

Narrative Summary – November 2015

The average temperature for November 2015 was below normal, averaging 39.8°F, 0.7° below normal (40.5°F). The warmest November (1990) averaged 46.5°F; while the coolest (1985) averaged 24.8°F. The following temperature records were established during November 2015:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>
17	High Minimum	46	46	1983+ (tie)

Precipitation for November 2015 totaled 0.60 inches, 63% of normal (0.95 inch). The wettest November (1996) received 2.67 inches; and the driest (1976) received only a trace. There was 3.4 inches of snow recorded during November 2015, compared to a normal of 2.0 inches. The snowiest November on record (1985) received 18.3 inches. Total precipitation for 2015 (through November) is 4.44 inches, 75% of normal (5.95 inches).

The average wind speed for November 2015 was 7.9 miles per hour (mph), which was 1.2 mph above normal (6.7 mph). The windiest November on record (1990) averaged 10.0 mph, while the November with the lightest winds (1956) averaged 2.9 mph. The peak gust for November 2015 was SW at 72 mph on November 17. High winds on this day created a dust storm with visibility as low as one quarter of a mile. This is the record highest wind gust ever recorded for November. The previous record was 67 mph in 1993. Peak gusts on Rattlesnake Mountain reached 115 mph.

Autumn 2015 (September, October and November) averaged 55.0°F, which is 1.7° above normal (53.3°F) for the autumn months. The warmest autumn (1990) averaged 57.1°F; while the coolest (1985) averaged 44.5°F. Precipitation for autumn 2015 totaled 0.94 inches, 53% of normal (1.76 inches). The wettest autumn (1973) received 4.79 inches; and the driest (1976) received only 0.04 inch.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.