

May 26, 2022 Drought Emergency Declaration

We have amended the Order and Determination of Drought Conditions originally issued July 24, 2021 and set to expire on June 1, 2022. Overall, the area classified as Drought Emergency status is being reduced from approximately 96 percent to 9 percent of the state.

- The amended Order lifts the emergency drought declaration for all areas of the state except for five watersheds in Eastern Washington.
- The remainder of eastern Washington east of the Cascade foothills to the border with Idaho is downgraded to Drought Advisory Status.
- No portion of the Cascade Mountains or Western Washington is in either Drought Emergency or Drought Advisory Status.

Drought emergency status is sustained for the following watersheds:

- Okanogan - WRIA 49
- Hangman Creek – WRIA 56
- Little Spokane – WRIA 55
- Colville – WRIA 59
- Upper Crab Creek - WRIA 43

Most of eastern Washington from the Cascade foothills eastward to the Idaho border has been downgraded to Drought Advisory status.