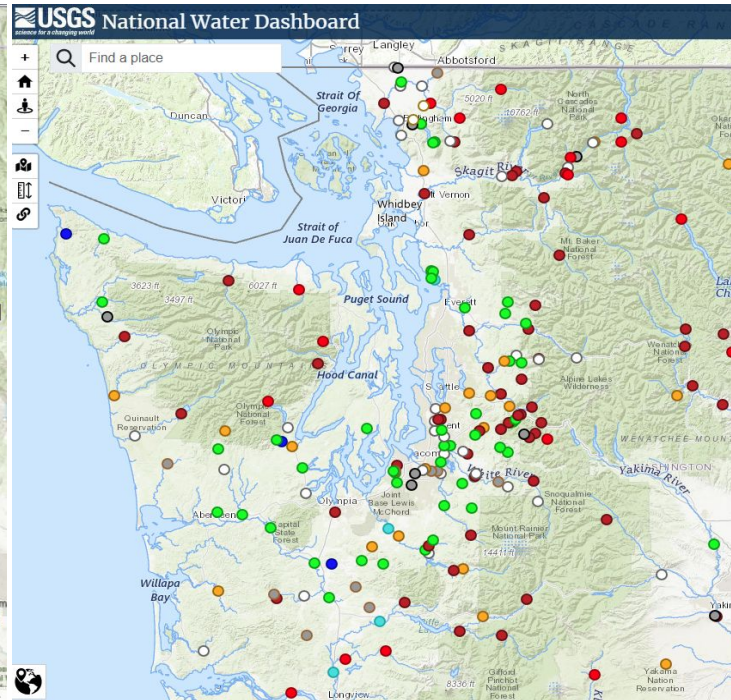
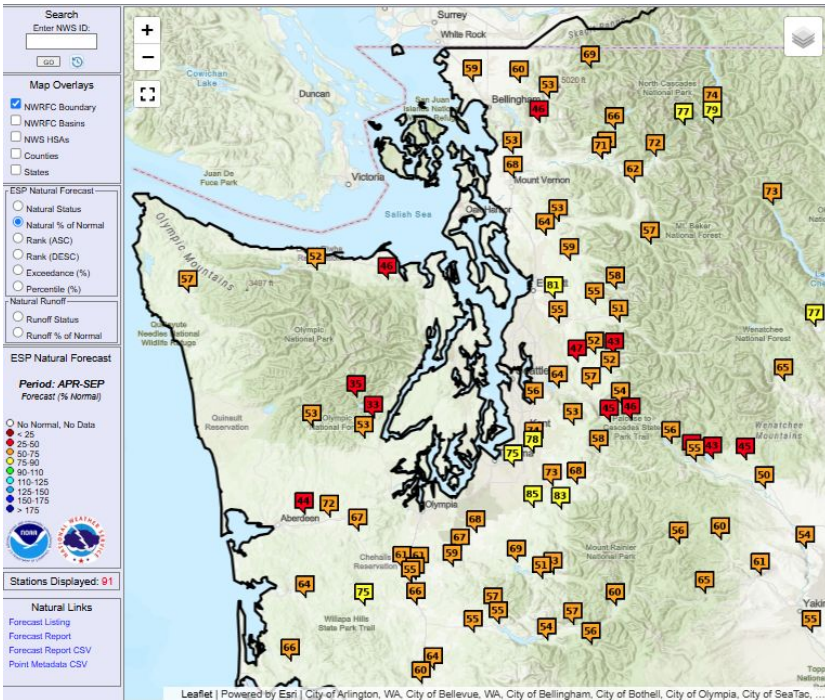
- WA State Department of Ecology declared a Drought Emergency for the entire state
 - Fourth year in a row for at least a portion of the state in drought emergency





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Forecast April - September Water Supply volumes are for much less than normal
- Water Supply for almost all locations ranked less than 10th lowest, with many first or second lowest
- Streamflows for most areas are much below normal



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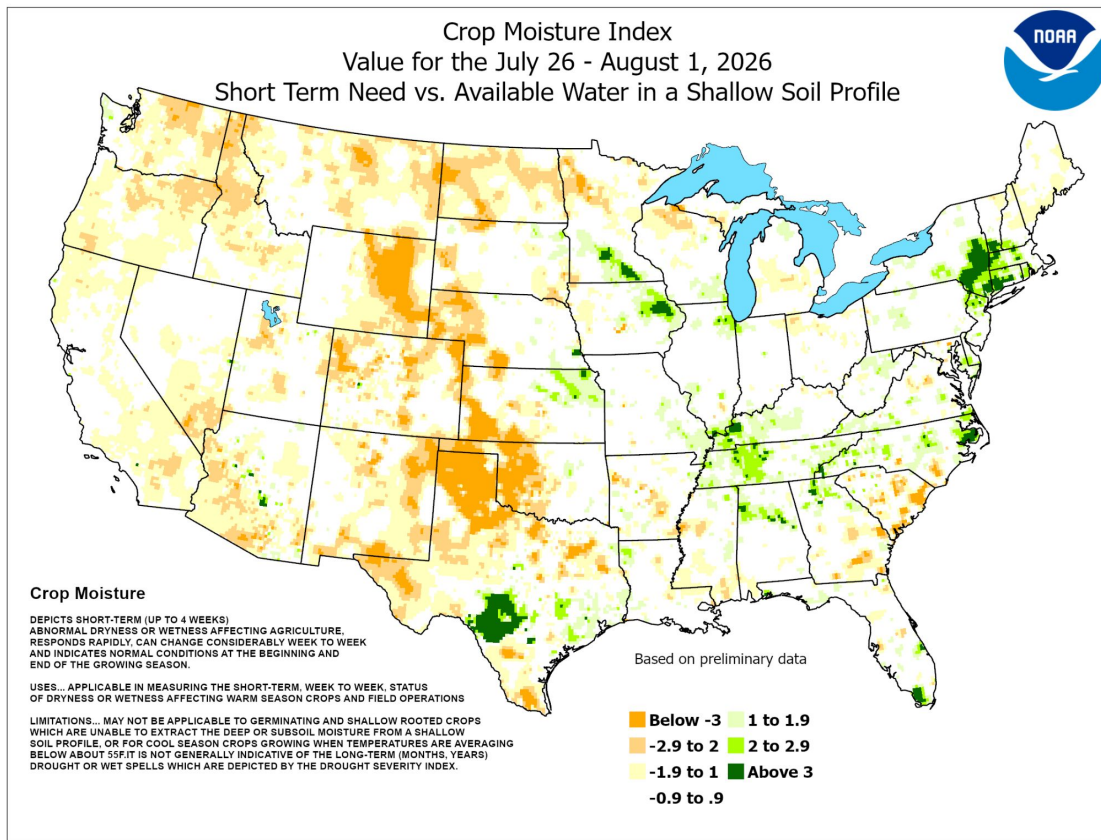
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Agricultural Impacts

Current Conditions

- Portions of western Washington show dry Crop Moisture Index





Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Above normal significant wildland fire potential for western WA through September
- Burn bans in effect across western Washington



Fire Danger and Outdoor Burning

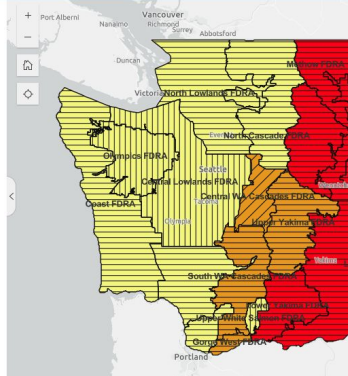
Burn Bans

- Rule Burns are banned
- Rule and Permit Burns are banned
- Rule, Permit and Recreation Burns are banned
- Other Combination, described
- No burn ban in effect

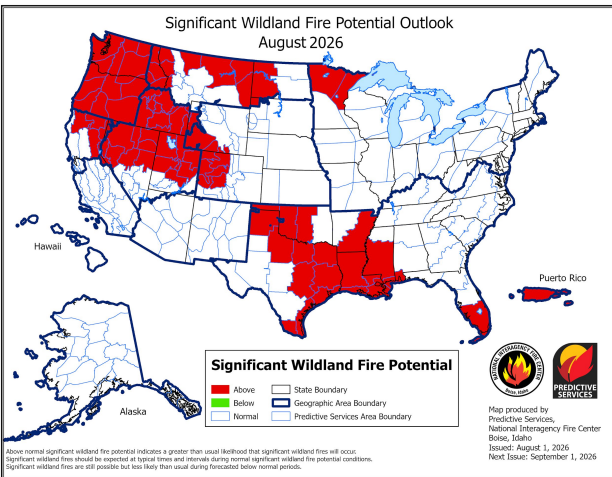
Wildfire Danger

- Extreme
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Other

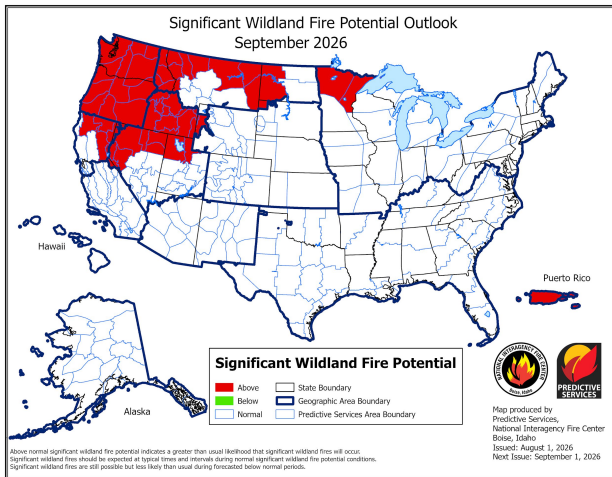
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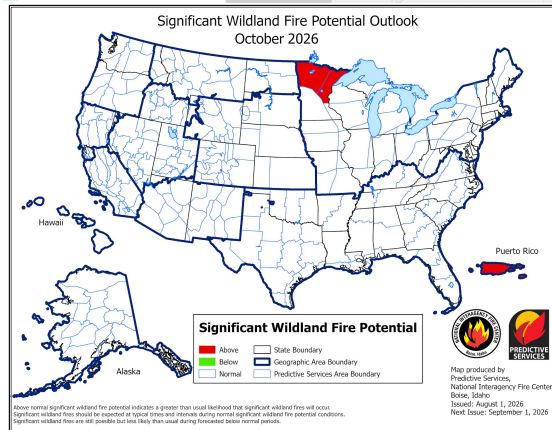
Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
August 2026



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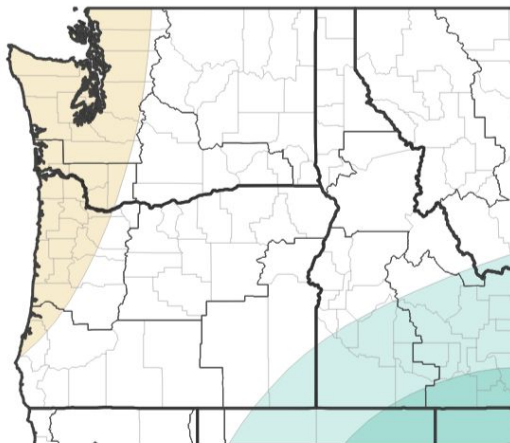


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Outlook - Precipitation leaning to drier than normal for July
- Outlook - Temperatures leaning warmer than normal for July

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for August 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



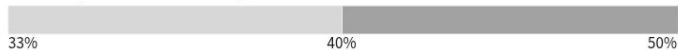
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



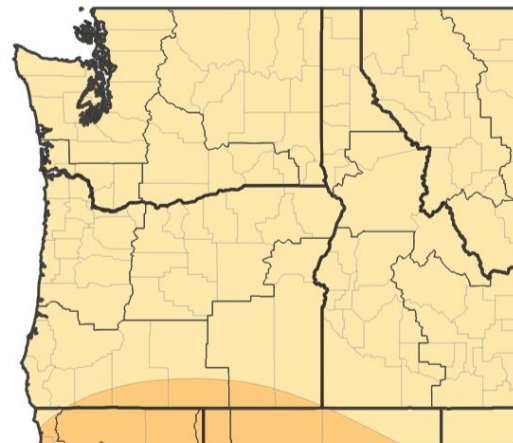
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for August 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



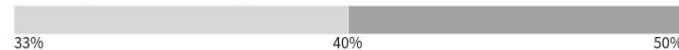
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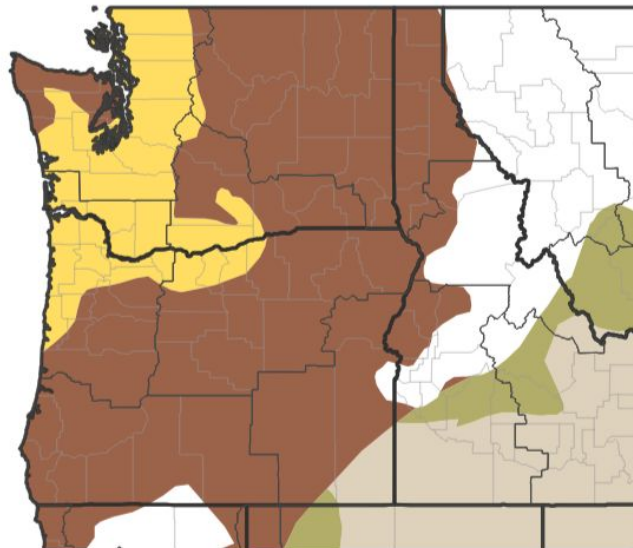


Drought Outlook

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- Seasonal Drought Outlook showing drought is predicted to continue to develop across the rest of western Washington later this summer into early fall

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 31, 2026–October 31, 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](#)



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