30-Day Climate Outlook
October 2020

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Widespread 3 - 5 F above normal due to strong ridges at start/end of month
September Precipitation Anomalies

Atmospheric river event mid-month brought 3.5 - 12” rain across westside
Water Year Precipitation Anomalies (10/1/2019 to 09/30/2020)

Still considerable precip deficit for Cascades rain shadow

Slightly above normal

Near normal

55 – 65% of normal

40 – 70% of normal

Near normal

Still considerable precip deficit for Cascades rain shadow
Current Drought Conditions

Low to no precipitation amounts for the water year and last 60-days
Climate Prediction Center Temperature Outlooks

Oct 10 - 16
Issued Oct 2

Oct 8 - 12
Issued Oct 2

Month
Issued Sept 30

Good confidence in above normal temperatures
Climate Prediction Center Precipitation Outlooks

Oct 8 - 12
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Oct 10 - 16
Issued Oct 2

Month
Issued Sept 30

Good confidence in above normal precipitation
Drought removal, improving conditions forecast!

Valid October 2020
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NICC Large Fire Potential Outlooks

October 2020

November 2020

December 2020

**Significant Wildland Fire Potential**
- **Above Normal**
- **Below Normal**
- **Normal**

**Geographic Area Boundary**
**Predictive Services Area Boundary**
**State Border**
Outlook Summary

- Very hot and dry conditions were present early in the month. A very anomalous and strong front on the eastside and strong east winds on westside created a historic fire event.

- An atmospheric river brought considerable rain to the westside mid-month and brought fire season largely to an end.

- Severe drought concerns still exist along the east slopes but are predicted to moderate through October with above normal precipitation expected. Risk of significant fire potential is low.

- Forecast fire danger indices suggest near normal conditions. Fires may continue to occur in fine fuels with brief warm/dry spells or due to escaped debris burns but will largely lack momentum to continue beyond the initial attack phase.
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