

February 2026 Weather Digest



February 2026 Weather Summary

After a mild and wet January, February turned very dry, more in line with typical February conditions. The majority of the area only received about 10 to 50 percent of normal, though most locations are still above normal for the year. The month also warmed up dramatically, with many sites 5 to 7 degrees above normal.

The month started out relatively mild with most Pacific storms remaining well north of the area. That all changed near mid month as a series of Pacific storms tracked further south over New Mexico. The series of storms began on the 17th and continued each through the 20th. Gusty winds each day ranging from around 45 mph to 65 mph with locally higher gusts occurred. Considerable blowing dust plagued much of the lowlands, creating hazardous driving conditions. After that, a persistent upper ridge developed over the Desert Southwest from about the 24th to the end of the month, resulting in record temperatures at many locations.

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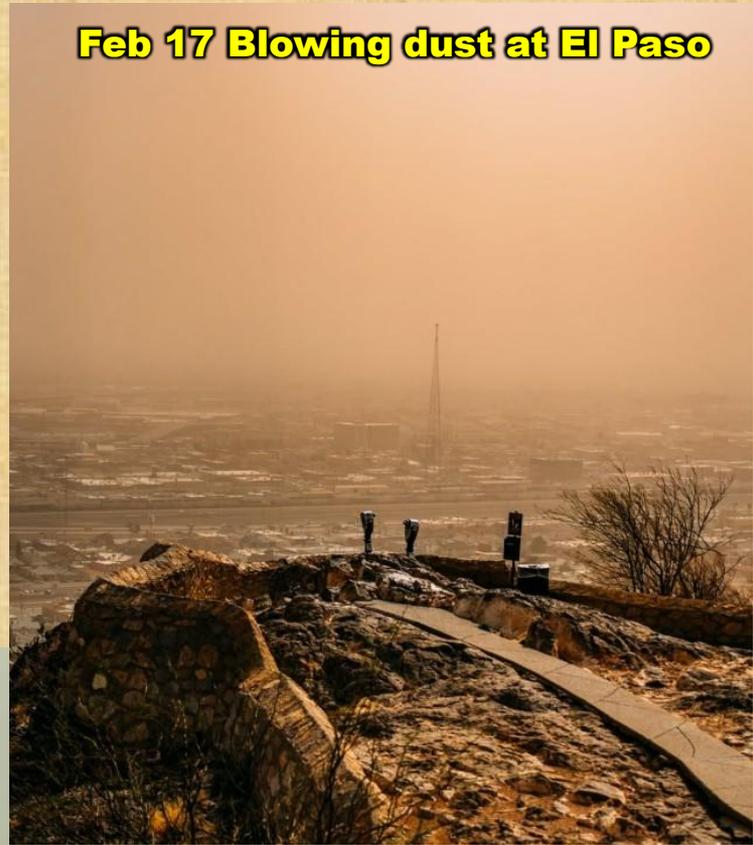
Looking ahead to March, daylight and temperatures continue climbing toward summer. The average high temperature at El Paso on March 1 is 67°, warming to 76° on the March 31. Length of daylight on the 1st is 11 hrs, 31 min, increasing to 12 hrs, 29 mins on the last day of the month. Precipitation continues to decrease as we head towards the dry Spring season, with rainfall at El Paso averaging .24 inches for the month.

The full moon for March occurs on the 3rd, and is commonly known as the Worm Moon. This will also coincide with a total Lunar Eclipse, of which most should be visible from our area. The New Moon occurs on the 18th.

Feb 17 Blowing dust at El Paso



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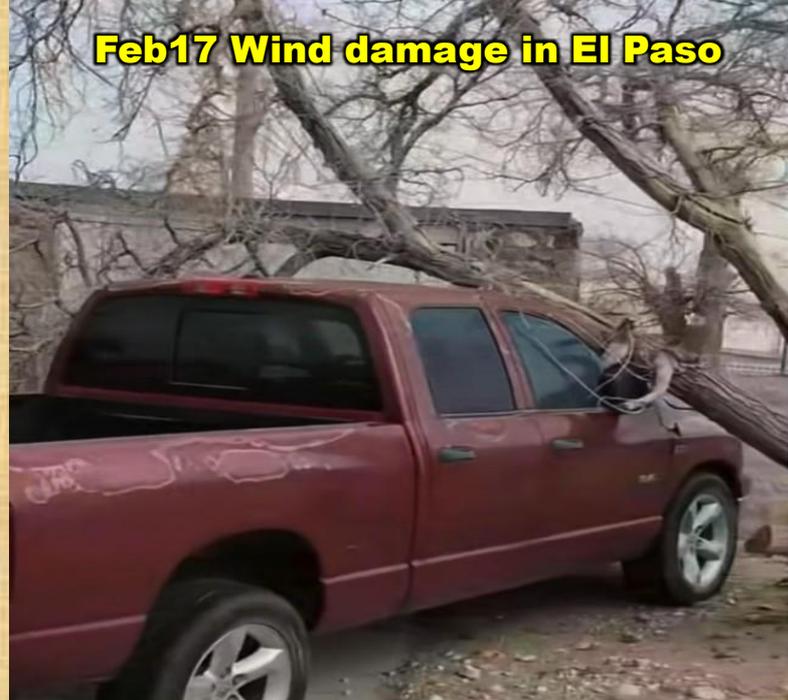
Feb 17 Blowing dust at Deming



Feb17 Wind damage in El Paso



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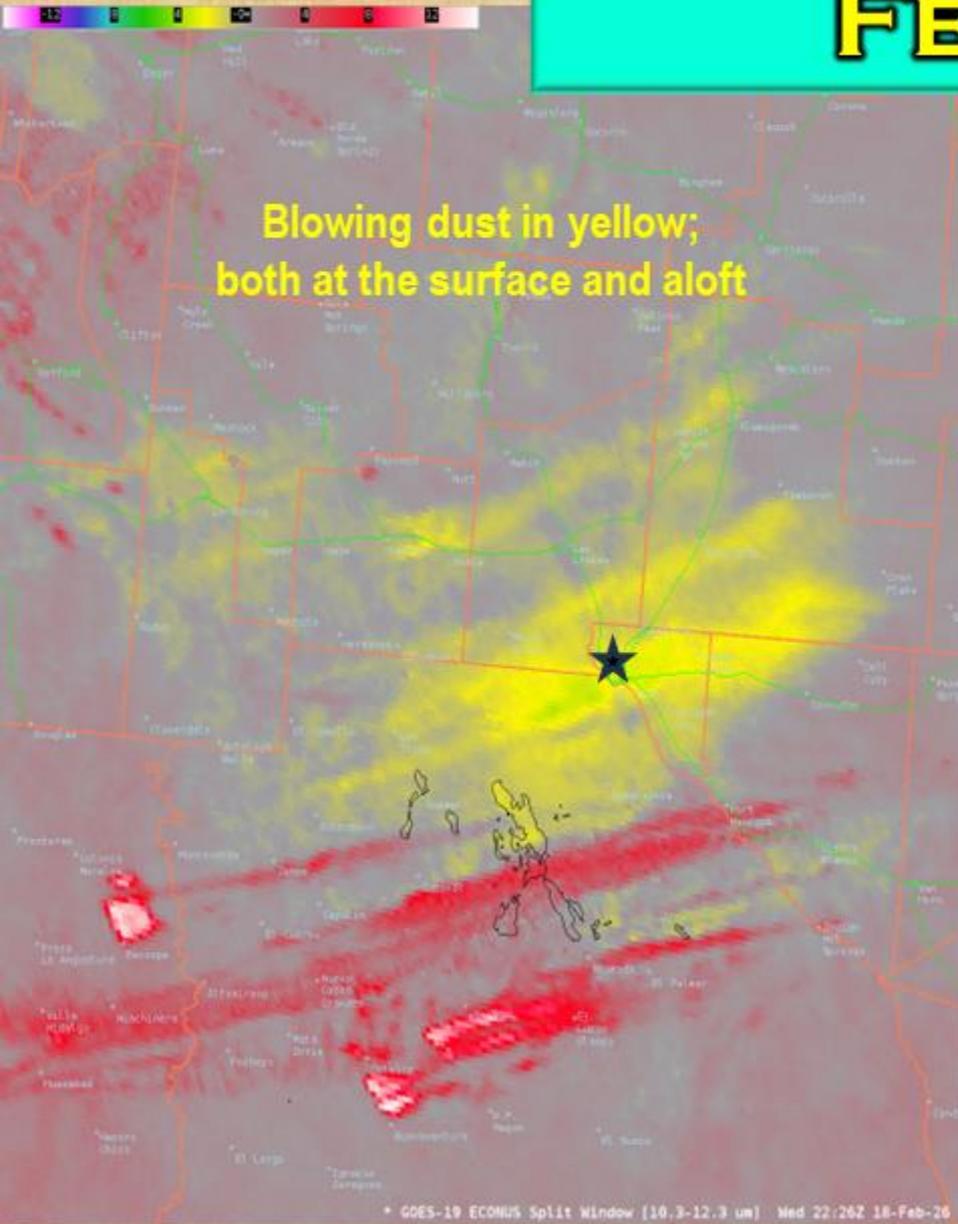
Feb17 Snow near Pinos Altos



4PM WEDNESDAY FEB 18



Blowing dust in yellow;
both at the surface and aloft



Blowing dust in dark magenta;
mostly at the surface



ENSO Alert System Status:

La Niña Advisory

ENSO Alert System

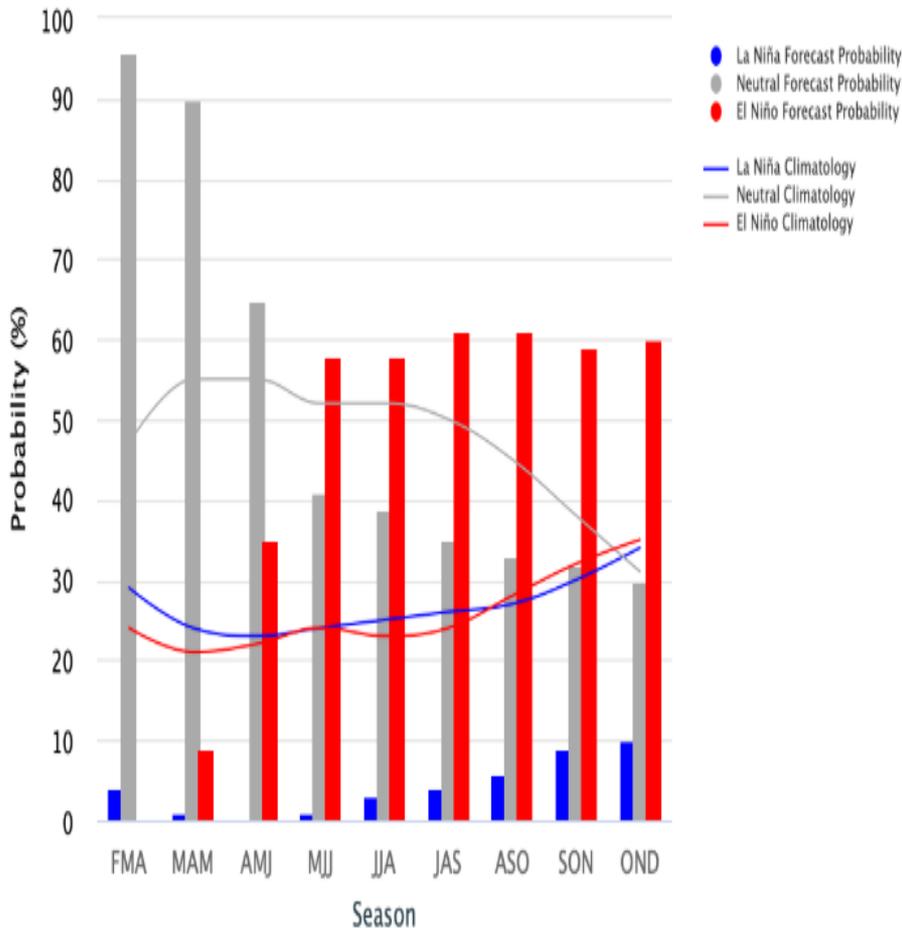
- **El Niño or La Niña Watch:** Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions in the next six months.
- **El Niño or La Niña Advisory:** Issued when El Niño or La Niña conditions are observed and expected to continue.

ENSO Forecast

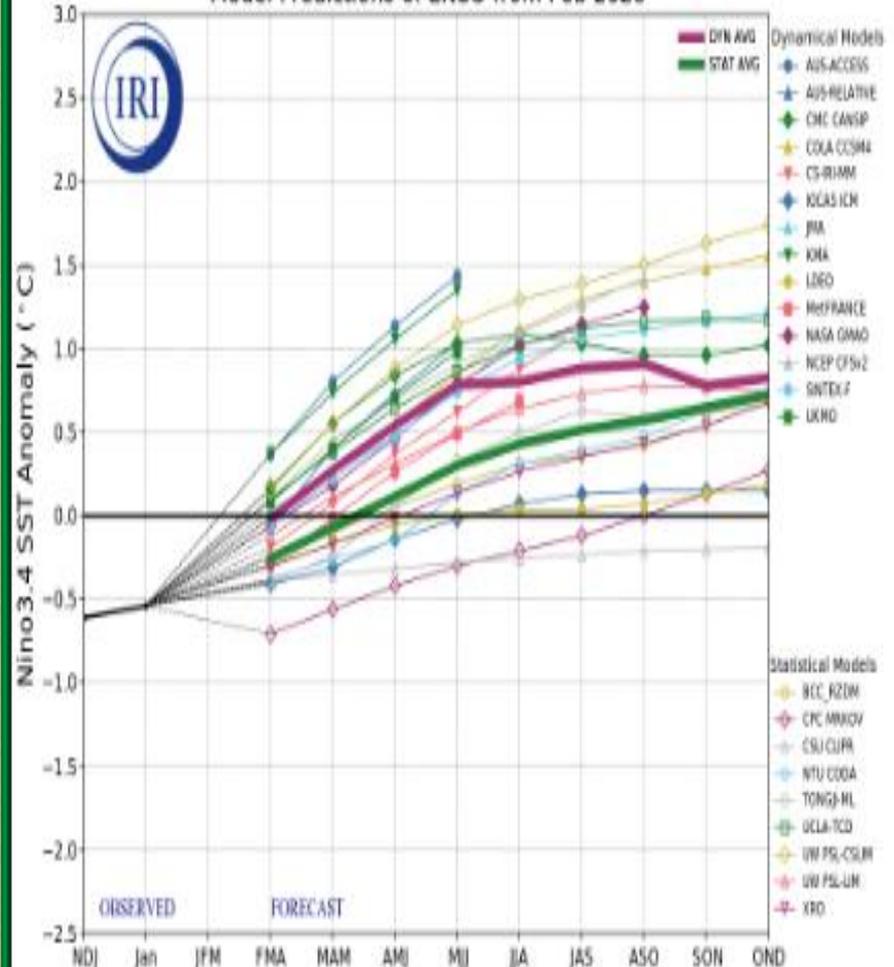
ENSO is currently in a weak La Niña phase and will likely transition back to neutral late this winter.

Mid-February 2026 IRI Model-Based Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

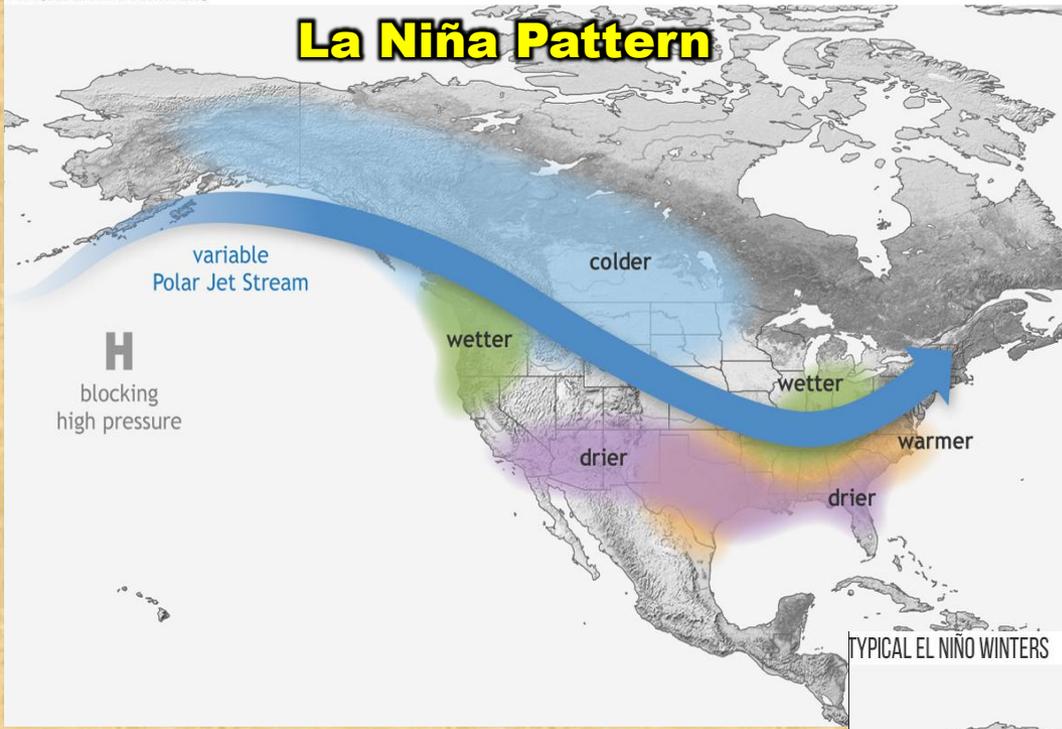
ENSO state based on NINO3.4 SST Anomaly Neutral ENSO: -0.5°C to 0.5°C



Model Predictions of ENSO from Feb 2026

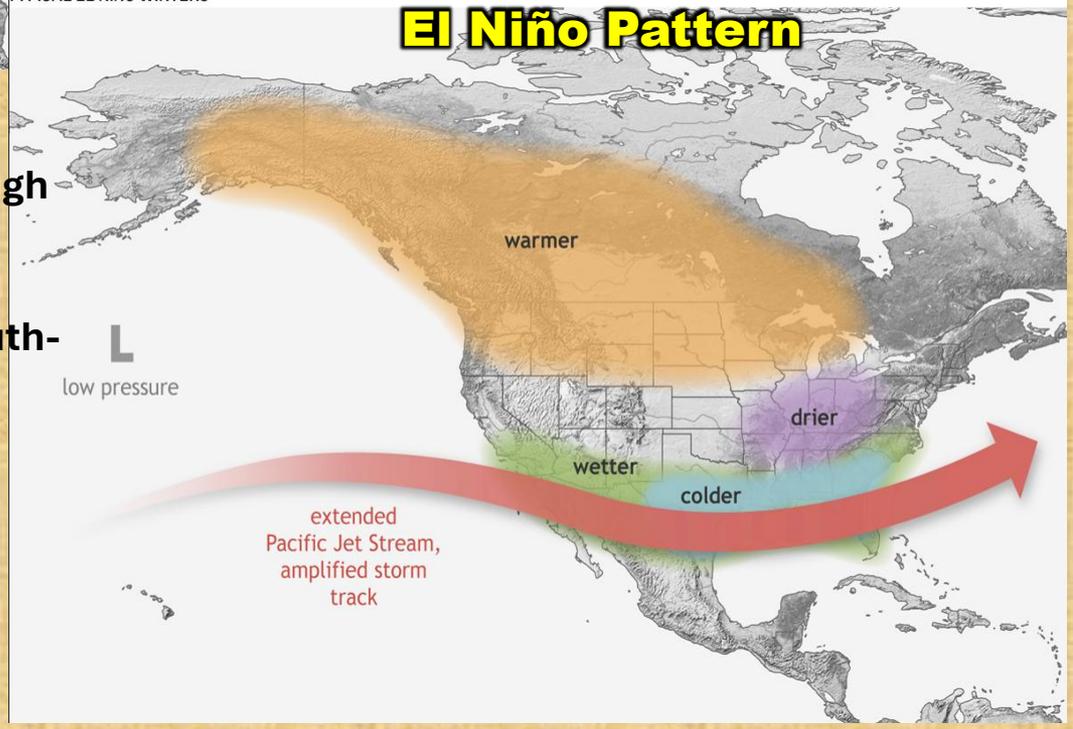


La Niña Pattern



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.

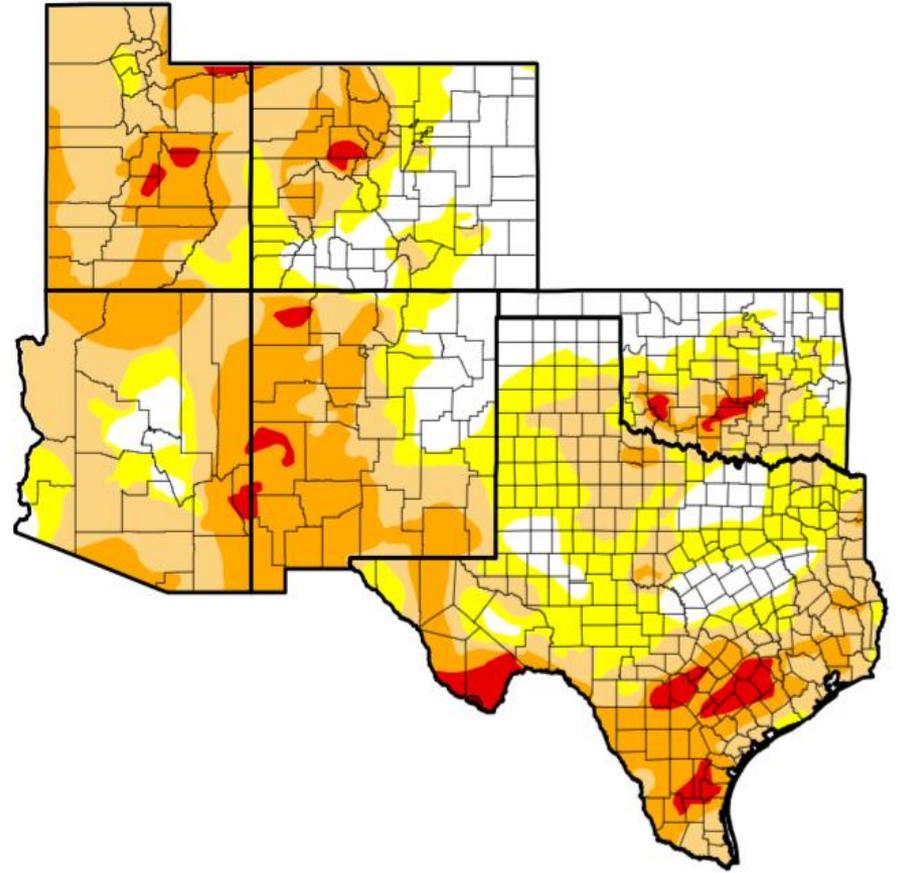
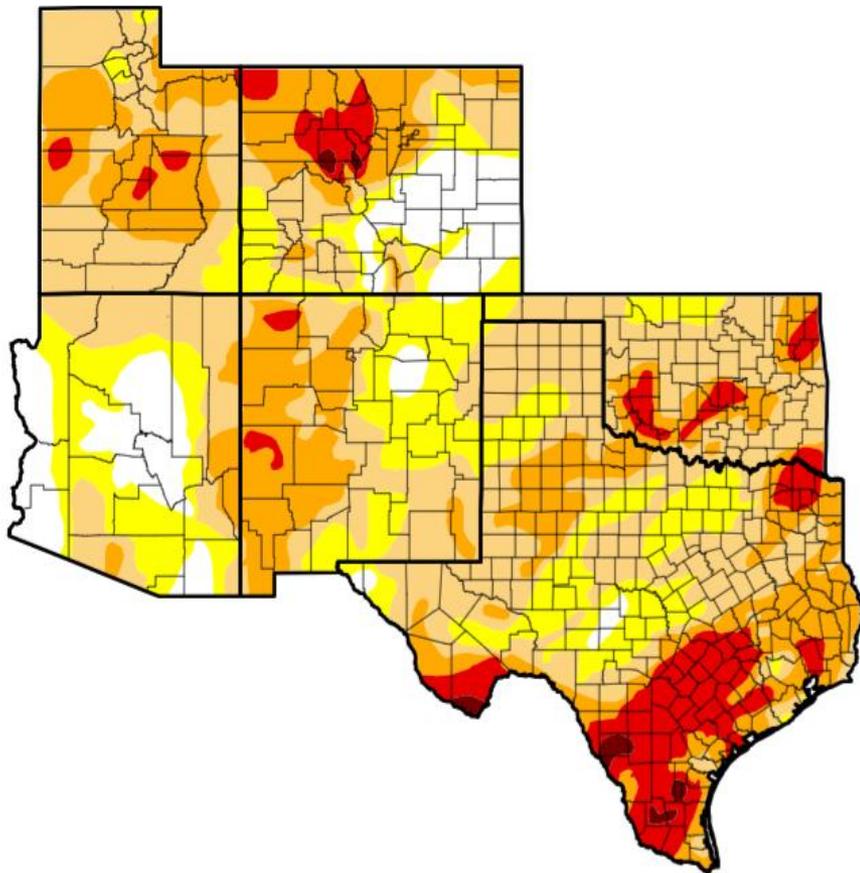
Intensity:

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

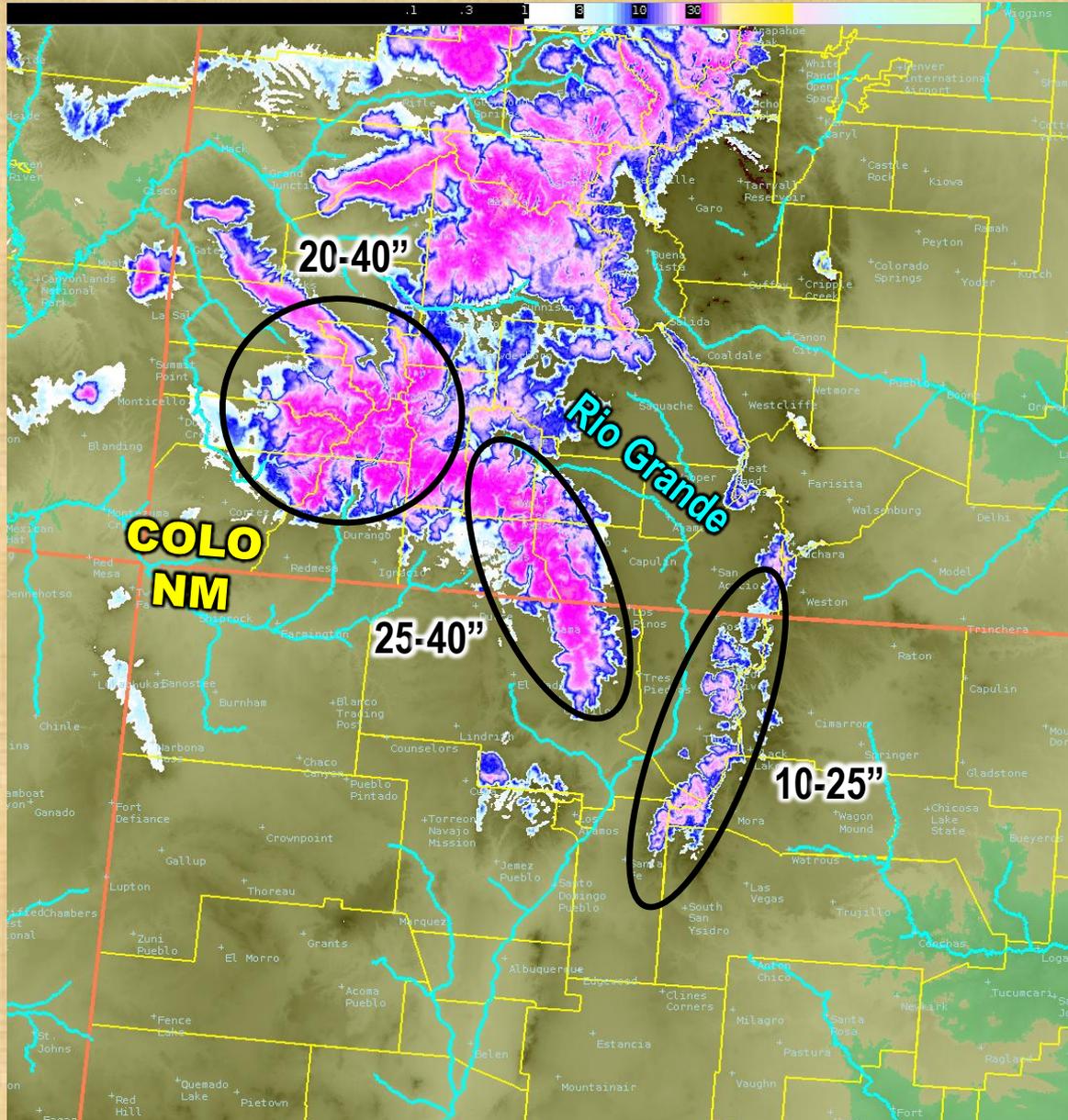
Current drought conditions and 3 month change

Feb 24, 2026

Nov 25, 2025

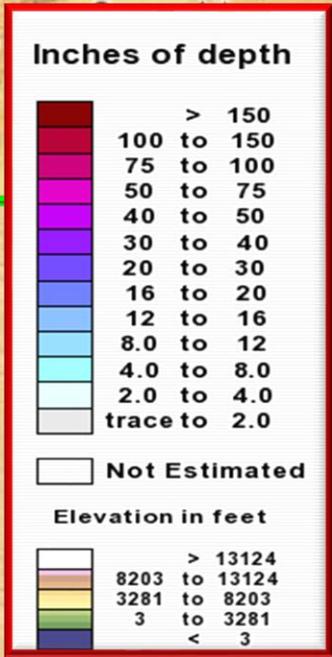
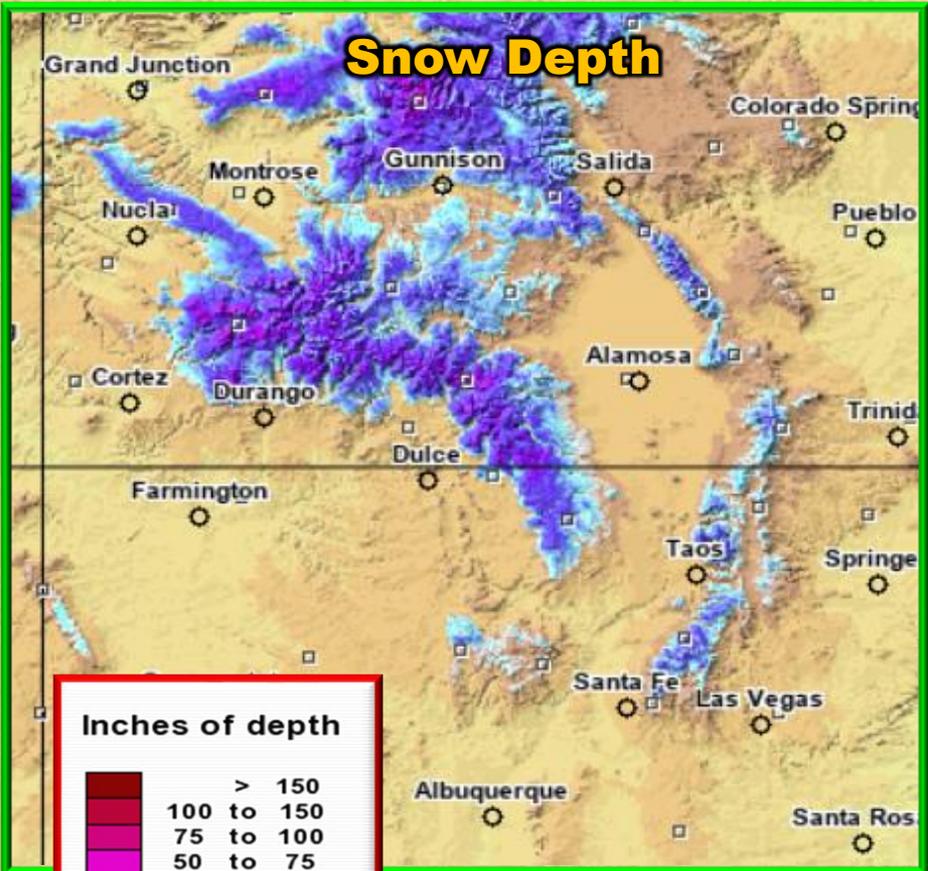


February 28, 2026 Snow Depth Upper Rio Grande Basin

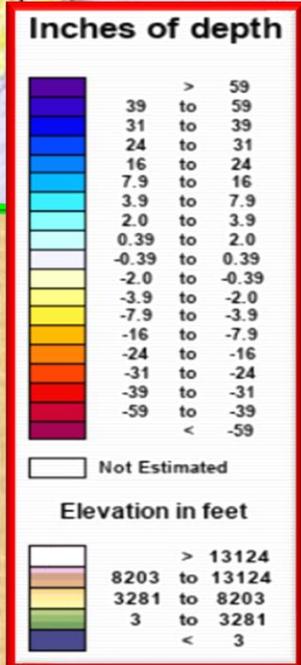
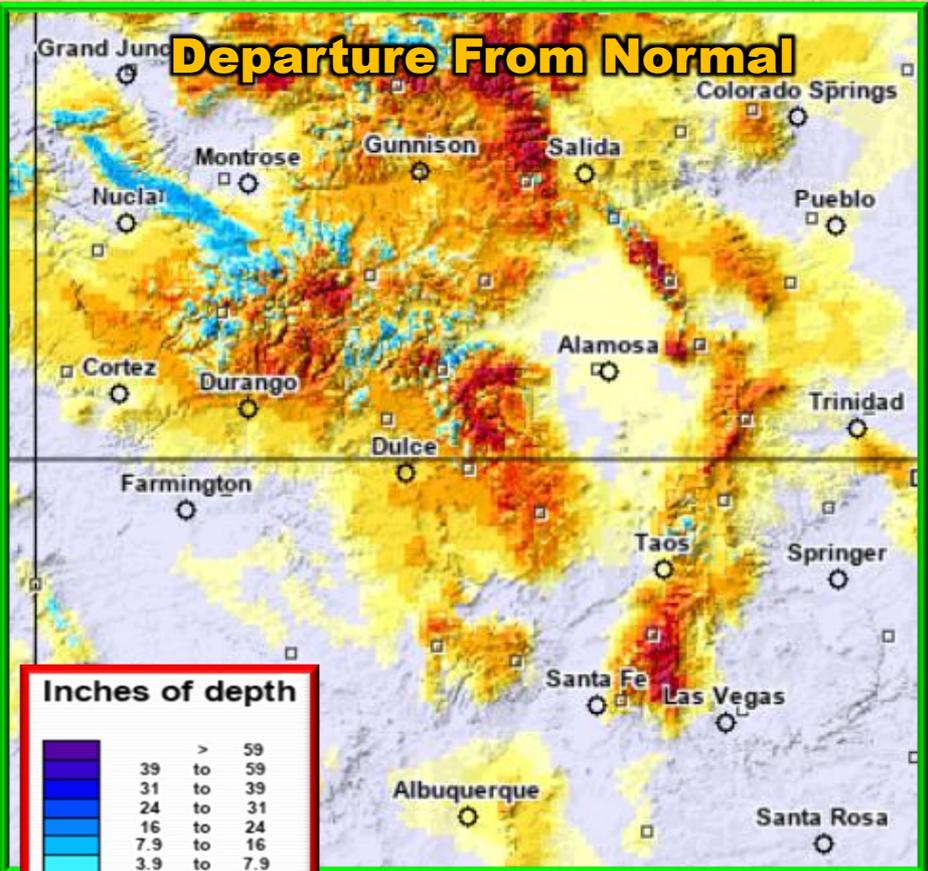


Snow Data Upper Rio Grande Basin as of Feb 28, 2026

Snow Depth

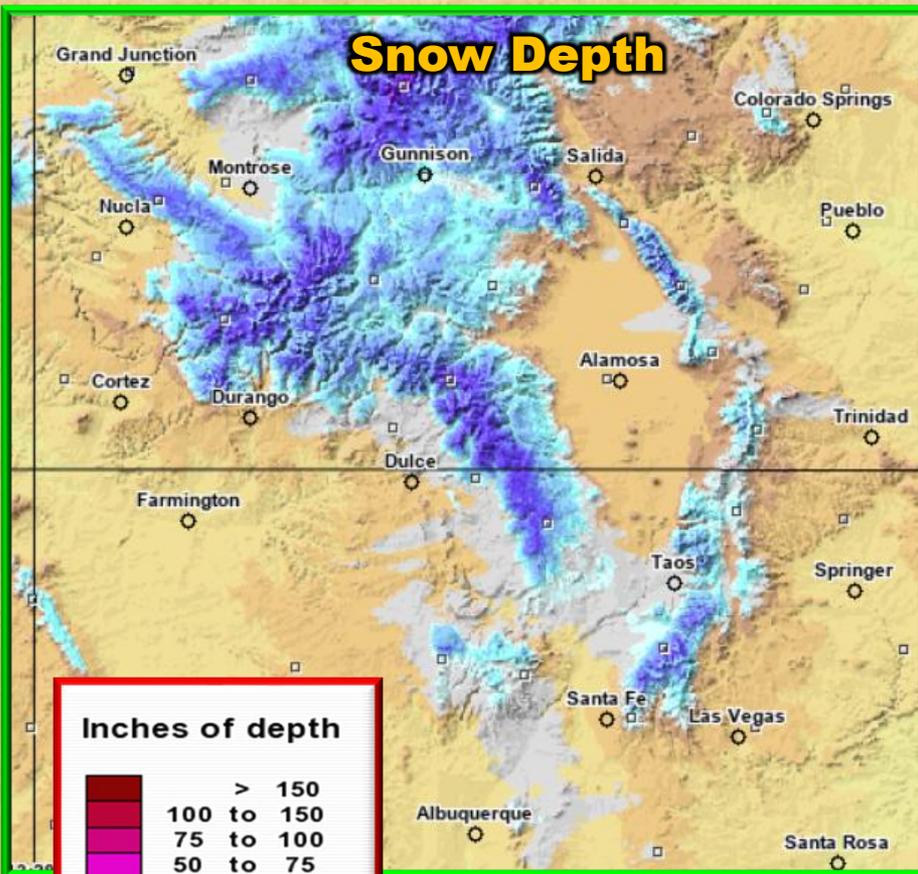


Departure From Normal

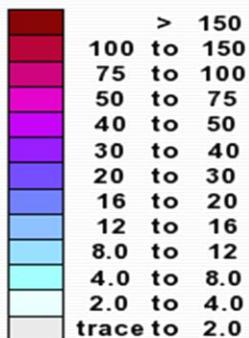


Snow Data Upper Rio Grande Basin as of Jan 31, 2026

Snow Depth

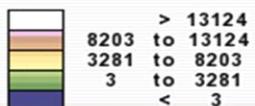


Inches of depth

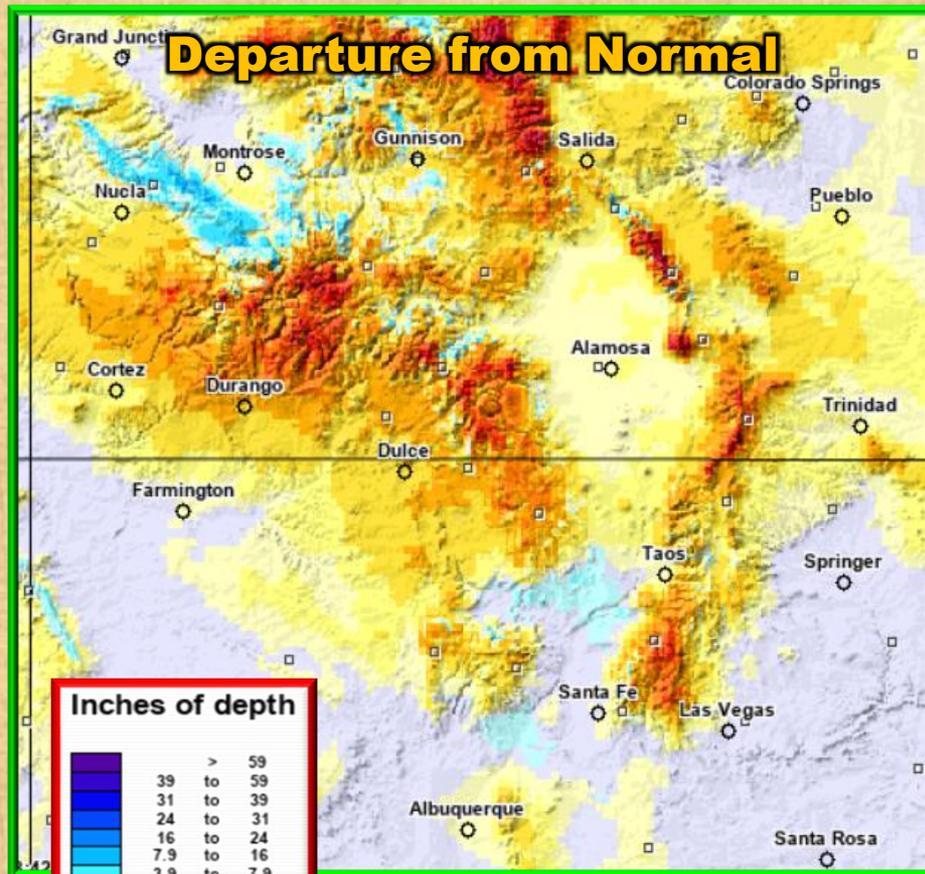


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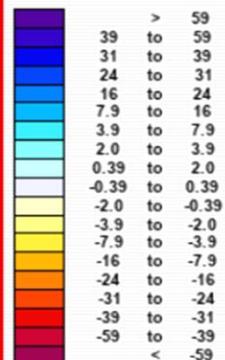
Elevation in feet



Departure from Normal



Inches of depth



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Elevation in feet



Snow Water Equivalent as of Feb 28, 2026 Compared to last few years and average values

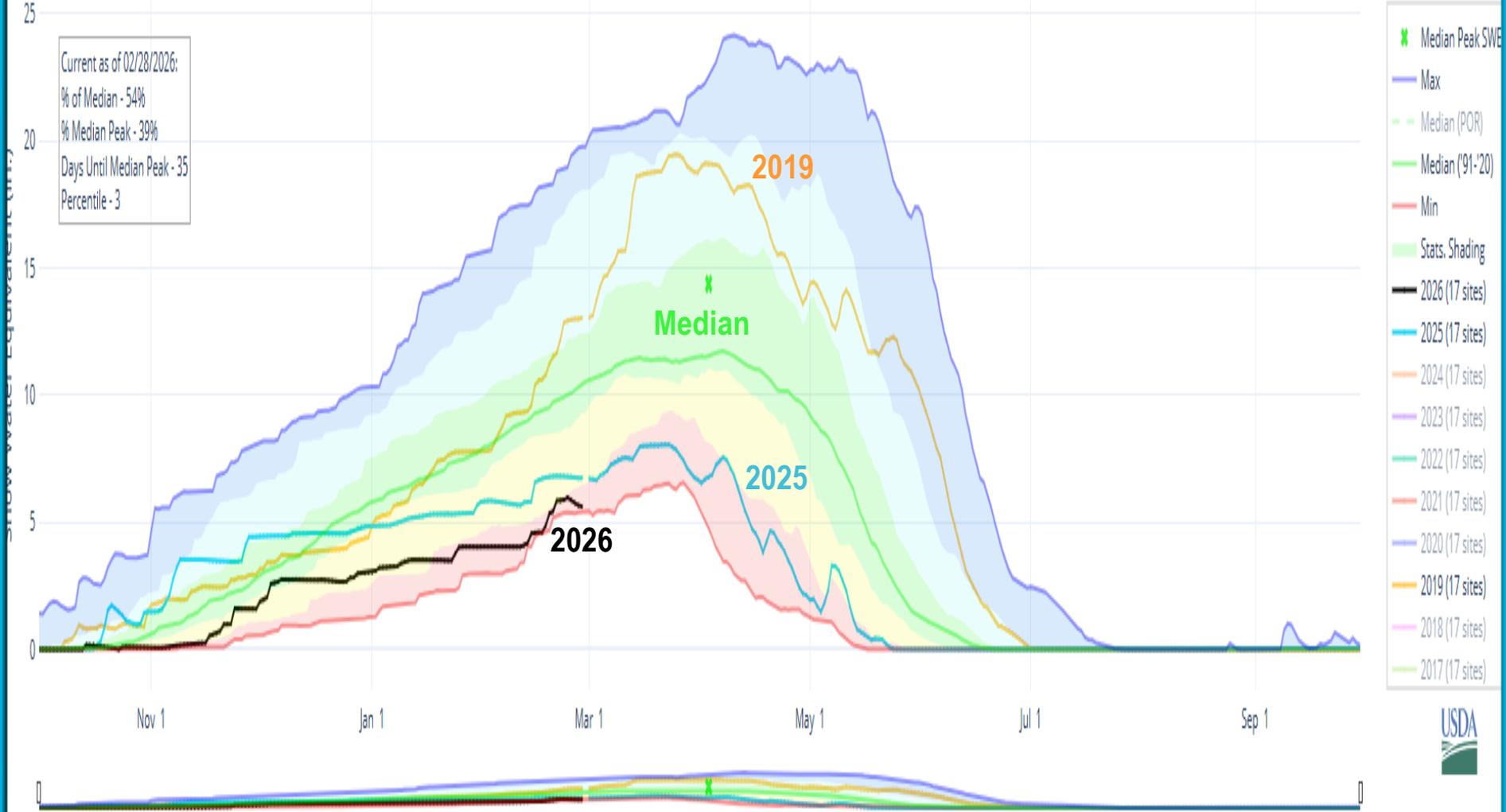
Upper Rio Grande Basin

Reset Range

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

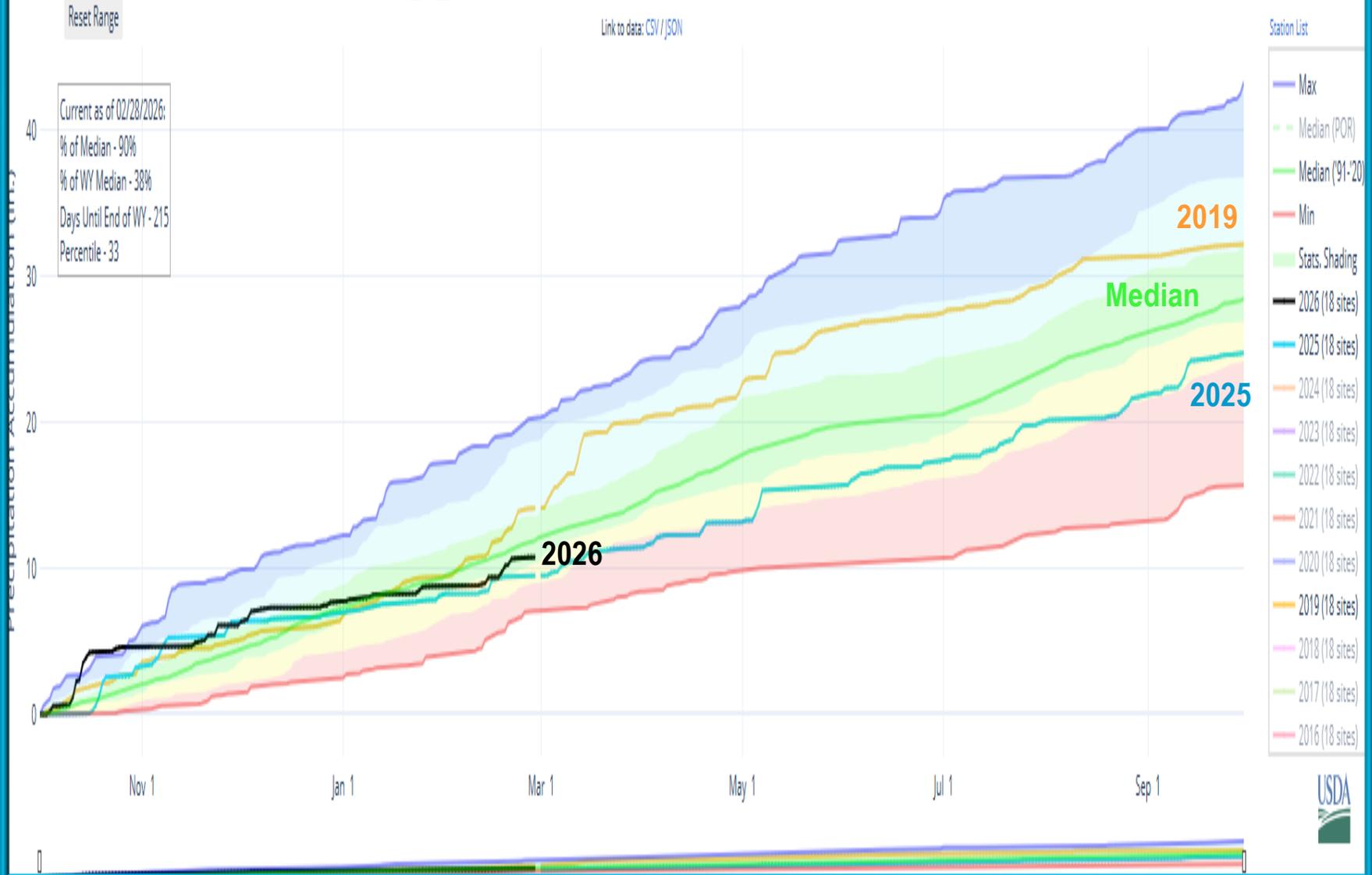
[Station List](#)

Current as of 02/28/2026:
% of Median - 54%
% Median Peak - 39%
Days Until Median Peak - 35
Percentile - 3



Precipitation for the Water YTD Oct 1 – Feb 28, 2026 Compared to last few years and average values

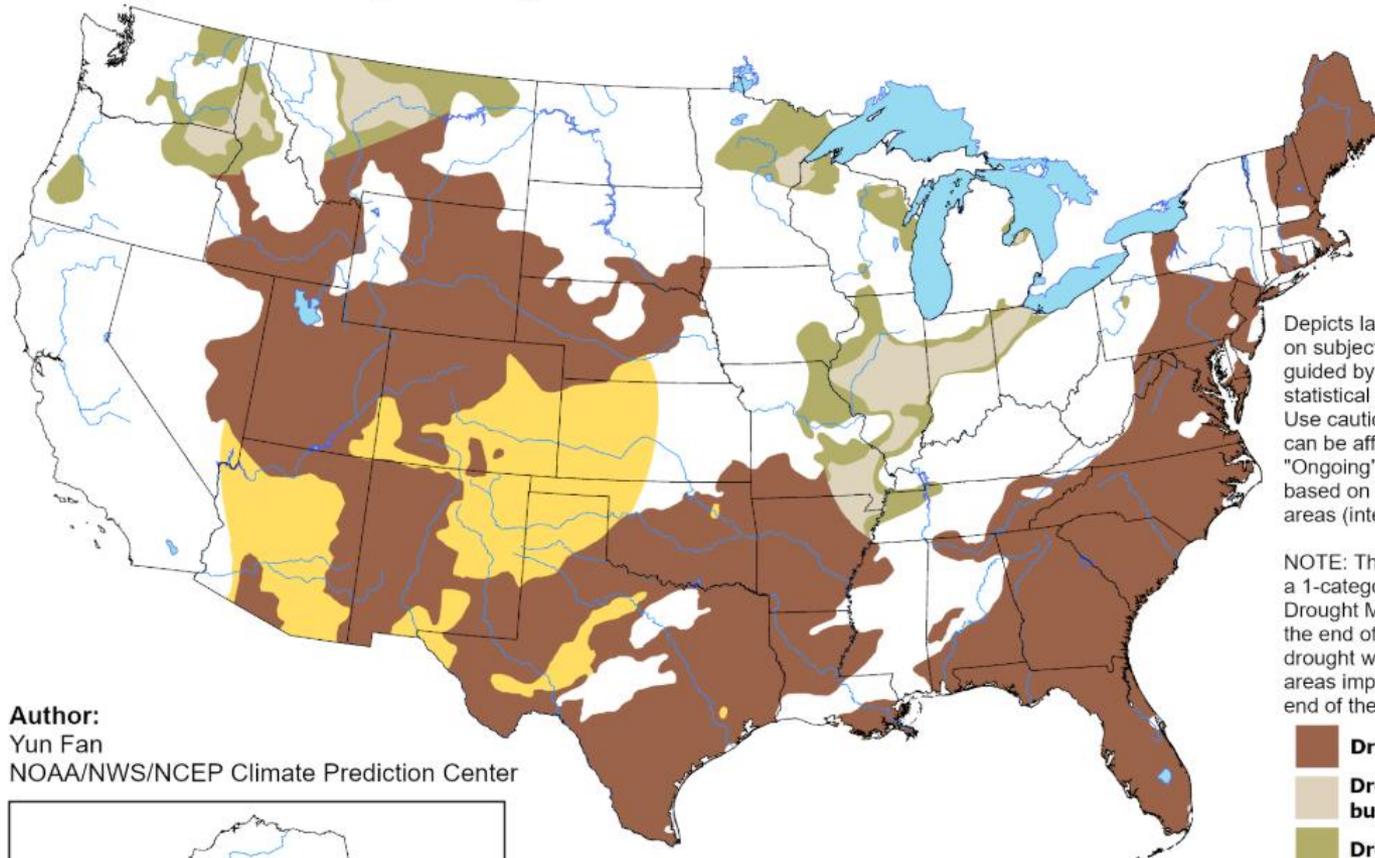
Upper Rio Grande Basin



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

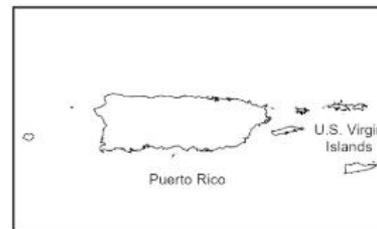
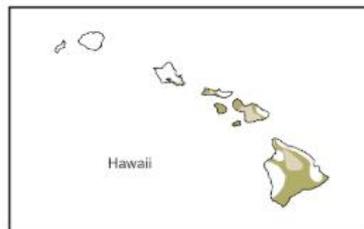
Valid for February 19 - May 31, 2026
Released February 19, 2026



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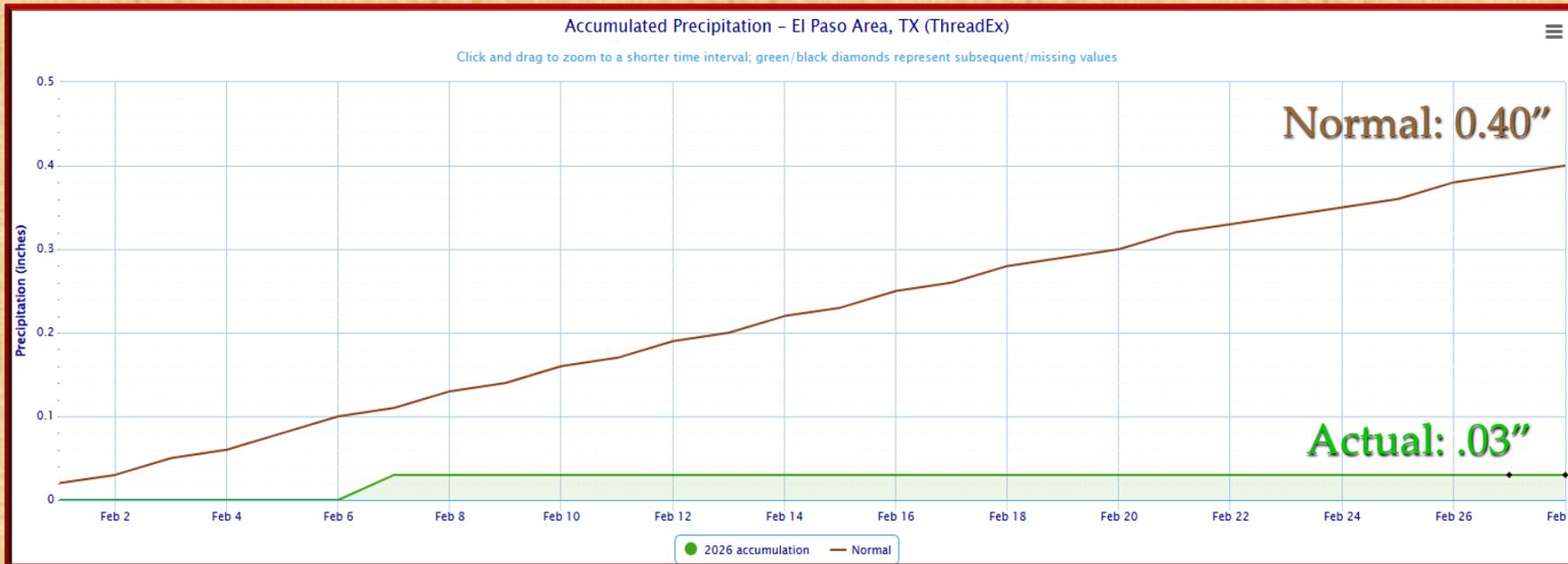
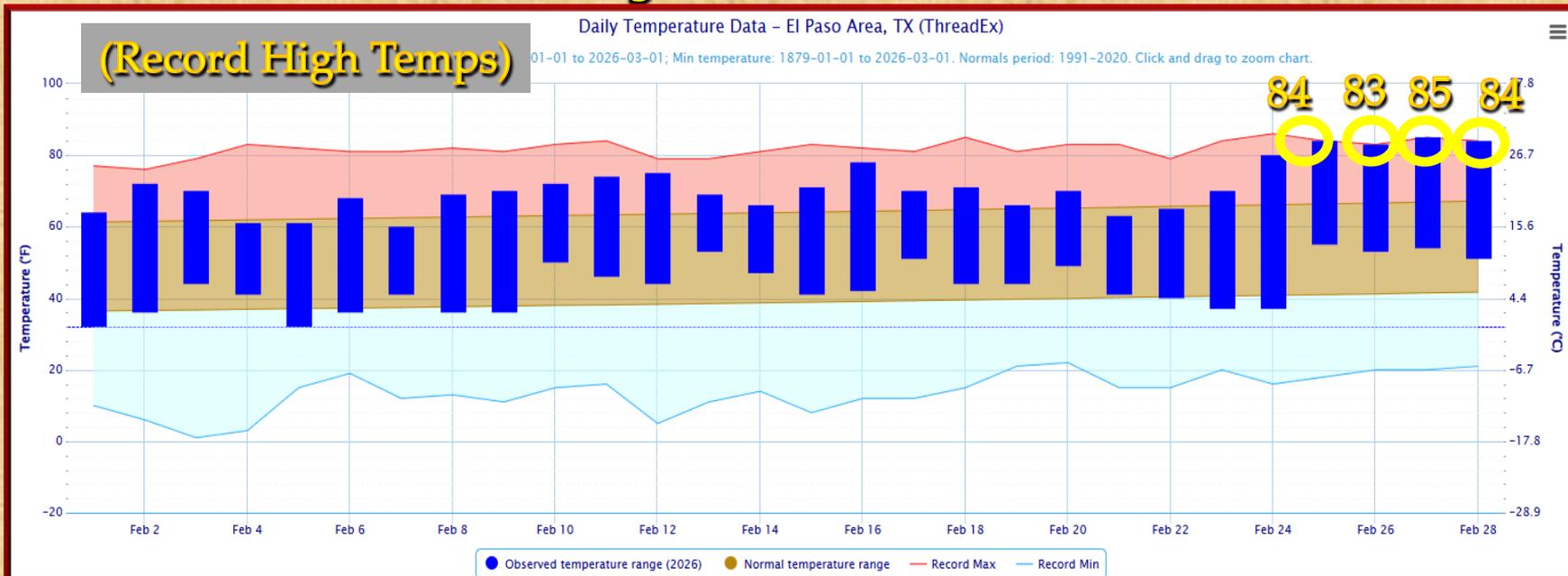
-  **Drought persists**
-  **Drought remains, but improves**
-  **Drought removal likely**
-  **Drought development likely**
-  **No drought**



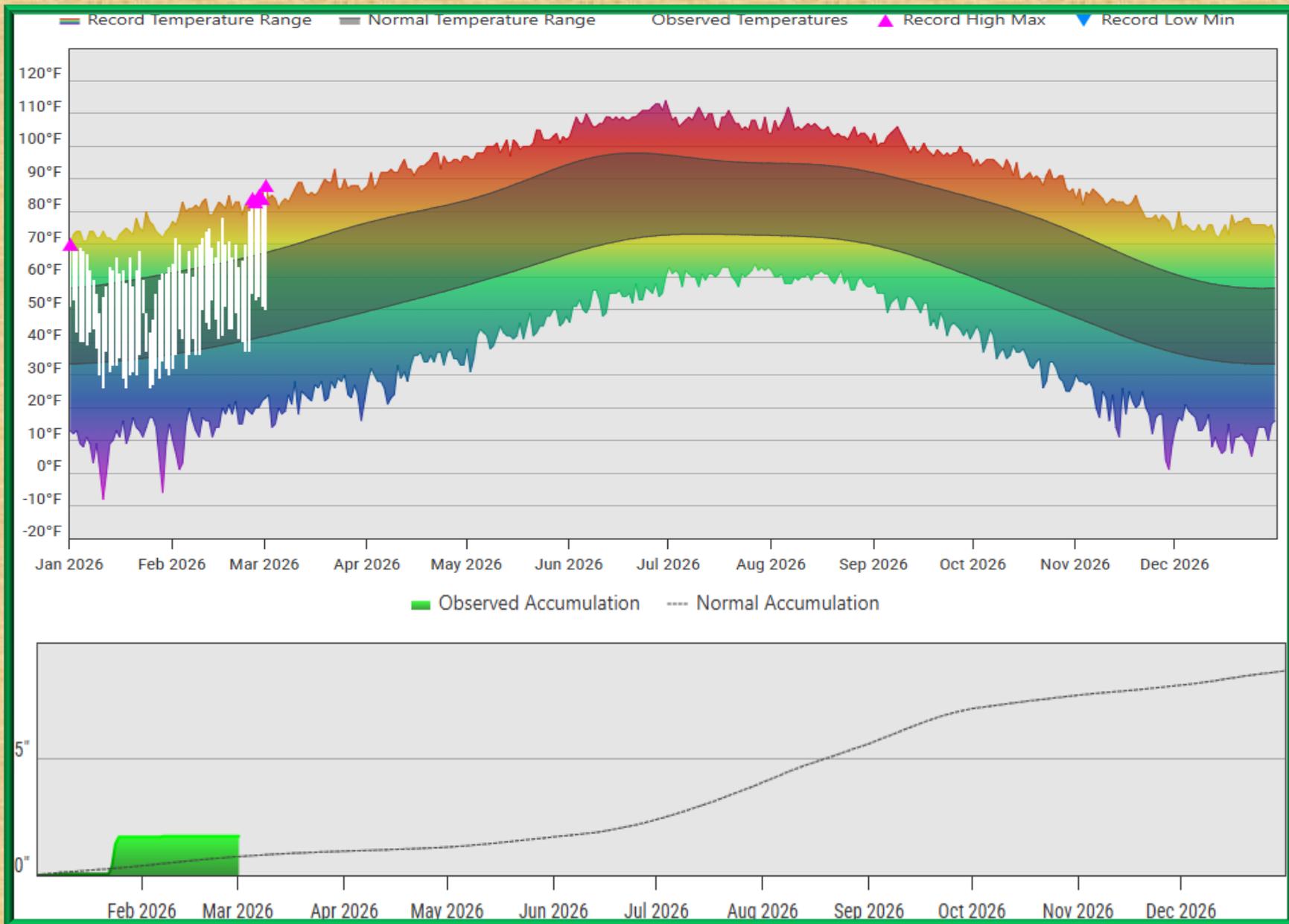
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Temperature and precipitation data for February 2026 in El Paso

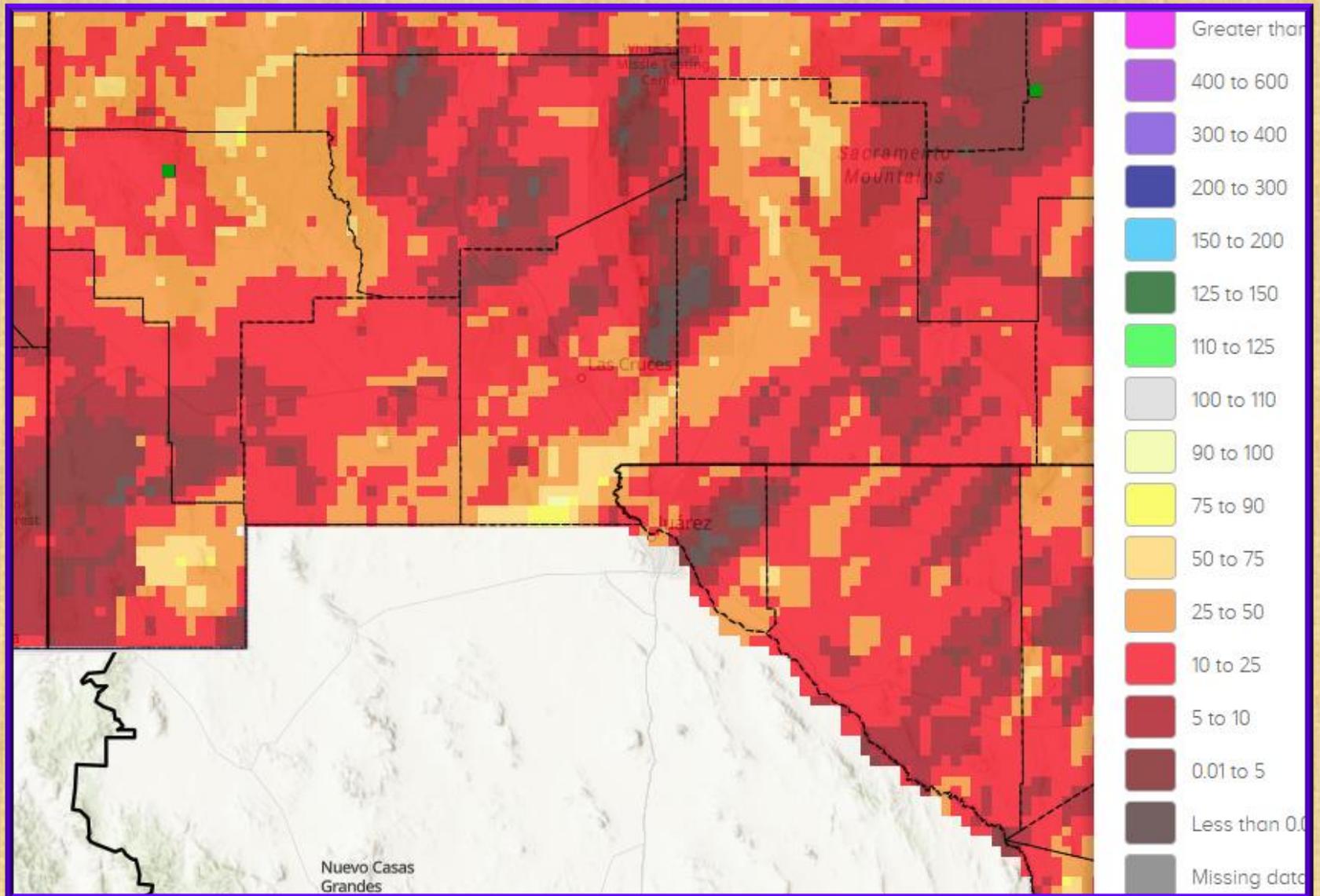
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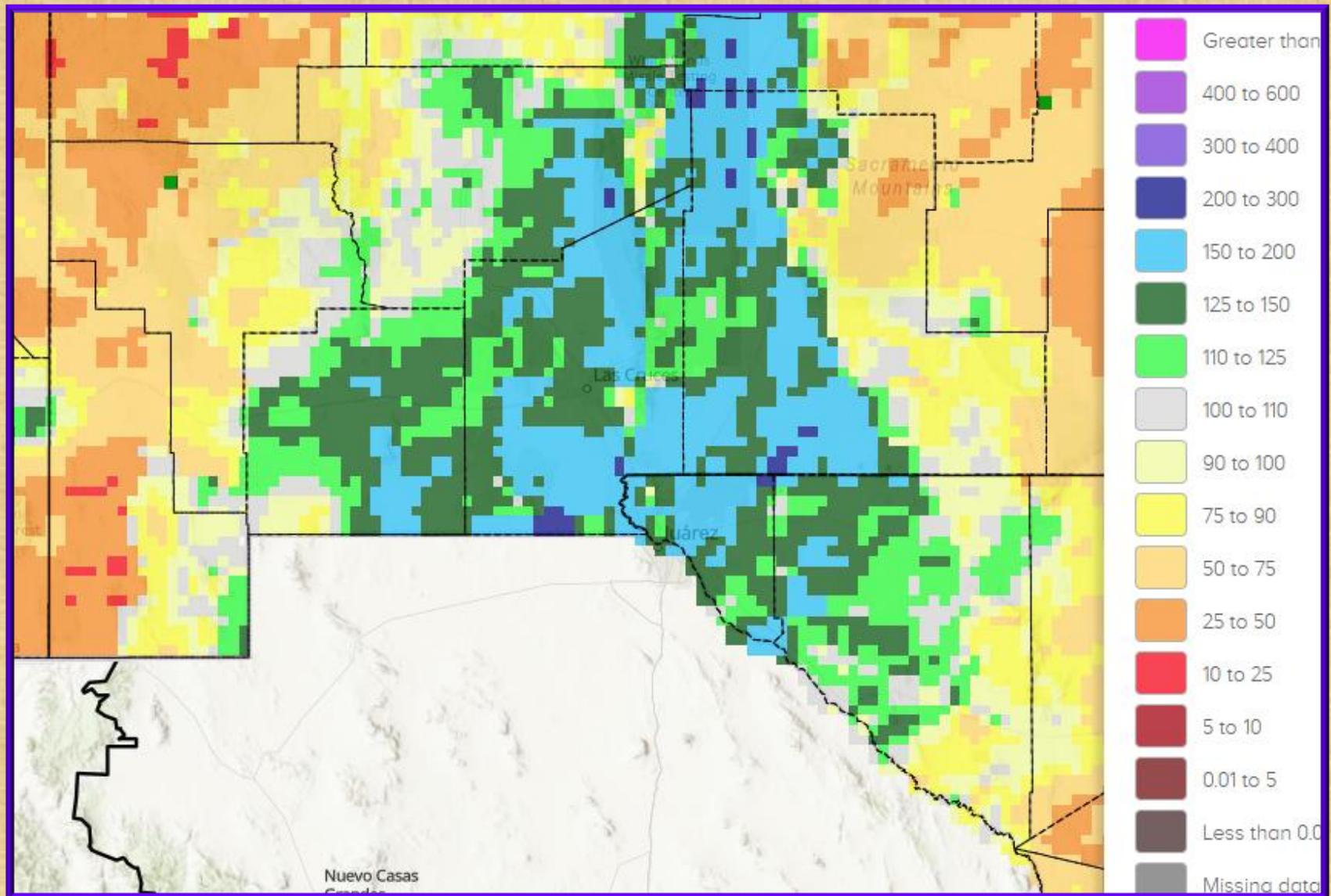
2026 Temperature and Precipitation through February for El Paso



February 2026 rainfall estimate percent of normal



Radar rainfall estimate percent of normal for the Water Year (Oct 1 – Feb 28)



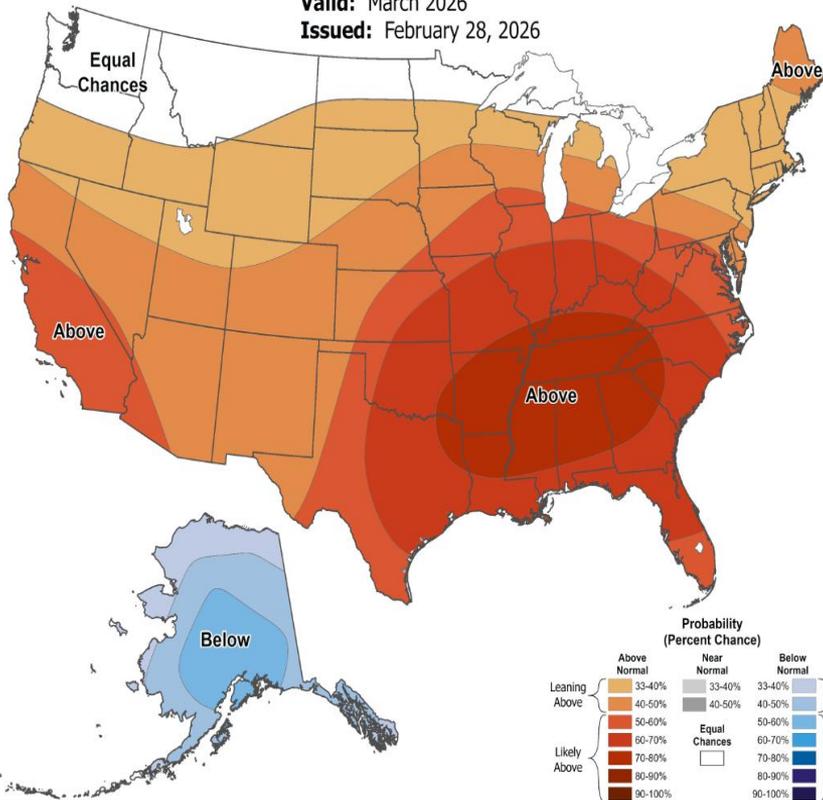
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook For March 2026

Temperature

Precipitation

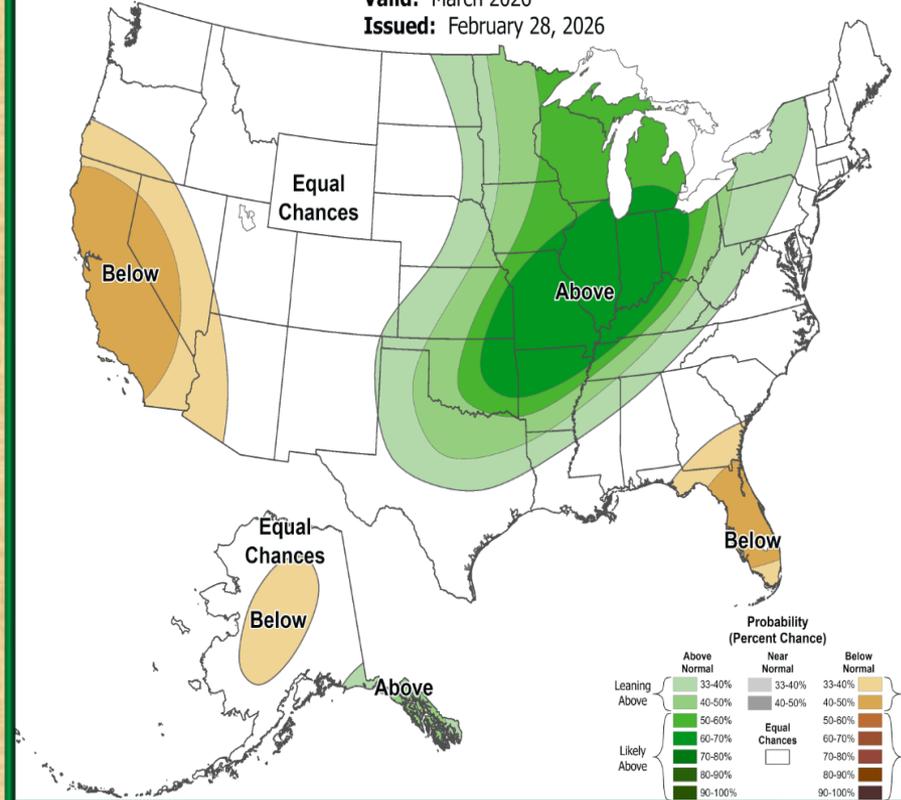
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Monthly Precipitation Outlook

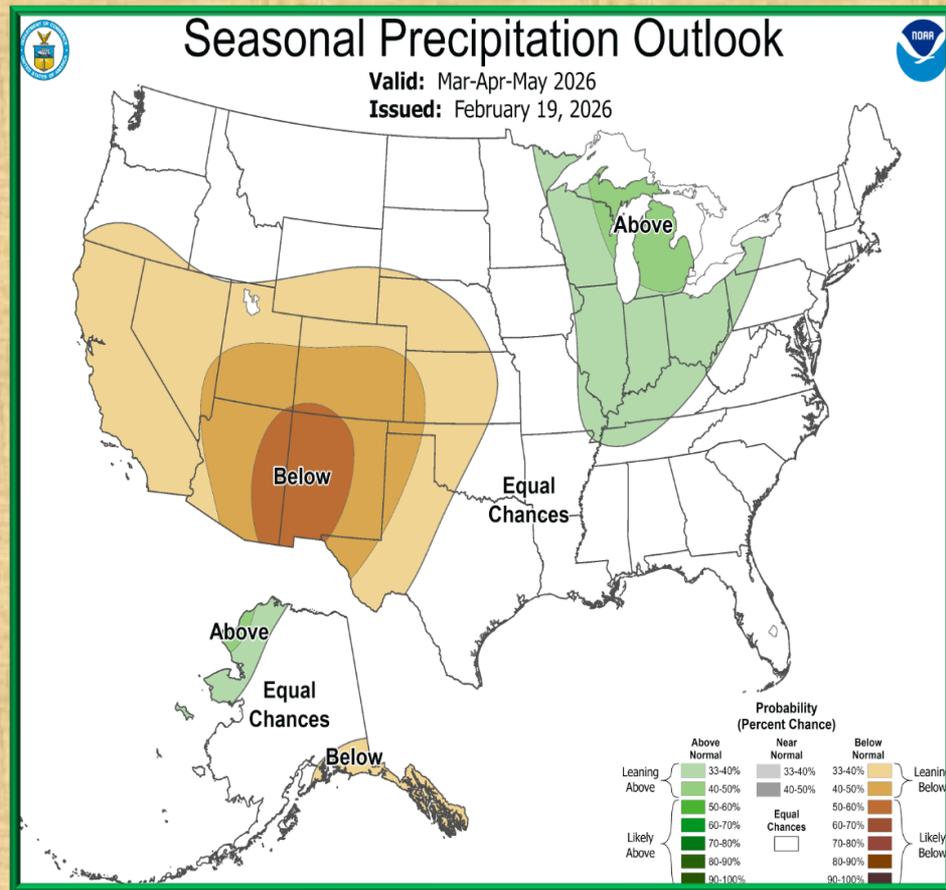
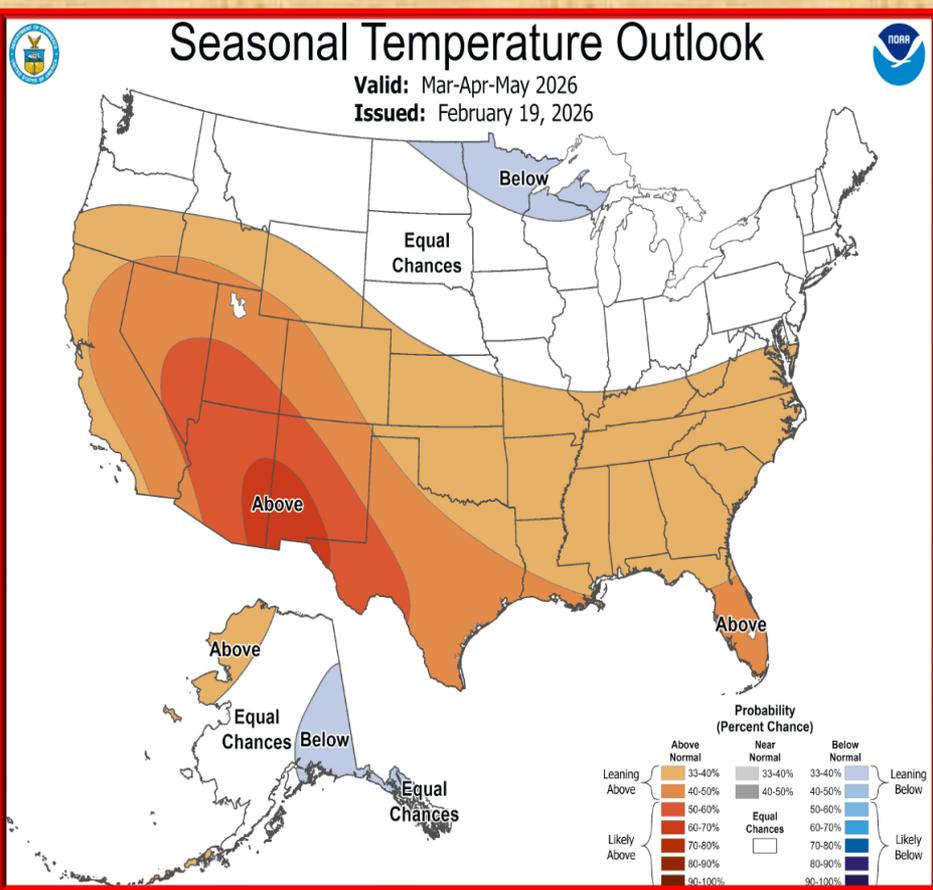
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Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for Mar-May 2026

Temperature

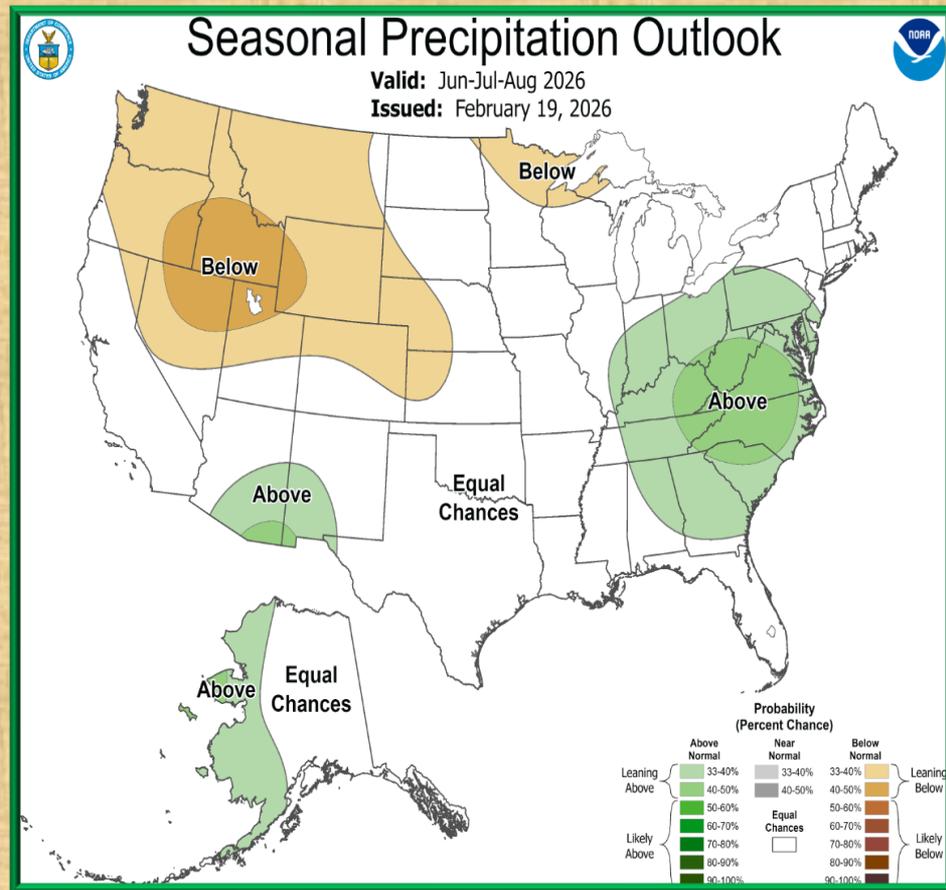
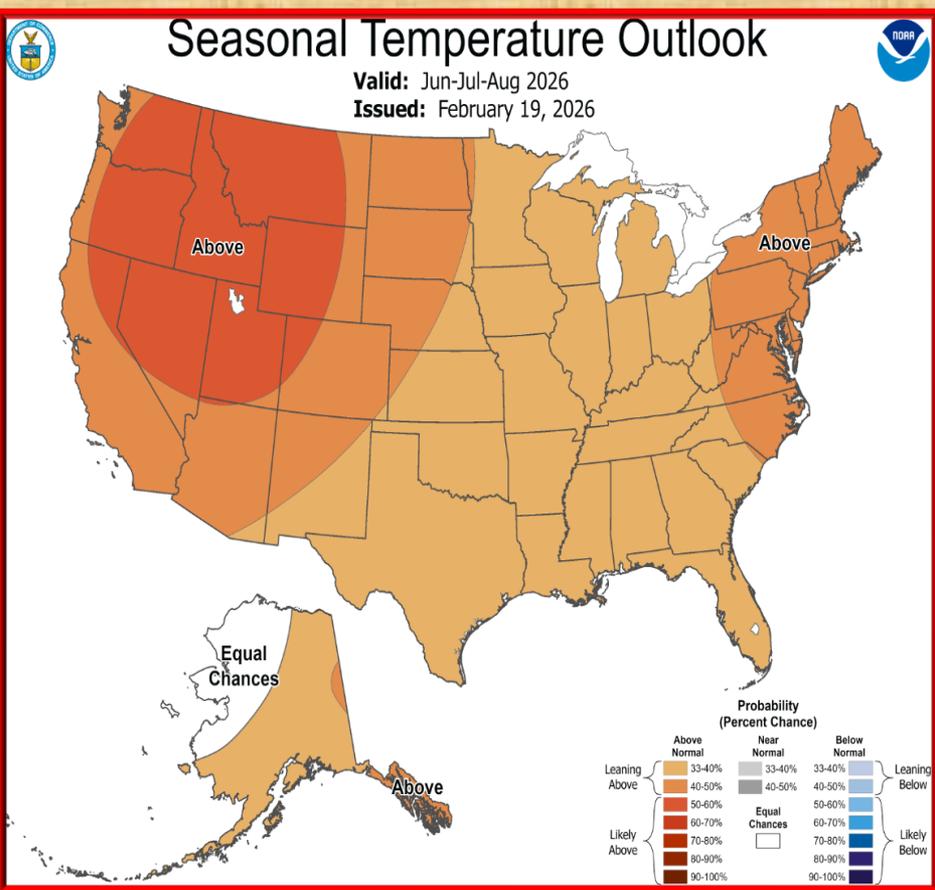
Precipitation



Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for Jun-Aug 2026

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Precipitation

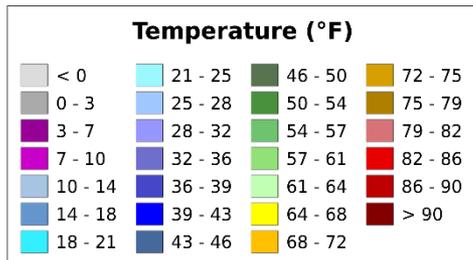
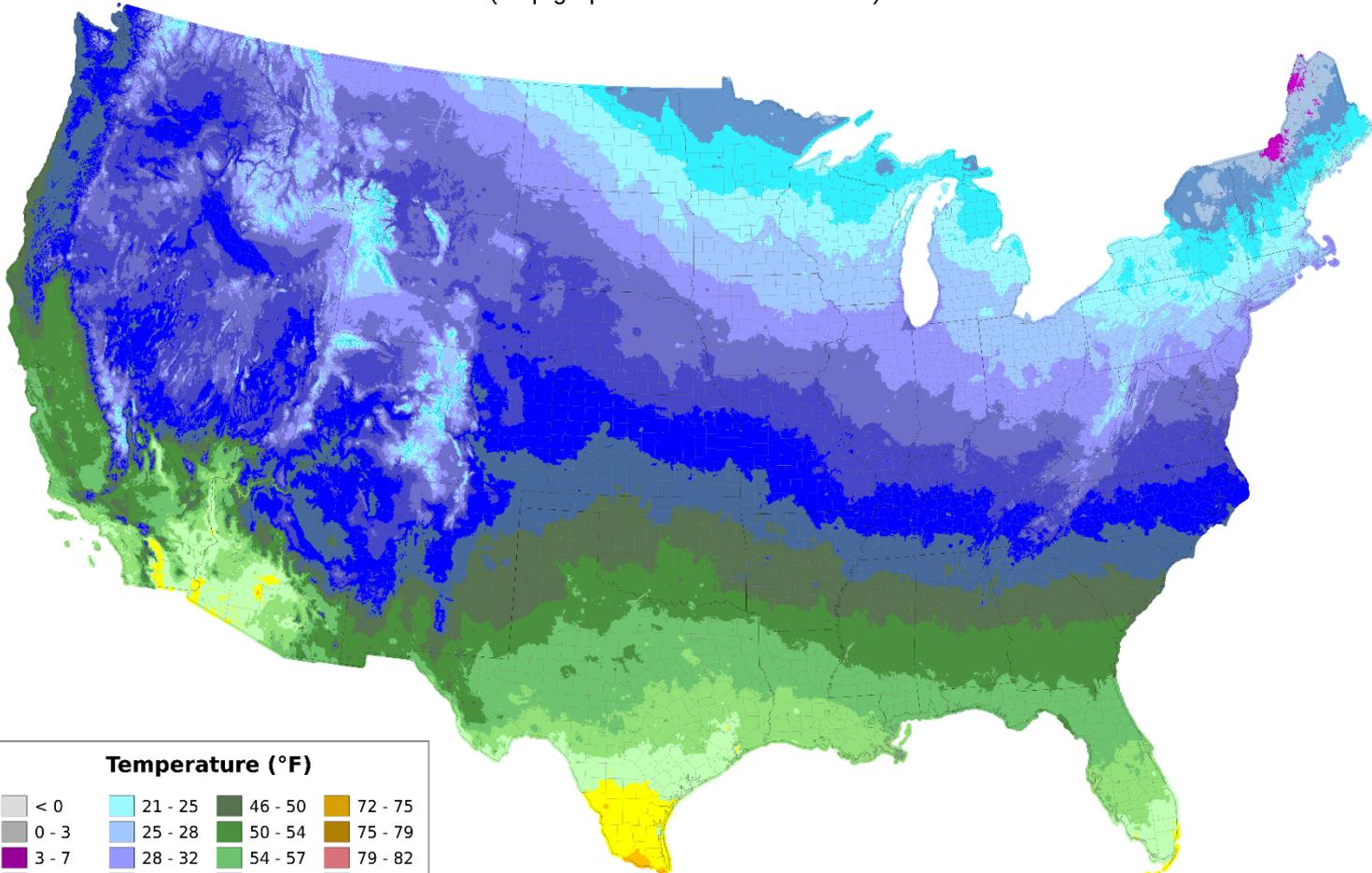


Average Daily Mean Temperature for February 2026

Average Daily Mean Temperature: 01 Feb 2026 - 27 Feb 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 27 Feb 2026

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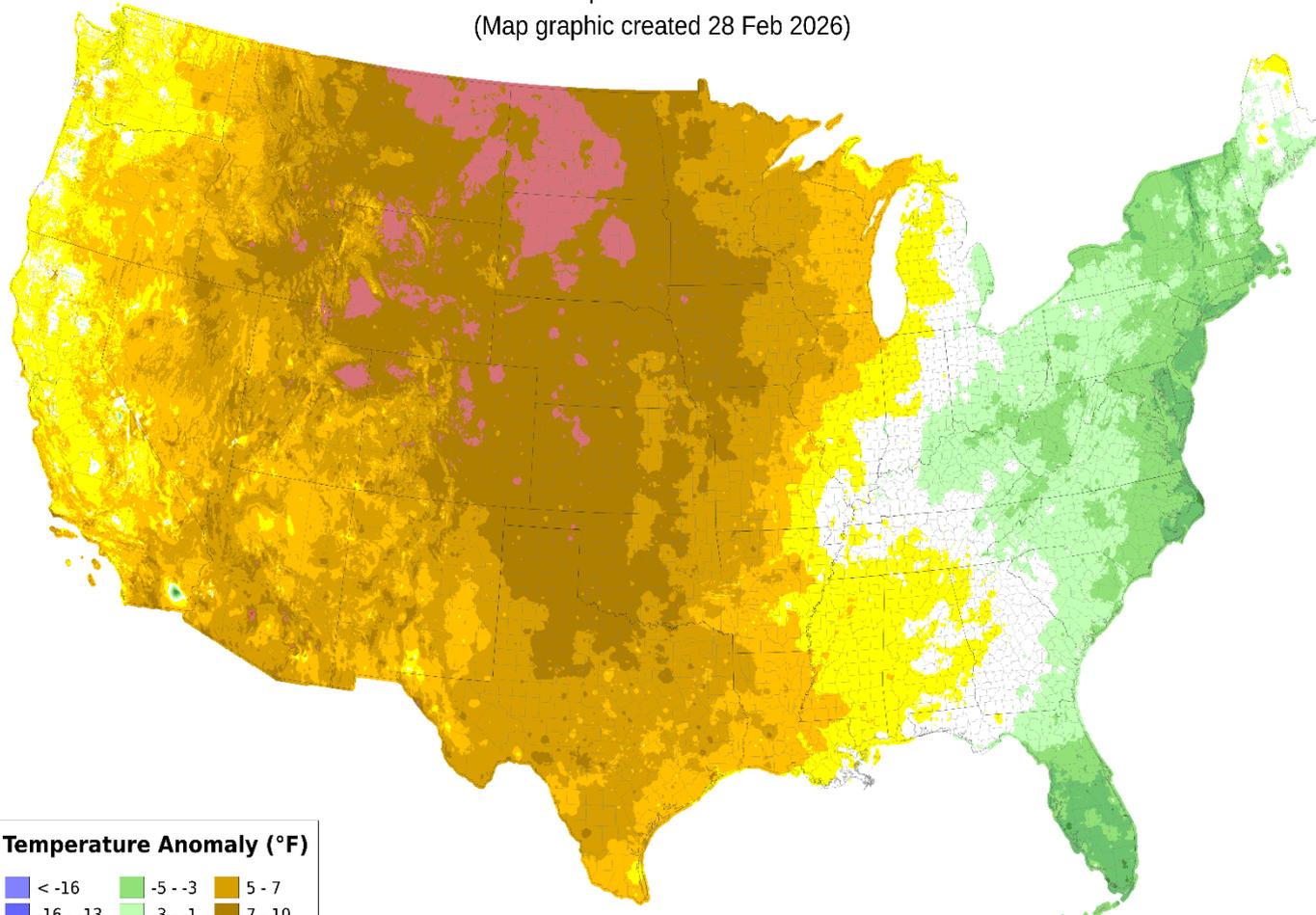
Daily Mean Temperature Departure from Normal, February 2026

Daily Mean Temperature Anomaly: 01 Feb 2026 - 27 Feb 2026

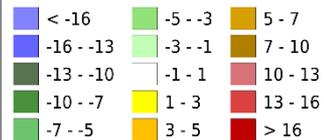
Period ending 7 AM EST 27 Feb 2026

Base period: 1991 - 2020

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Temperature Anomaly (°F)

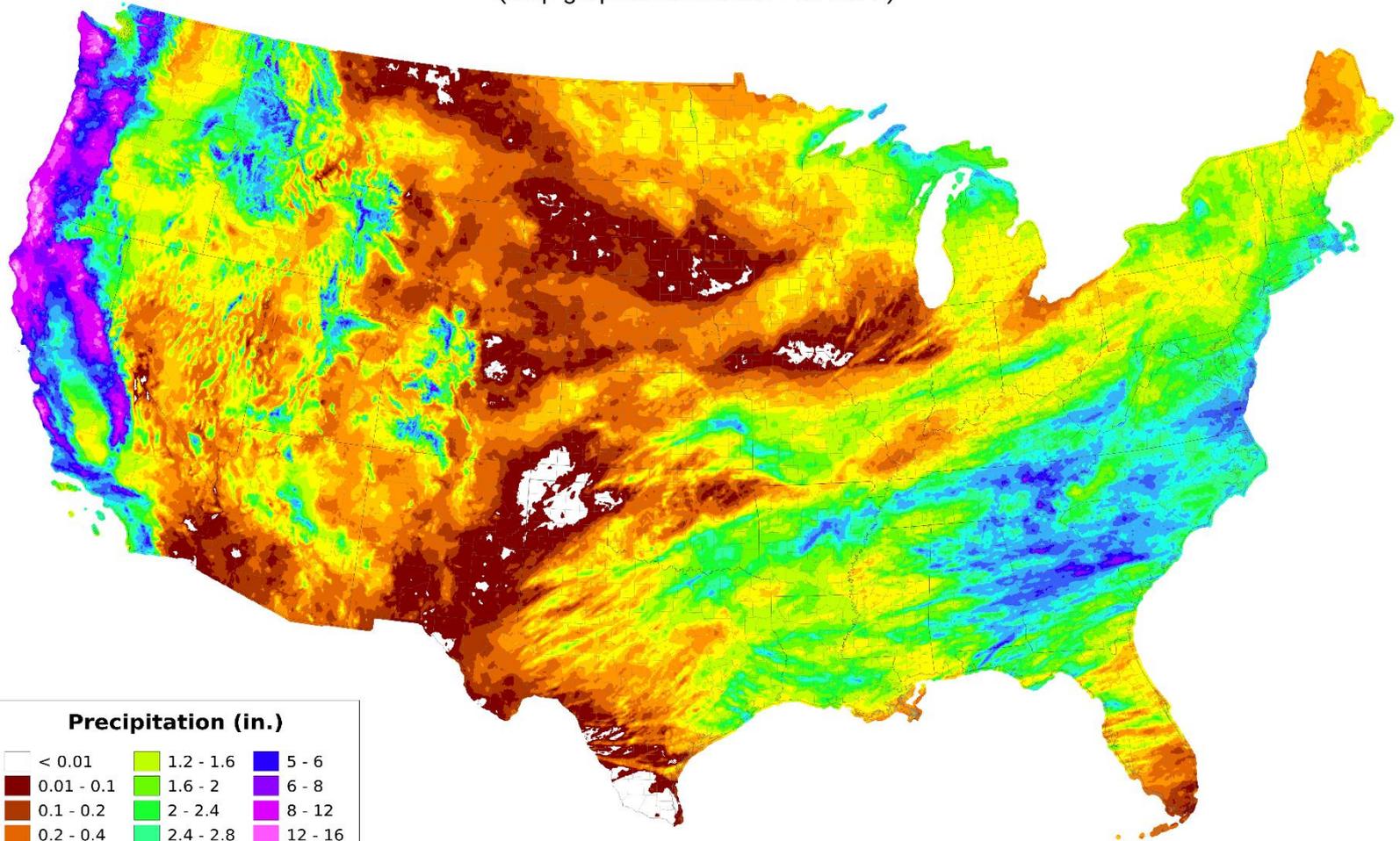


Total Precipitation for February 2026

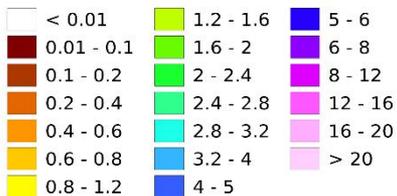
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Precipitation (in.)



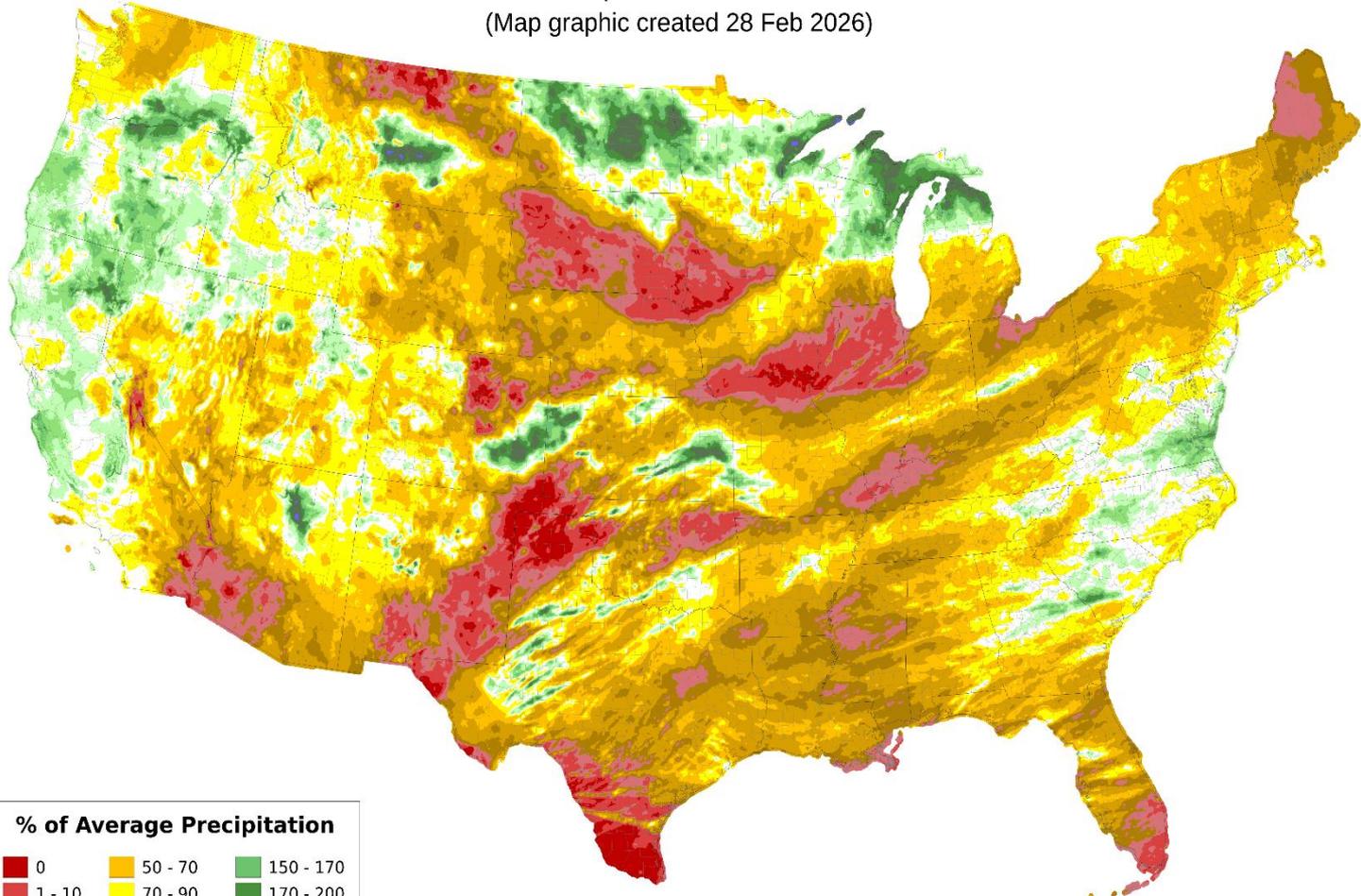
Percent of Normal Precipitation for February 2026

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% of Average Precipitation



Selected Weather Reports February 2026

Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
FEB 17 1210 PM	SAN AUGUSTIN PASS-DONA ANA	98 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1041 AM	MESCALERO-OTERO	66 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1207 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	63 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1120 AM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	62 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1043 AM	BIGGS FIELD-EL PASO	61 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1130 AM	MAYHILL-OTERO	60 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 914 AM	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	59 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1230 PM	WSMR MUSEUM-DONA ANA	59 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1135 AM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	58 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1254 PM	HIGH ROLLS-OTERO	57 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1226 PM	DRIPPPING SPRINGS-DONA ANA	53 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 17 1229 PM	ORGAN (DACFC)-DONA ANA	51 MPH PEAK WIND

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Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
FEB 18 130 PM	SAN AUGUSTIN PASS-DONA ANA	83 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 1230 PM	WSMR BLDG 1830-DONA ANA	69 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 435 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	59 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 305 PM	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	56 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 144 PM	BIGGS FIELD-EL PAS	54 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 419 PM	HIGH ROLLS-OTERO	53 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 315 PM	LORDSBURG PLAYA MP11-HIDALGO	53 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 100 PM	MAYHILL-OTERO	51 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 330 PM	SILVER CITY MTN VIEW-GRANT	49 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 315 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	49 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 241 PM	MESCALERO-OTERO	49 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 316 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	48 MPH PEAK WIND

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FEB 18 342 PM	HOLLOMAN AFB-OTERO	45 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 18 226 PM	DRIPPING SPRINGS-DONA ANA	45 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 1215 PM	SAN AUGUSTIN PASS-DONA ANA	77 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 1015 AM	WSMR MAIN POST-DONA ANA	53 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 1052 AM	EL PASO AIRPORT-EL PASO	52 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 239 PM	HIGH ROLLS-OTERO	49 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 335 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	47 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 148 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	45 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 20 155 PM	LORDSBURG PLAYA MM11-HIDALGO	45 MPH PEAK WIND
FEB 26 600 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	86° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 26 600 PM	T OR C AIRPORT-SIERRA	83° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 26 600 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	83° DAILY RECORD HIGH

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Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
FEB 26 600 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	80° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 26 600 PM	REDROCK-GRANT	82° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 26 600 PM	GILA HOT SPRINGS COOP-GRANT	79° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 26 600 PM	GRANT CO AIRPORT-GRANT	78° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 26 600 PM	CLOUDCROFT-OTERO	60° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 27 600 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PAS	85° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 27 600 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	83° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 27 600 PM	SANTA TERESA NWS-DONA ANA	83° DAILY RECORD HIGH
FEB 27 600 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	81° DAILY RECORD HIGH
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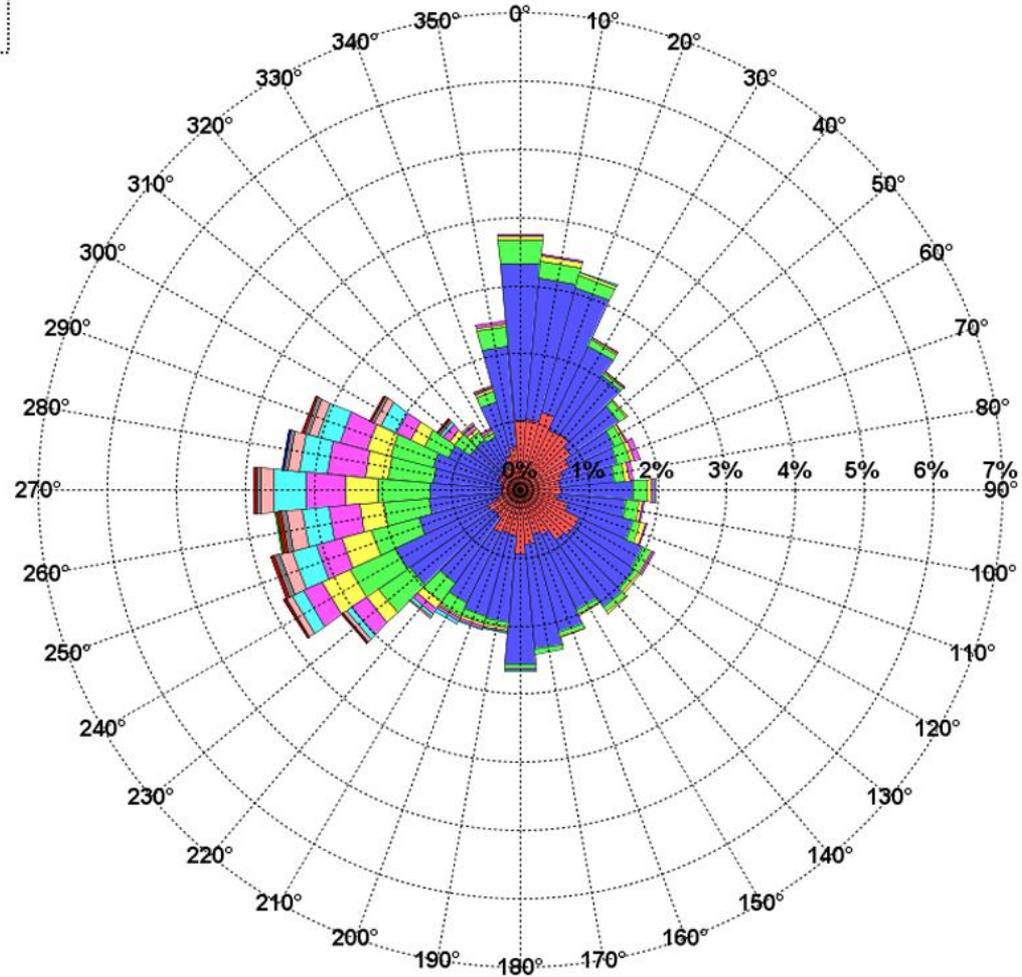
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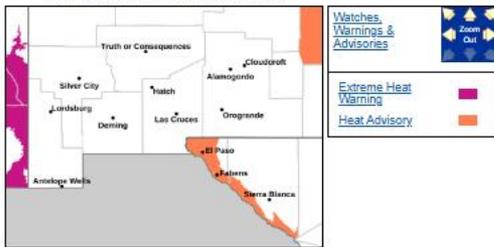
Variable: 1.83%

WindRose - KELP - EL PASO INTL

% Frequency of Wind Speed from a Direction
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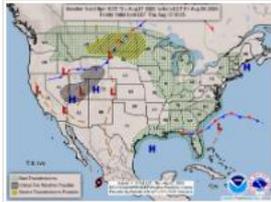
Watches, Warnings & Advisories

Extreme Heat Warning Heat Advisory

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Radar



Weather Map



Satellite

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- Briefing
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- Weather Hazards Outlook
- Hourly Forecast
- Gridded Forecast
- Weather Calculator
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- Satellite
- Climate Data
- Past Weather
- Drought
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Appalachians. Click the "Head 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.

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	

