



## **Oregon Snow Survey**

Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program





## Oregon Water Supply Availability Committee

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## **Snowpack Conditions**

Basin Map









Site Percentile – mid to end Dec





Site Percentile - start to mid January





### SWE Percentile (POR) WY 2023



**Natural Resources Conservation Service** 

Santa Fe



100 mi

WY 2023 Basin Charts

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service** 

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

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Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Basin Snowpack

Hood-Sandy-Lower Deschutes Basin Snowpack

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

#### Grande Ronde-Burnt-Powder-Imnaha Basin Snowpack

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

WY 2023 Basin Charts

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service** 

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

Malheur Basin Snowpack

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

WY 2023 Basin Charts

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

Harney Basin Snowpack ---- Median Snowpack - Current Snowpack Historic Range Basin Snowpack Index

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**Natural Resources Conservation Service** 

Klamath Basin Snowpack

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**Owyhee Basin Snowpack** 

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Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep

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## **Precipitation Conditions**

## **Water Year Precipitation**

**Basin Maps** 

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## Precipitation

Site Percentiles – Water Year

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## Precipitation

Site Percentiles – <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Month

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![](_page_14_Picture_1.jpeg)

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## **Percentile Ranking: SWE v. WY Precipitation** WY 2023

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## **Soil Moisture Conditions**

## **Soil Moisture**

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### **Soil Moisture** WY 2023 – Select Site Charts

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![](_page_18_Figure_3.jpeg)

### **Soil Moisture** WY 2023 – Select Site Charts

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## Thank you!

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Oregon Snow Survey Website

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# January 2023 Update for Precipitation, Temperatures, and River Forecasts

**NOAA National Weather Service** 

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# Water Year Precipitation

### As of December 12, 2022

### As of January 17, 2022

![](_page_22_Figure_4.jpeg)

water.weather.gov/precip/index.php

# Precipitation – Past 60 Days

#### Past 60 Days % Normal

NOAR

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Past 60 Days Departure from Normal

### Precipitation Data as of January 17, 2022

water.weather.gov/precip/index.php

Inches

16

12

-12 -16

8

![](_page_24_Picture_0.jpeg)

# Water Year Precipitation Prineville & The Dalles

![](_page_24_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### water.weather.gov/precip/index.php

#### 1/20/2023

#### weather.gov/portland & www.nwrfc.noaa.gov

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## **December Temperatures**

## **Departure from Normal**

### Percentile

![](_page_25_Figure_4.jpeg)

https://wrcc.dri.edu/wwdt/index.php?region=pnw

![](_page_26_Picture_0.jpeg)

# **Drought Monitor**

## U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

![](_page_26_Figure_3.jpeg)

## Map released: Thurs. January 12, 2023 Data valid: January 10, 2023 at 7 a.m. EST

### Intensity

![](_page_26_Figure_6.jpeg)

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# Mid January Outlook

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## **ENSO Status & Prediction**

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

https://iri.columbia.edu/our-expertise/climate/forecasts/enso/current/?enso\_tab=enso-sst\_table

## Climate Prediction Center Outlook January – March 2023

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

NOAR

## Climate Prediction Center Outlook March – May 2023

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

NOAA

![](_page_31_Picture_0.jpeg)

# NWRFC Update

### **NOAA National Weather Service**

1/20/2023

weather.gov/portland & www.nwrfc.noaa.gov

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< 25 25-50 50-75

75-90 0-110

10-125

25-150

150-175 > 175

## **Observed Runoff October – Present % of Average**

![](_page_32_Figure_2.jpeg)

## Forecast April – September % of Average

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

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## Natural Volume Forecast Crooked near Prineville

#### **CROOKED - NR PRINEVILLE (PRVO3)** Forecasts for Water Year 2023 Natural Forecast ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2023-01-17 Issued: 2023-01-17 Forecasts Are in KAF 30 Year Forecast % Average Period 90 % 50 % 10 % Average (1991-2020) APR-SEP 27 82 75 92 106 81 APR-JUL 27 106 75 92 JAN-SEP 96 244 174 146 84 JAN-JUI 96 146 84 243 174 OCT-SEP 102 153 80 250 191 КAF Experimental Seasonal Volumes, HEFS with 15 days EQPF Ensemble: 2023-01-17 Issued: 2023-01-17 APR-SEP 27 74 90 114 82 APR-JUL 27 74 91 114 81 JAN-SEP 99 246 174 148 85 JAN-JUL 148 85 245 174 99 OCT-SEP 105 154 81 252 191 Reference ESP with 0 Days QPF Ensemble: 2023-01-17 Issued: 2023-01-17 APR-SEP 79 97 129 82 APR-JUL 79 97 128 81 JAN-SEP 105 159 91 263 174 JAN-JUL 105 159 91 262 174 OCT-SEP 112 165 86 269 191 Move the mouse over the desired "Forecast Period" to display a graph

#### Natural Volume Forecasts **CROOKED - NR PRINEVILLE** Period OCT to SEP -- Water Year 2023 ESP10 396 Exeedence 346 Probability and Ensemble MIN/MAX 296 MAX $\diamond$ 10% 246 25% 196 50% 146 75% 90% 96 MIN 46 — 30yr Normal (190.9 KAF) \_ OCT NOV DEC JAN Date of Ensemble Most Recent Forecast for ESP10: Issued Date 01/17/2023 Plot Created 01/17/2023 04:09 PST

https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=PRVO3

![](_page_35_Picture_0.jpeg)

Volume, KAF

## Monthly Natural Volumes Crooked near Prineville Apr – Sep = 92% of normal WY = 80 % normal

Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2023 (PRV03) CROOKED - NR PRINEVILLE

![](_page_35_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=PRVO3


Volume, KAF

#### Monthly Natural Volumes Ochoco Creek below Dam near Prineville Apr – Sep = 59% normal WY = 44% normal

Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2023 (OCHO3) OCHOCO CREEK - BLO OCHOCO DAM NR PRINVILLE



#### https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=OCHO3



#### Monthly Natural Volumes Willamette R at Salem Apr – Sep = 86% normal WY = 72% normal

Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2023 (SLMO3) WILLAMETTE - AT SALEM



https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=SLMO3



#### Monthly Natural Volumes Rogue R near Raygold Apr – Sep = 82% normal WY = 76% normal

Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2023 (RYGO3) ROGUE - AT RAYGOLD



https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=RYGO3



### Monthly Natural Volumes Umatilla R near Umatilla Apr – Sep = 81% normal WY = 74% normal

Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2023



(UMAO3) UMATILLA - NEAR UMATILLA

https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=UMAO3



### Monthly Natural Volumes Owyhee R at Owyhee Dam Apr – Sep = 96% normal WY = 115% normal

Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2023



https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/natural/plot/nat\_forecasts.php?id=OWYO3



### Monthly Natural Volumes Owyhee R at Owyhee Dam

	2023 Schedule for Live Water Supply Briefings							
Jan	Feb Mar		Apr	Мау	Jun			
5	2	2	6	4	TBD			
All presentations held at 10:00am PDT/PST, unless noted otherwise								
Click here for Registration Information								

Info: https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/water\_supply/ws\_schd.cgi?version=20190204v1 Webinar Registration: https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/9001532798339394573



### Oregon Water Supply Availability Meeting January 2023

Part Provide Street Street W 1987

U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey

USGS Update on Surface Water Conditions Carrie Boudreau & Marc Stewart Oregon Water Science Center

## **Streamflow Conditions**

#### 28-day Average Streamflow (as compared to Historical Record)

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Not-ranked

High

Monday, January 16, 2023



	Explar	nation - F	Percent	ile classe	s
		•			
<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	1

Monday, December 12, 2022



## **Streamflow Conditions**

7-day Average Streamflow (as compared to Historical Record)

Monday, January 16, 2023



		Explan	nation - F	Percent	ile classe	s	
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Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	11.4	Not-ranked
LOW	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above	Much above normal	High	





### Northeastern OR







Explanation - Percentile classes							
lowest- 10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile -highest	Flow		
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal			

## Jefferson County, OR



## Northwestern OR







E	xplana	tion - Pe	ercentile	classes		
lowest- 10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile -highest	Flow	
Much below	Below	Normal	Above	Much above		

### Southwestern OR

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Explanation - Percentile classes						
lowest- 10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile -highest	Flow	
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		



## Klamath





E	xplana	tion - Pe	ercentile	e classes	
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lowest- 10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile -highest	Flow
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

### **Southeastern OR**





Explanation - Percentile classes							
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lowest- 10th percentile	10-24	25-75	76-90	90th percentile -highest	Flow		
Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal			



#### US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, OREGON WATER SCIENCE CENTER WATER AVAILABILITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022

		Monthl disc	y mean harge	Change in dis- charge	Accumulated Runoff For the Period
Station	NRCS SWSI Basin	Cubic feet per second	Percent of average	previous month (percent)	Percent of average
Donner Und Blitzen nr Frenchglen	Harney	51	94	59	81
(*)Deep Creek above Adel	Lake County	19	30	90	33
(*)Chewaucan River near Paisley	Lake County	44	63	33	71
Williamson River near Chiloquin	Klamath	581	79	12	83
Owyhee River near Rome	Owyhee	167	54	27	64
(*)NF Malheur River near <mark>B</mark> eulah	Malheur	61	103	30	94
Grande Ronde R at Troy	Grande Ronde Powder/Burnt	1,220	76	10	85
Umatilla River nr Gibbon	Umatilla Lower John Day	178	82	50	90
John Day River at Service Crk	Upper John Day	489	51	40	57
(*)Little Deschutes River nr LaPine	Upper Deschutes	58	45	9	49
Hood River nr Hood River	Lower Deschutes Mt.Hood	908	71	21	73
Willamette River at Salem	Willamette	25,200	60	43	68
Wilson <mark>R</mark> iver near Tillamook	North Coast	2,810	105	118	80
Umpqua River near Elkton	Rogue/Umpqua	9,180	67	252	63
Rogue River near Agness	Rogue/Umpqua	5,000	56	163	59
SF Coquille River at Powers	South Coast	1,870	103	600	78
Chetco River near Brookings	South Coast	4,620	88	1,044	62



All data should be considered provisional and subject to revision. Percent of average computed using 30-year base period, water years 1991-2020. (\*) provided by Oregon Water Resources Department





Map of below normal 14-day average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of year



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Not ranked



	E	xplanat	tion - Pe	rcentile	classes	5	
lowest- 10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile -highest	Runoff
Much below	Normal	Below	Normal	Above normal	Much a	bove normal	





### **Drought Declarations**



 Jefferson County submitted official drought declaration request

 Crook County declared drought locally and expected to submit official declaration request

























 Water year streamflow well below average in nearly all basins (some uncertainty due to potential for ice and snowpack)

• Exceptions in Umatilla, South Coast

• Jefferson and Crook Counties request state drought declarations under ORS 536



#### OREGON



WATER RESOURCES D E P A R T M E N T

## **QUESTIONS?**

Emigrant Dam June 12, 2008

# Reclamation Storage Update

Oregon Water Supply Availability Committee Meeting January 18, 2023

# **Basin Operations Summary**

#### • Operations Activities:

- Most reservoirs are releasing winter minimums to continue filling
- FRM operations ongoing at Scoggins

#### Water Supply Notes

- Inflows increased at most facilities with wet weather
- Much below normal storage content in the southern, central and southeastern basins (Rogue, Deschutes, Crooked, Malheur, Powder, Owyhee) => but did see storage increases this month
- Above normal and higher storage content than WY2022 in the northern basins (Unity, McKay, Scoggins)
- January 1 runoff forecasts came in near average to slightly below average



# **Storage Conditions**



#### **Oregon Reservoir Storage (Jan 16 2023)**



# **Owyhee River Basin**



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jun: 572 kaf (108% of 91-20 Ave)


# **Malheur River Basin**



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jun: 109 kaf (94% of 91-20 Ave)



## **Malheur River Basin**



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jun: 84 kaf (105% of 91-20 Ave)



# **Malheur River Basin**





#### January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jun: 31 kaf (105% of 91-20 Ave)

### **Burnt River Basin**







#### **Powder River Basin**



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jul: 69 kaf (97% of 91-20 Ave)





# **Deschutes River Basin**







#### **Crooked River Basin**



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Aug: 155 kaf (85% of 91-20 Ave)



#### **Crooked River Basin**



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jun: 35 kaf (88% of 91-20 Ave)



# **Rogue River Basin**





# **Umatilla River Basin**

01/16/2023



January 1 Runoff Forecast: Jan-Jun: 70 kaf (100% of 91-20 Ave)



#### **Tualatin River Basin**





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Hyatt Dam June 13, 2008