



Drought Information Statement for NE Minnesota & NW Wisconsin

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- Next Update: Friday, July 24, 2026
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/DLH/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.

- **Moderate (D1) to Severe (D2) Drought conditions in north-central Minnesota to parts of the Iron Range.**
- **Abnormally dry conditions (D0) in most of the remainder of the Northland.**





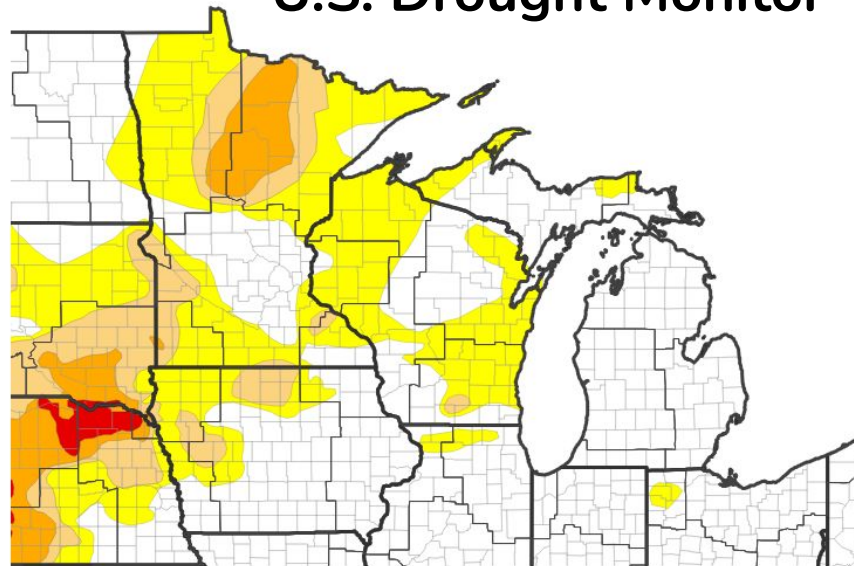
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: North-central Minnesota.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Remainder of north-central Minnesota into eastern Iron Range and Brainerd Lakes.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Most of the remainder of northeast Minnesota and Northwest Wisconsin aside from east-central St. Louis and southern Lake counties in northeast Minnesota and the southeastern ½ of Price County in north-central Wisconsin.

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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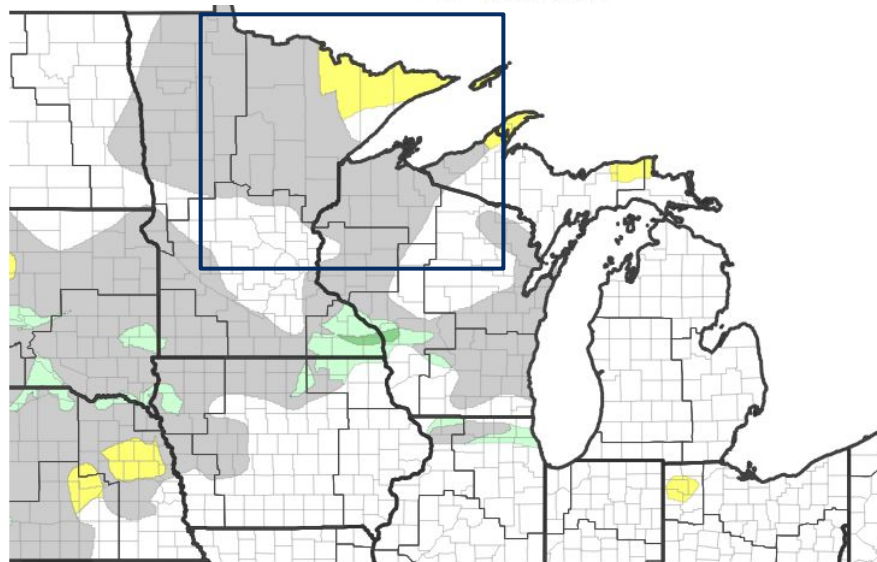


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

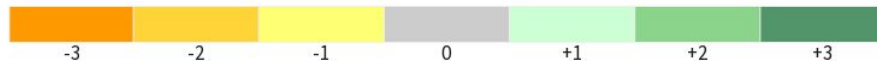
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: Cook County, northern Lake County, and northeastern St. Louis County.
 - Drought Improved: No drought improvement areas.
 - No Change: Remainder of the area.

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change 1 Week



Drought Change Since Last Week



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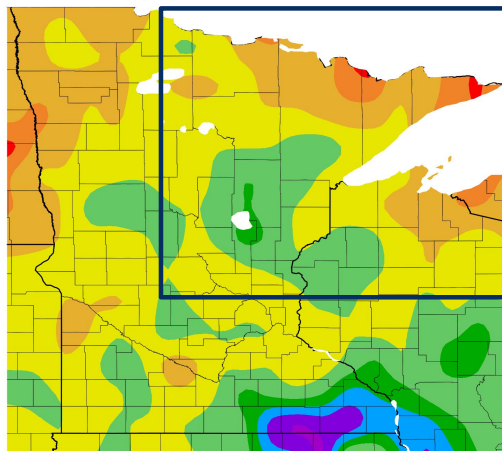


Precipitation

Precipitation (sum of liquid and melted frozen) that was observed in the Northland over the last month

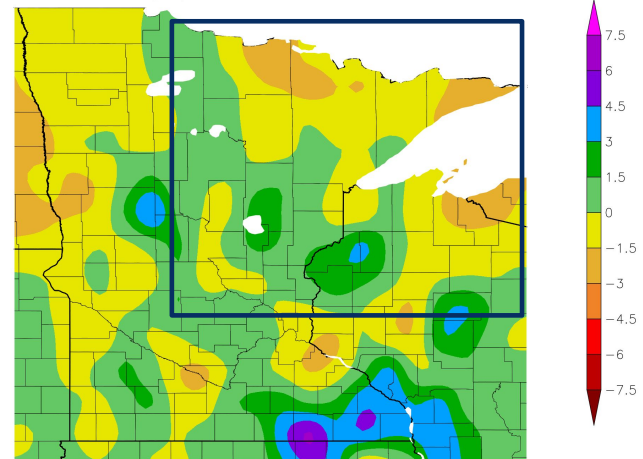
- Near to above normal precipitation generally along and south of US-2 in northeast Minnesota and inland NW WI.
- Mainly below average precipitation in northern Minnesota, the Arrowhead, and north-central Wisconsin.

Precipitation (in)
6/11/2026 – 7/10/2026



Generated 7/11/2026 using provisional data.

Departure from Normal Precipitation (in)
6/11/2026 – 7/10/2026



ACIS Web Service generated 7/11/2026 using provisional data.

ACIS Web Service



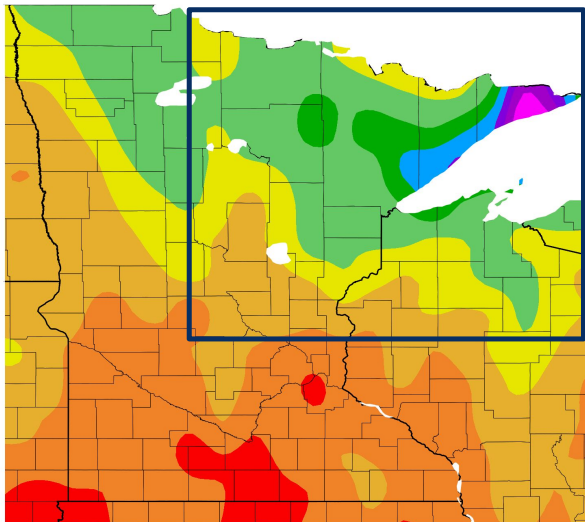


Temperature

Temperatures that were observed in the Northland over the last month

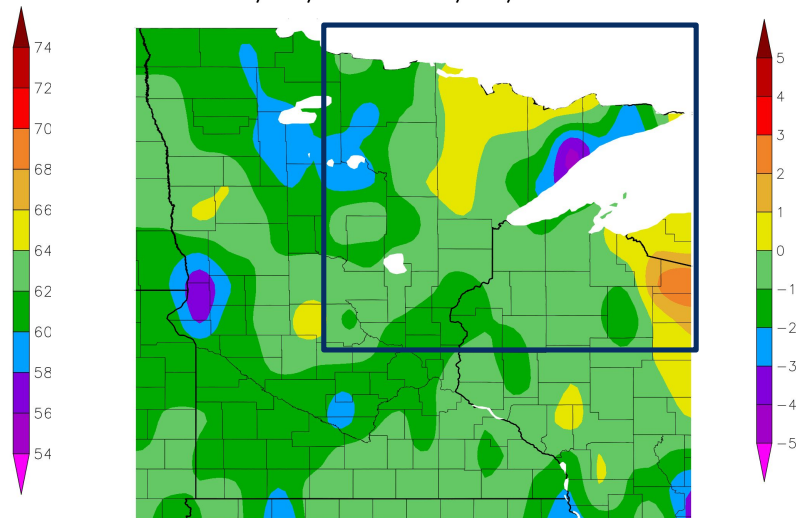
- Average temperatures have been 0 to +2 degrees above normal over the past month in western/northern St. Louis County, far northern Lake County, and in parts of north-central Wisconsin.
- The remainder of the Northland has been 0 to -5 degrees below normal for temperatures on average over the past month.

Temperature (F)
6/11/2026 – 7/10/2026



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Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Streams are running below to much below normal for northern Minnesota, the Arrowhead, and portions of northwest Wisconsin. Streams are running near normal for the remainder of the Northland. ([USGS Streamflow](#)).

Agricultural Impacts

- Below normal soil moisture in most of northeast Minnesota and portions of northwest Wisconsin.
- Near normal soil moisture in north-central Wisconsin, inland northwest Wisconsin, and central to east-central Minnesota. ([Soil Moisture](#)).

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire danger is Moderate to High in the Iron Range into the Boundary Waters and Arrowhead and Low in the remainder of north-central and northeast Minnesota ([MN Fire Danger](#)). Fire danger is Low in northwest Wisconsin ([WI Fire Danger](#)).

Other Impacts

- Unknown at this time.

Mitigation Actions

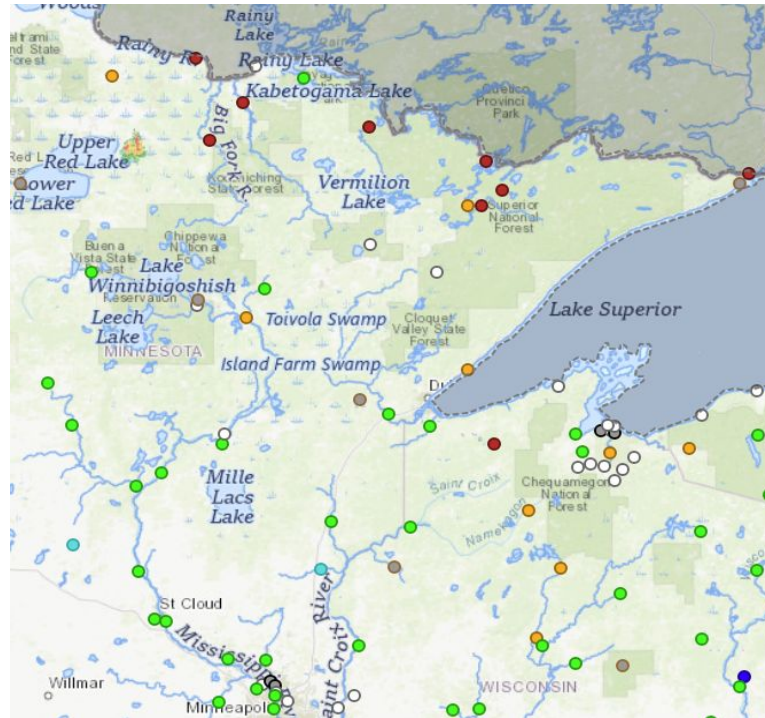
- Burn Restrictions - Variance permits only in central and northern St. Louis County and the Arrowhead. No burn restrictions elsewhere.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

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Streamflow: Status

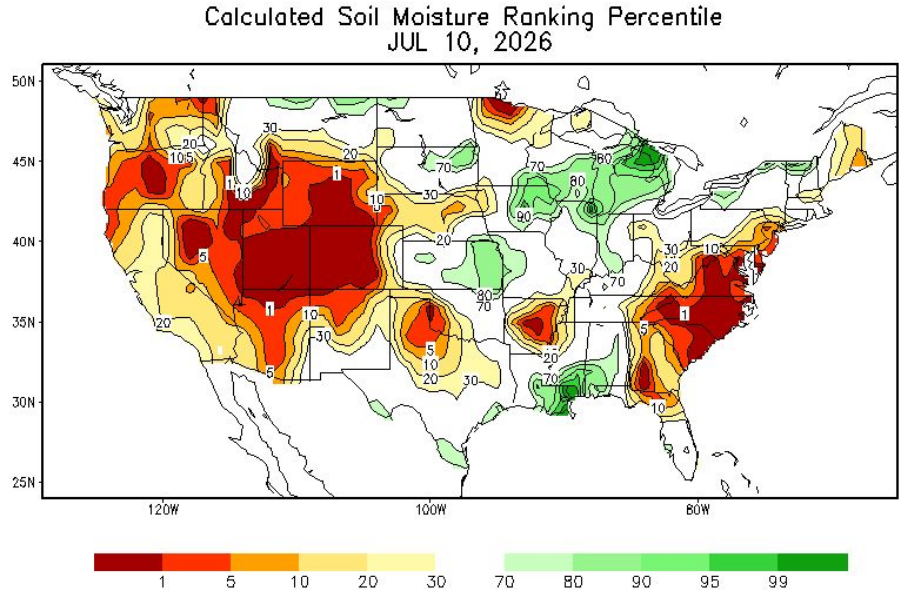
● Above flood stage	
● All-time high for this day	100 th percentile (maximum)
● Much above normal	>90 th percentile
● Above normal	76 th – 90 th percentile
● Normal	25 th – 75 th percentile
● Below normal	10 th – 24 th percentile
● Much below normal	<10 th percentile
● All-time low for this day	0 th percentile (minimum)
● Not flowing	
● Not ranked	
● Measurement flag	
● Recent measurement unavailable	

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow map valid 7/11/2026



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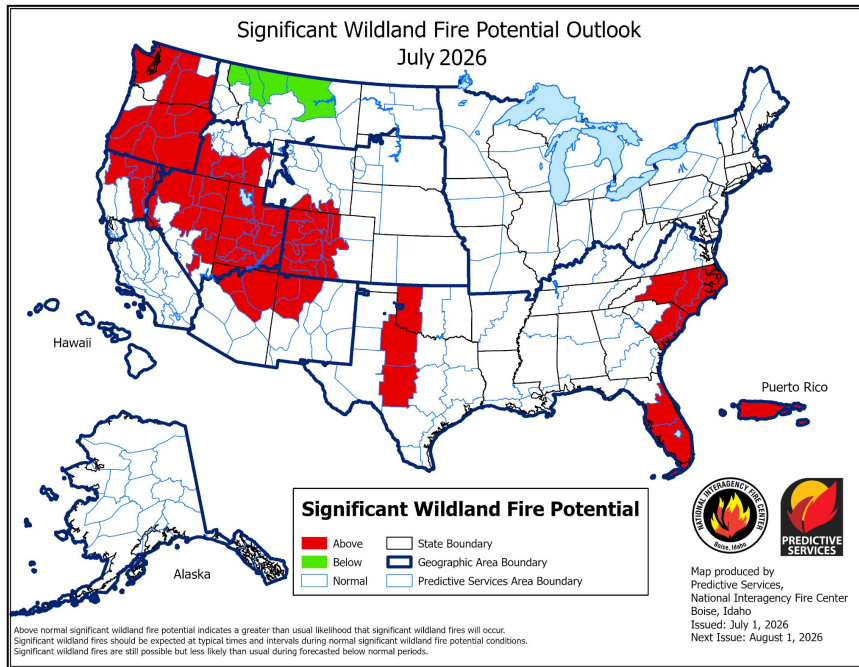




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- **Significant Wildland Fire Potential** conditions are normal for July.



Latest MN burn ban and fire danger information available [here](#).

Latest WI burn ban and fire danger information available [here](#).



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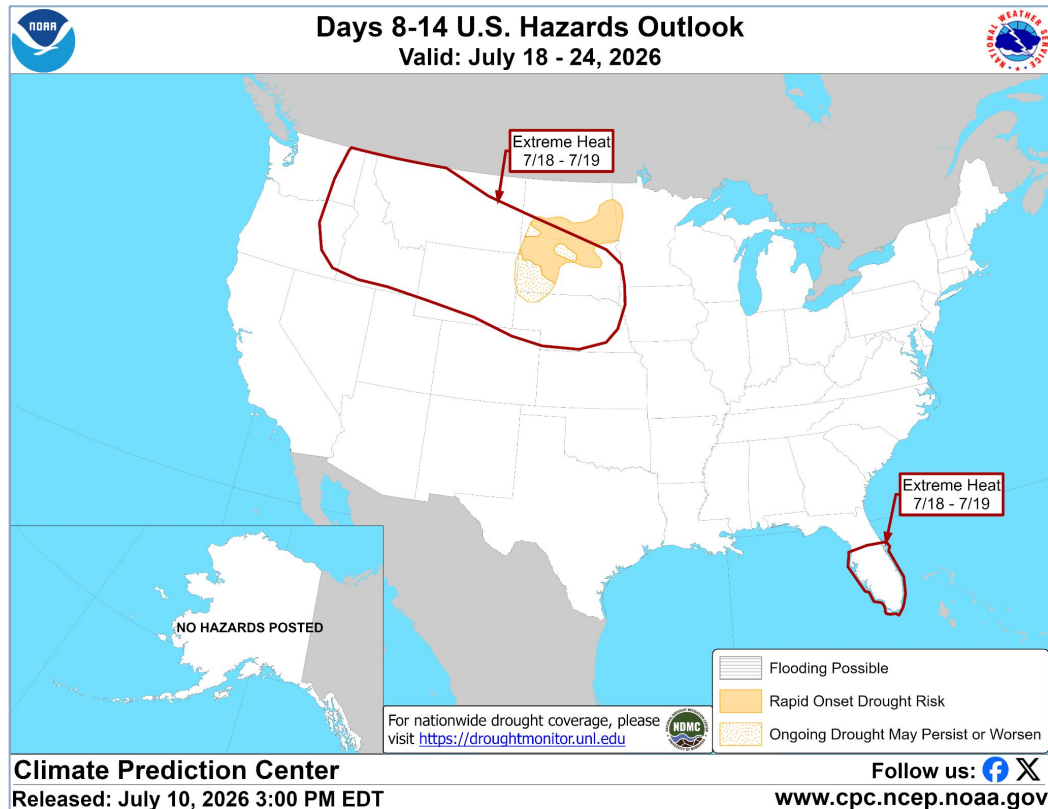
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Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- No rapid onset drought expected.



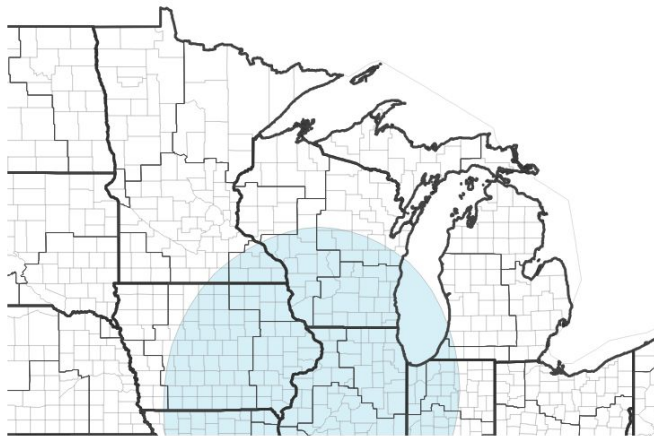


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Longer-term forecasts show equal chances for above, below, or near normal temperatures through September.
- Longer-term forecasts lean slightly towards below normal precipitation through September.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures

33% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures

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Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures

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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for July 1, 2026–September 30, 2026



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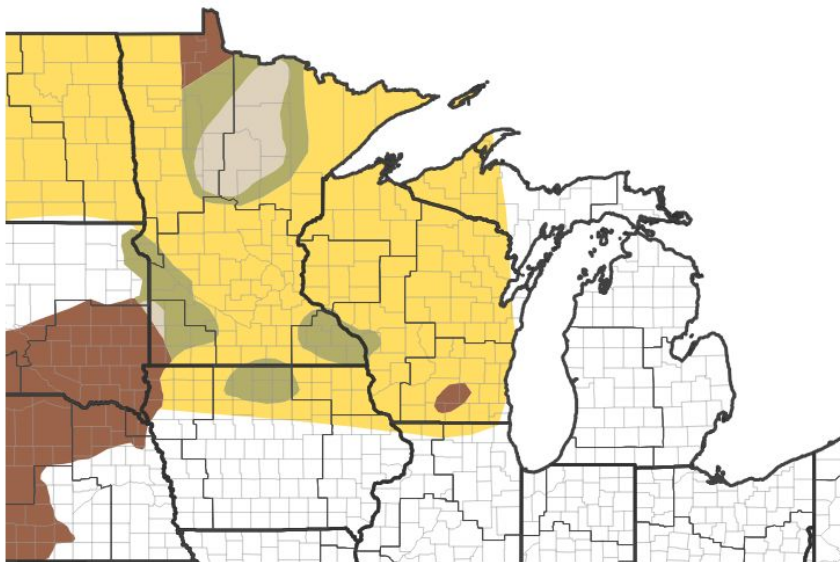


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to improve in north-central Minnesota and expand across much of the remainder of northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin through September.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 30, 2026–September 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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