

Oregon Drought and Water Conditions Report

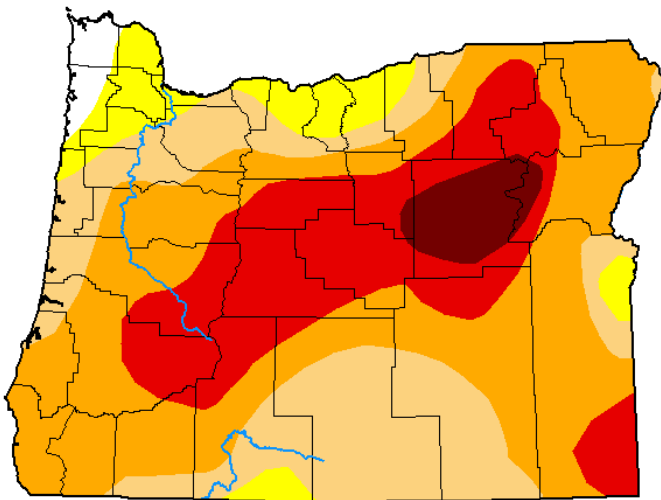


August 24th, 2026

Conditions at a Glance

- According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor \(USDM\)](#), as of August 18, 90% of Oregon is in some form of drought, with 67% of the state in Severe (D2) to Exceptional Drought (D4).
- Current drought conditions are being driven by above-normal temperatures, persistent short- and long-term precipitation deficits, and below-normal streamflow conditions across most of the state.
- To date, [21 Oregon counties](#) have received state drought declarations under ORS 536.

U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon



August 18, 2026

(Released Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.52	98.48	90.98	67.10	26.86	3.91
Last Week 08-11-2026	1.52	98.48	90.98	64.73	24.76	2.15
3 Months Ago 05-19-2026	4.47	95.53	82.64	36.03	2.93	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	65.06	34.94	15.76	4.65	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	32.92	67.08	47.65	24.35	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago 08-19-2025	23.38	76.62	54.98	31.65	0.62	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

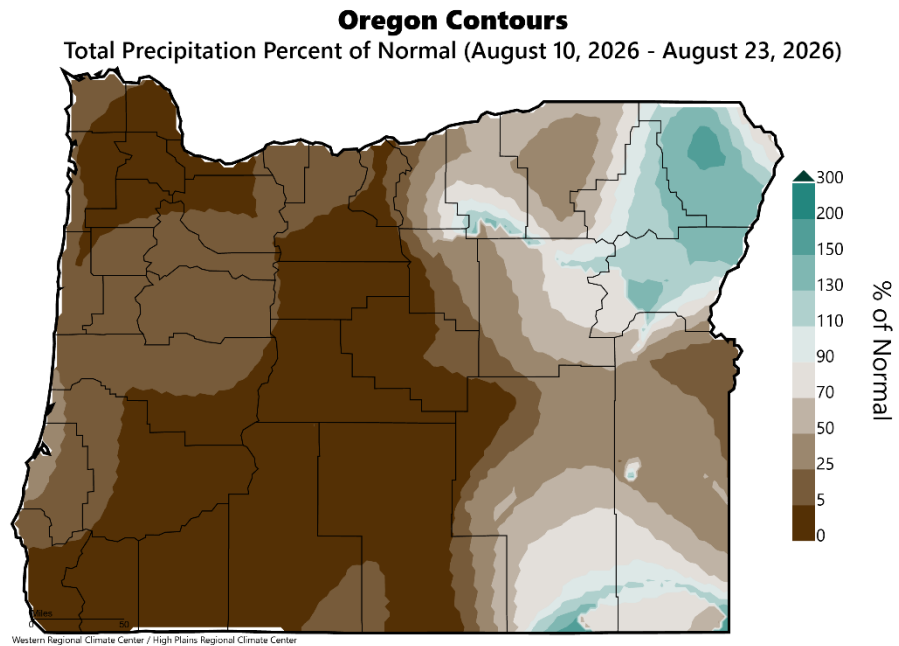
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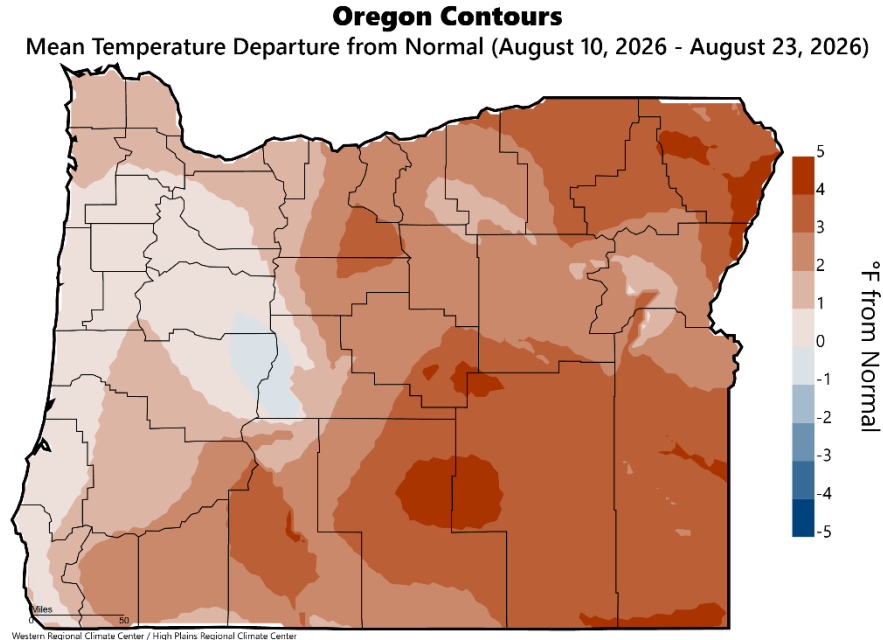


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Recent Conditions

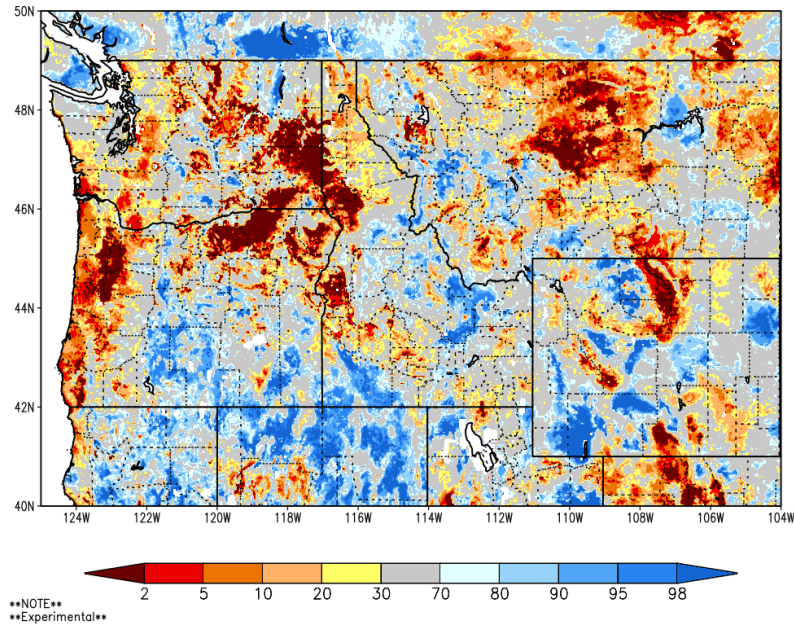


- Over the [past two weeks](#), precipitation was below normal for most of the state. In parts of northeastern and southeastern Oregon, precipitation was near to above normal.

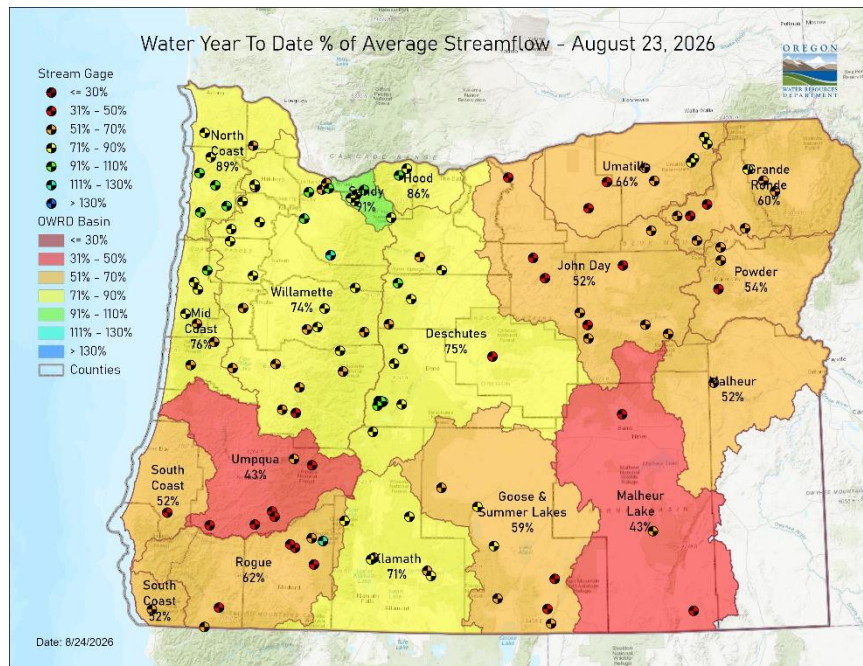


- Temperature conditions over the past two weeks were above normal for most of the state. In parts of central and eastern Oregon, temperatures were 3° F to 5° F above normal.

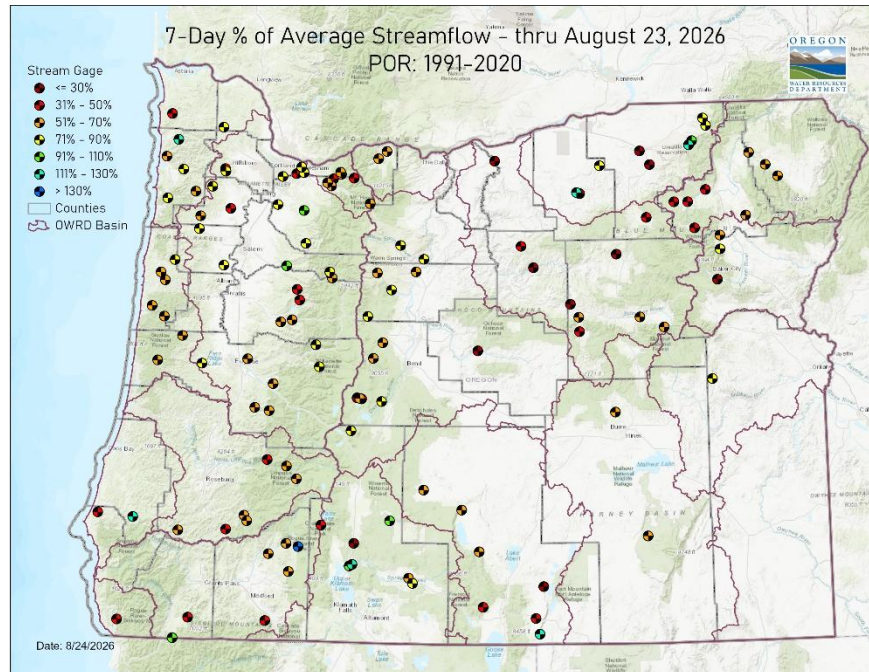
SPoRT-LIS 0–100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 24 Aug 2026



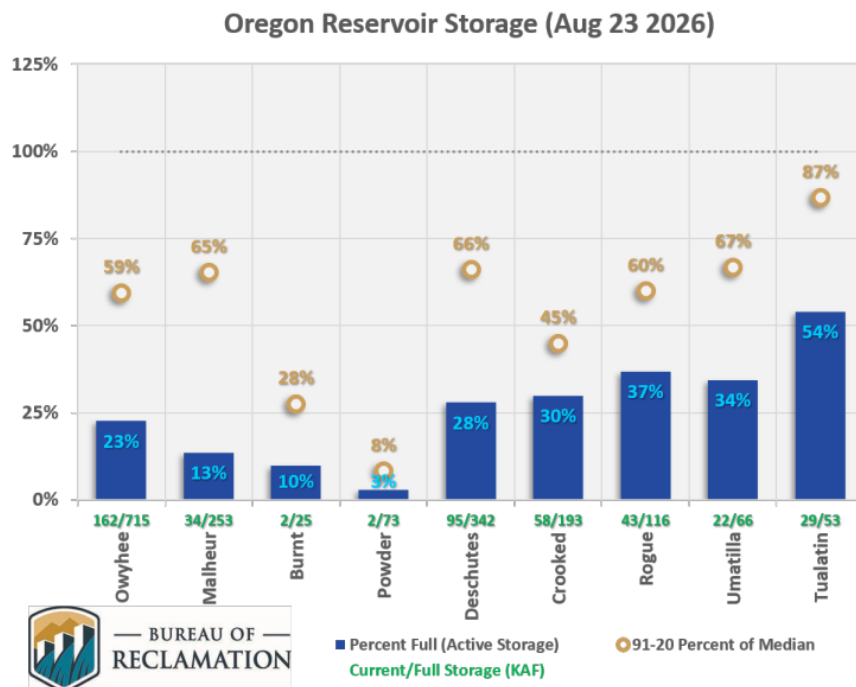
- Recent [soil moisture indicators](#) show that conditions are drier than normal in most of western and northeastern Oregon. For the remainder of the state, conditions are variable, ranging from drier than normal to wetter than normal.



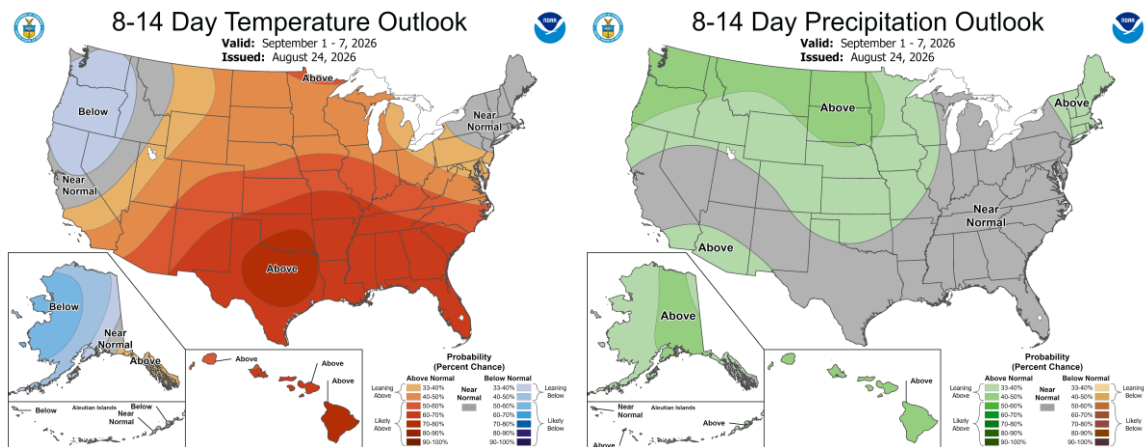
- As of August 23, water year-to-date streamflow conditions ranged from below to well below normal for most major basins in Oregon. Significant streamflow deficits have been recorded in parts of southwestern and eastern Oregon.



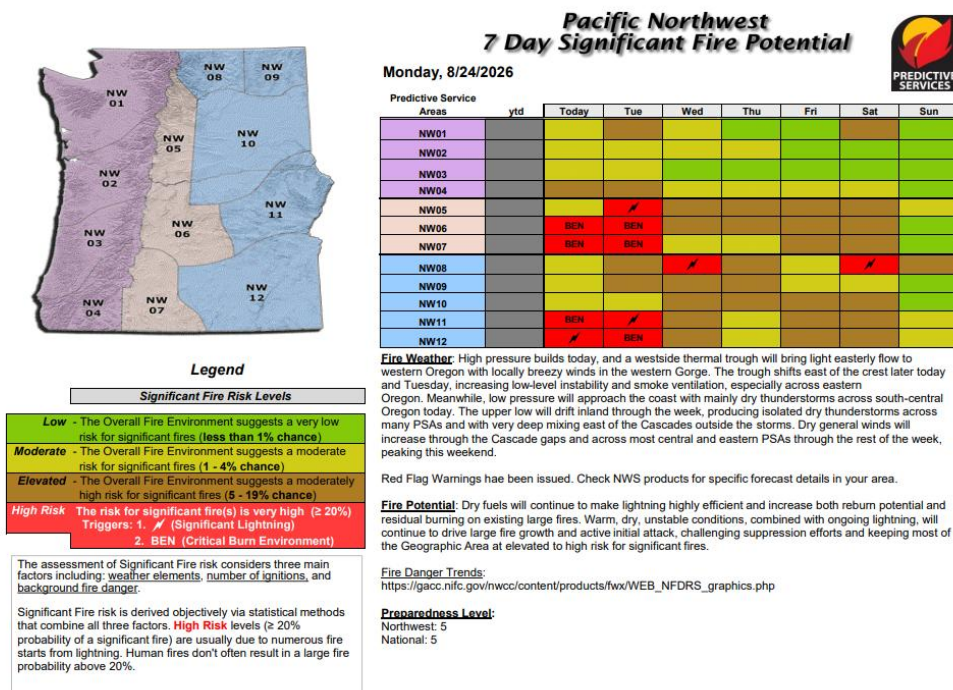
- As of August 23, [streamflow conditions](#) over the previous seven days ranged from below to well below normal for most of the state. Significant streamflow deficits were recorded in parts of northeastern, southwestern, and south-central Oregon.



- As of August 23, all USBR storage projects in Oregon were below normal. For more information on reservoir storage projects, refer to the [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) and the [US Bureau of Reclamation](#).



- The [8-14 day outlook](#) indicates probabilities leaning towards below-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation statewide.



- Significant [wildfire](#) potential is expected to range from low to moderate for most of western Oregon, with an elevated potential early in the week for southwestern Oregon. In central and eastern Oregon, wildfire potential is expected to range from moderate to elevated for most of the week with a high risk of wildfire potential on Monday (8/24) and Tuesday (8/25).

Additional Resources and References

Please visit [Oregon Water Resources Department's drought information page](#) to learn about current drought conditions, assistance programs, and potential drought tools.

If you are interested in submitting local drought-related conditions and impacts, please visit the [drought impacts toolkit](#) to learn more. [Click here](#) to visit the map of condition monitoring observer reports.

Released every Thursday, the [US Drought Monitor](#) provides a weekly assessment of drought conditions. The USDM provides a [network infographic](#) which depicts the network of observers who gather and report information about conditions and drought impacts.

The [WestWide Drought Tracker](#) uses data from [PRISM](#) to provide easy access to fine-scale drought monitoring and climate products, such as the figures depicting climate conditions within this report.

The National Weather Service's [Climate Prediction Center](#) offers [weekly](#), [monthly](#), and [seasonal](#) climate outlooks illustrating the probabilities of temperatures and precipitation.

The [Regional Climate Centers](#) (RCC) working with NOAA partners, deliver climate services at national, regional, and state levels. Climate [anomaly maps of Oregon](#) are updated daily at around noon PST.

NASA's [Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment](#) (GRACE) provide satellite-based observations of soil moisture conditions that are useful as drought indicators, helpful in describing current wet or dry soil conditions.

[USGS National Water Dashboard](#) provides maps of real-time and average streamflow conditions at USGS sites throughout the state.

Reservoir storage “teacup” diagrams are offered by both the [US Bureau of Reclamation](#) and [US Army Corps of Engineers](#). The diagrams represent the level of fill in the reservoirs as both percent full and as a ratio of volume of water currently in the reservoir to the volume of water in the reservoir when it is full.

Oregon wildfire information can be found through [InciWeb](#) and the Oregon Department of Forestry's [Wildfire News](#), along with the [Northwest Interagency Coordination Center](#) which offers outlooks on the significant wildland fire potential.

Oregon Office of Emergency Management maintains a [hydrology/meteorology dashboard](#) which shows state and local drought declarations, as well as hosts many of the data

sources to generate this report. Use the selection arrows at the bottom of your browser to navigate through the various sources.

US Department of Agriculture provides the [Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#) as a vital source of information on US and global weather, climate, and agricultural developments, along with seasonally appropriate agrometeorological charts and tables. USDA's [Drought Programs and Assistance](#) offers links to programs and resources to help those struggling with persistent drought.