



# Drought Information Statement for The Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles

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- This product will be updated when D2 returns.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/ama/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.



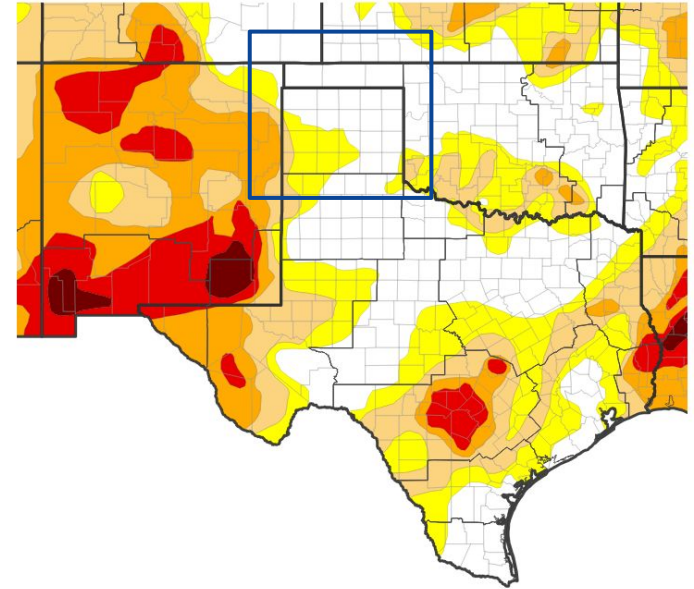


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for [region]

- Above normal precipitation in December and some additional moisture in January have led to the removal of D2 in the Texas Panhandle.
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - D4 (Exceptional Drought): None
  - D3 (Extreme Drought): None
  - D2 (Severe Drought): None
  - D1 (Moderate Drought): Far western Deaf Smith and Oldham Counties
  - D0: (Abnormally Dry): Hartley, Potter, Randall, Carson, Armstrong, Oldham, and Deaf Smith Counties

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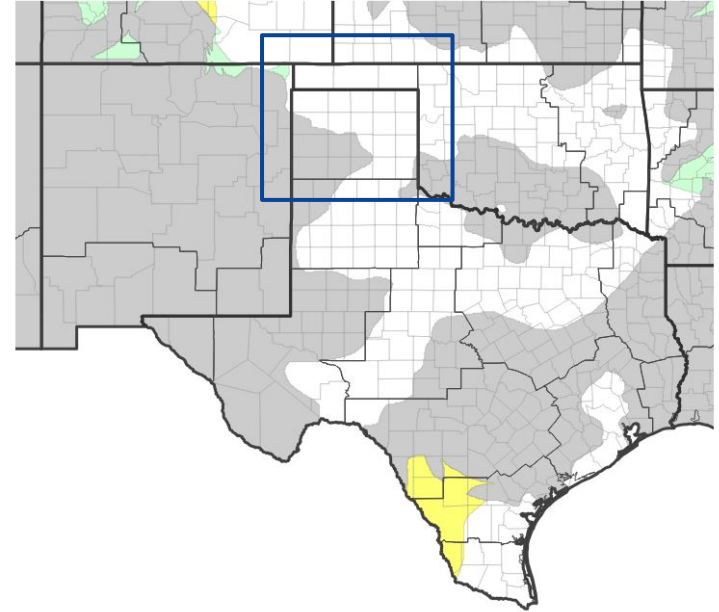


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

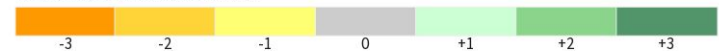
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for [region]

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - Drought Worsened: None
  - No Change: None
  - Drought Improved: No improvements in the last week.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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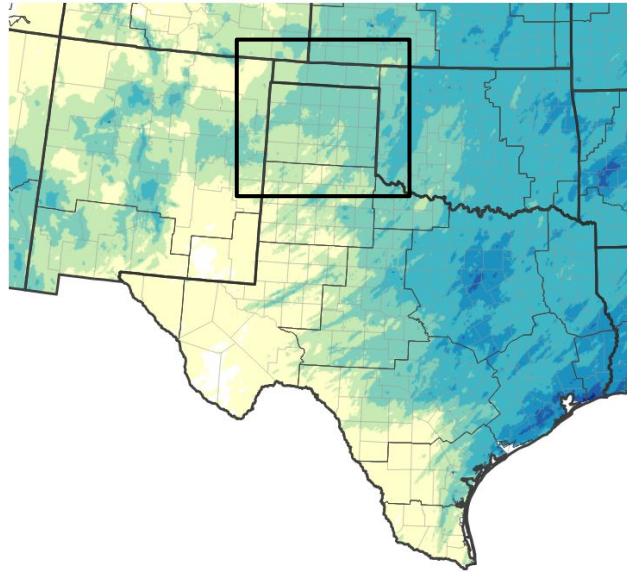




# Precipitation

- Most of the combined Panhandles have seen normal precipitation, if not double the normal 30 day precipitation in the last month.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



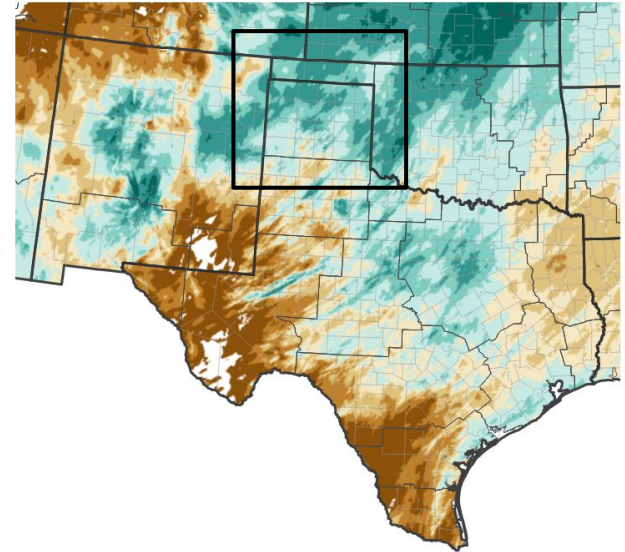
Inches of Precipitation



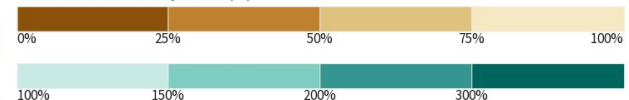
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)



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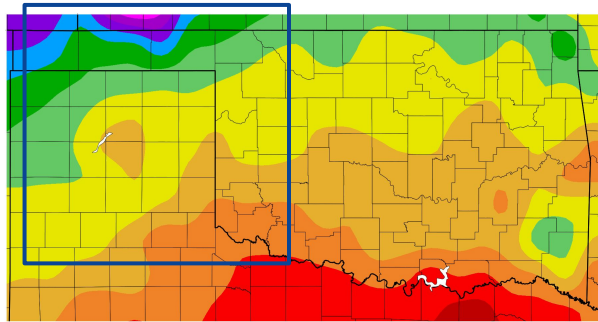




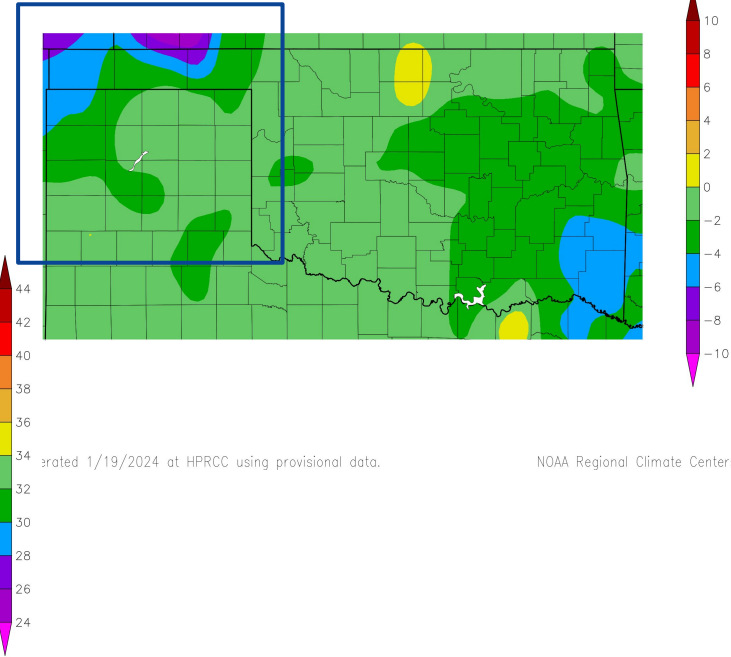
# Temperature

- Temperatures have been near normal to slightly below normal for the last 30 days.

Temperature (F)  
12/20/2023 – 1/18/2024



Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
12/20/2023 – 1/18/2024



generated 1/19/2024 at HPRCC using provisional data.

NOAA Regional Climate Center





# Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

## Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

## Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

## Mitigation Actions

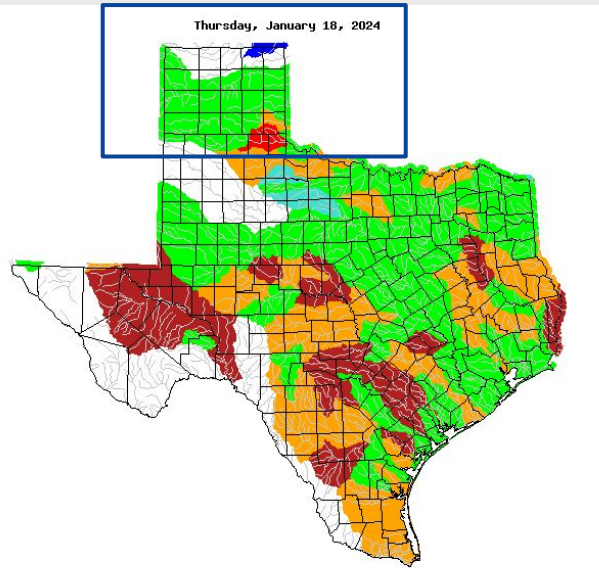
- Follow all burn bans placed by county officials.





# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow remains near normal to slightly below normal for the majority of the combined Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles.



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 12/03/2023





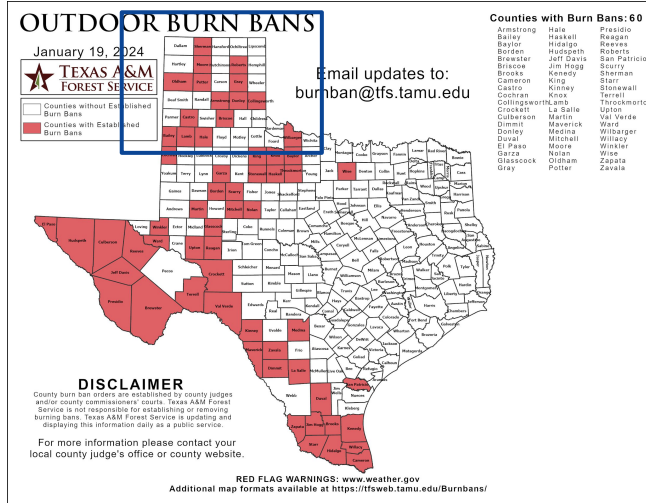
# Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- Winter is seasonally dry and fire hazards are not uncommon if above normal temperatures coincide with high winds.

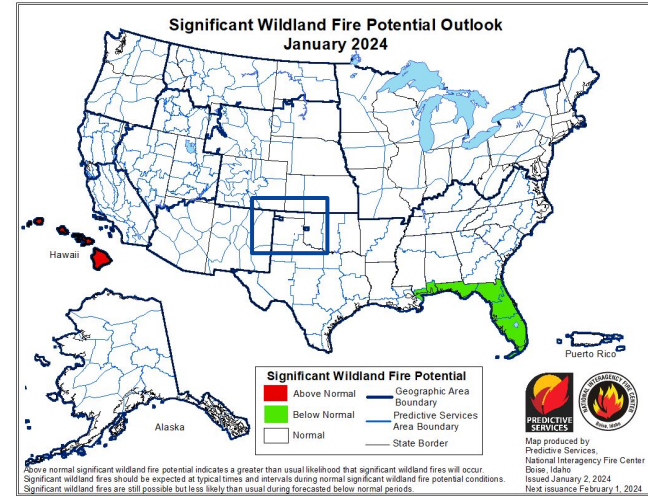
Latest TX Burn Ban map available [here](#).

Latest OK Burn Ban map available [here](#).



Counties with Burn Bans: 60

Armstrong	Hale	Presidio
Baylor	Haskell	Rainger
Brewer	Hudspeth	Reeves
Brewster	Hudspeth	Roberts
Briscoe	Hughes	San Patricio
Brown	Jim Hogg	Scurry
Broward	Jones	Stamann
Cameron	King	Starr
Castro	Kinney	Stonewall
Cherokee	Knox	Terrell
Cochran	LeFlore	Texas
Cotton	Madison	Trickemorton
Crockett	Marion	Upson
Culberson	Martini	Val Verde
Dallam	Maverick	Ward
Dawson	Medina	Wheeler
DeWitt	Morisk	Wichita
Donley	Moore	Winkler
Dove	Nolan	Wise
El Paso	Oldham	Zapata
Ford	Parker	Zavala
Gillespie	Potter	
Gray		



Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur. Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals during normal significant wildland fire potential conditions. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.





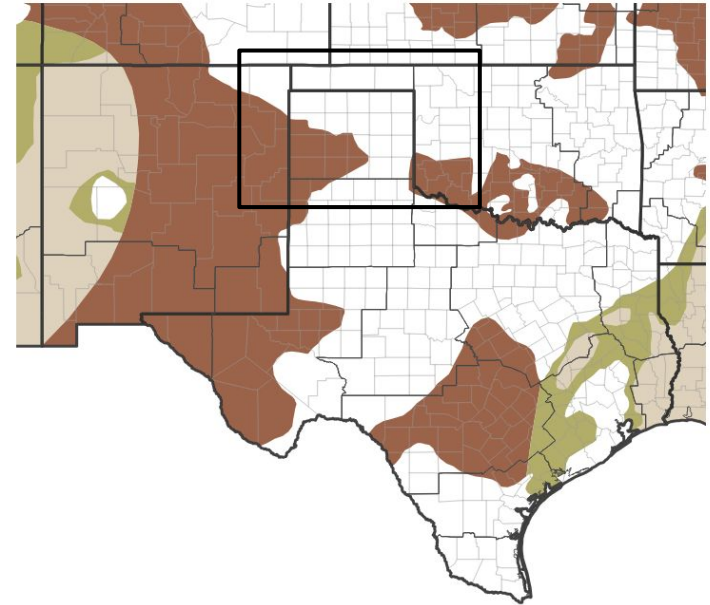


# Drought Outlook

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- Drought conditions expected to persist along the I-40 corridor.

## 1-Month Drought Outlook



### Drought is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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