



Drought Information Statement for NE Minnesota & NW Wisconsin

Valid November 6, 2025

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Contact Information:

- Next Update: Friday, December 5, 2025
- 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.

- **Drought conditions expanded across much of north-central and northeast Minnesota and northwest WI.**
- **Severe drought conditions (D2) added across portions of Pine, Carlton, southern St. Louis, and Douglas counties.**





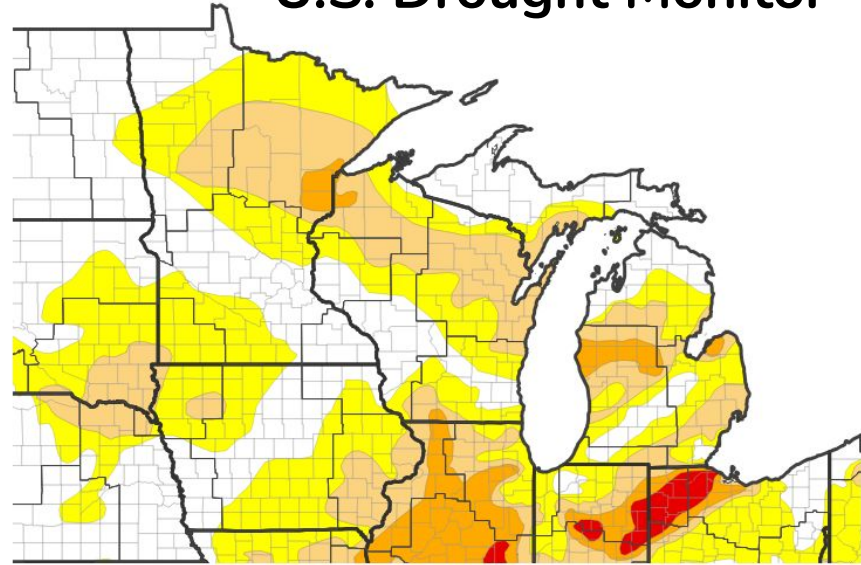
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Pine, Carlton, far SE St. Louis, and western Douglas counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Brainerd Lakes, Hwy 2 corridor, St. Louis and Lake County, much of NW WI.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Borderlands except the far tip of the MN Arrowhead, Lake County, portions of the South Shore.

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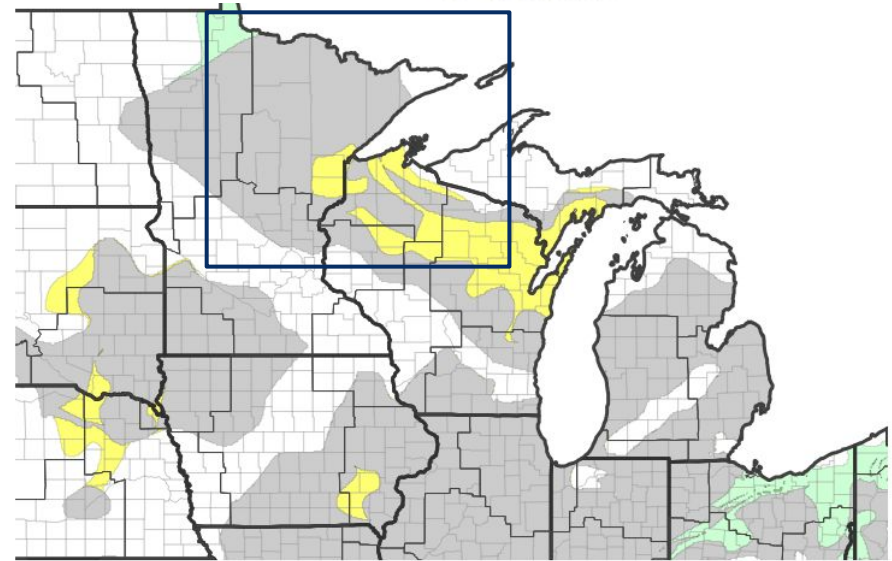


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

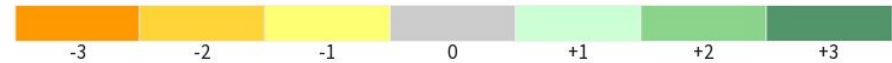
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - Drought Worsened: I-35 corridor and much of NW WI.
 - No Change: much of northern MN.
 - Drought Improved: NA

U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change 1 Week



Drought Change Since Last Week



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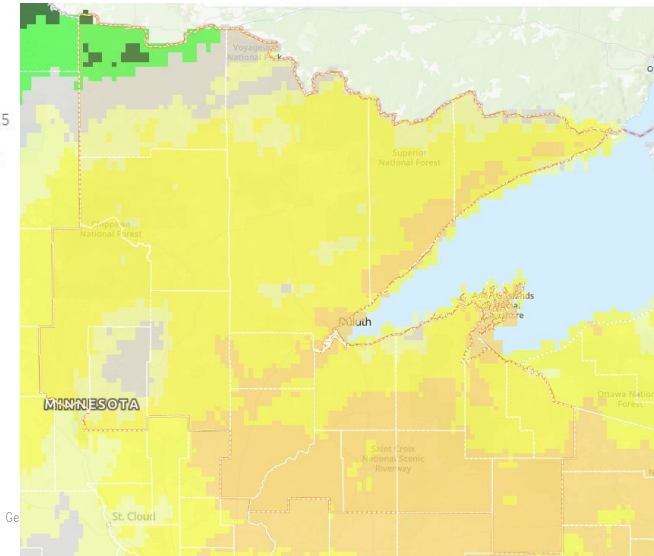
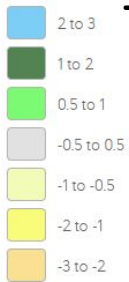


Precipitation

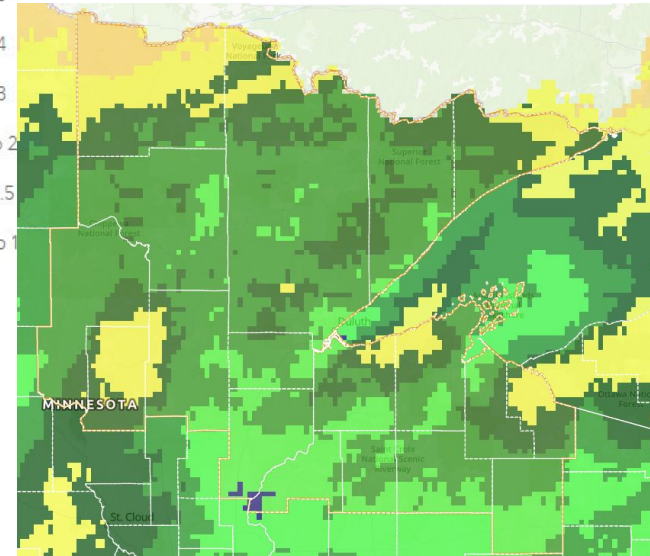
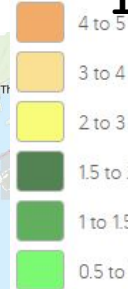
Precipitation (sum of liquid and melted frozen) that was observed in the Northland over the last month

- Regional precipitation in the past month is below is 1-3" below normal for much of the Northland

Precipitation Departure from Normal 10/6/25-11/6-2025 in inches



Observed Precipitation 10/6/25-11/6-2025 in inches



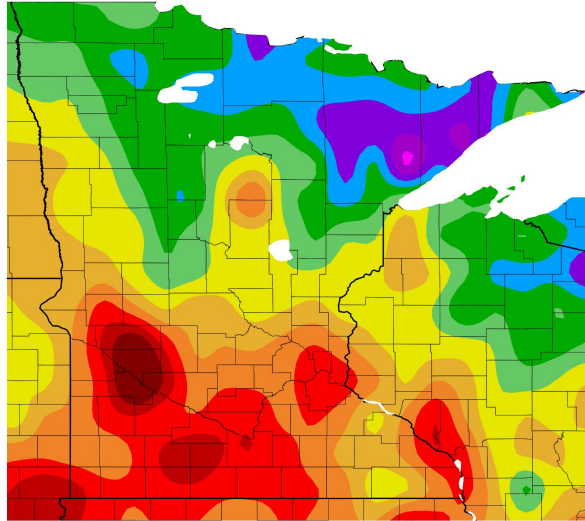


Temperature

Temperatures that were observed in the Northland over the last month

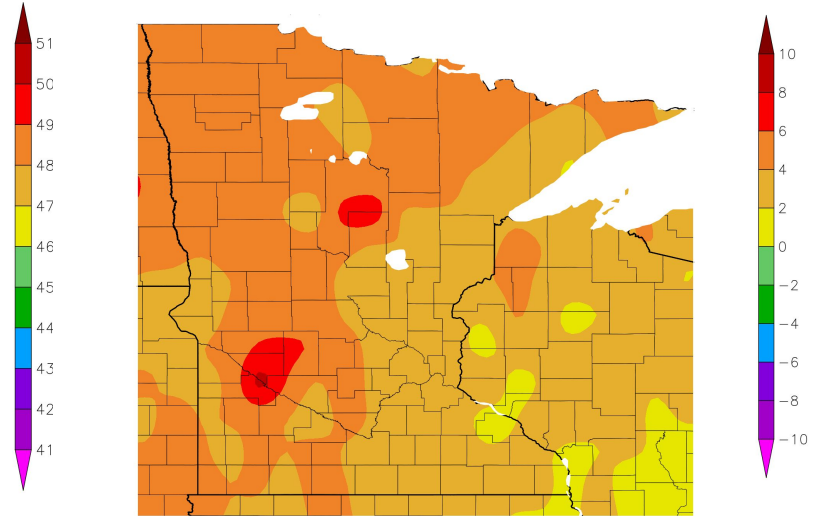
- Average temperatures have been 2-6 degrees F above normal over the past month.

Temperature (F)
10/7/2025 - 11/5/2025



dated 11/6/2025 using provisional data.

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

- Streamflows are largely running below for all river basins in the Northland ([USGS Streamflow](#)).

Agricultural Impacts

- Below normal soil moisture in most of northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin ([Soil Moisture](#)).

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire danger is Low to High in northern and eastern Minnesota ([MN Fire Danger](#)). Fire danger is Moderate in northwest Wisconsin ([WI Fire Danger](#)).

Other Impacts

- Unknown at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Burn Restrictions - No burn restrictions for most counties.





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- **Northeast Minnesota** - Streams are running much below to near normal in northeast Minnesota, best in the Arrowhead.
- **Northwest Wisconsin** - Streams are running slightly much below to around normal in northwest Wisconsin

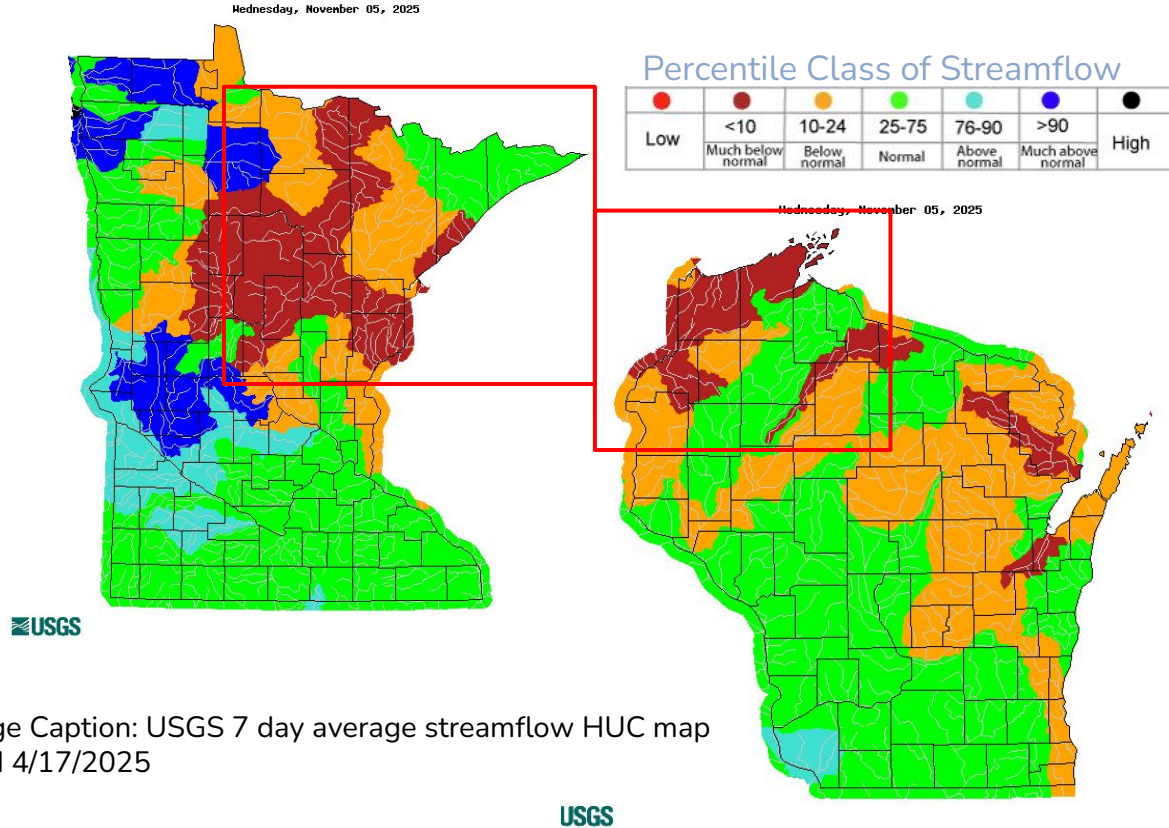


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid 4/17/2025

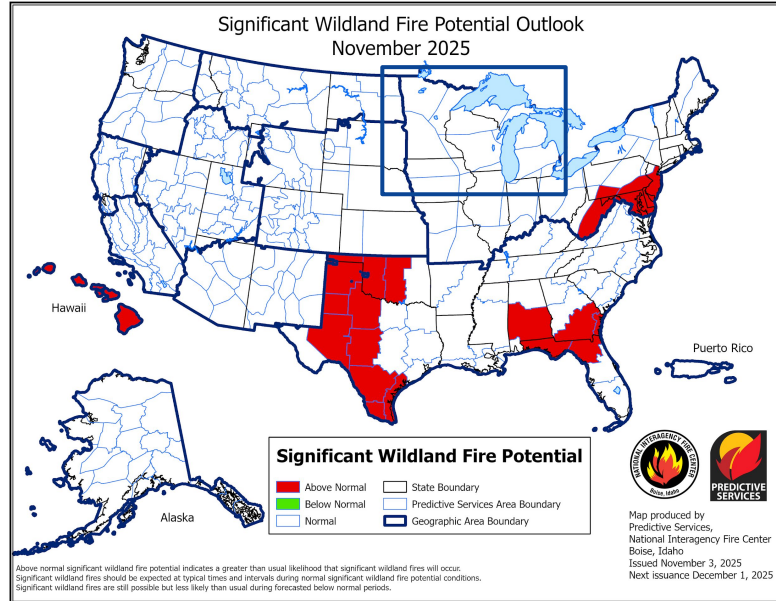




Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- **Significant Wildland Fire Potential** conditions are above normal for north-central Minnesota for **November**.



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

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





Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

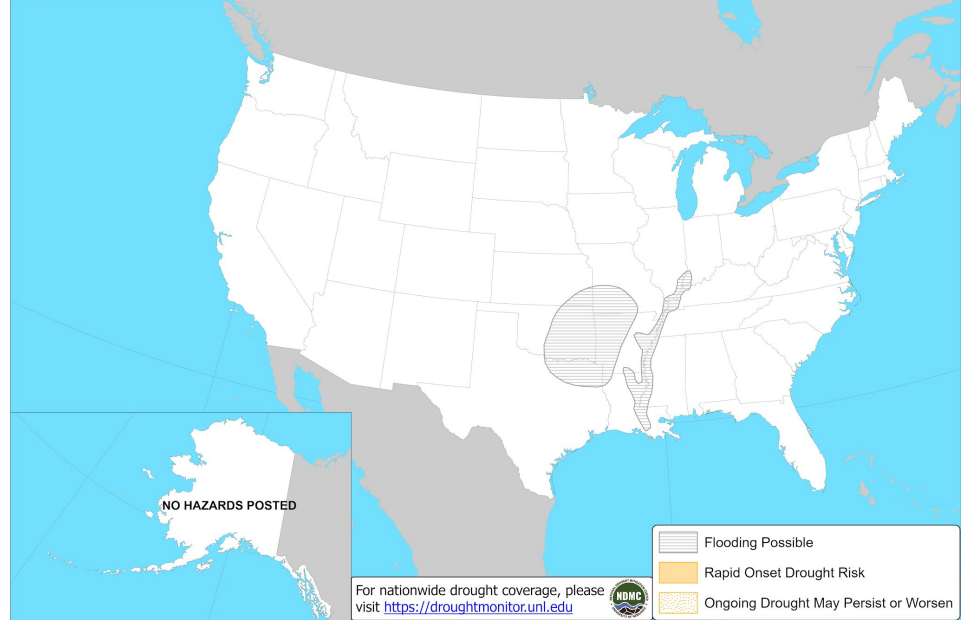
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- No rapid onset drought expected.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook

Valid: April 25 - May 1, 2025



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