

April 2026 Weather Digest



April 2026 Weather Summary

After a scorching March, April was much more moderate. Average temperatures around many of the sites ranged from around 2 to 4 degrees above normal, the great majority of that coming from low temperatures which were abnormally warm.

On the rainfall side, much of the area east of the Rio Grande Valley saw decent rainfall, with 125-200 percent of normal rainfall. However the El Paso metro area remained well below normal. To the west of the river valley, rainfall was very low with percent of normal running around 10 to 50 percent. Only the Black Range did well in this respect, with 100 to 150 percent of normal recorded. Noteworthy events included a strong Pacific front moving out of the Great Basin southward over the Borderland on the 3rd. This resulted in mountain showers of rain and snow, and gusty winds. High temperatures cooled as much as 15 degrees on April 4-5. Other strong Pacific storm systems brought gusty winds and blowing dust to the area on Apr 13-14, and April 25-26.

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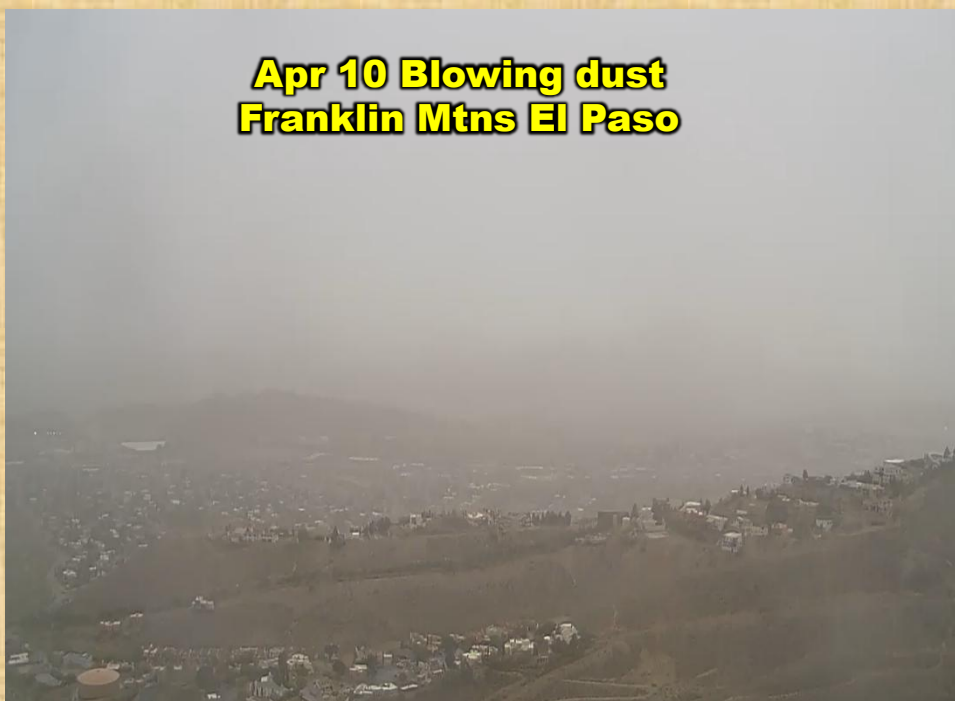
Looking ahead to May, daylight and temperatures continue climbing toward summer. The average high temperature at El Paso on May 1 is 84°, warming to 94° on May 31. Length of daylight on the 1st is 13 hrs, 26 min, increasing to 14 hrs, 4 mins on the last day of the month. Precipitation at El Paso for May is .34 inches, as we finish the stretch of the three driest months of the year, and gradually ramp up rainfall totals as we approach the monsoon season.

May will see two full moons, which occur on the first day of May and also the final day of the month. The first full moon is known as the Flower Moon, and second full moon is known as the Blue Moon, so named because it is the second full moon of a particular month. The New Moon occurs on the 16th. May will not see any Lunar or Solar eclipses.

**Apr 10 Blowing dust
Franklin Mtns El Paso**



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Franklin Mtns El Paso**



**Apr 10 Blowing dust
west El Paso**



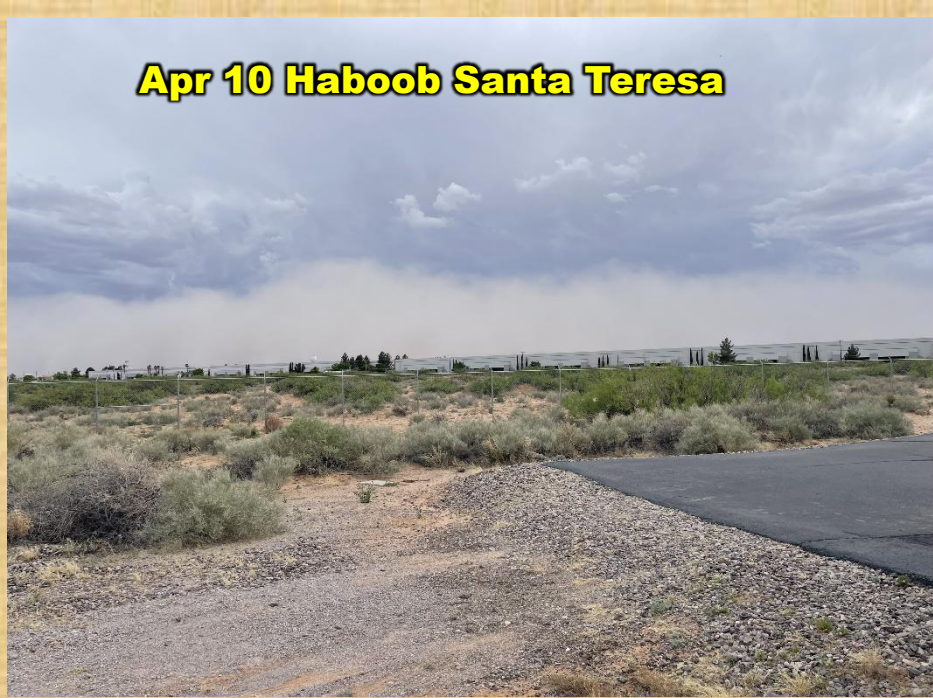
**Apr 10 Blowing dust
Sunland Park**



Apr 10 Haboob Santa Teresa



Apr 10 Haboob Santa Teresa



Apr 10 Haboob Santa Teresa



Apr 10 Haboob Talavera



**Apr 10 Blowing dust
NMSU Las Cruces**



Apr 23 Hummingbird Fire



Apr 23 Cement Dam



Apr 26 Blowing dust near Deming



Apr 26 Blowing dust near Deming



Apr 26 Hummingbird Fire

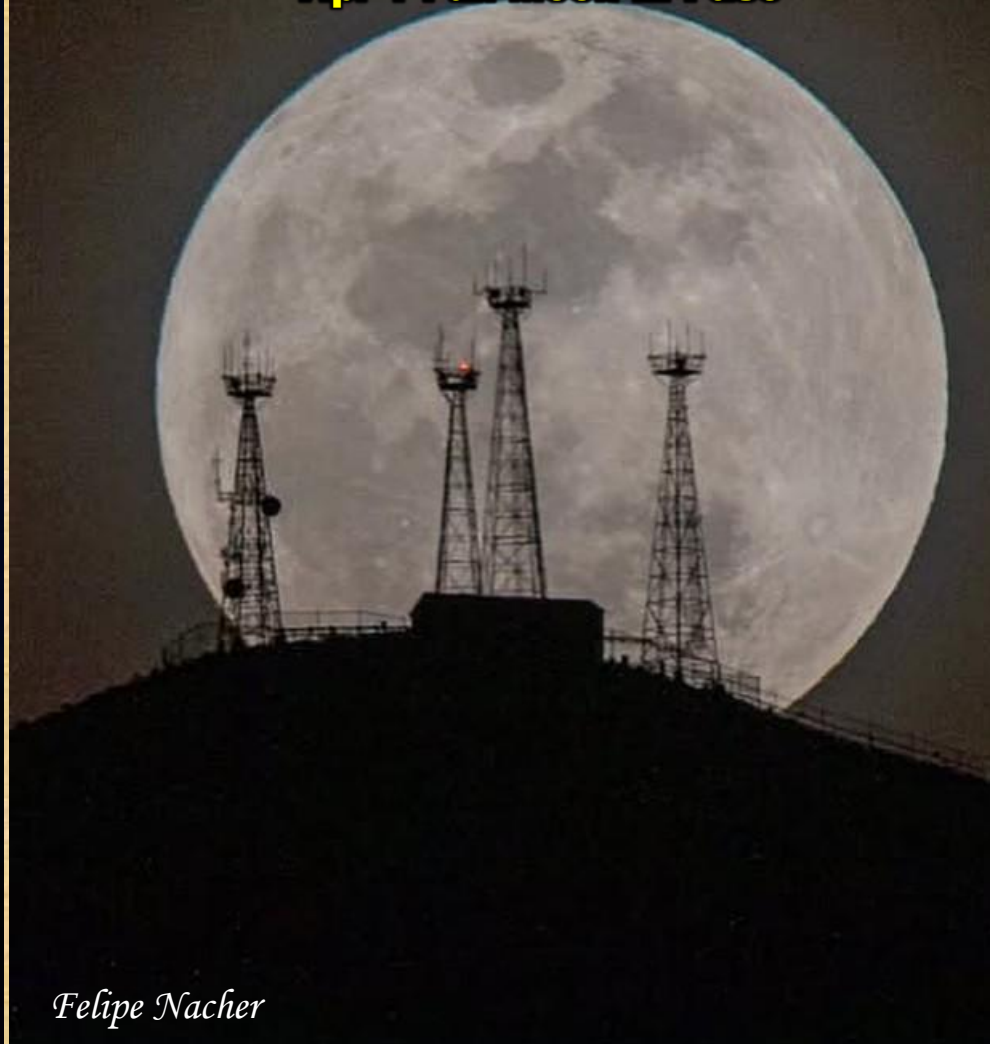


Apr 1 Full Moon Mt Cristo Rey



Felipe Nacher

Apr 1 Full Moon El Paso



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ENSO Alert System Status:

La Niña Advisory (expires soon)
El Niño Watch (new)

ENSO Alert System

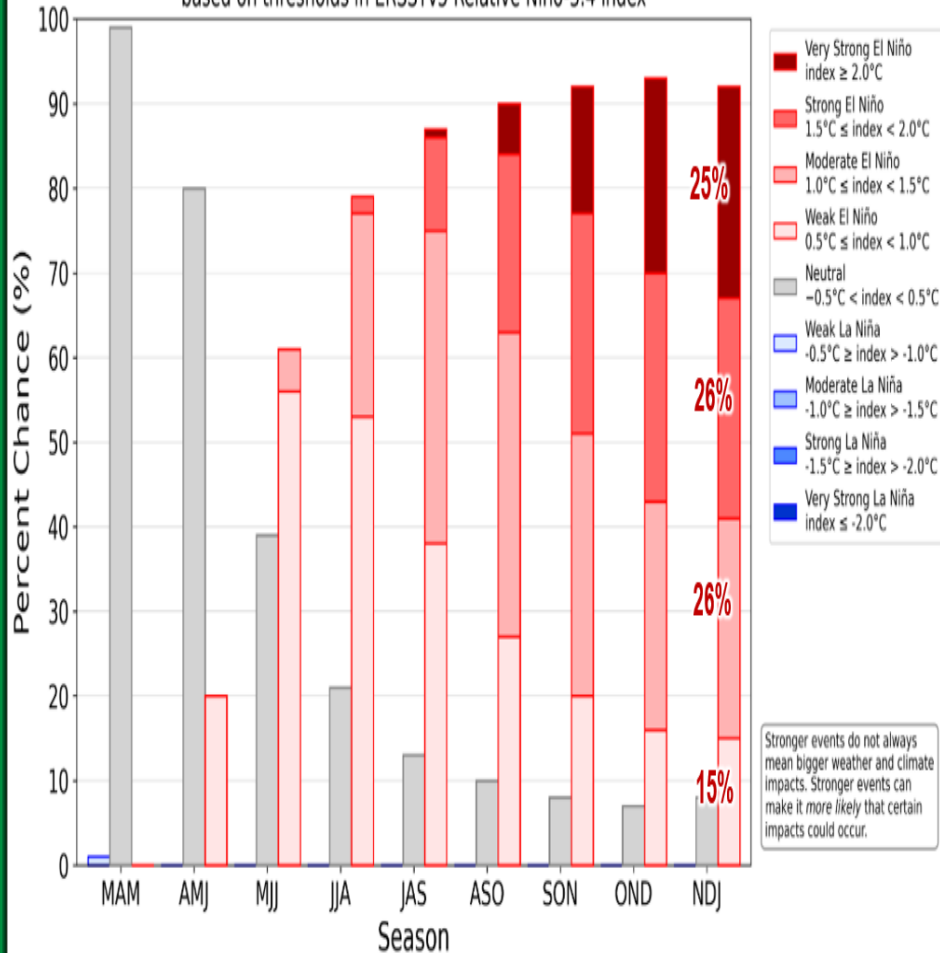
- **El Niño or La Niña Watch:** Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions in the next six months.
- **El Niño or La Niña Advisory:** Issued when El Niño or La Niña conditions are observed and expected to continue.

ENSO Forecast

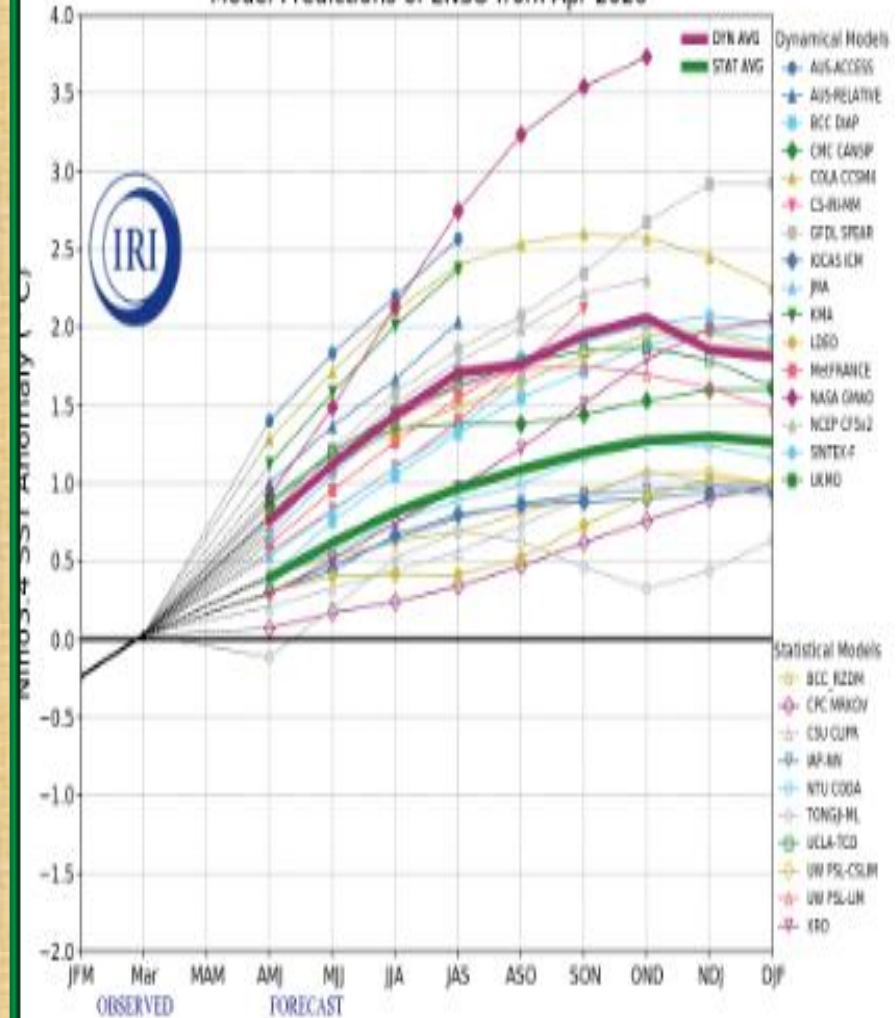
ENSO is currently transitioning to neutral phase and will likely transition to El Niño phase by early summer.

NOAA CPC ENSO Strength Probabilities (issued April 2026)

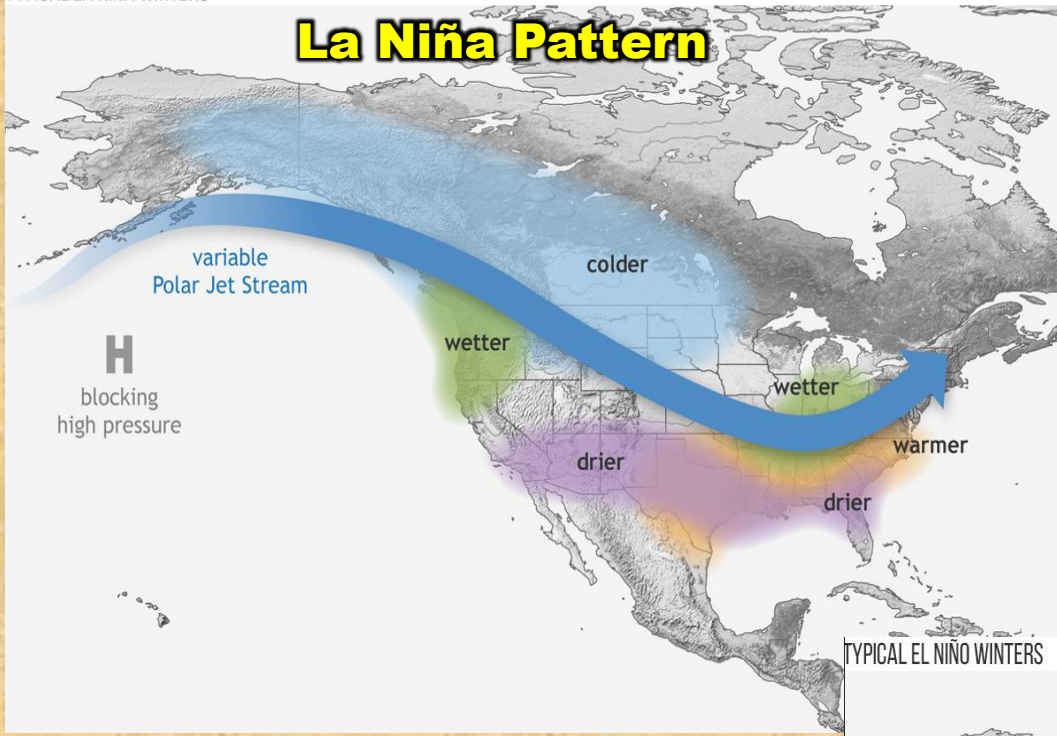
based on thresholds in ERSSTv5 Relative Niño-3.4 index



Model Predictions of ENSO from Apr 2026

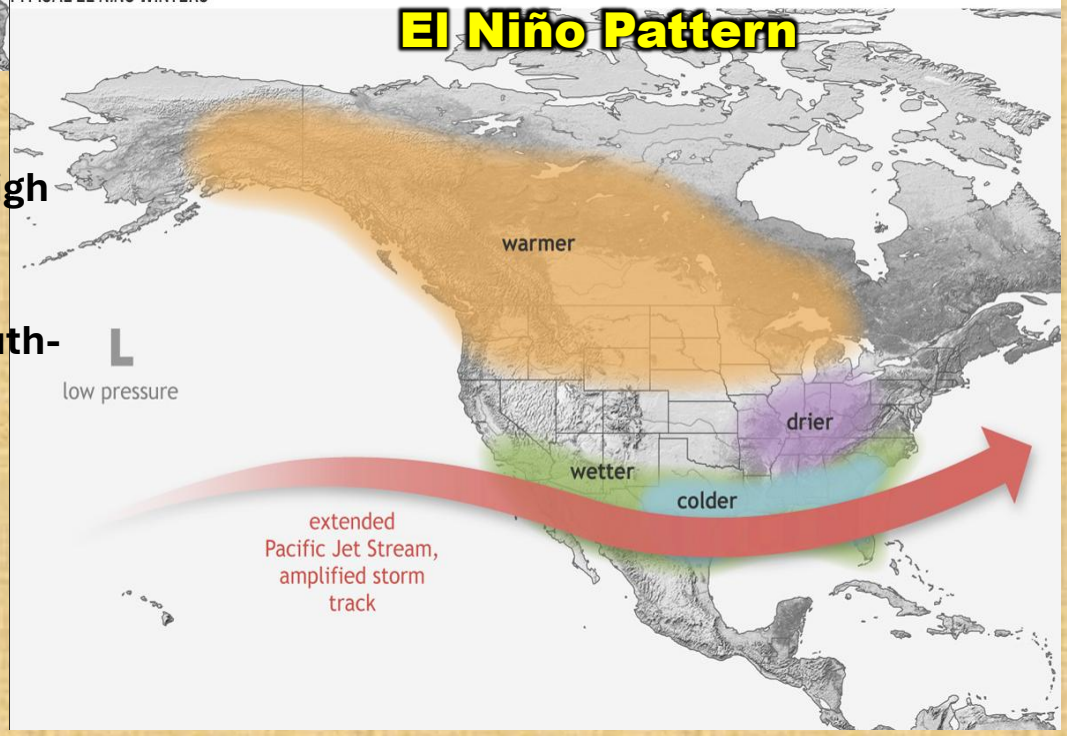


La Niña Pattern



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.

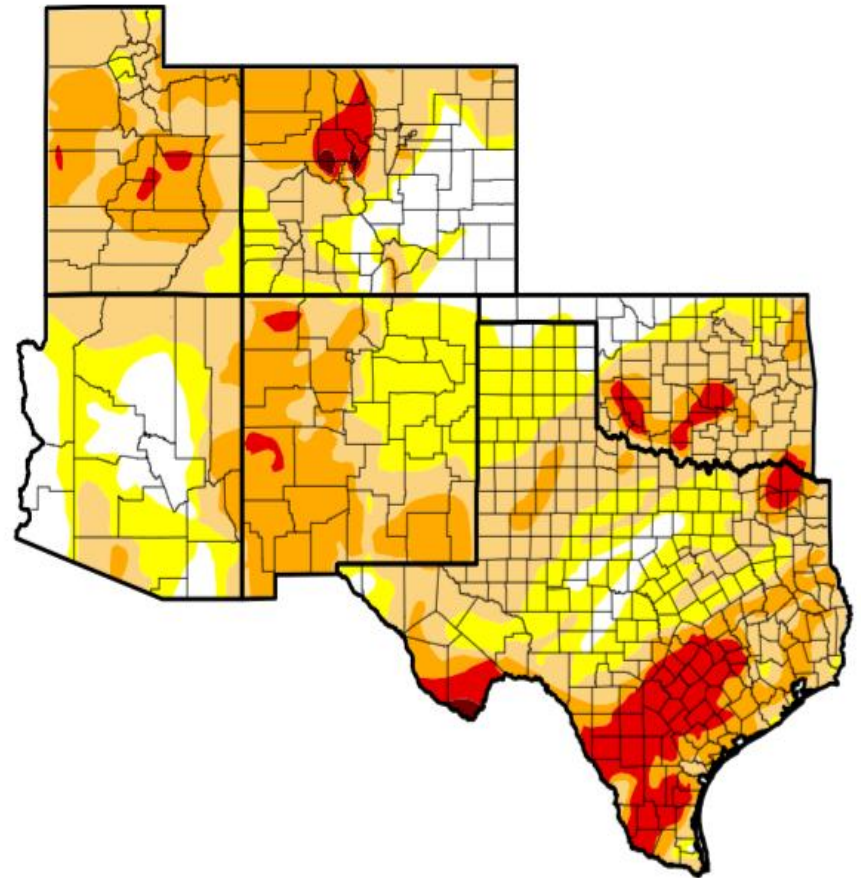
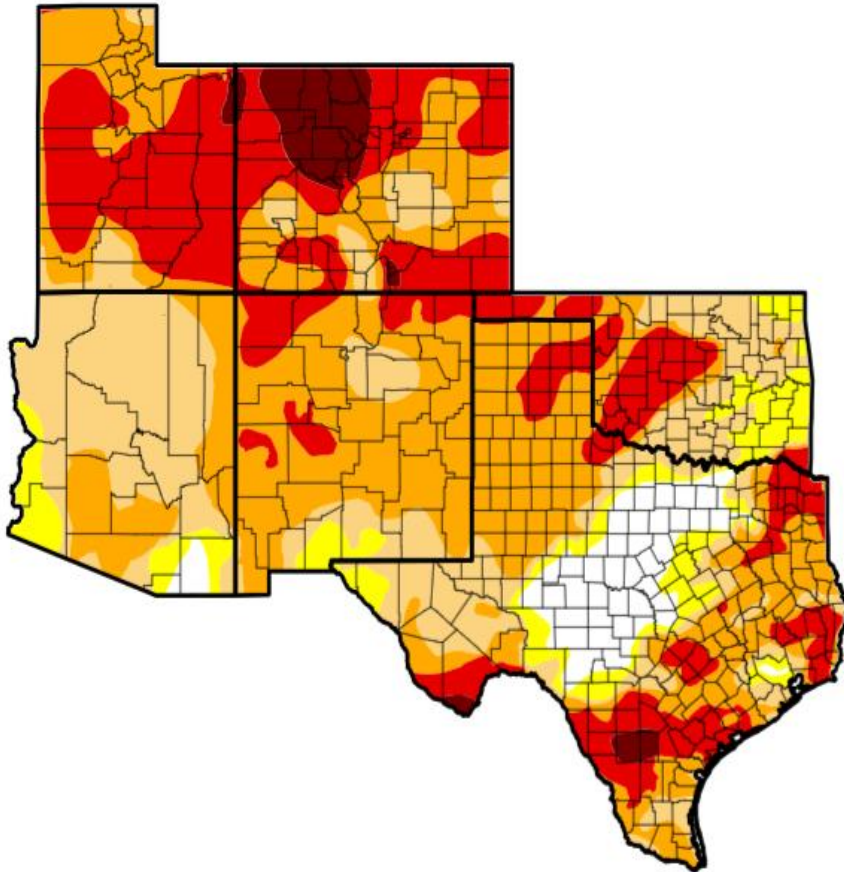
Intensity:

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

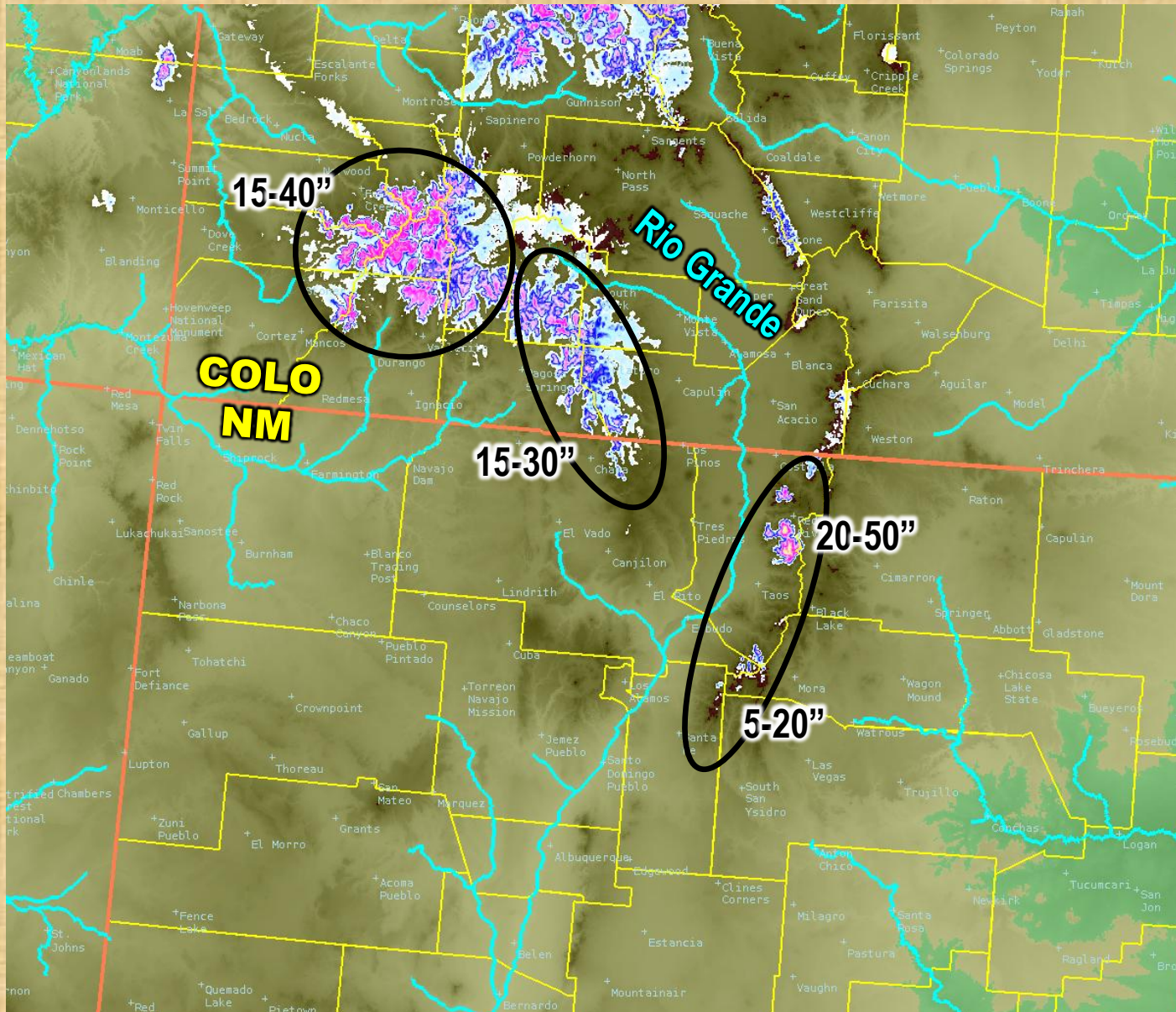
Current drought conditions and 3 month change

Apr 28, 2026

Jan 27, 2026

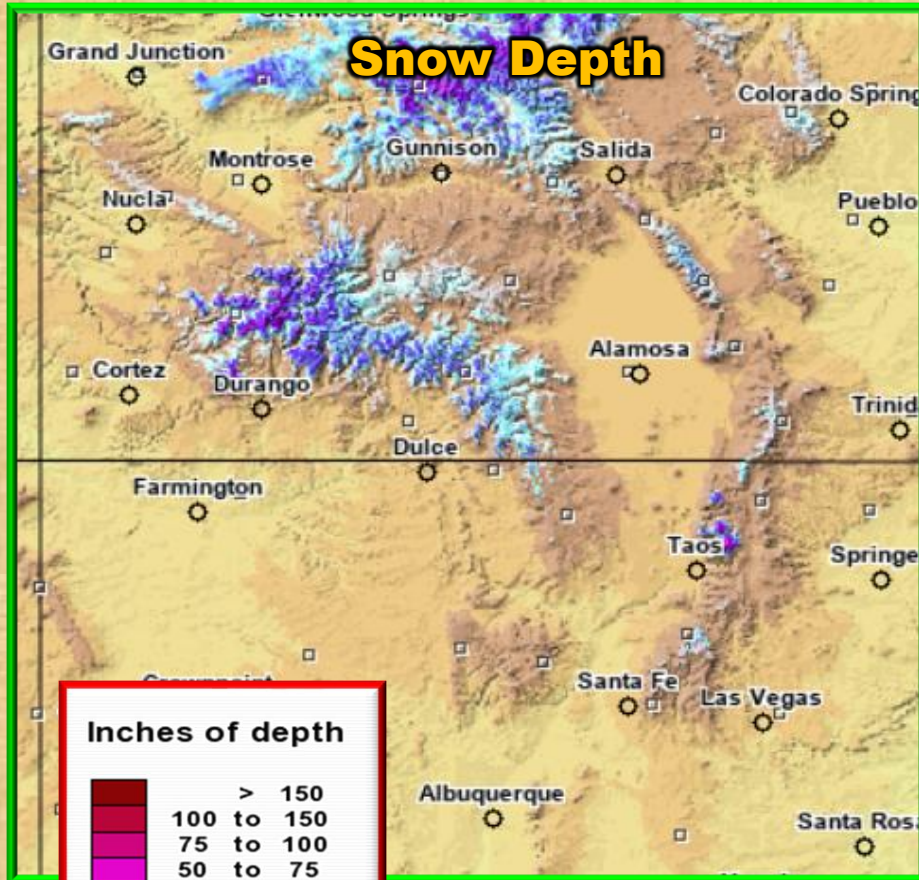


April 30, 2026 Snow Depth Upper Rio Grande Basin

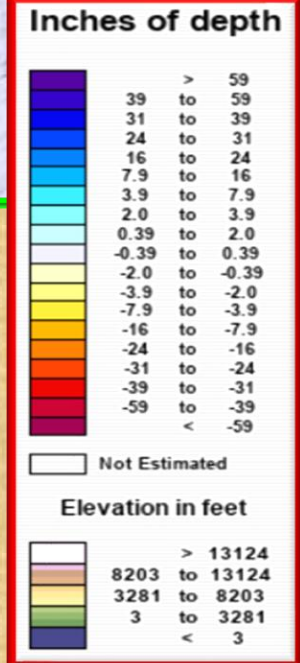
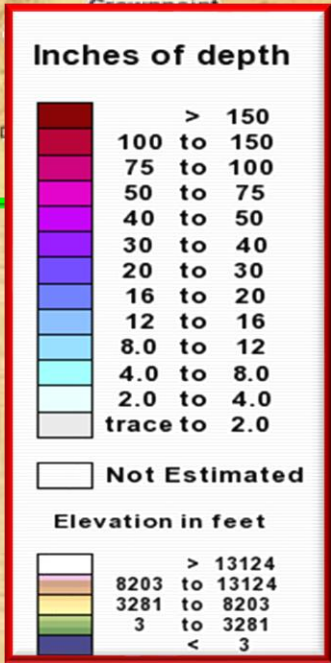
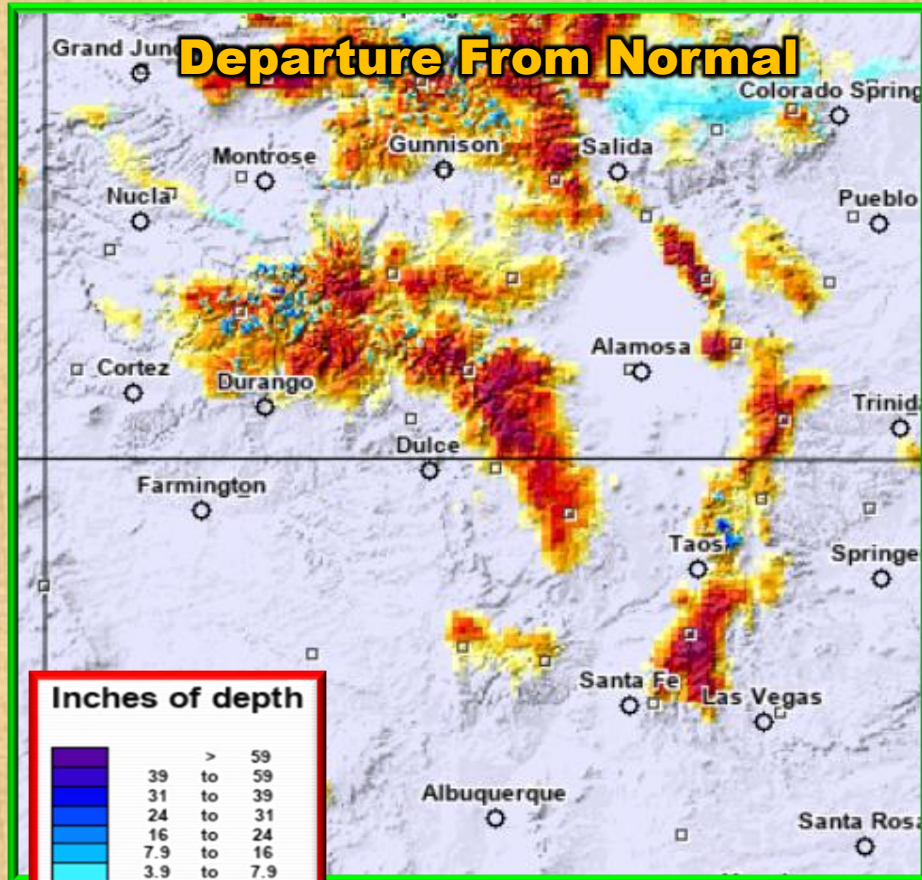


Snow Data Upper Rio Grande Basin as of April 30, 2026

Snow Depth

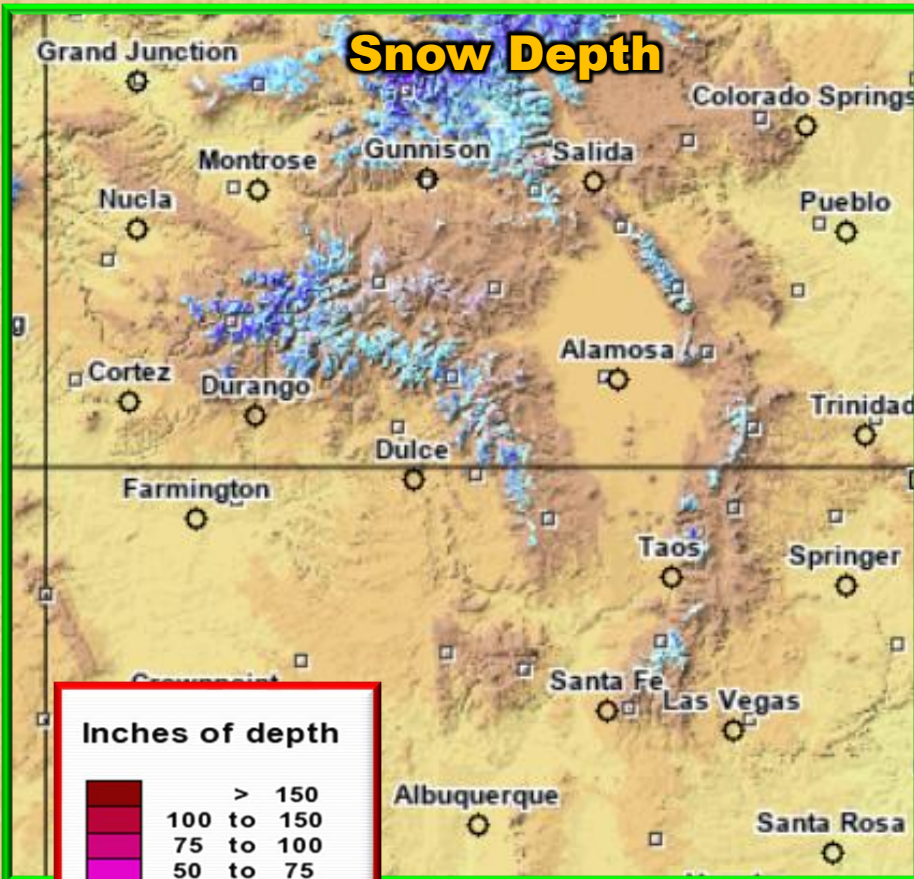


Departure From Normal

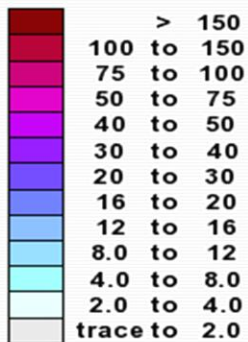


Snow Data Upper Rio Grande Basin as of Mar 31, 2026

Snow Depth

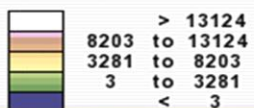


Inches of depth

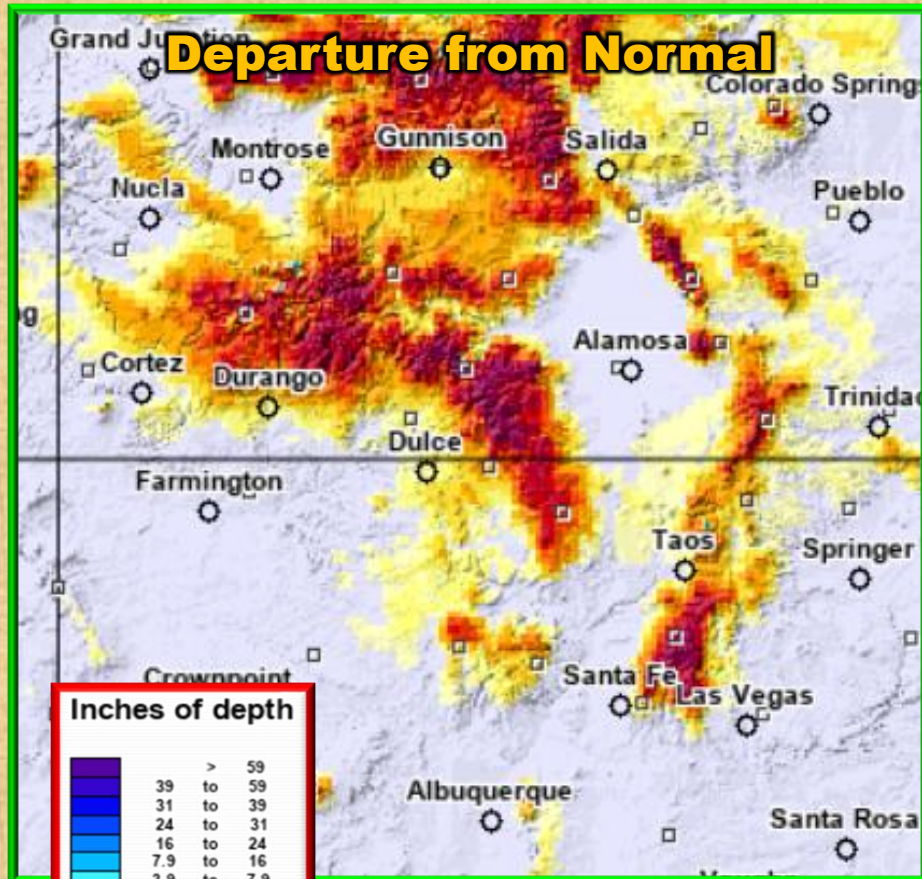


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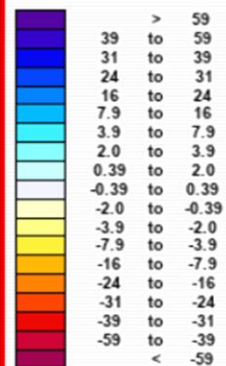
Elevation in feet



Departure from Normal



Inches of depth



Not Estimated

Elevation in feet



Snow Water Equivalent as of Apr 30, 2026 Compared to last few years and average values

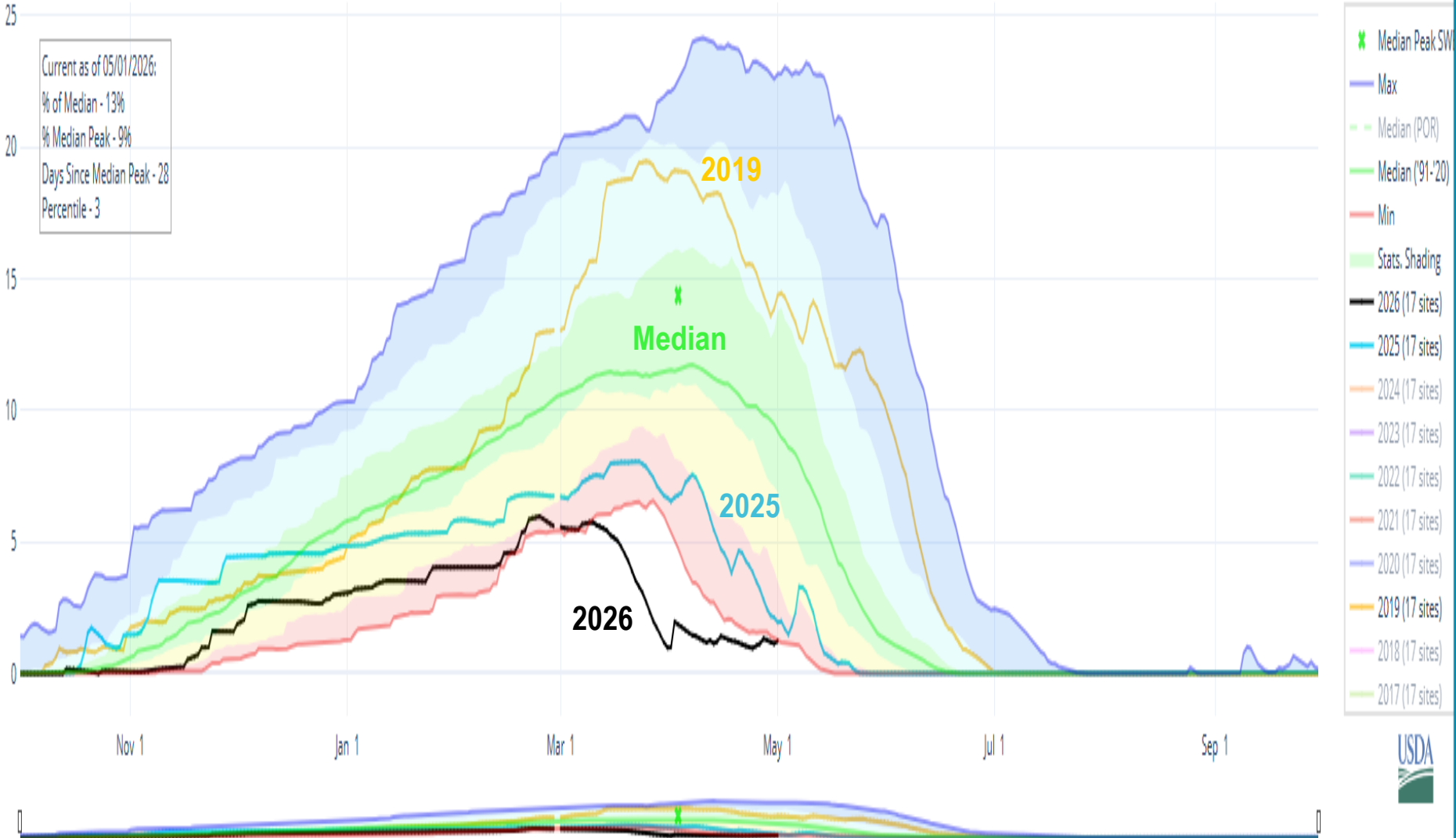
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Reset Range

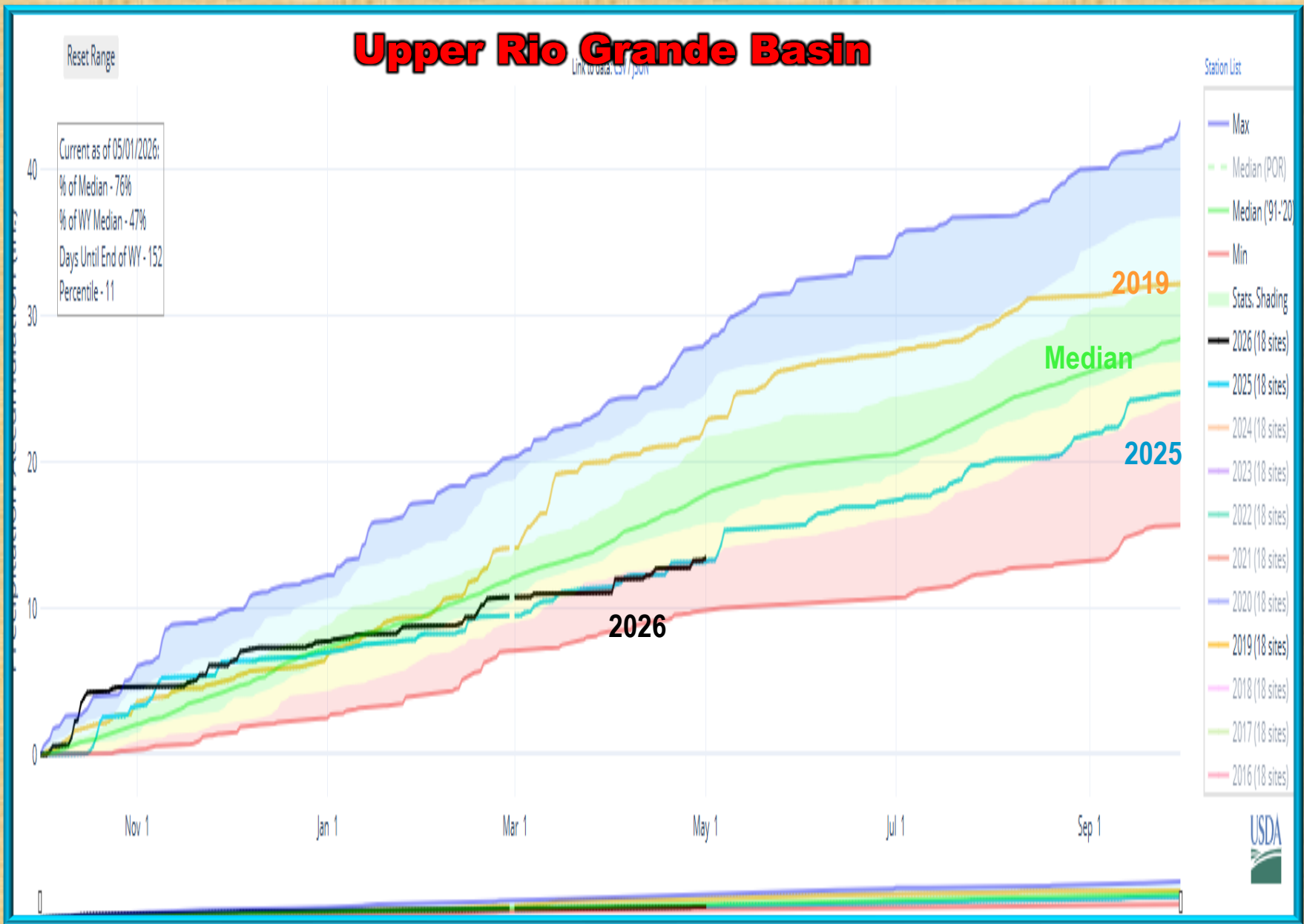
[Link to data: CSV / JSON](#)

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Current as of 05/01/2026:
% of Median - 13%
% Median Peak - 9%
Days Since Median Peak - 28
Percentile - 3



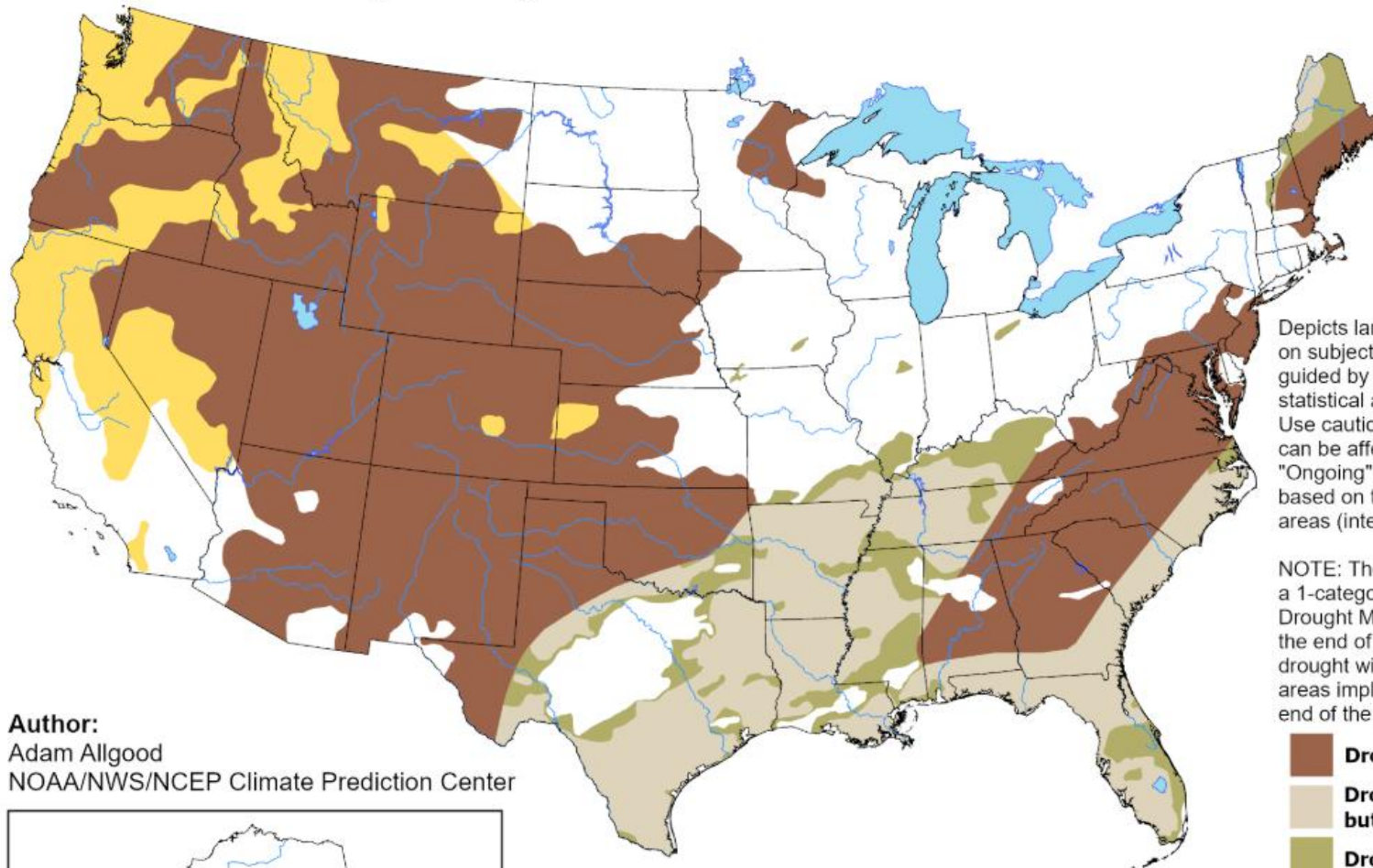
Precipitation for the Water YTD Oct 1 – Apr 30, 2026 Compared to last few years and average values



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for April 16 - July 31, 2026
Released April 16, 2026

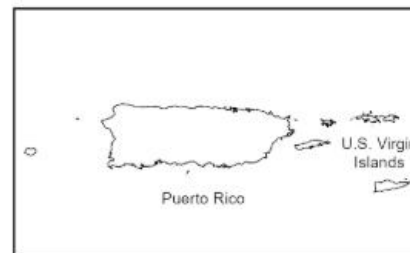
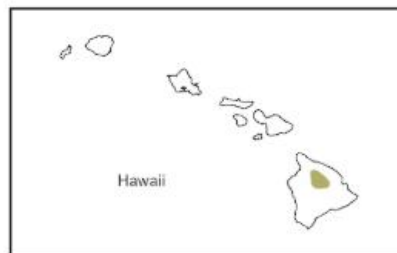


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

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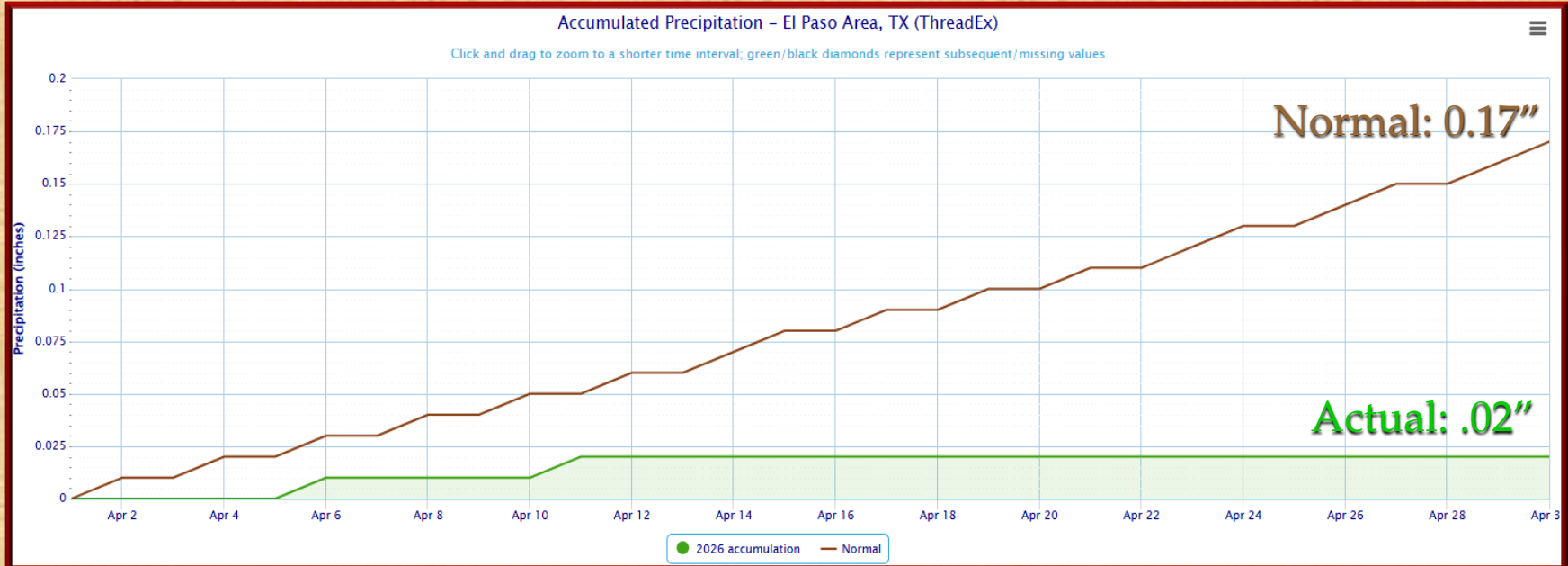
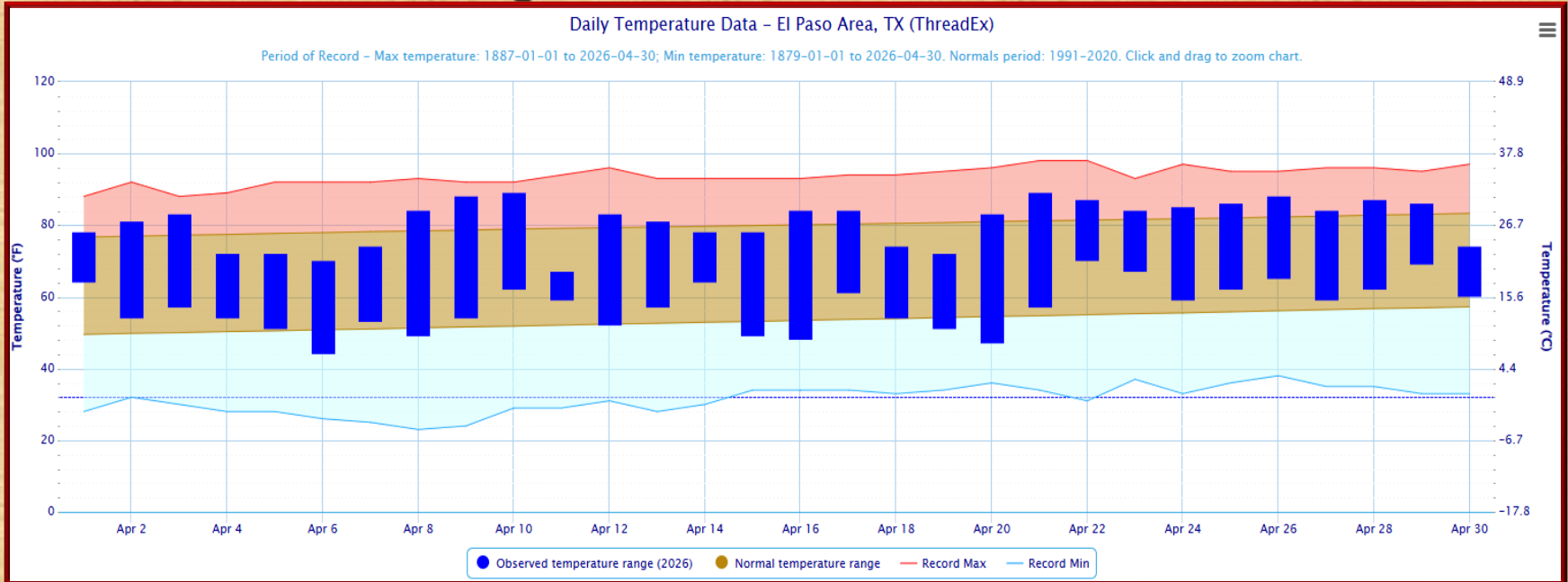
-  **Drought persists**
-  **Drought remains, but improves**
-  **Drought removal likely**
-  **Drought development likely**
-  **No drought**



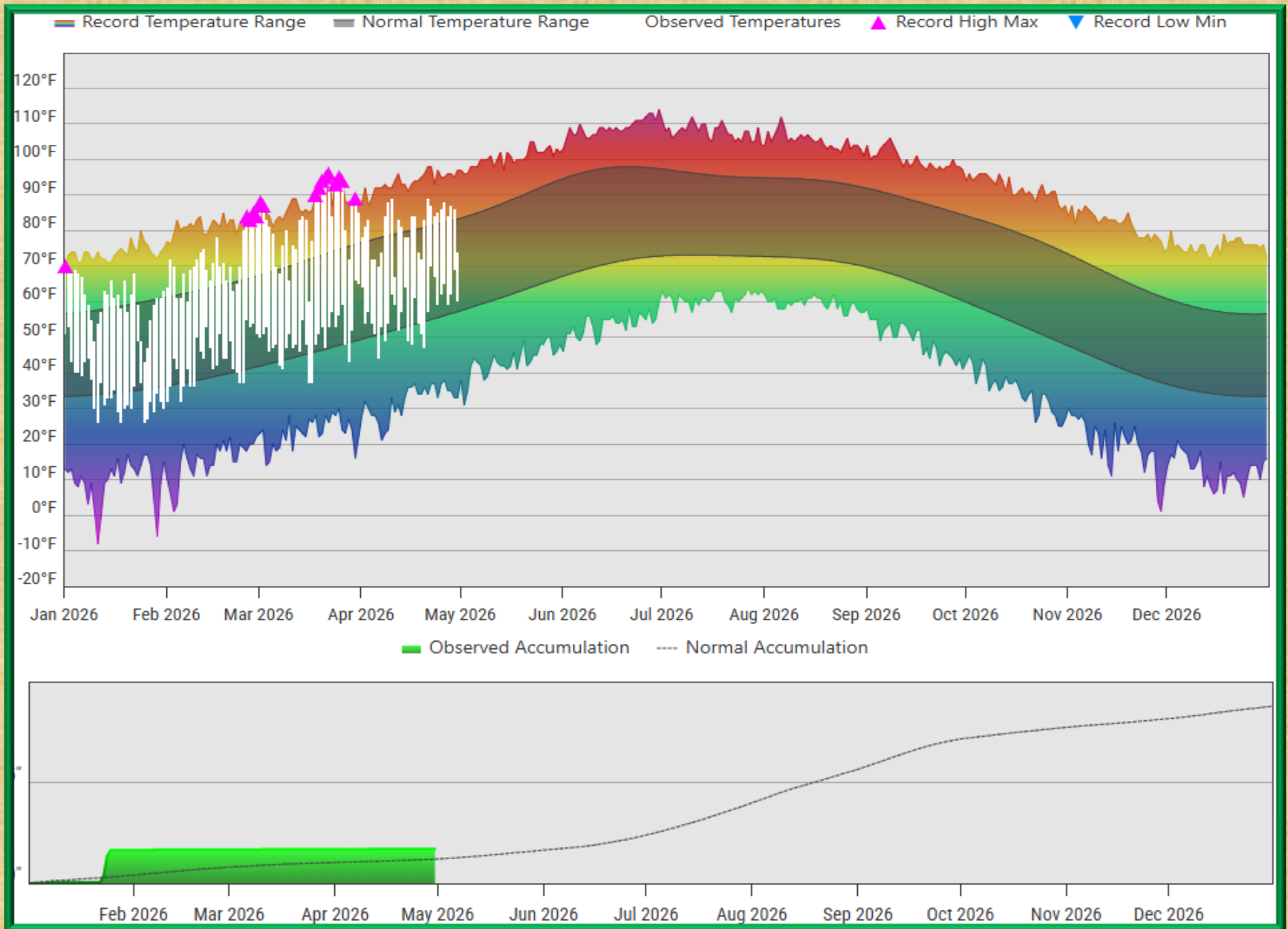
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Temperature and precipitation data for April 2026 in El Paso

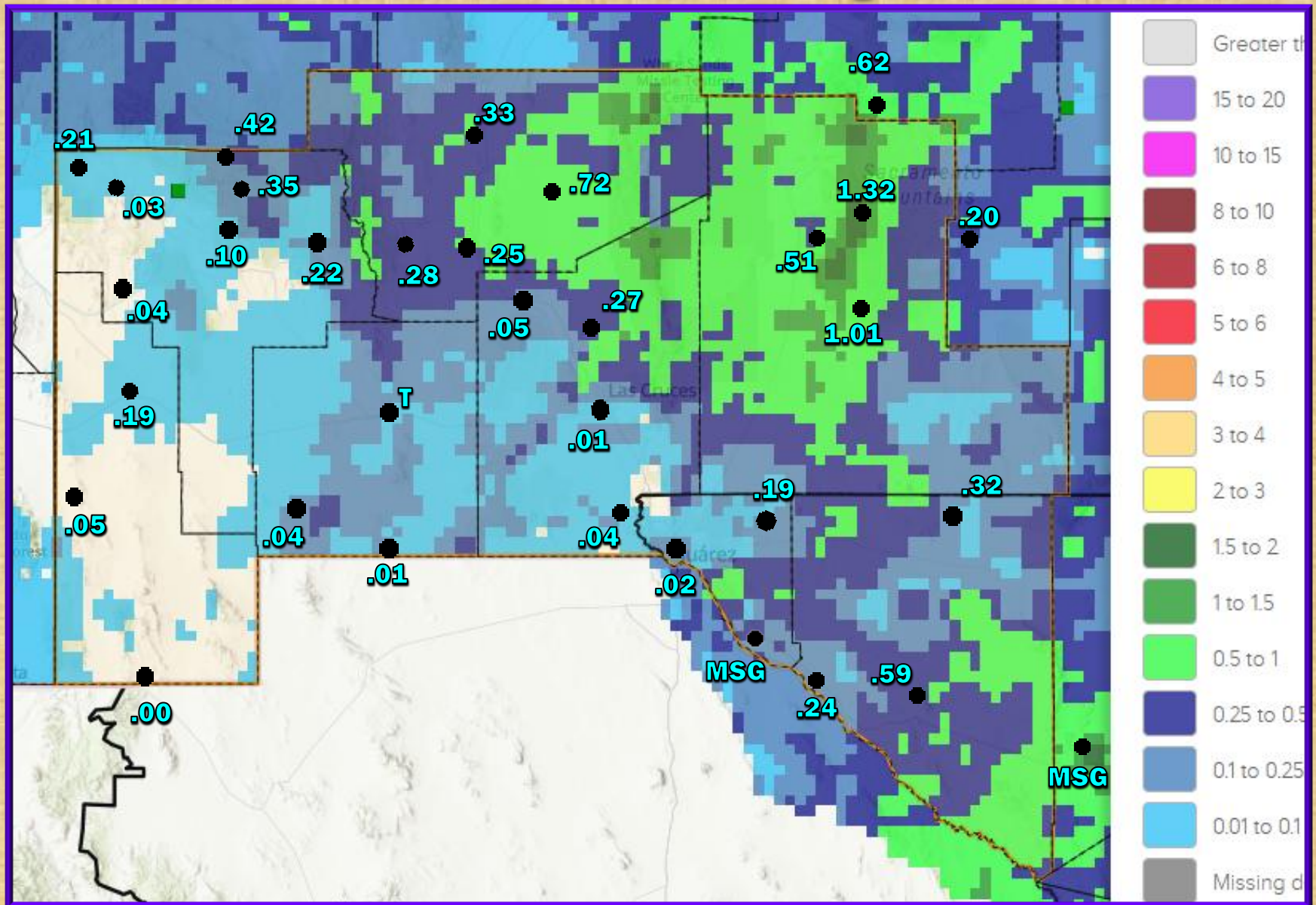
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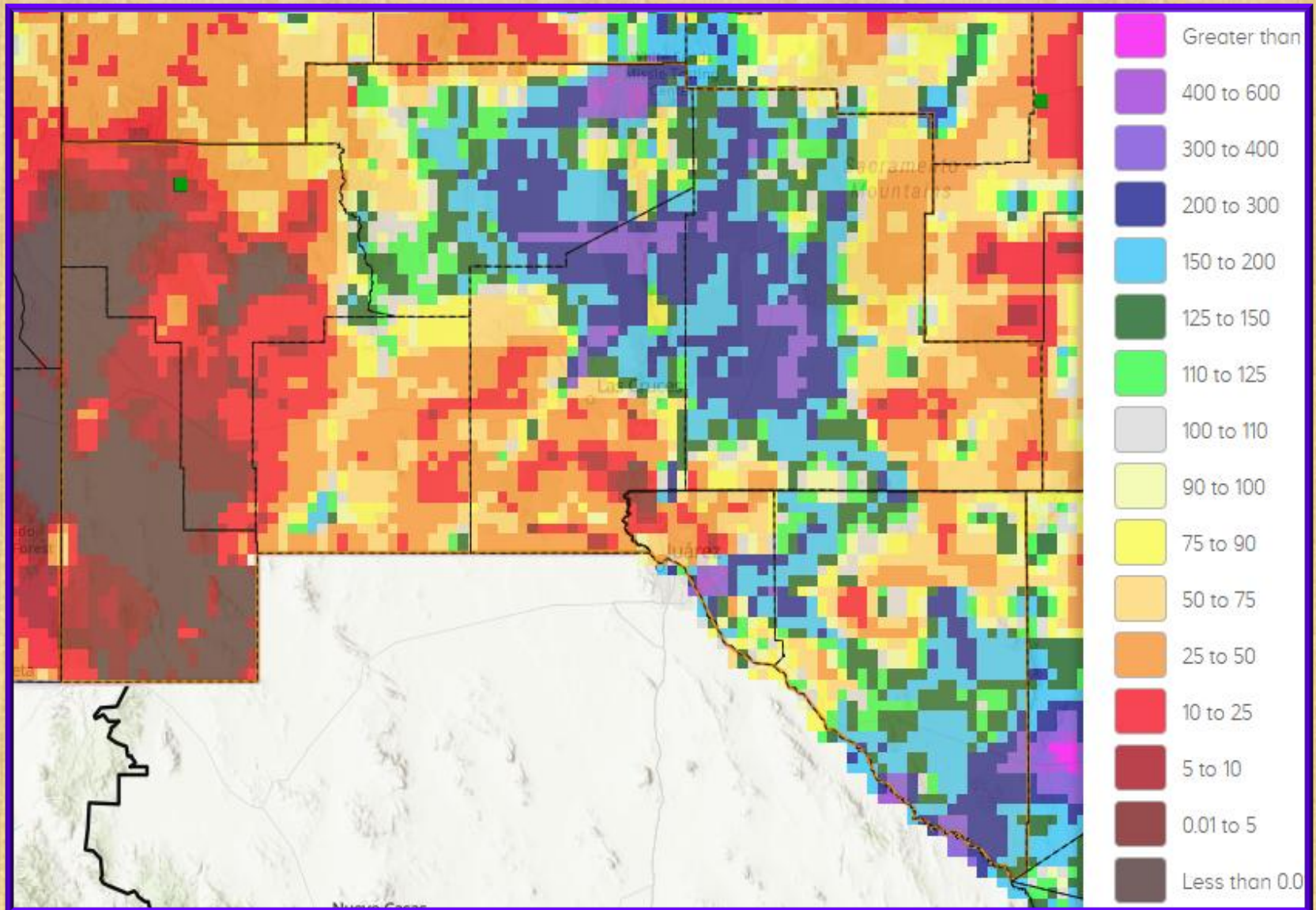
2026 Temperature and Precipitation through April for El Paso



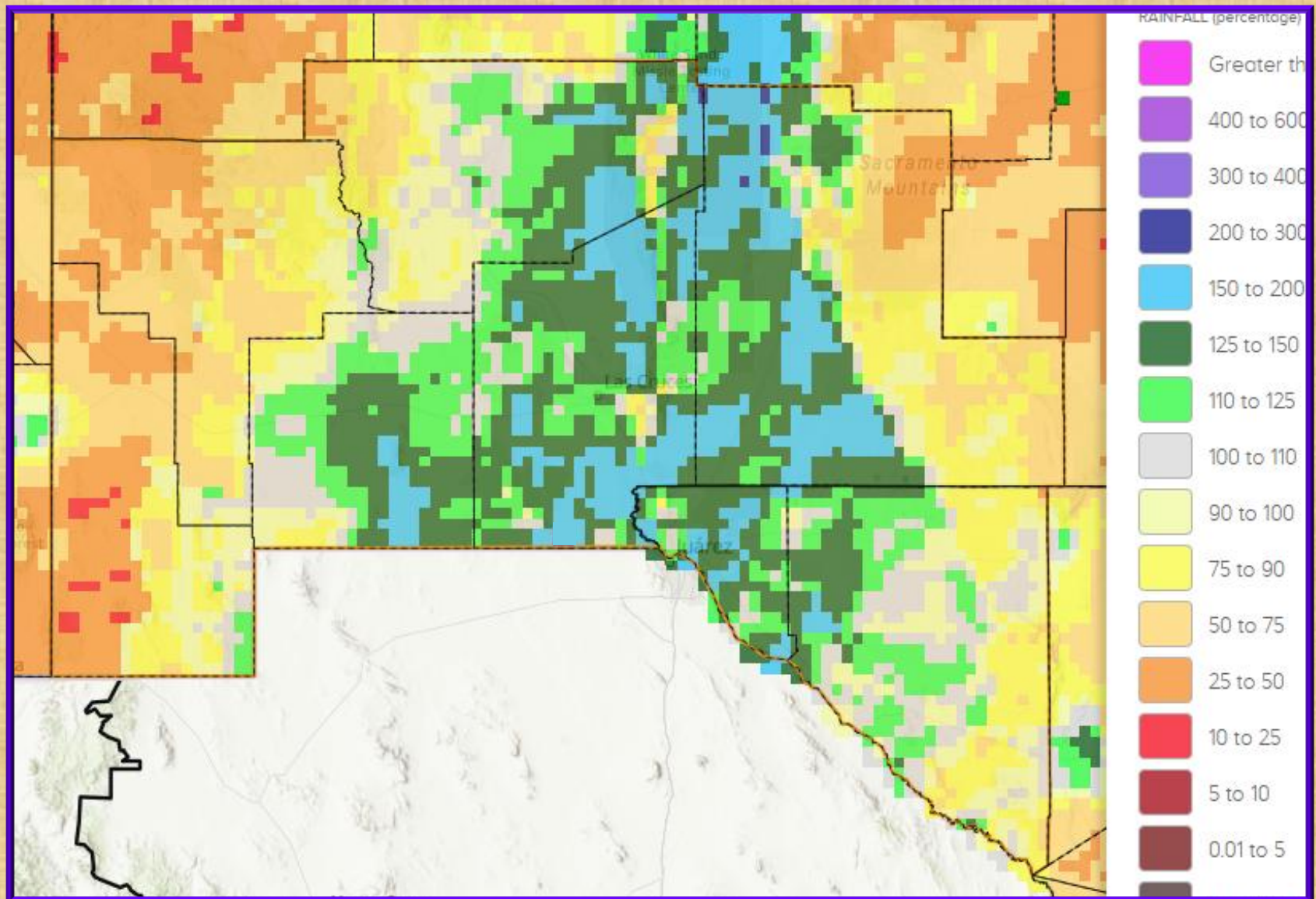
April 2026 radar estimate with surface rainfall reports



April 2026 rainfall estimate percent of normal



Radar rainfall estimate percent of normal for the Water Year (Oct 1 – Apr 30)



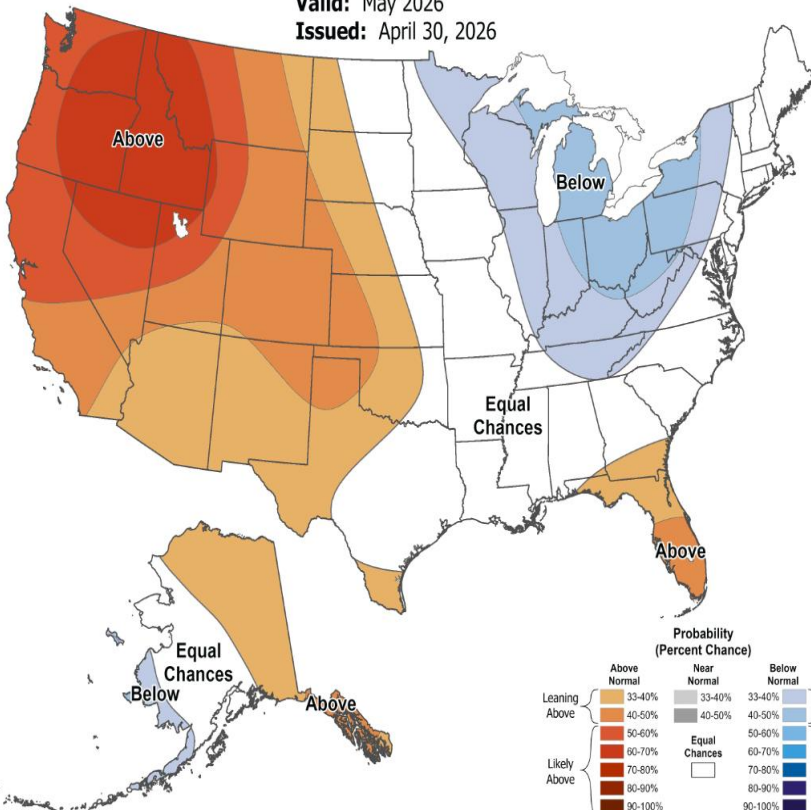
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook For May 2026

Temperature

Precipitation

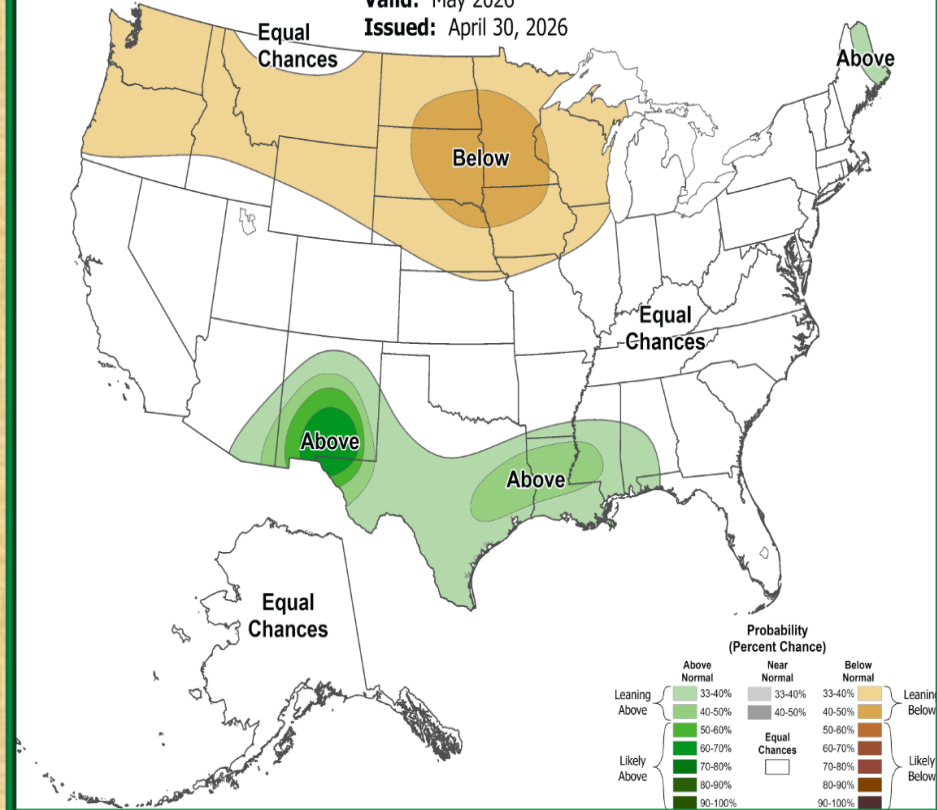
Monthly Temperature Outlook

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Monthly Precipitation Outlook

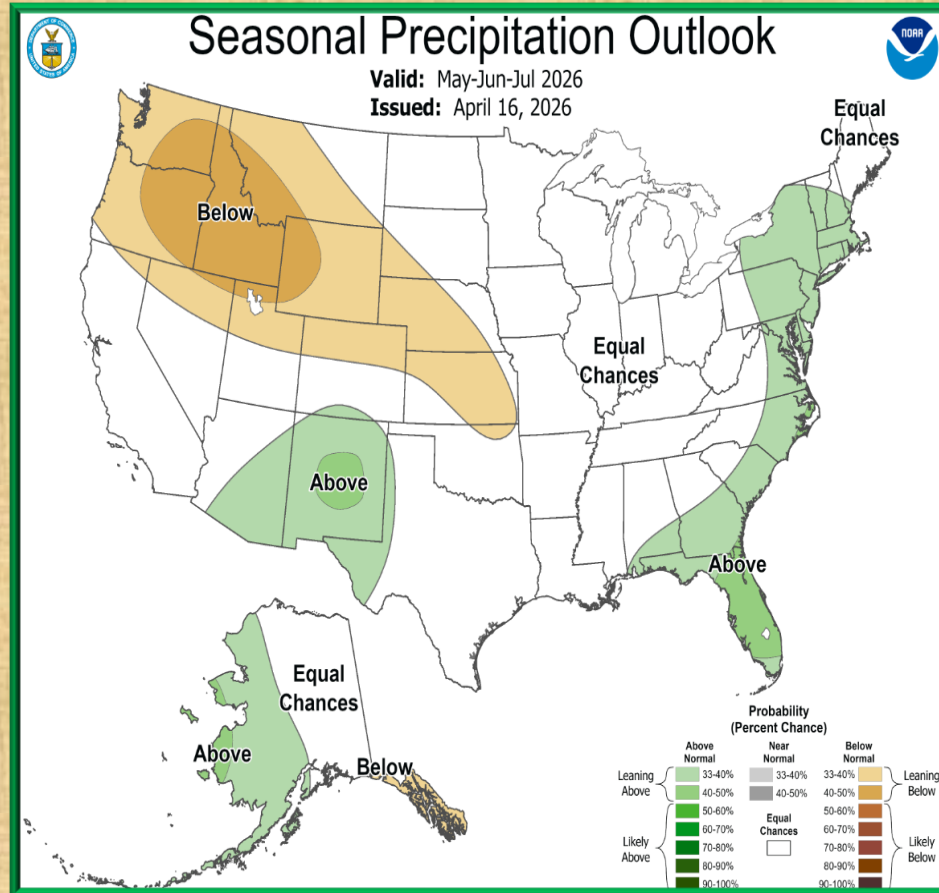
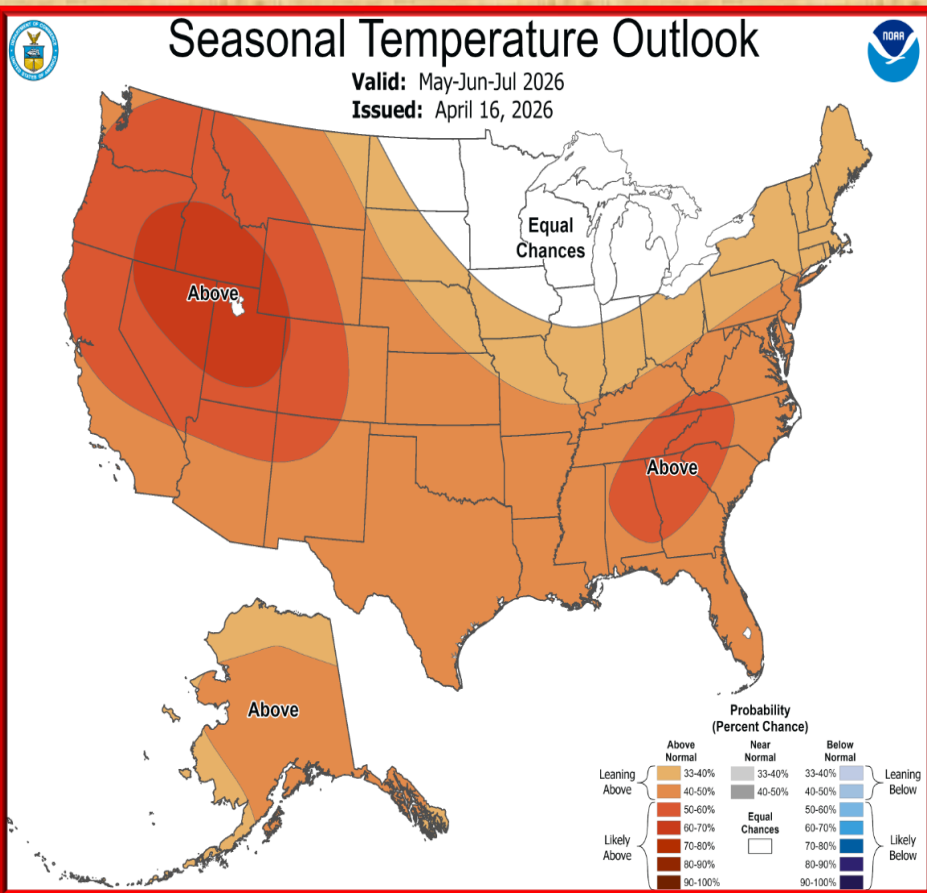
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Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for May-Jul 2026

Temperature

Precipitation



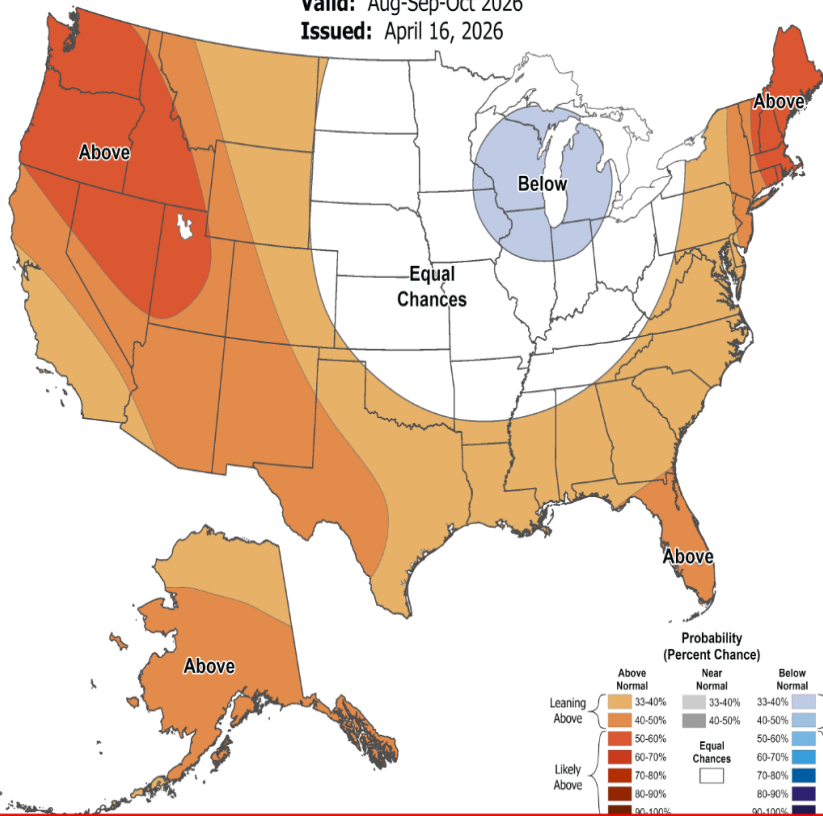
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for Aug-Oct 2026

Temperature

Precipitation

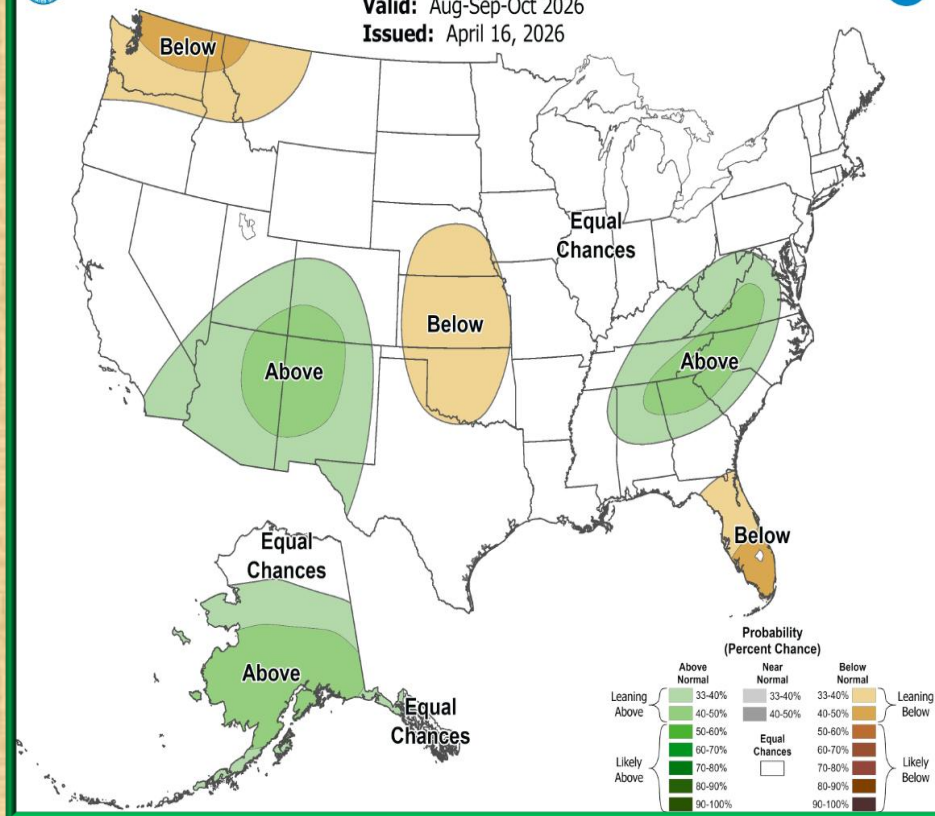
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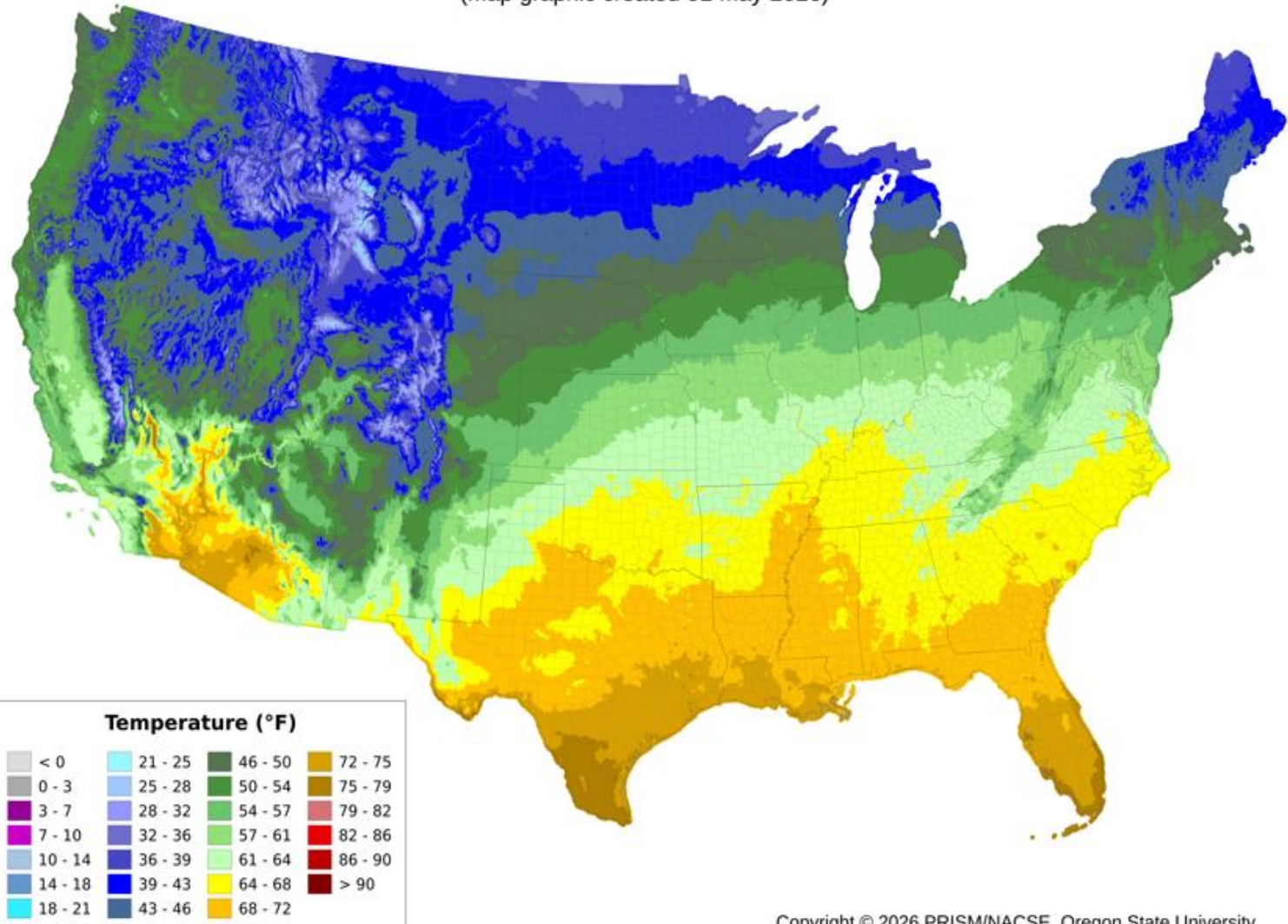


Average Daily Mean Temperature for April 2026

Average Daily Mean Temperature: 01 Apr 2026 - 30 Apr 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 30 Apr 2026

(Map graphic created 01 May 2026)



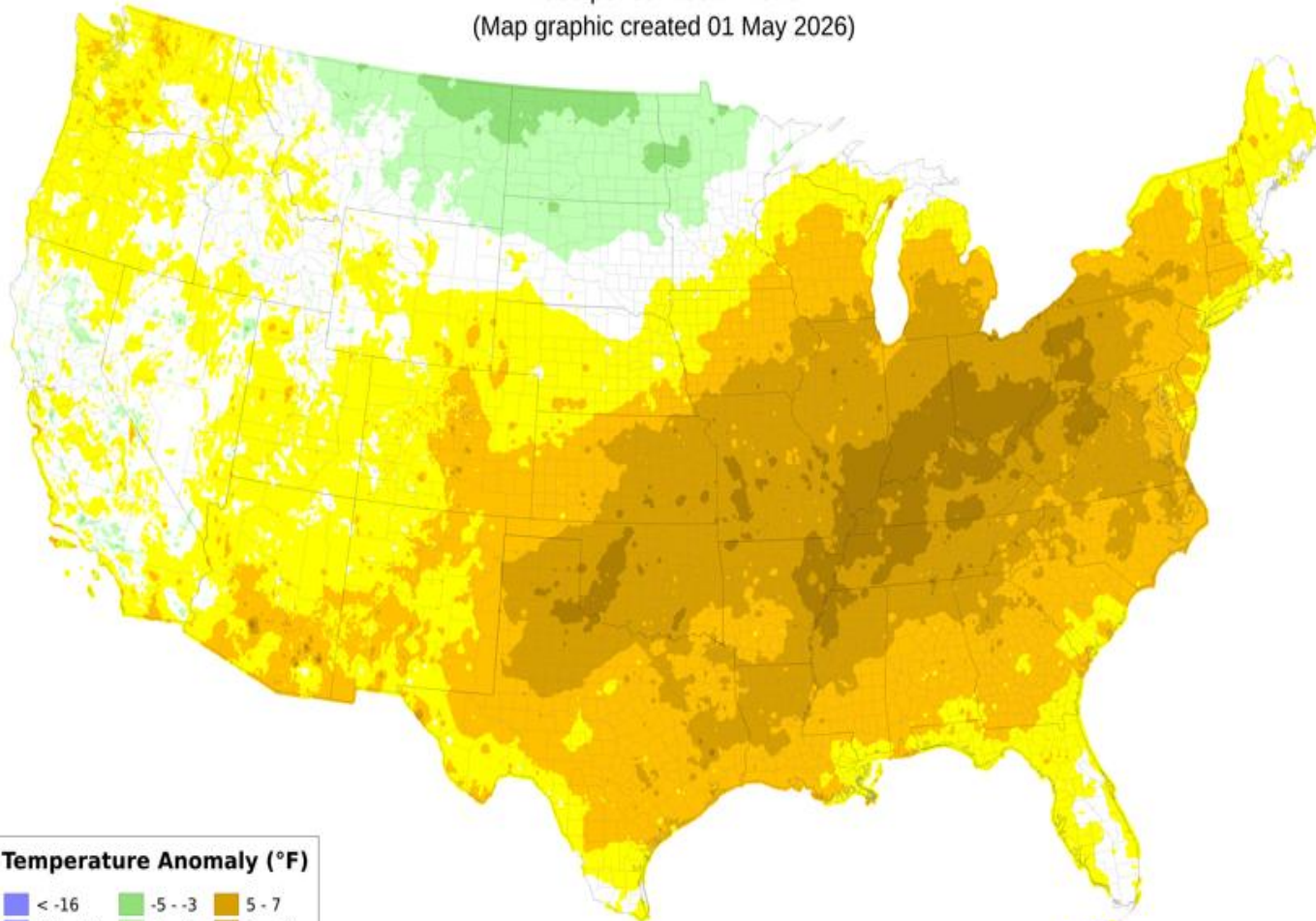
Daily Mean Temperature Departure from Normal, April 2026

Daily Mean Temperature Anomaly: 01 Apr 2026 - 30 Apr 2026

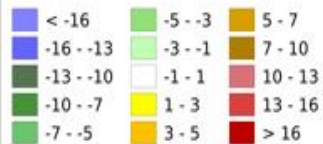
Period ending 7 AM EST 30 Apr 2026

Base period: 1991 - 2020

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Temperature Anomaly (°F)

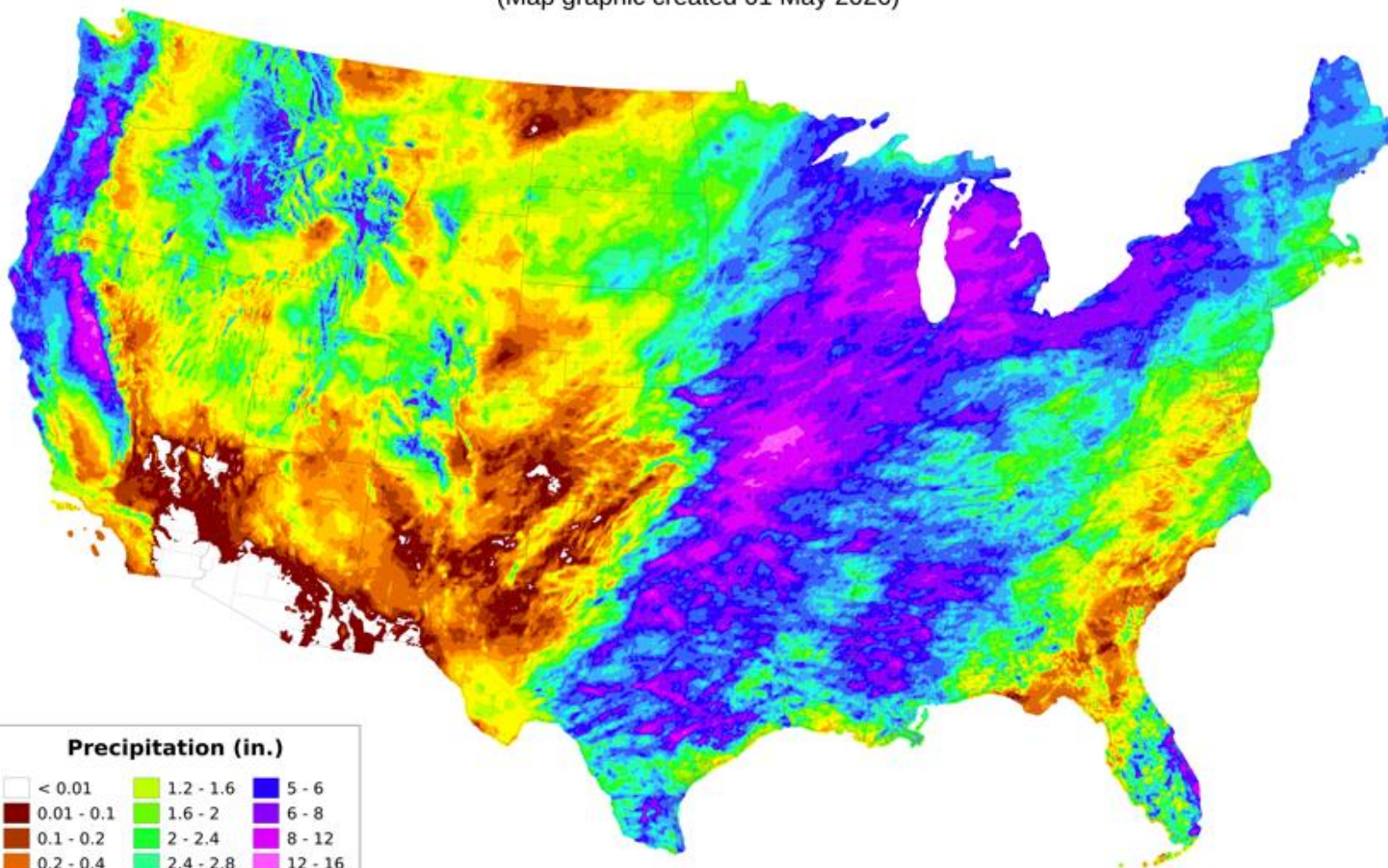


Total Precipitation for April 2026

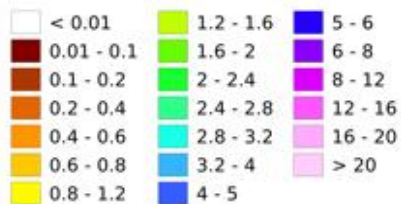
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Precipitation (in.)



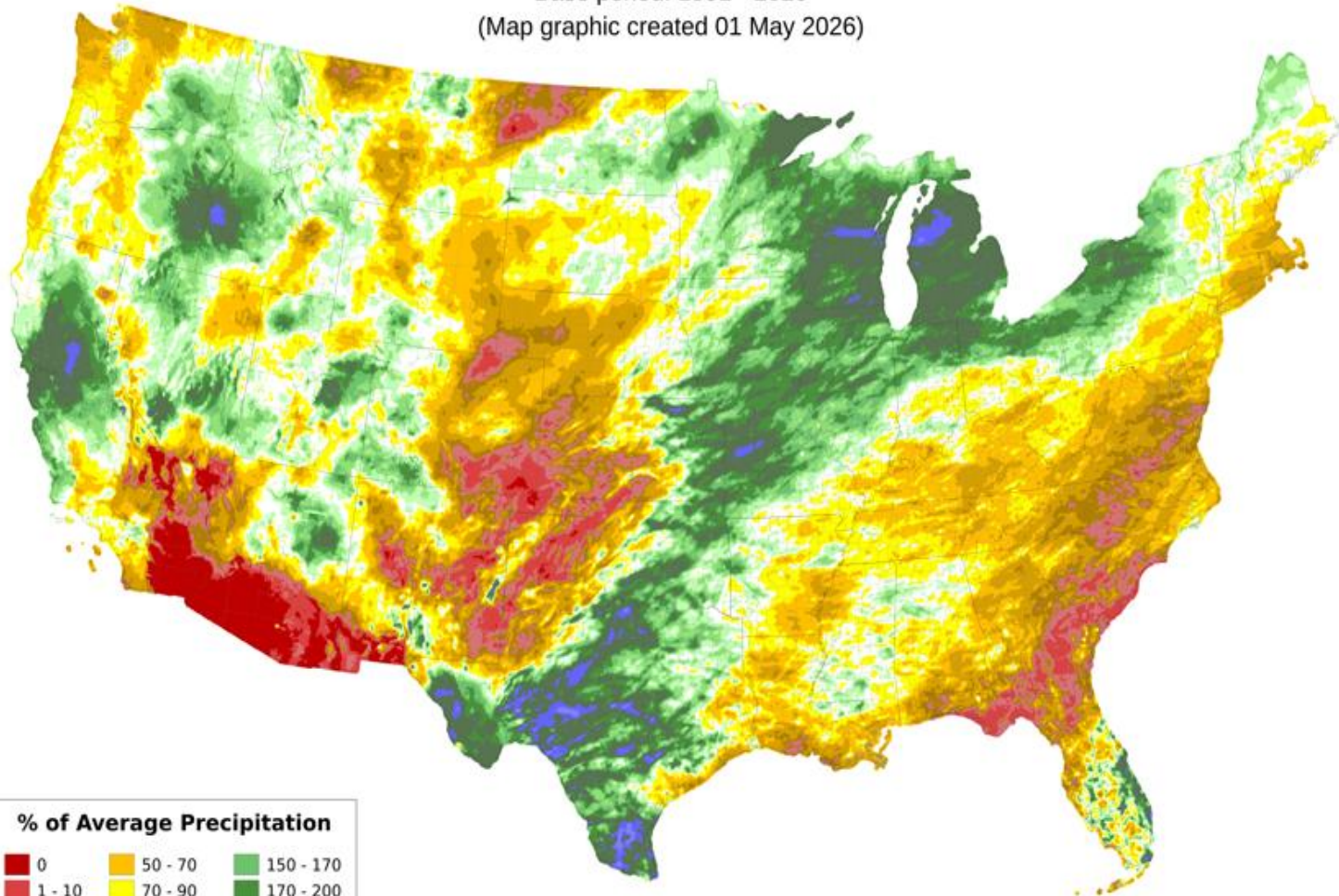
Percent of Normal Precipitation for April 2026

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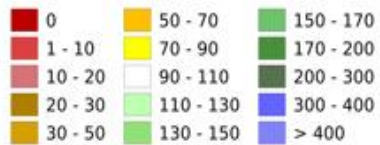
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% of Average Precipitation



Selected Weather Reports April 2026

Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
APR 13 655 PM	SAN AUGUSTIN PASS-DONA ANA	76 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 1243 PM	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	51 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 510 PM	LORDSBURG PLAYA MP 9-HIDALGO	51 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 524 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	47 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 635 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	45 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 229 PM	HIGH ROLLS-OTERO	42 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 202 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	41 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 439 PM	HANOVER 5NE-GRANT	41 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 13 415 PM	SILVER CITY MTN VIEW-GRANT	40 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 320 PM	SAN AUGUSTIN PASS-DONA ANA	88 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 125 PM	LORDSBURG PLAYA MP7-HIDALGO	65 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 410 PM	HIGH ROLLS-OTERO	64 MPH PEAK WIND

Selected Weather Reports April 2026

Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
APR 26 158 PM	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	63 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 458 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	62 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 202 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	61 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 441 PM	MESCALERO-OTERO	61 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 343 PM	HOLLOMAN AFB-OTERO	58 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 215 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	58 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 226 PM	DRIPPING SPRINGS-DONA ANA	58 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 1100 AM	MAYHILL-OTERO	56 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 405 PM	SIERRA BLANCA-HUDSPETH	55 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 230 PM	SILVER CITY MTN VIEW-GRANT	54 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 1220 PM	WSMR MAIN POST-DONA ANA	52 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 145 PM	BIGGS FIELD-EL PASO	51 MPH PEAK WIND

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APR 26 245 PM	WINSTON-SIERRA	49 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 202 PM	SANTA TERESA NWS-DONA ANA	47 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 315PM	GRANT CO AIRPORT-GRANT	47 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 309 PM	ALAMOGORDO SE-OTERO	46 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 245 PM	SPACEPORT-SIERRA	46 MPH PEAK WIND
APR 26 241 PM	DELL CITY-HUDSPETH	45 MPH PEAK WIND
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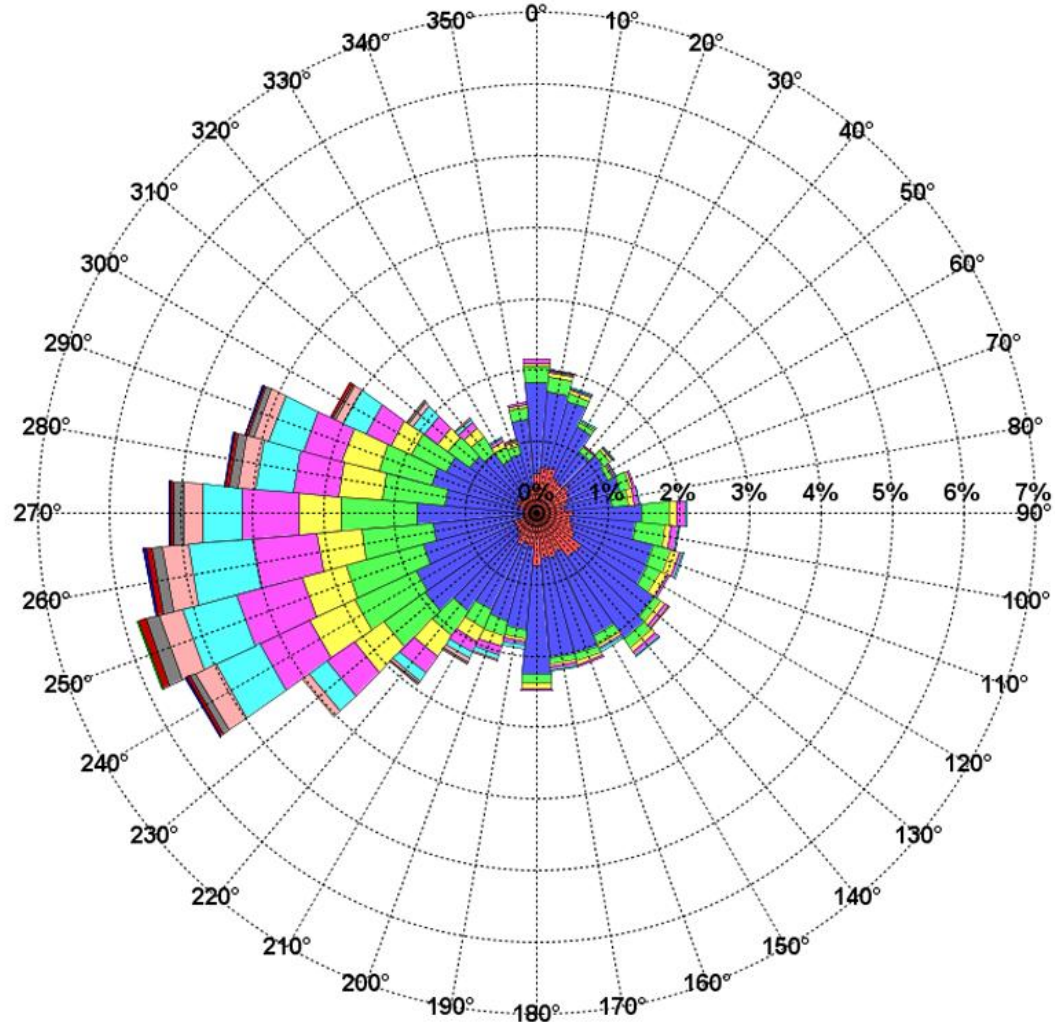
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WindRose - KELP - EL PASO INTL

% Frequency of Wind Speed from a Direction

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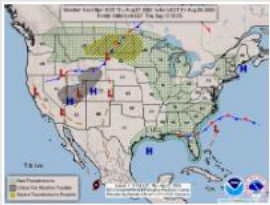
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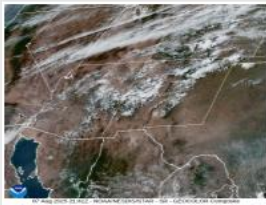
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Weather Map



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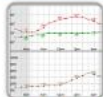
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Forecast Discussion



Weather Hazards Outlook



Hourly Forecast



Gridded Forecast



Weather Calculator



Current Observations



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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.

WEATHER DIGESTS AND BULLETINS

Weather Digest	Southwest Weather Bulletins
January	2005 Spring Fall
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	