Oregon Water Conditions Report

April 20th, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

According to the US Drought Monitor, over 63% of Oregon is experiencing moderate (D1) to severe drought (D2), with a very small portion of southeastern Oregon in extreme drought (D3). Over the last two weeks, D1 and D2 expanded into southwestern and southeastern Oregon.

Snow water equivalent (SWE) in basins across the state is currently measuring well below the historical median (min = 0%; max = 30%). Statewide, SWE is 14% of the historical median.

Over the past two weeks, precipitation was generally near to above normal across much of the state, with eastern Oregon receiving above- to well-above-normal precipitation, ranging from 0.5 to 2 inches above normal. In parts of central and southwestern Oregon, precipitation was below normal, with deficits of 1 to 2 inches.

Temperatures over the past two weeks were generally above normal statewide, ranging from 1°F to 3°F above normal. In parts of southwestern and central Oregon, temperatures were 3°F to 4°F above normal.

Recent soil moisture indicators show that conditions are drier than normal across much of southwestern Oregon and in parts of north-central and northeastern Oregon. Elsewhere in the state, conditions are generally normal or wetter than normal with some isolated pockets of drier-than-normal conditions.

The near-term climate outlook indicates probabilities leaning towards below-normal precipitation in northwestern Oregon, above-normal precipitation for much of eastern and south-central Oregon, with near-normal precipitation for the rest of the state. The outlook also indicates probabilities leaning towards above-normal temperatures statewide.

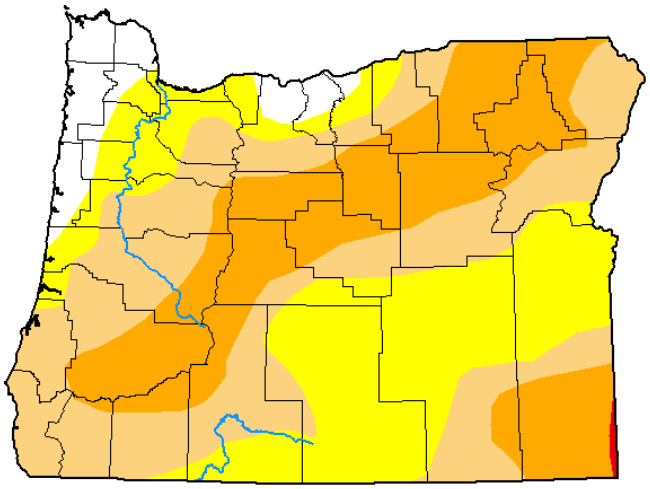
Recent streamflow conditions over the last seven days have generally been below normal for much of the state. In parts southern and north-central Oregon, streamflow conditions have been below to well below normal. However, in parts of the Cascade Range, Blue Mountains, and Wallowa Mountains, streamflow conditions have been near to above normal. Water year-to-date streamflow conditions are below normal for most of the state, most notably in some basins in southwestern and northeastern Oregon.

Reservoir storage in many basins is near to above normal. However, projects in the Burnt, Powder, Deschutes, Crooked, 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



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.00	94.00	63.48	28.86	0.20	0.00
Last Week *04-07-2026*	6.05	93.95	63.45	28.86	0.20	0.00
3 Months Ago *01-13-2026*	64.82	35.18	15.76	4.65	0.00	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 *04-15-2025*	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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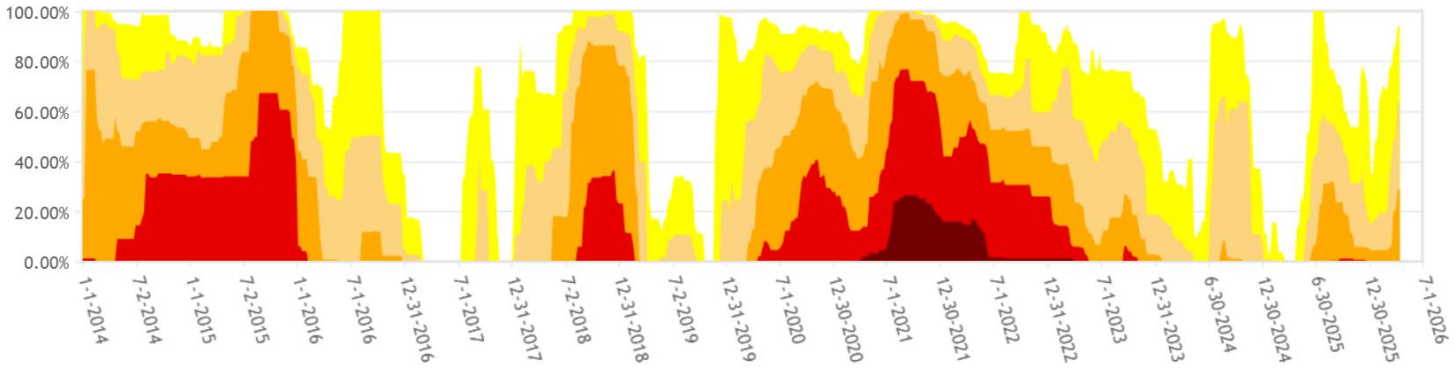
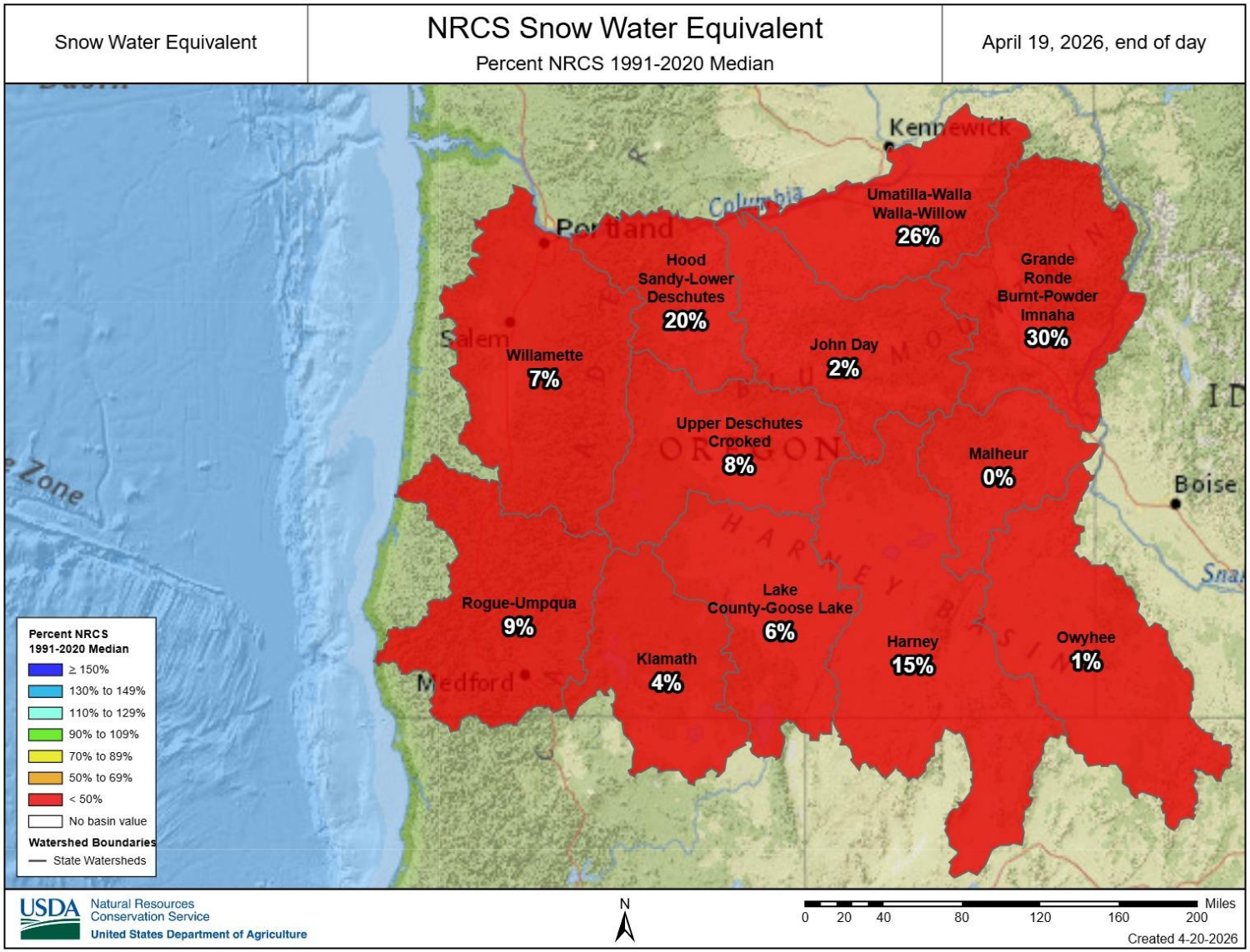
Oregon Percent Area in U.S. Drought Monitor Categories



From the U.S. Drought Monitor website, https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/TimeSeries.aspx, 4-20-2026

CLIMATE CONDITIONS

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT



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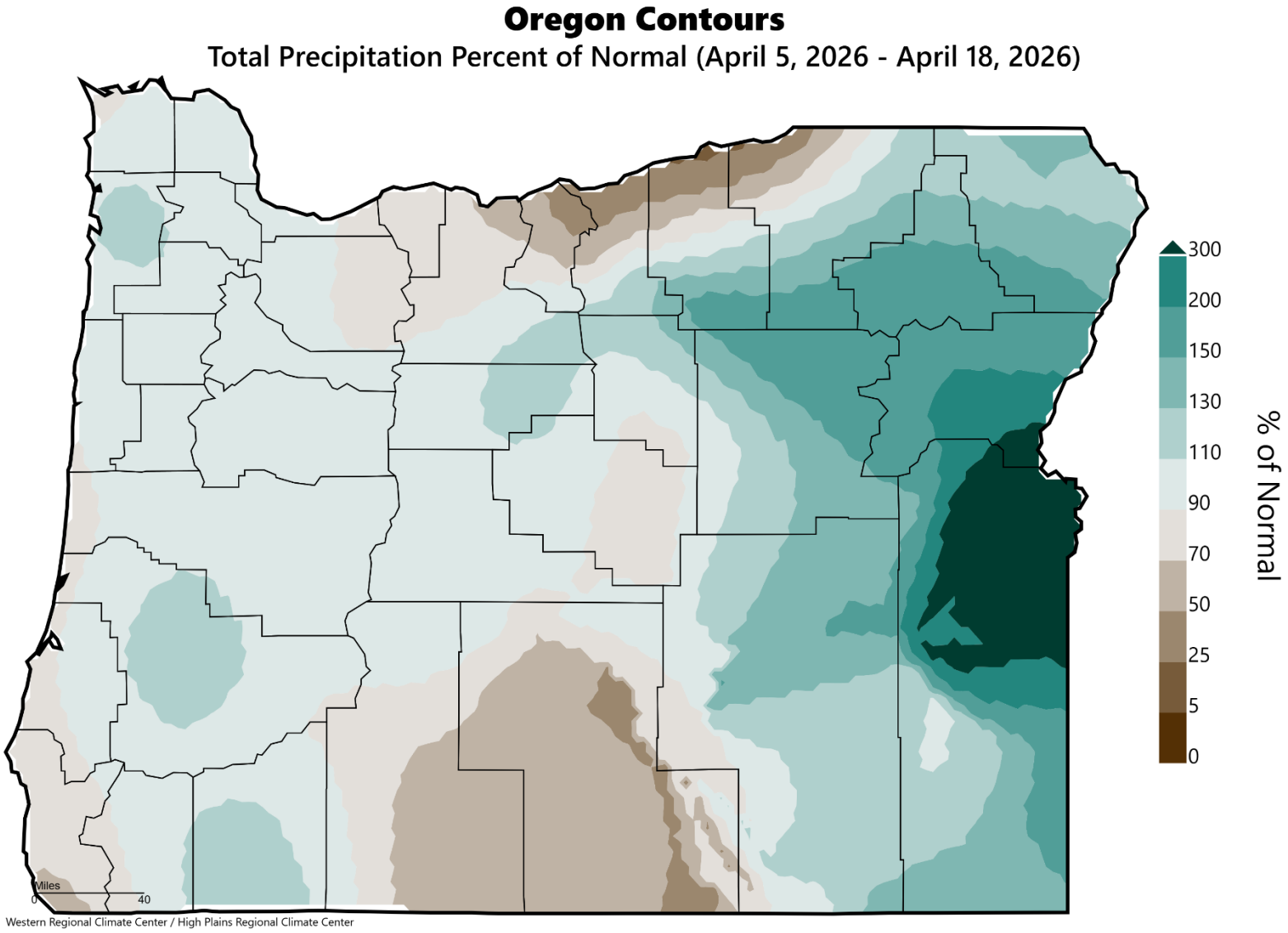

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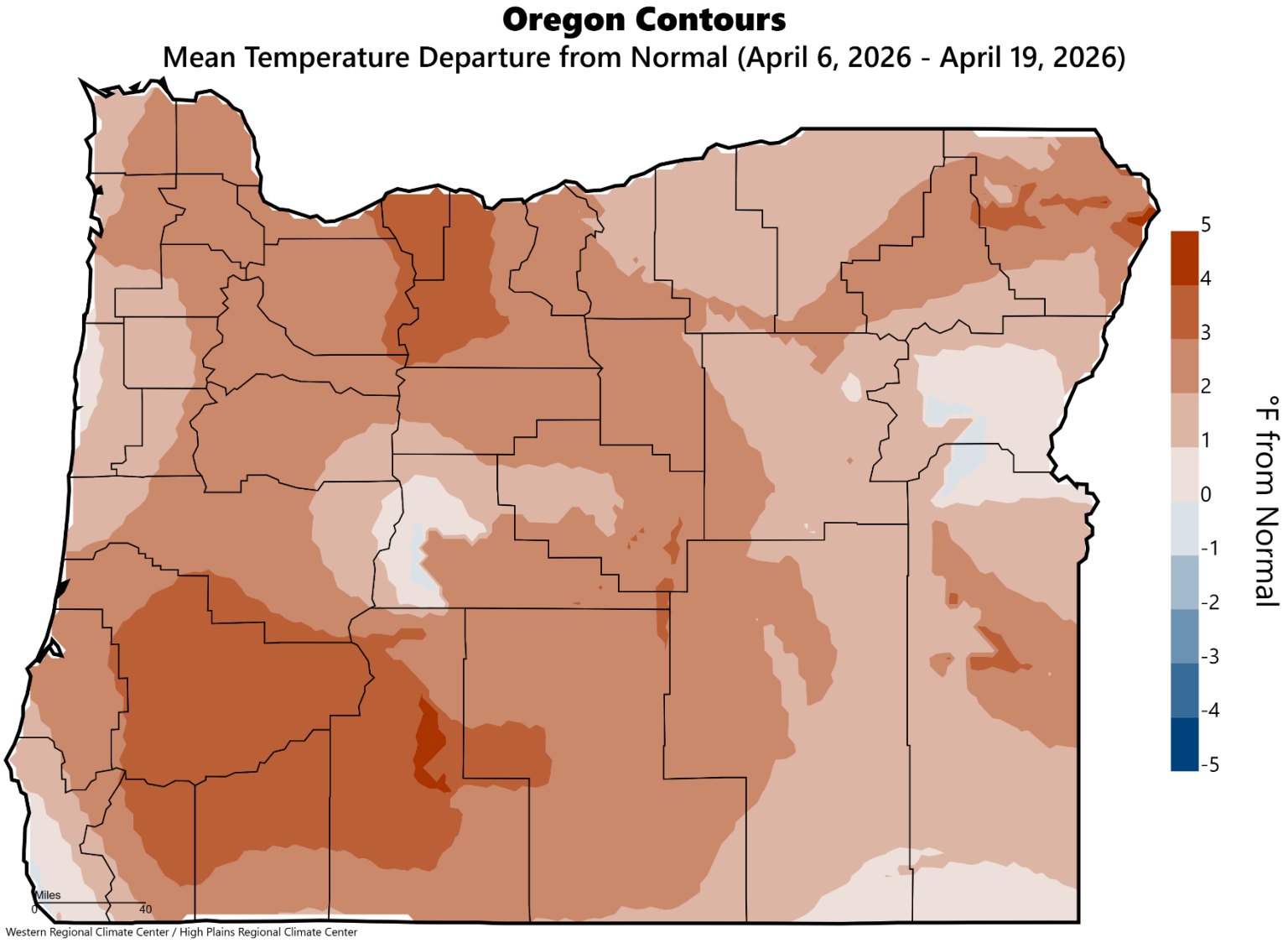

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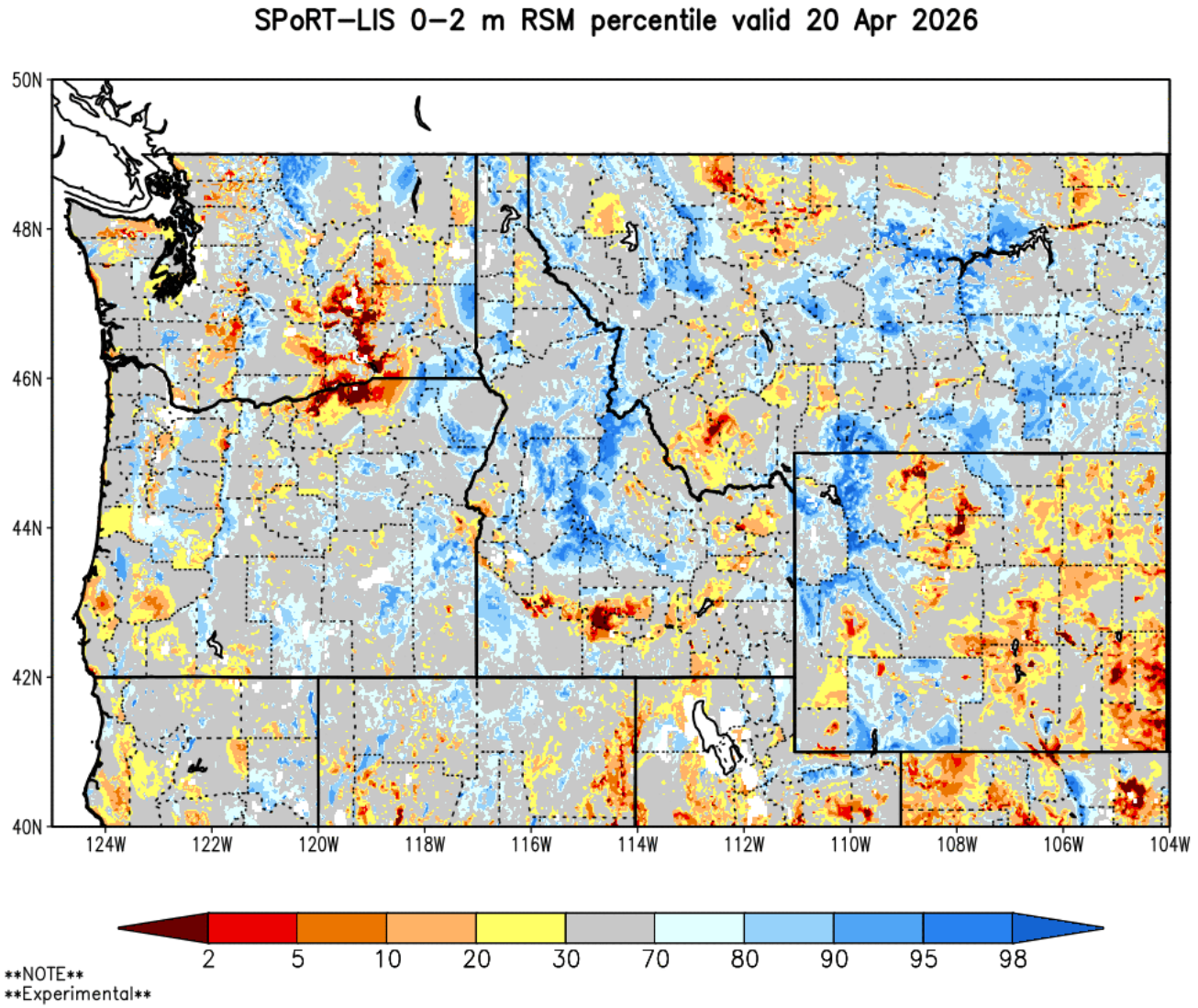
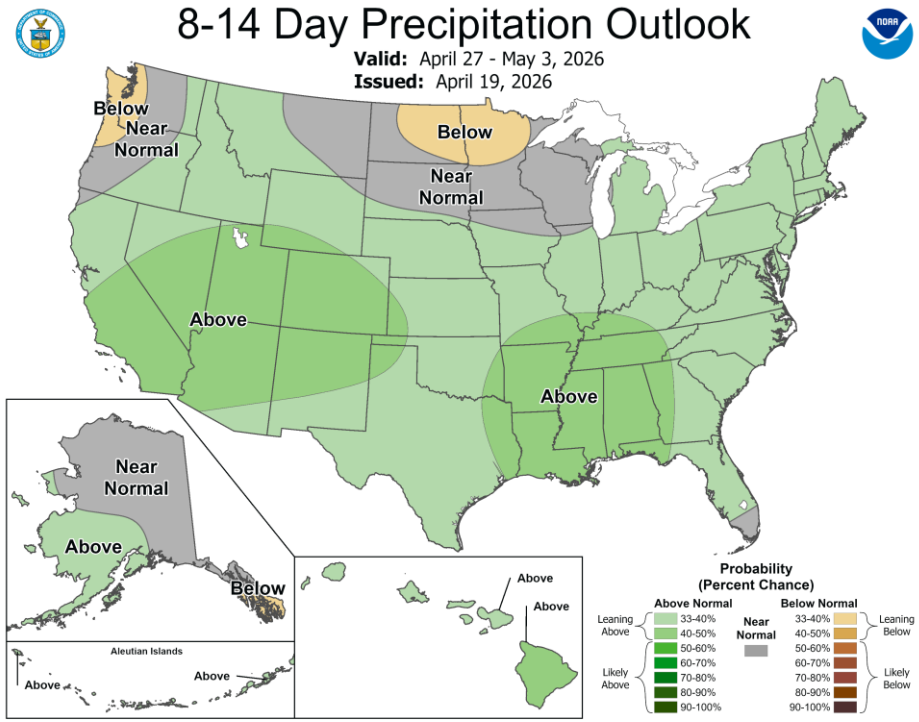
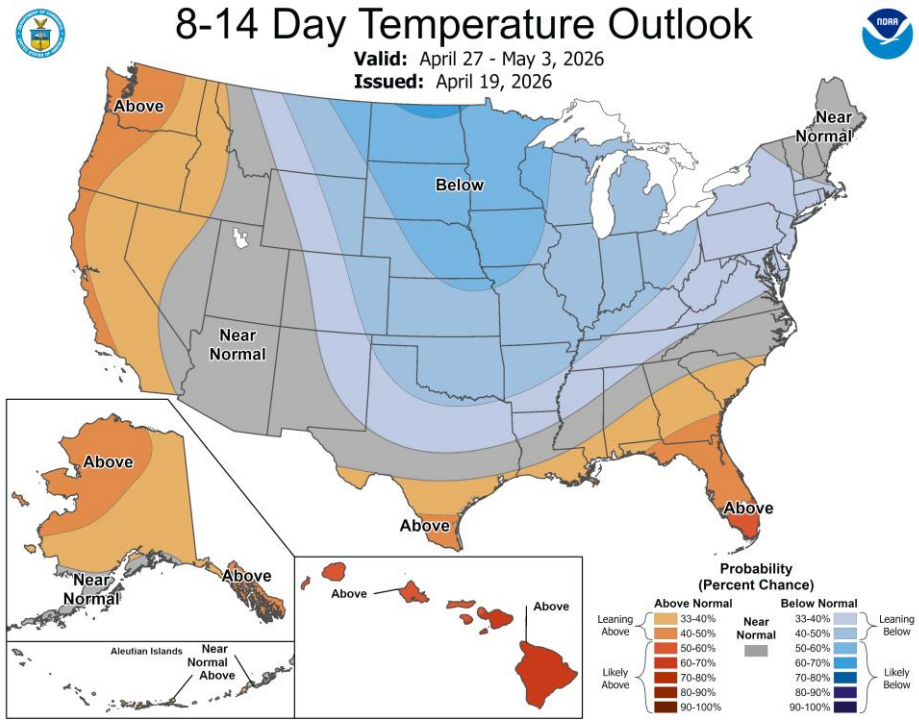


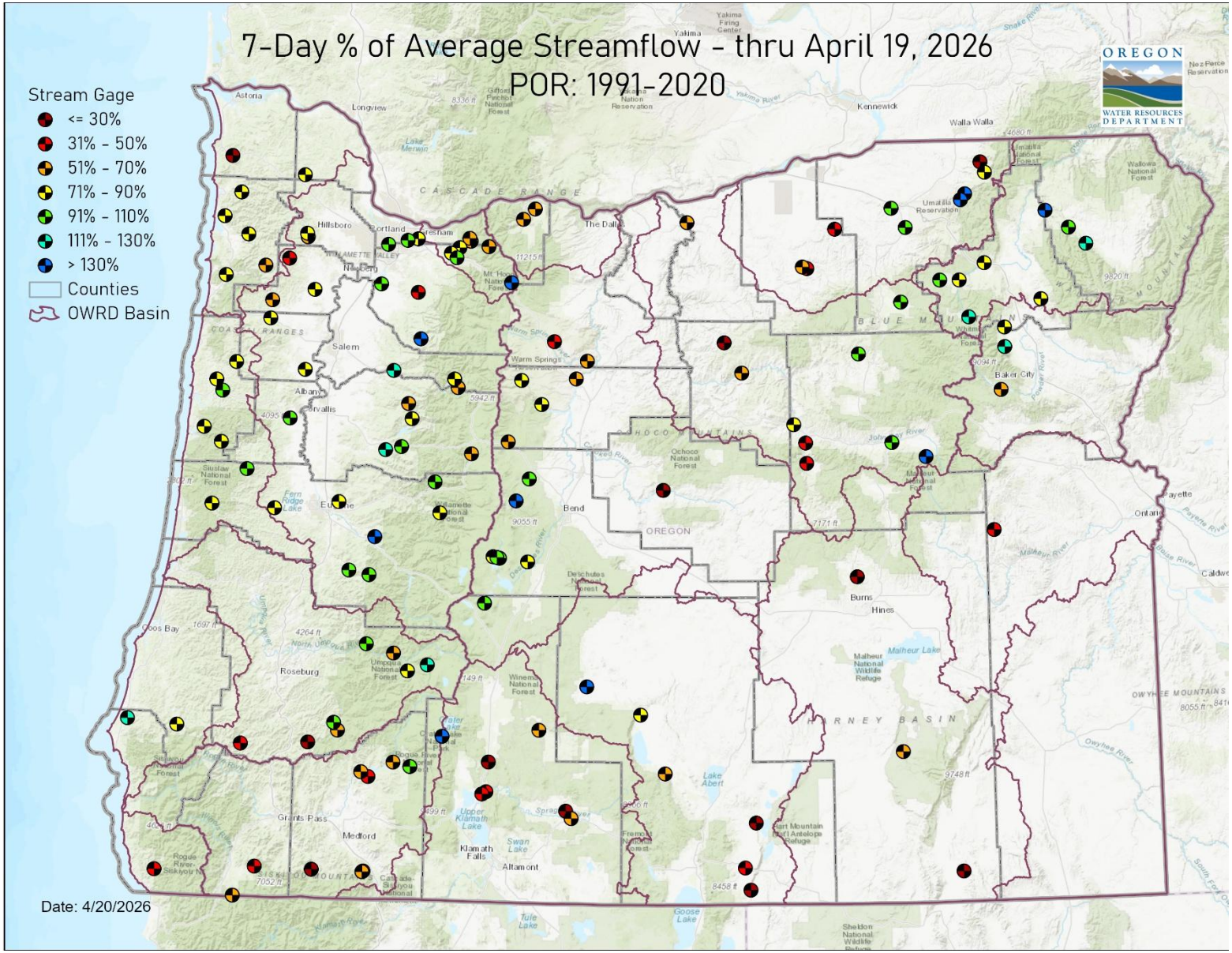
CLIMATE OUTLOOK



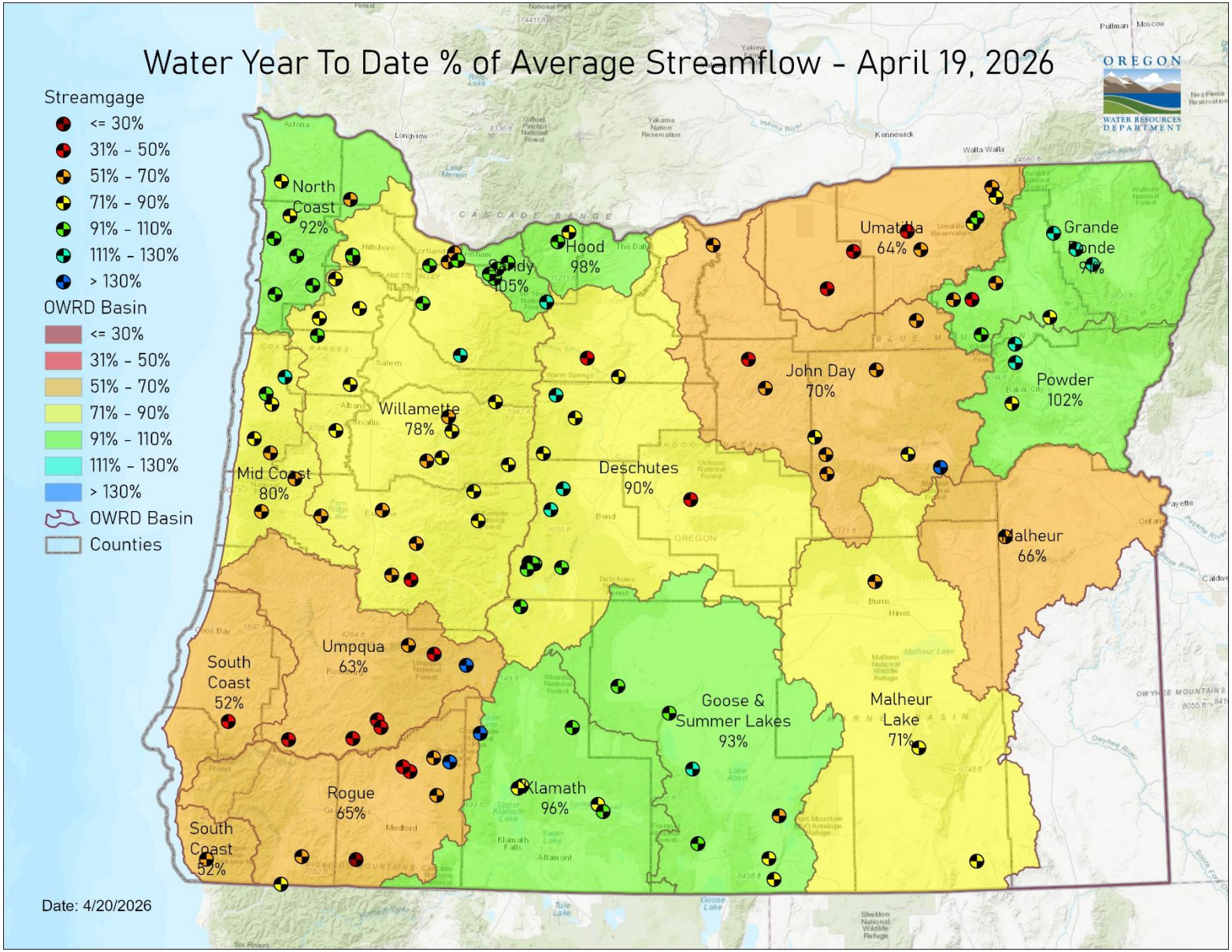


STREAMFLOW

7-DAY AVERAGE



WATER YEAR-TO-DATE



STORAGE


Oregon Reservoir Storage (Apr 19 2026)
125%
100%
75%
50%
25%
0%
93%
95%
77%
74%
88%
75%
95%
66%
100%
65%
71%
75%
43%
76%
69%
71%
63%
99%
464/715
179/253
19/25
32/73
258/342
133/193
83/116
41/66
53/53
Owyhee
Malheur
Burnt
Powder
Deschutes
Crooked
Rogue
Umatilla
Tualatin
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Percent Full (Active Storage)
91-20 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.