NOAA Briefing for
Lincoln County
May 2020

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This slide is a summary of the summer outlook for Lincoln County in May 2020, prepared by the National Weather Service Portland, Oregon.
Temperature Departure from Normal

Precipitation Departure from Normal
What’s in store for the next few months?
ENSO Status

- ENSO Neutral conditions persist
- Nov/Dec - very dry
- Jan - wet
- February – wet
  - Significant flooding in eastern OR
- March - dry
- April - dry
- ENSO neutral conditions to persist through autumn
Summer Outlook
Jun-Jul-Aug

Warmer than normal temperature is most likely for the PacNW
Drier than normal precipitation for the PacNW
Summer Outlook
Sep-Oct-Nov

Warmer than normal temperature is most likely for the PacNW
Above normal precipitation for the Cascades eastward
Drought Monitor

Map released: Thurs. April 30, 2020
Data valid: April 28, 2020 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity:
- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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Connections to Fire Season?

- Too early to tell

  - *Fire season highly dependent on wet or dry spring*
    - Wet spring – more fine fuel growth, but heavier fuels remain wet. Typically results in a delay of fire season.
    - Dry spring – earlier start to fire season.
  - Fire starts are dependent on lightning activity and/or hot, dry spells
Wildfire Potential (Jun – Jul)

June 2020

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
June 2020

July 2020

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
July 2020

Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.

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Wildfire Potential (Aug)

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook
August 2020

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Aug 2020

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Summary

- **ENSO Neutral conditions continue through Autumn**

- **Precipitation:** Odds favor below normal for Summer

- **Temperature:** Odds favor warmer than normal this Summer

- **Snowpack:** Cascades ended winter season near normal. Melting of snowpack well underway.
Any Questions?