



Drought Information Statement for Western Washington

Valid September 18, 2025

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Contact Information:

- This product will be updated by October 15, 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](#) CONTINUES FOR PARTS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON (see link)



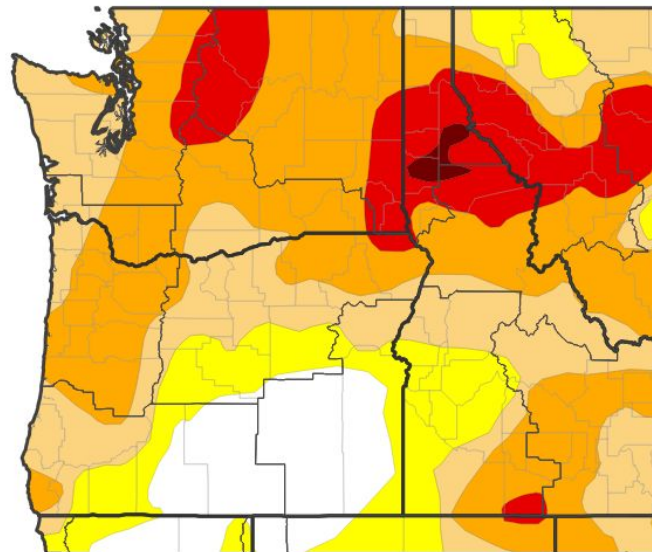


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Central and northern Cascades near the crest.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca, Cascades, Puget Sound area.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Western Whatcom, San Juan County, north and central coast, Olympics, SW Washington.

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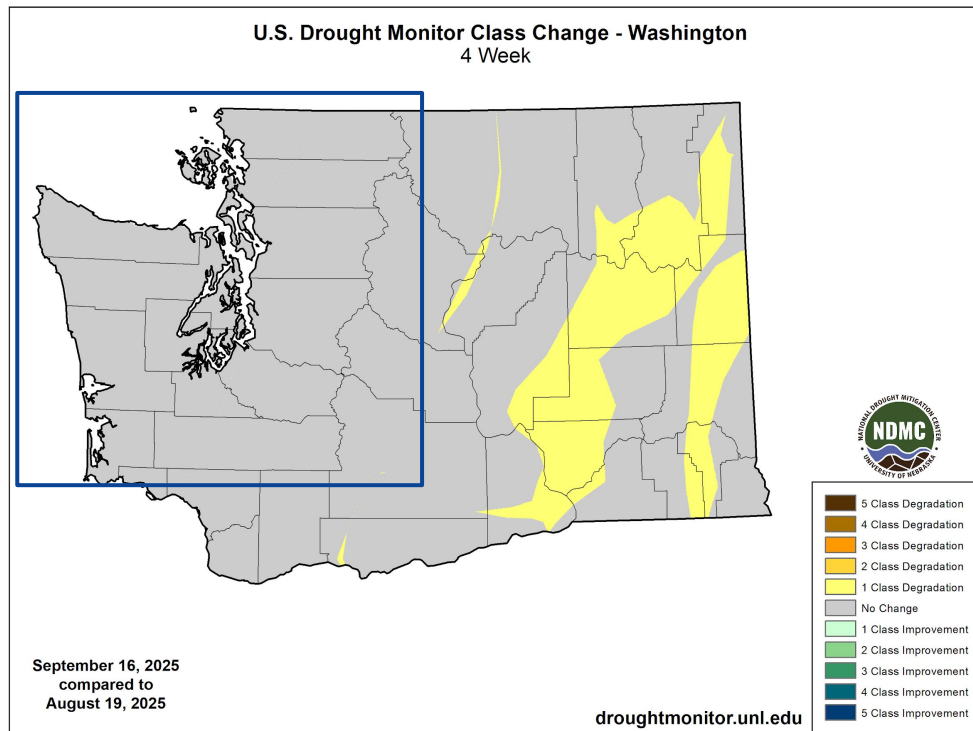
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for western Washington

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - No change

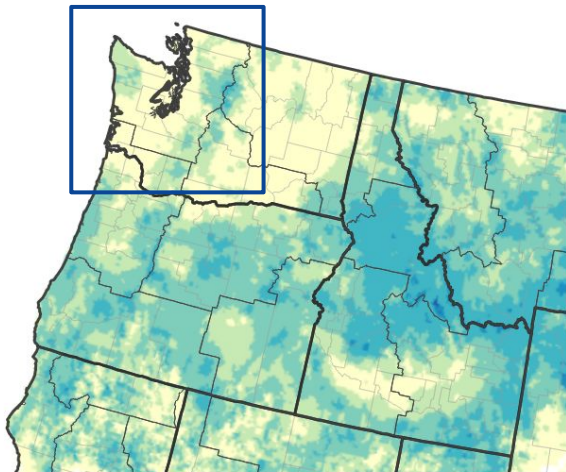




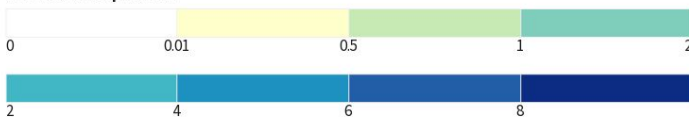
Precipitation

Last 30, 120 days

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



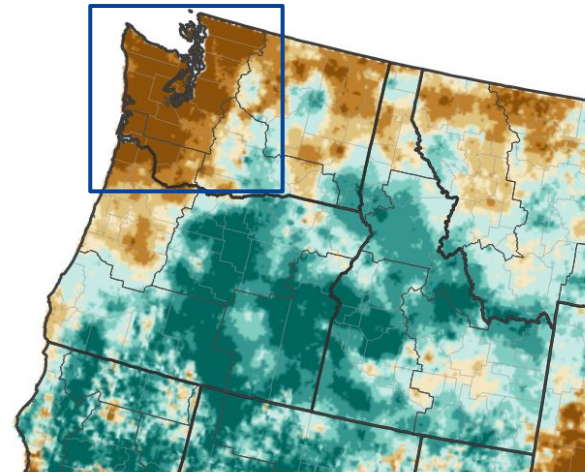
Inches of Precipitation



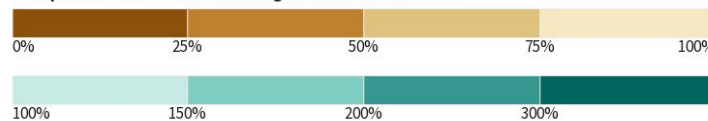
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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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](#))
- Streamflow is largely below to much below normal ([USGS](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture is below normal
- Crop Moisture Index is below normal ([CPC](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Increased fire danger conditions, greater than normal wildfire potential ([NIFC](#))
- Various burn bans in effect ([WADNR](#))

Other Impacts

- Washington State [Declared Drought Emergency](#) for western Washington
- Clallam Bay/Seiku and Island View water systems were under stage 3 and stage 4 drought alerts. Water may need to be trucked in [Drought Impact Reporter](#)
- Jefferson County: Port Townsend - [Mindful water use/Voluntary Water Conservation](#) requested
- City of Port Angeles has declared a [Stage 3 \(Critical\) Water Shortage](#) for Restricted Water Use

Mitigation Actions

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

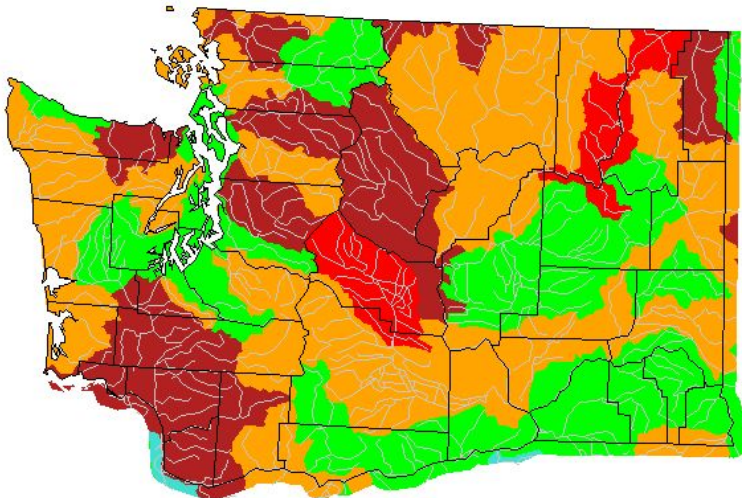




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow is largely below to much below normal, with a few basins near normal.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025



Explanation - Percentile classes

Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

- Natural water volume forecasts were much below normal

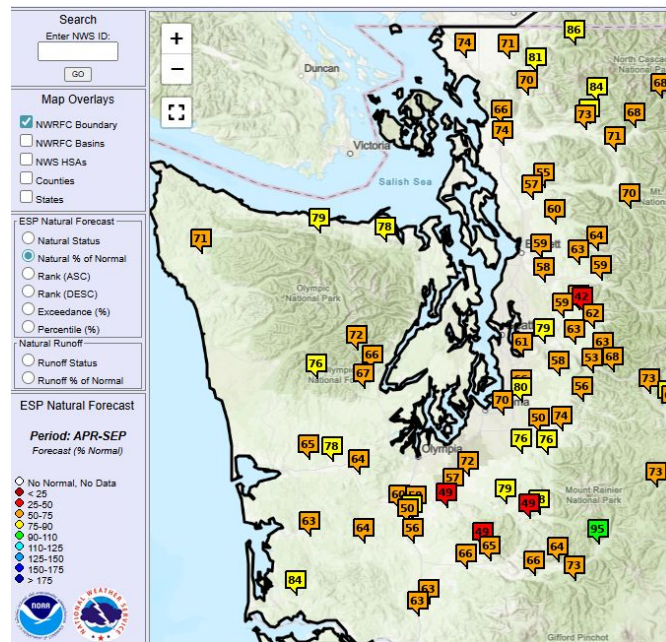


Figure Caption: NWRFC [ESP Natural Water Supply Forecasts](#) as of September 18, 2025



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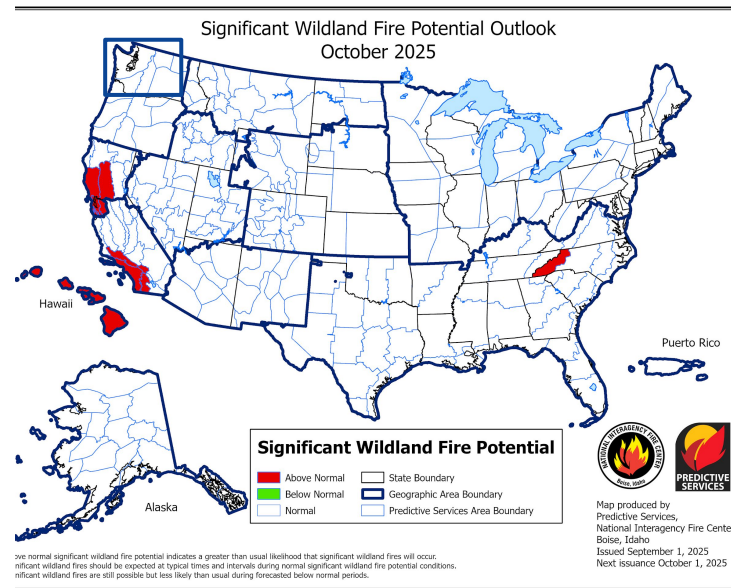
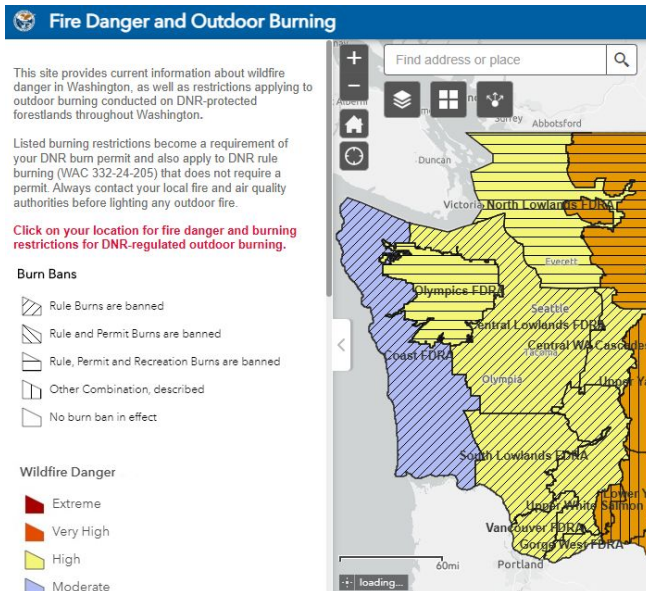
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Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Western Washington has normal wildland fire potential through October
- Moderate to High and Very High wildfire danger throughout western WA; burn bans in effect



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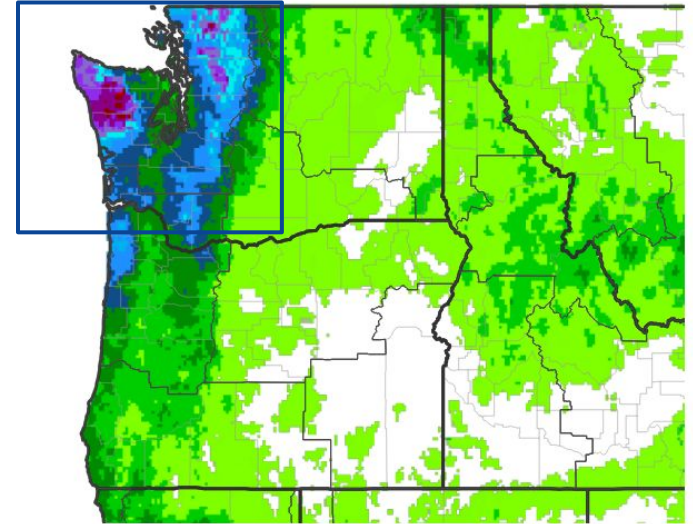
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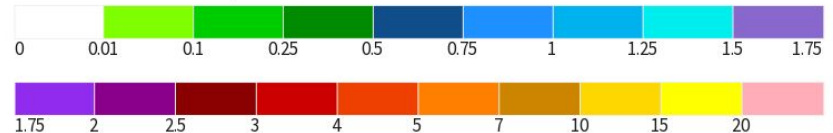
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Significant rainfall is forecast in western Washington over the coming week

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 18, 2025–September 25, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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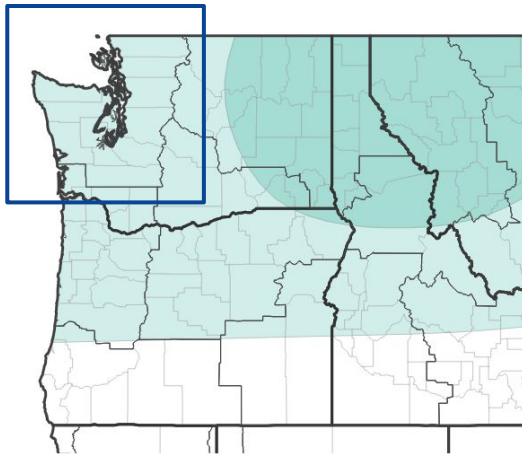


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Outlook for October through December
- Even odds of greater than, less than, or normal temperatures
- Greater odds (30%) of above normal precipitation

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



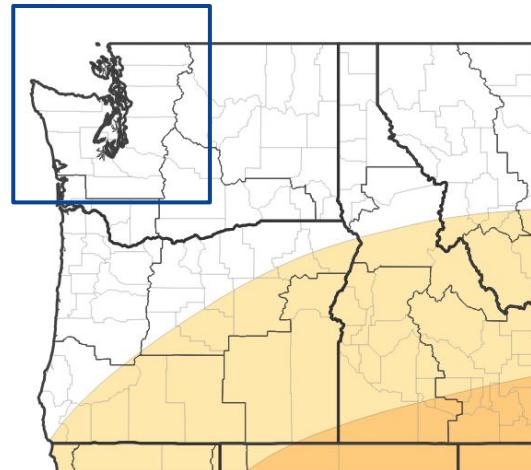
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



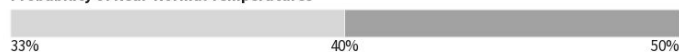
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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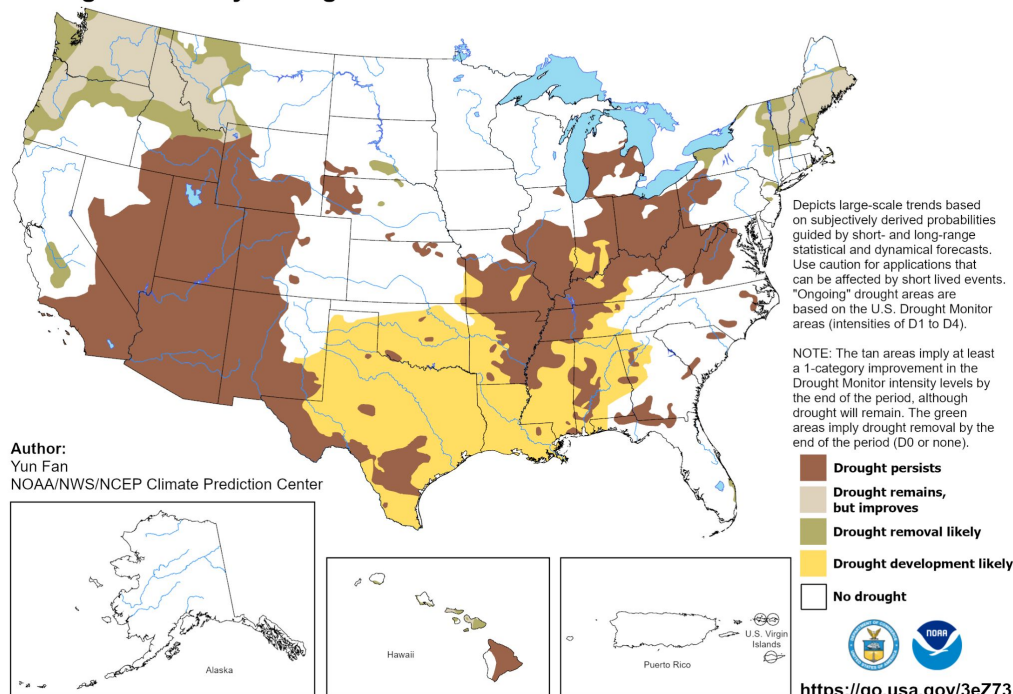
Drought Outlook

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- Drought remains, but improves for much of western Washington, with drought removal likely along the coast and in the Olympics

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for September 18 - December 31, 2025
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

<https://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>



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