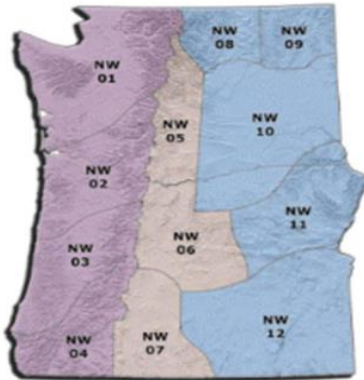




## Fuel Status

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**Geographic Area Wide:** The first significant front of the fall season crossed the geographic last weekend bringing an end to the high pressure ridge that brought unseasonable high temperatures and low humidities for an extended period. Widespread rain and mountain snow accompanied the first series of fronts. Another series of weather systems will cross the area with rounds of breezy winds, rain, and mountain snow. All areas are likely to receive wetting precipitation in the coming days. Temperatures will remain seasonable cool. Precipitation outlook is for above average levels. Dead fuels are seeing improved moisture content, coming up from record low values, although still below normal levels for this time of year. Shorter days and cooler weather will limit drying to the fuels through the off season. Drought conditions persist throughout geographic area but are expected to improve over the next three months.



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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW01	Critical	ERC 10 1,000 hr 18 100 hr 22	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains, up to 2.5 inches in the Cascades. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. With the moisture events being abundant and of long duration, the fuels under the older growth canopies have moistened up considerably to close out problems in timber stands. Cured herbaceous fuels, annual fine fuels and recent leaf fall have increased the fine fuel loading but moist conditions will keep the possibility of new fires to low levels. Existing large fires reporting surface spread halted by the recent rains and large dead fuels holding heat.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW02	Anomalous	ERC 7 1,000 hr 18 100 hr 23	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains, up to 4 inches in the Cascades. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. With the moisture events being abundant and of long duration, the fuels under the older growth canopies have moistened up considerably to close out problems in timber stands. Cured herbaceous fuels, annual fine fuels and recent leaf fall have increased the fine fuel loading but moist conditions will keep the possibility of new fires to low levels. Existing large fires reporting surface spread halted by the recent rains and large dead fuels holding heat.	10/25/2022



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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW03	Normal	ERC 4 1,000 hr 19 100 hr 25	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains, up to 4 inches in the Cascades. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. With the moisture events being abundant and of long duration, the fuels under the older growth canopies have moistened up considerably to close out problems in timber stands. Cured herbaceous fuels, annual fine fuels and recent leaf fall have increased the fine fuel loading but moist conditions will keep the possibility of new fires to low levels.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW04	Normal	ERC 12 1,000 hr 17 100 hr 21	Normal Normal Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains, up to 2.5 inches in the Cascades. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. With the moisture events being abundant and of long duration, the fuels under the older growth canopies have moistened up considerably to close out problems in timber stands. Cured herbaceous fuels, annual fine fuels and recent leaf fall have increased the fine fuel loading but moist conditions will keep the possibility of new fires to low levels. High elevation snow becoming common. Existing large fires reporting surface spread halted by the recent rains and large dead fuels holding heat.	10/25/2022



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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW05	Anomalous	ERC 29 1,000 hr 12 100 hr 15	Normal Below Below	This PSA has had some precipitation, but fell in a rain shadow so some areas haven't seen wetting rains for over 4 months. ERC levels have declined and are expected to continue downward. High elevation snow becoming common. Fuels at the lower elevations may have some periods of dryness that supports fire activity in fine fuels and brush for a short duration. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW06	Normal	ERC 28 1,000 hr 13 100 hr 17	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. Dead fuels are increasing in moisture with the moisture events being abundant and of long duration. Freezing nighttime temperatures and high elevation snow becoming common. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW07	Anomalous	ERC 34 1,000 hr 12 100 hr 15	Normal Below Normal	Most of this PSA has been covered by wetting rains, with a few areas missing out on moisture for the last month. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. Dead fuels are increasing in moisture with the moisture events being abundant and of long duration. Freezing nighttime temperatures and high elevation snow becoming common. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022



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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW08	Normal	ERC 37 1,000 hr 13 100 hr 14	Above Below Below	Most of this PSA hasn't seen wetting rains for over a month. ERC levels have declined and are expected to continue downward with the cooler and moist weather conditions. Fuels at the lower elevations may have some periods of dryness that supports fire activity in fine fuels and brush for a short duration. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW09	Normal	ERC 21 1,000 hr 16 100 hr 18	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. Dead fuels are increasing in moisture with the moisture events being abundant and of long duration. High elevation snow becoming common. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022



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NW10	Normal	ERC 19 1,000 hr 15 100 hr 18	Normal Below Normal	Most of this PSA has been covered by wetting rains, with a few areas on the western half missing out on moisture for the last month. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. Dead fuels are increasing in moisture with the moisture events being abundant and of long duration. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW11	Anomalous	ERC 23 1,000 hr 13 100 hr 17	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. Dead fuels are increasing in moisture with the moisture events being abundant and of long duration. Freezing nighttime temperatures and high elevation snow becoming common. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022

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PSA	Normal, Anomalous or Critical	ERC, 1000, 100 (average of Key Stations)	Relative to this time of Year	Remarks	Updated
NW12	Anomalous	ERC 40 1,000 hr 11 100 hr 14	Normal Below Normal	The entire PSA has been well covered by wetting rains. ERC levels have returned to normal values and are expected to continue declining. Dead fuels are increasing in moisture with the moisture events being abundant and of long duration. Freezing nighttime temperatures and high elevation snow becoming common. Forecasted conditions and seasonably cool conditions will limit fire potential.	10/25/2022