

## Summary

### NSW DCP Summary Statement for April 1, 2026 Monitoring Period:

- NSW DCP monitoring stage remained at Stage 1: Heads-up – Potential for Drought.
- Snowpack scored in at Stage 4 and March Air Temperatures as well as the Detroit Reservoir Boat Ramps Served scored in at Stage 2. Four indicators scored in at Stage 1 and the remaining five indicators scored in at Stage 0.
- Future trend indicators show the conditions may be worsening. NOAA's one-month and three-month outlooks forecast above normal temperatures and below average precipitation. The Detroit Lake Inflow Forecasts are projected to be 70% of the median through September, down from 82% on March 1.

Check out the [UMRB Drought Indicators Map](#) for more detailed drought data including groundwater trends, vegetation health, a standardized precipitation index, soil moisture, and more. Simply choose the variables you would like to see in the dropdown bar in the Control Panel on the left side of the map.

### Future Trend Indicators

Category	Description	<a href="#">1-Month Temp. Outlook</a>	<a href="#">3-Month Temp. Outlook</a>	<a href="#">1-Month Precip. Outlook</a>	<a href="#">3-Month Precip. Outlook</a>	<a href="#">NRCS Summary Report, Detroit Lake Inflow Forecast (Current month thru September, % Median)</a>
+1	Trend Improving	Below mean temps predicted	Below mean temps predicted	Above mean precip predicted	Above mean precip predicted	>115
0	Trend Neutral or Mixed	Normal temps predicted	Normal temps predicted	Normal precip predicted	Normal precip predicted	115 to 85
-1	Trend Worsening	Above mean temps predicted	Above mean temps predicted	Below mean precip predicted	Below mean precip predicted	<85

### Drought Stage Calculator

Drought Stage	Enter # of Indicators Per Stage from Table 7	Multiply Column 1 x Column 2
0	5	0
1	4	4
2	2	4
3	0	0
4	1	4

(a) Total of Column 3 =12

(b) #of indicators recorded this monitoring period =12

Divide (a) by (b) and then round to whole number = Drought Stage 1

Date: April 1, 2026		Indicators and Indices											
		National Indices	NSW Climate Indicators		NSW Hydrologic Indicators					NSW Environmental Indicator		NSW Socioeconomic Indicator	
NSW Drought Stage	Definition/Possible Impacts	<a href="#">US Drought Monitor (Weekly Update)</a>	<a href="#">Air Temperatures (1 month departure from normal, °F)</a>	<a href="#">Precip. (% of Normal for Water Year)</a>	<a href="#">Snowpack (% normal SWE)</a>	<a href="#">Detroit Reservoir (Percent above water control diagram)</a>	<a href="#">USGS 7-day Flow (drought), N. Santiam @ Greens Bridge near Jefferson (Class, Percentile)</a>	<a href="#">USGS 7-day Flow (drought), N. Santiam @ Mehama (Class, Percentile)</a>	<a href="#">USGS 7-day Flow (drought), N. Santiam @ Below Boulder Creek (Class, Percentile)</a>	<a href="#">Stream Water Temp. N. Santiam @ Greens Bridge near Jefferson (°C above TMDL threshold, Sept 1 – June 15 = 13.0°C June 16 – Aug 31 = 16.0°C)</a>	<a href="#">Wildfire Hazard (ODF/National Fire Danger Rating System)</a>	<a href="#">Detroit Reservoir --Boat Ramps Served (key elevations, feet)</a>	<a href="#">Salem Water Supply Availability (7-day discharge in cfs at Mehama gauge)(also record percent of normal-mean as supplemental info)</a>
	<b>Indicator Monitoring Period</b>	All Year	All Year	All Year	Dec 1 – May 1	All Year	All Year	All Year	All Year	All Year	All Year	April 1- Sept 30	All Year
	<b>Enter Data in This Row</b>	D0	+3.7 °F	92%	6%	+1.9	Below Normal	Below Normal	Below Normal	-4.4 °C	Low	1,541 ft amsl <sup>a</sup>	2,349 cfs (60.3% of mean)
(Stage 0) No Drought	Indicator is not in a drought condition	None	<0.5	>80	>70	>-3	>24	>24	>24	<-1.0	Low	>1,558	>1,000 cfs
(Stage 1) Heads Up – Potential for Drought	Current conditions (e.g., low snowpack) point to the potential for upcoming drought conditions.	D0	0.5 to 2	80 to 71	70 to 61	-3 to -10	Below Normal (24 to 10)	Below Normal (24 to 10)	Below Normal (24 to 10)	-1.0 to 0.0	Moderate	1,558 to > 1,556 (based on 2 ft above highest boat ramp elevation --State Park Boat Ramp D)	<=1,000 cfs
(Stage 2) Moderate Drought	Some damage to crops, pastures Streams, reservoirs, or wells low. Some water shortages developing or imminent Voluntary water-use restrictions may be requested Some stress to fish and wildlife	D1	2 to 4	70 to 61	60 to 51	-11 to -30	Moderate Hydrologic Drought (9 to 6)	Moderate Hydrologic Drought (9 to 6)	Moderate Hydrologic Drought (9 to 6)	0.1 to 2.0	High	1,555 to 1,540 (State Park Boat Ramp D to Mongold East Boat Ramp)	<= 900 cfs
(Stage 3) Severe Drought	Crop or pasture losses likely Water shortages common Water restrictions imposed Considerable stress to fish and wildlife	D2	4 to 6	60 to 41	50 to 21	-31 to -50	Severe Hydrologic Drought (<=5)	Severe Hydrologic Drought (<=5)	Severe Hydrologic Drought (<=5)	2.1 to 4.0	Very High	1,539 to 1,450 (Mongold main boat ramp to State Park Boat Ramp G)	<= 800 cfs
(Stage 4) Extreme Drought	Widespread crop/pasture losses Shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells creating water emergencies Extreme stress to fish and wildlife	D3 or 4	6 or greater	40 or less	20 or less	-51 or less	Extreme hydrologic drought (New low)	Extreme hydrologic drought (New low)	Extreme hydrologic drought (New low)	4.1 or greater	Extreme	<= 1,450 (below Mongold low-water boat ramp)	<= 700 cfs

**Note:** The Class Percentile for USGS 7-day Flow (drought), N. Santiam @ Greens Bridge near Jefferson was not ranked. Note: The monitoring period for % of Median snowpack is December 1 through May 1. <sup>a</sup>Ft amsl = feet above mean sea level.