

Winter forecast cool, wet for much of Northwest

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SALEM — The odds favor a wet and cool winter in Washington and most of Idaho and Oregon, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Thursday, Oct. 21, releasing a winter outlook that bodes well for Northwest snowpacks and next year’s irrigation season.

NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center based the forecast on a La Nina that formed in October and is expected to persist until spring. The climate phenomenon does not have uniform effects across the U.S.

While conditions are expected to improve in the Northwest, the drought likely will worsen in the Southwest, NOAA said. In some parts of the country, La Nina’s influence is too unpredictable to tilt the odds either way.

Cooler than normal sea-surface temperatures along the equator in the Pacific Ocean triggered the La Nina. A reservoir of cold water below the surface suggests that the ocean will continue to cool and that the La Nina will stick around and may get stronger, according to NOAA.

Sea-surface temperatures off the West Coast are also cooling, an expected response to a La Nina, NOAA reported.

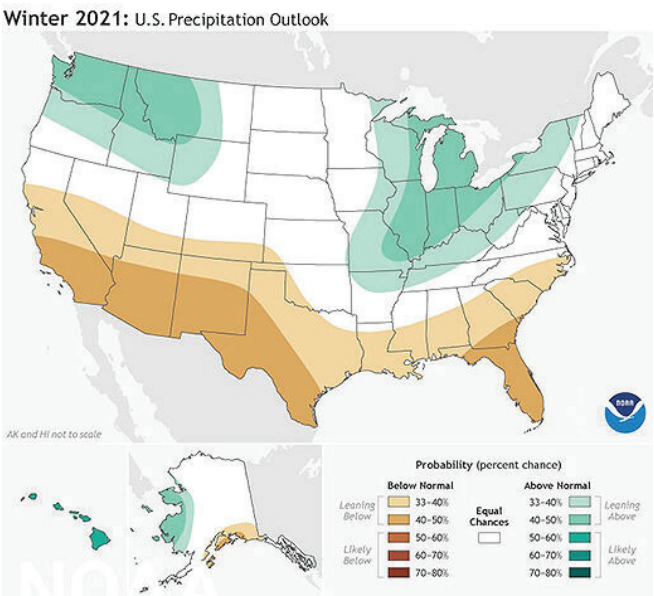
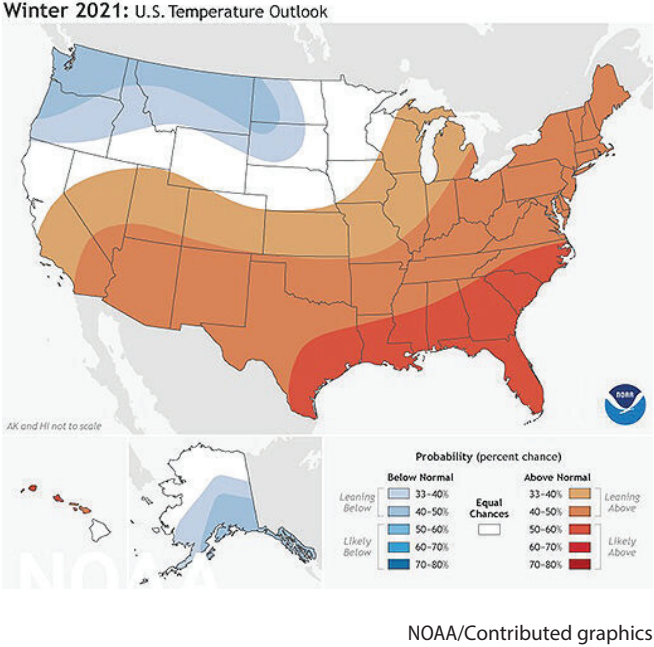
The winter forecast projects the expected climate in December, January and February. It does not predict snow accumulations.

Above-average temperatures and below-normal precipitation are favored for the southern U.S. The South has the best bet for a warm winter, according to NOAA.

A La Nina also prevailed last winter. A large snowpack in the Cascades fed irrigation systems in Washington, even though drought caused by a dry spring gripped the state.

NOAA on Oct. 21 also released an outlook for November.

Oregon, Northern California and Southern Idaho are expected to be warmer than usual. Washington, Oregon and Idaho are expected to have above-normal precipitation.



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A cool, wet winter could bode well for a bigger snowpack in the mountains.

Study: 270 Native students died at Oregon boarding schools

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SALEM — A new database sheds light on the dark history of federal boarding schools for Native American students in Oregon.

Pacific University Archivist and Associate Professor Eva Guggemos and volunteer historian SuAnn Reddick collaborated to document at least 270 students who died in custody at boarding schools in Forest Grove and Salem between 1880 and 1945. Their new website, published Monday, Oct. 11, on Indigenous Peoples’ Day and hosted by Pacific University, includes names and burial locations, a timeline of the schools and a bibliography with a spreadsheet of detailed notes on each student, who came from a wide range of tribes and nations.

“Sometimes they would write on the school roster and annotate it and say they died on this date. Other times it wasn’t so simple and there would be no official school record at all of some students,” Guggemos said. “Some

information was only in contemporary newspaper articles. There were hospital records, cemetery records, occasional bits from letters and diaries.”

The school first opened as the Forest Grove Indian Industrial Training School in 1880, then moved to its current location as the Chemawa Indian School in Salem in 1885.

Guggemos started looking through school rosters shortly after arriving in Forest Grove in 2011, and she and Reddick sourced the National Archives & Records in Seattle along with Pacific University and state library archives. According to the research, four years after the founding of the school in Forest Grove in 1884, about 175 students were present on campus from Puyallup, Warm Springs, Alaska, Chehalis, Spokane, Umatilla, Nez Perce, Yakima, Sound and Grand Ronde reservations or villages.

Reddick started researching the school’s history in the 1990s.

“Back in the day when I was initiating this research I went to the Oregon State Library and spent many

hours scrolling through these terrible micro-film machines taking those little sheets of film, laying them on a plate and printing them,” Reddick said. “I had a friend who was a page. We took this rickety old elevator down into the stacks and would look for books. Sometimes you just go fishing.”

Across the American West, federal boarding schools like Chemaw took children as young as 6 away from their families and aimed to eradicate their native culture by punishing them for speaking their own languages or practicing their own traditions. The most common causes of death found by Guggemos and Reddick were infectious diseases like tuberculosis, meningitis or influenza. The researchers traced 175 students at the Chemawa School Cemetery and two students at Forest View Cemetery in Forest Grove.

In June, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced a Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, a “comprehensive review of the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies.”

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