

December 2025 Weather Digest



December 2025 Weather Summary

December was a real “cooker” with most sites recording their warmest ever December. The storm track remained well north of our area for most of the month, meaning persistent dry, southwest flow, plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures. Many sites reported average high temperatures 8-12 degrees above normal and average daily temperatures 7-10 degrees above normal. Because of this, the month obviously was very dry. Most of the Borderland was about 5-20 percent of normal. Only areas in southern Otero County were closer to normal, thanks to a late month storm.

Speaking of which, the only real weather of note for the month, was a storm system that moved in on December 28th and 29th. A combination of a Pacific upper trough and a continental cold front brought light showers to much of the area. Southern Otero County received about .50 to 1.00 inches of rain. Although the cold front significantly dropped temperatures, those temperatures were able to remain several degrees above freezing, thus avoiding snow other than at some of the high mountain elevations.

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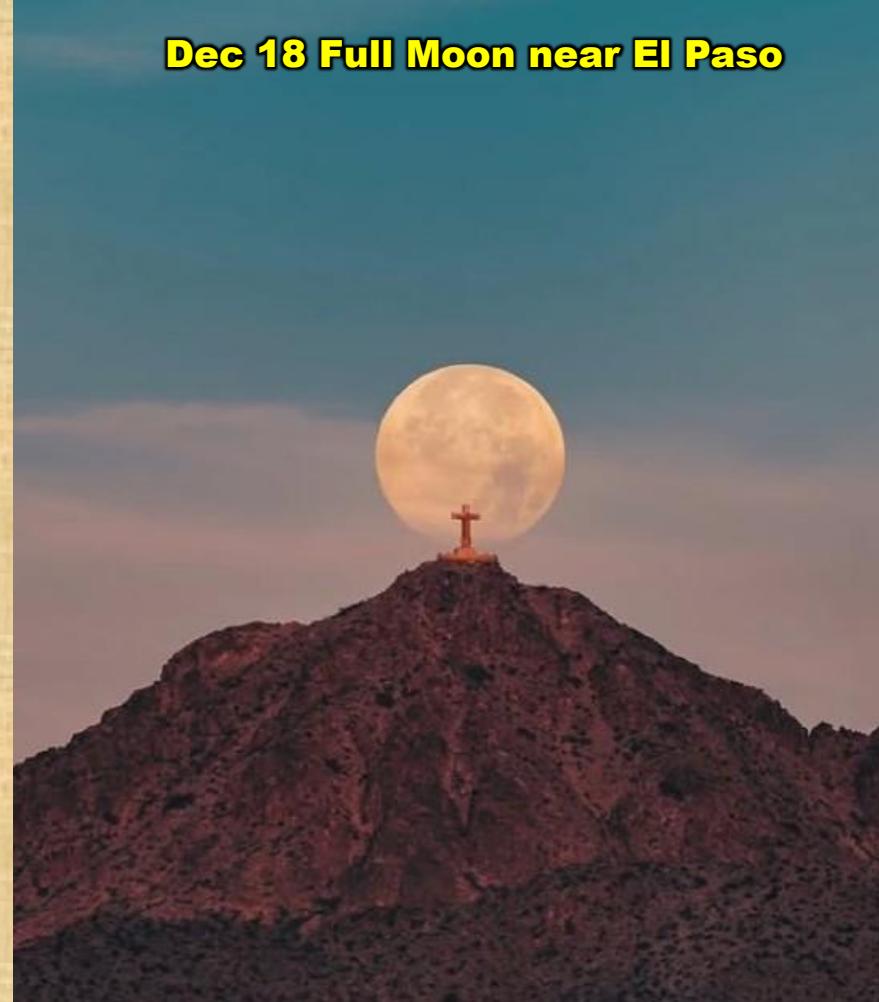
Looking ahead to January, daylight and temperatures continue their slow climb toward the warmer months. The average high temperature at El Paso on January 1 is 57°, warming to 61° on January 31. Length of daylight on the 1st is 10 hrs, 7 min, increasing to 10 hrs, 39 mins on the last day of the month. Precipitation continues to decrease as we head towards the dry Spring season. Rainfall at El Paso averages .41 inches for the month.

The full moon for January occurs on the 3rd, and is commonly known as the Wolf Moon, and happens to be a supermoon. The New Moon occurs on the 18th.

Dec 17 Black Range Snow



Dec 18 Full Moon near El Paso





**Dec 25 fog along
Lordsburg Playa**

I-10 @ MM 7



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Lordsburg Playa**

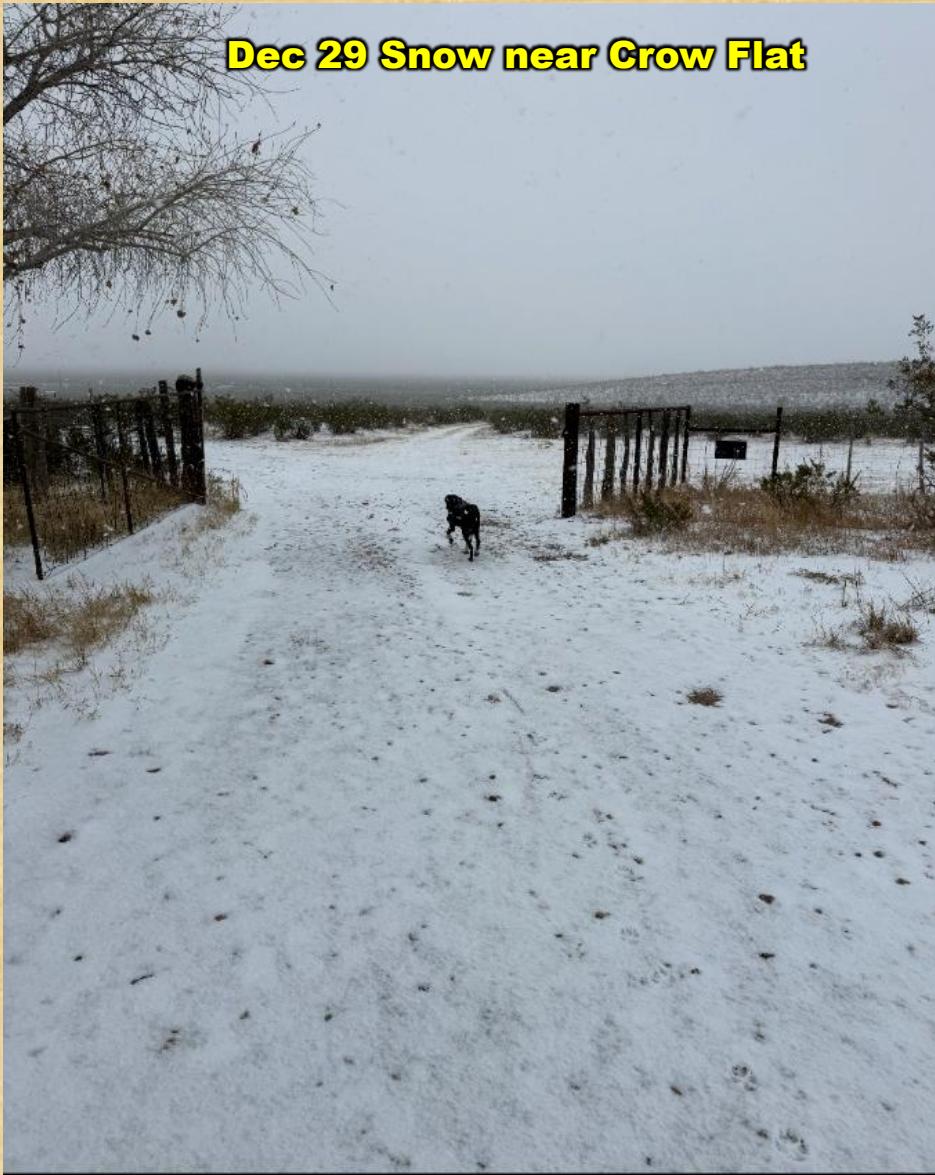
I-10 LORDSBURG @ MM 9



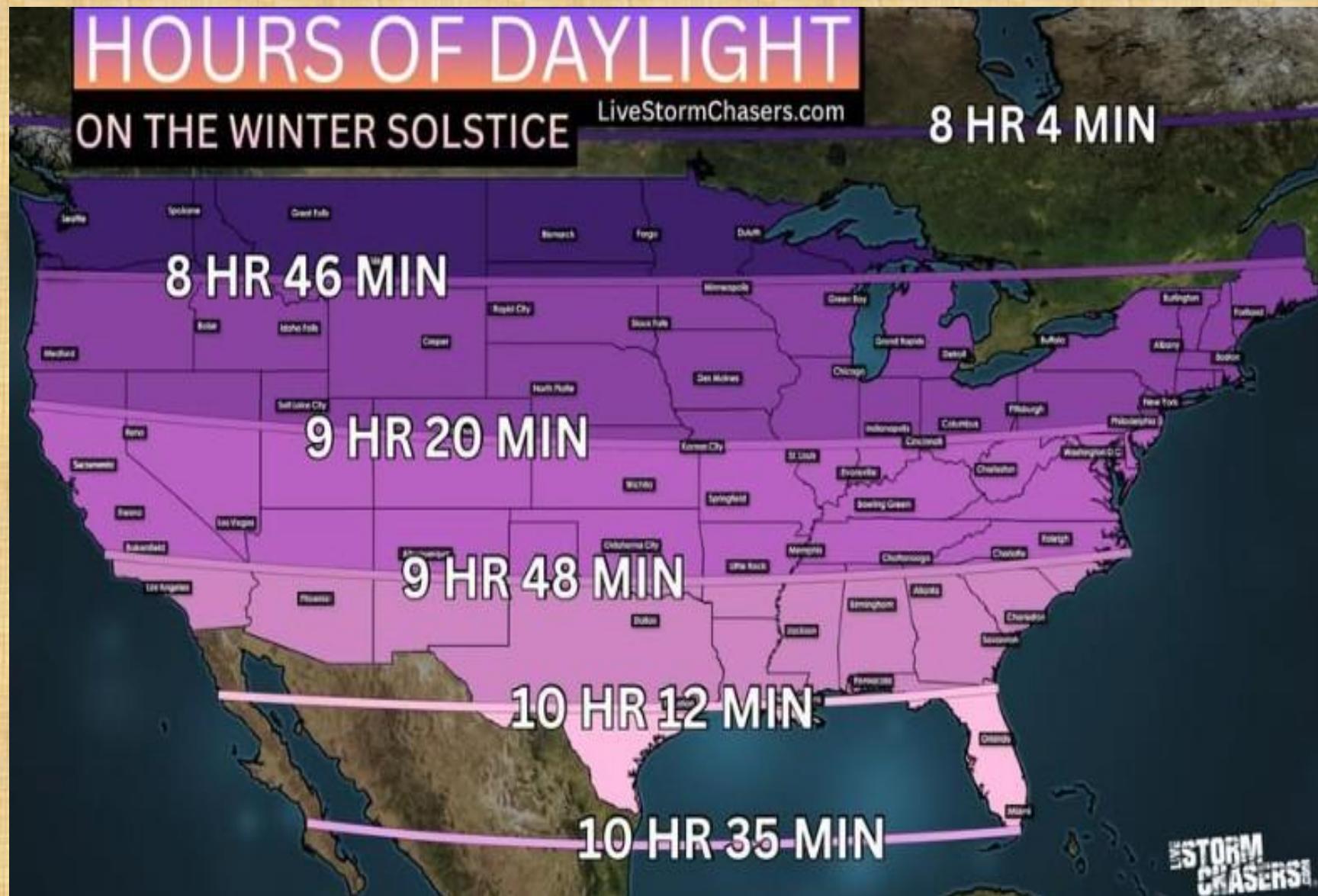
Dec 26 Fogbow over the Gila



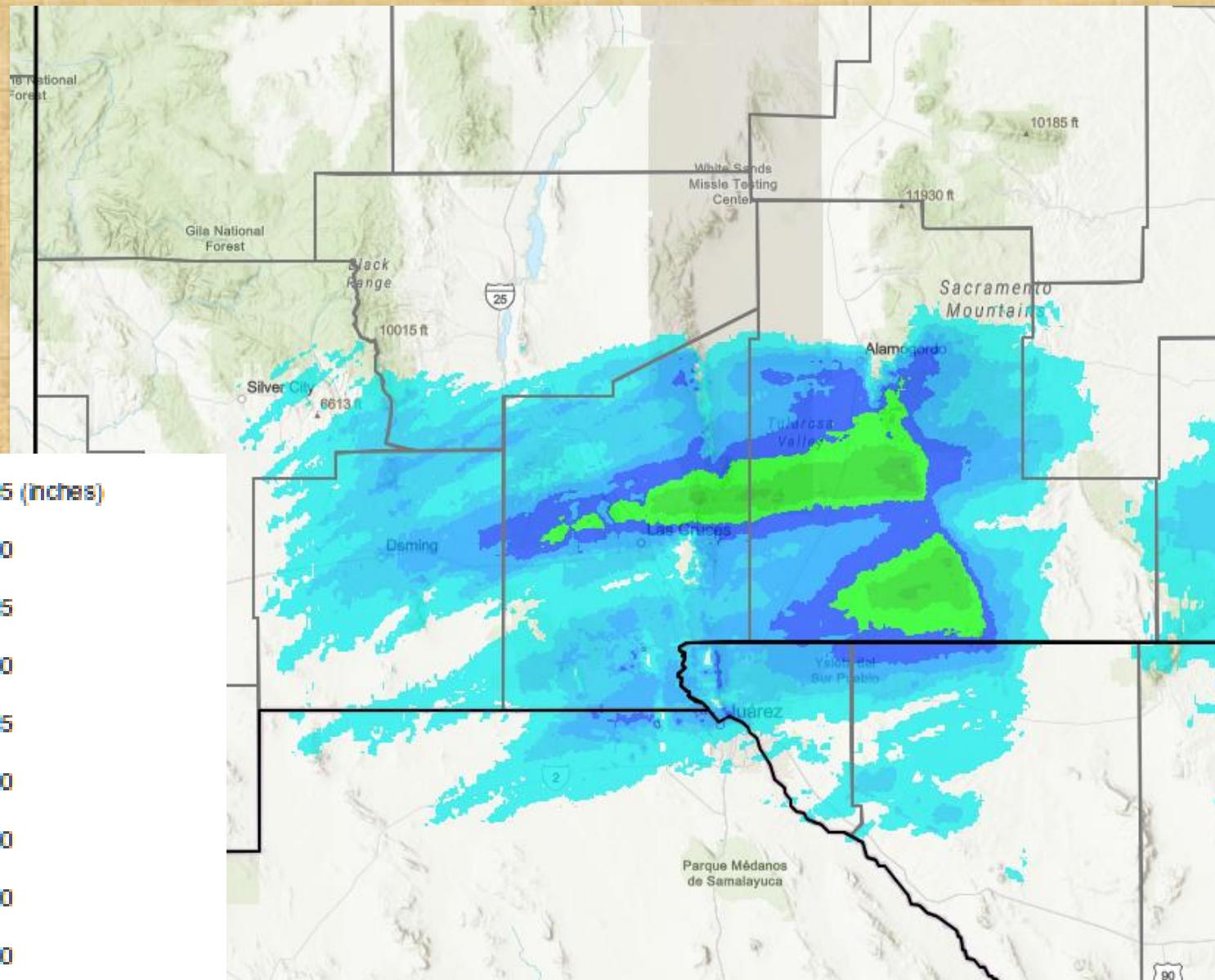
Dec 29 Snow near Crow Flat



Hours of Daylight on the Winter Solstice Dec 21



Radar estimated precipitation totals (liquid) for Dec 29



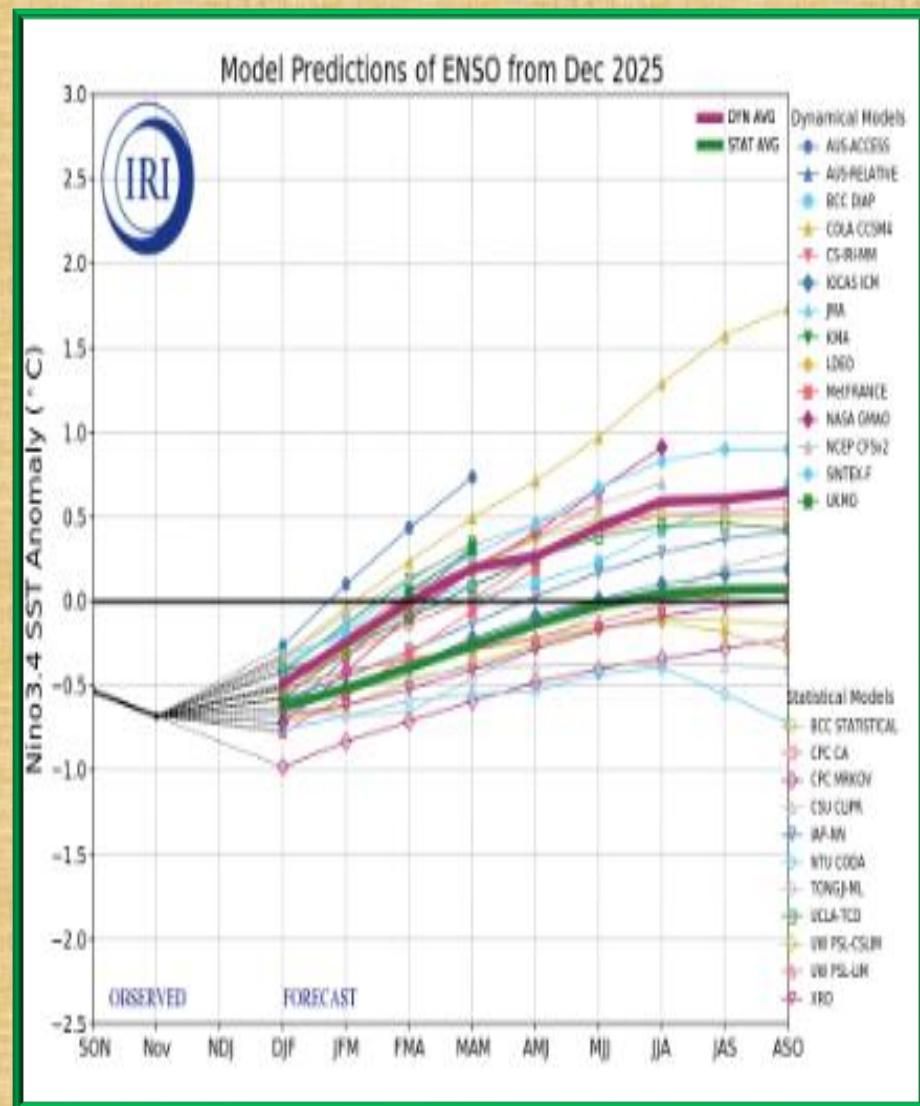
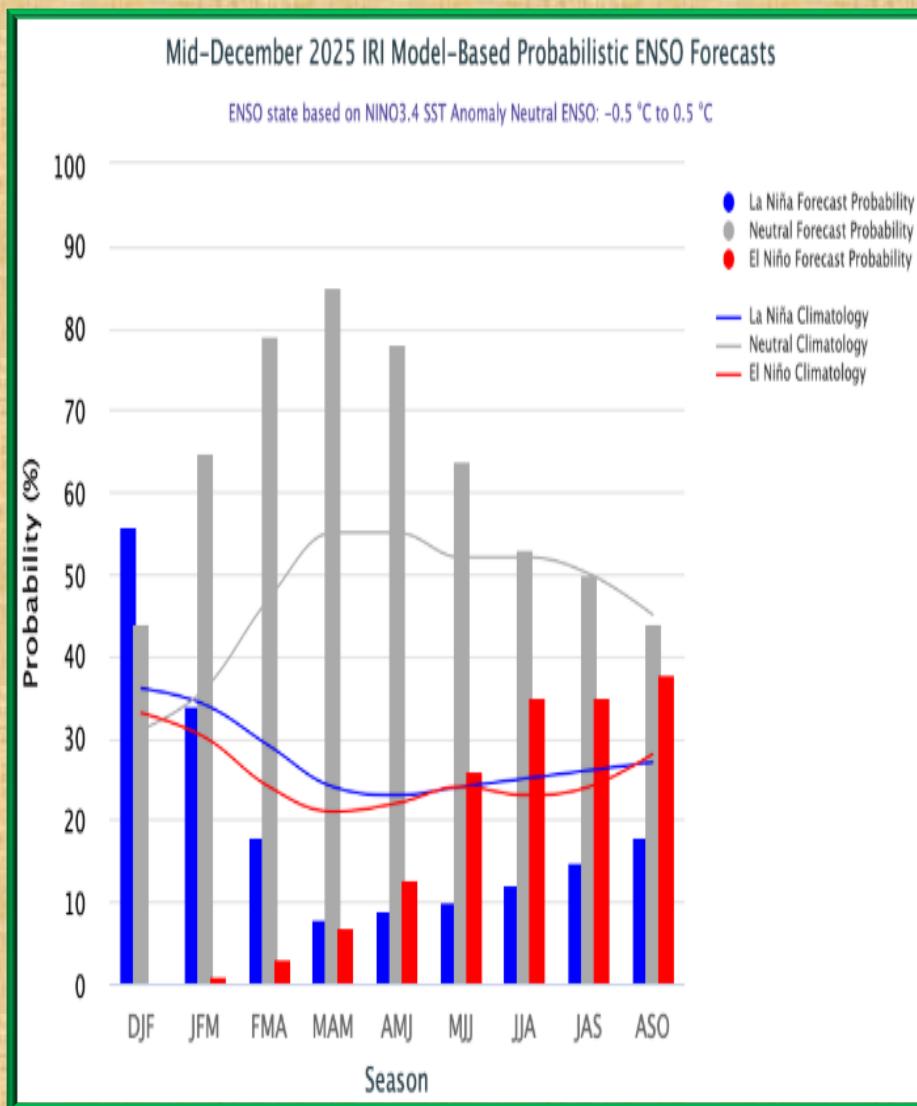
ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Advisory

ENSO Alert System

- **El Niño or La Niña Watch:** Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions in the next six months.
- **El Niño or La Niña Advisory:** Issued when El Niño or La Niña conditions are observed and expected to continue.

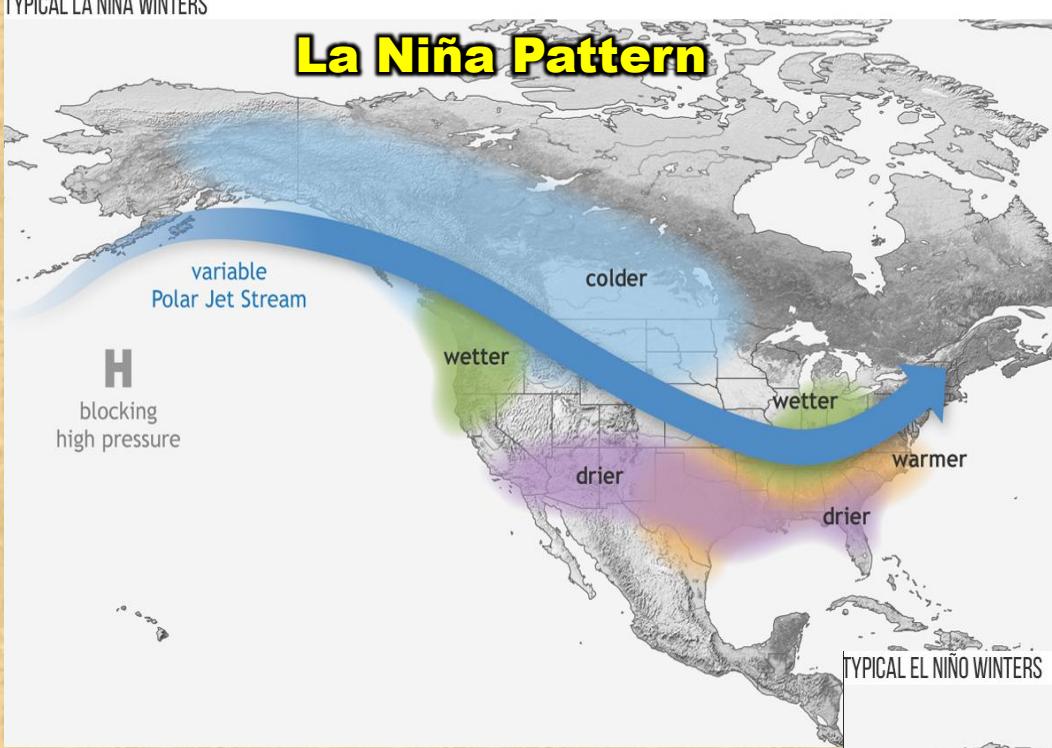
ENSO Forecast

ENSO is currently in a weak La Niña phase and will likely transition back to neutral late this winter.



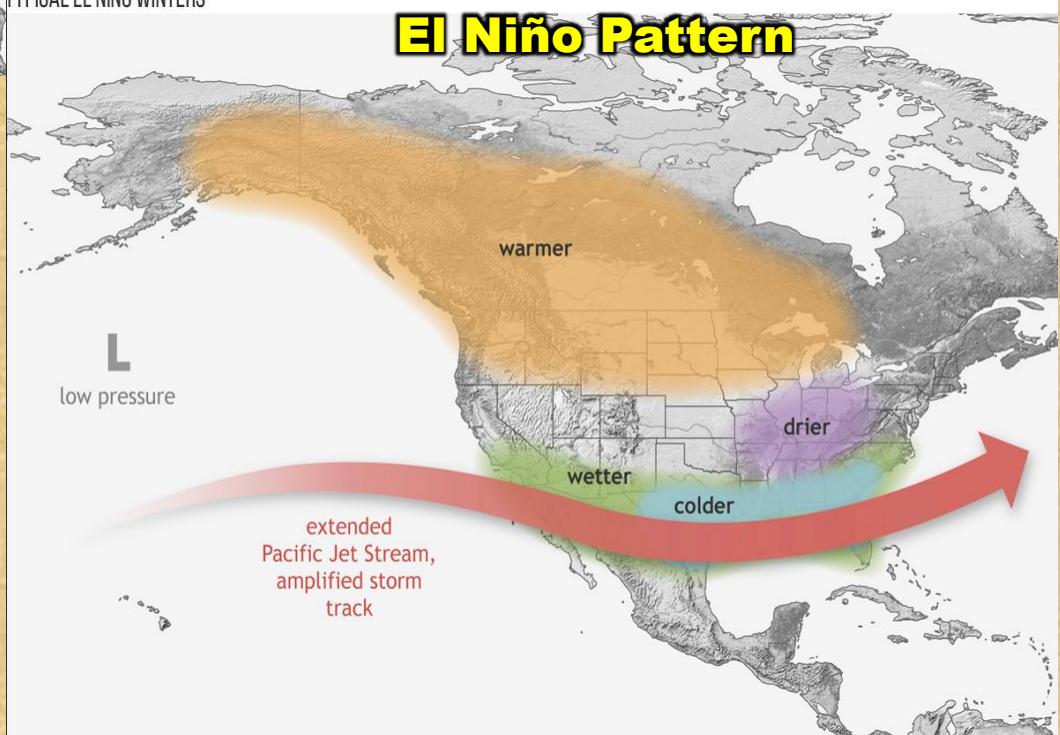
TYPICAL LA NIÑA WINTERS

La Niña Pattern



With a La Niña pattern, a ridge of high pressure tends to build off the west coast of the U.S., blocking most of our Pacific winter storm systems. These storms tend to end up moving across the northern Plains and down to the southeastern part of the country. Of course it is important to remember that these patterns are only what typically happens and are not guaranteed to occur.

El Niño Pattern



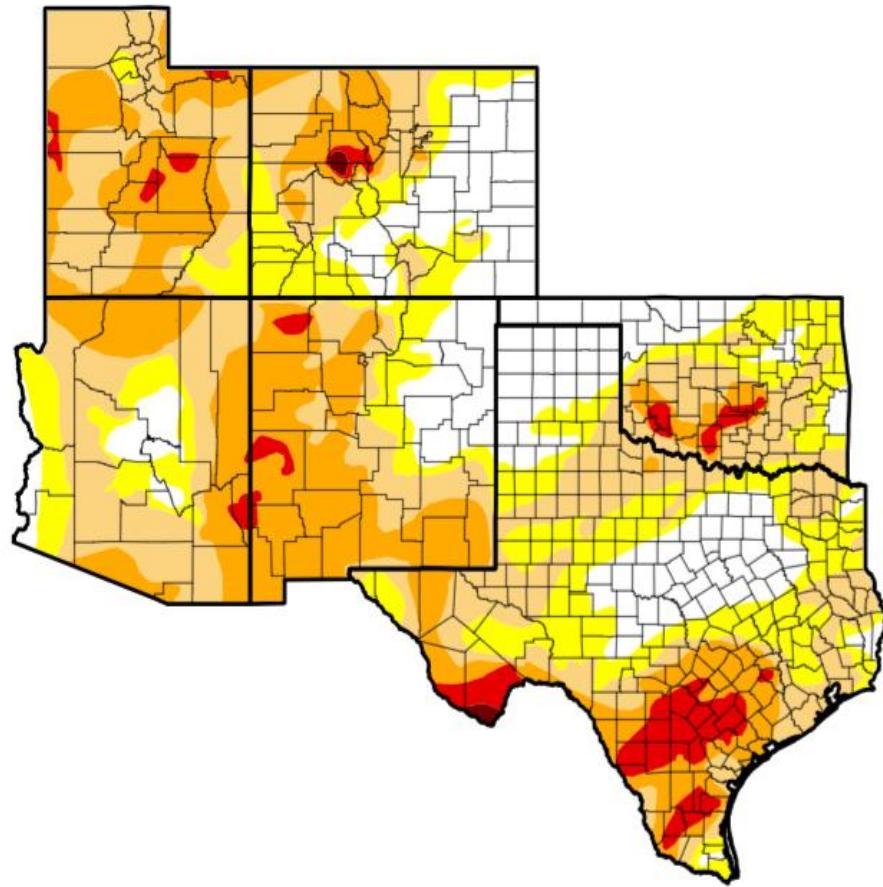
With El Niño, we often see the opposite pattern where the eastern Pacific ridge of high pressure is often weak or non-existent, allowing winter storms to sweep across the southern U.S. This typically will give the southwestern U.S. above normal precipitation.

Intensity:

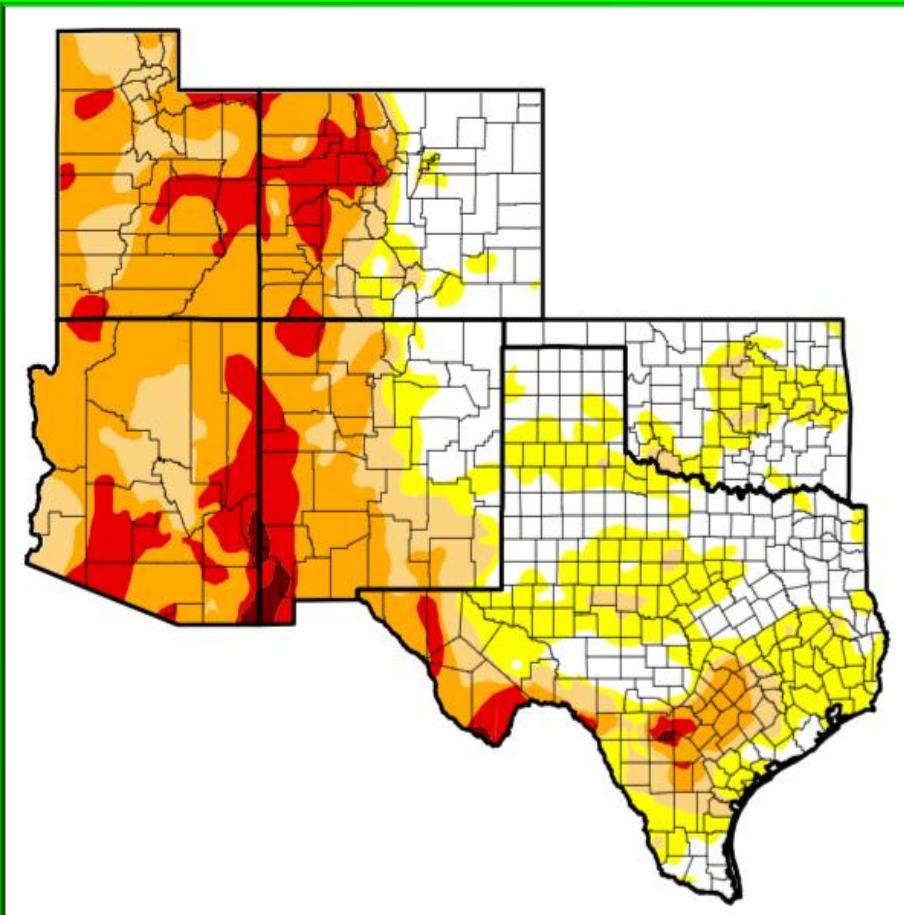
- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

Current drought conditions and 3 month change

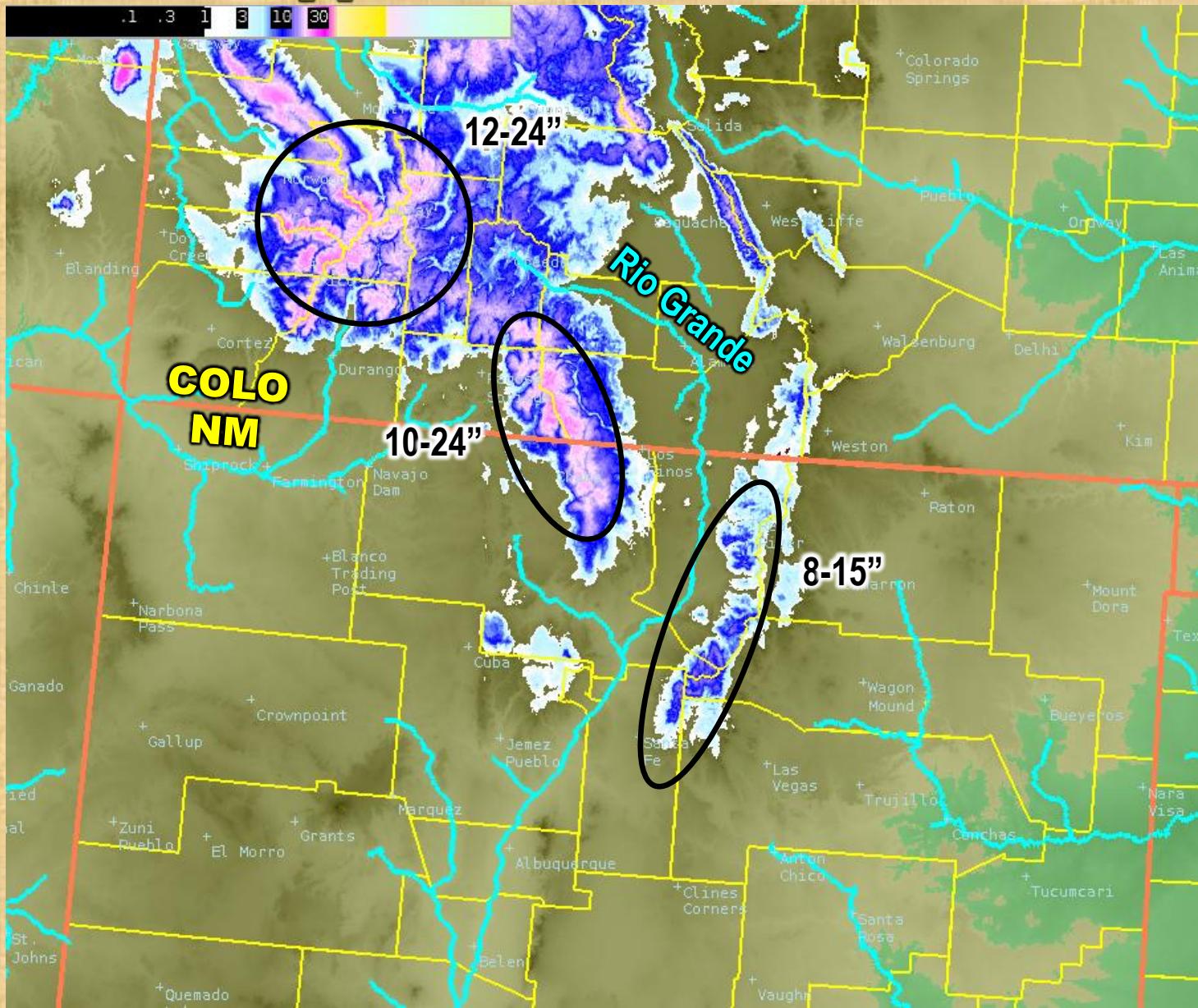
Dec 23, 2025



Sep 30, 2025



December 31, 2025 Snow Depth Upper Rio Grande Basin



Snow Data Upper Rio Grande Basin as of Dec 31, 2025

Grand Junction

Snow Depth

Montrose

Gunnison

Salida

Colorado Springs

Pueblo

Nucla

Cortez

Durango

Dulce

Alamosa

Trinidad

Farmington

Taos

Springerville

Inches of depth

	> 150
100	to 150
75	to 100
50	to 75
40	to 50
30	to 40
20	to 30
16	to 20
12	to 16
8.0	to 12
4.0	to 8.0
2.0	to 4.0
trace	to 2.0

Not Estimated

Elevation in feet

	> 13124
8203	to 13124
3281	to 8203
3	to 3281
<	3

Departure From Normal

Colorado Springs

Pueblo

Montrose

Gunnison

Salida

Alamosa

Trinidad

Durango

Dulce

Farmington

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Springerville

Taos

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Las Vegas

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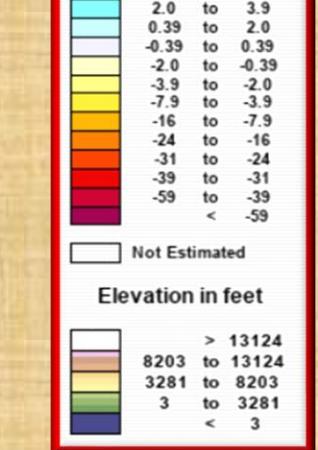
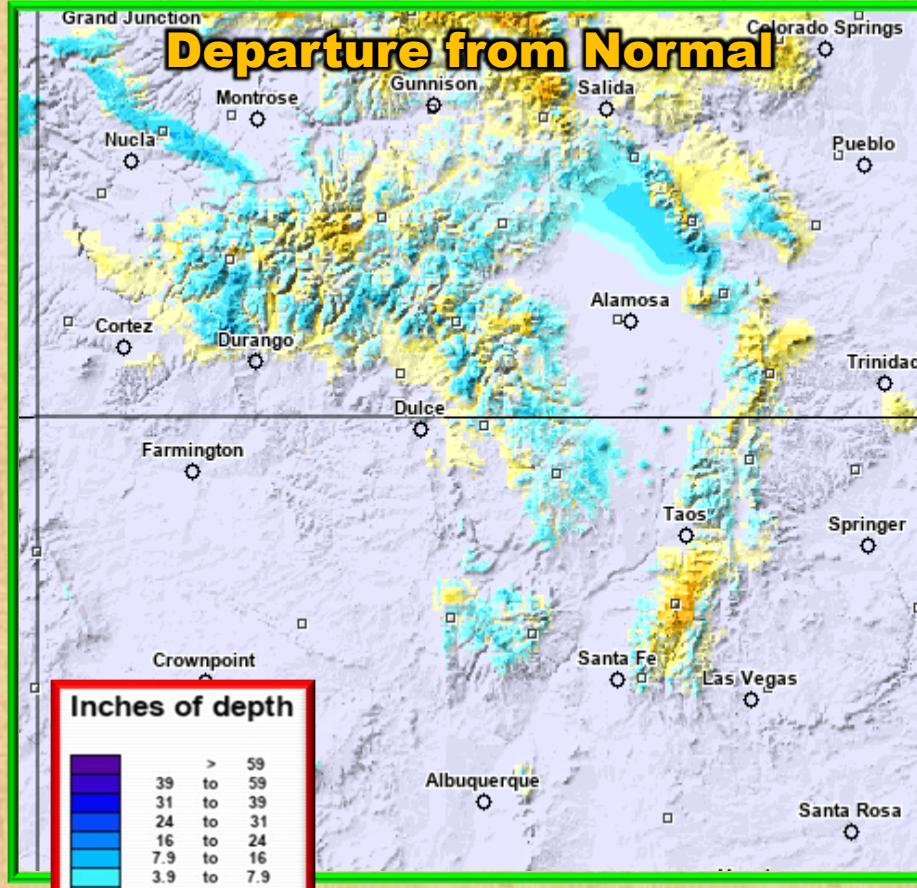
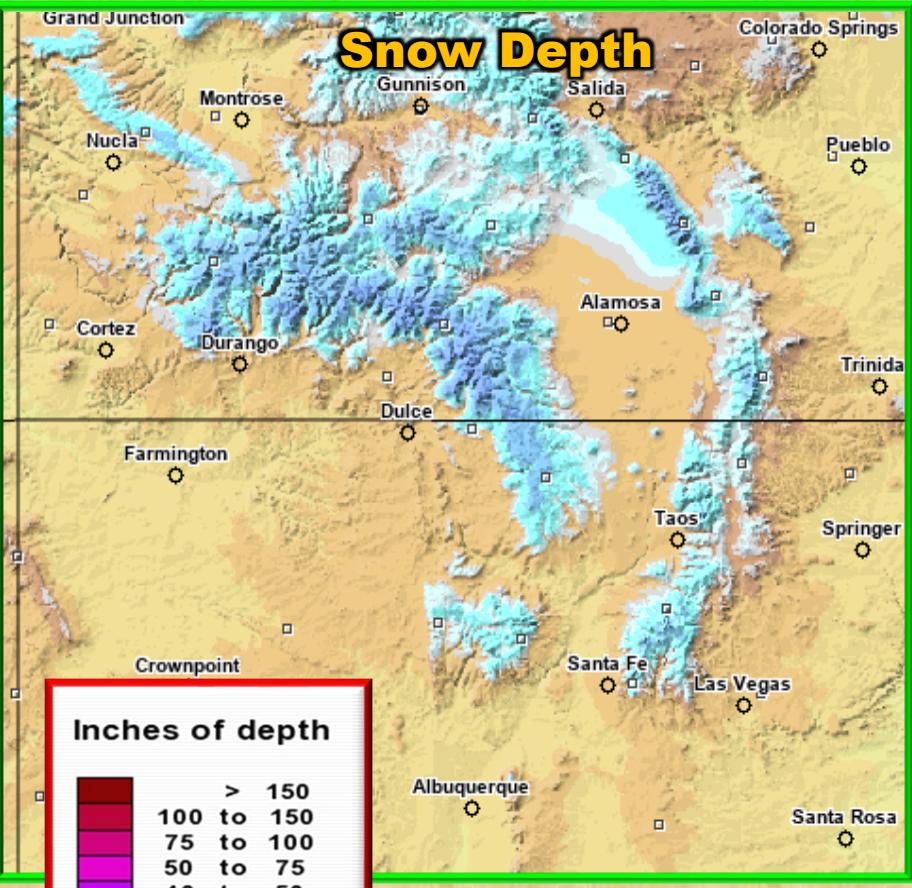
>	59
39	to 59
31	to 39
24	to 31
16	to 24
7.9	to 16
3.9	to 7.9
2.0	to 3.9
0.39	to 2.0
-0.39	to 0.39
-2.0	to -0.39
-3.9	to -2.0
-7.9	to -3.9
-16	to -7.9
-24	to -16
-31	to -24
-39	to -31
-59	to -39
<	-59

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Snow Data Upper Rio Grande Basin as of Nov 30, 2025



Snow Water Equivalent as of Dec 31, 2025

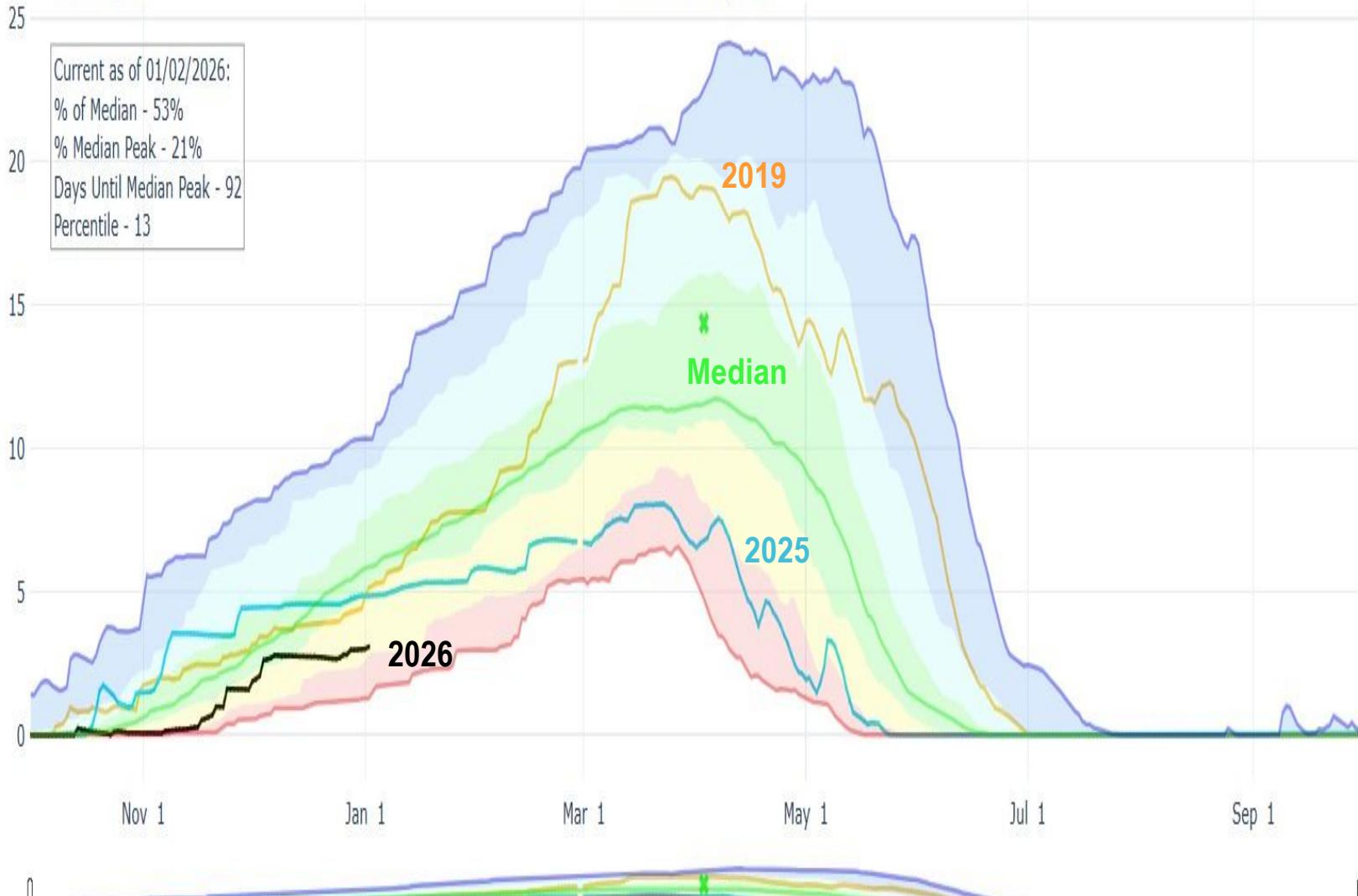
Compared to last few years and average values

Upper Rio Grande Basin

Reset Range

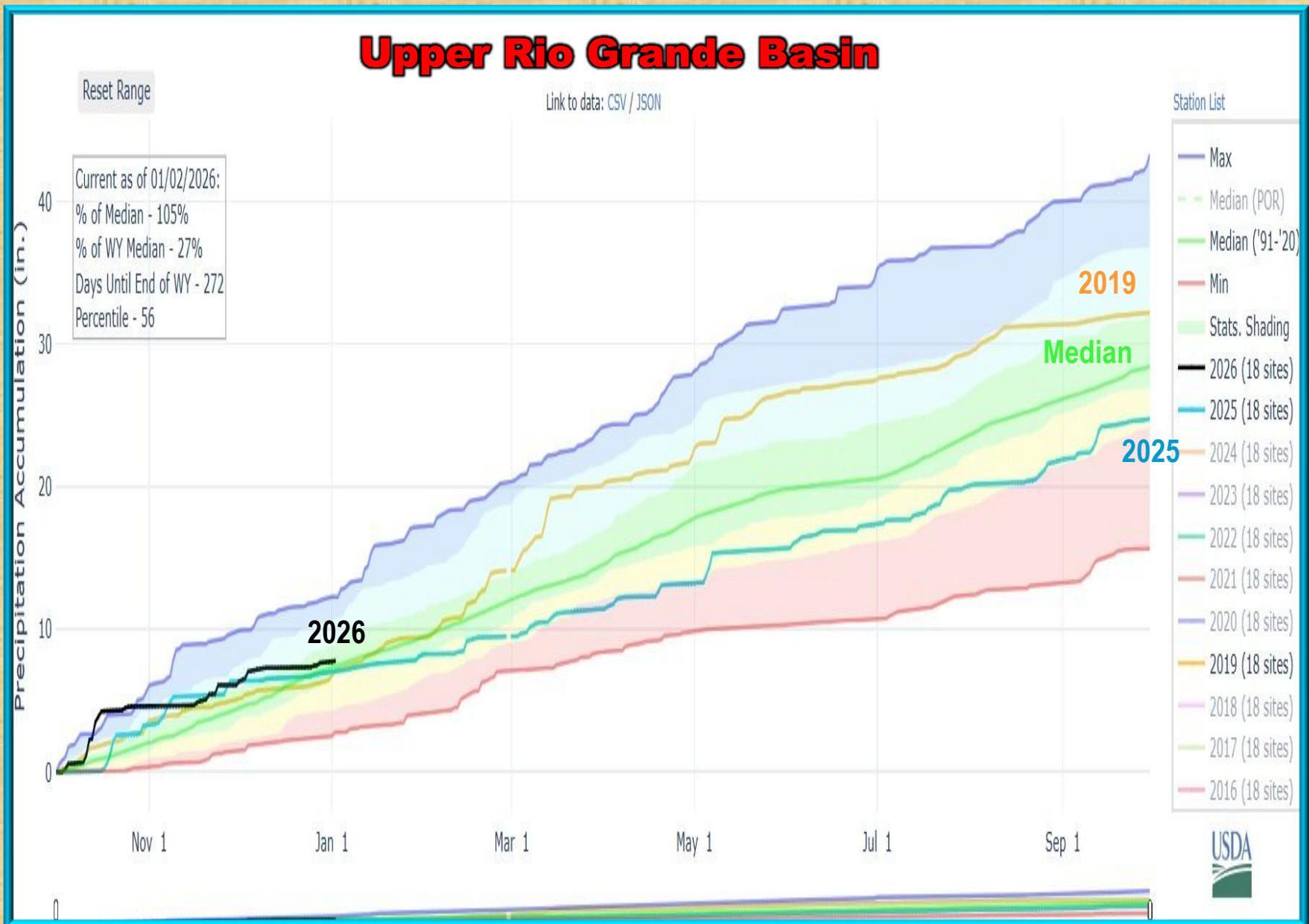
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Station List



Precipitation for the Water YTD Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2025

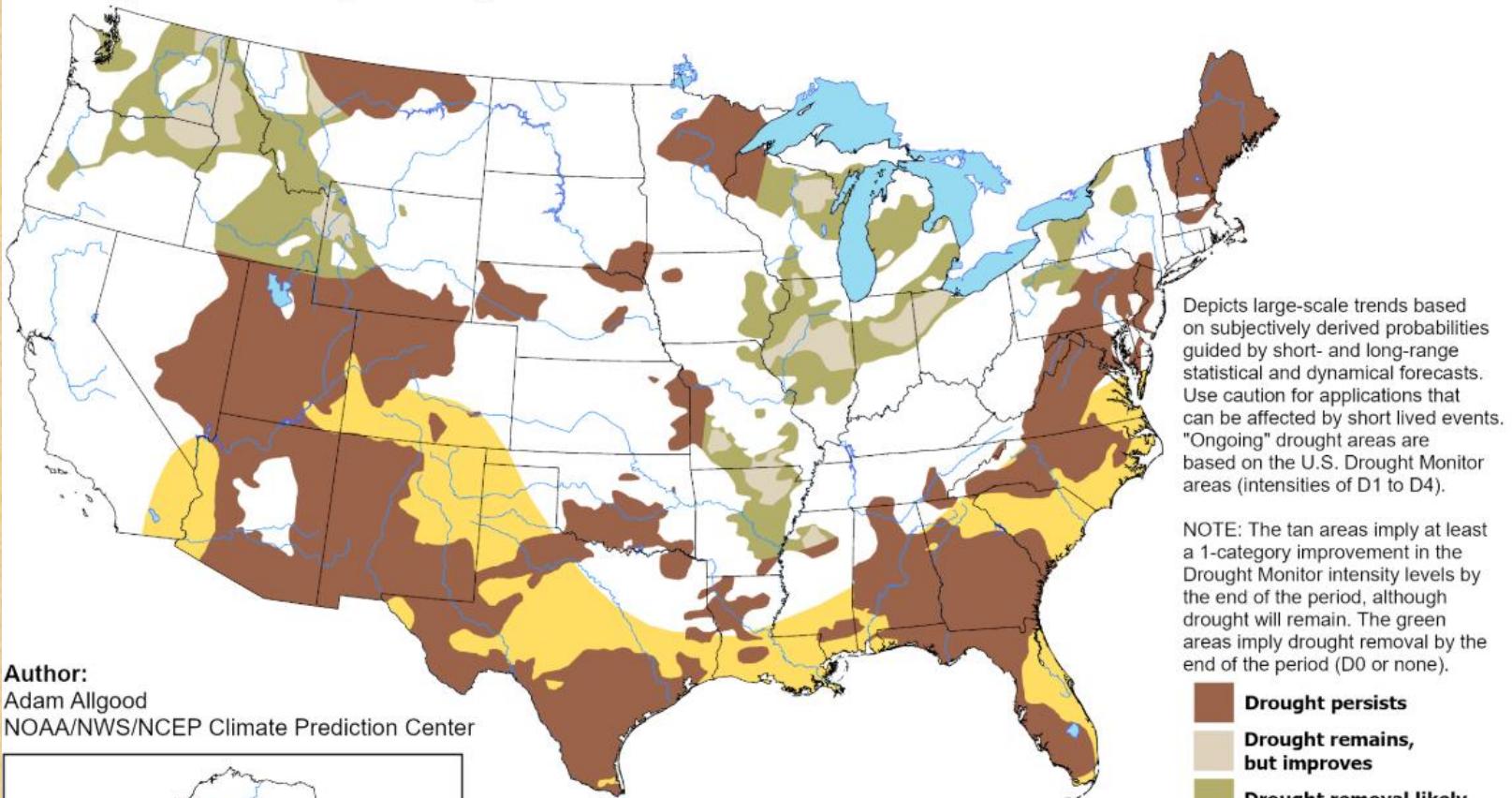
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

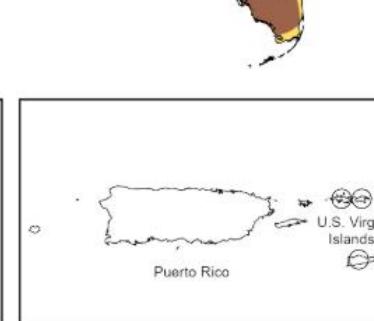
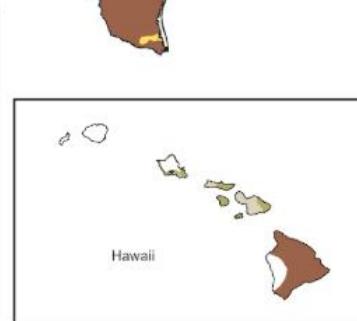
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for December 18, 2025 - March 31, 2026
Released December 18, 2025



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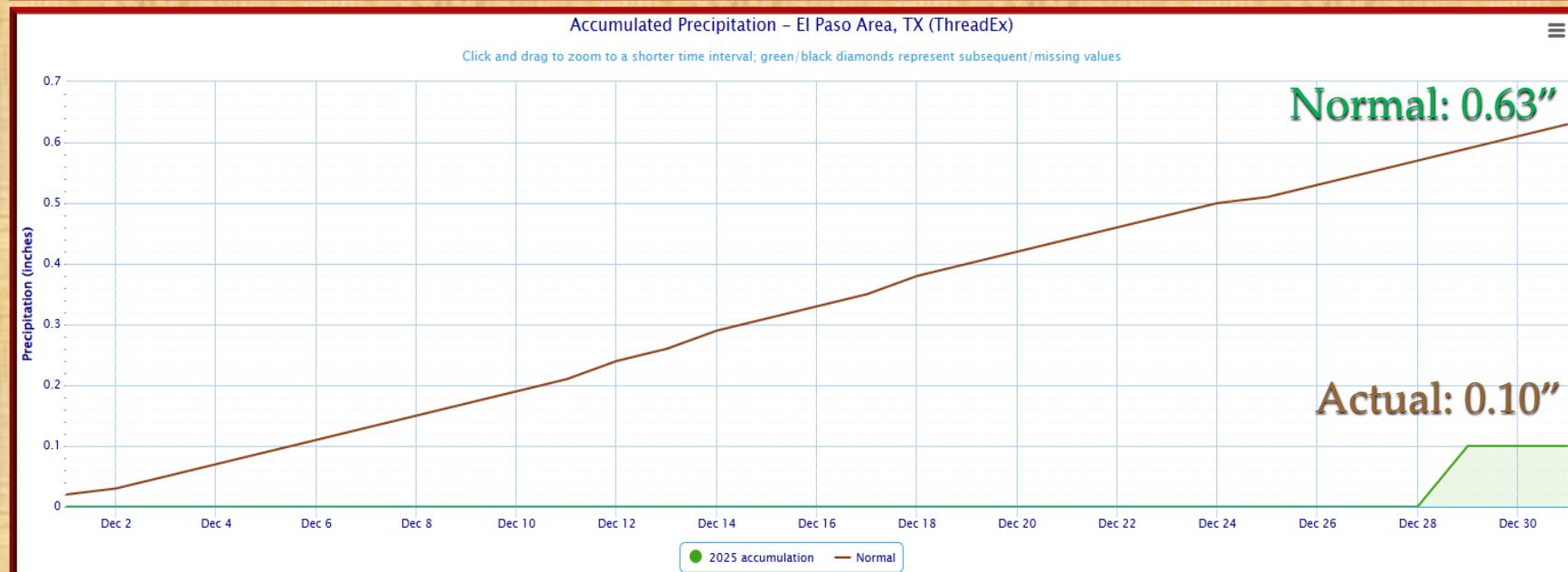
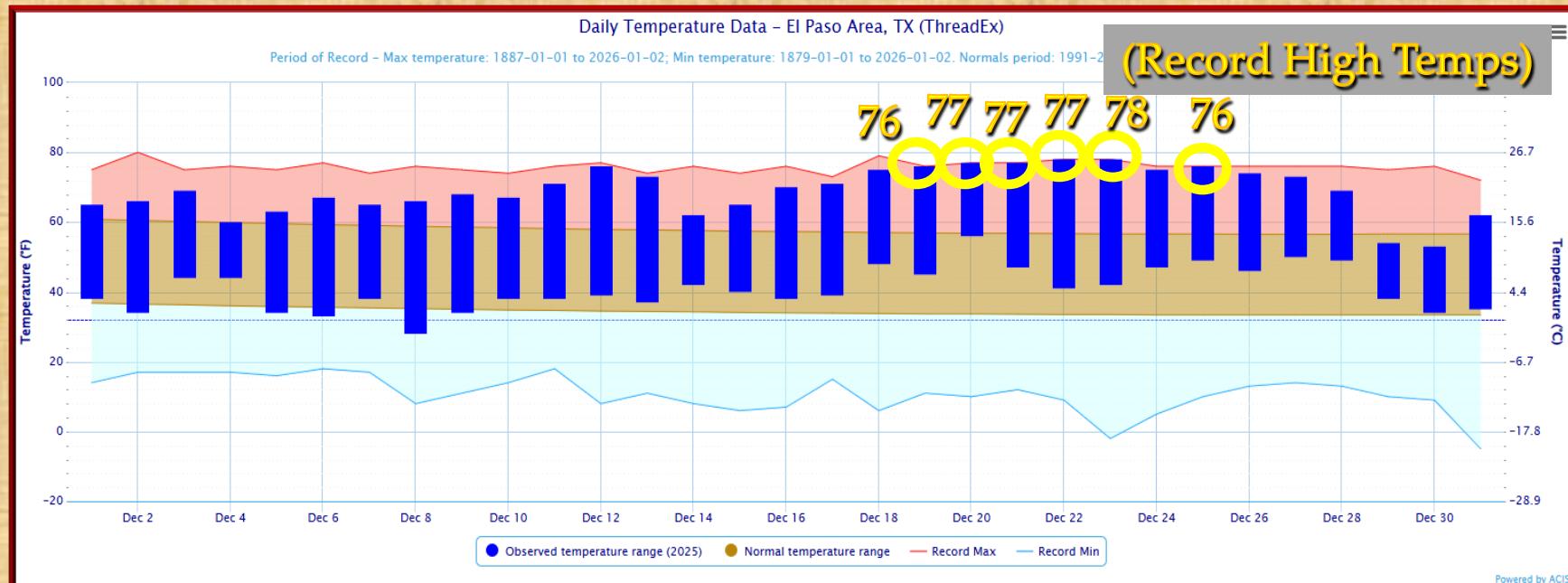
- Drought persists
- Drought remains, but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely
- No drought



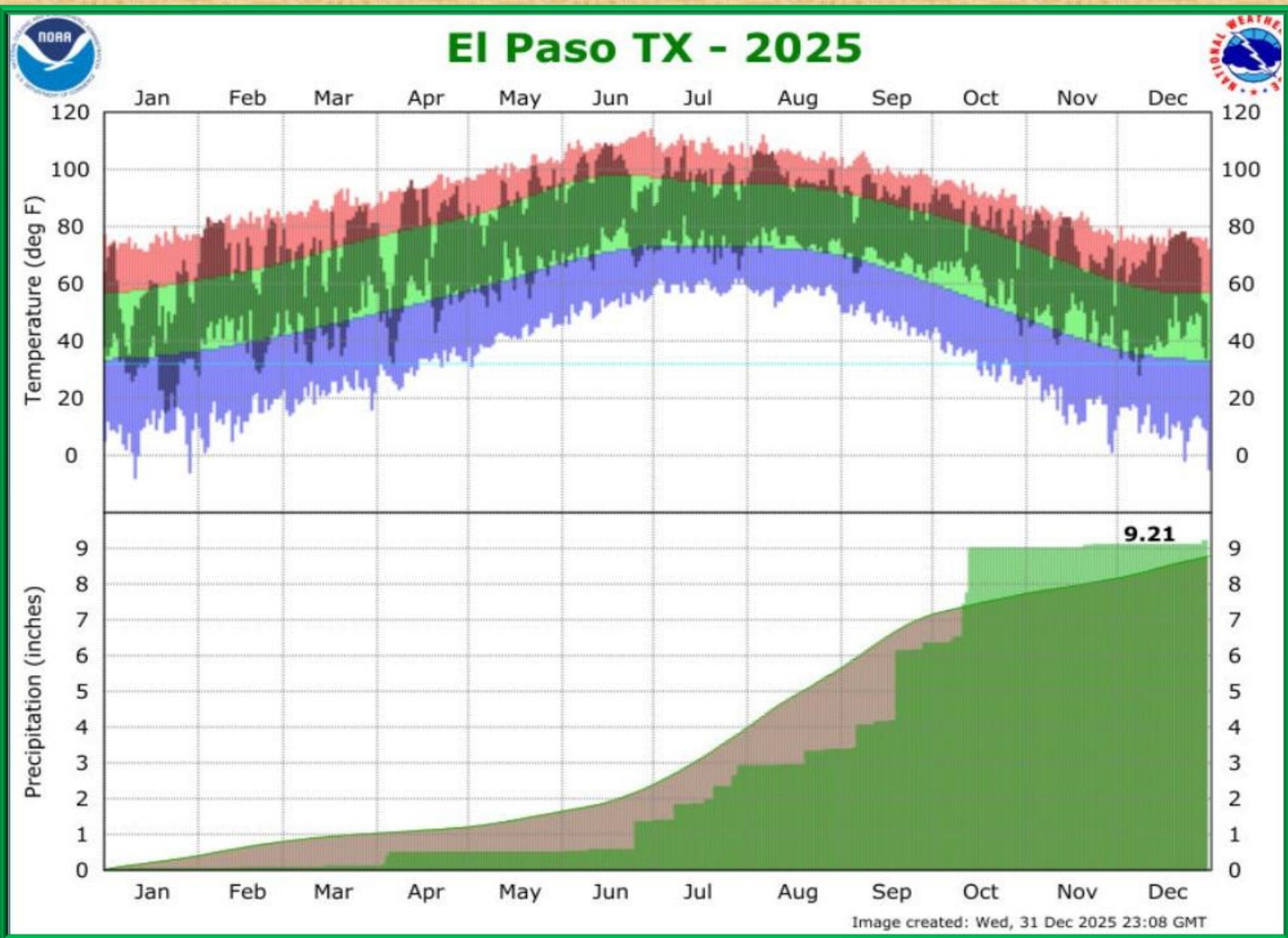
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Temperature and precipitation data for December 2025 in El Paso

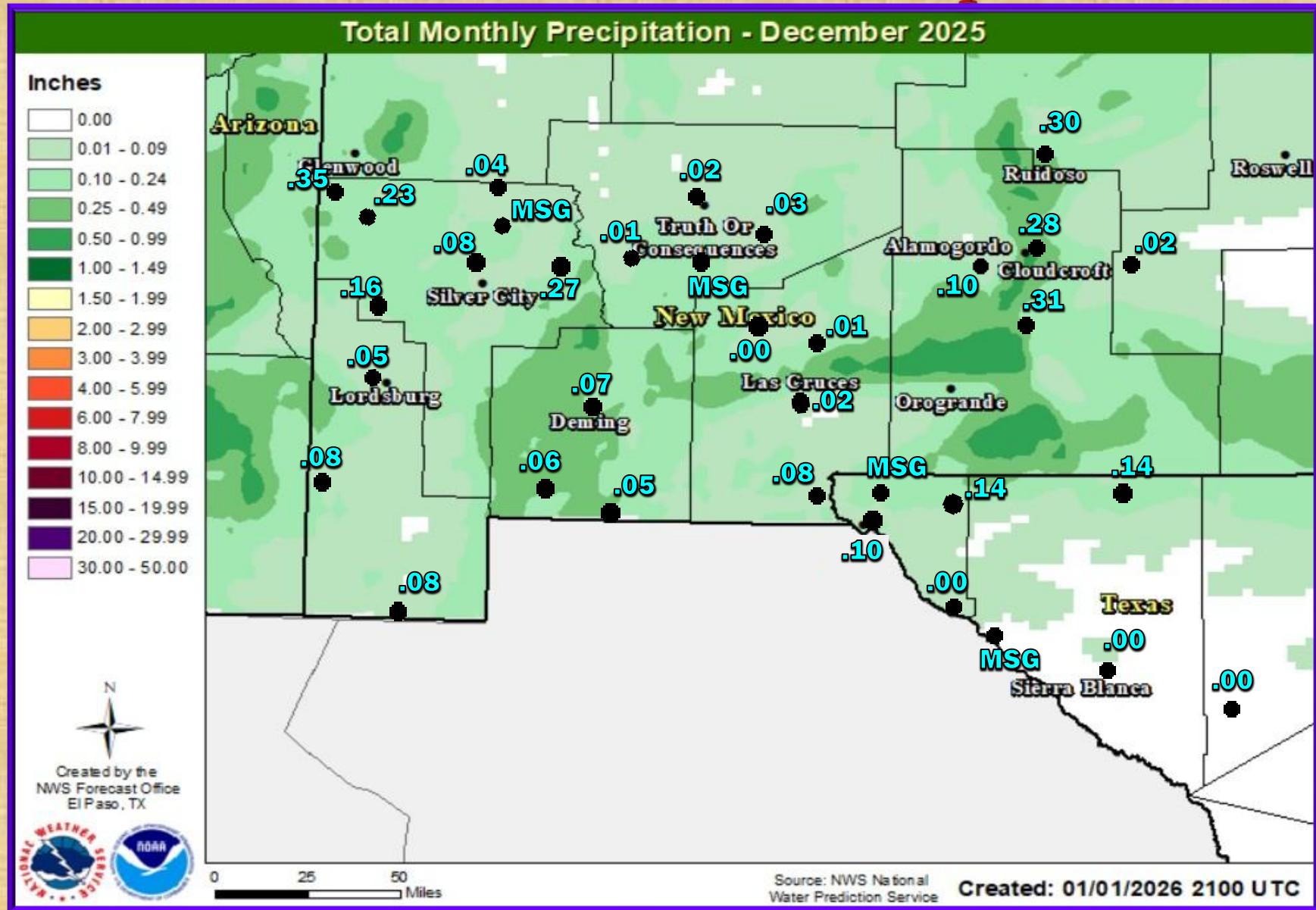
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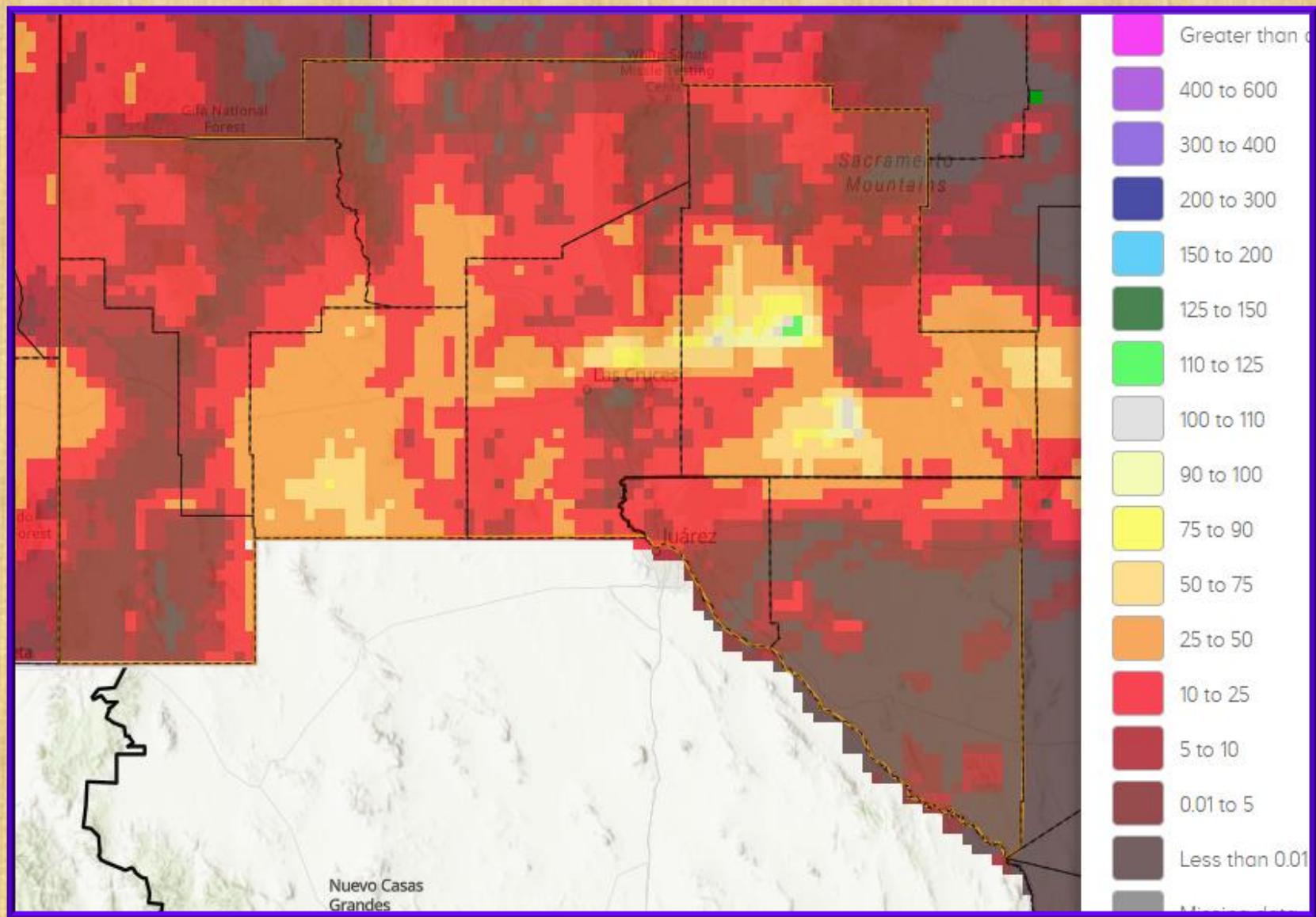
2025 Temperature and Precipitation through December for El Paso



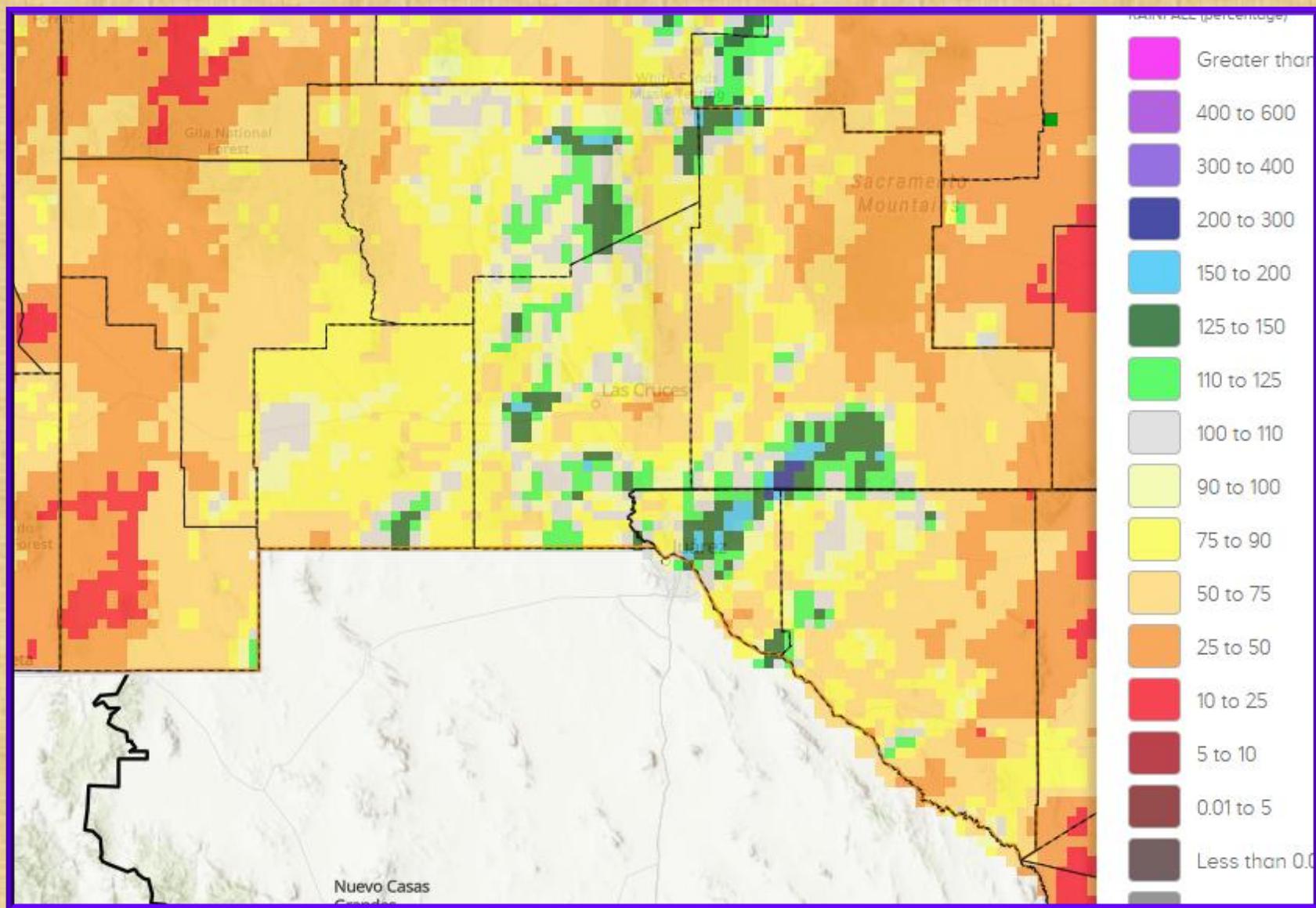
December 2025 rainfall estimate with surface rainfall reports



December 2025 rainfall estimate percent of normal



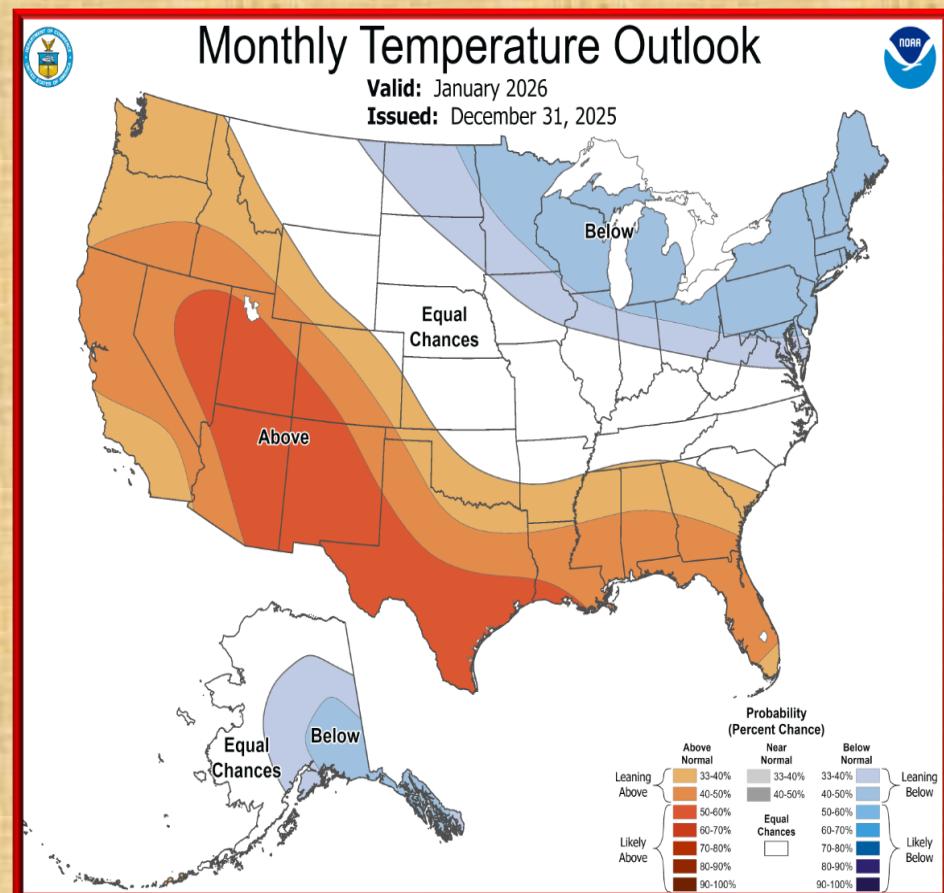
Radar rainfall estimate percent of normal for the Water Year (Oct 1 – Dec 31)



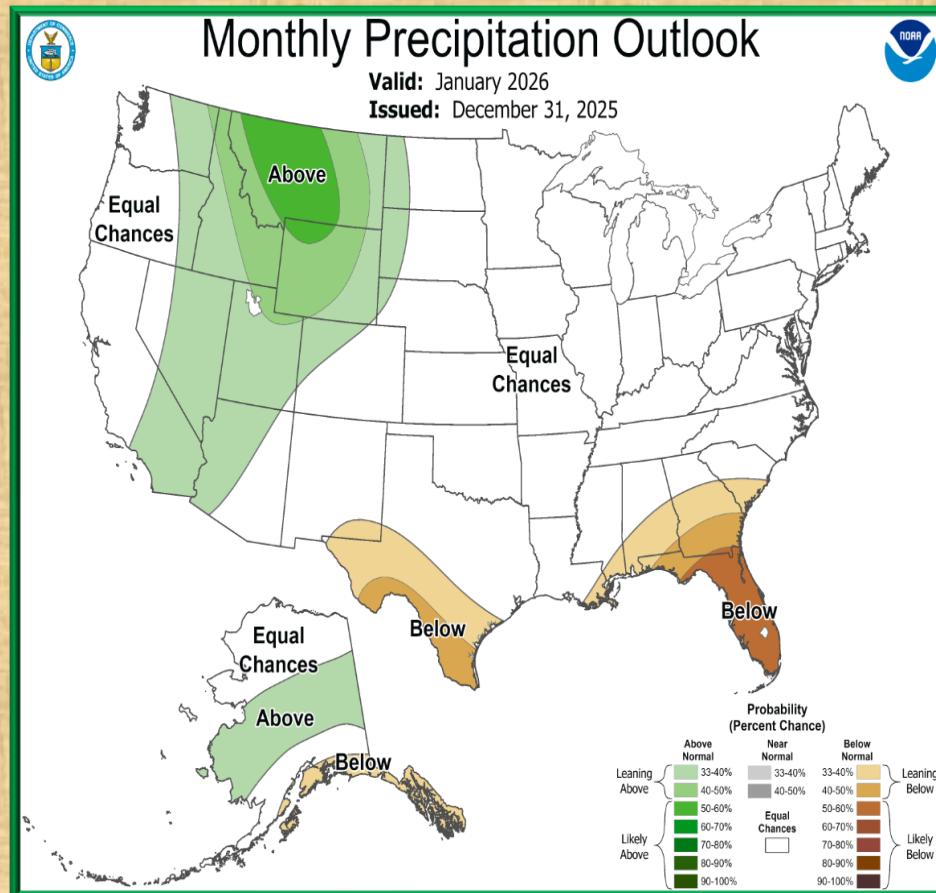
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

For January 2026

Temperature

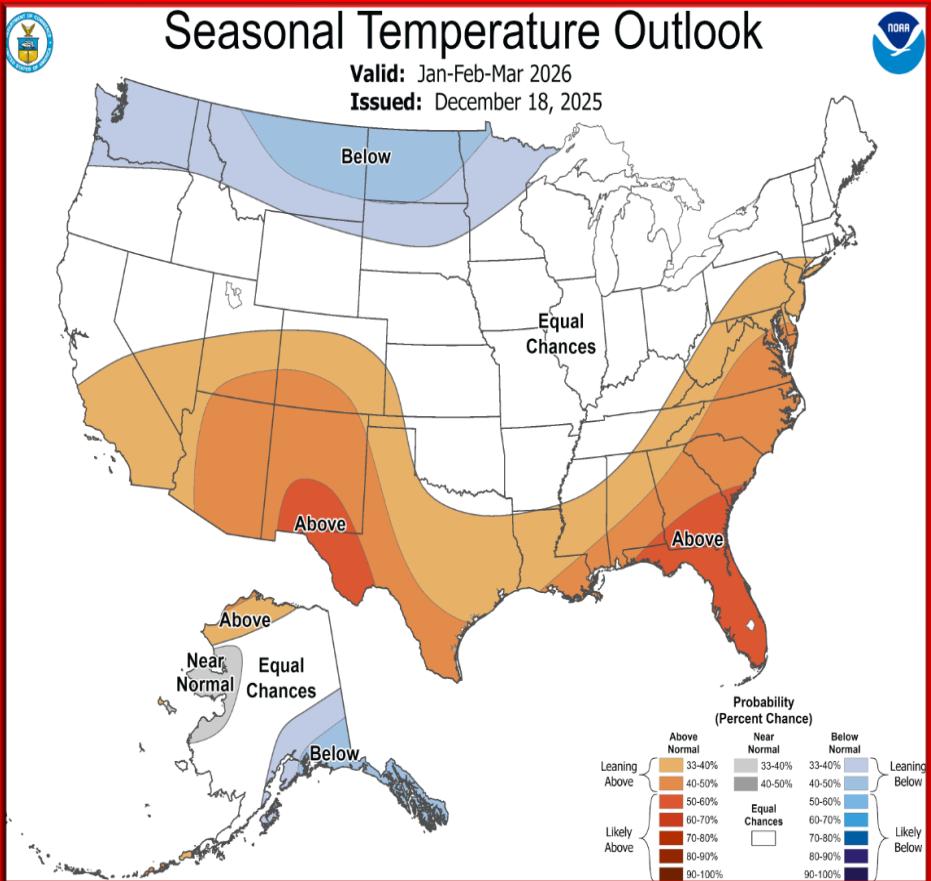


Precipitation

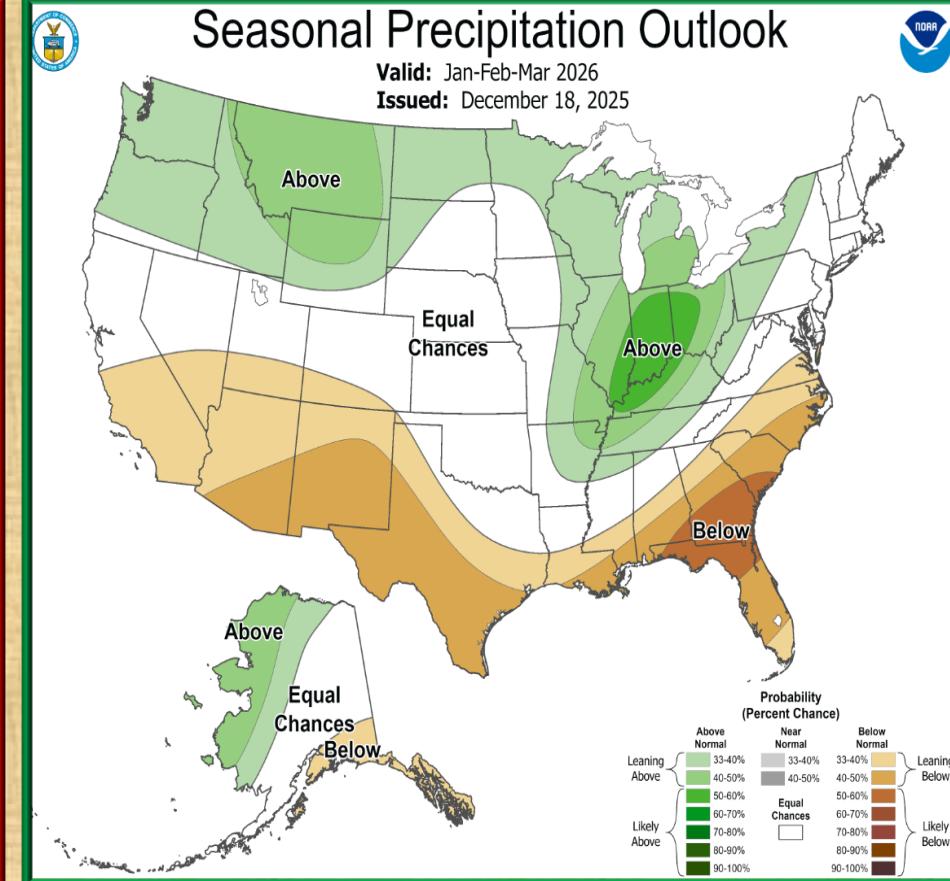


Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for Jan-Mar 2026

Temperature

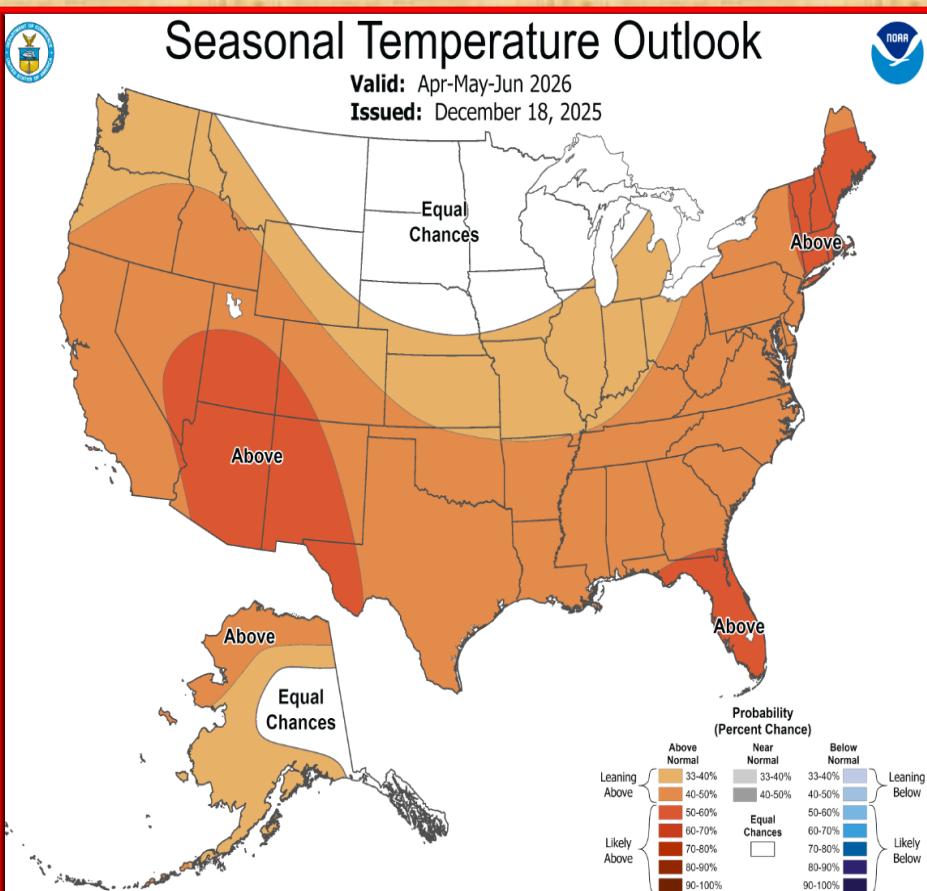


Precipitation

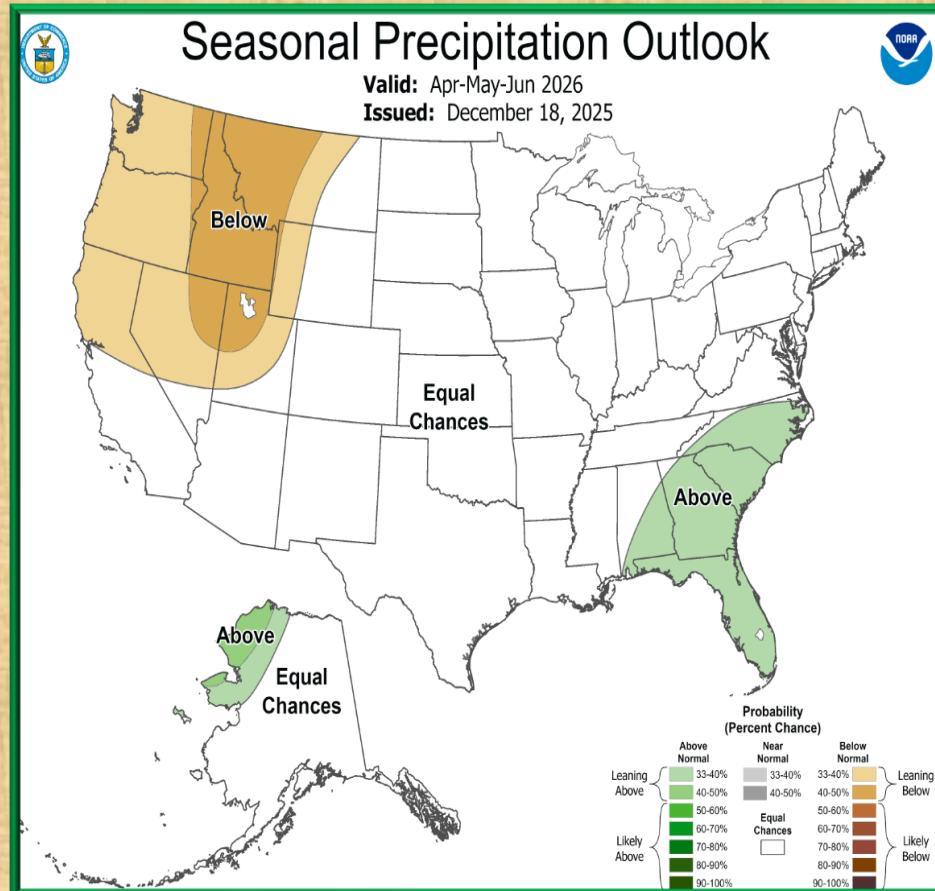


Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for Apr-Jun 2026

Temperature



Precipitation

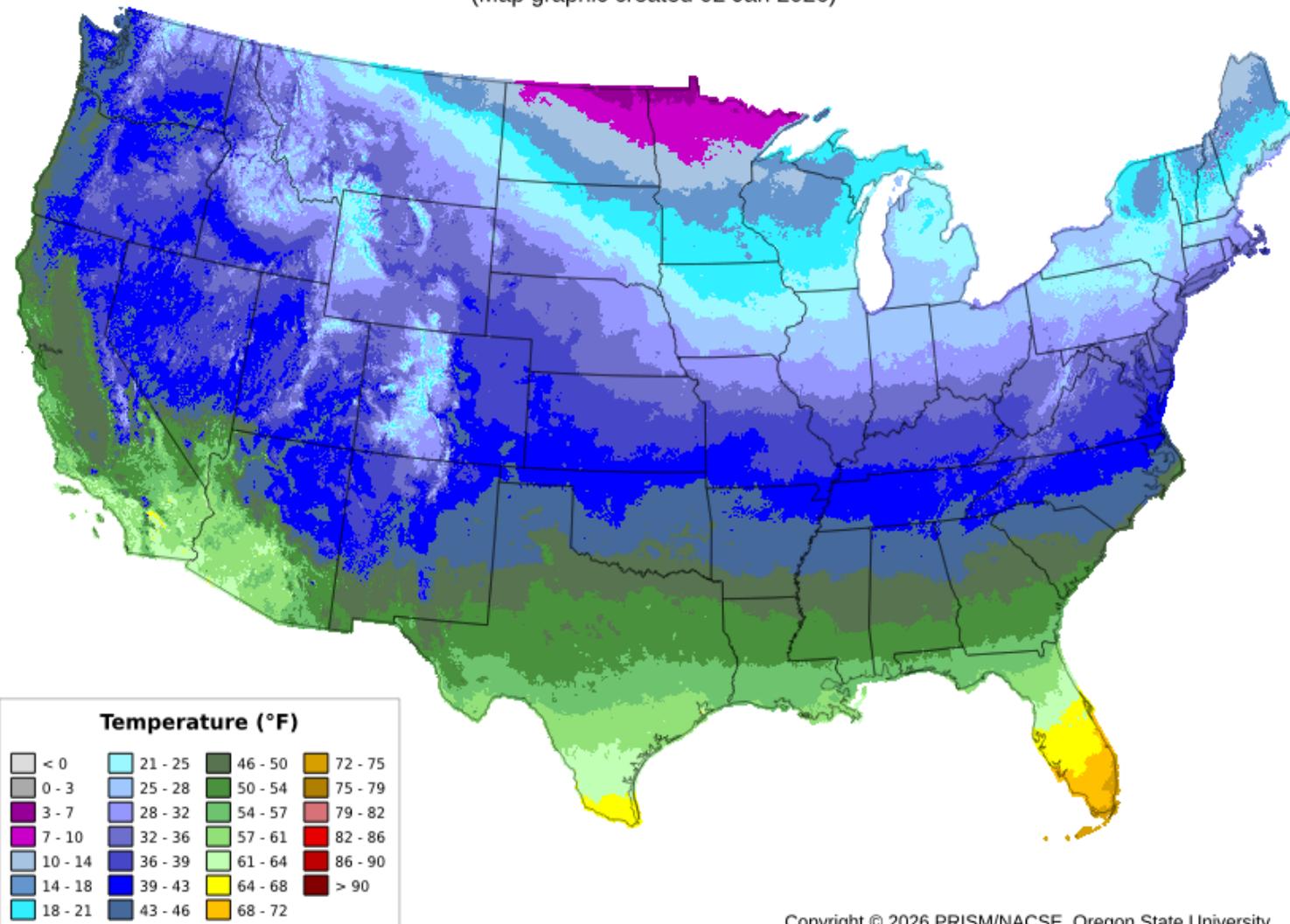


Average Daily Mean Temperature for December 2025

Average Daily Mean Temperature: Dec 2025

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Dec 2025

(Map graphic created 02 Jan 2026)



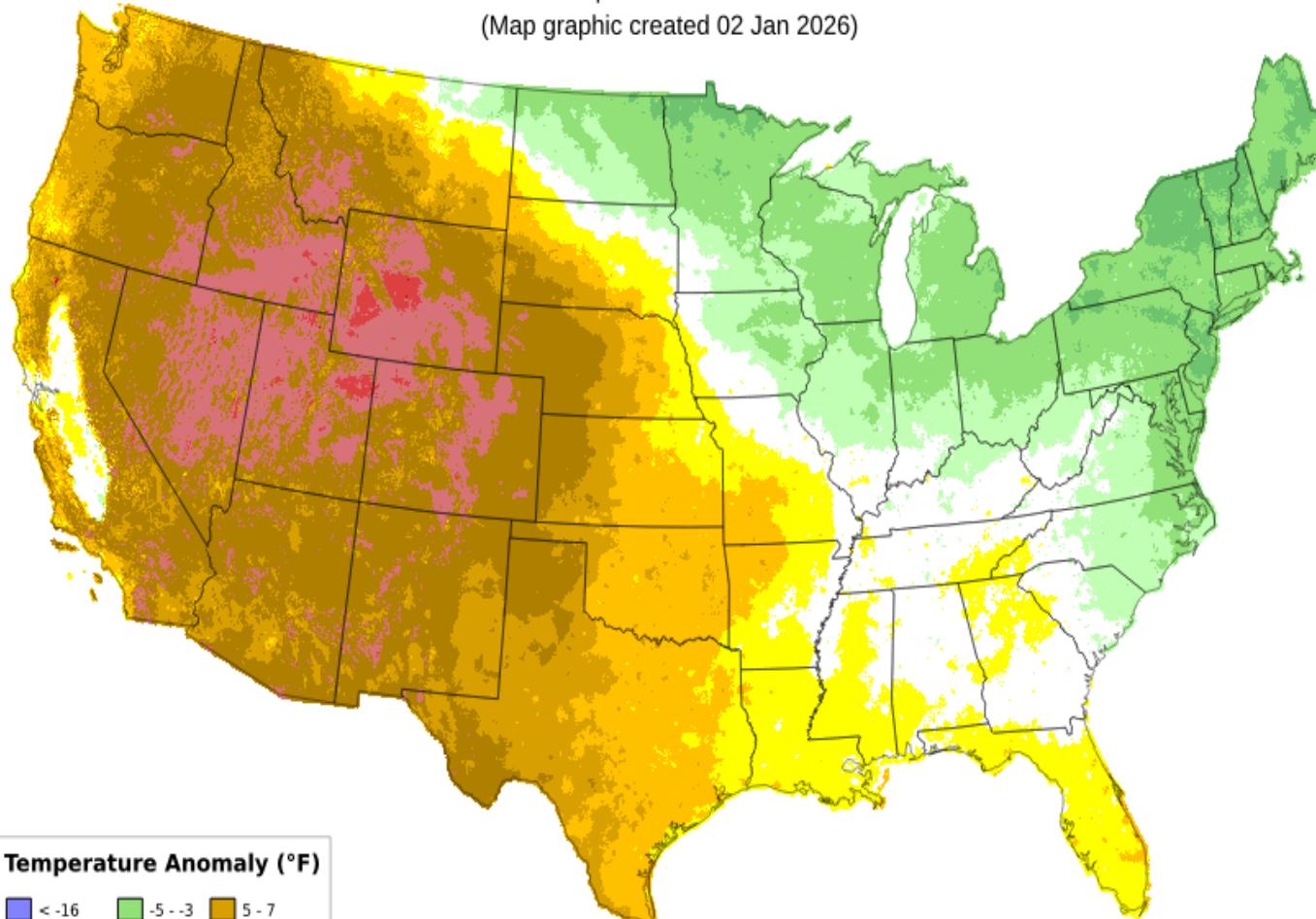
Daily Mean Temperature Departure from Normal, December 2025

Daily Mean Temperature Anomaly: Dec 2025

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Dec 2025

Base period: 1991 - 2020

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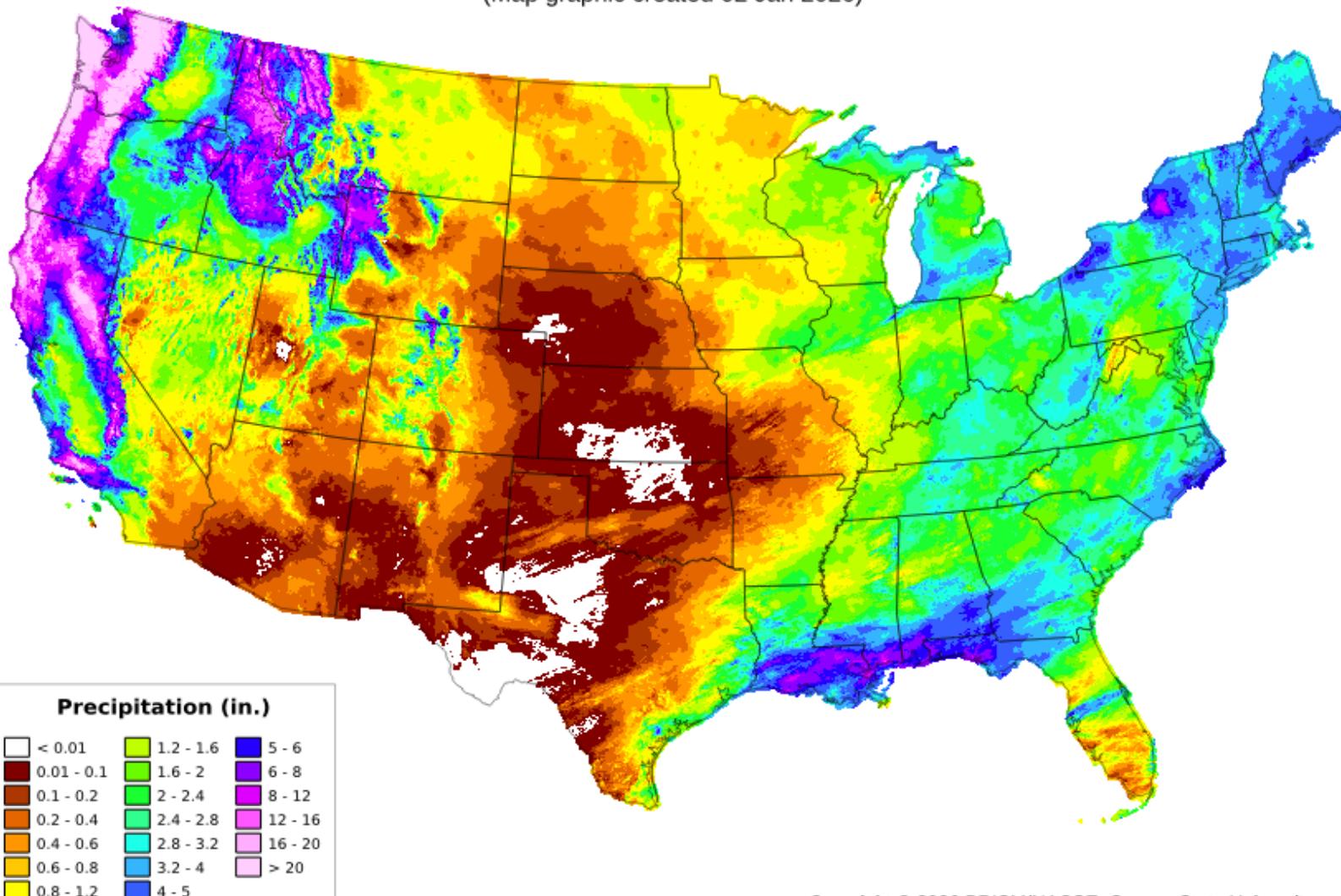


Total Precipitation for December 2025

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Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Dec 2025

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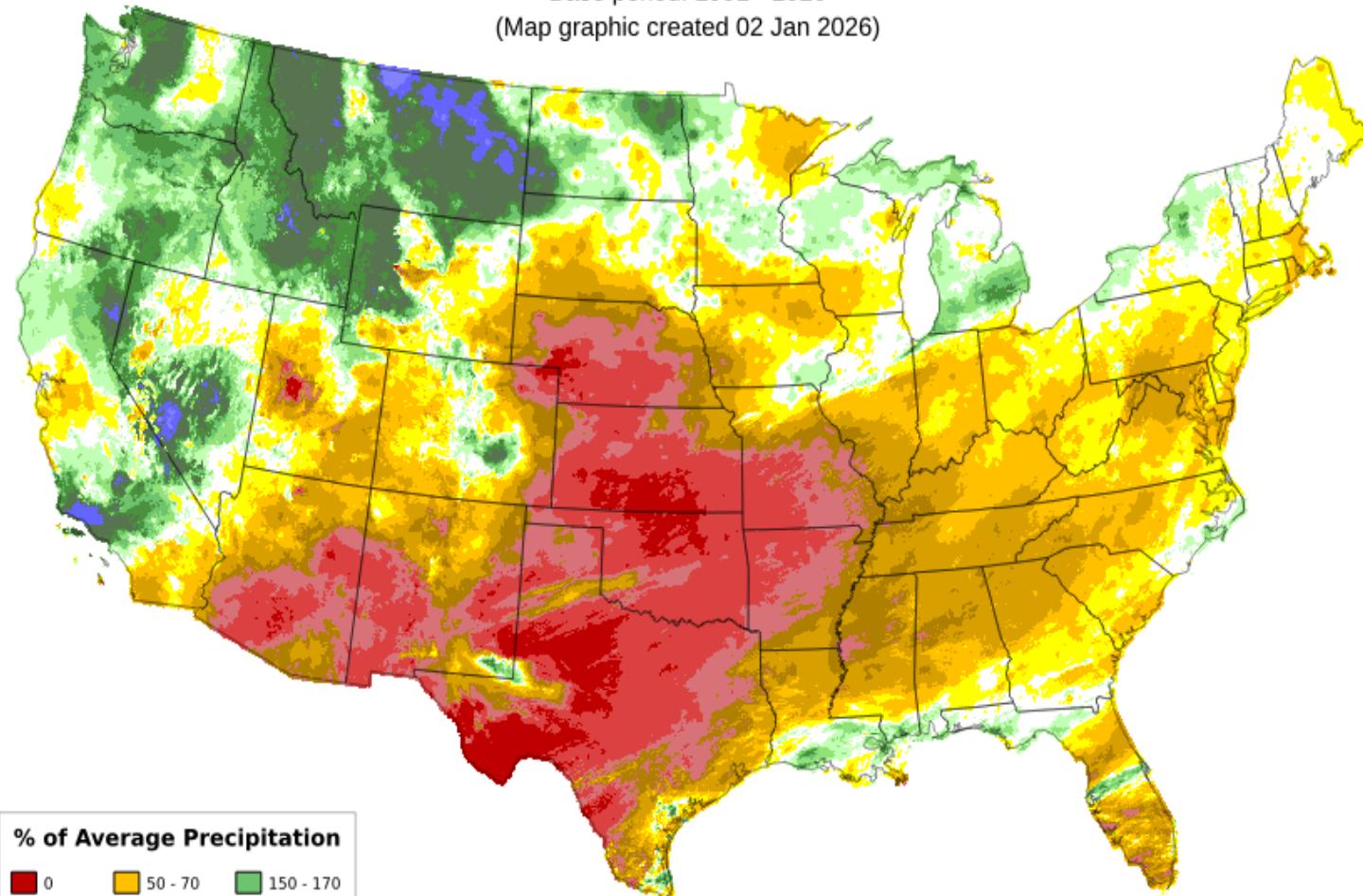
Percent of Normal Precipitation for December 2025

Total Precipitation Anomaly: Dec 2025

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(Map graphic created 02 Jan 2026)



Selected Weather Reports December 2025

Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
DEC 19	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	REC HIGH TEMP 76°
DEC 19	EL PASO AIRPORT-EL PASO	REC HIGH TEMP 76°
DEC 19	HILLSBORO COOP-SIERRA	REC HIGH TEMP 76°
DEC 19	NMSU COOP-DONA ANA	REC HIGH TEMP 76°
DEC 19	GILA HOT SPGS-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 74°
DEC 19	REDROCK COOP-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 74°
DEC 19	WHITE SIGNAL-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 73°
DEC 19	SANTA TERESA NWS-DONA ANA	REC HIGH TEMP 73°
DEC 19	GRANT CO AIRPORT-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 72°
DEC 19	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	REC HIGH TEMP 71°
DEC 20	EL PASO AIRPORT-EL PASO	REC HIGH TEMP 77°
DEC 20	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	REC HIGH TEMP 77°

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DEC 20	REDROCK COOP-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 75°
DEC 20	HILLSBORO COOP-SIERRA	REC HIGH TEMP 73°
DEC 20	GILA HOT SPGS COOP-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 71°
DEC 20	GRANT CO AIRPORT-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 70°
DEC 20	WHITE SIGNAL COOP-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 66°
DEC 21	EL PASO AIRPORT-EL PASO	REC HIGH TEMP 77°
DEC 21	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	REC HIGH TEMP 77°
DEC 21	REDROCK COOP-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 76°
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DEC 21	GILA HOT SPRGS COOP-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 71°
DEC 22	EL PASO AIRPORT-EL PASO	REC HIGH TEMP 78°
DEC 22	SANTA TERESA NWS-DONA ANA	REC HIGH TEMP 76°
DEC 22	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	REC HIGH TEMP 75°
DEC 22	GRANT CO AIRPORT-GRANT	REC HIGH TEMP 74°
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Special Features

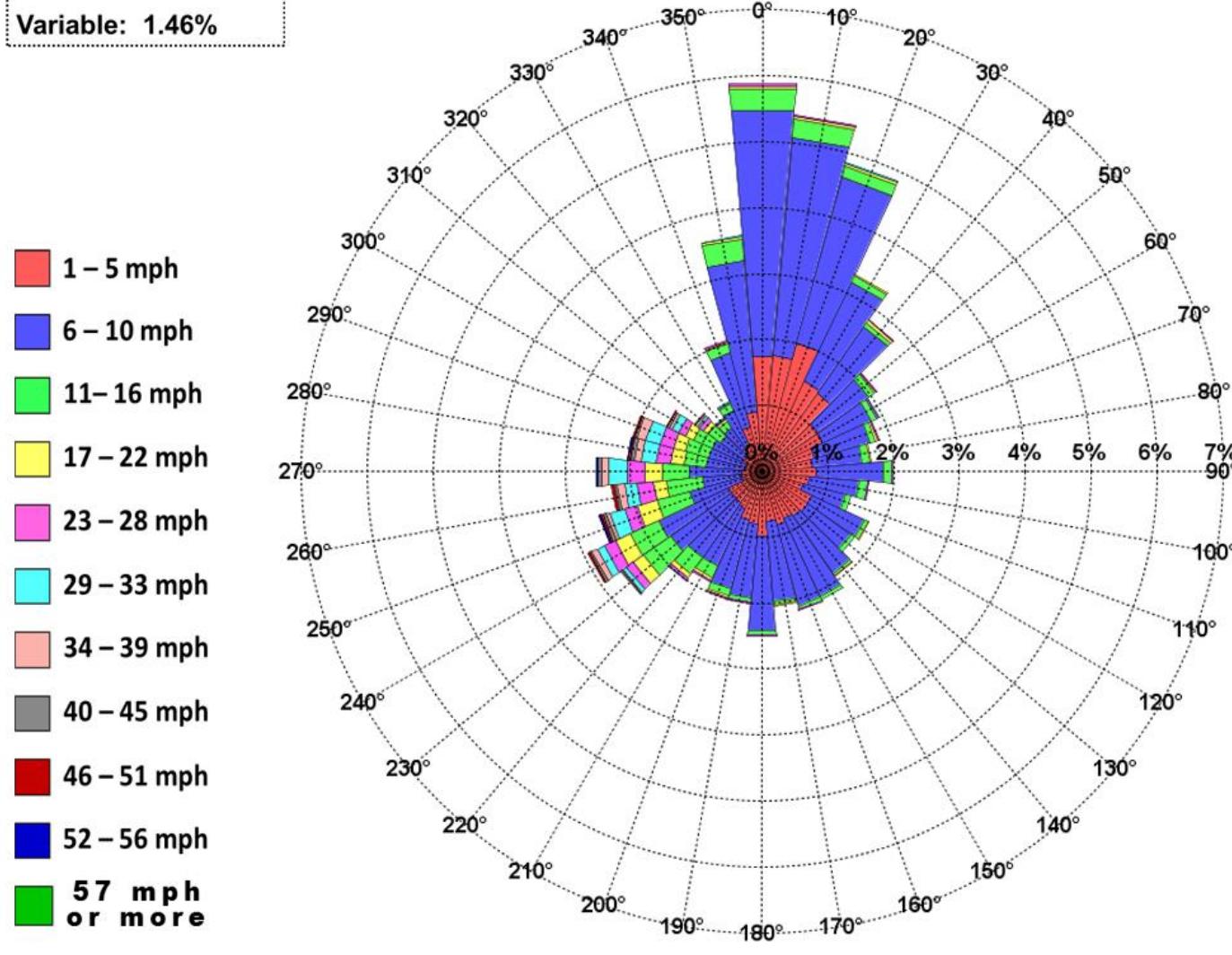
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Variable: 1.46%

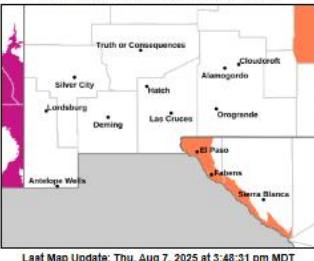
WindRose - KELP - EL PASO INTL

% Frequency of Wind Speed from a Direction

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Appalachians. Click the “Read More” link for excessive rainfall forecasts from the Weather Prediction Center. Afternoon showers and thunderstorms are possible over portions of the Southwest and southern Rockies through Friday. [Read More >](#)

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Southern New Mexico and Far West Texas has a variety of weather from month to month. Conditions can range from extreme drought, to heavy flooding rains, from record breaking heat to bone chilling cold. Below you will find past weather highlights from the area that the NWS office in Santa Teresa NM covers. This area includes the following counties in New Mexico: Hudspeth, Grant, Luna, Sierra, Doña Ana and Otero and the following counties in Texas: El Paso and Hudspeth.

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Weather Digest Southwest Weather Bulletins

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February	2006 Spring	Fall
March	2007 Spring	Fall
April	2008 Spring	Fall
May	2009 Spring	Fall
June	2010 Spring	Fall
July	2011 Spring	Fall
August	2012 Spring	Fall
September	2013 Spring	Fall
October	2014 Spring	Fall
November		
December		