



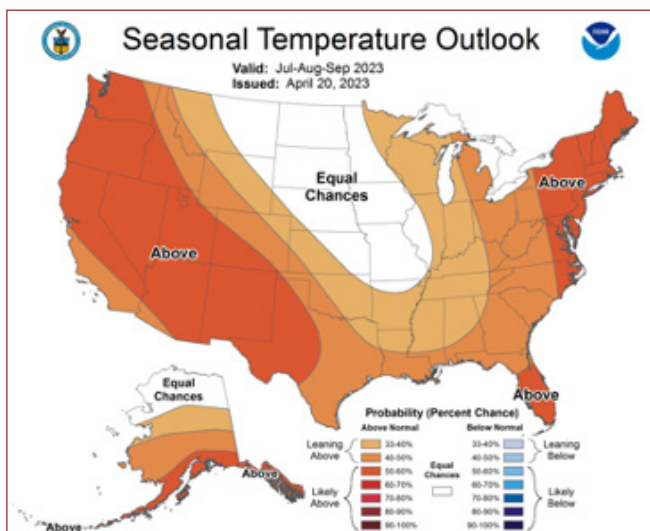
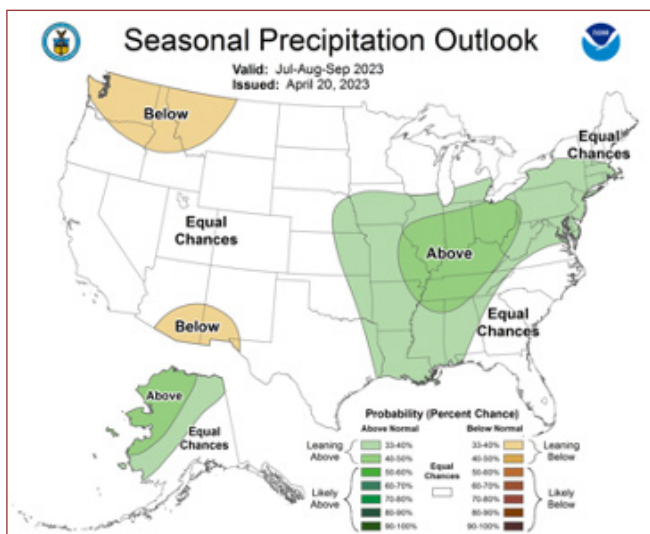
# U.S. Wildfire Outlook for 2023

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## 2023 Season

### TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION ARE STRONG INDICATORS OF WILDFIRE RISK VARIABILITY

- [Met office](#) forecast suggests 2023 will be one of the **hottest years** on record.
- NOAA summer outlook suggests **above-average** temperature across most of the Western region.



### WILDFIRE RISK: CALIFORNIA

- As a result of a wet West Coast this past winter (caused by a series of atmospheric rivers) there could be intense vegetation growth across the California landscape.
  - Intense vegetation growth combined with above-average temperatures this summer **means more fuel for fires**.
- The current California snowpack, one of the deepest in state history, will delay the start of wildfire season. **This leads to a much higher chance that fire and wind seasons could overlap.** As experienced in 2017/2018, ongoing blazes fueled by winds can cause fires to rapidly evolve into massive wildfires.
- [AccuWeather](#) predicts that peak wildfire season will occur in **Northern California** in August into September and in September to November for **Central and Southern California**.



2023 U.S. wildfire risk ([AccuWeather](#))

### WILDFIRE RISK: PACIFIC NORTHWEST, ROCKY MOUNTAINS

- The winter weather that impacted California also delivered significant rain and snow across **Nevada** and the **Four Corners States**. However, the interior Northwest and the Northern Rockies did not benefit from this winter weather system, and they are still dealing with an existing drought condition.
- Portions of the following regions face a higher risk for wildfires this year: **Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Northern Nevada**.

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