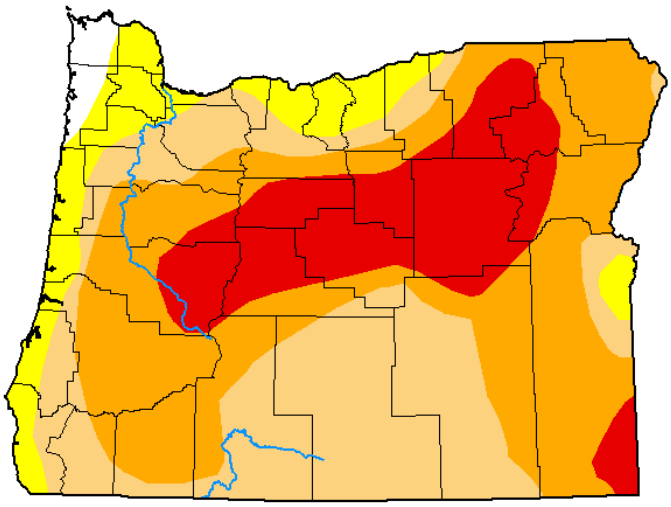
Oregon Drought and Water Conditions Report

November 16, 2026

Conditions at a Glance

- According to the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), as of November 10, 88% of Oregon is in some form of drought, with severe (D2) to extreme drought (D3) covering 57% of the state.
- Over the past two weeks, there have been no changes to the USDM depiction of drought conditions.
- To date, 22 Oregon counties have received state drought declarations under ORS 536.



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.48	98.52	88.30	57.58	20.07	0.00
Last Week 11-03-2026	1.48	98.52	88.30	57.58	20.07	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-11-2026	1.52	98.48	90.98	64.73	24.76	2.15
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	65.06	34.94	15.76	4.65	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2026	1.48	98.52	88.30	57.58	20.23	0.00
One Year Ago 11-11-2025	46.18	53.82	31.44	6.09	0.99	0.00

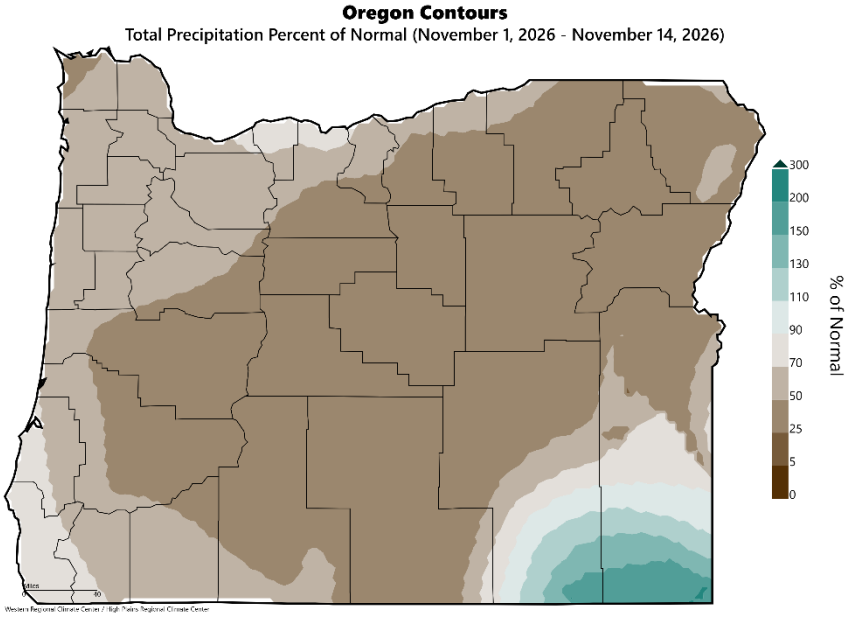
Intensity:
None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

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

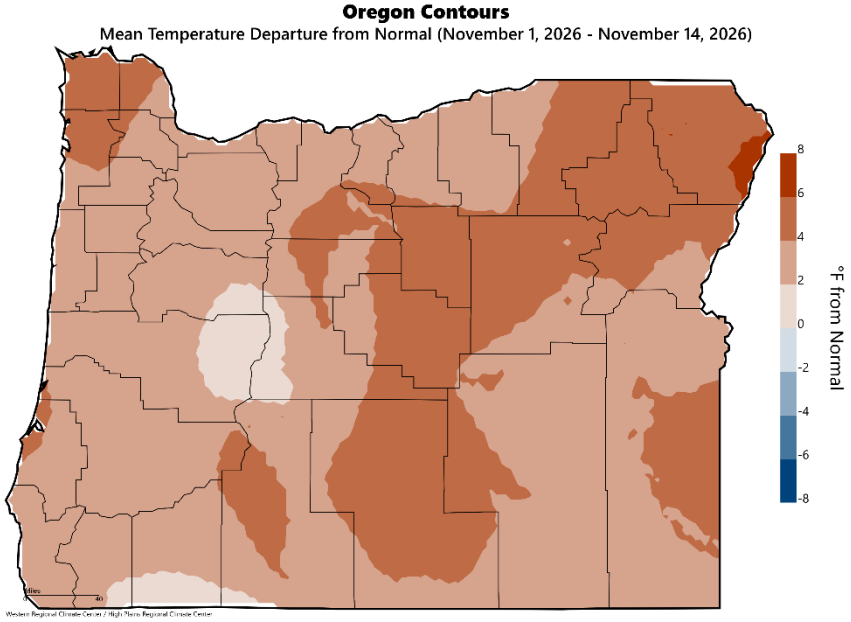
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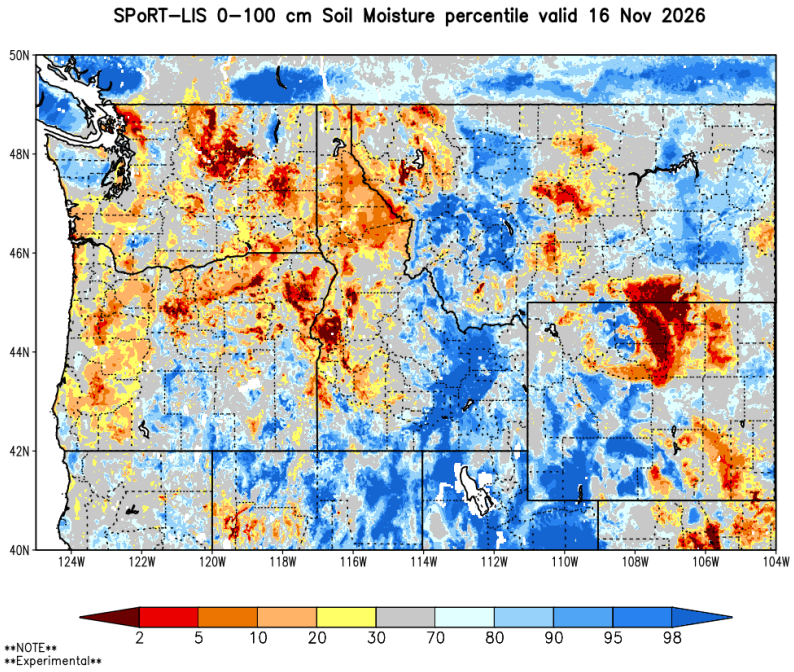
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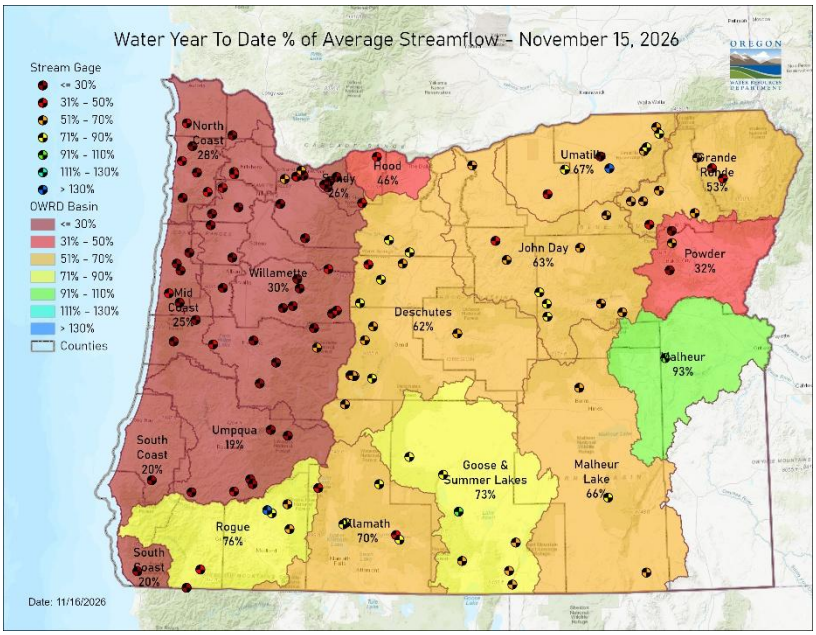
- Over the past two weeks, precipitation was below normal for most of the state. Deficits were generally 1 to 2 inches in western Oregon and up to 1 inch in central and eastern Oregon, while southeastern Oregon recorded near- to above-normal precipitation.



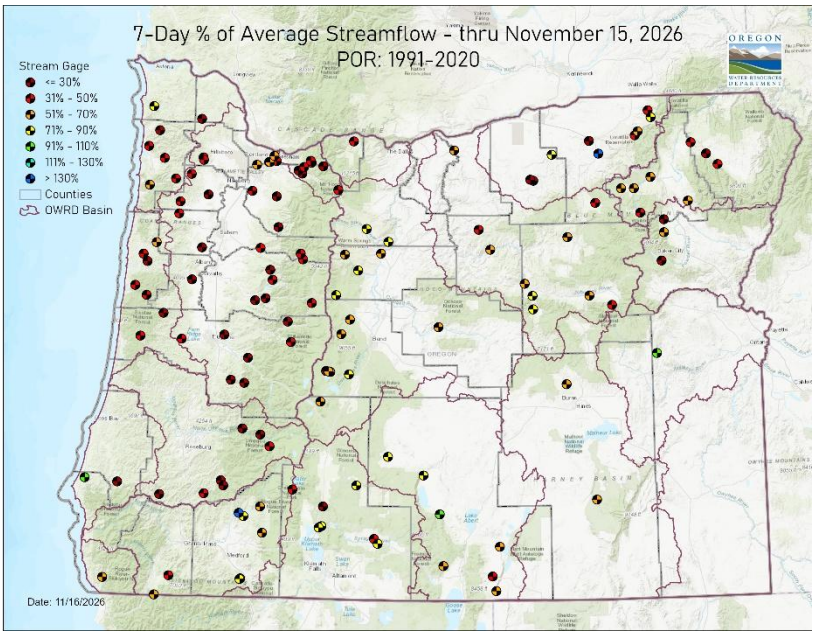
- Temperature conditions over the past two weeks were above normal statewide. For much of the state, temperatures were 2°F to 4°F above normal.



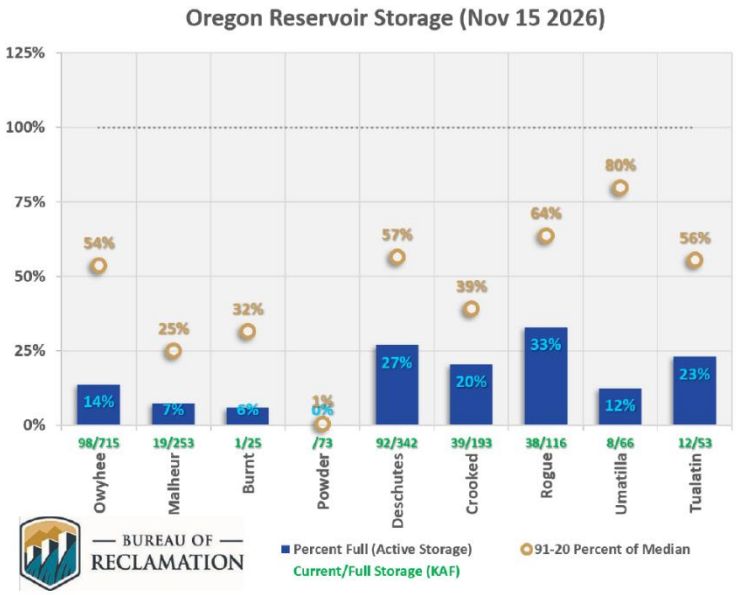
- Recent soil moisture indicators show variable rootzone (top 1 meter) moisture conditions across the state. Much of western, north-central, and northeastern Oregon is drier than normal, while parts of central and southeastern Oregon are wetter than normal.



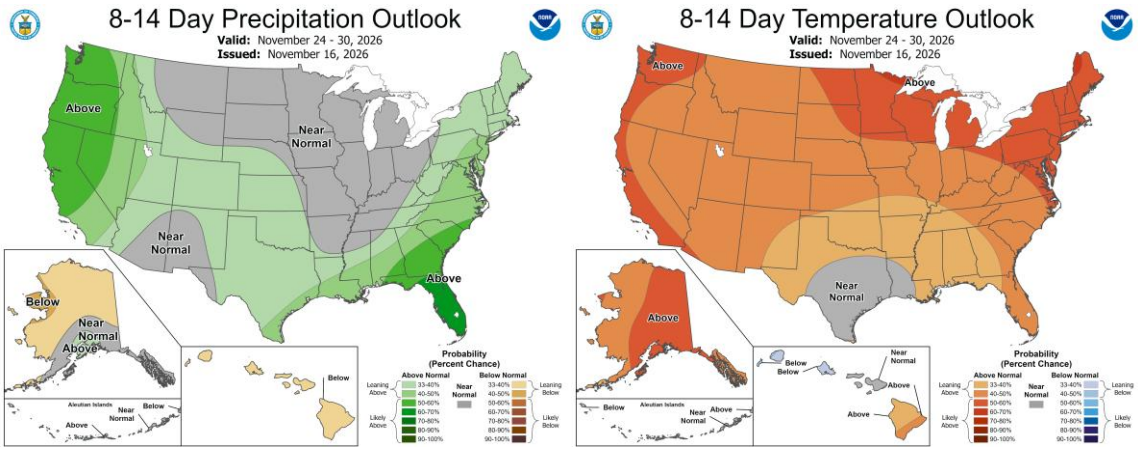
- As of November 15, water year-to-date streamflow conditions have been below normal for most of the state. Significant streamflow deficits have been recorded across most of western Oregon.



- Recent streamflow conditions over the last seven days (through November 15) were below normal statewide with significant streamflow deficits recorded across western Oregon.



- As of November 15, 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 above-normal precipitation is favored statewide. The outlook also indicates that above-normal temperatures are favored across much of Oregon, with stronger probabilities in western Oregon.

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.