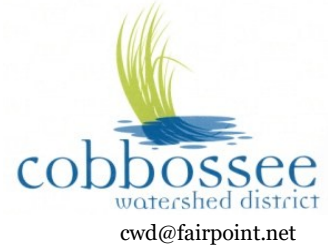


WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2026



PRECIPITATION *measured at CWD office in Winthrop:*

July total:	1.97 inches
August so far:	1.84 inches

The drought status in the Cobbossee Watershed has worsened from “abnormally dry” last month to currently being “moderate drought”. July precipitation (as measured at CWD in Winthrop) was almost two inches below average, and was only half the long-term July average. August precipitation through the 25th was 1.84 inches, which is also below average, being at 52% of a monthly August average. Note that some places in the watershed may have had more or less rain; for example we are aware of a downpour in Gardiner this month that parts of Cobbossee Stream received that the lakes did not.

Lake Levels

Summer water level management goals are to start with a full pond and minimize seasonal water loss from evaporation by minimizing water discharges and dam leakage, resulting in only a gradual lowering of water levels throughout the summer. Although dam operators have reduced outflow as much as possible while maintaining a minimal flow downstream, the drought is causing levels to drop noticeably on most waterbodies.

All lakes are below full pond levels. This is typical for August but levels are declining more rapidly now with no runoff and high evaporation. The variation ranges from 14 inches below full pond at Narrows Ponds, where there is no dam to control the level, to 1.5 inches below full pond at Pleasant Pond. The inches below full pond for each set of lakes are shown in the graph below. Other details on page 2.

CWD Lake Levels August 22-25, 2026 as inches below full pond

