Oregon Water Conditions Report

December 1st, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

According to the US Drought Monitor, over 31% of Oregon is experiencing moderate drought (D1), just over 6% is experiencing severe drought (D2), and just under 1% is in extreme drought (D3).

Snow water equivalent (SWE) in every basin across the state is currently measuring well below the historical median (min = 3%, max = 39%).

Precipitation over the past 30 days has been below normal across most of the state, especially in parts of southwestern, central, and eastern Oregon. Over the last two weeks, most of the state also recorded below normal precipitation, with deficits of 0.75 to 3 inches in western and parts of central Oregon.

Temperatures over the past 30 days have been above normal statewide, generally ranging from 2°F to 6°F above normal. Over the last two weeks, most of the state remained warmer than normal, with near normal temperatures recorded only in small parts of western and central Oregon.

Recent soil moisture indicators show drier-than-normal conditions across most of western Oregon and in some parts of central and eastern Oregon. Some areas in central and eastern Oregon are wetter than normal. Over the last two weeks, soil moisture conditions have had some improvement, especially in western Oregon.

The seasonal climate outlook indicates probabilities leaning towards above normal precipitation in central and eastern parts of the state and equal chances of below normal, normal, or above normal precipitation for the rest of Oregon. The outlook also indicates probabilities leaning towards below normal temperatures in northern parts of the state and equal chances of below normal, normal, or above normal temperatures for the rest of Oregon.

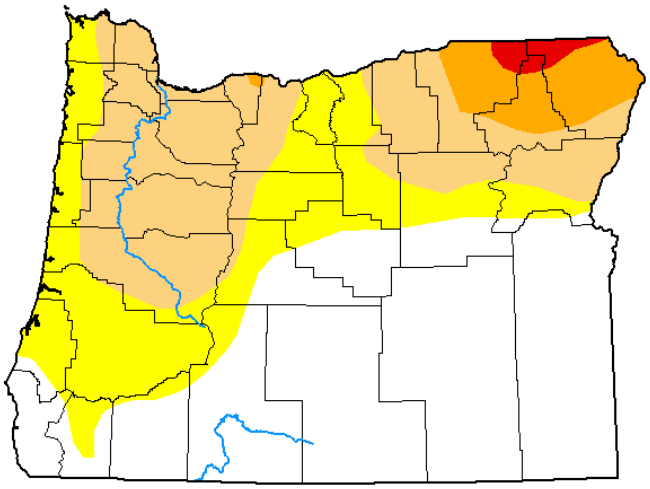
Streamflow conditions in November were below normal in western, northeastern, and in parts of central Oregon. The rest of the state recorded normal to above normal streamflow conditions. Recent streamflow conditions over the last seven days have been below to well below normal for most of the state with some normal to above normal streamflow conditions recorded in parts of central and eastern Oregon.

Reservoir storage in many basins is near to above normal. However, projects in the Burnt, Powder, Tualatin, and Umatilla basins are measuring below normal. See USBR (including Klamath) and USACE teacup diagrams for more information.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS

U.S. Drought Monitor

Oregon



November 25, 2025

(Released Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.18	53.82	31.44	6.09	0.99	0.00
Last Week *11-18-2025*	46.18	53.82	31.44	6.09	0.99	0.00
3 Months Ago *08-26-2025*	23.38	76.62	54.98	31.99	0.69	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-07-2025*	88.40	11.60	1.29	0.00	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 *11-26-2024*	45.38	54.62	11.23	0.00	0.00	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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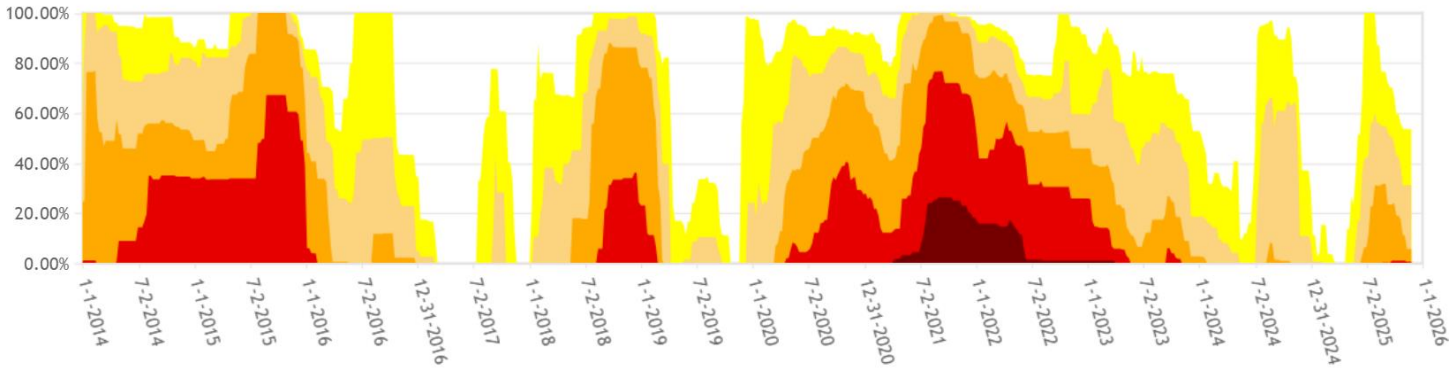
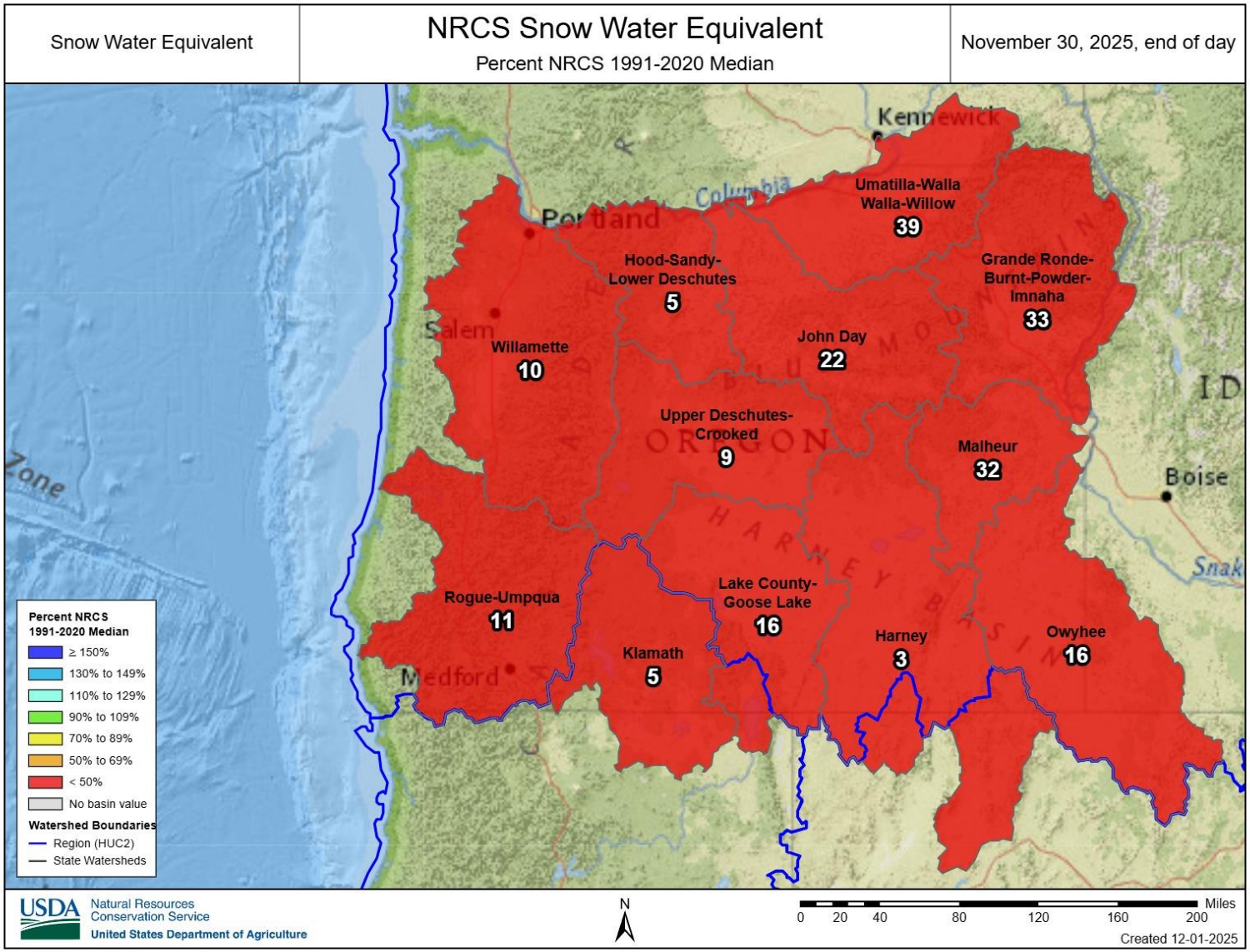
Oregon Percent Area in U.S. Drought Monitor Categories



From the U.S. Drought Monitor website, https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/TimeSeries.aspx, 12-1-2025

CLIMATE CONDITIONS

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT



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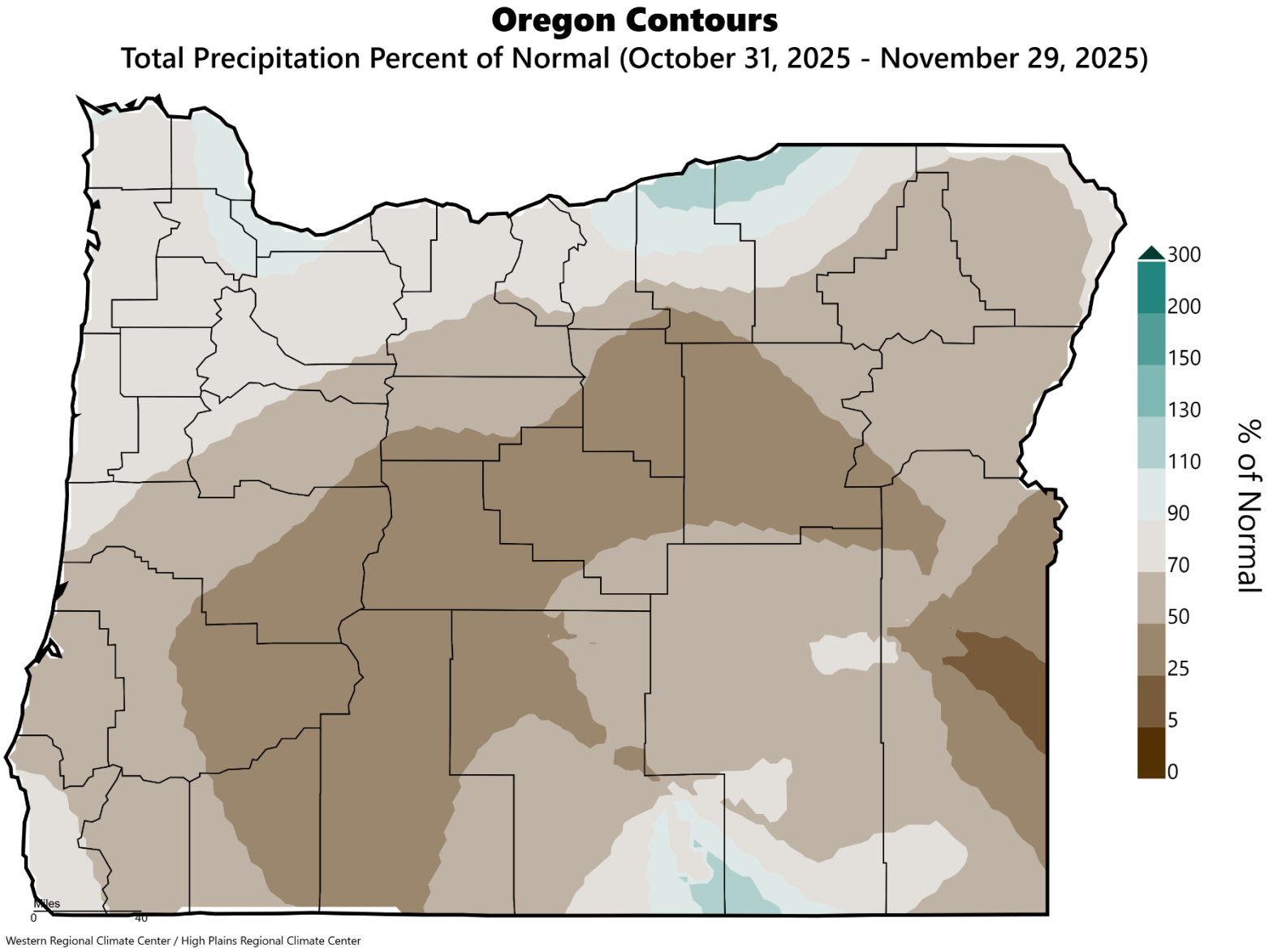

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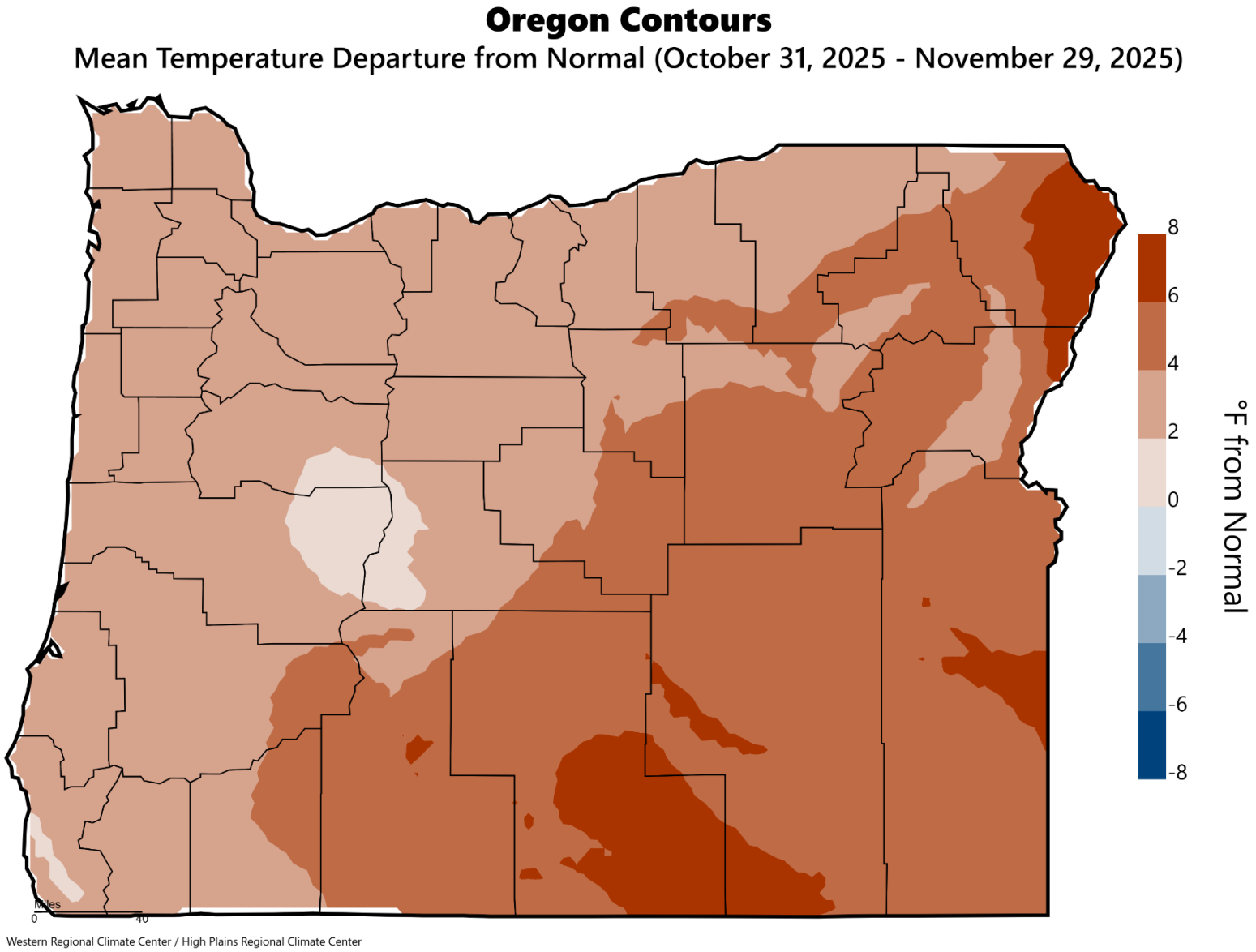
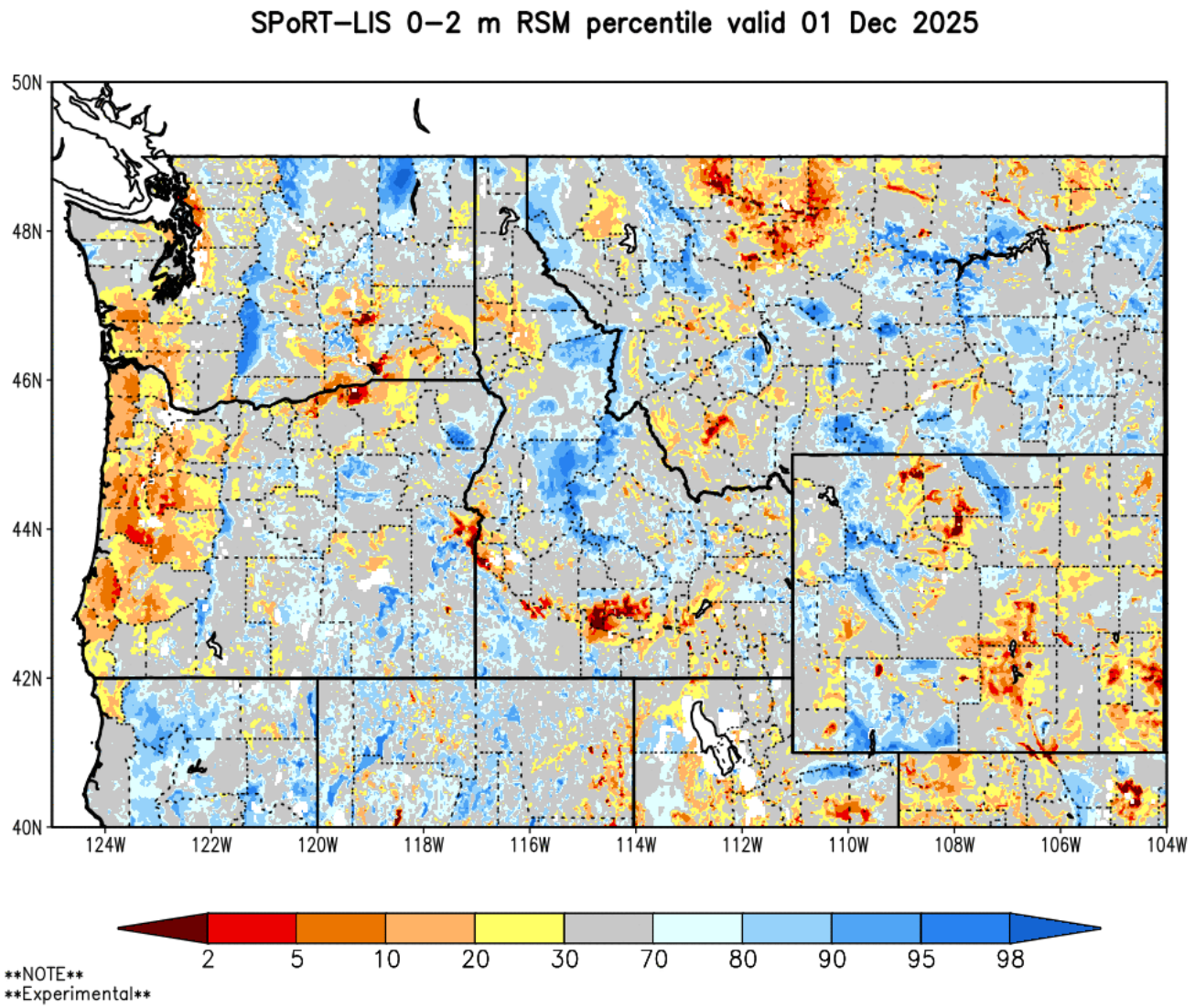
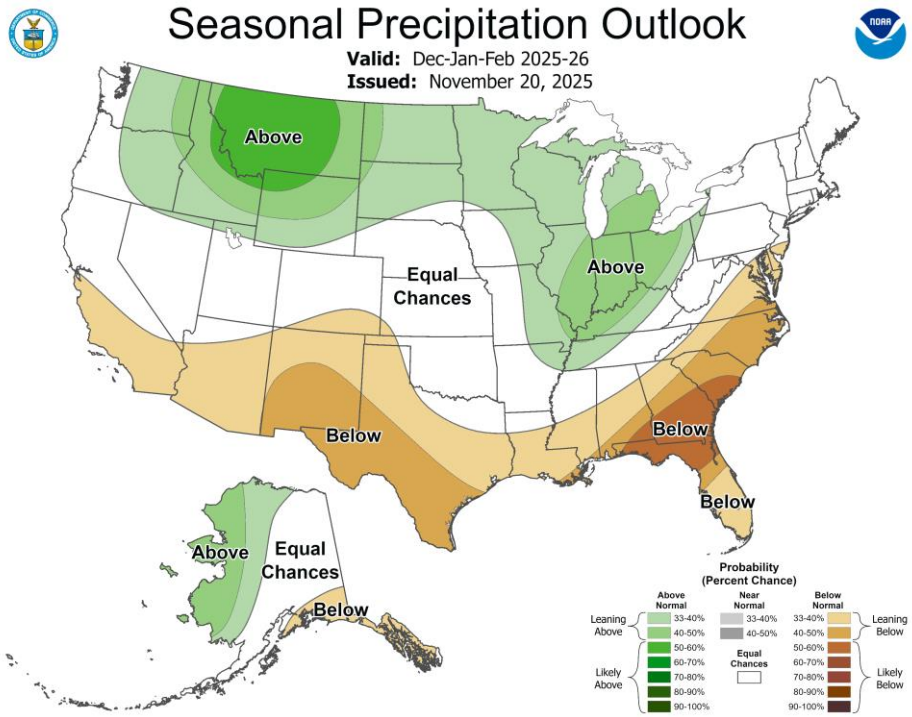
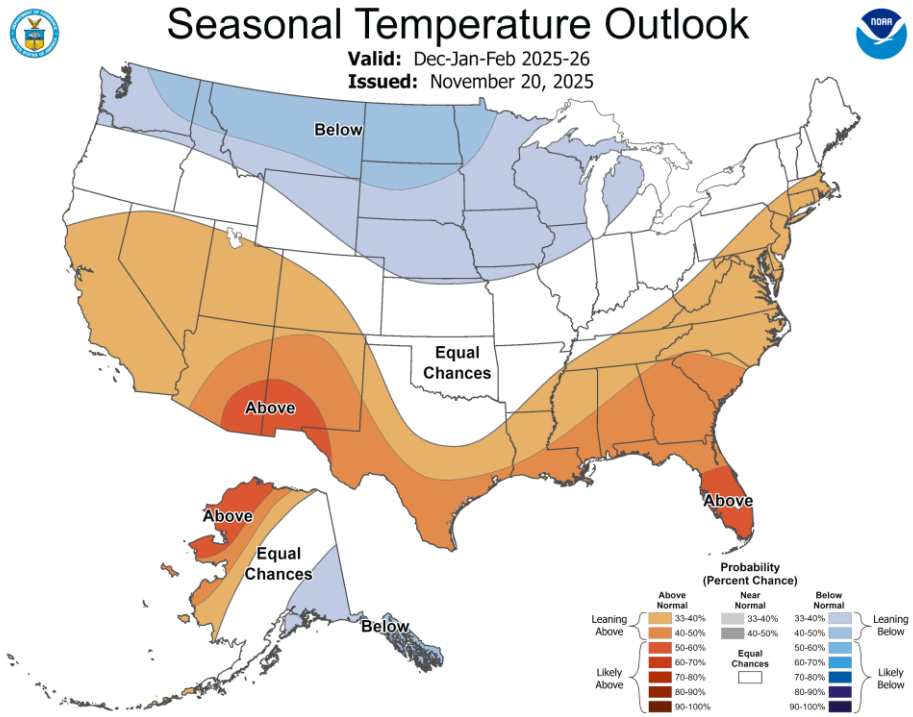


SOIL MOISTURE



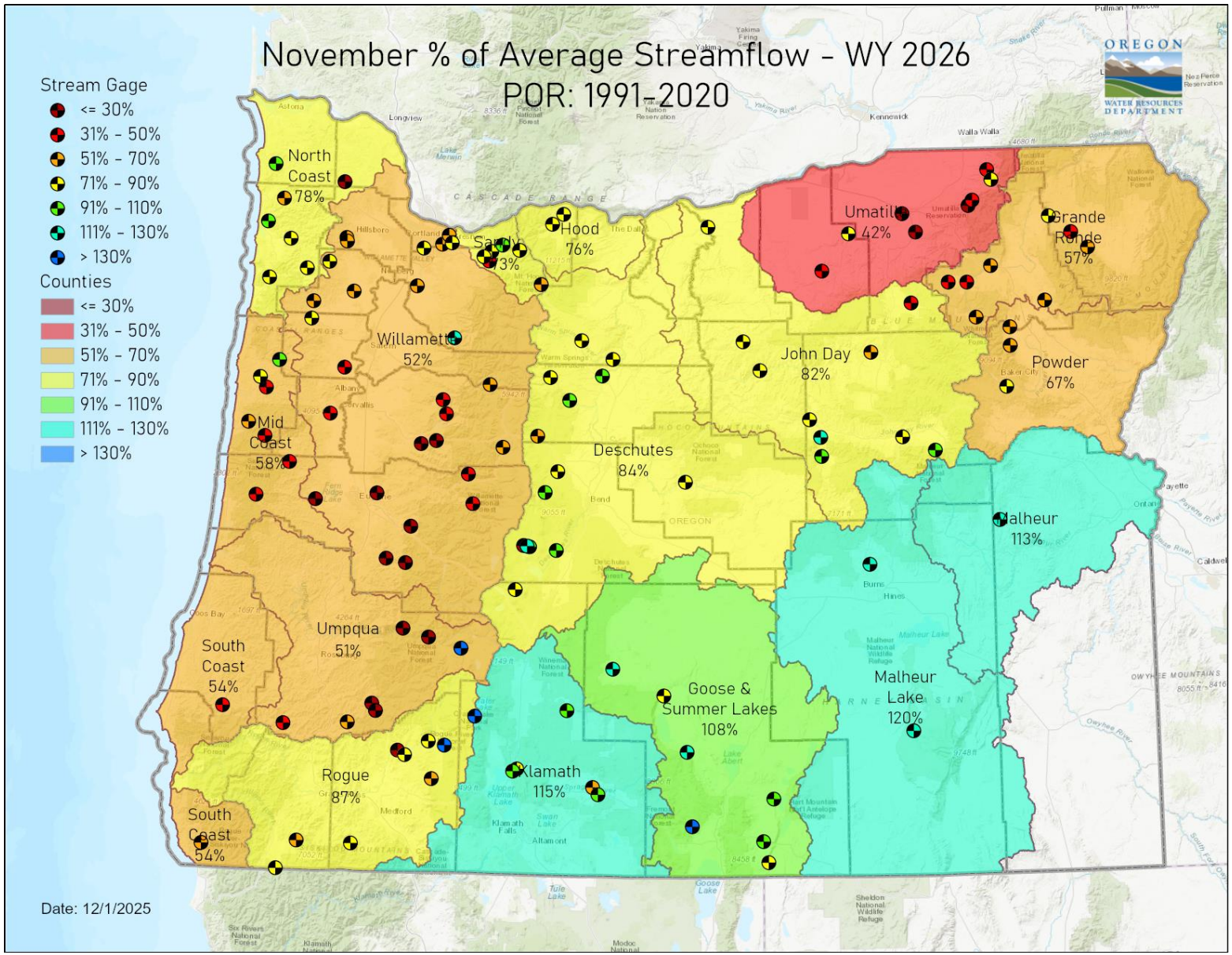
CLIMATE OUTLOOK



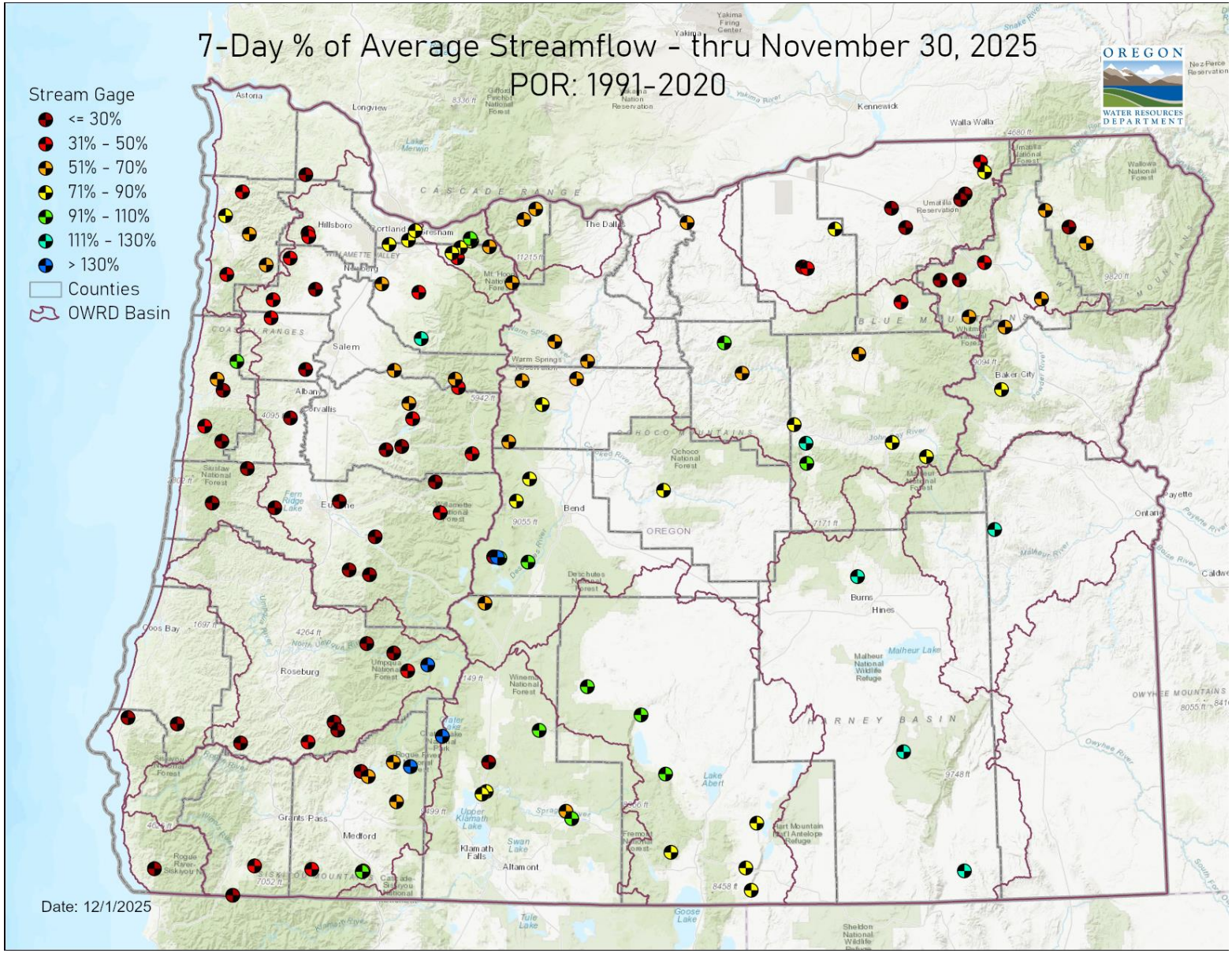


STREAMFLOW

NOVEMBER



7-DAY AVERAGE



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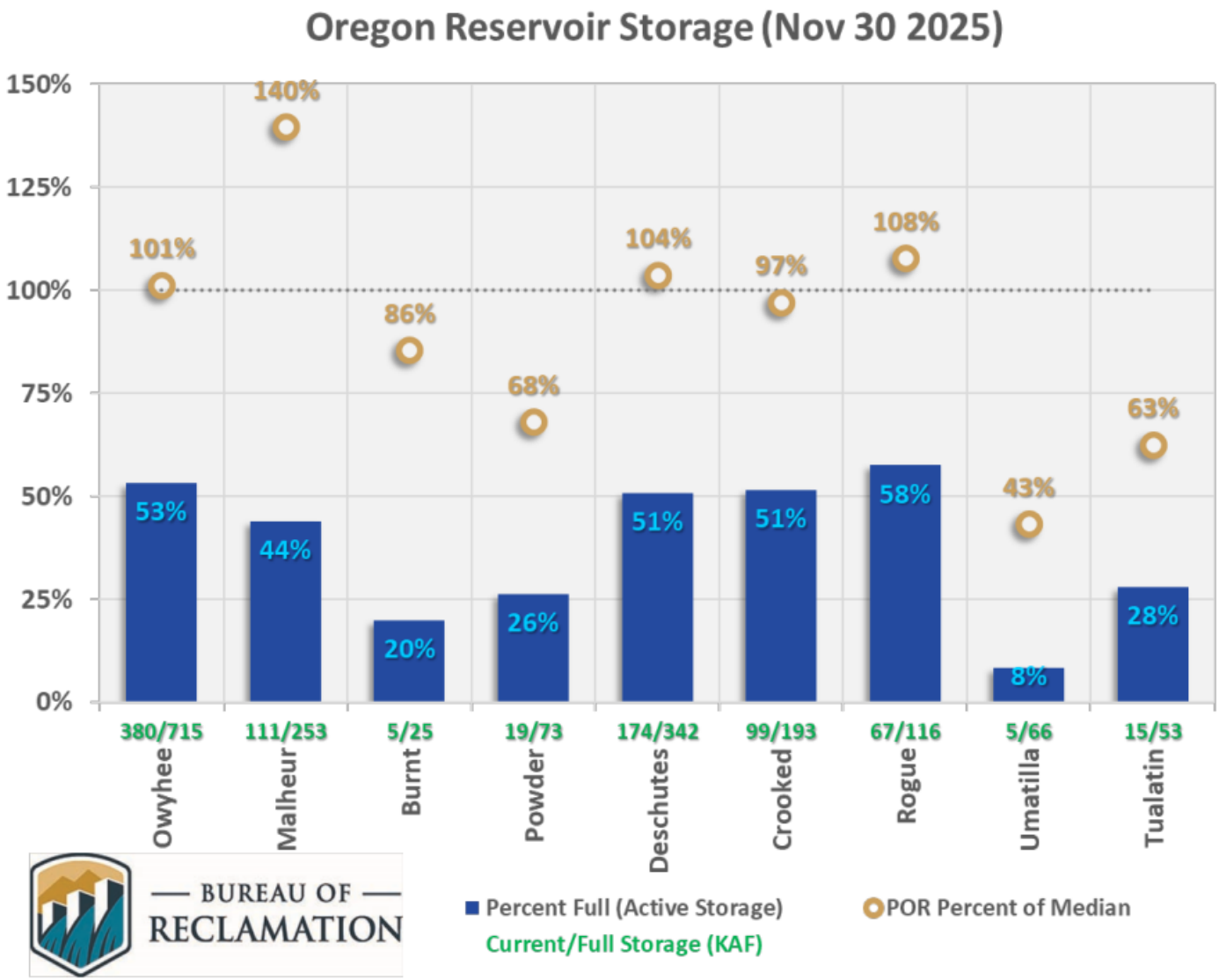
Oregon Reservoir Storage (Nov 30 2025)
150%
125%
100%
75%
50%
25%
0%
101%
140%
86%
68%
104%
97%
108%
63%
43%
53%
44%
20%
26%
51%
51%
58%
8%
28%
380/715
111/253
5/25
19/73
174/342
99/193
67/116
5/66
15/53
Owyhee
Malheur
Burnt
Powder
Deschutes
Crooked
Rogue
Umatilla
Tualatin
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Percent Full (Active Storage)
POR Percent of Median
Current/Full Storage (KAF)

RESOURCES/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 Water Watch 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 National Interagency Fire 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.