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Newsletter – June 2026

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GMRS Repeater update:

Our repeater continues to be operational and ready for use. Specifications:

FREQ	ZONE	LOCATION	COUNTY	OWNER	USE
462.575	100.0/100.0	WELLS BEACH	YORK	WRZX537	OPEN

Tidbits:

✓ Hurricane season for 2026 is starting! For the Atlantic Coast it ranges from June 1 through November 30.

✓ A common question we receive is: Will cellphones work if the electrical grid goes down?

- The short answer is: Yes, cellphones will work initially if the grid goes down, but will likely stop working shortly after. Your ability to connect depends on whether local cell towers have a source of backup power and how long that power lasts as well as network congestion.

✓ So, how can one prepare?

- First priority is to conserve your phone battery by:
 - Switching to Airplane mode
 - Text, don't call. Texting uses less bandwidth and has more of a chance of getting through
 - Disabling apps that run in the background on your phone
 - Have a commutation plan and religiously stick to the plan. Step one in your plan is - your phone should remain off - only use it as required by your communication plan
 - Have an external power source to keep your phone charged
 - Use Wi-Fi to call if you have internet - it bypasses the cell towers

If you have a GMRS radio, monitor and use it. If you don't have one, consider getting one. They're inexpensive and can make a major difference in an emergency.

Situational Awareness Events:

Road Construction

Kennebunk:

Multiple Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) paving projects are scheduled in Kennebunk during spring/summer 2026, causing significant traffic delays. Expect lane closures.

Key 2026 Maine DOT Paving Projects in/near Kennebunk:

- York St (Route 1) Paving: Starts April 20, 2026, with no parking in work zones with expected delays through June 2026.
- Fletcher St (Route 35) Paving: Scheduled for May 26 – June 12, 2026, including the roundabout and four approaches, with alternating lane closures.
- Route 1 & Route 9W Paving: Paving project starting in Wells and extending 4.35 miles into Kennebunk, scheduled for summer 2026.
- Route 99 Paving: Project scheduled to begin 0.5 miles from Route 9A, extending northwest for 1.25 miles.

Wells:

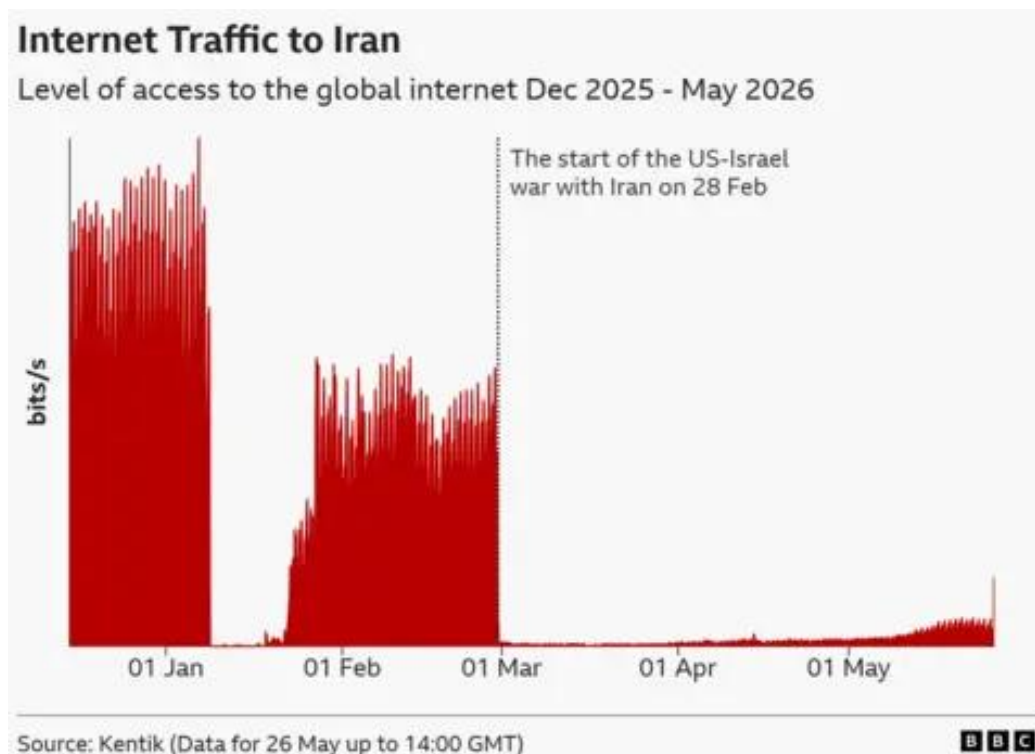
Maine Department of Transportation (Maine DOT) is conducting major paving and safety improvements on U.S. Route 1 in Wells.

Key 2026 Maine DOT Paving Projects in Wells

- Route 1 Corridor Improvement (BUILD Grant Project):
 - This major project includes:
 - Paving: 5.6 miles of U.S. Route 1 to improve road conditions
 - Pedestrian/Bike Safety: Construction of 5 miles of new sidewalks and 3.2 miles of reconstructed sidewalks, along with up to 11.2 miles of consistent bike lanes
 - Signals & Access: Deployment of adaptive signal technology, improved pedestrian lighting, and enhanced access for the Wells Public Safety building
- Wells Harbor Improvements:
 - Pier Expansion: Expansion of the commercial pier and installation of a floating dock on Harbor Road
 - Dredging: Maintenance dredging of Wells Harbor is scheduled for February 2026

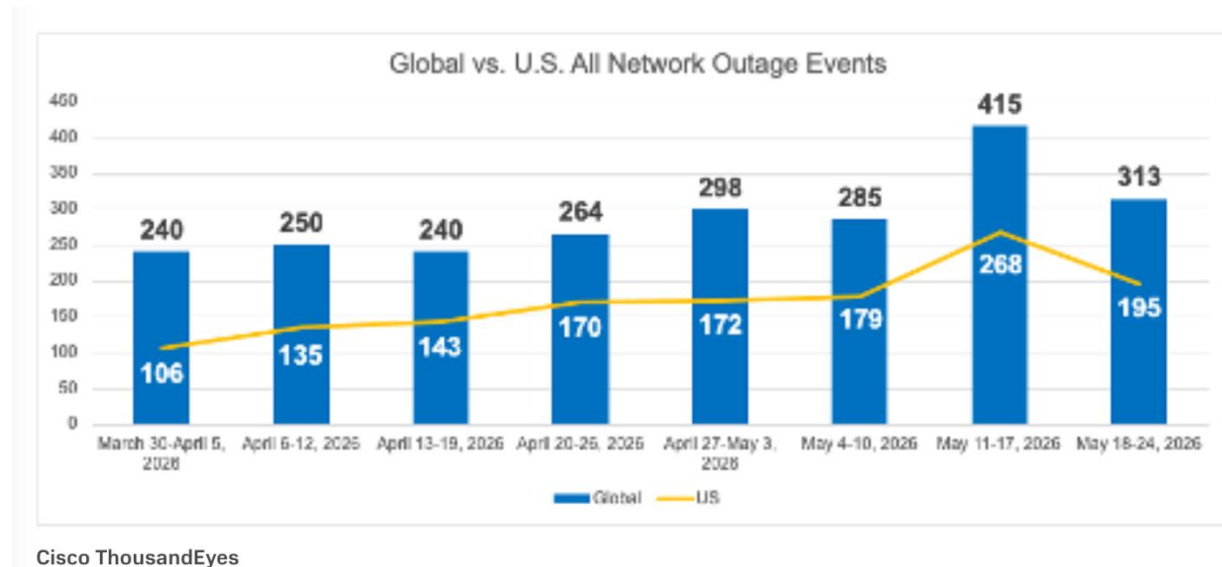
Internet Blackout in Iran Status

On May 26, 2026, the BBC is **reporting that partial internet service is being restored in Iran, ending the longest internet blackout to date.**



Global Internet Outages

No major internet outages (except for the Iranian internet blockage) reported in May 2026. Below is a chart from Cisco Thousand Eyes for April/May 2026.



Cellphone Outages

There were several localized outages in May. The longest outage the author found was in Winkler County, Texas lasting 12 to 14 hours. Both AT&T and Verizon networks were affected.

No single graph has yet to be found on cellphone outages. If anyone knows of one, please let us know.

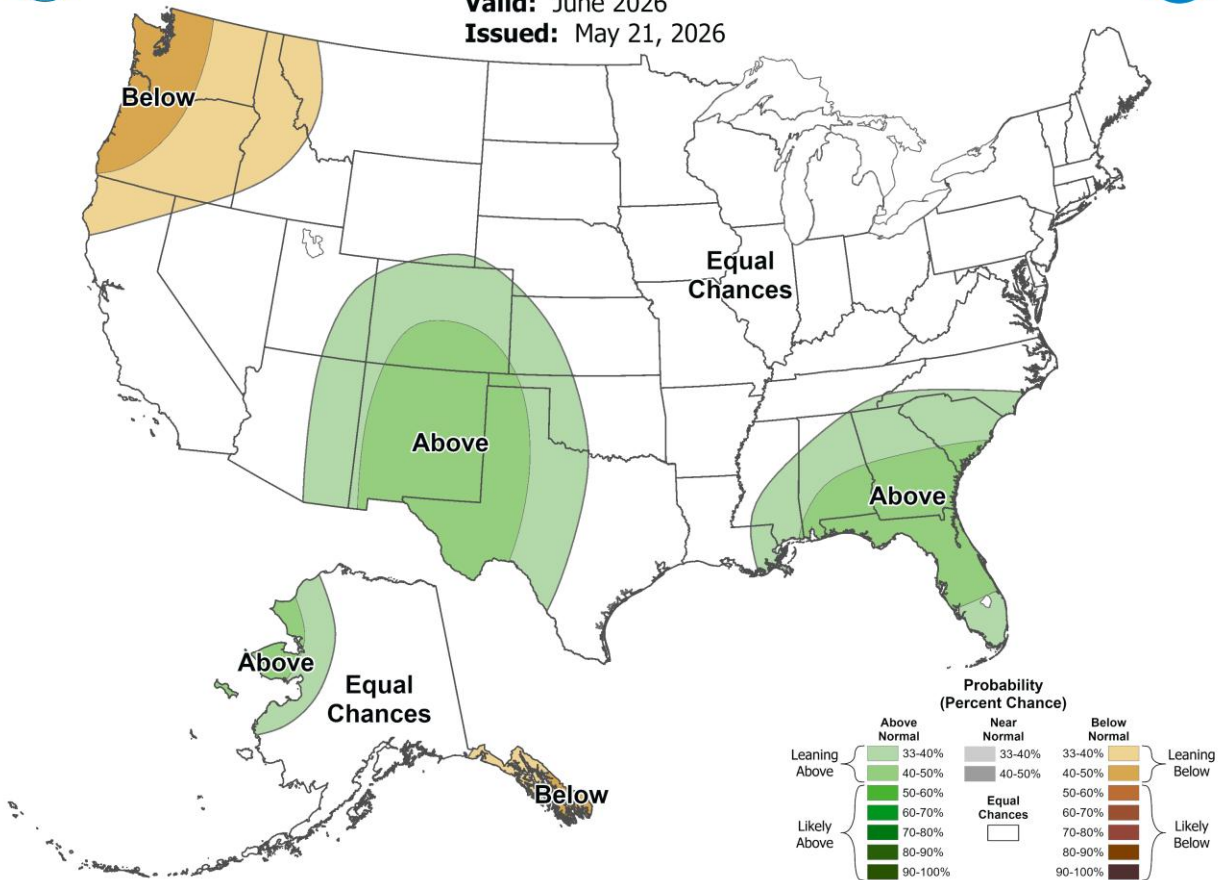
Climate Prediction Center's Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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Maine Earthquakes: Following is a list of earthquakes that have either occurred in Maine or within 62.5 miles during March and April 2026.

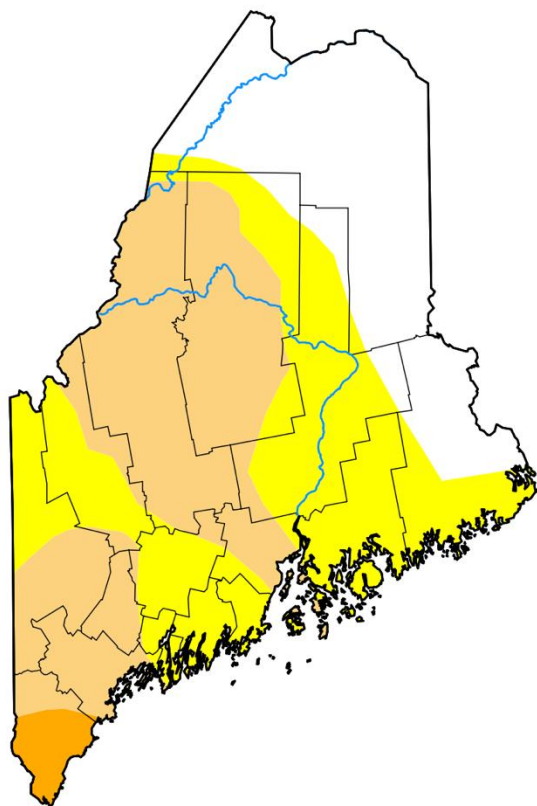
Showing all recent or significant quakes since 2025, magnitude 0 or higher, within up to 100 km (62 mi) distance (9 quakes):

 no change 

DATE AND TIME 	MAG DEPTH	LOCATION	DETAILS	MAP
May 18, 08:39 pm (Universal Time) 11 days ago	0.3 5 km	 9 km NE of Saint Andrews, NB 12 km (7.5 mi) to the E		
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 GMT (1 quake)				
May 12, 06:42 pm (Universal Time) 2 weeks ago	1.8 9.6 km	 9 km ESE of South Bristol, Maine 5 km (3.1 mi) to the S		
Saturday, May 2, 2026 GMT (1 quake)				
May 2, 08:30 am (Universal Time) 4 weeks ago	1.3 9.1 km	 7 km NW of Wesley, Maine		

<https://www.volcanodiscovery.com/earthquakes/maine.html>

York County Drought – the drought in York County remains the same as last month (D2).



Map released: Thurs. May 28, 2026

Data valid: May 26, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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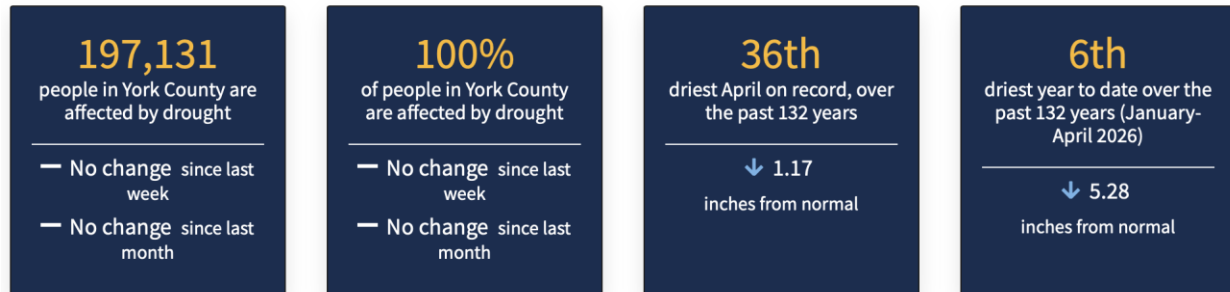
<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ME>).

Facts about the current drought in Maine and in York County:

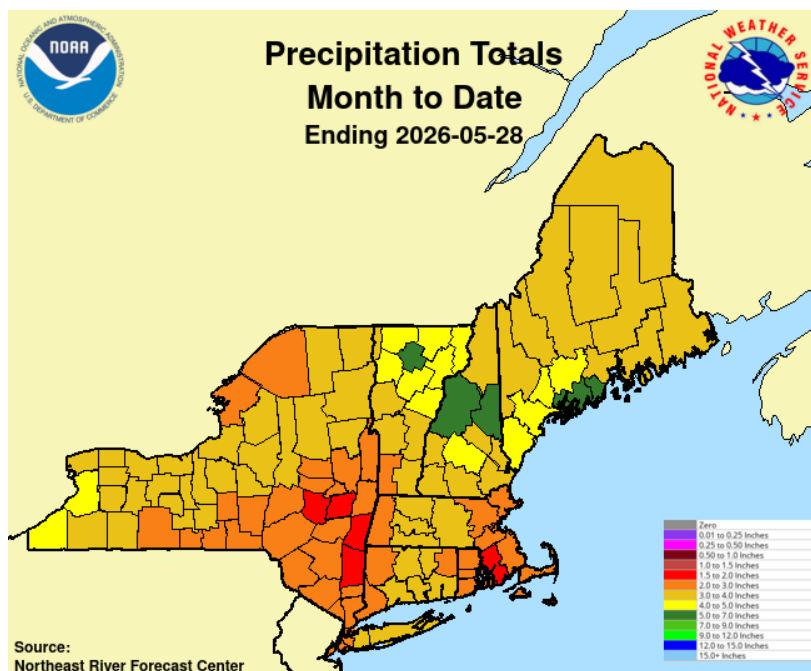
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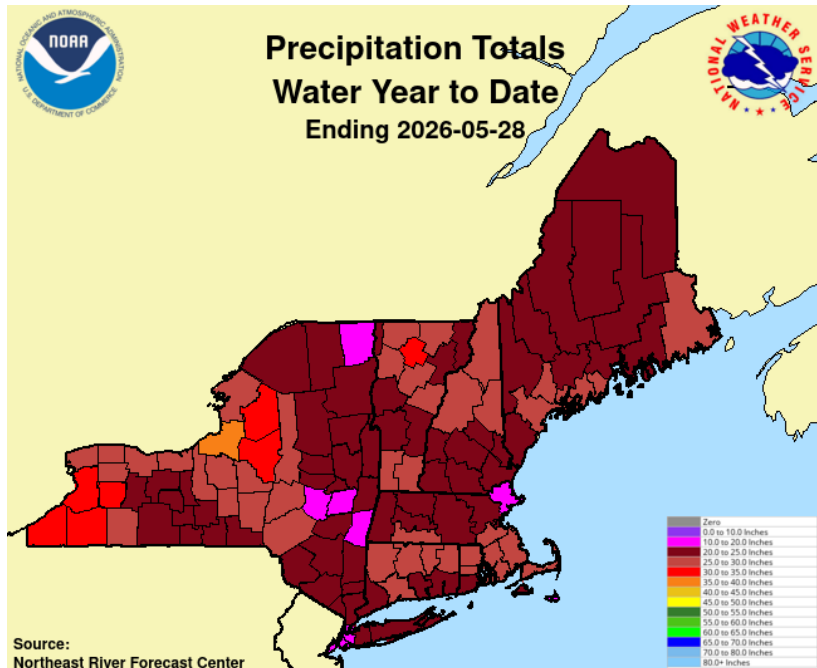


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Precipitation Totals for Maine.



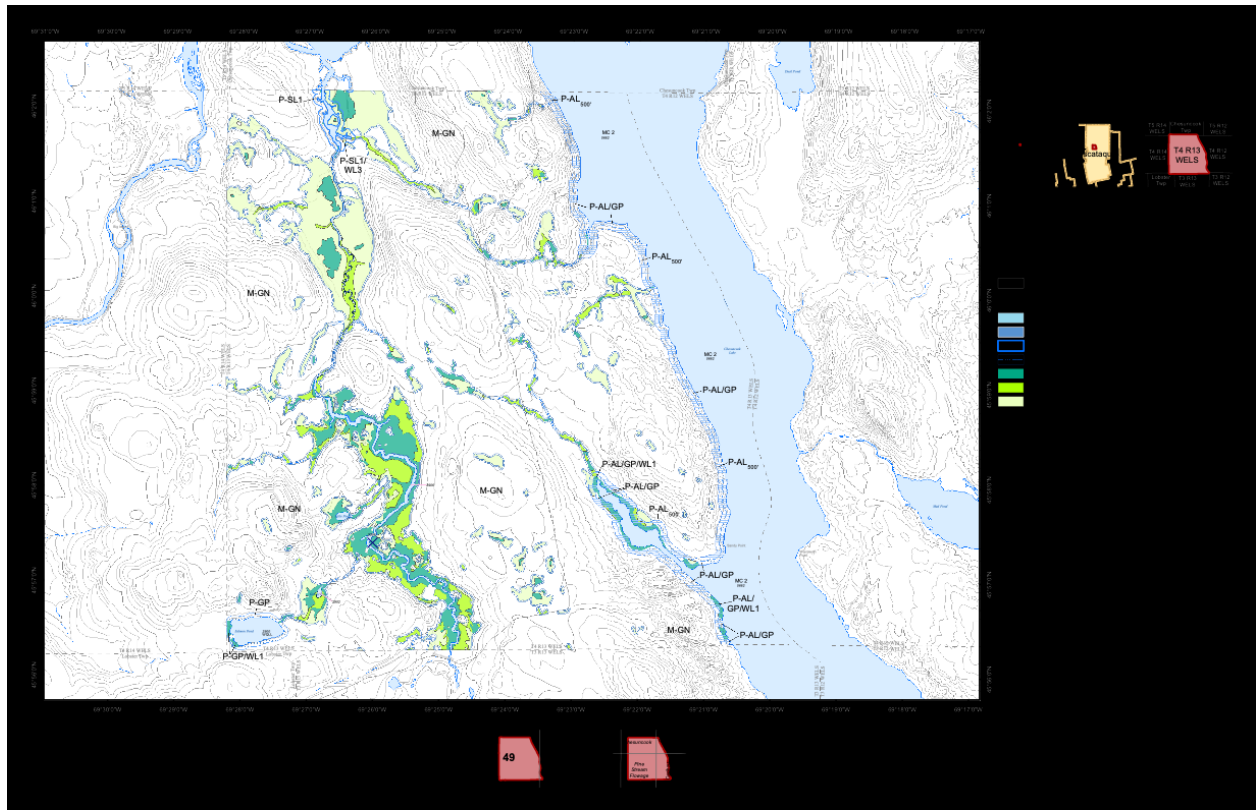


Wildfires in Maine:

On May 24, 2026, there was a wildfire at T4 R13 WELS. The Newsletter author freely admits he could not give anyone directions there. The best the author could do is ask Google for help and here is the answer.

“T4 R13 WELS is an unorganized territory in Piscataquis County, deep in Maine’s North Woods. It is located just west of Chesuncook Lake and encompasses remote features like the Pine Stream Flowage and Grassy Pond.”

“Note: The designation “WELS” stands for West East Line of the State, a historical surveying grid system used in Maine’s unorganized northern territories.”





Here's a picture that was posted on Facebook by "NH News Now's Post". The Facebook link is [NH NEWS NOW](#).

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