

Drought in the NW Climate Hub Region

Drought conditions in Idaho, Oregon and Washington have continued to worsen, with all three states currently experiencing exceptional drought conditions (D4). Last week was the first time exceptional drought conditions had been declared for any part of Washington since 2000, the start of the U.S. Drought Monitor. Washington has declared a drought for much of the state, which allows the state to provide emergency drought relief. Idaho has also seen expansion of exceptional drought conditions in Blaine and Custer counties, and a new area with exceptional drought conditions in the western panhandle. Exceptional drought conditions have also expanded in northcentral Oregon.

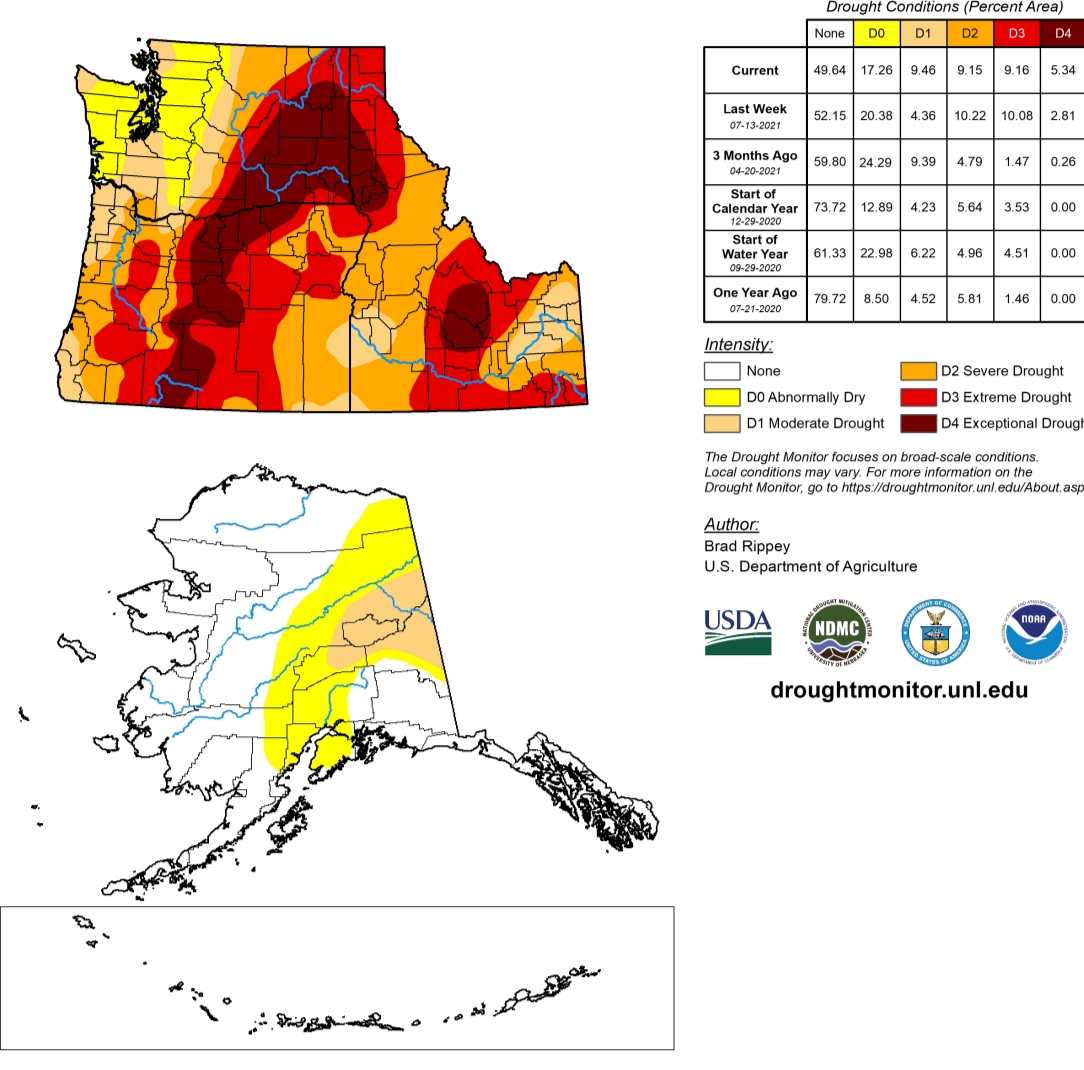
In Alaska, recent precipitation returned conditions to normal in areas of the North Slope. Abnormally dry conditions (D0-yellow) developed along the eastern border of the state to Southcentral Alaska including the Kenai Peninsula. Moderate drought conditions (D1-tan) developed this week in the Yukon Flats to Fairbanks.

- [Washington 2021 Drought page](#)
[Washington Drought Declaration](#)
- [Oregon directs state agencies to conserve their water use in response to drought conditions](#)
- [Northwest state-level drought information](#)

Are you seeing drought impacts, like trees with brown leaves, low stream levels, or damaged crops? Report these impacts to help the US Drought Monitor to understand the impacts of drought in your area.



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Did you or someone you know lose livestock or have crop damage after the extreme heat event?

Reach out to your local USDA Farm Service Agency county office to file a [notice of loss](#) due to drought, heat, or other related loss causes of either crops or livestock. Providing Farm Service Agency with this information will help identify current or future programs available from the USDA to potentially recover some of the financial losses. Click on your state and then county to find your local Farm Service Agency office.

National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook

The National Wildland Significant Fire Potential Outlook shows above normal significant wildland fire potential for most of Washington and all of Idaho and Oregon. Alaska is expected to have normal conditions. Maps will be updated on 1 August.

