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Oregon Water Supply Outlook Report

June 1, 2024



Kayakers prepare to paddle the McKenzie River in the central Cascades. Nearby streamflow at McKenzie R bl Trail Bridge (USGS 14158850) is forecasted to be 100% of normal for the Jun-Sep period. Photo taken by Meghan Ciupak, NRCS Hydrologist (May 26, 2024)

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Conditions Overview

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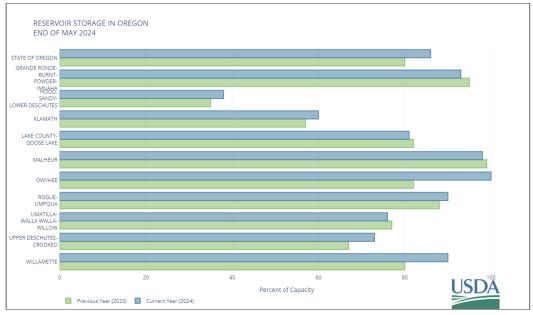
Summary

Snowpack at most SNOTEL stations across the state have melted out, with snow still remaining at higher elevation stations. Peak snowpack in many basins was near normal this year, despite 2 mid-winter heat waves that significantly impacted snow accumulation in some areas, notably at higher elevations on Mt. Hood, lower elevations in the central Cascades, and in portions of the northern Blue Mountains. Otherwise, fairly normal snowpack this winter combined with mostly near to above normal water year-to-date precipitation at most SNOTEL stations provides for a mostly positive water supply outlook in many basins.

In eastern and central Oregon, reservoir storage is mostly near to above normal, with forecasted flows (Jun -Sep) mostly near to slightly above normal. There are a few notable reservoirs experiencing storage deficits including Wickiup, Howard Prairie, Cold Springs, and Wallowa Lake. Some water supply shortages could be expected in the Wallowa and greater Grande Ronde basins due to a below-normal streamflow outlook through the summer.

There is currently no drought in Oregon. On May 14th, Oregon was drought free for the first time since December 2019. While the water supply outlook across many basins is positive, with some areas expected to experience some deficits, drought development may still occur throughout the summer and will be highly dependent on temperature. The Climate Prediction Center's <u>summer outlook</u> is calling for a higher probability of above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation across Oregon.

*Note that basin conditions outlined in this report include data from stations within the SNOTEL and SNOLITE network, and/or cooperator weather stations.

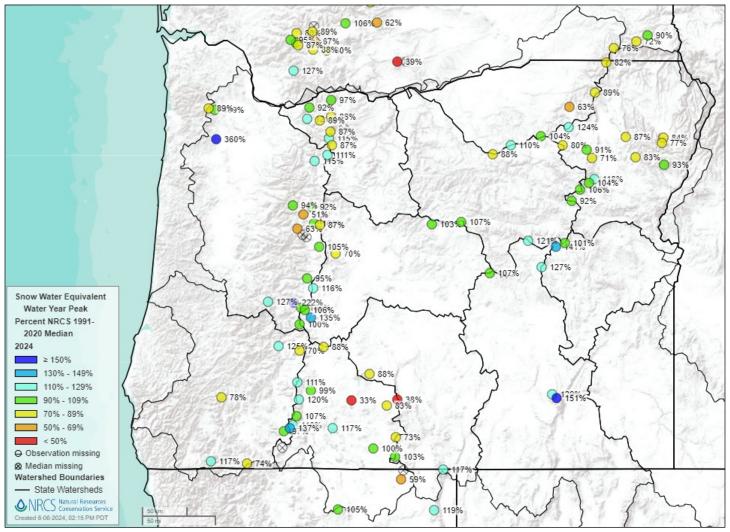


Reservoirs storage for all basins is near to above normal, while few individual reservoirs (not captured here) are some storage deficits. Source: USDA-NRCS National Water and Climate Center

Snowpack

As of June 1, snowpack has melted out at most SNOTEL stations across Oregon except some higher elevation stations. Snowpack at Annie Springs SNOTEL station is projected to melt out a few days early, while near-normal melt-out is expected for the remaining stations in the Cascades and at Fish Creek SNOTEL on Steens Mountain. In the Wallowas at Aneroid Lake #2 and Mt. Howard SNOTEL stations, snowpack is expected to melt out slightly earlier than normal.

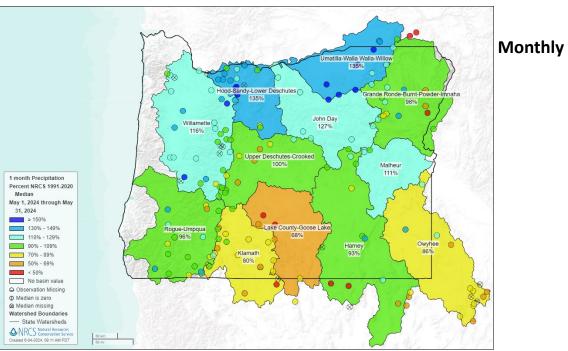
Overall, this winter, statewide peak snowpack was near normal. Some stations did experience deficits in snowpack, including SNOTEL stations in the northern Blue Mountains, including the Wallowas, and higher elevation stations near Mt. Hood.



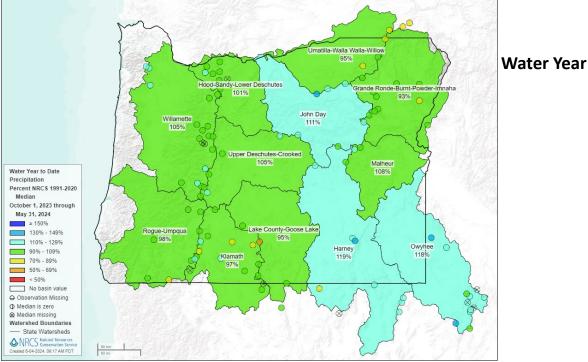
Peak snow water equivalent (% of median) for water year 2024

Precipitation

May was a fairly wet month compared to normal across much of western Oregon and most of the Blue Mountains and Steens Mountain. These regions benefited from a storm in the second half of May that provided more than 1 inch of rain, up to nearly 2.5 inches in some cases, in these regions. Most of the state benefited from an early May storm. Despite that more widespread event in early May, the rest of May was fairly dry for much of southern and central Oregon and parts of eastern Oregon. Water year-todate precipitation is near normal statewide, with most SNOTEL stations near or slightly above normal.



Basin monthly precipitation (% of median) as of June 1



Basin water-year precipitation (% of median) as of June 1 Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program

Reservoirs

Volumetric storage for reservoirs across the state varies but is mostly near normal. Reservoir storage in the Crooked, Powder, and Burnt basins are near normal. In the Malheur and Owyhee basins, reservoir storage ranges from near to above normal. Reservoirs experiencing more significant deficits include Howard Prairie, Wallowa Lake, Wickiup, and Cold Springs.

Reservoir storage values aren't necessarily reflective of water supply conditions. Reservoir operators control for a variety of factors when choosing to store or release water, including flooding, irrigation, fisheries, and other water needs. These management needs may impact storage values for a reservoir.



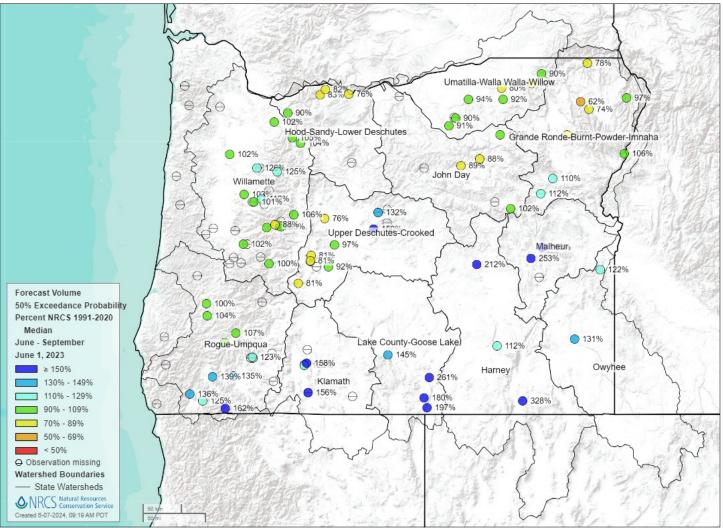
Reservoir storage (% of storage capacity) as of June 1

Observed and Forecasted Streamflow

As of June 1, streamflow across much of Oregon is near to above normal, with some exceptions. In the Grande Ronde and Imnaha basins, streamflow ranges from 63-68% of normal. Streamflows in the Walla Walla and John Day basins are also mostly below normal.

Water supply forecasts (WSF) for June 1 have remained fairly steady with some slight improvements in the Willamette and Sprague basins. Improvements in the Willamette are attributed to the wetter-than-normal May, which has elevated streamflows and prolonged flow recession later into summer. Forecasts in much of northeastern Oregon and in the John Day are still predicting mostly below-normal streamflows for Jun-Sep. The summer outlook for southeastern Oregon remains positive, with mostly above-normal flows for forecast points in the Malheur, Owyhee, and Lake County and Goose Lake basins.

Forecast product-users should bear any model uncertainty, quantitatively captured by exceedance intervals, in mind when interpreting WSFs for decision making.



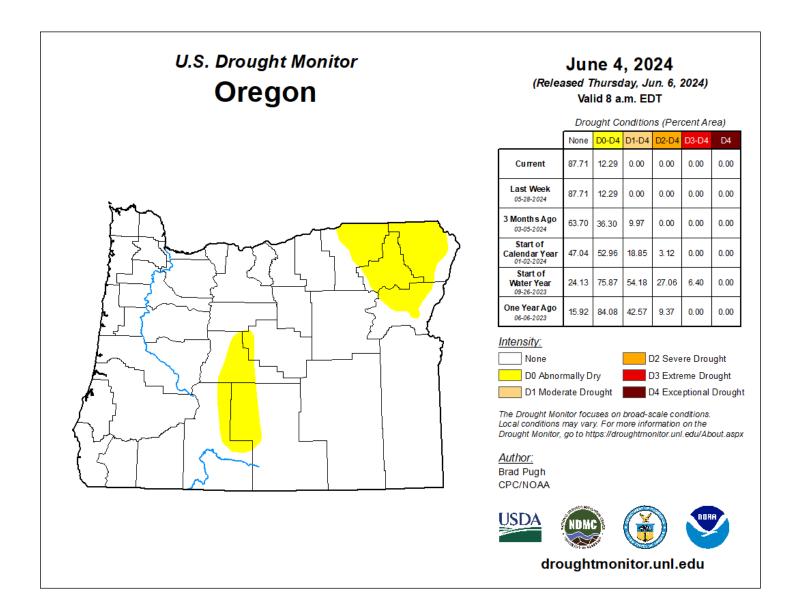
View the map for May observed streamflow here.

Streamflow forecasts (% of normal) for the primary period as of June 1

Drought

As of June 4, there is no drought in Oregon. Abnormally dry (D0) conditions are distributed in portions of northeastern Oregon and portions of Upper Deschutes and Crook counties extending down into parts of western Klamath and eastern Lake counties.

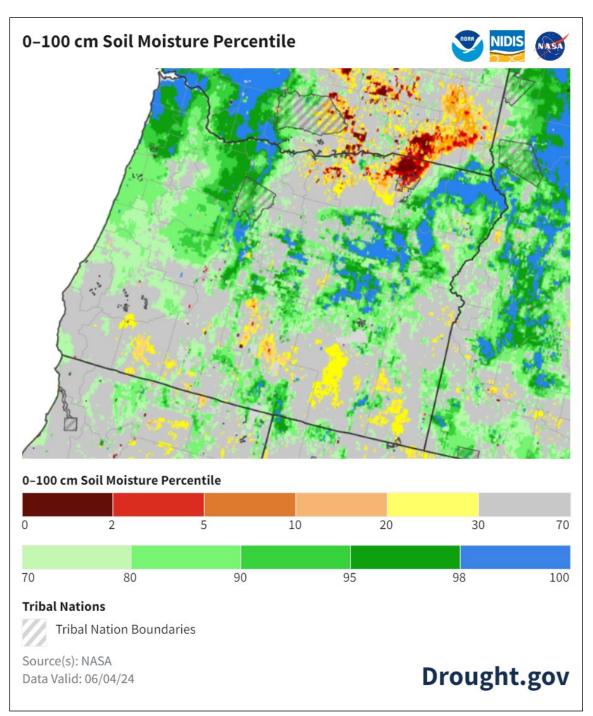
At the beginning of the water year, 54% of the state was in some drought category (D1-D3), and 27% of the state in severe to extreme drought.



Soils

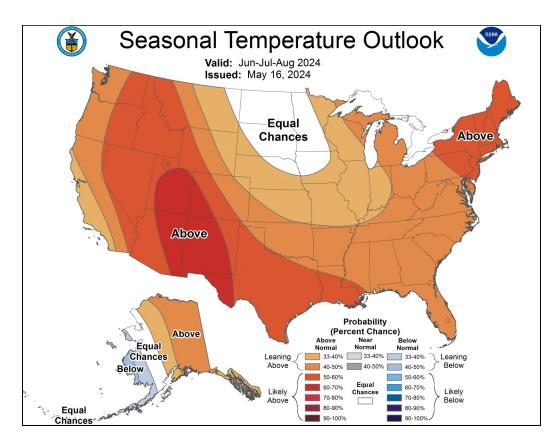
The NASA SPORT-LiS product for soil moisture (0-100 cm depth) indicates drier soil moisture profiles in parts of the Umatilla and Walla Walla basins. There are also indications of emerging drier soil conditions in parts of southern Oregon.

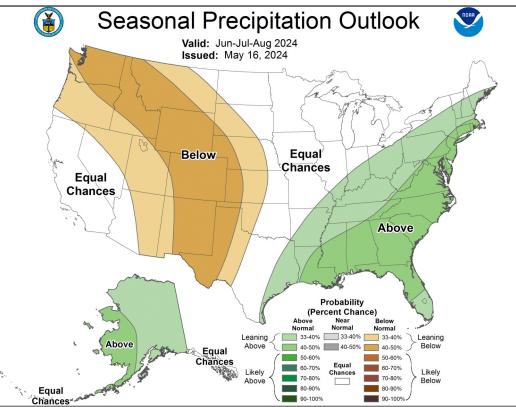
Soil moisture conditions are useful in assessing current drought and future drought potential. In addition, soil moisture is generally a good indicator in some regions of the potential efficiency of snowmelt runoff into streamflow in the spring. Drier soils tend to absorb more water from snowmelt than wetter soils, thus less melt is translated into streamflow (i.e. low efficiency).



3-Month Outlook

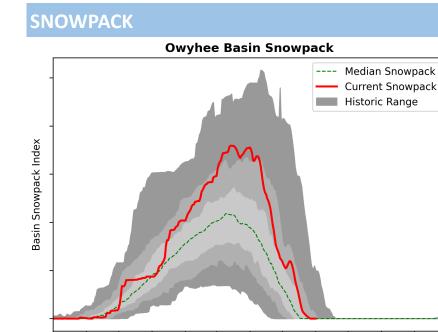
The Climate Prediction Center 3-month climatic outlook calls for a higher probability of above-normal temperatures and mostly below-normal precipitation across Oregon.





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Owyhee Basin Summary



Nov

Oct

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

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As of June 1, the basin snowpack has melted out. May 1st basin snowpack was 154% of median.

Jul

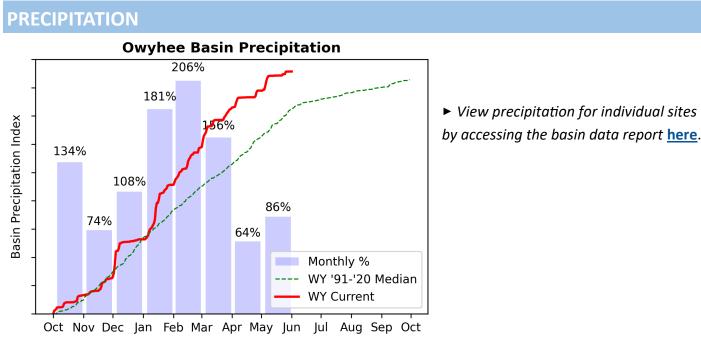
Jun

Sep

Aug

May

Apr



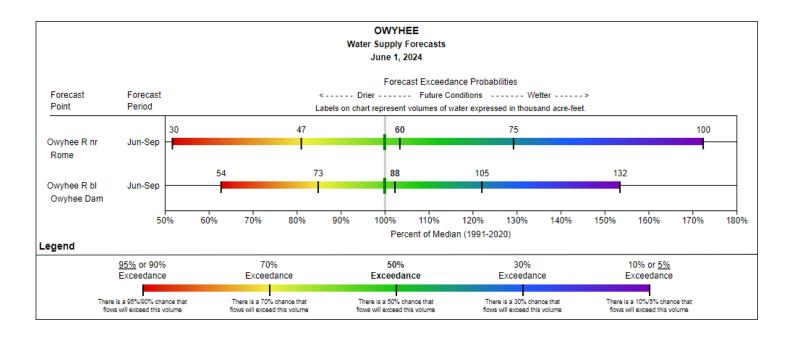
May precipitation is below normal at 86% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 118% of median.

Reservoir storage across the basin is above normal. As of June 1, storage at Lake Owyhee Reservoir is 142% of median and Wild Horse Reservoir is 152% of median.

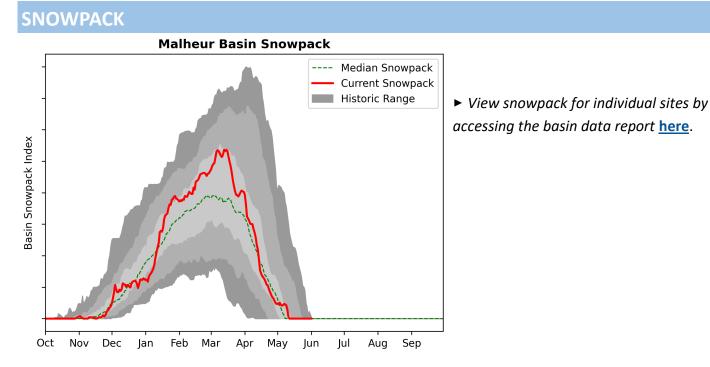
Ownshare	Current	Last Year	Median	Capacity	Current %	Last Year %	Median %	Current %	Last Year %
Owyhee	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Median	Median
Wild Horse Reservoir	73.4	71.5	48.3	71.5	103%	100%	68%	152%	148%
Lake Owyhee	715.1	570.1	502.8	715.0	100%	80%	70%	142%	113%
Basin Index					100%	82%	70%	143%	116%
# of reservoirs					2	2	2	2	2

STREAMFLOW FORECAST

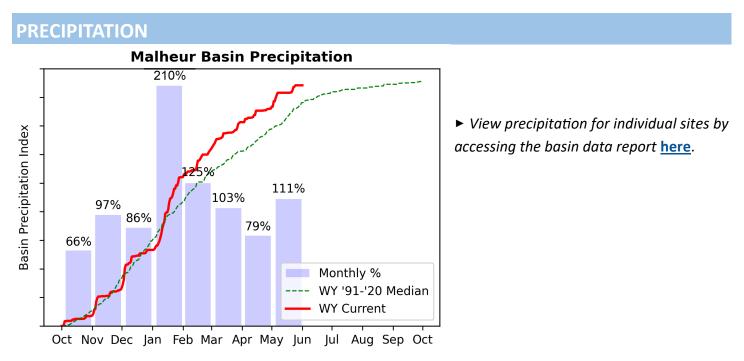
The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin are slightly above normal and range from 102% to 103% of median.



Malheur Basin Summary



As of June 1, the basin snowpack has melted out. On May 1st, basin snowpack was 75% of median.



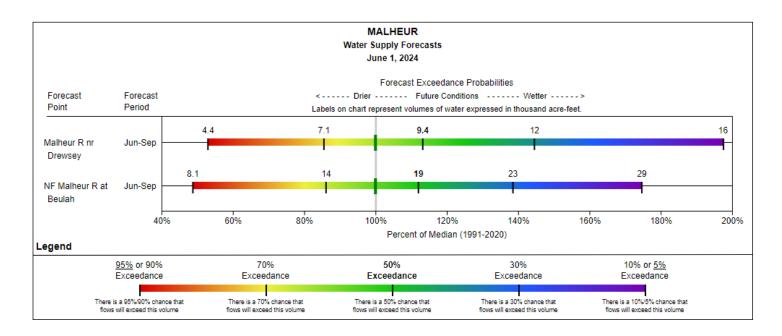
May precipitation is above normal at 111% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 108% of median.

As of June 1, storage ranges from 96% at Bully Creek Reservoir to 162% of median at Warm Springs Reservoir.

	Malheur	Current	Last Year	Median	Capacity	Current %	Last Year %	Median %	Current %	Last Year %
	Maneur	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Median	Median
Bully Creek		21.5	23.1	22.5	23.7	91%	97%	95%	96%	102%
Beulah		57.3	57.7	48.2	59.2	97%	97%	81%	119%	120%
Warm Springs		168.4	169.3	104.1	169.6	99%	100%	61%	162%	163%
	Basin Index					98%	99%	69%	141%	143%
	# of reservoirs					3	3	3	3	3

STREAMFLOW FORECAST

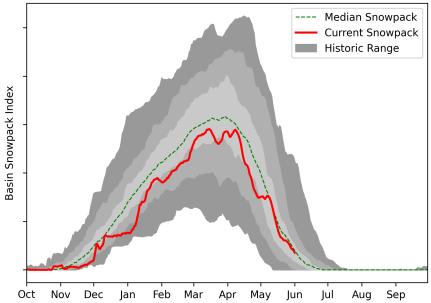
The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin are above normal with forecasts ranging from 112% to 113% of median.



Grande Ronde, Burnt, Powder, Imnaha Basin Summary

SNOWPACK

Grande Ronde-Burnt-Powder-Imnaha Basin Snowpack

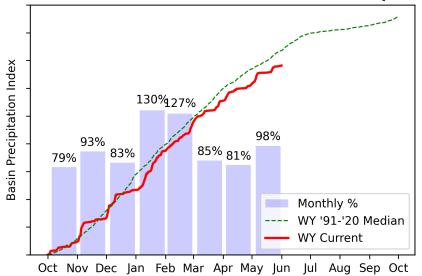


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As of June 1, the basin snowpack is 90% of median. Last month on May 1 the basin snowpack was at 77% of median.

PRECIPITATION

Grande Ronde-Burnt-Powder-Imnaha Basin Precipitation



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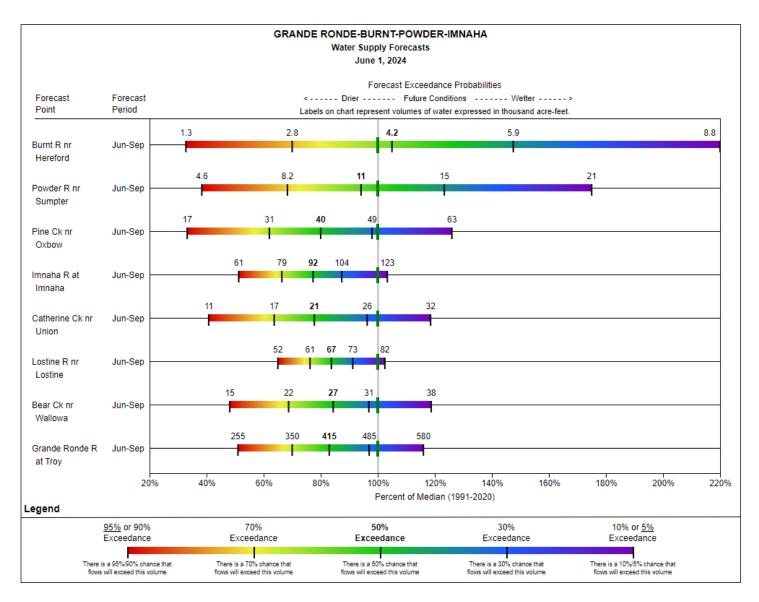
May precipitation is near normal at 98% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 93% of median.

As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin ranges from 74% of median at Wallowa Lake to 106% of median at Phillips Lake.

Grande Ronde-Burnt-Powder-Imnaha	Current (KAF)	Last Year (KAF)	Median (KAF)	Capacity (KAF)	Current % Capacity	Last Year % Capacity	Median % Capacity	Current % Median	Last Year % Median
Thief Valley	13.7	13.7	13.8	13.3	103%	103%	104%	100%	100%
Wallowa Lake	20.2	21.3	27.4	37.5	54%	57%	73%	74%	78%
Unity	24.4	24.6	23.5	25.5	96%	97%	92%	104%	105%
Phillips Lake	52.8	49.8	49.7	73.5	72%	68%	68%	106%	100%
Brownlee Reservoir	1356.0	1380.3	1386.0	1420.0	95%	97%	98%	98%	100%
Wolf Creek	10.9	11.1	11.1	11.1	98%	100%	100%	98%	100%
Basin Inde	x				93%	95%	96%	98%	99%
# of reservoi	rs				6	6	6	6	6

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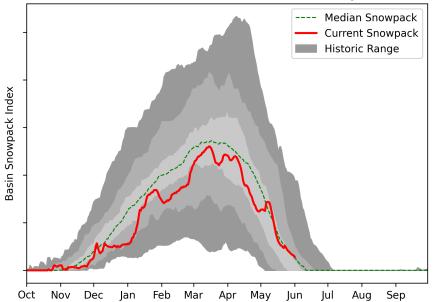
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Umatilla, Walla Walla, Willow Basin Summary

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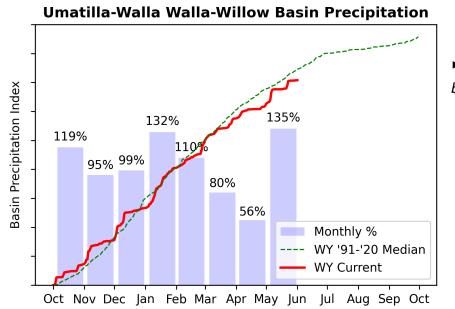
Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow Basin Snowpack



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As of June 1, the basin snowpack is 110% of median. Last month on May 1 the basin snowpack was 75% of median.

PRECIPITATION



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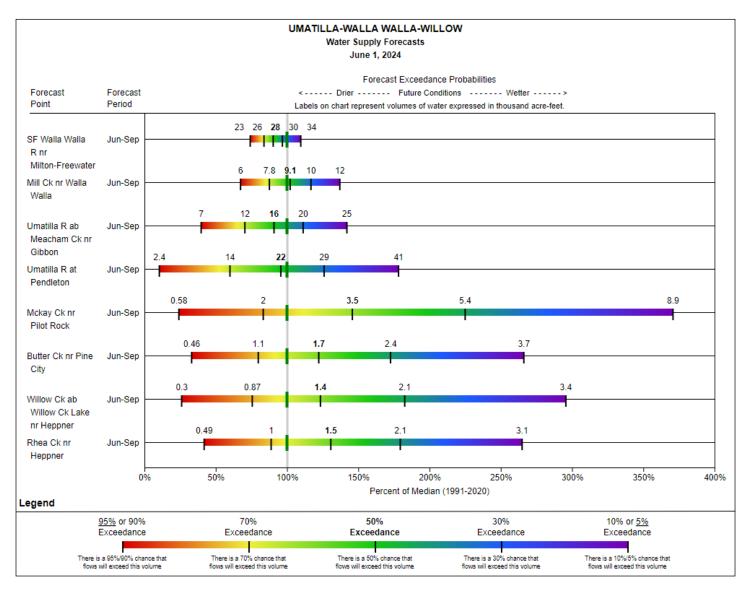
May precipitation is above normal at 135% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 95% of median.

As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin ranges from 73% of median at Cold Springs Reservoir to 103% at Willow Creek Reservoir.

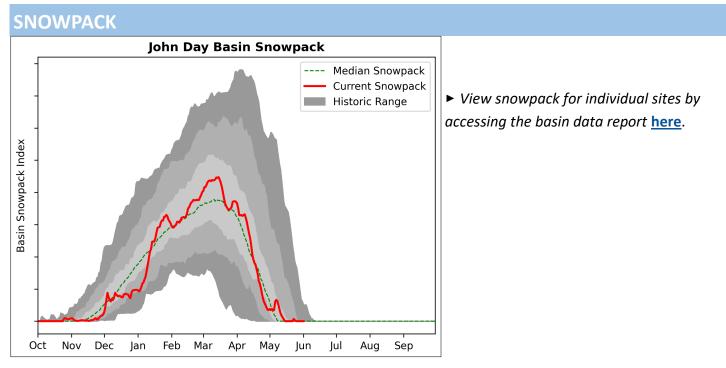
Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow		Last Year	Median	Capacity	Current %	Last Year %	Median %	Current %	Last Year %
omatina-wana wana-winow	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Median	Median
Willow Creek	6.3	6.0	6.1	9.8	64%	61%	62%	103%	98%
Mckay	65.5	65.1	64.3	71.5	92%	91%	90%	102%	101%
Cold Springs	19.3	21.7	26.3	38.6	50%	56%	68%	73%	82%
Basin Index					76%	77%	81%	94%	96%
# of reservoirs					3	3	3	3	3

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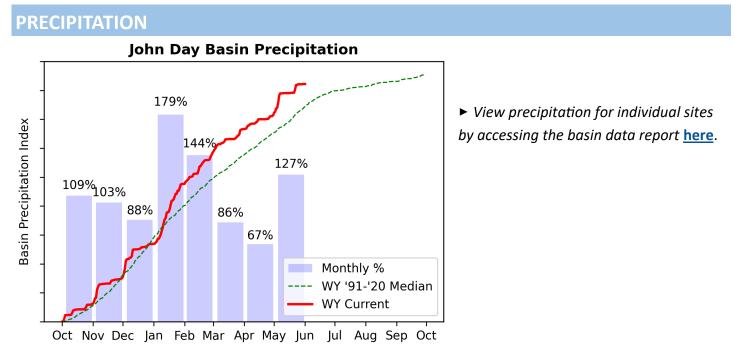
The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin range from 90% to 146% of median.



John Day Basin Summary



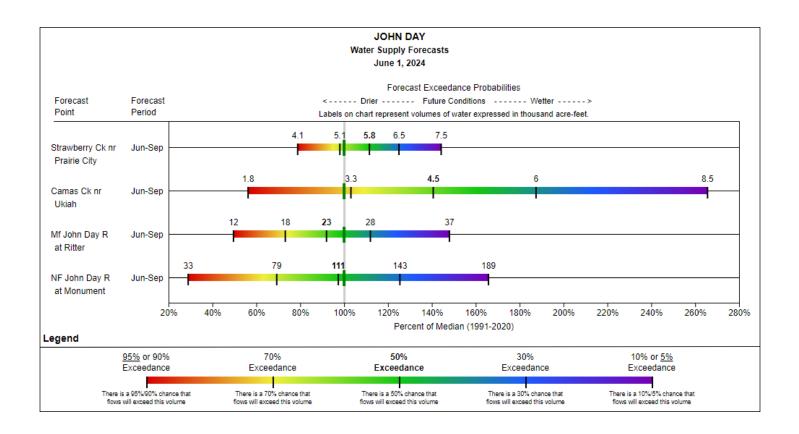
As of June 1, the basin snowpack has melted out. On May 1st, basin snowpack was 69% of median.



May precipitation is above normal at 127% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 111% of median.

STREAMFLOW FORECAST

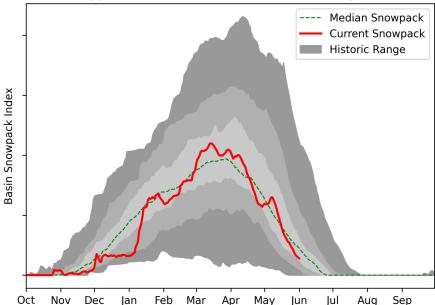
The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin are near to above normal, with forecast points ranging from 92% to 141% of median.



Upper Deschutes, Crooked Basin Summary

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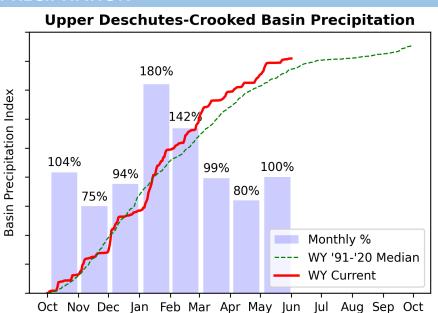




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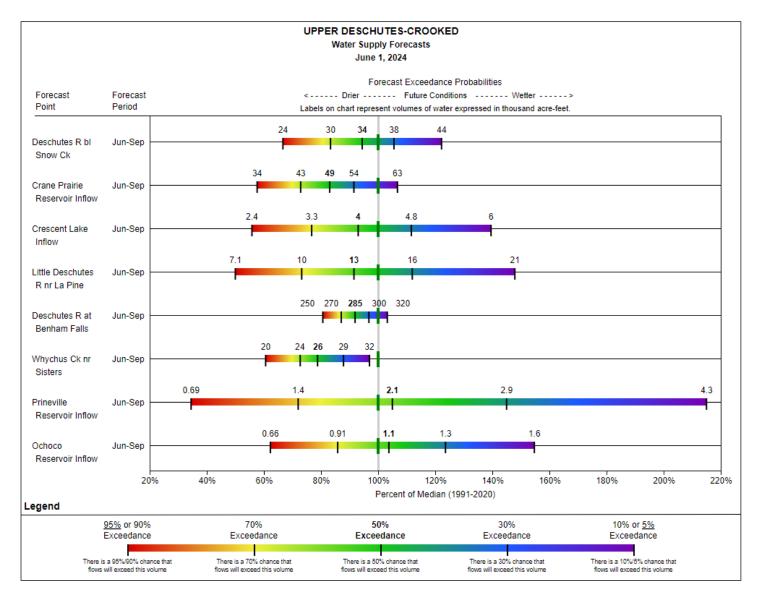
May precipitation is at normal as 100% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1—June 1) is 105% of median.

As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin ranges from 30% of median at Crescent Lake to 118% of median at Ochoco Reservoir.

Current	Last Year	Median	Capacity	Current %	Last Year %	Median %	Current %	Last Year %
(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Median	Median
19.1	15.6	62.7	86.9	22%	18%	72%	30%	25%
42.8	32.3	36.2	44.2	97%	73%	82%	118%	89%
146.5	148.4	143.2	148.6	99%	100%	96%	102%	104%
48.2	47.7	46.0	55.3	87%	86%	83%	105%	104%
135.7	116.8	152.8	200.0	68%	58%	76%	89%	76%
				73%	67%	82%	89%	82%
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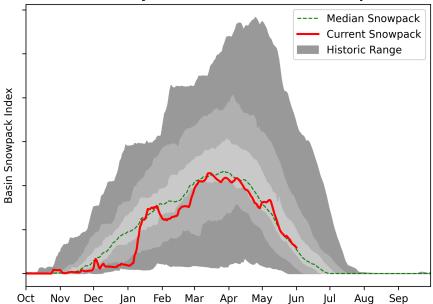
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Hood, Sandy, Lower Deschutes Basin Summary

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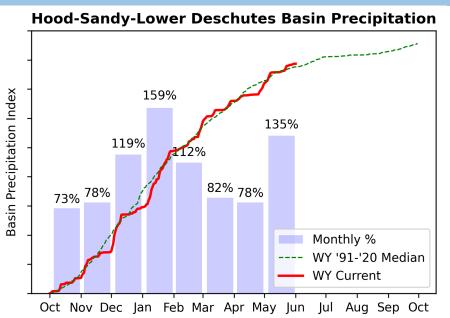
Hood-Sandy-Lower Deschutes Basin Snowpack



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PRECIPITATION



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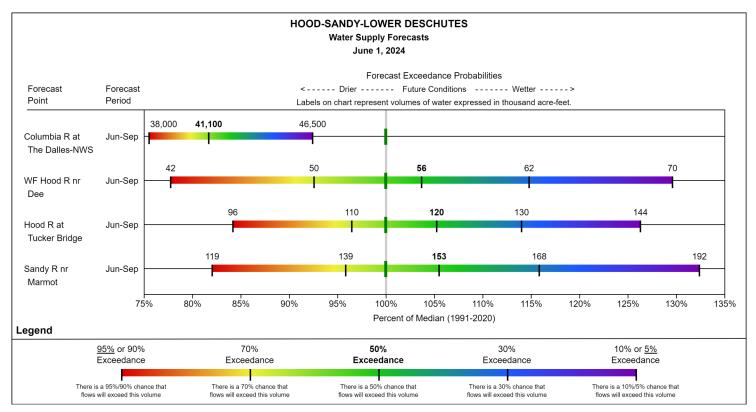
May precipitation is above normal at 135% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 101% of median.

As of June 1, volumetric storage for Clear Lake is below normal at 80% of median.

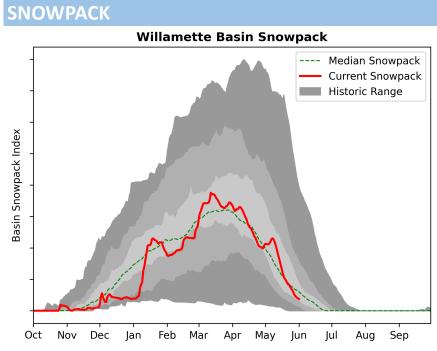
Hood-Sandy-Lower Deschutes	Current (KAF)	Last Year (KAF)	Median (KAF)	Capacity (KAF)	Current % Capacity	Last Year % Capacity	Median % Capacity	Current % Median	Last Year % Median
Clear Lake	4.9	4.5	6.2	13.1	38%	35%	47%	80%	73%
Basin Index					38%	35%	47%	80%	73%
# of reservoirs					1	1	1	1	1

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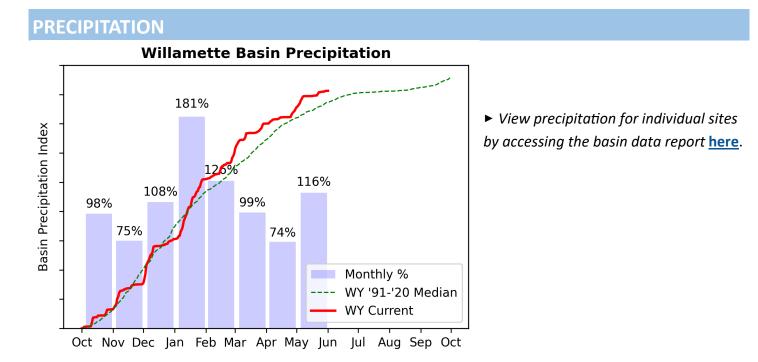


Willamette Basin Summary



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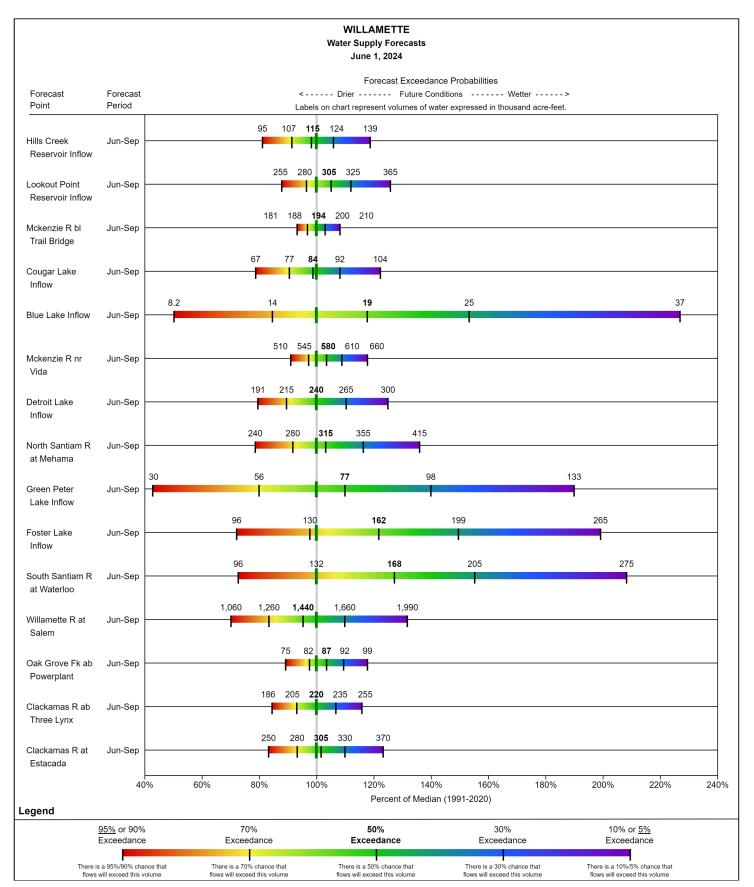
May precipitation is above normal at 116% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 105% of median.

As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin ranges from 53% of median at Cougar Reservoir to 104% of median at Lookout Point Reservoir.

Willamette	Current (KAF)	Last Year (KAF)	Median (KAF)	Capacity (KAF)	Current % Capacity	Last Year % Capacity	Median % Capacity	Current % Median	Last Year % Median
Fern Ridge	96.4	96.3	96.5	97.3	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Cottage Grove	32.0	28.9	31.4	31.8	101%	91%	99%	102%	92%
Henry Hagg Lake	53.2	52.6	53.3	53.3	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Dorena	72.3	69.5	71.2	72.1	100%	96%	99%	102%	98%
Lookout Point	405.6	293.1	388.2	433.2	94%	68%	90%	104%	76%
Cougar	89.7	86.4	168.6	174.9	51%	49%	96%	53%	51%
Foster	45.2	46.5	46.1	46.2	98%	101%	100%	98%	101%
Hills Creek	238.2	212.3	274.4	279.2	85%	76%	98%	87%	77%
Detroit	413.0	403.4	433.9	426.8	97%	95%	102%	95%	93%
Timothy Lake	63.5	63.4	63.0	63.6	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%
Blue River	82.2	82.3	81.7	82.3	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%
Fall Creek	99.1	22.5	116.4	116.0	85%	19%	100%	85%	19%
Green Peter	368.8	370.1	385.8	402.8	92%	92%	96%	96%	96%
Dexter	24.8	25.2	25.5					97%	99%
Basin Inde	x				90%	80%	97%	93%	83%
# of reservoir	s				13	13	13	14	14

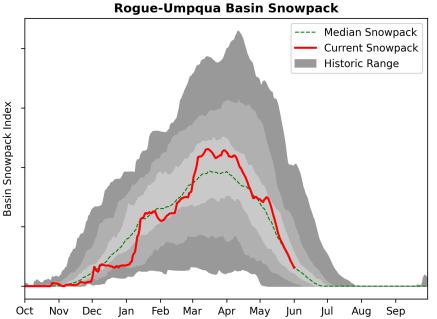
STREAMFLOW FORECAST

The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin range from 95% to 127% of median.



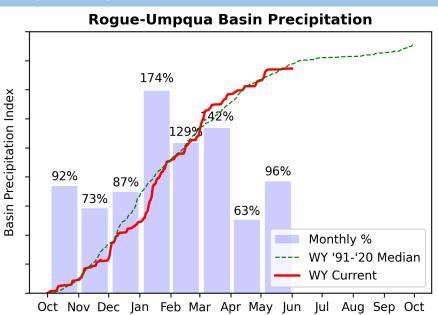
Rogue, Umpqua Basin Summary

SNOWPACK



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As of June 1, the basin snowpack is 93% of median. Last month on May 1 the basin snowpack was 94% of median.



PRECIPITATION

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May precipitation is below normal at 96% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 98% of median.

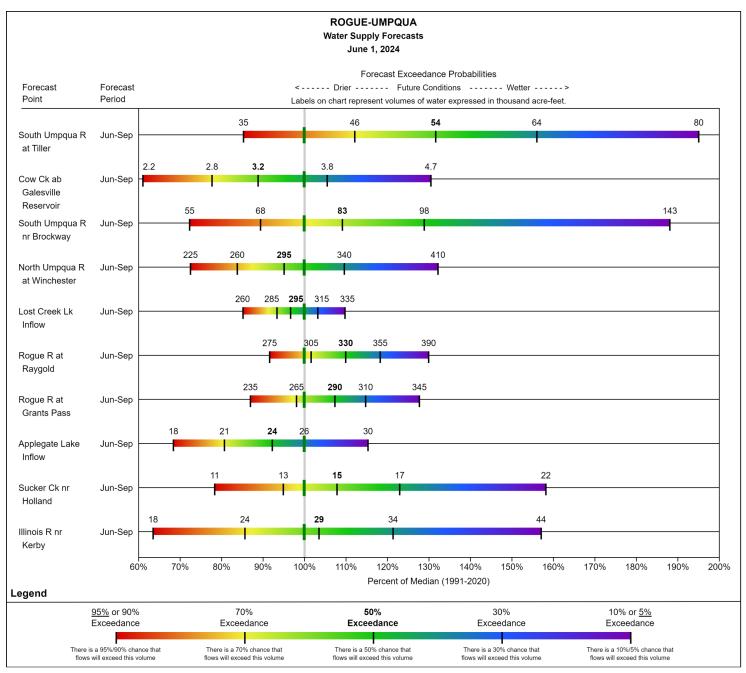
As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin ranges from 77% of median at Emigrant Lake to 97% of median at Lost Creek Reservoir.

	Rogue-Umpgua	Current	Last Year	Median	Capacity	Current %	Last Year %	Median %	Current %	Last Year %
	Rogue-ompqua	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Median	Median
Fish Lake		5.5	4.7	5.9	7.9	70%	59%	75%	94%	80%
Emigrant Lake		29.3	28.0	37.8	39.0	75%	72%	97%	77%	74%
Applegate		64.9	64.6	68.6	75.2	86%	86%	91%	95%	94%
Lost Creek		292.2	287.5	302.7	315.0	93%	91%	96%	97%	95%
	Basin Inc	dex				90%	88%	95%	94%	93%
	# of reserv	oirs				4	4	4	4	4

STREAMFLOW FORECAST

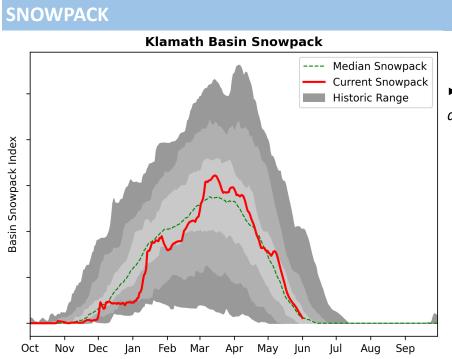
The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin range from 89% to 132% of median.

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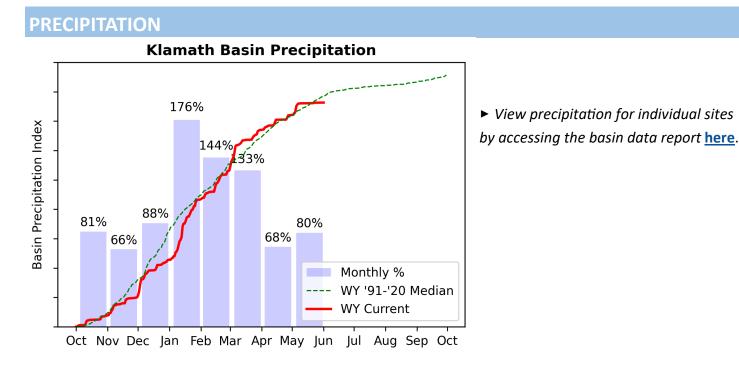
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Klamath Basin Summary



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As of June 1, the basin snowpack is 88% of median. Last month on May 1 the basin snowpack was 102% of median.



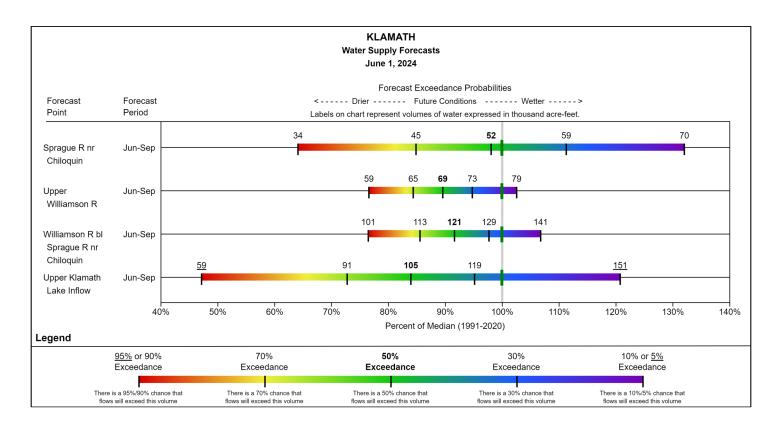
May precipitation is below normal at 80% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 97% of median.

As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin ranges from 62% of median at Gerber Reservoir to 115% of median at Upper Klamath Lake.

Klamath	Currer (KAF		Median (KAF)	Capacity (KAF)	Current % Capacity	Last Year % Capacity	Median % Capacity	Current % Median	Last Year % Median
Howard Prairie	34.	3 31.4	48.7	62.1	55%	51%	78%	70%	64%
Fourmile Lake	8.	6 9.2	10.5	15.6	55%	59%	67%	82%	88%
Upper Klamath Lake	512	7 472.9	445.8	523.7	98%	90%	85%	115%	106%
Clear Lake	131.	9 131.6	163.4	513.3	26%	26%	32%	81%	81%
Hyatt Prairie	9.	8 9.6	13.5	16.2	61%	59%	83%	73%	71%
Gerber	37.	5 45.8	60.5	94.3	40%	49%	64%	62%	76%
	Basin Index				60%	57%	61%	99%	94%
	# of reservoirs				6	6	6	6	6

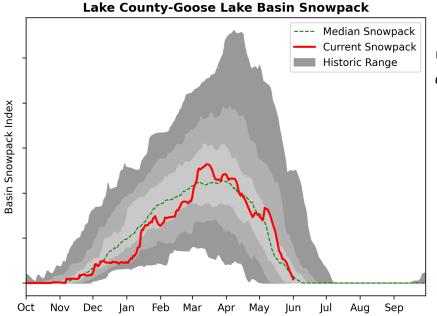
STREAMFLOW FORECAST

The streamflow forecasts for the primary period in the basin range from 84% to 98% of median.



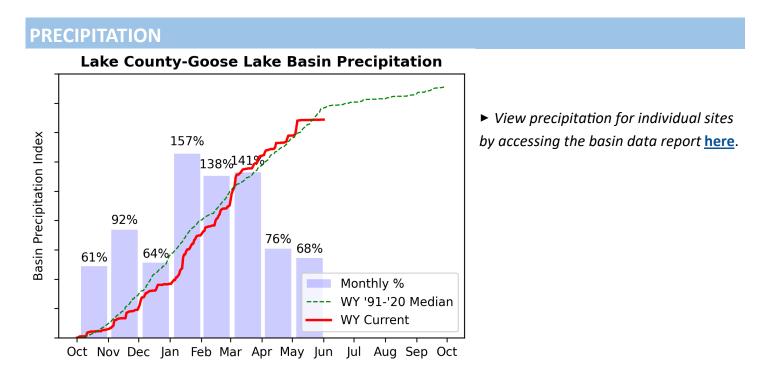
Lake County, Goose Lake Basin Summary

SNOWPACK



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As of June 1, the basin snowpack is 56% of median. Last month on May 1 the basin snowpack was 96% of median.



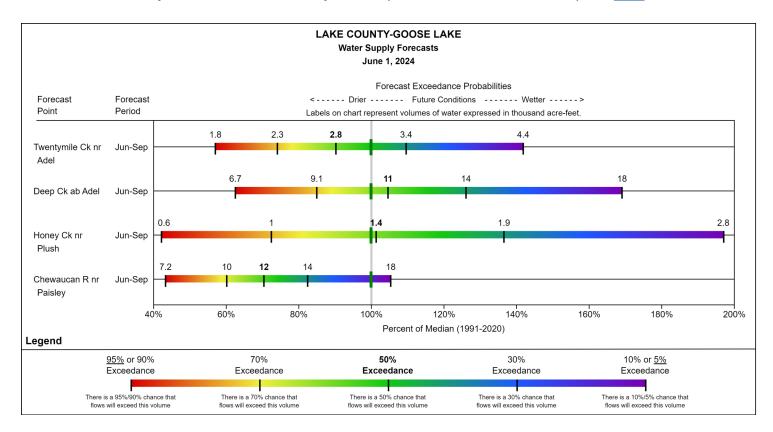
May precipitation is below normal at 68% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 95% of median.

As of June 1, storage at major reservoirs in the basin range from 110% of median at Drews Reservoir to 106% of median at Cottonwood Reservoir.

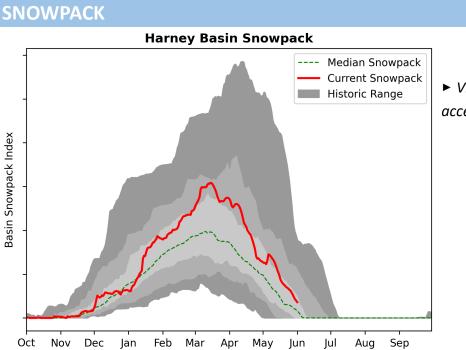
	Lake County-Goose Lake		Last Year	Median	Capacity	Current %	Last Year %	Median %	Current %	Last Year %
			(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Median	Median
Cottonwood		8.7	8.9	8.2	9.3	94%	96%	88%	106%	108%
Drews		50.5	51.1	45.9	63.5	79%	81%	72%	110%	111%
	Basin Index					81%	82%	74%	109%	111%
	# of reservoirs					2	2	2	2	2

STREAMFLOW FORECAST

The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin range from 70% to 105% of median.

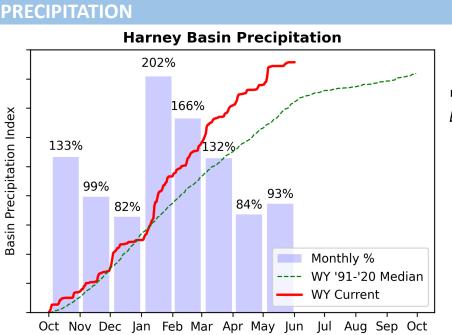


Harney Basin Summary



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As of June 1, the basin snowpack is 228% of median. Last month on May 1 the basin snowpack was 130% of median.

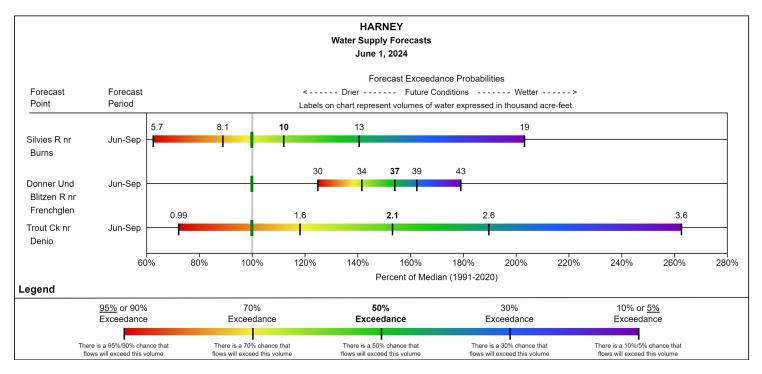


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May precipitation is below normal at 93% of median. Precipitation since the beginning of the water year (October 1 - June 1) is 119% of median.

STREAMFLOW FORECAST

The June through September streamflow forecasts in the basin range from 98% to 154% of median.



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