



Drought Information Statement for Southern NM/Far West TX

Valid November 3, 2025

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- Severe (D2) to Extreme (D3) drought status affecting Southwest New Mexico. Moderate (D1) drought status affecting Far West Texas.
 - Improvement in drought conditions after early October rains, especially for El Paso County.
 - Drought conditions expected to persist in November due to below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures.



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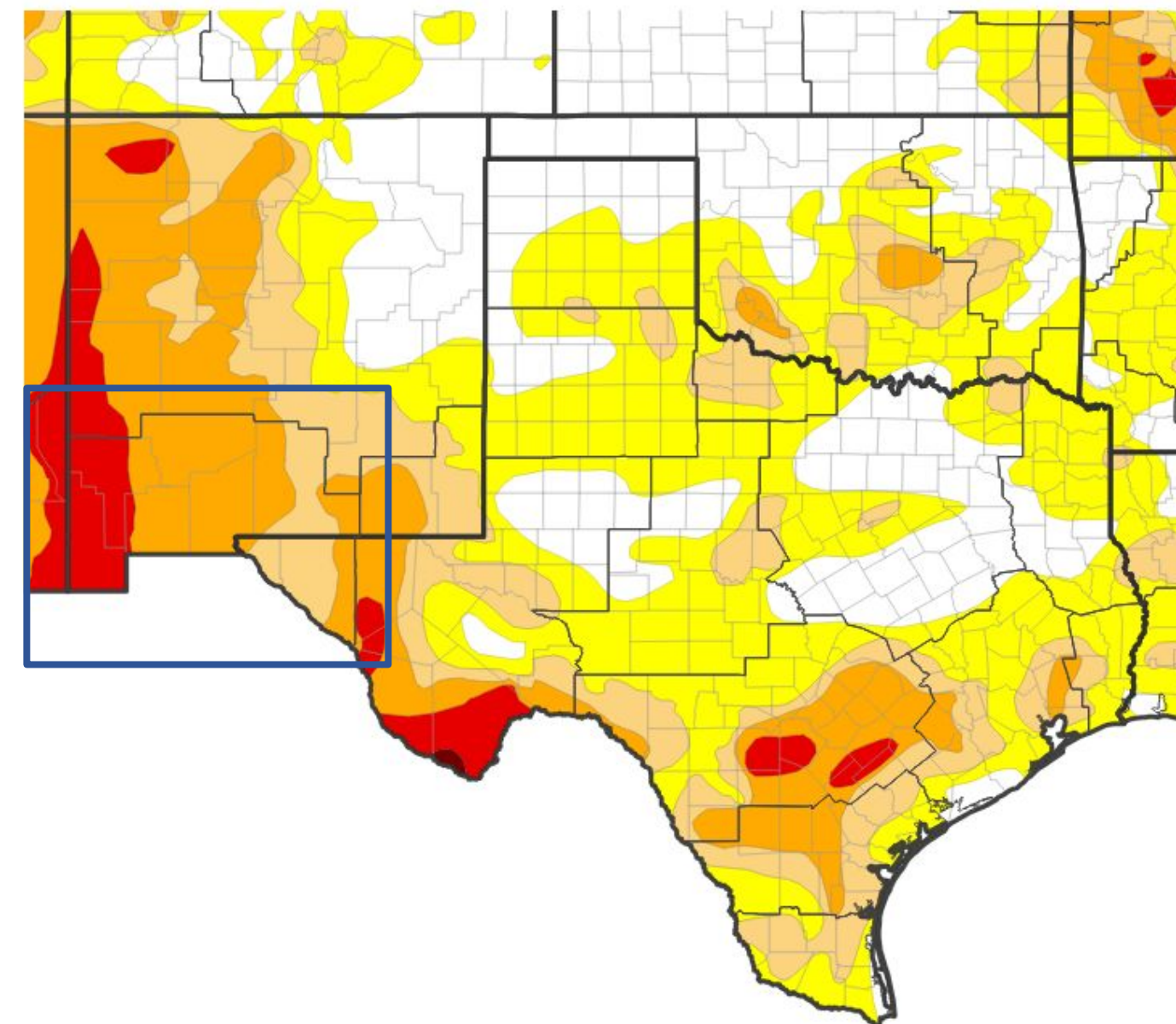
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Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for southern New Mexico and far west Texas

Drought Intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**
None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought)**
Portions of Southwest New Mexico including Grant and Hidalgo Counties. Gila National Forest.
- **D2 (Severe Drought)**
Portions of South-Central New Mexico including Dona Ana, Sierra, Luna, and Otero Counties.
- **D1 (Moderate Drought)**
Far West Texas including El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, Lincoln National Forest.
- **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**
Northeast New Mexico (80% of New Mexico, 63% of Texas)

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

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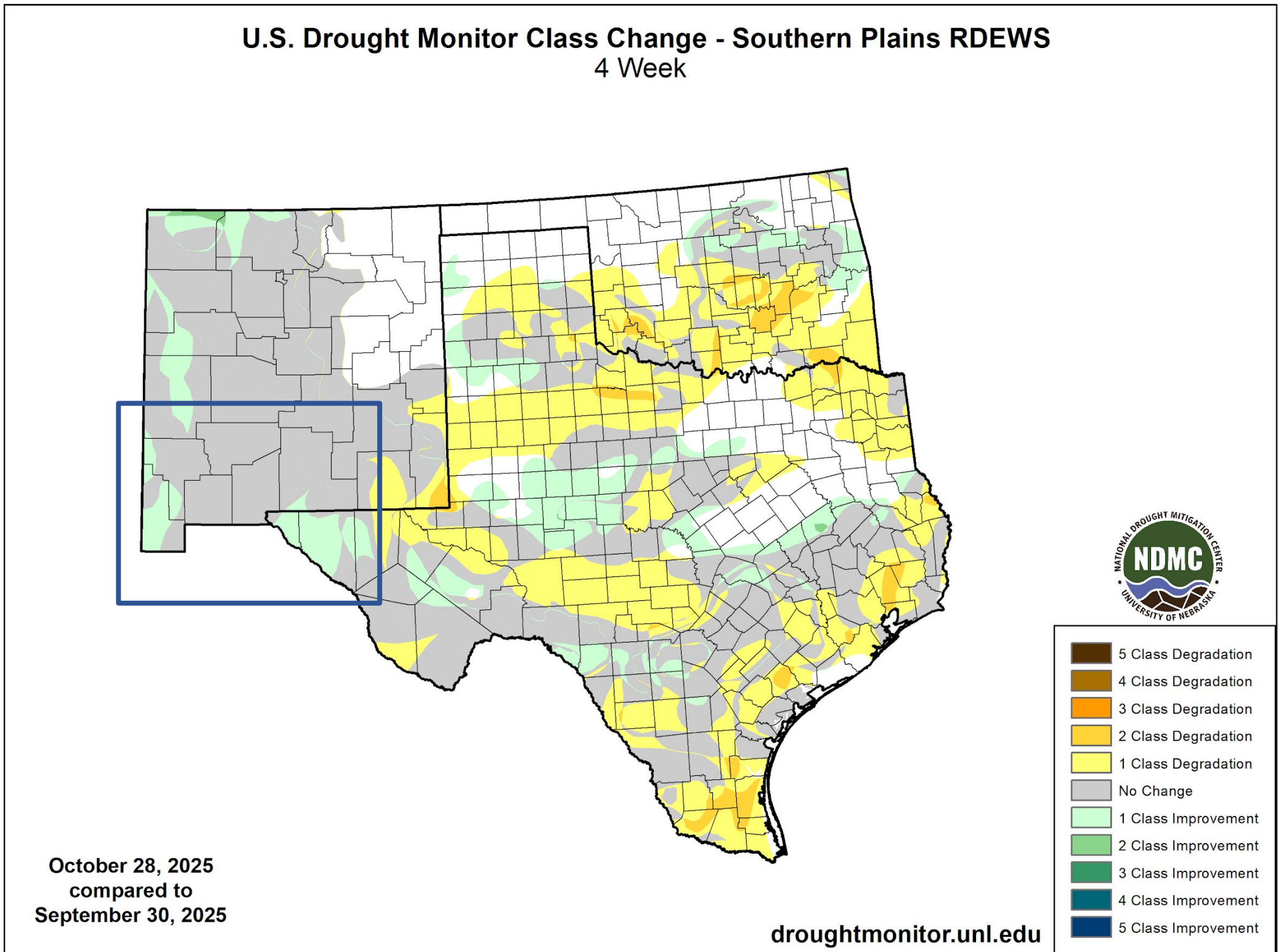
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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Link to the latest [1-month change map](#) for southern New Mexico and far west Texas

4-Week Drought Monitor Class Change.

- **Drought Worsened:**
None
- **Drought Improved:**
Portions of Southwest New Mexico and Far West Texas
- **No Change:**
Most of Southern and Central New Mexico





Precipitation

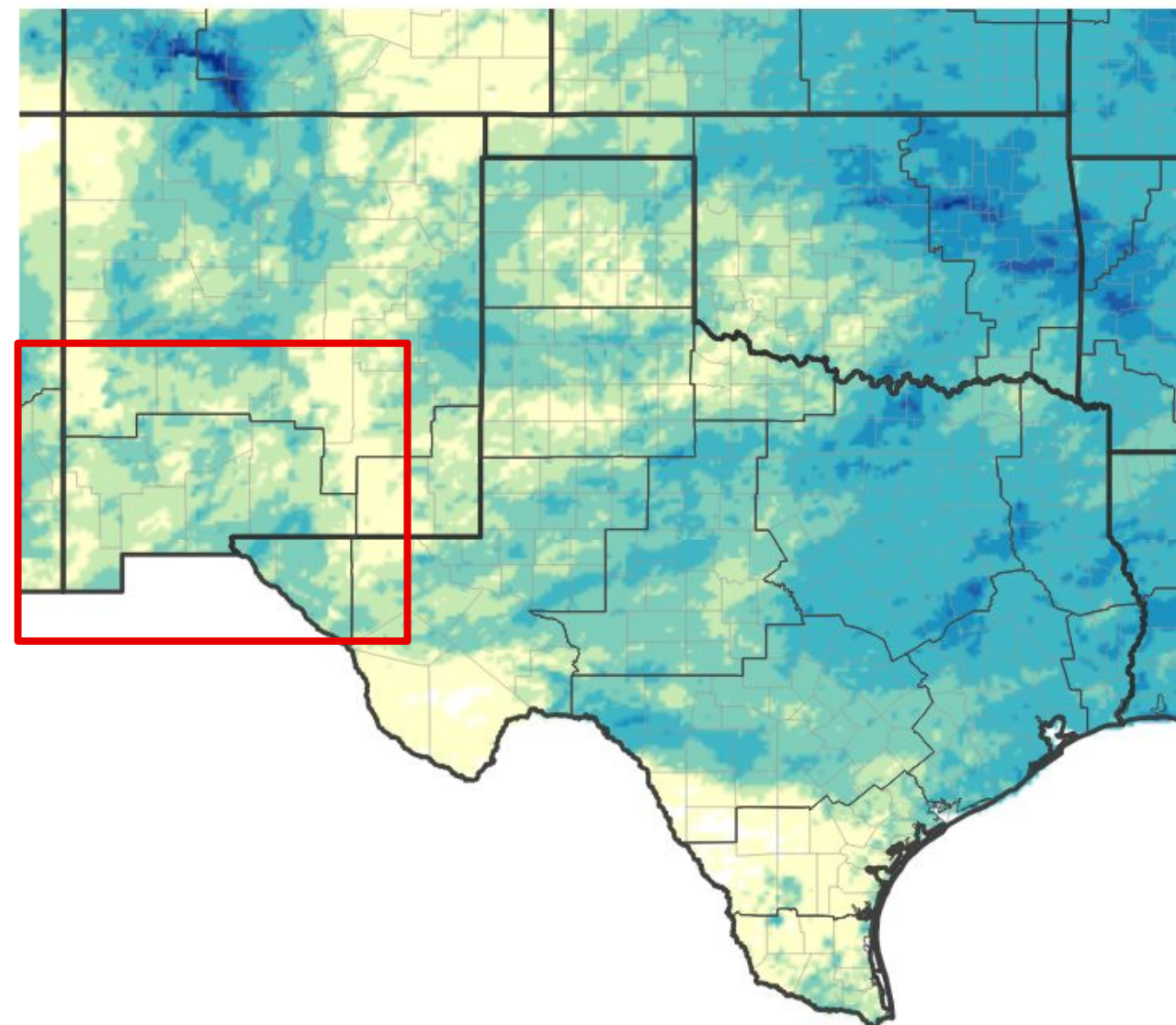
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30-day precip totals,
0.50-1.00" along I-10 corridor.
0.75-1.25" over mountain
forests.

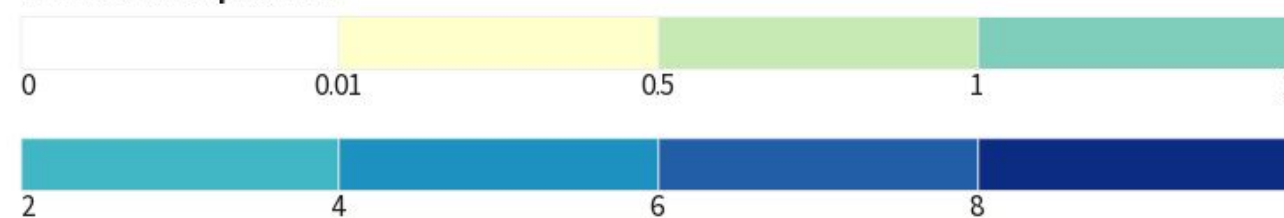
90-day precip totals,
2.50-4.00" along I-10 corridor.
5.00-8.00" over mountain
forests.

Above normal October
precipitation for El Paso, near
or below normal across most
of southern New Mexico.
Summer monsoon season
near normal, drier along
AZ/NM state line.

NWPS 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (inches)



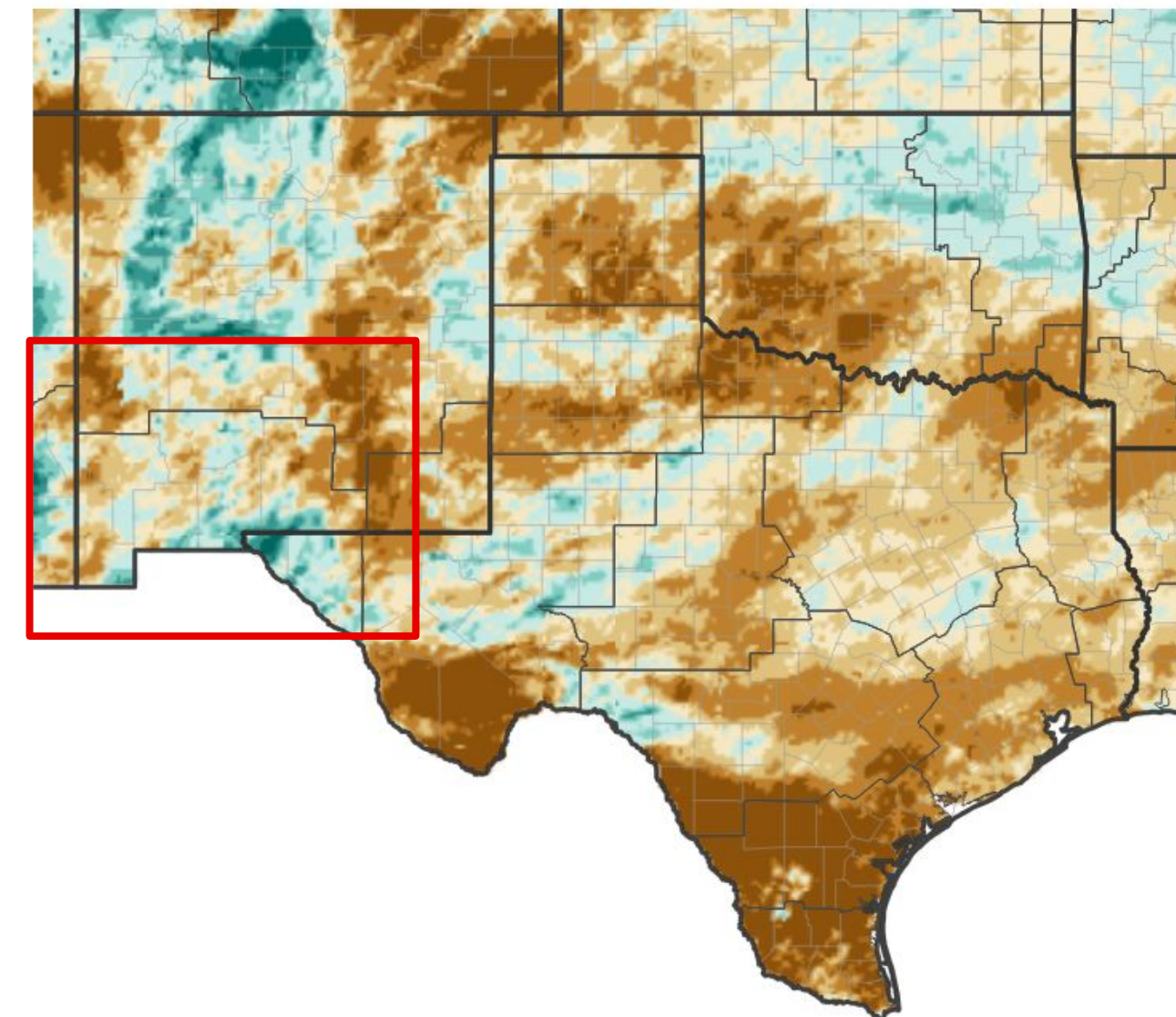
Inches of Precipitation



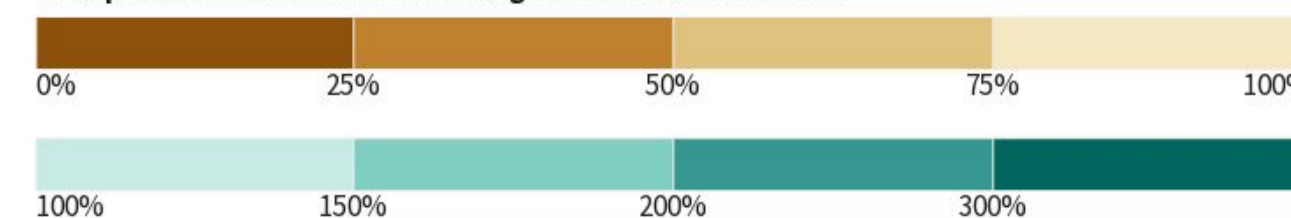
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30-Day Precipitation: Percent of PRISM Normal



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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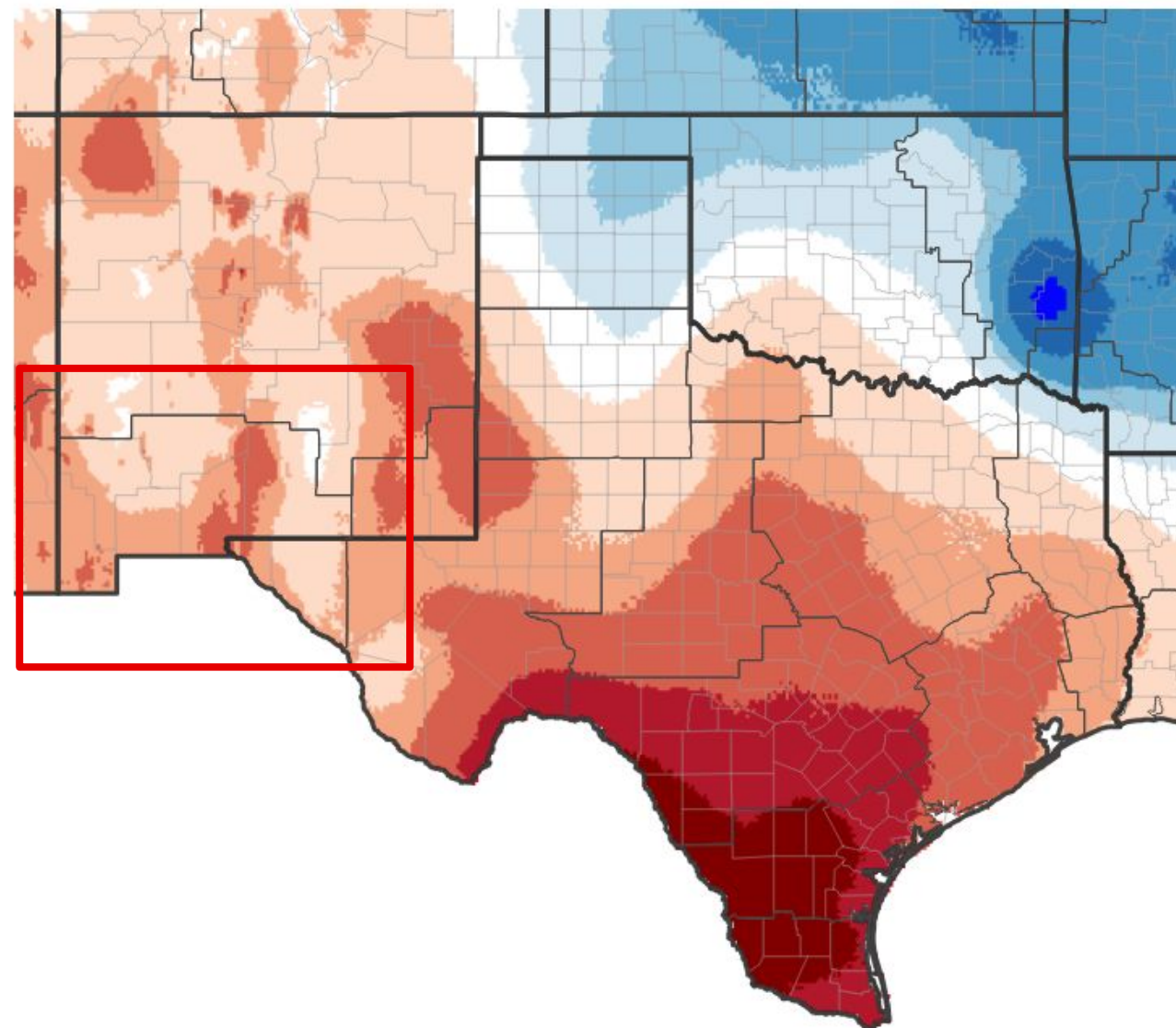


Temperature

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- Slightly above normal October for New Mexico and Far West Texas
- 30-day high temperature anomalies 2-4 degrees above normal
- October mean average temperature 5.4°F above normal at El Paso International (KELP)

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



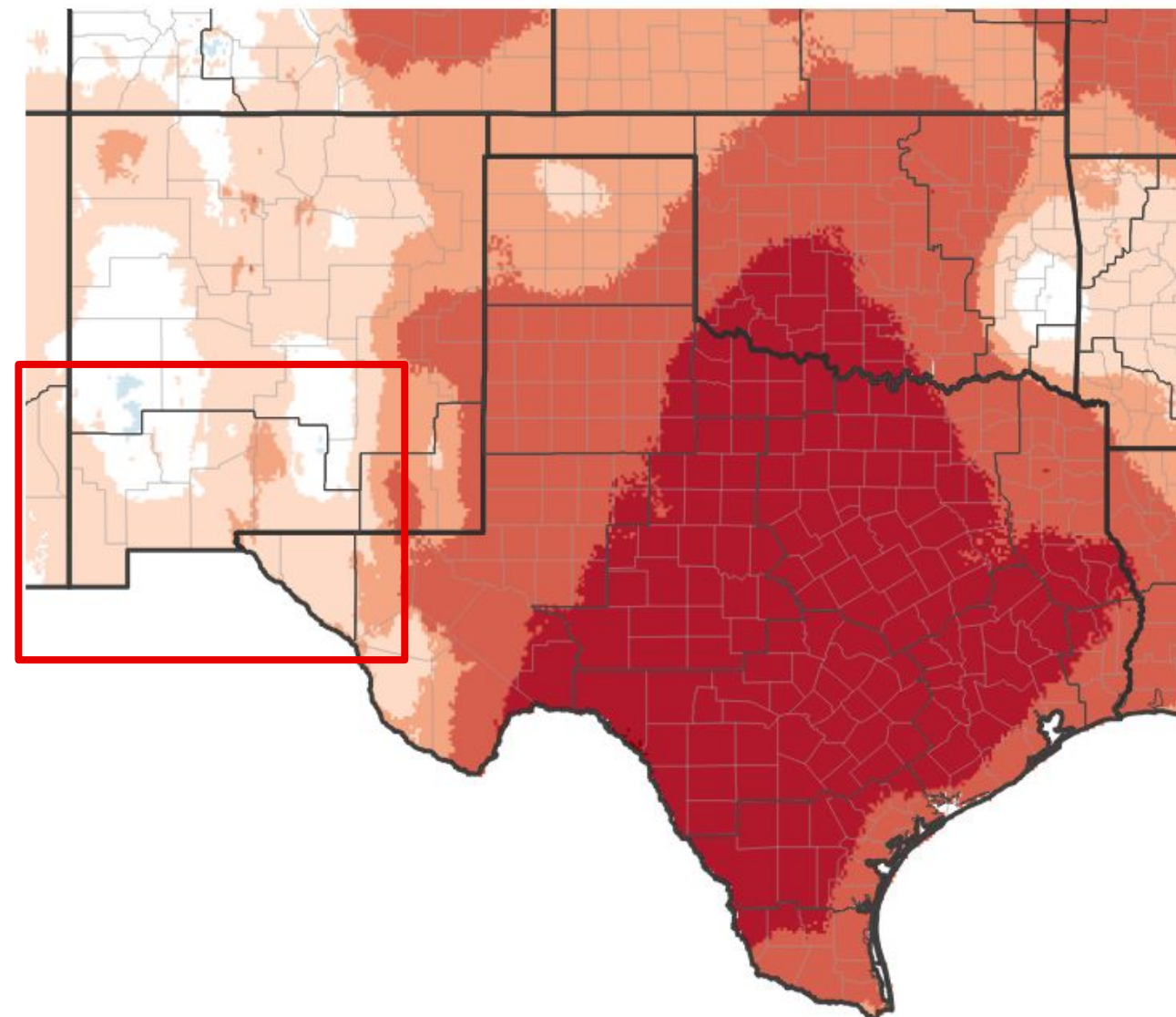
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



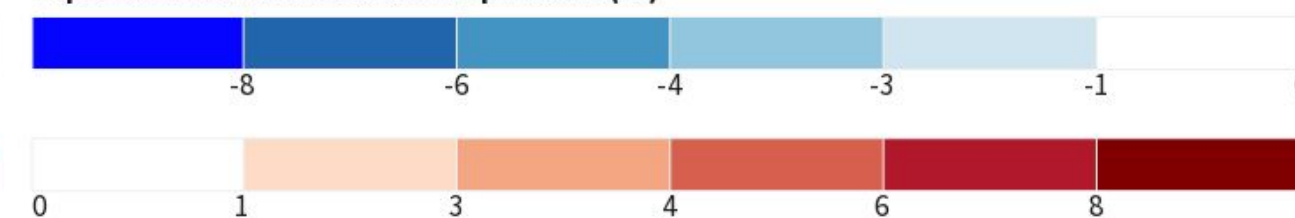
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



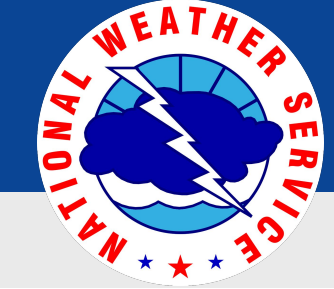
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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Gila River running below normal again as monsoon rains end. Mimbres River and Rio Grande south of the Caballo Dam have both drier up and will likely remain dry through the winter season. River levels will slowly decrease into the winter due to lack of rain or mountain snowpack. Elephant Butte storage sits at 4.3% capacity, slightly higher than last month and near the historical 30-year minimum. ([Texas Water Development Board](#)).

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture remains below normal as the typically drier fall and winter seasons commence. Further drying is expected this season. Outlook points to below normal precipitation in November. 2025 Rio Grande irrigation season has ended with a surface water allotment of six inches (6") per acre. Please refer to the Elephant Butte Irrigation District ([EBID](#)) website or your local municipality for more information.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Elevated fire danger this month due to prolonged dryness and ERCs above normal for November. Peak fire season has ended with low risk of lightning starts this month. Periods of strong winds could lead to large fire growth in November.





- Gila River running below normal after drier than normal monsoon season. No sudden rises occurred in October. Mimbres River has run dry for the season. Rio Ruidoso basins near normal. Rio Grande below Caballo Dam has dried up.

Gila River Stages

	Latest	Flood Stage	Discharge
Gila	1.06 ft	11.00 ft	58 ft ³ /s
Redrock	3.96 ft	20.00 ft	27 ft ³ /s
Virden	4.85 ft	15.00 ft	27 ft ³ /s

Rio Grande Stages

	Latest	Flood Stage	Discharge
El Paso	Low Stage	8.50 ft	7 ft ³ /s

Gauge data recorded on 11/3/2025

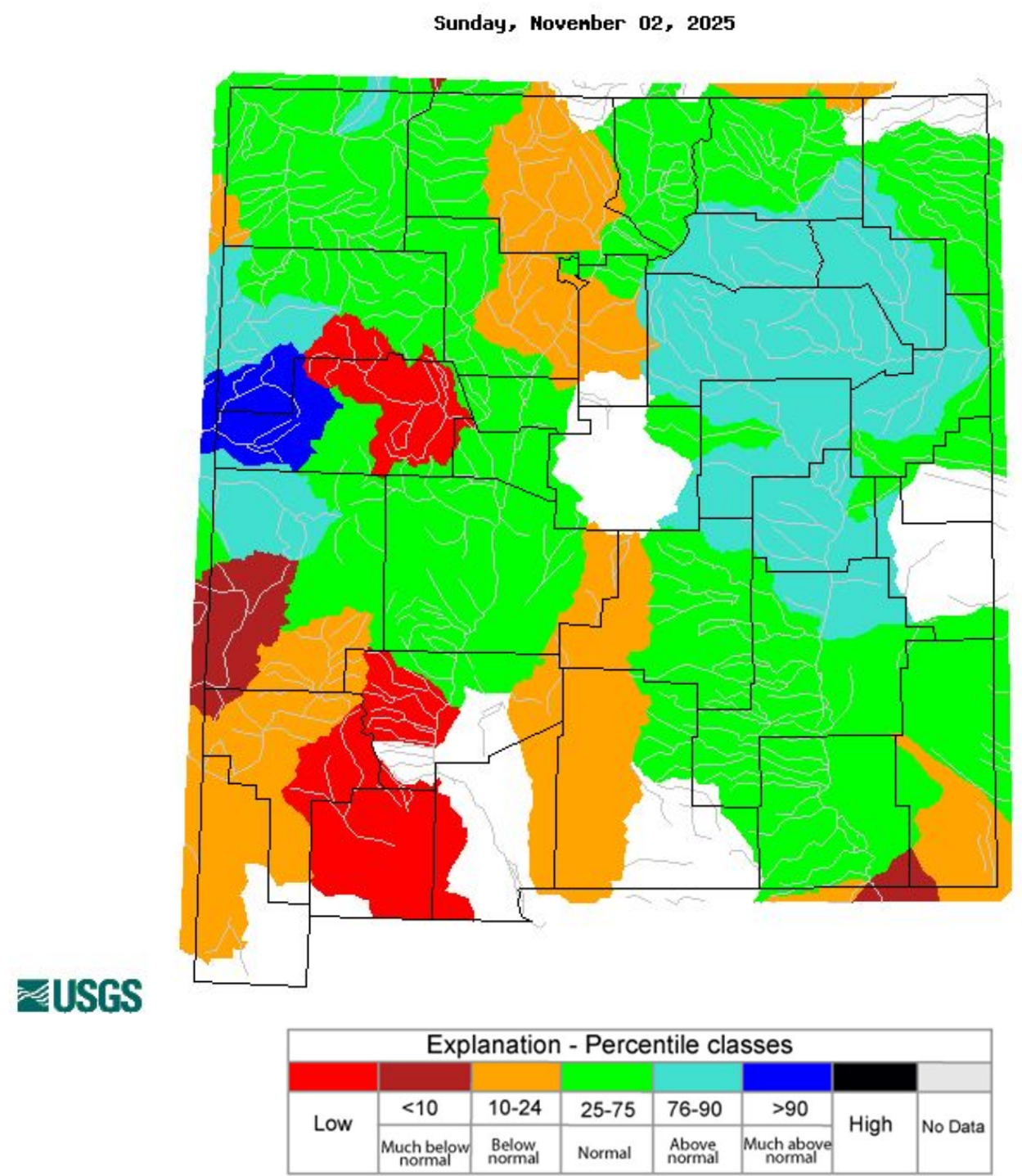


Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid November 3, 2025

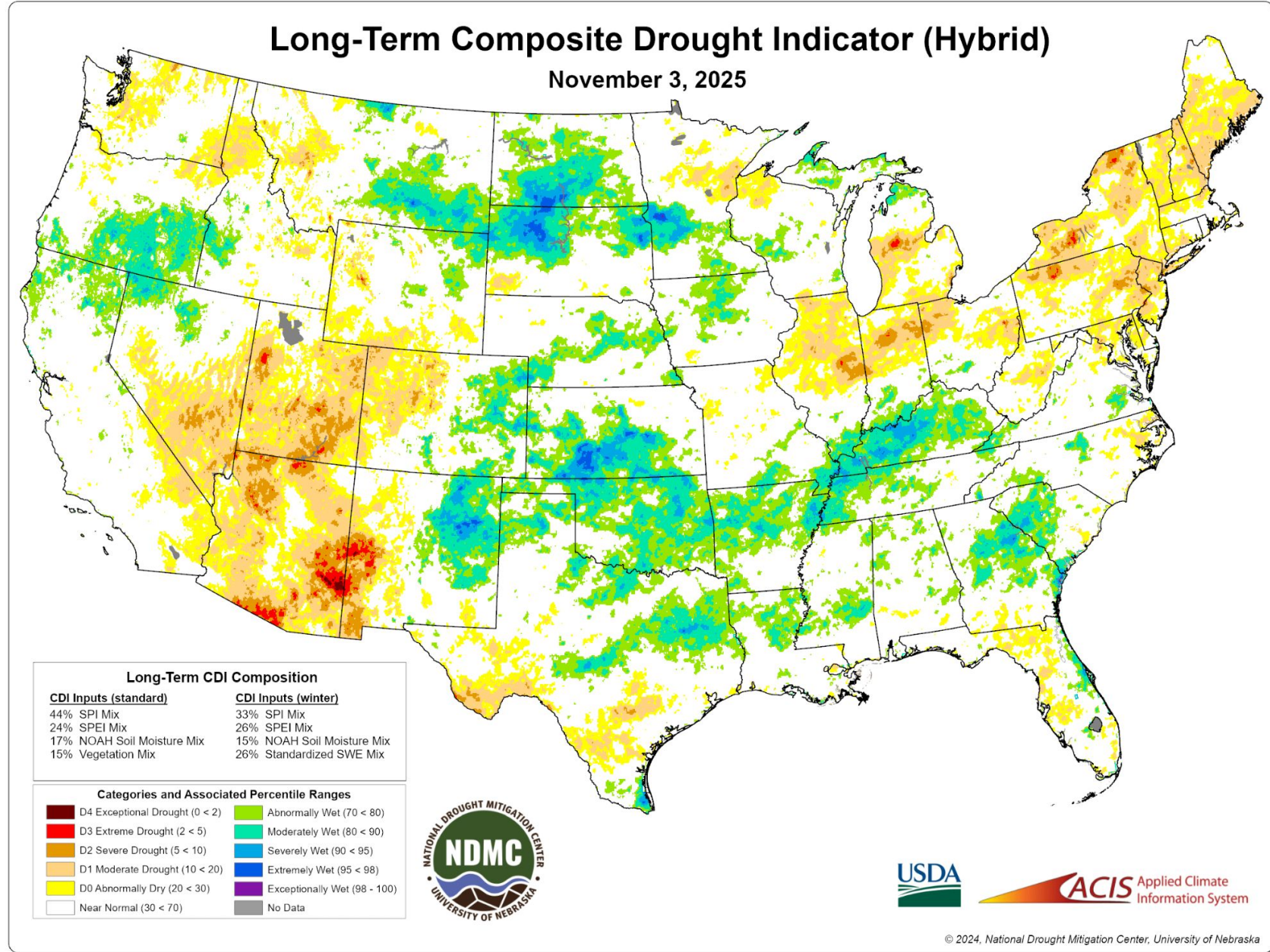
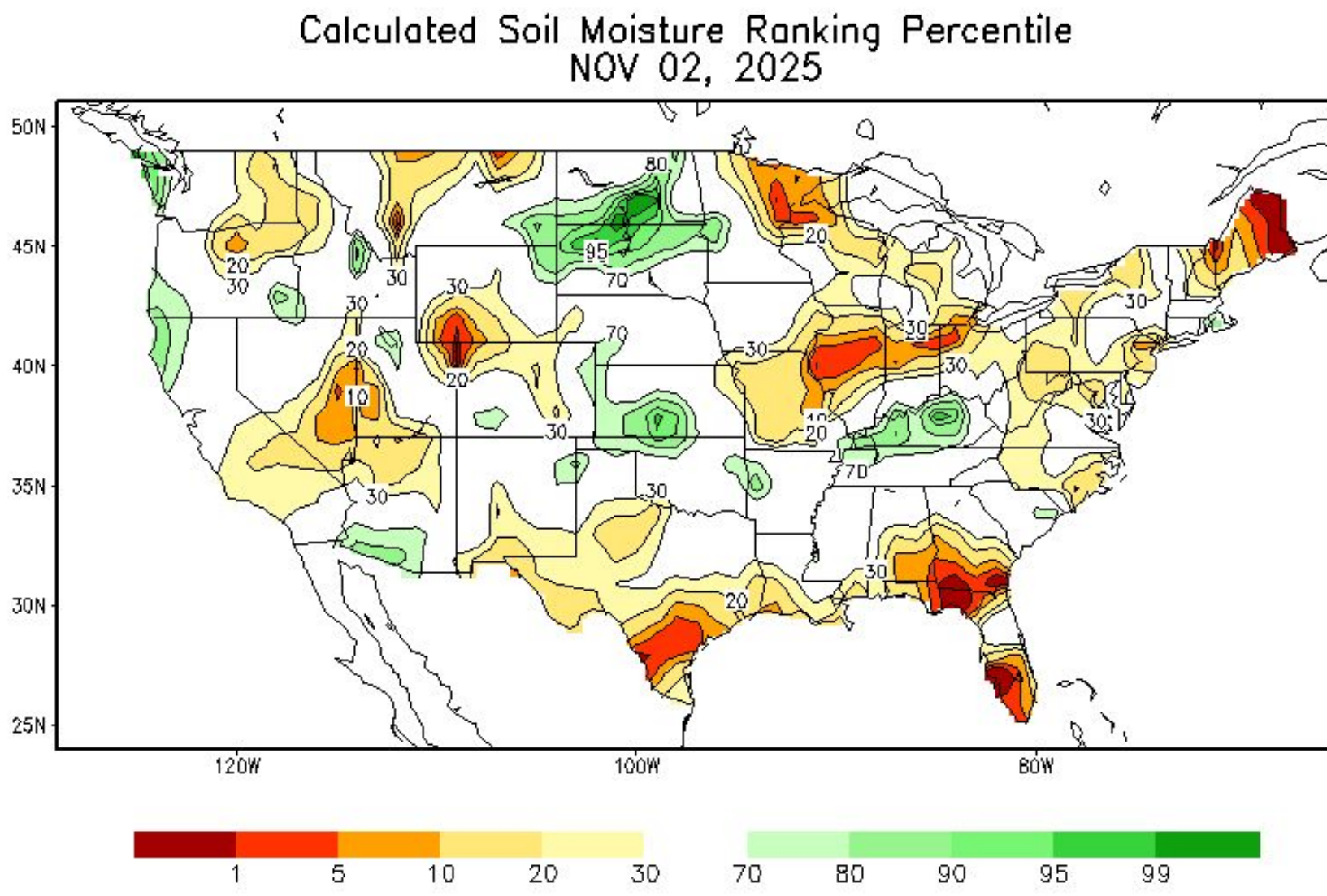


Image Captions:

Left: CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) valid November 2, 2025

Right: National Drought Mitigation Center's Long-Term Composite Drought Indicator valid November 3, 2025



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

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

Latest NM Fire Restrictions available [here](#)

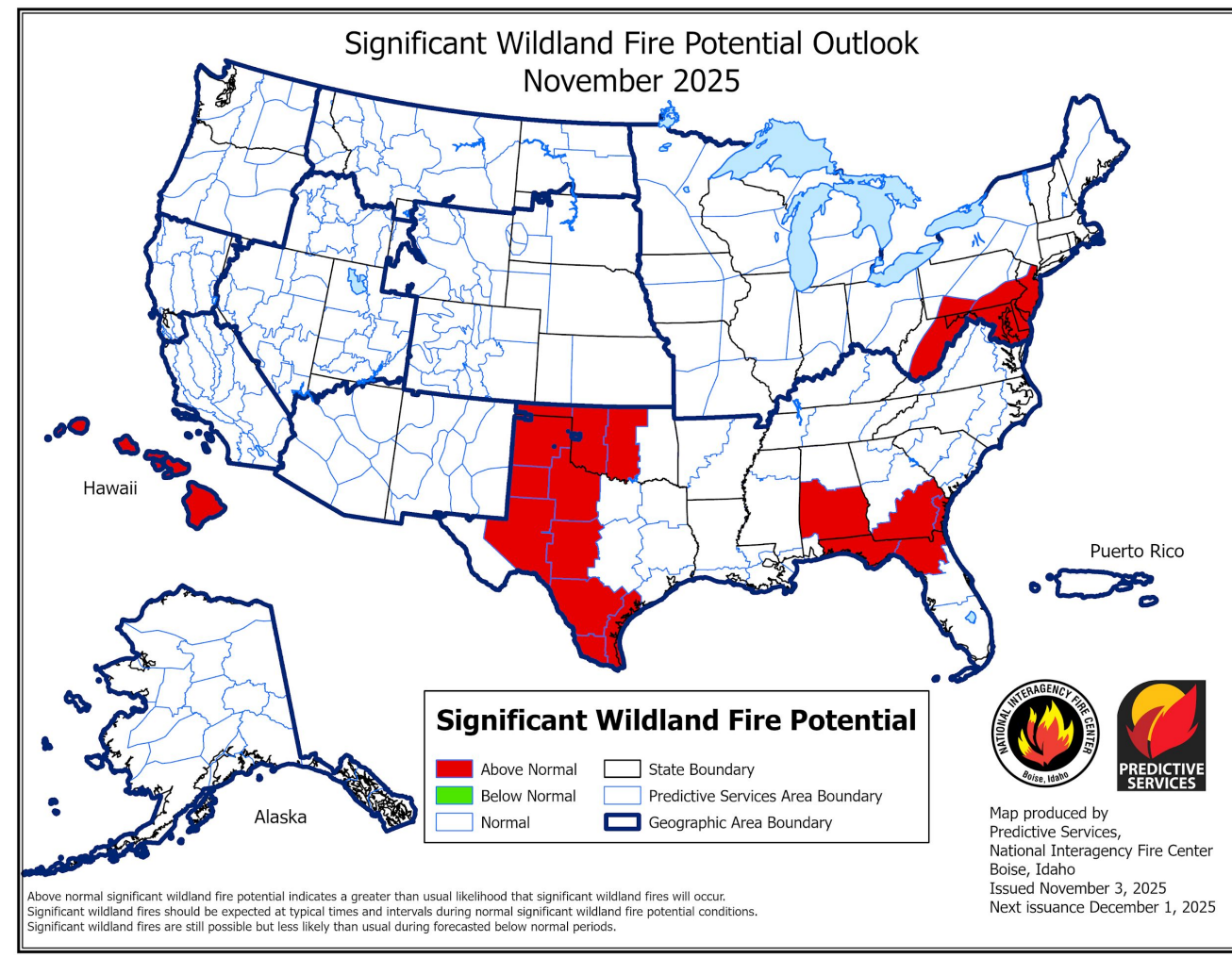
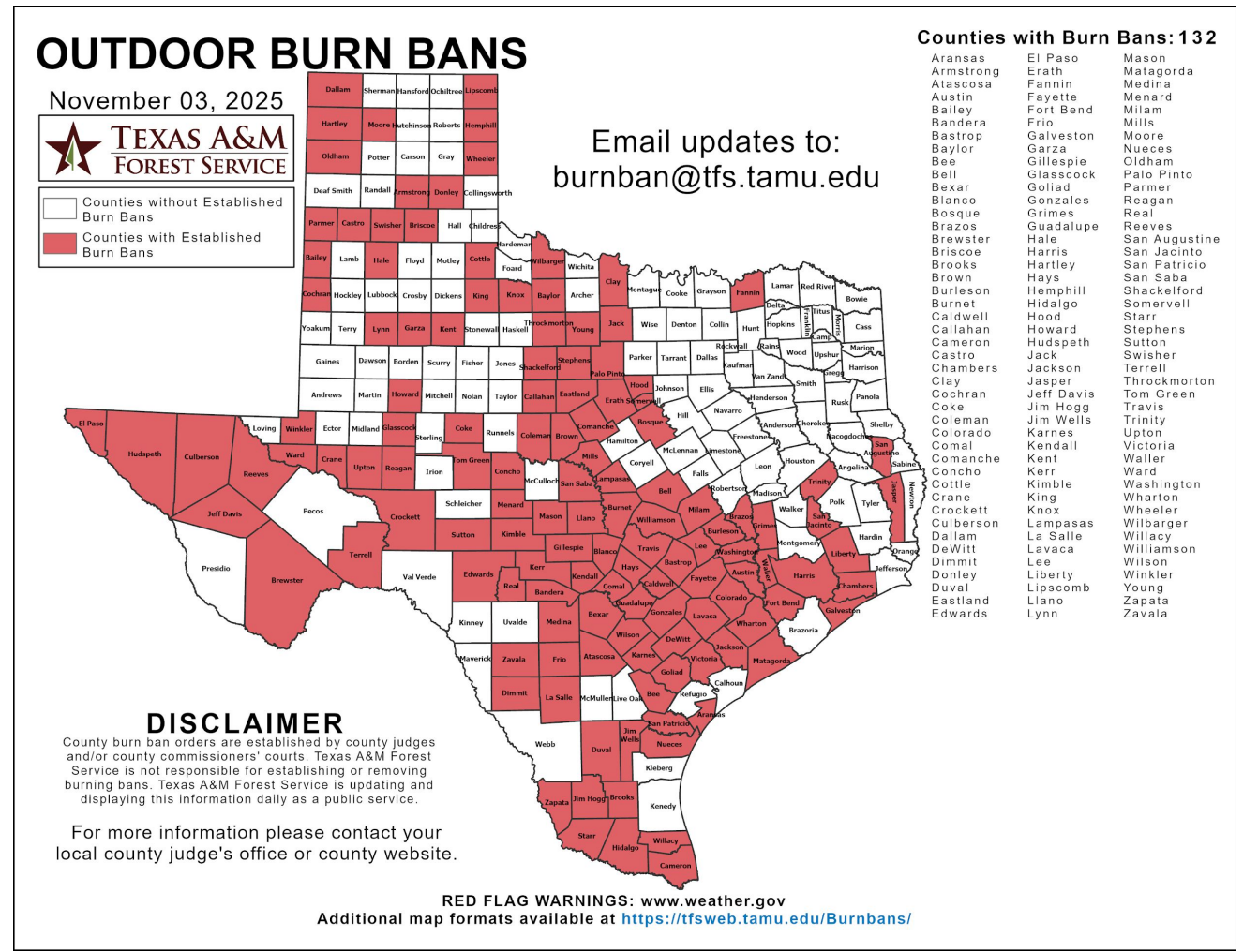
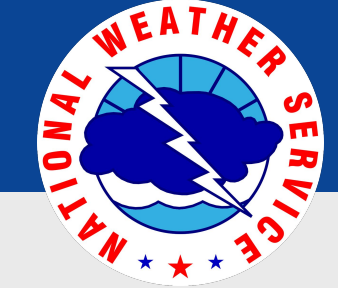


Image Caption: [Significant Wildland Fire Potential Monthly Outlook](#) for November 2025



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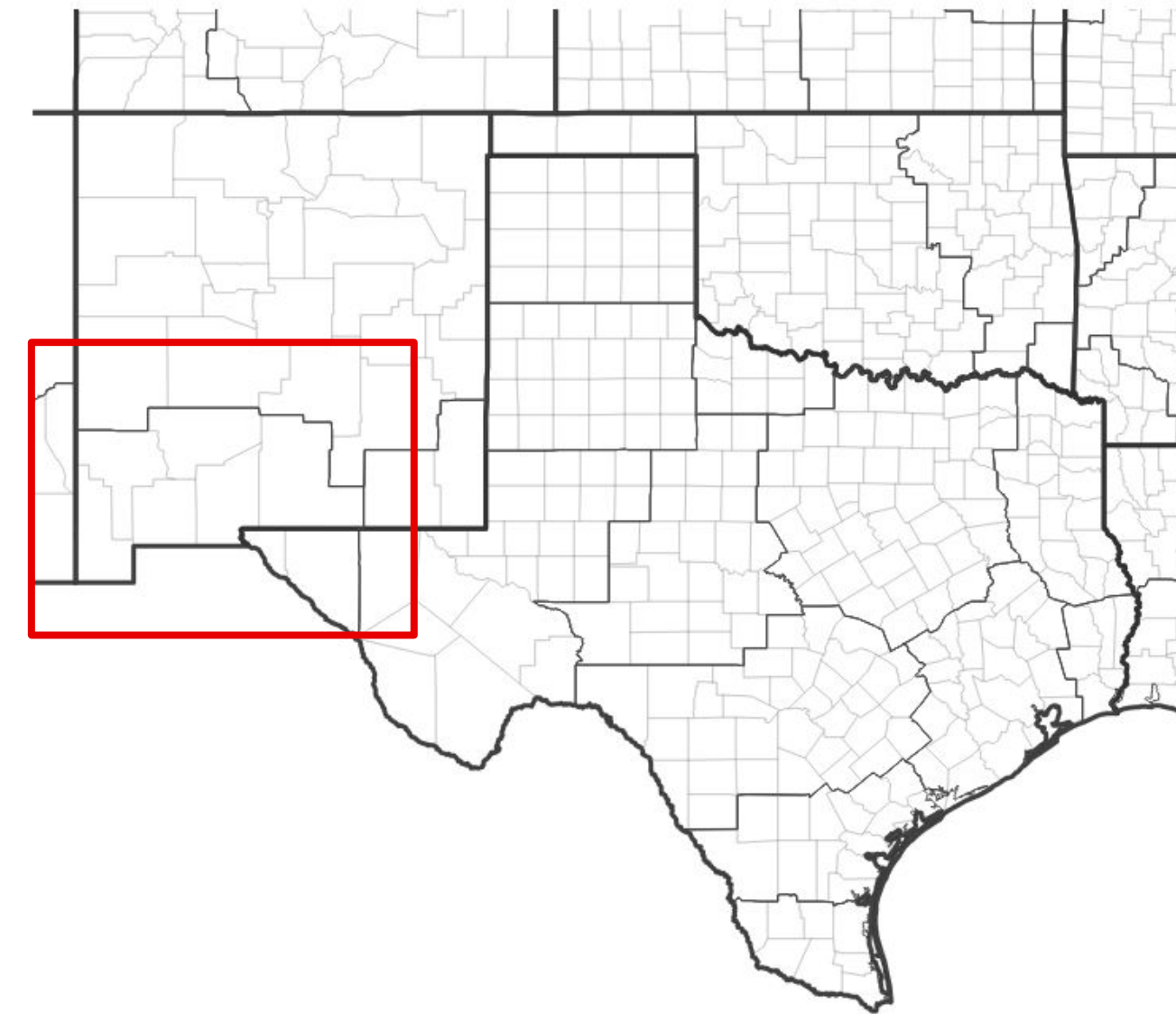


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

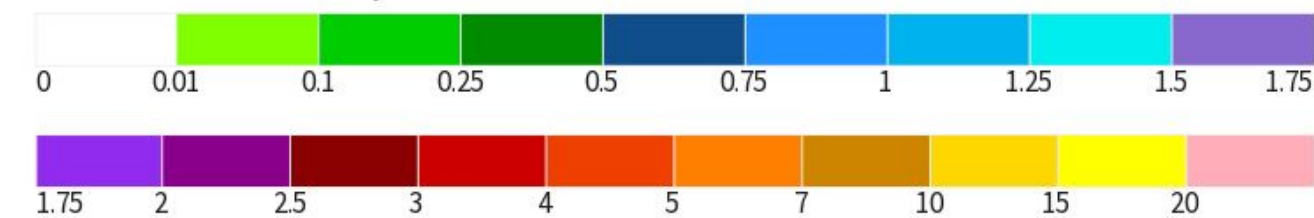
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- No precipitation expected over the next 7 days. Majority of November looks dry for New Mexico and west Texas.
- 2025 monsoon season finished near normal for most of southern New Mexico and far west Texas. Precipitation was highly variable, but ranged from 80-150% of normal. Drier (50-75% of normal) along the AZ/NM state line. Drought conditions are likely to persist through the autumn season.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for November
3, 2025–November 10, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 11/03/25





Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

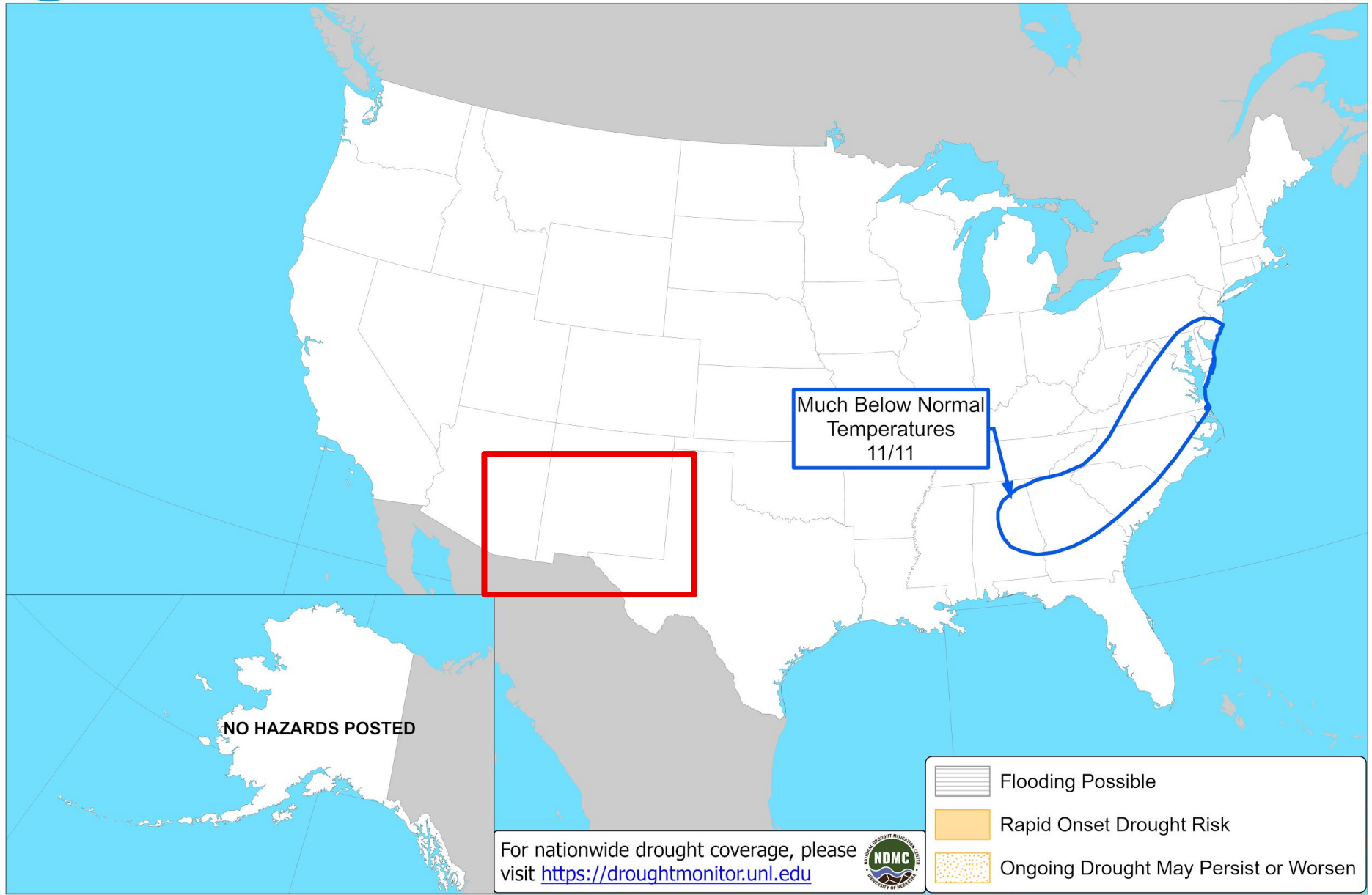
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Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Moderate to Severe Drought is already in place across southern New Mexico and far west Texas. Rapid onset drought is not expected. Drought conditions are expected to persist through the autumn season.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook Valid: November 11 - 17, 2025



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[Days 8 to 14 U.S. Hazards Outlook](#) Valid November 11 to 17



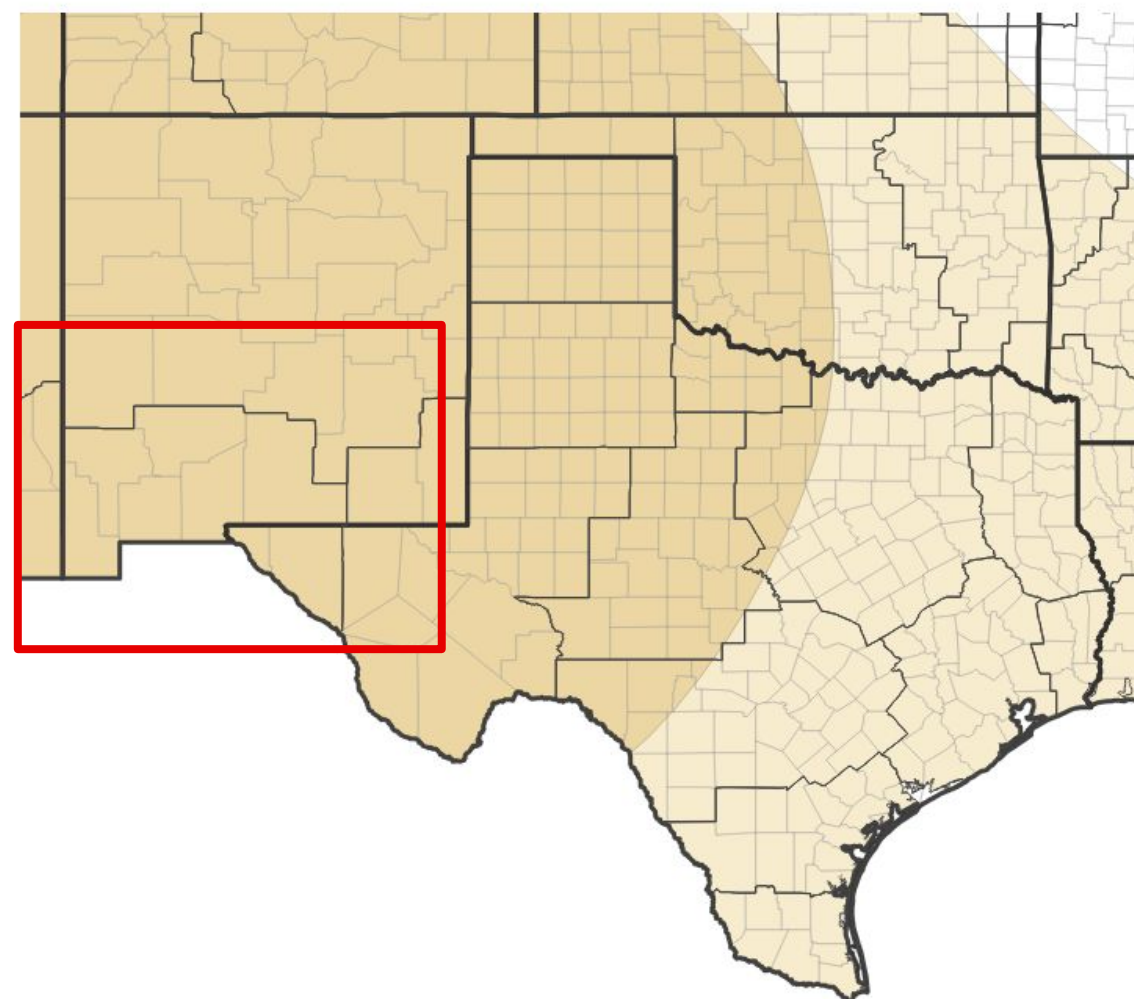


Long-Range Outlooks

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- 40-50% chance of below normal precipitation for New Mexico and west Texas.
- Monthly average precipitation for El Paso: 0.43"
- 50-60% chance of above normal temperatures for New Mexico and Far West Texas.
- Monthly average high temperature for El Paso: 67.0°

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



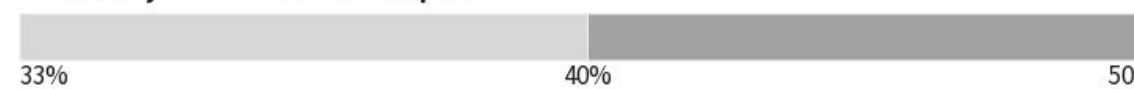
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



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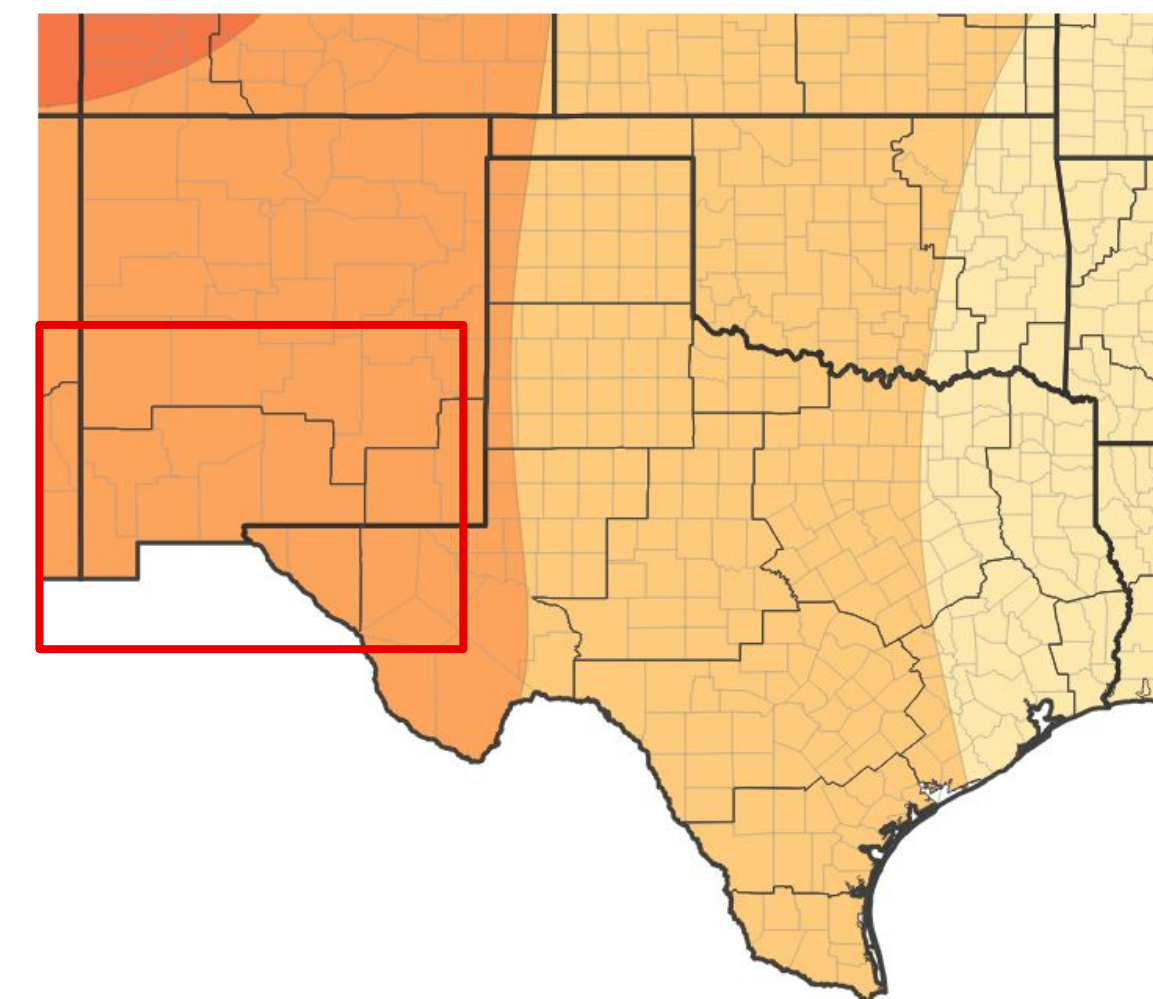
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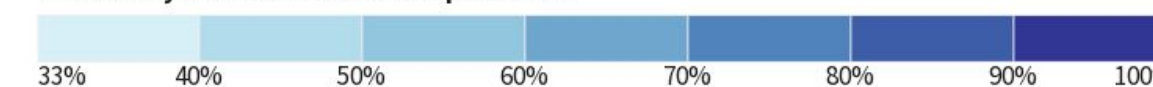
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–November 30, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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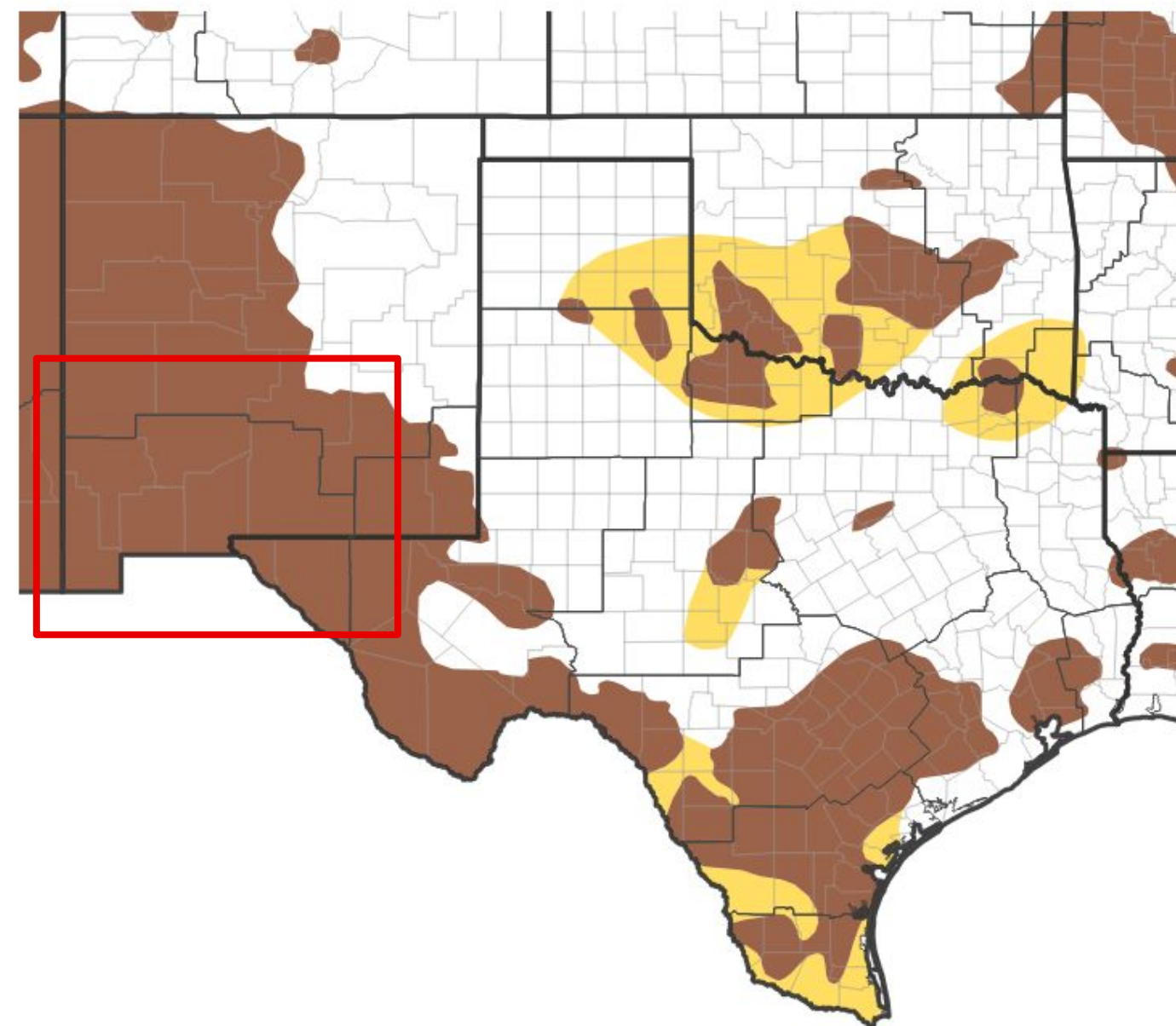


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions are expected to persist through November due to drier than normal precipitation and above normal temperatures.

1-Month Drought Outlook for November 1,
2025–November 30, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

