

OREGON WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK AS OF FEBRUARY 11th, 2020

The water supply forecast for the spring and summer of 2020 is near to above average for north-east Oregon, near-average for western Oregon, and below-average for central, south-central, and southeast Oregon. Water supply forecasts have increased significantly from one month ago for many watersheds, especially in northwest and northeast Oregon. Note that there are still about two months for mountain snow accumulation and three months for significant rainfall, and significant changes in conditions and water supply forecasts are possible.

The February outlook by the Climate Prediction Center highlights the likelihood of above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation for much of southern Oregon, with equal chances for near, above, or below average temperatures and precipitation for northern Oregon.

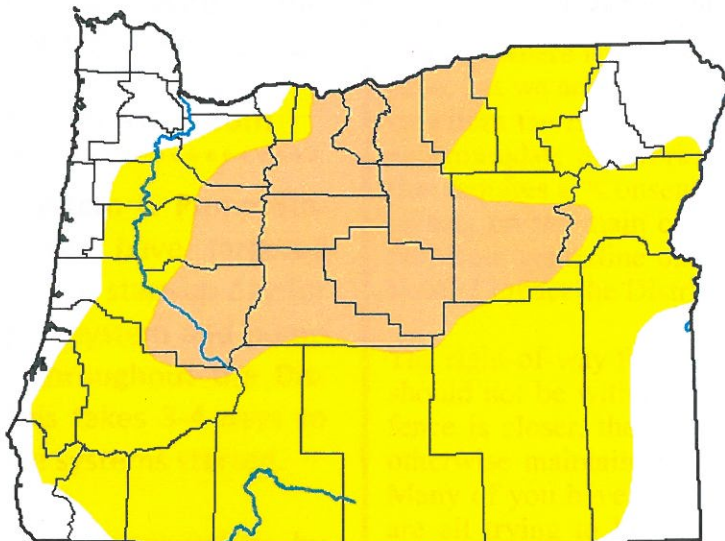
For more information on seasonal outlooks, visit cpc.ncep.noaa.gov.

We use a site by weather.gov/watersupplyoutlook/Portland which has drought info, Sno-tel and other interesting weather information for Oregon.

The next update to this outlook will be issued by March 5, 2020.

U.S. Drought Monitor Oregon

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.93	81.07	25.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 02-04-2020	10.92	89.08	23.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-12-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	2.40	97.60	24.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	88.54	11.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 02-12-2019	0.00	100.00	88.06	62.67	11.54	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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WATER START-UP IS COMING EARLY THIS SEASON

If the weather conditions continue, we will be looking at a dry spring and early water start-up. This is what the District is planning for. This means we are focused on getting the main canal ready to start water—as early as March 10. Any irrigators off the main canal should have their headgates, meters and screens repaired and in place for water. You should close your valves to avoid flooding onto your property.

We will be into Boardman as early as March 16. The piping projects will be completed after that as we are focused on preparing the main canal now. We will begin starting the Pump Stations on April 1 with the Irrigon system going on-line first.

Rainy or windy weather may delay the start-up. You may check the District website for information as the time gets closer. [Www.westextension.com](http://www.westextension.com)

