

January 2026 Weather Digest



January 2026 Weather Summary

Mild and very wet was the best description for this January across much of the Borderland. The month began as a typical January does-dry. A few weak storms moved through the area the first week of January, to deposit some mountain rain and snow showers. However, the big blow came on January 23-25, when a strong Pacific storm system brought up record level moisture. The system also allowed a cold front to sweep in, which brought in chilly air on the 25th and 26th. This resulted in moderate to local heavy rainfall across the area, with even a few places reporting some minor flooding, mostly from ponding in low lying areas-a real rarity for January. In fact El Paso recorded it's 3rd wettest January of all time. And with the cold air and abundant moisture, heavy snow fell across most mountain areas, with 10-20 inches reported. Elsewhere, across the lowlands from the Rio Grande Valley east, 1-4 inches of snow was common.

January 2026 Weather Summary

For the month, most of the area from the Continental Divide east ended up anywhere from 200 to 400 percent of normal rainfall. To the west, rainfall ranged mostly from 75 to 150 percent of normal. After a very abnormally warm December, January mellowed out. Temperatures were still above normal, but much closer to seasonable levels. High temperatures most areas were only about .5 to 2 degrees above normal. Average daily temperatures ended up about 1 to 3 degrees above normal.

Looking ahead to February, daylight and temperatures continue climbing toward the warmer months. The average high temperature at El Paso on February 1 is 61°, warming to 67° on the last day of the month. Length of daylight on the 1st is 10 hrs, 41 min, increasing to 11 hrs, 29 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 .40 inches for the month.

The full moon for February occurs on the 1st, and is commonly known as the Snow Moon. The New Moon occurs on the 17th.

Jan 8 Snow on the Organ Mtns



Jan 9 Snow at Cloudcroft



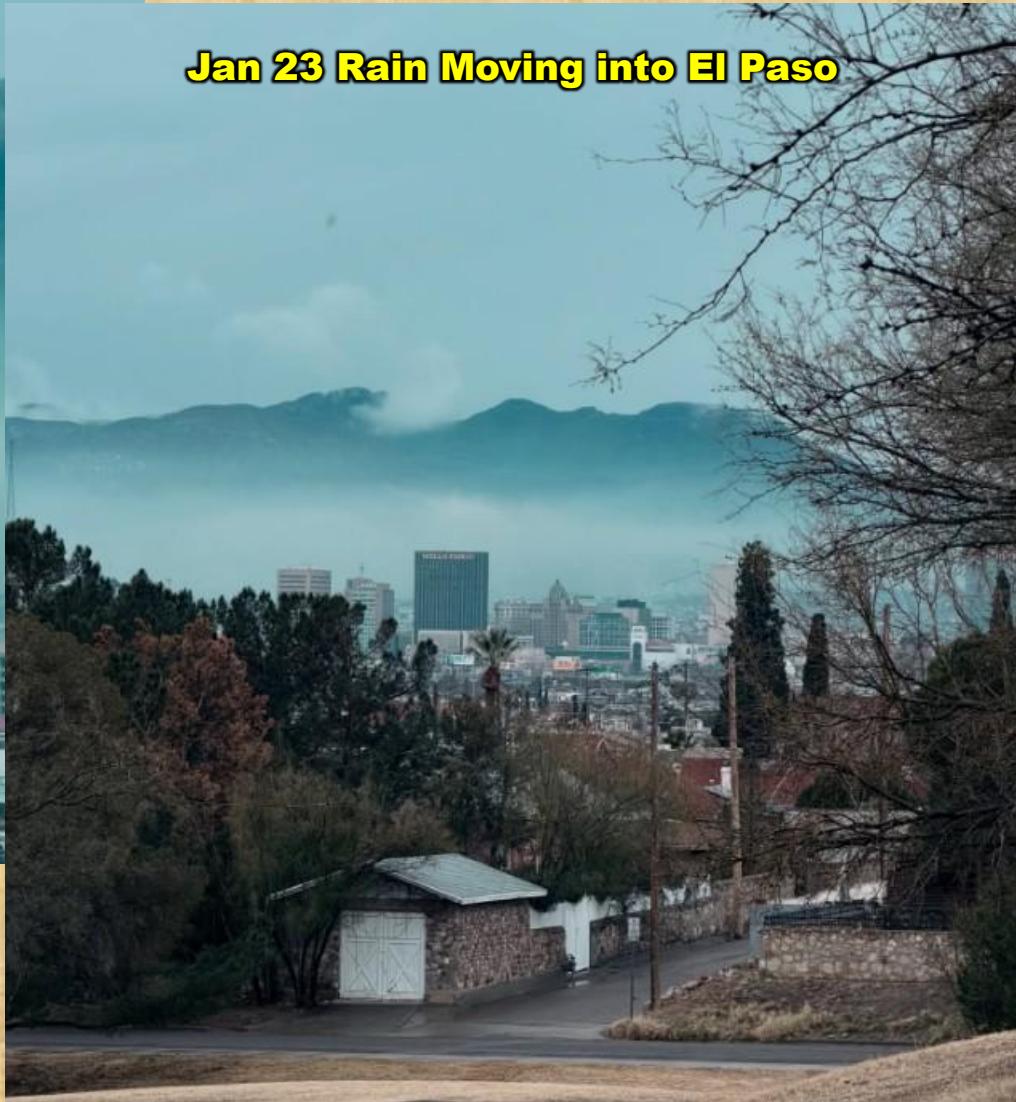
**Jan 9 Wind Damage in
El Paso**



Jan 23 Rain Moving into El Paso



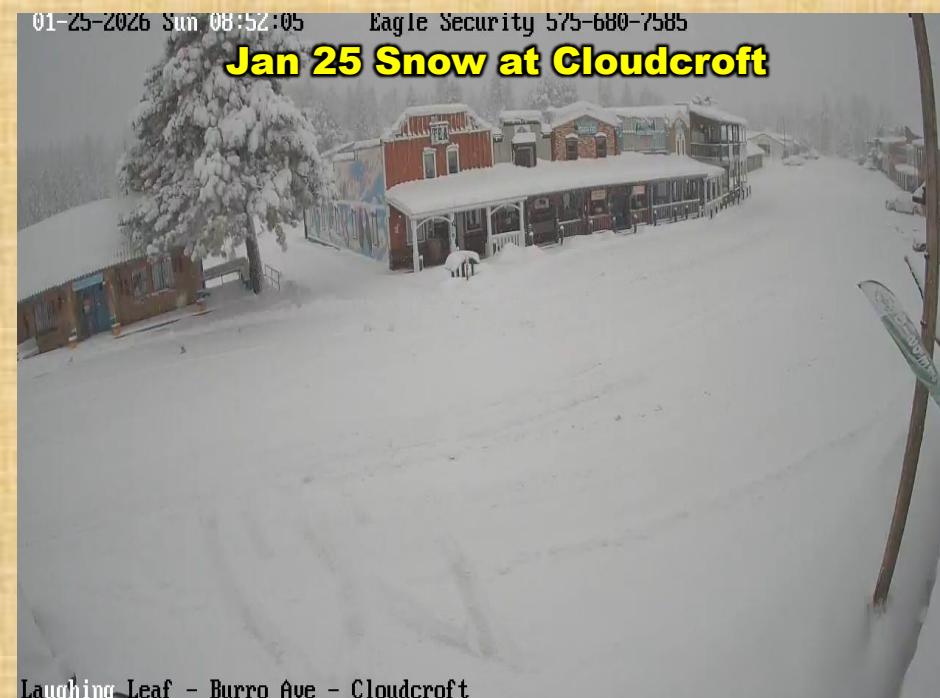
Jan 23 Rain Moving into El Paso



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Jan 25 Snow at Cloudcroft



Laughing Leaf - Burro Ave - Cloudcroft

Jan 25 Snow at Cloudcroft



Jan 25 Snow at Cloudcroft



Jan 25 Snow at Ski Apache

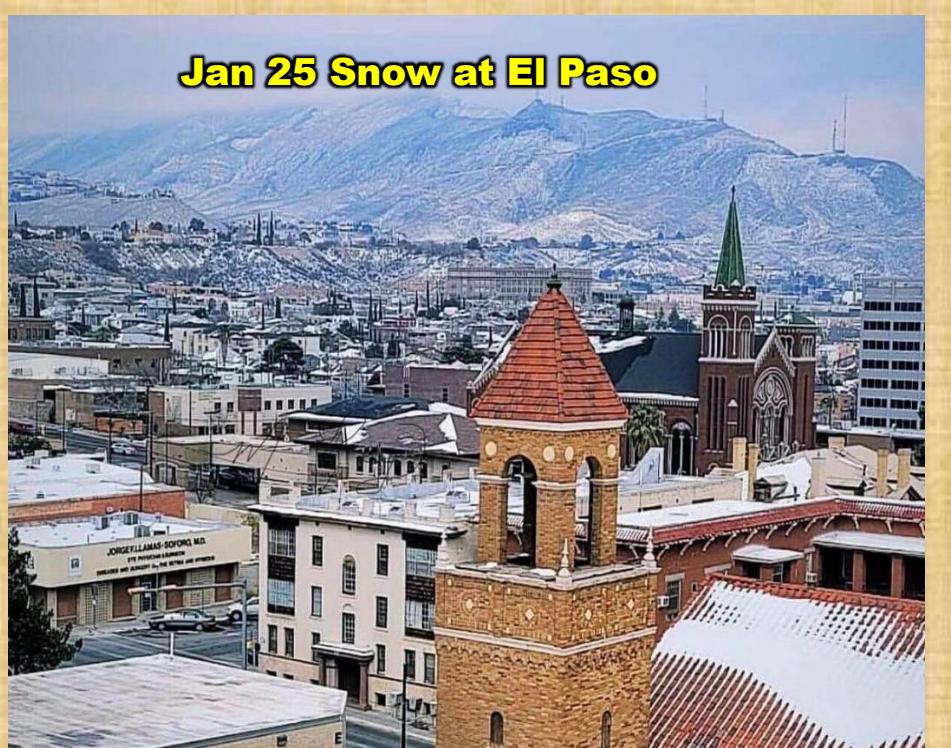


I-10 US-59 Jan 25 Snow at El Paso



01/25/2026 09:18:37 AM

Jan 25 Snow at El Paso



DOPI-375 MM 19 Jan 25 Snow at Trans Mountain Pass



01/25/2026 09:18:37 AM

DOPI-375 MM 17 Jan 25 Snow at Trans Mountain Pass



01/25/2026 09:08:42 AM

Jan 25 Snow at Santa Teresa



Jan 26 Snow near Ft. Hancock



Jan 26 Snow near Anthony, Texas

KFOX14

I-10 Van Horn 136

Jan 26 Snow near Hudspeth County



Jan 24 Snow at Cloudcroft



Jan 26 Snow in Cloudcroft



Jan 26 Snow around Sierra Blanca



Jan 25 Snow at El Paso



Jan 25 Snow White Sands NP



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SIERRA
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Jan 7 Rainfall Totals Around Silver City

0.47

CoCoRaHS Legend ^

24-Hour Precipitation

Jan 8, 2026

4:30 AM-9:30 AM local obs time

- NA
- Zero
- Trace
- 0.01 - 0.05 in.
- 0.06 - 0.29 in.
- 0.30 - 0.65 in.
- 0.66 - 0.99 in.
- 1.00 - 1.45 in.
- 1.46 - 2.27 in.

Buckhorn

Cliff Gila

0.54

0.45

PINOS ALTOS RANGE

9029 ft

Riv.
Riv.

Mimbres

Harover

0.60

Santa Clara

Bayard

6613 ft

Hurley

WHITEHORSE
MOUNTAIN

Grant

Silver City

0.91

0.92

0.84

0.86

0.77

0.65

0.55

0.88

0.75

0.81

0.81

0.92

0.90

0.74

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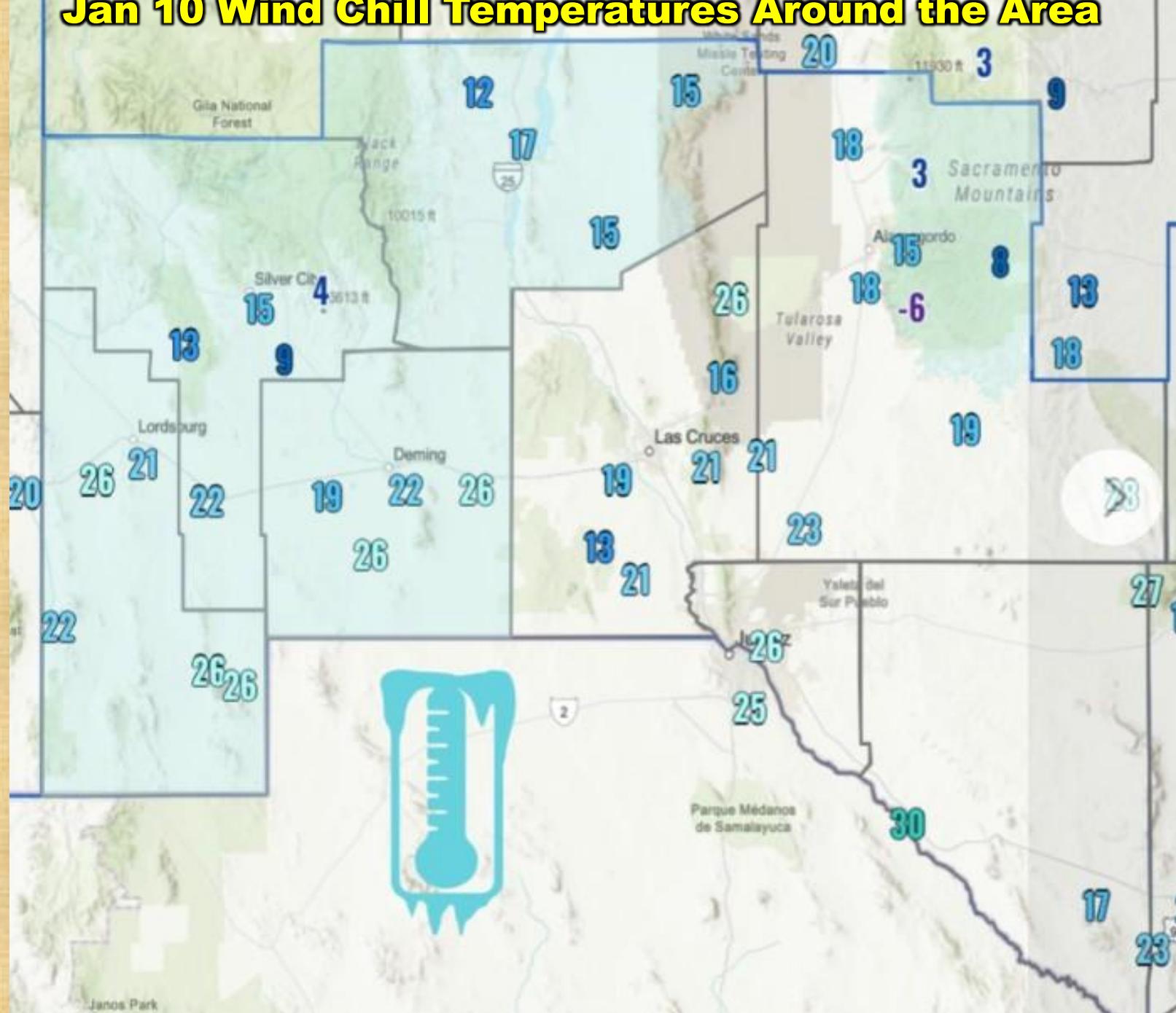
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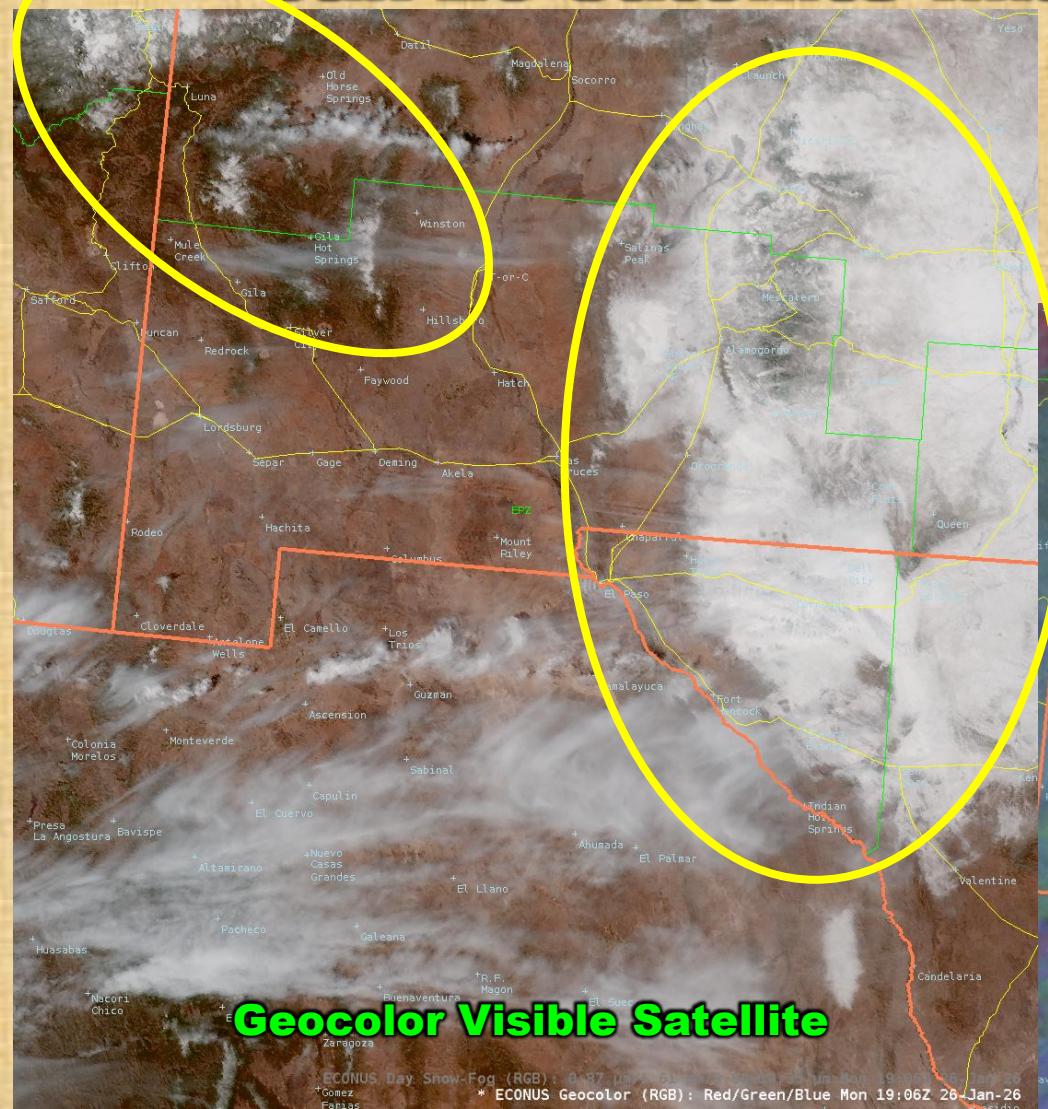
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Civet

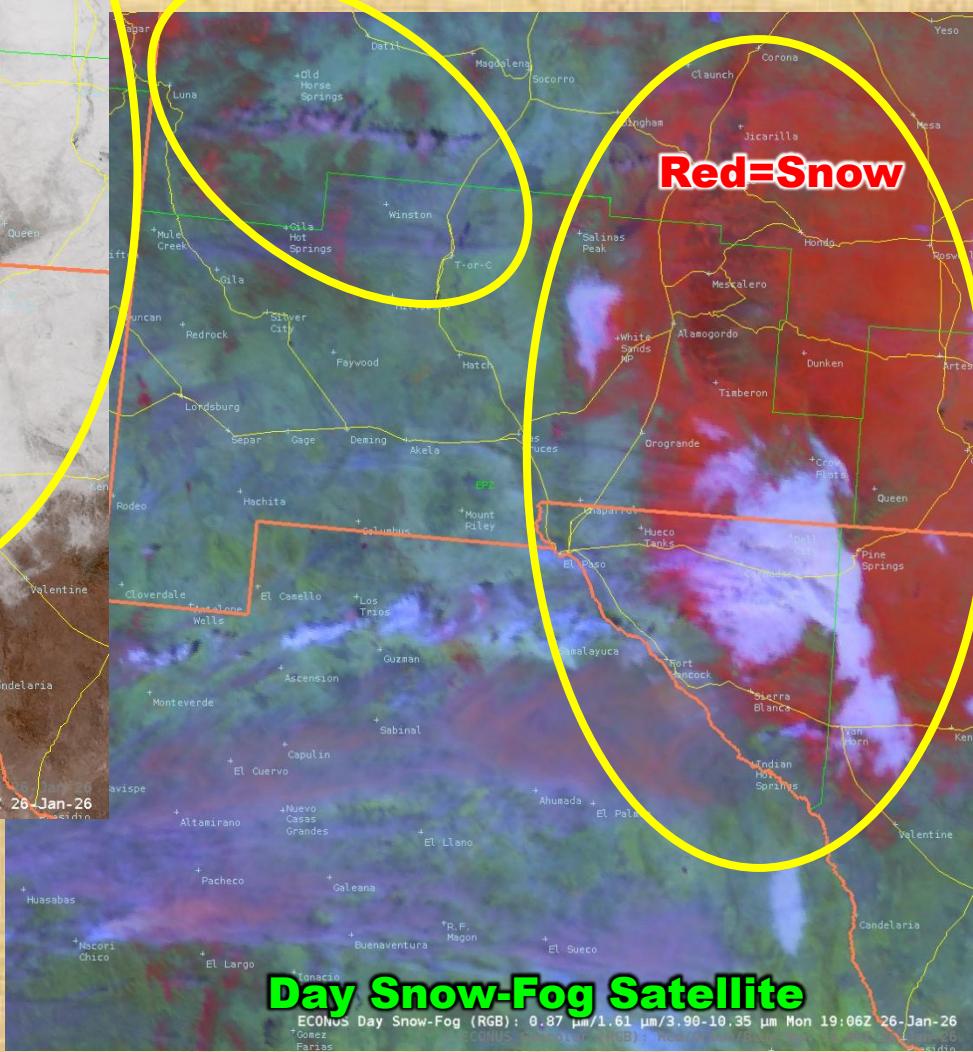
Jan 10 Wind Chill Temperatures Around the Area



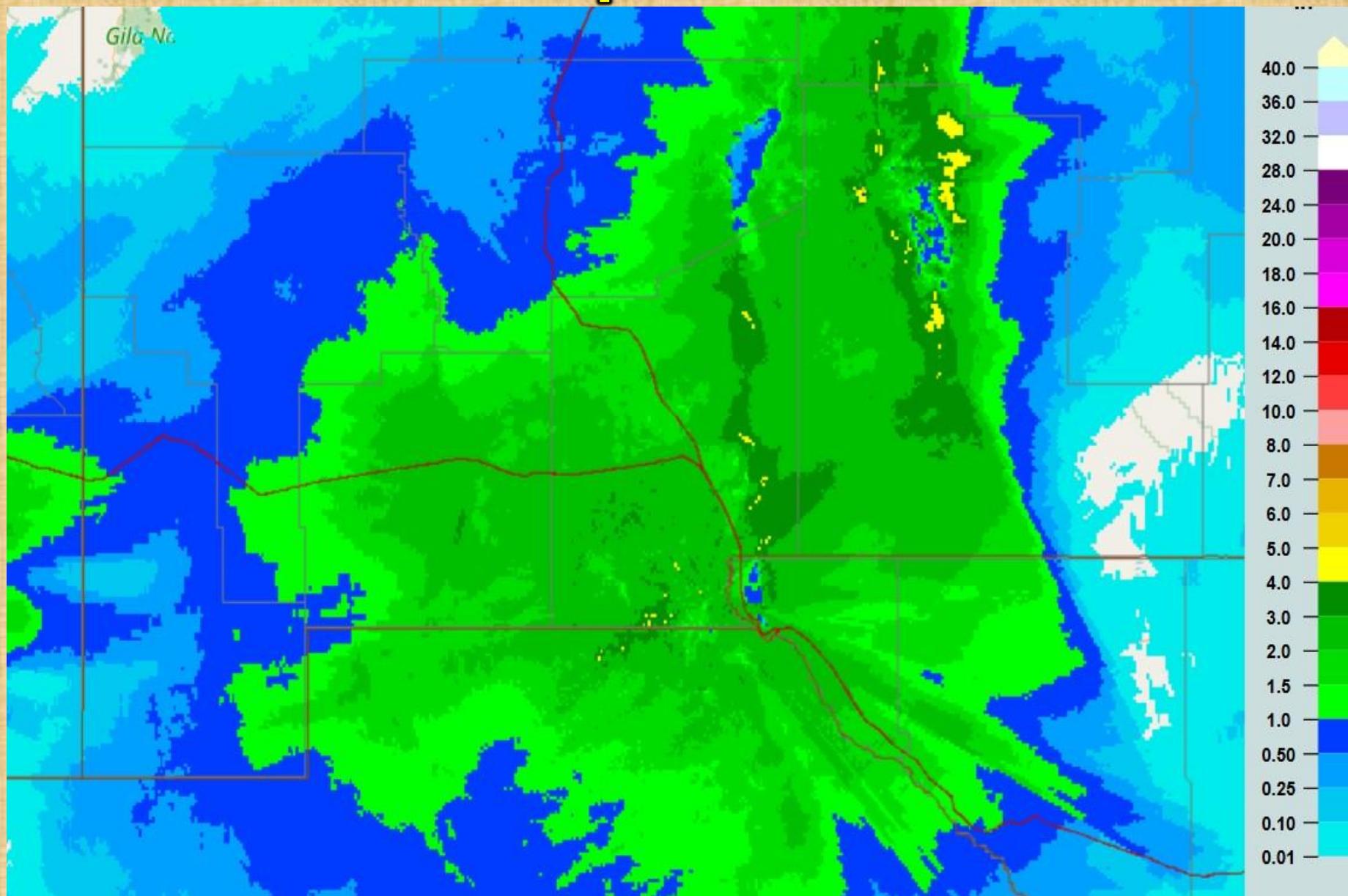
Jan 26 Satellite Image of Snow



Fresh snow inside
the yellow ovals

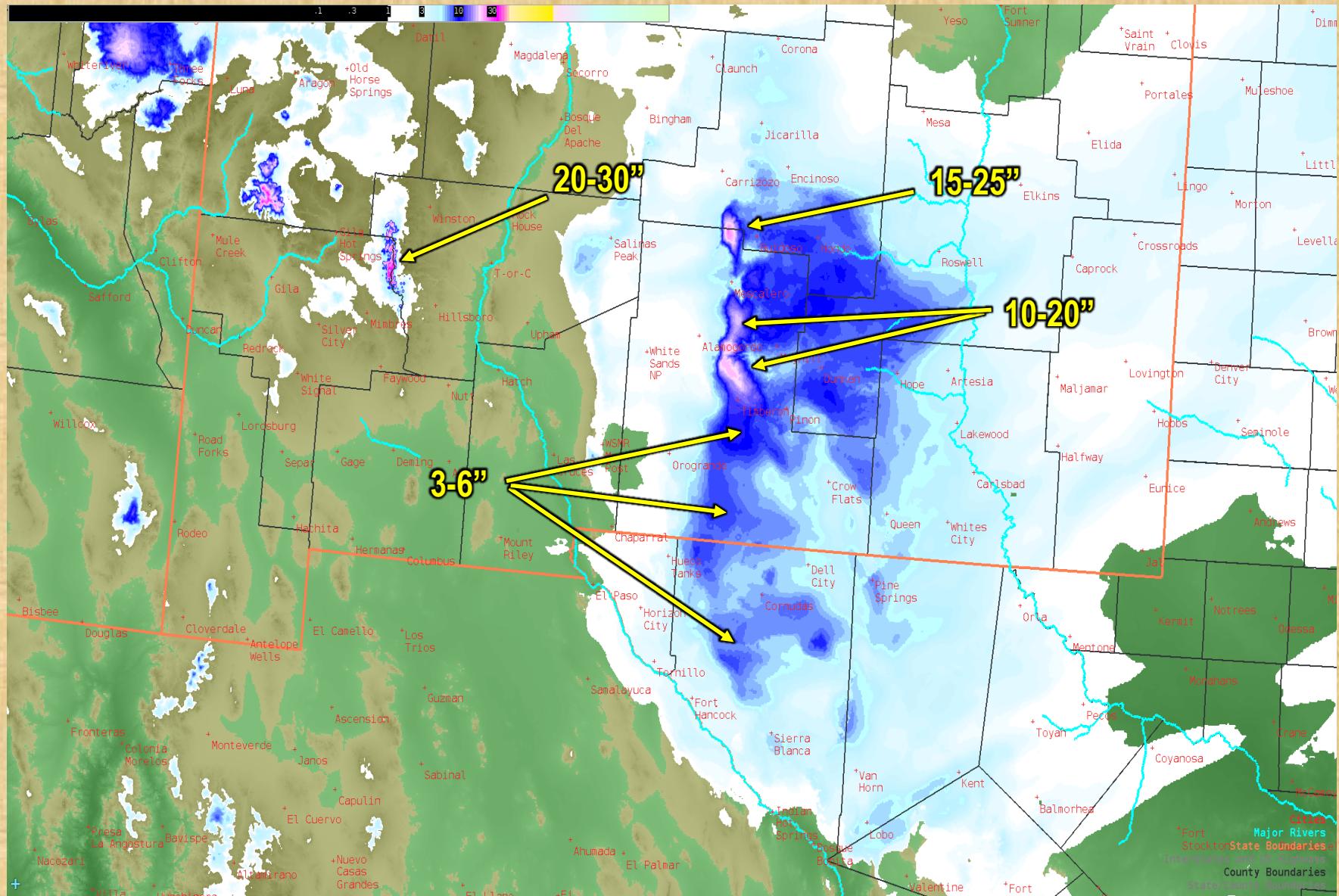


Jan 25 Total Radar Estimated Precipitation



Jan 26 Snow Coverage in Inches

Snow in the mountains is the seasonal snowpack; snow over the lowlands is what fell over the past 2 days.



ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Advisory

ENSO Alert System

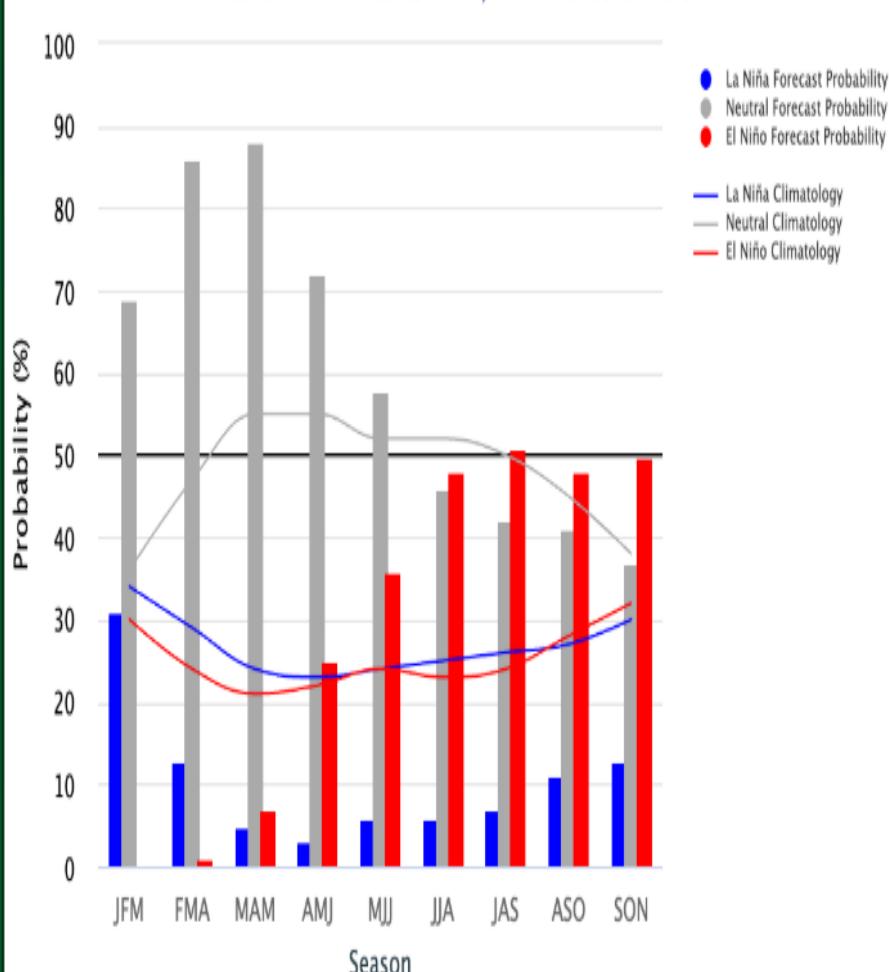
- **El Niño or La Niña Watch:** Issued when conditions are favorable for the development of El Niño or La Niña conditions in the next six months.
- **El Niño or La Niña Advisory:** Issued when El Niño or La Niña conditions are observed and expected to continue.

ENSO Forecast

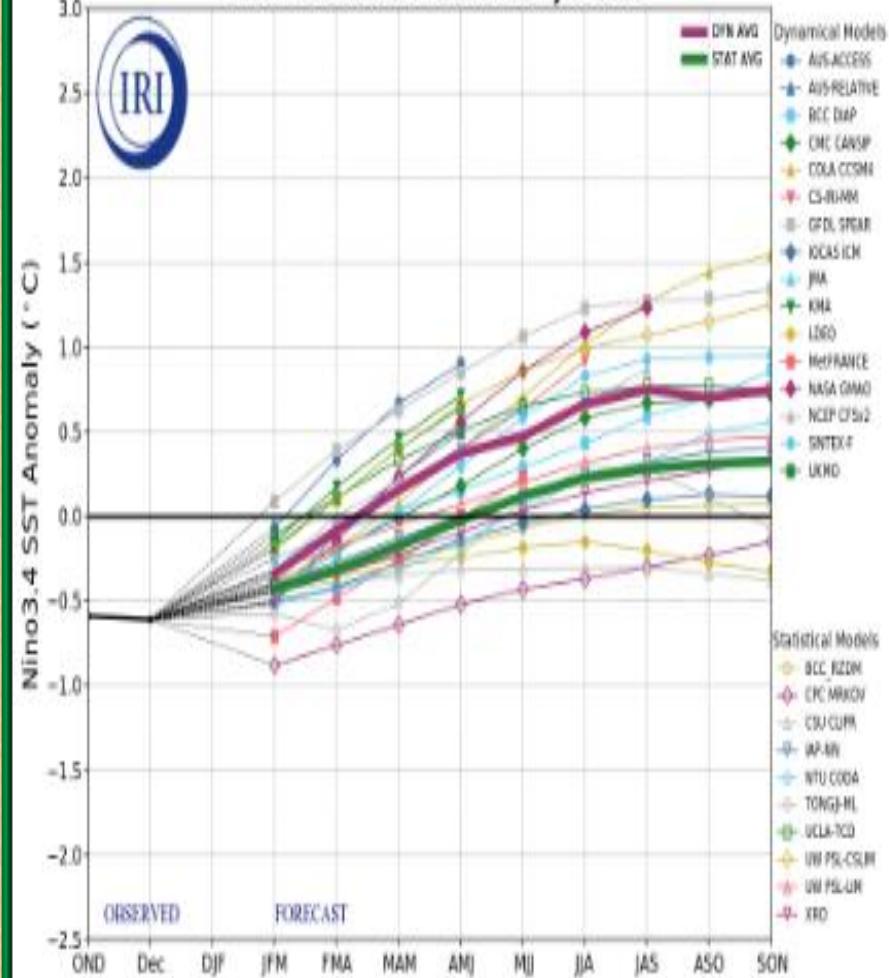
ENSO is currently in a weak La Niña phase and will likely transition back to neutral late this winter.

Mid-January 2026 IRI Model-Based Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

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

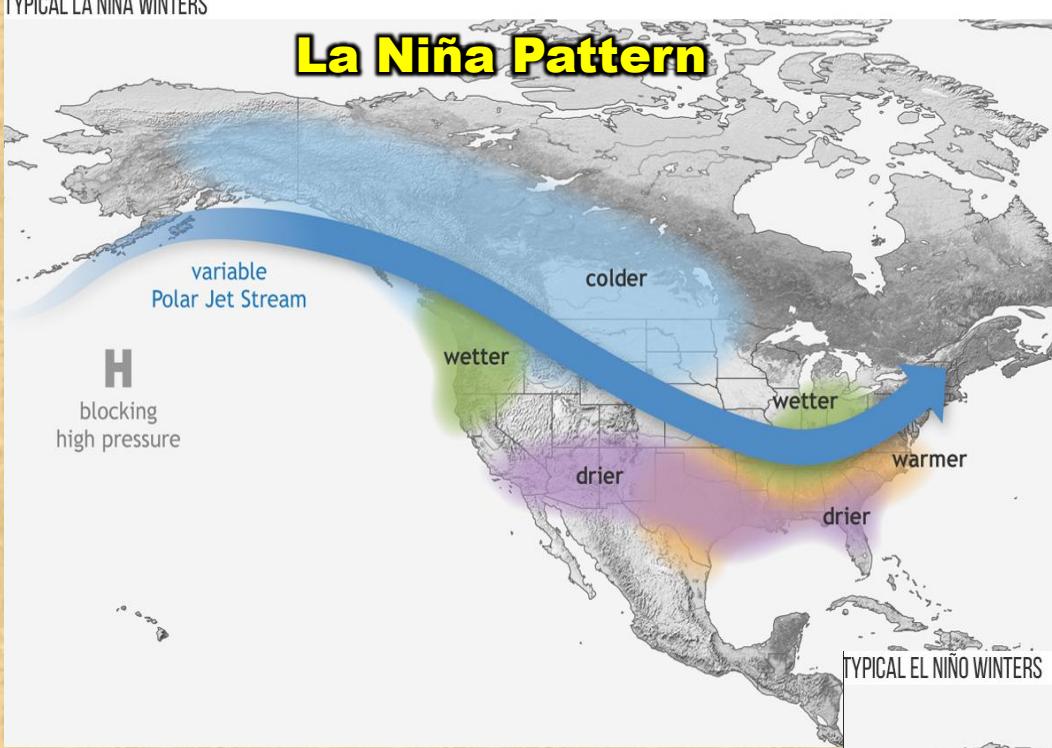


Model Predictions of ENSO from Jan 2026



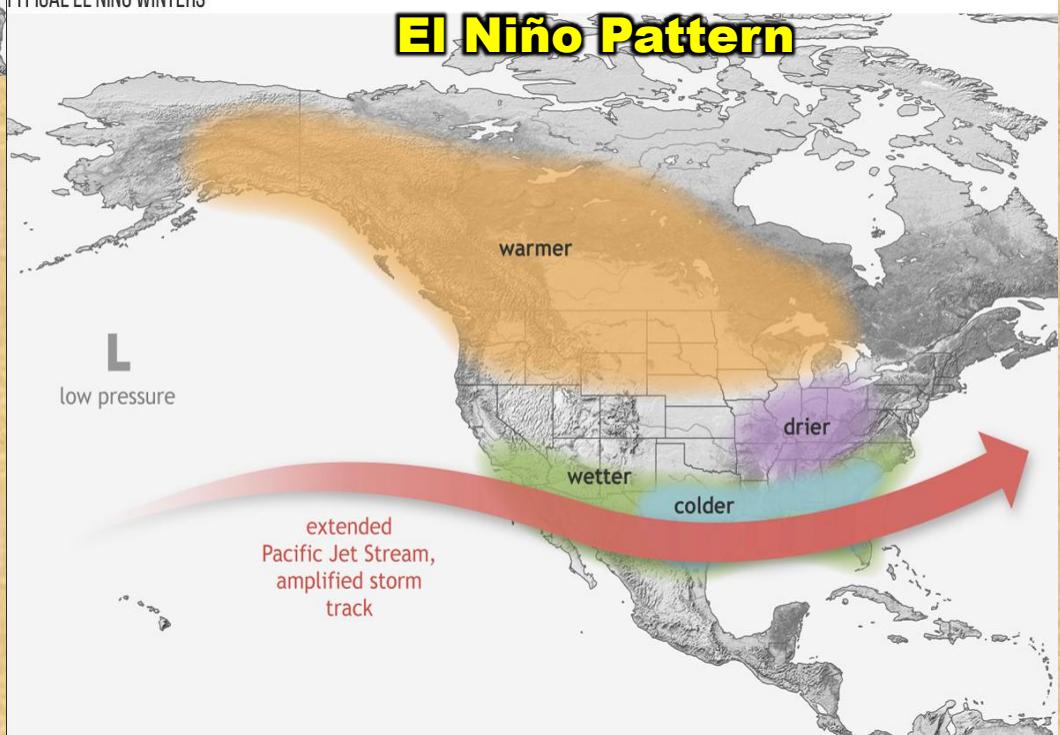
TYPICAL LA NIÑA WINTERS

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



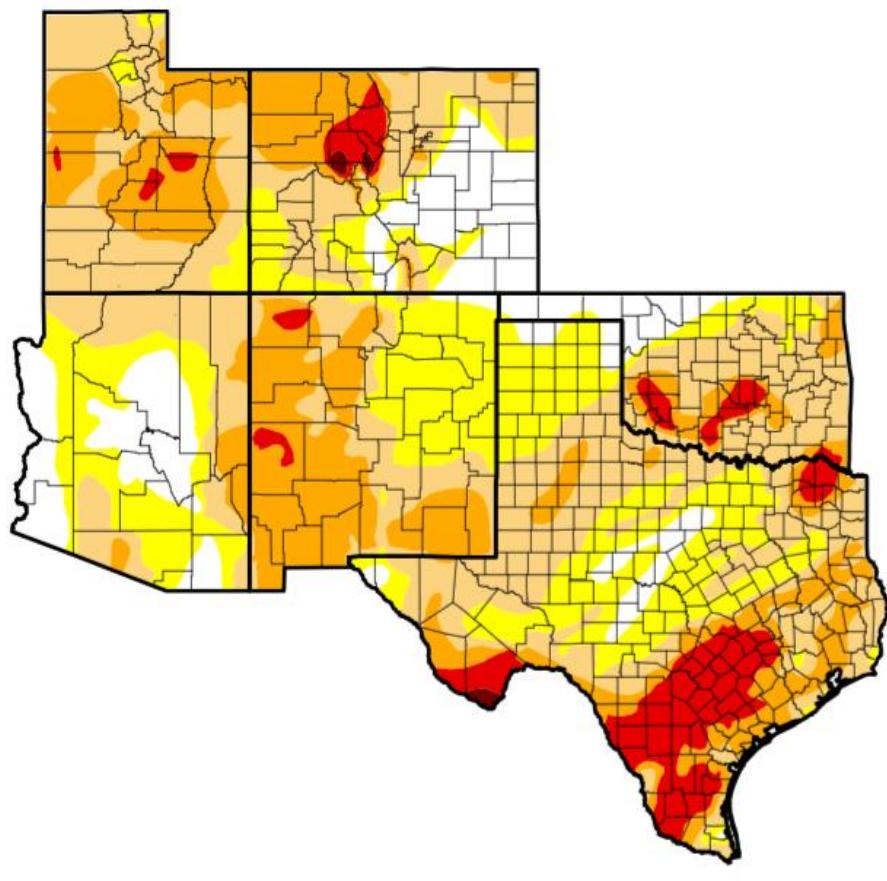
With El Niño, we often see the opposite pattern where the eastern Pacific ridge of high pressure is often weak or non-existent, allowing winter storms to sweep across the southern U.S. This typically will give the southwestern U.S. above normal precipitation.

Intensity:

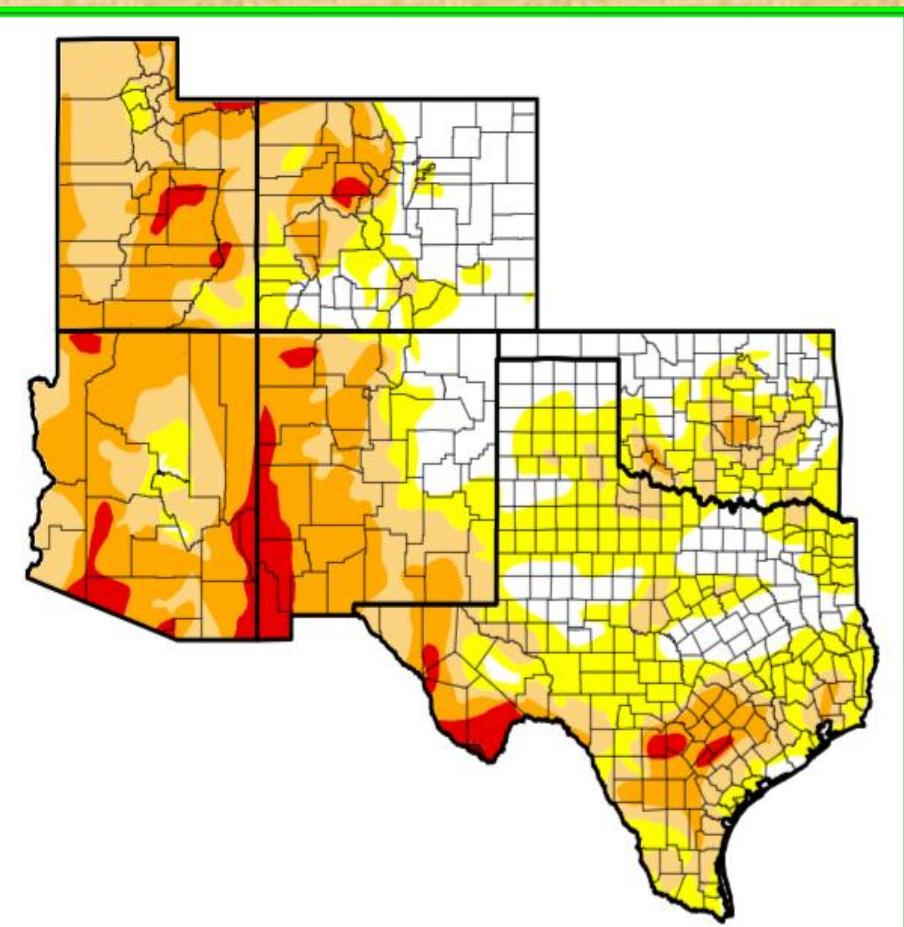
- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

Current drought conditions and 3 month change

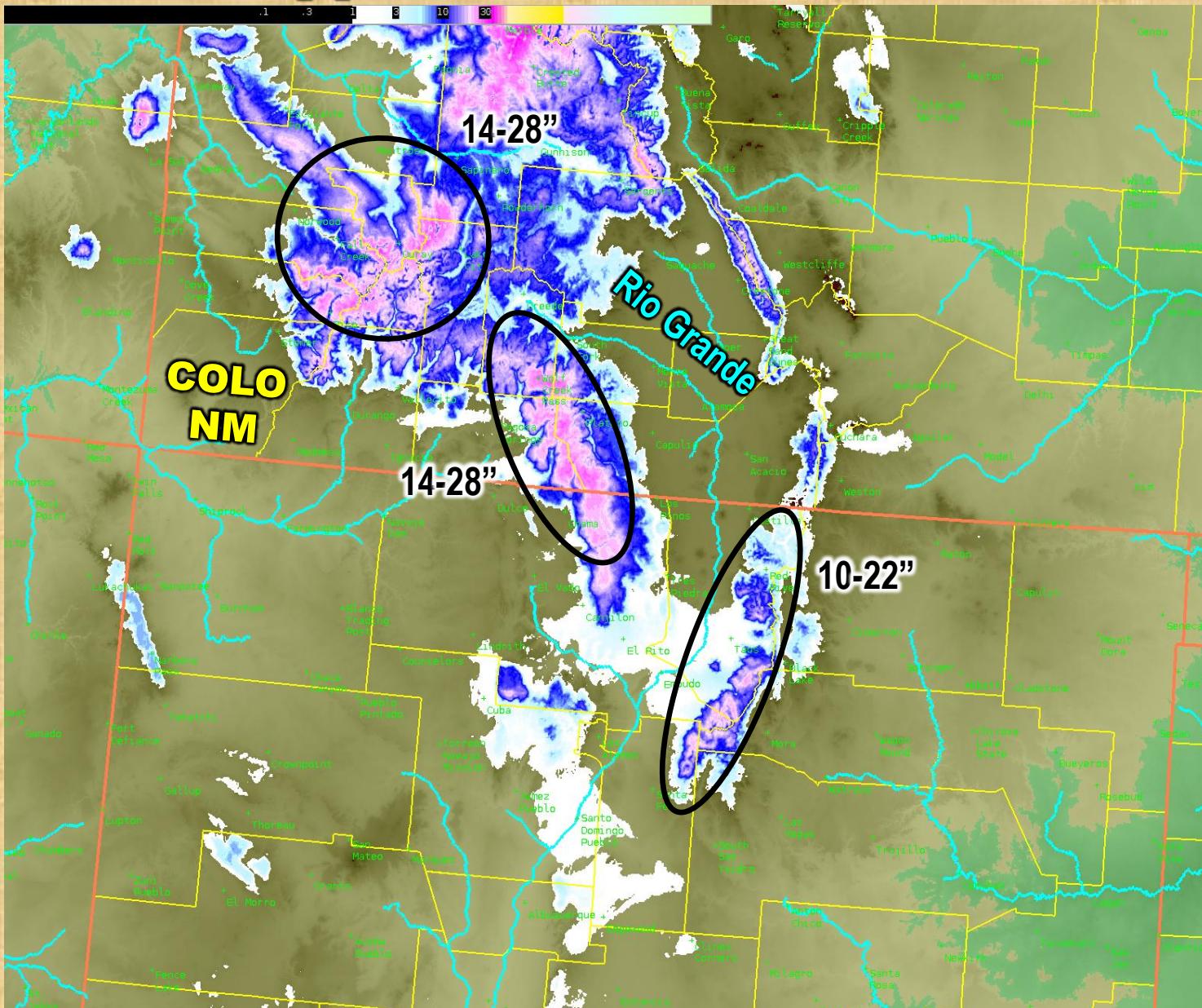
Jan 27, 2026



Oct 28, 2025

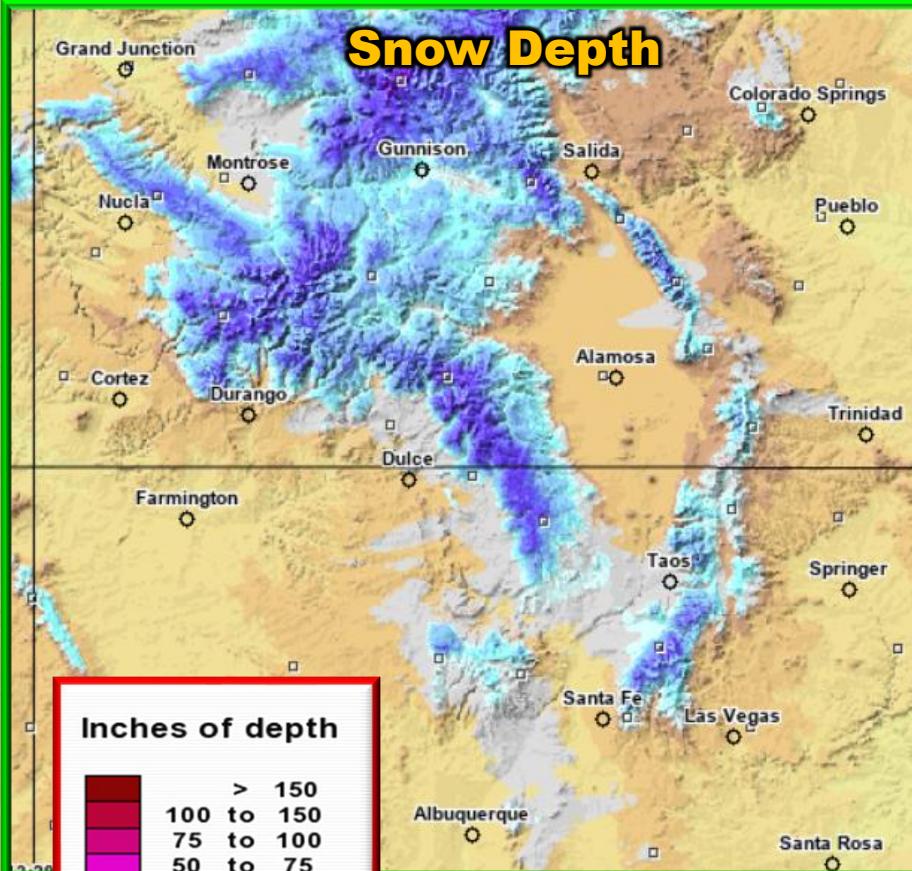


January 31, 2026 Snow Depth Upper Rio Grande Basin



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

Snow Depth



Inches of depth

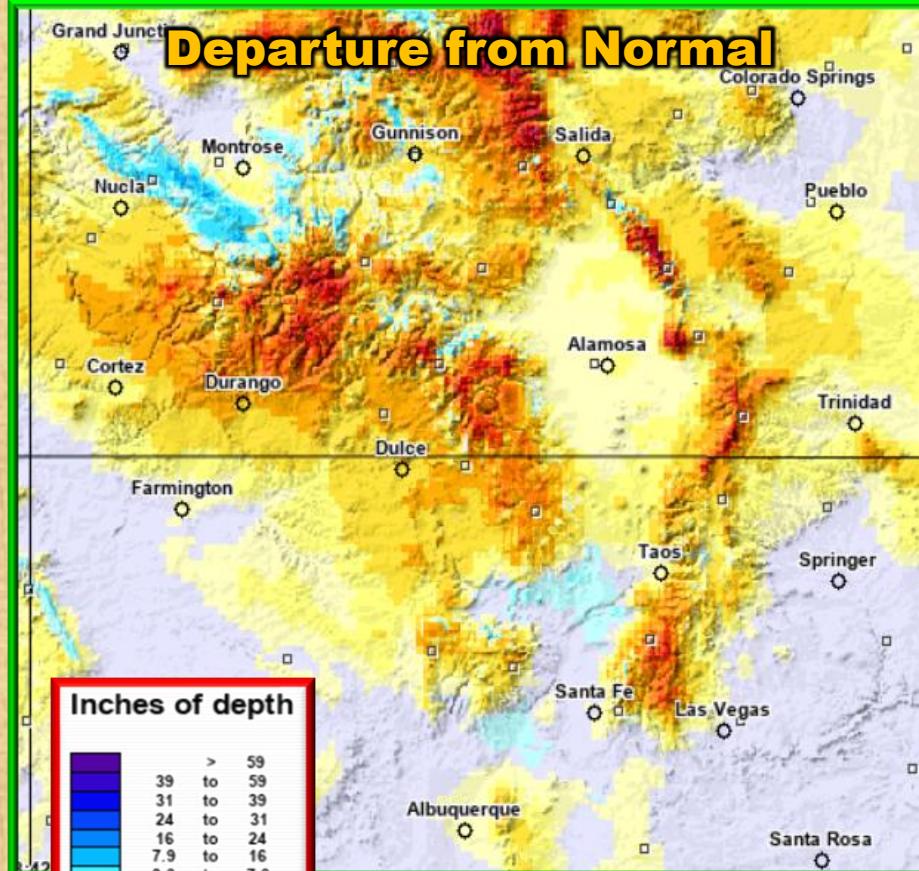
> 150
100 to 150
75 to 100
50 to 75
40 to 50
30 to 40
20 to 30
16 to 20
12 to 16
8.0 to 12
4.0 to 8.0
2.0 to 4.0
trace to 2.0

Not Estimated

Elevation in feet

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

Departure from Normal



Inches of depth

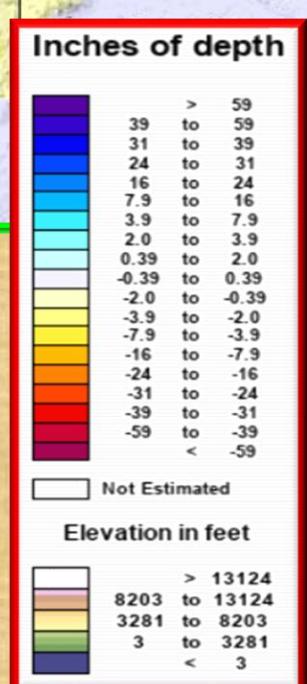
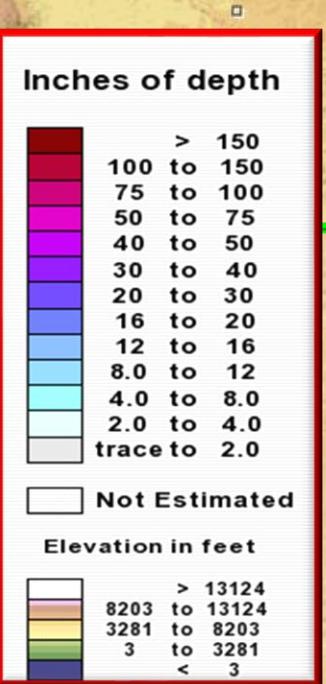
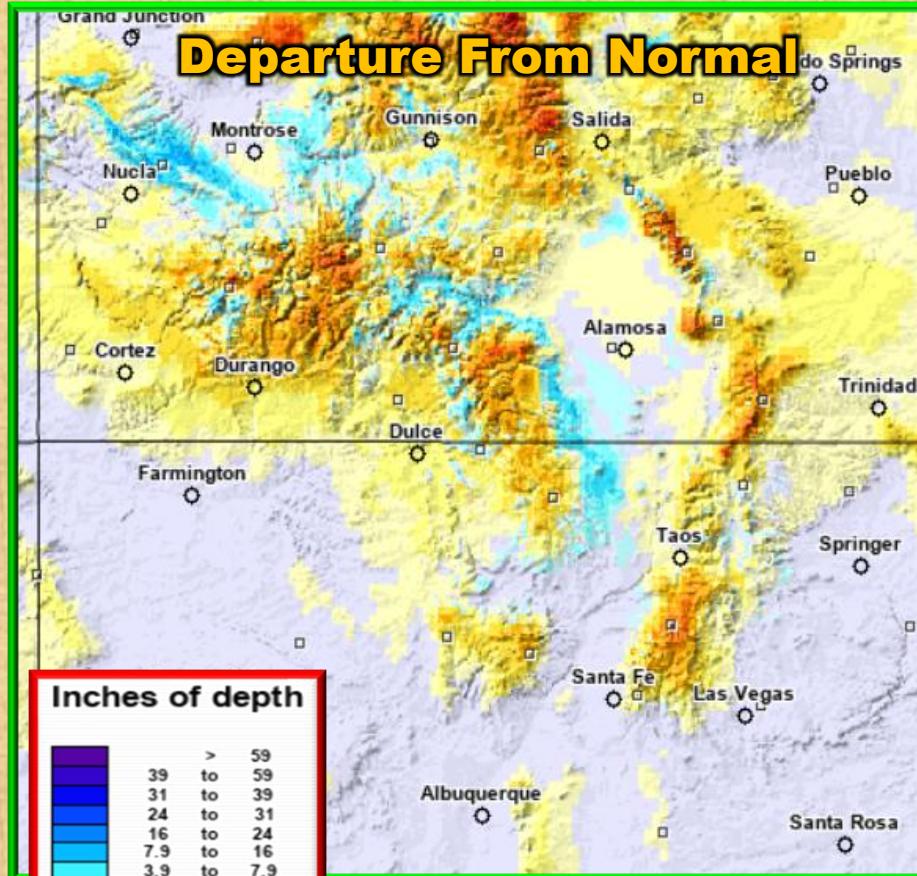
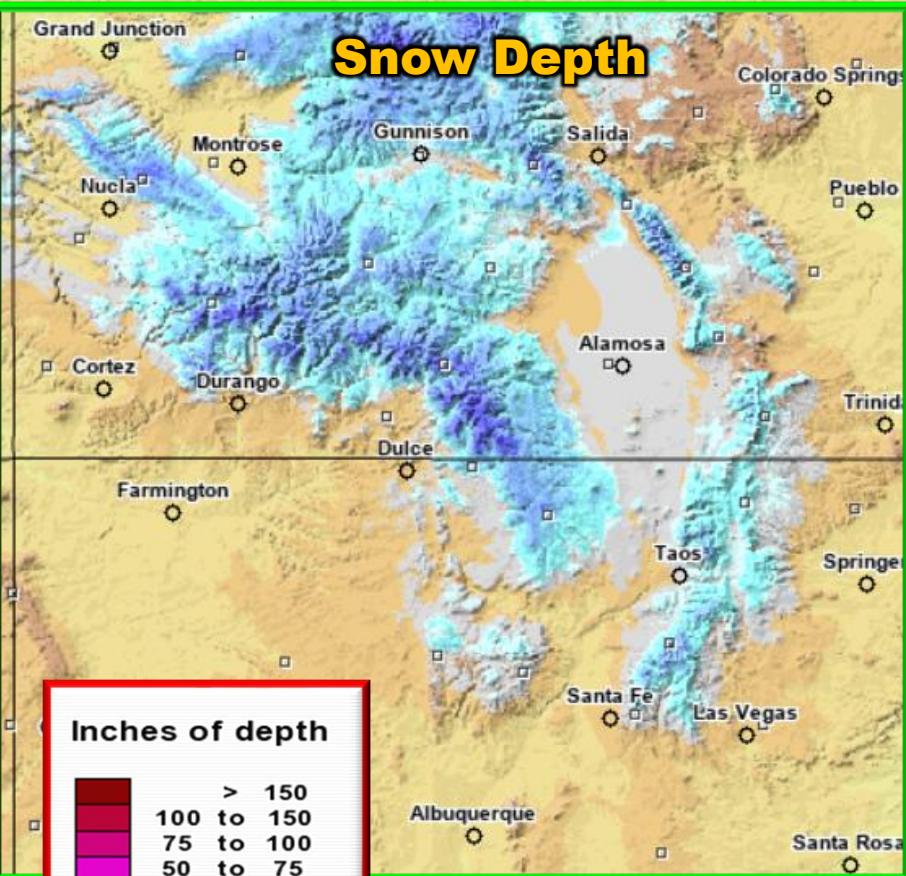
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39 to 59
31 to 39
24 to 31
16 to 24
7.9 to 16
3.9 to 7.9
2.0 to 3.9
0.39 to 2.0
-0.39 to 0.39
-2.0 to -0.39
-3.9 to -2.0
-7.9 to -3.9
-16 to -7.9
-24 to -16
-31 to -24
-39 to -31
-59 to -39
< -59

Not Estimated

Elevation in feet

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

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



Snow Water Equivalent as of Jan 31, 2026

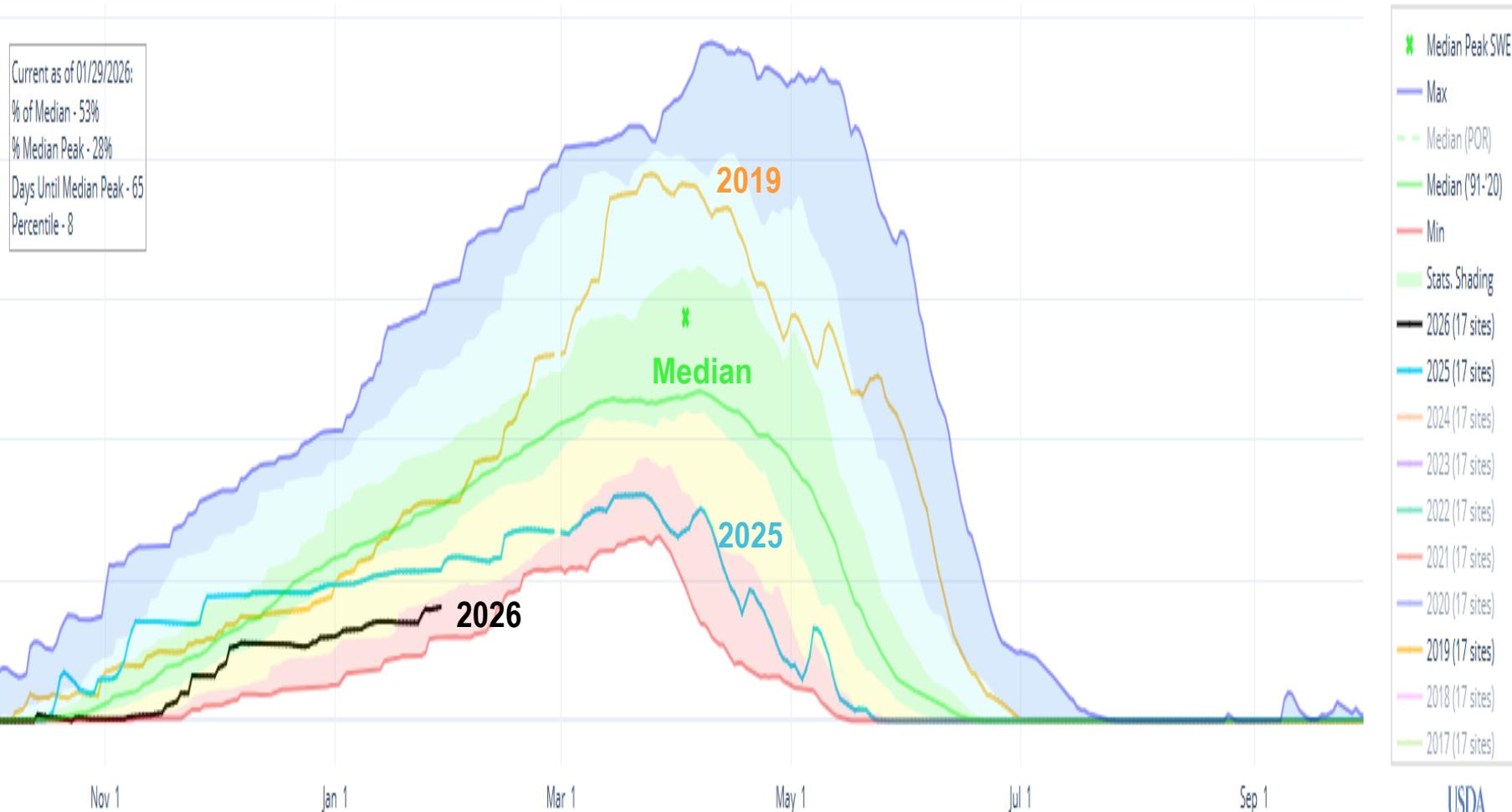
Compared to last few years and average values

Upper Rio Grande Basin

Reset Range

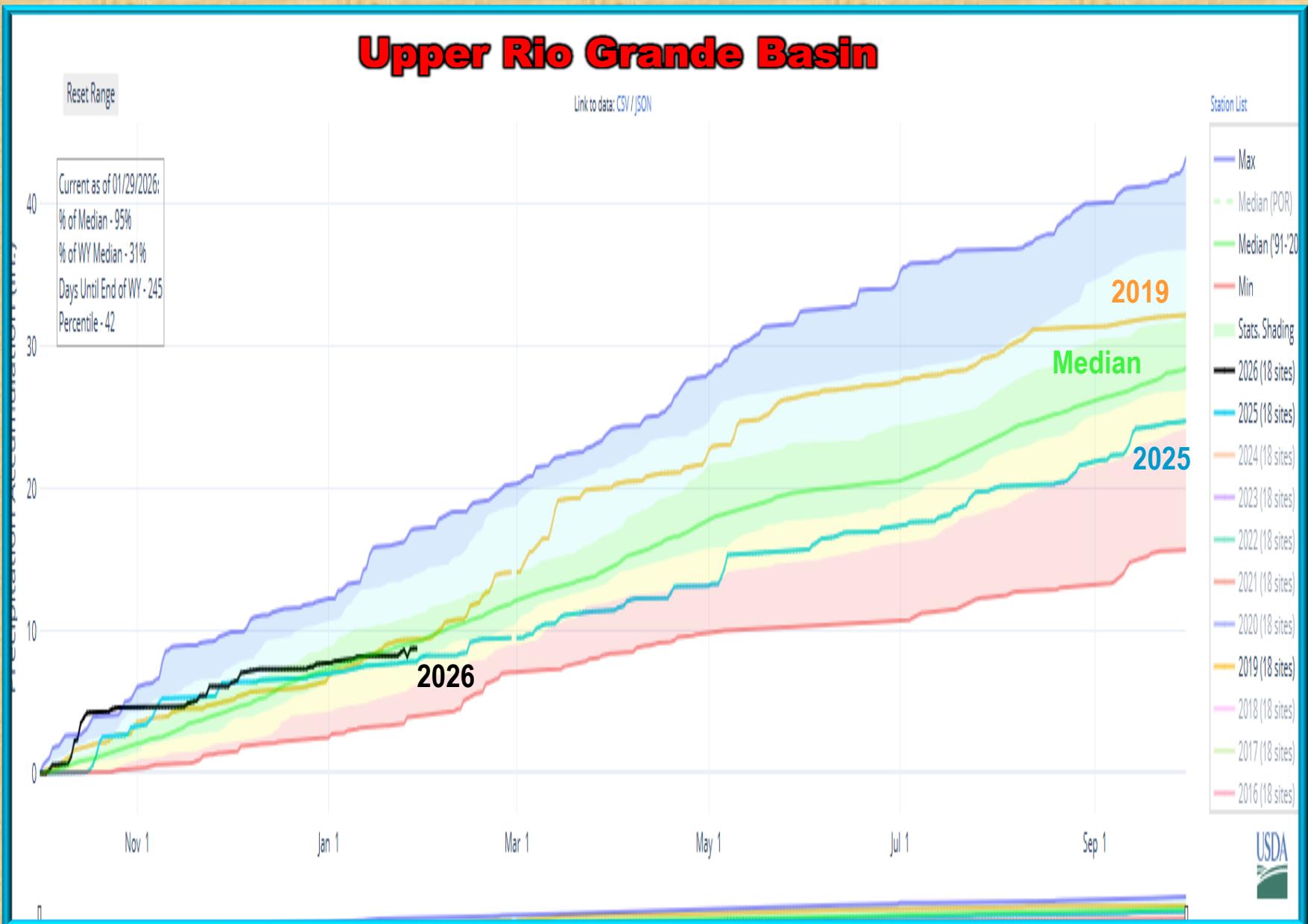
[Link to data: CSV / JSON](#)

Station List



Precipitation for the Water YTD Oct 1 – Jan 31, 2026

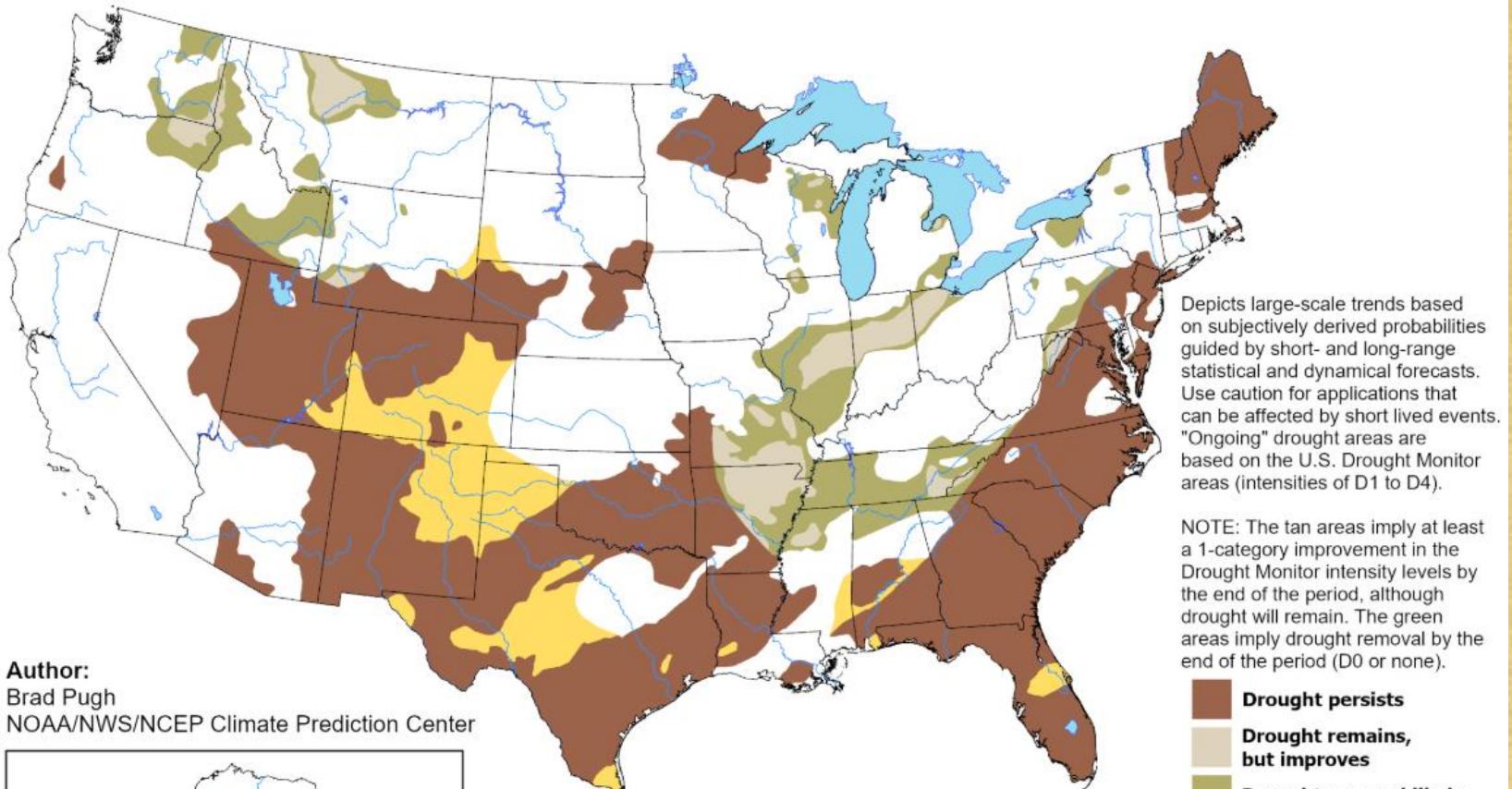
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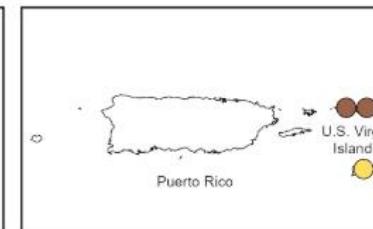
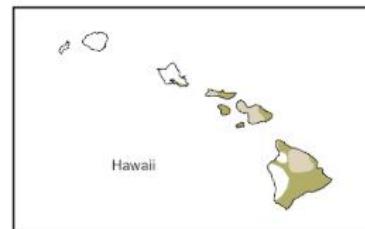
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for January 15 - April 30, 2026
Released January 15, 2026



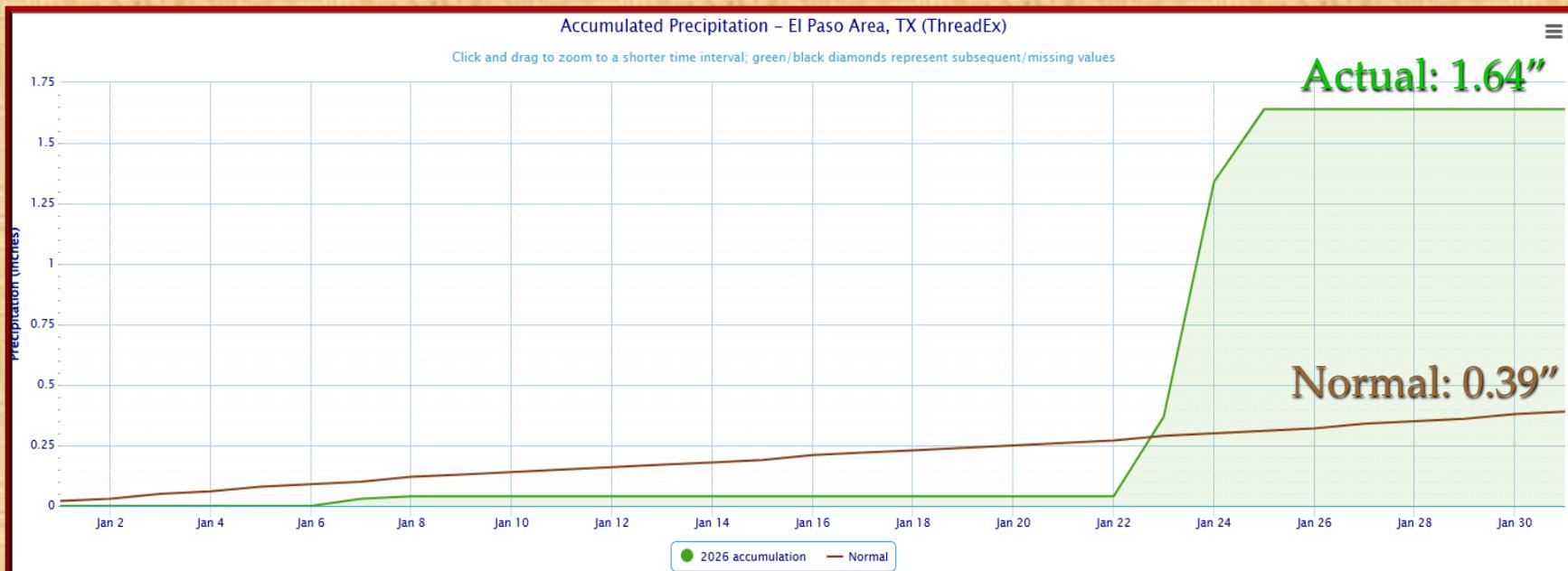
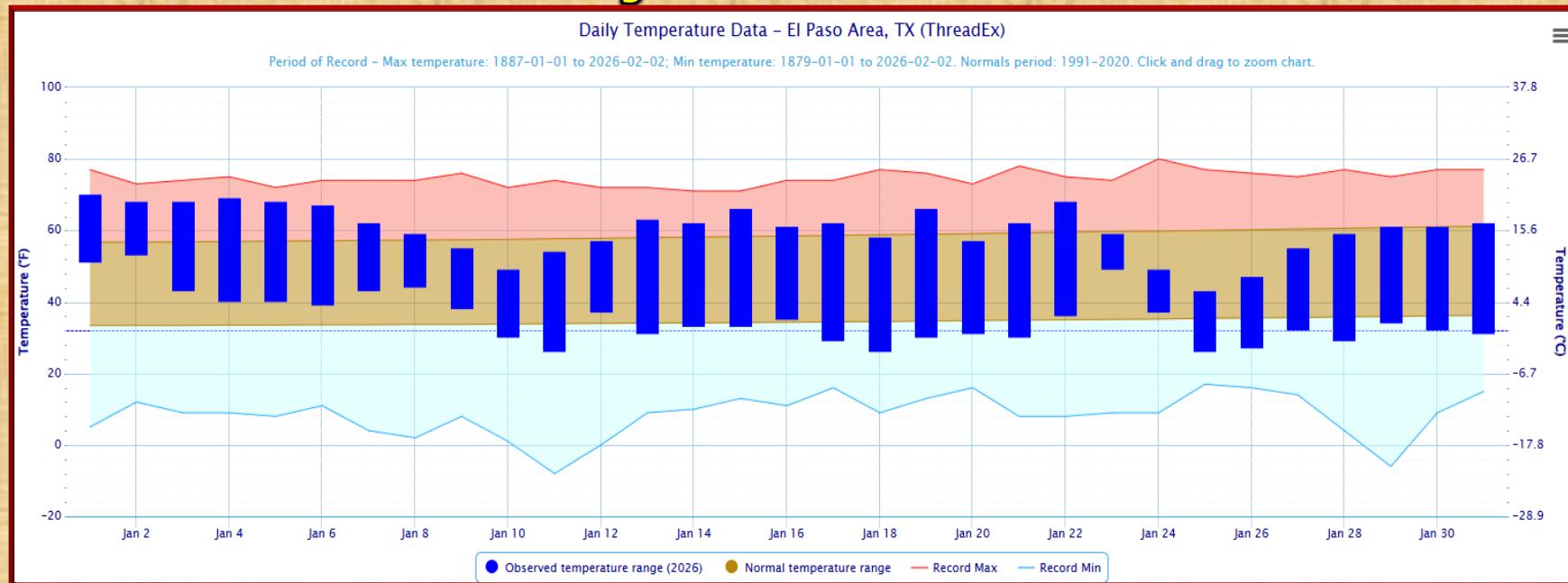
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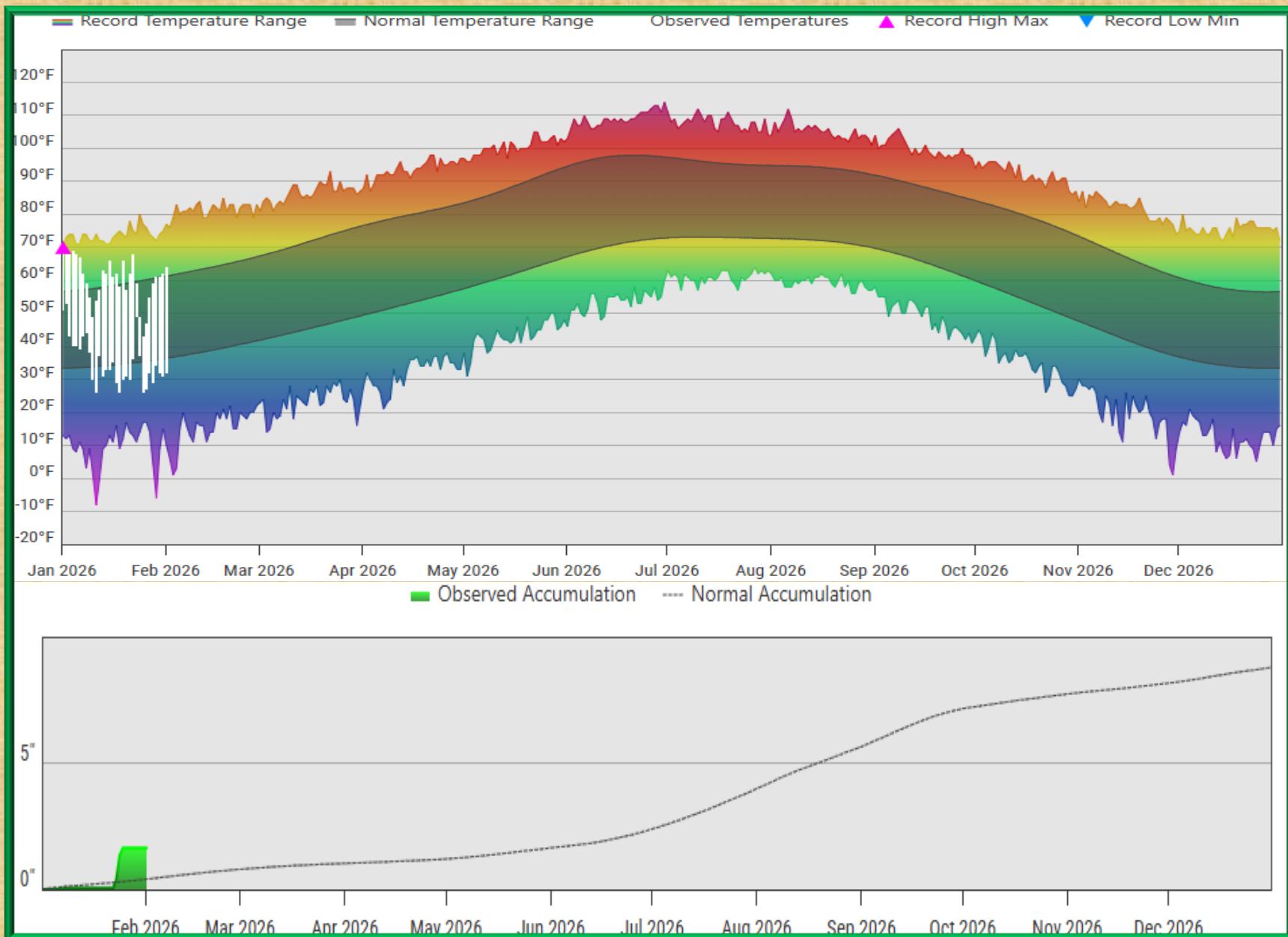
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Temperature and precipitation data for January 2026 in El Paso

○ = record

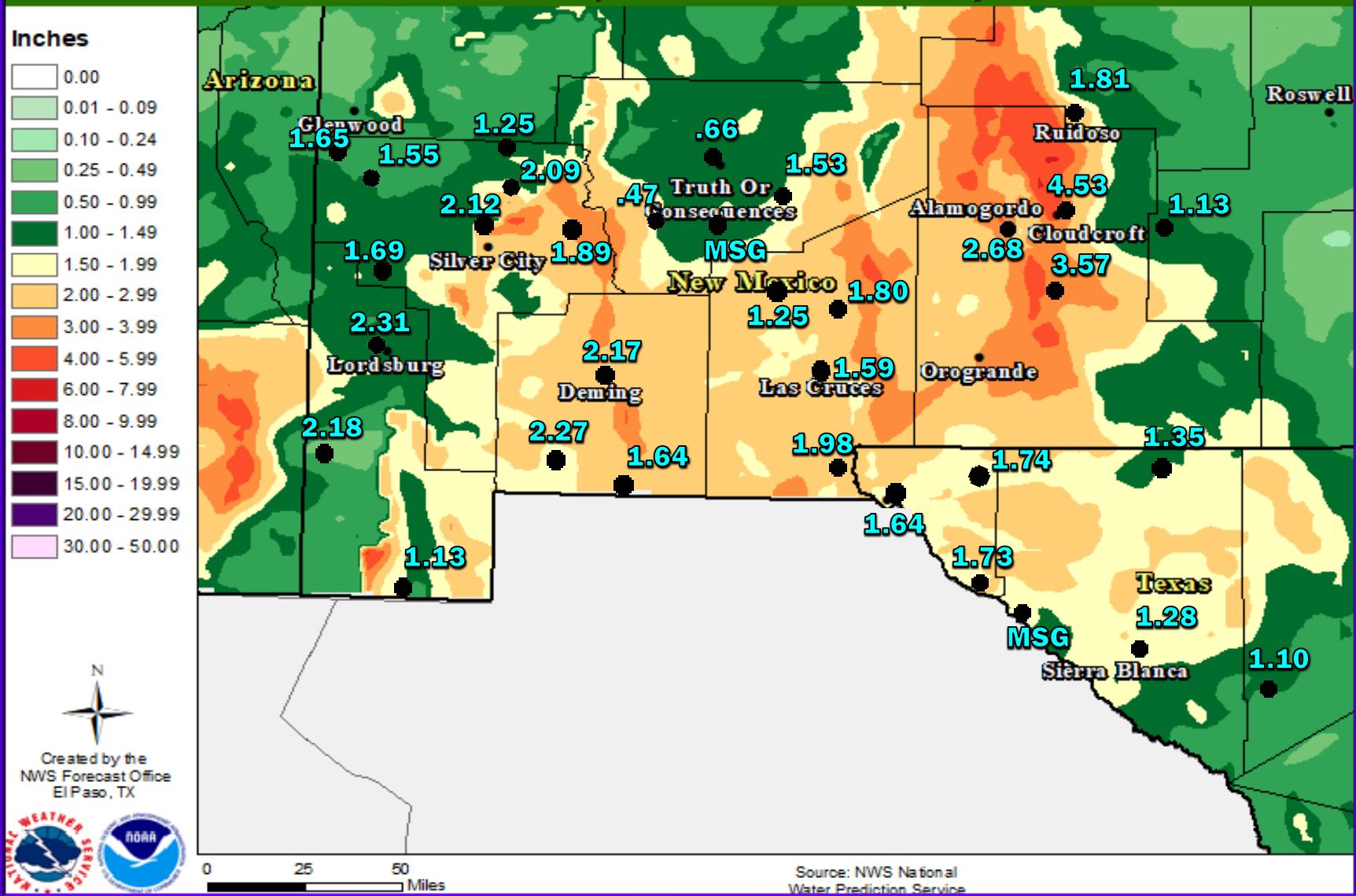


2026 Temperature and Precipitation through January for El Paso

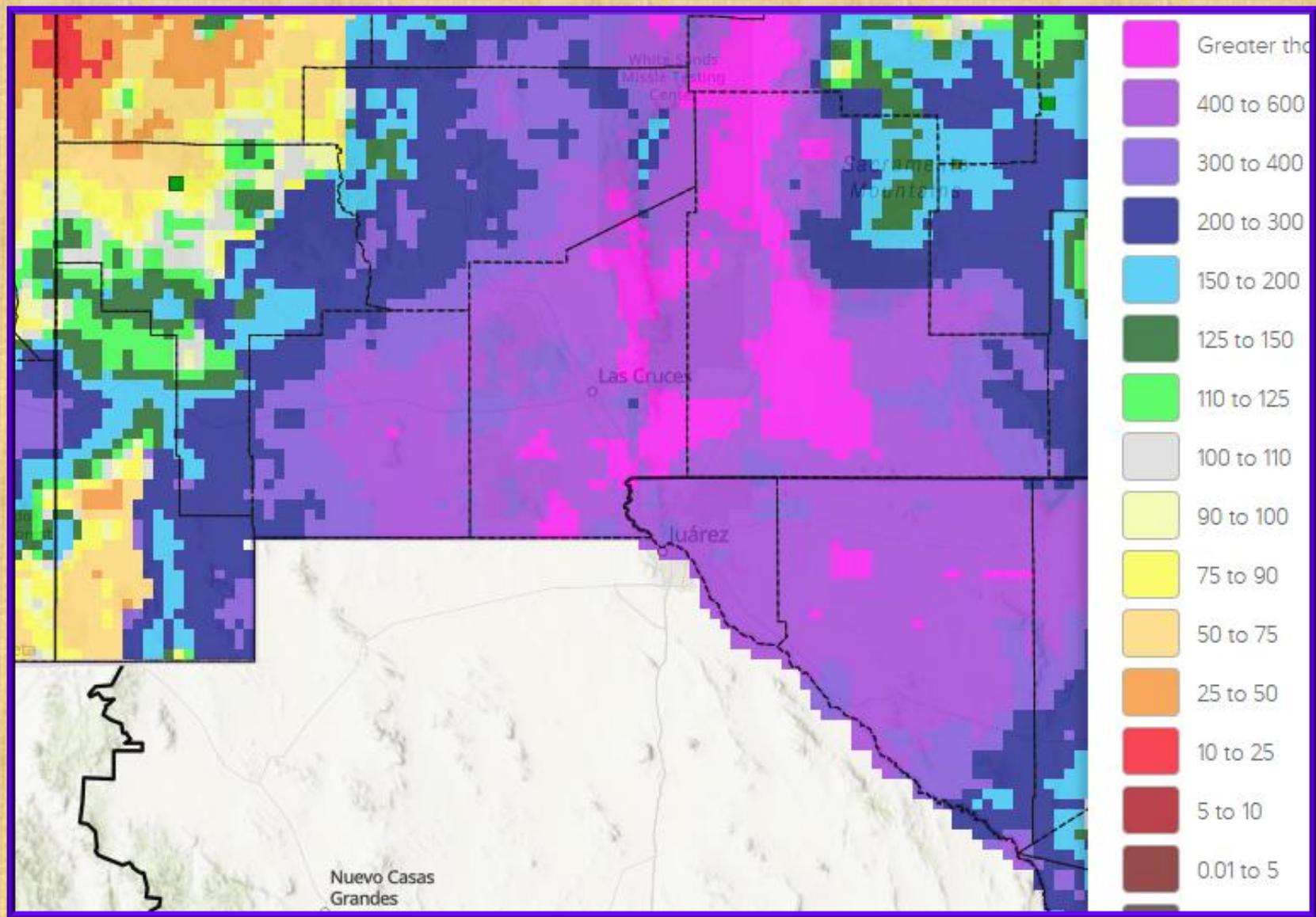


January 2026 rainfall estimate with surface rainfall reports

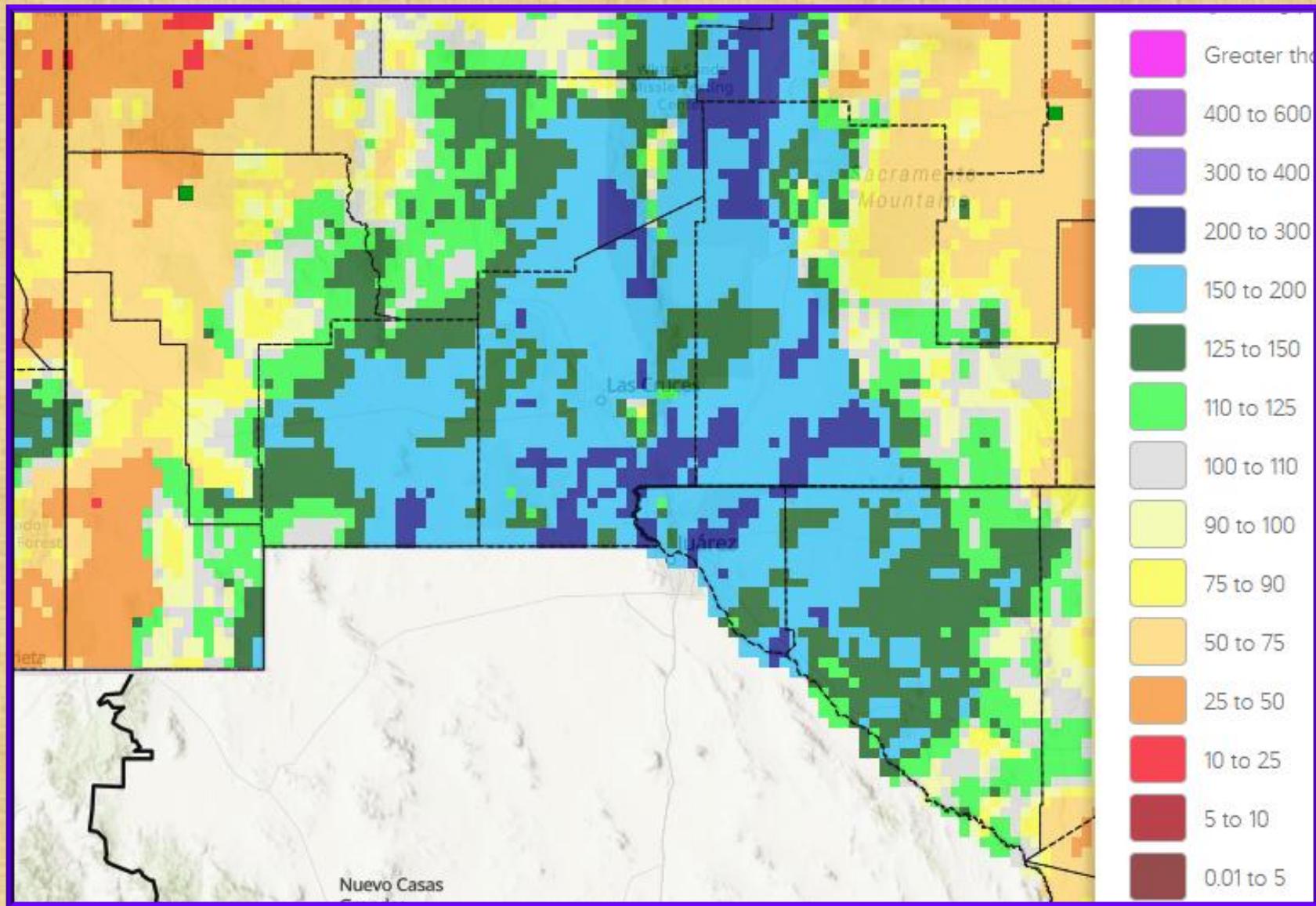
Observed Precipitation To Date - January



January 2026 rainfall estimate percent of normal



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



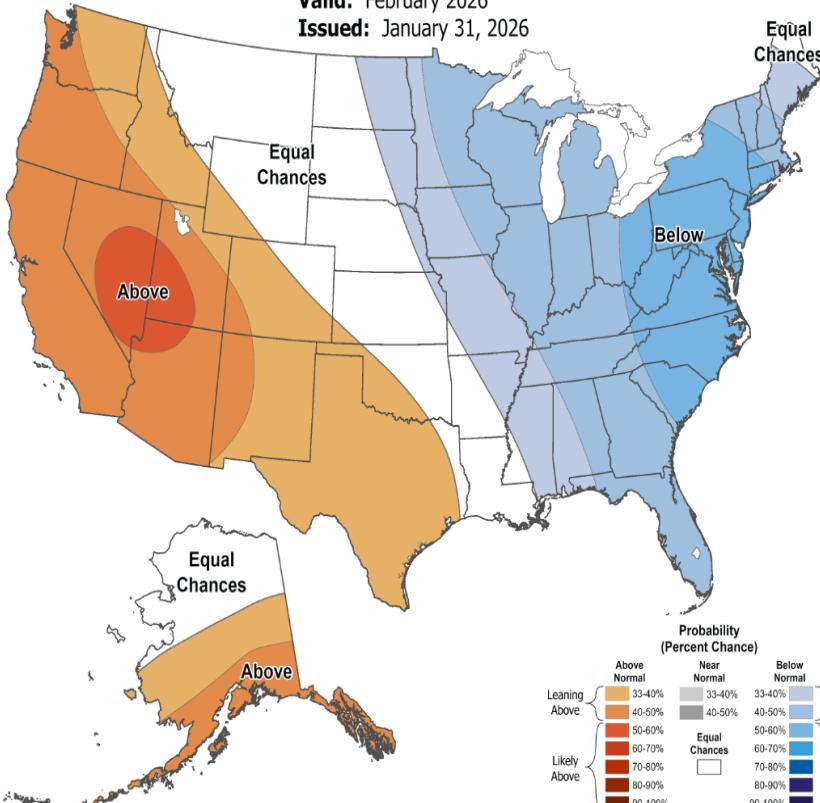
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook For February 2026

Temperature

Monthly Temperature Outlook

Valid: February 2026

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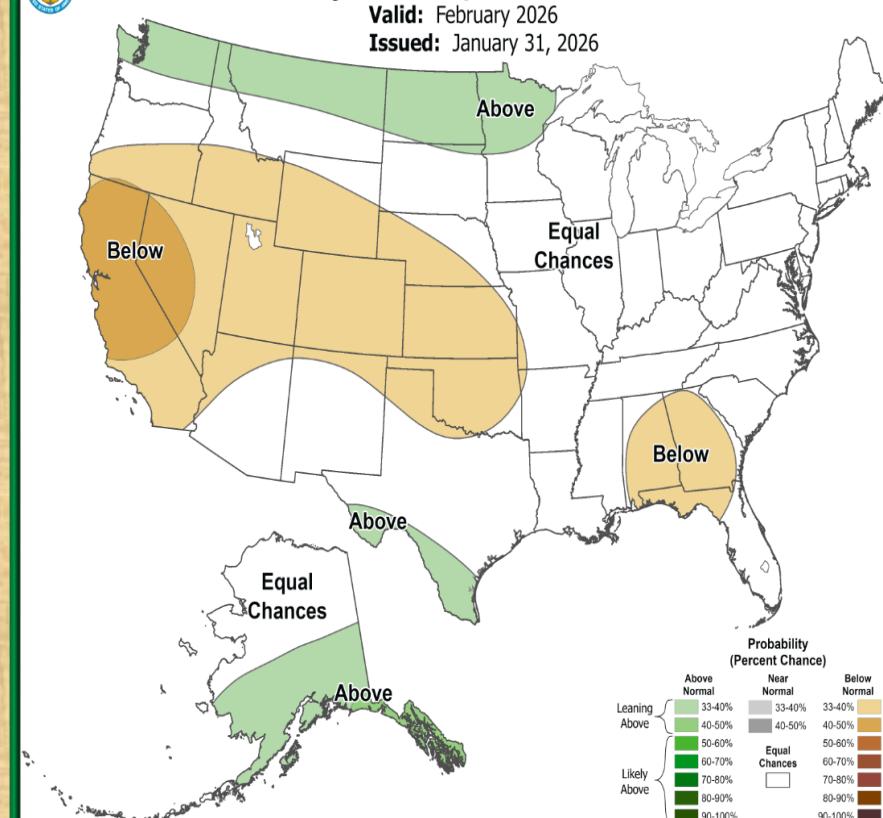


Precipitation

Monthly Precipitation Outlook

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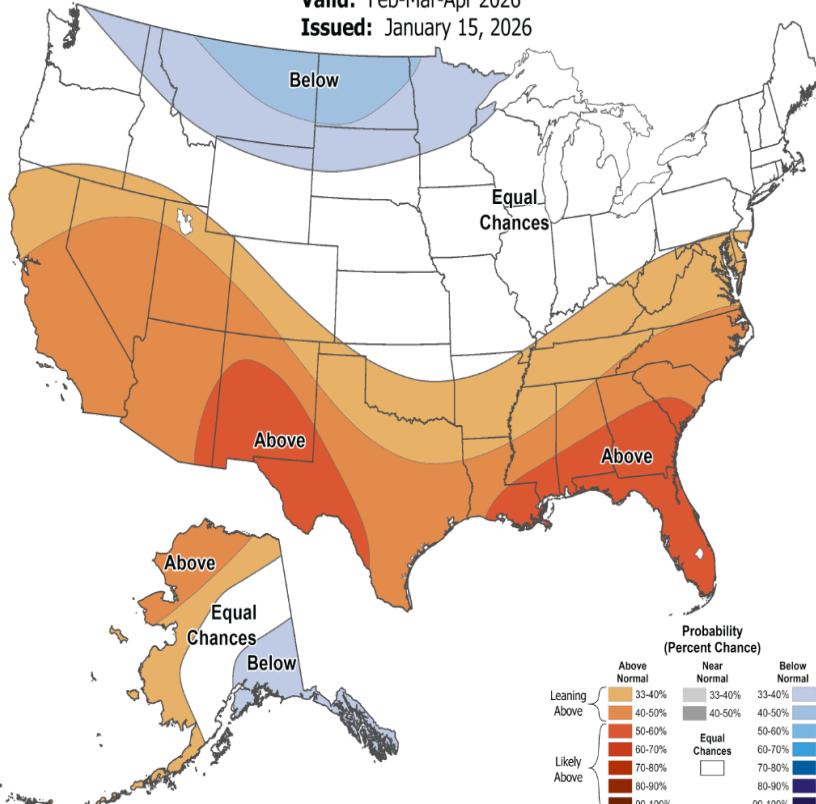


Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for Feb-Apr 2026

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Seasonal Temperature Outlook

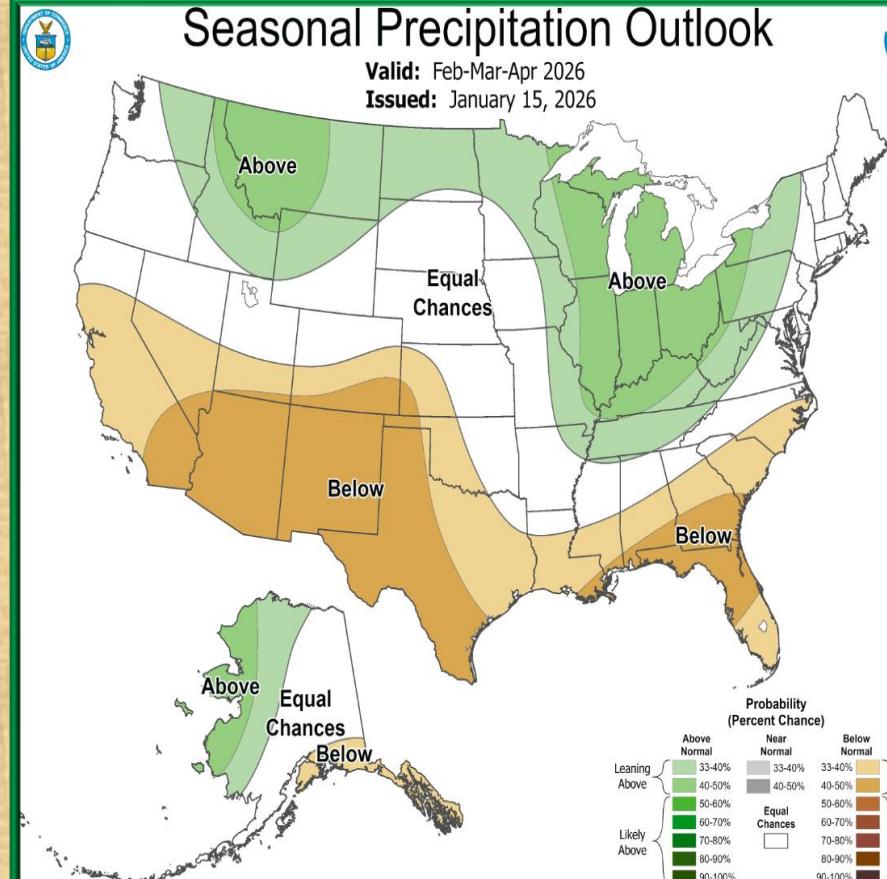
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Precipitation

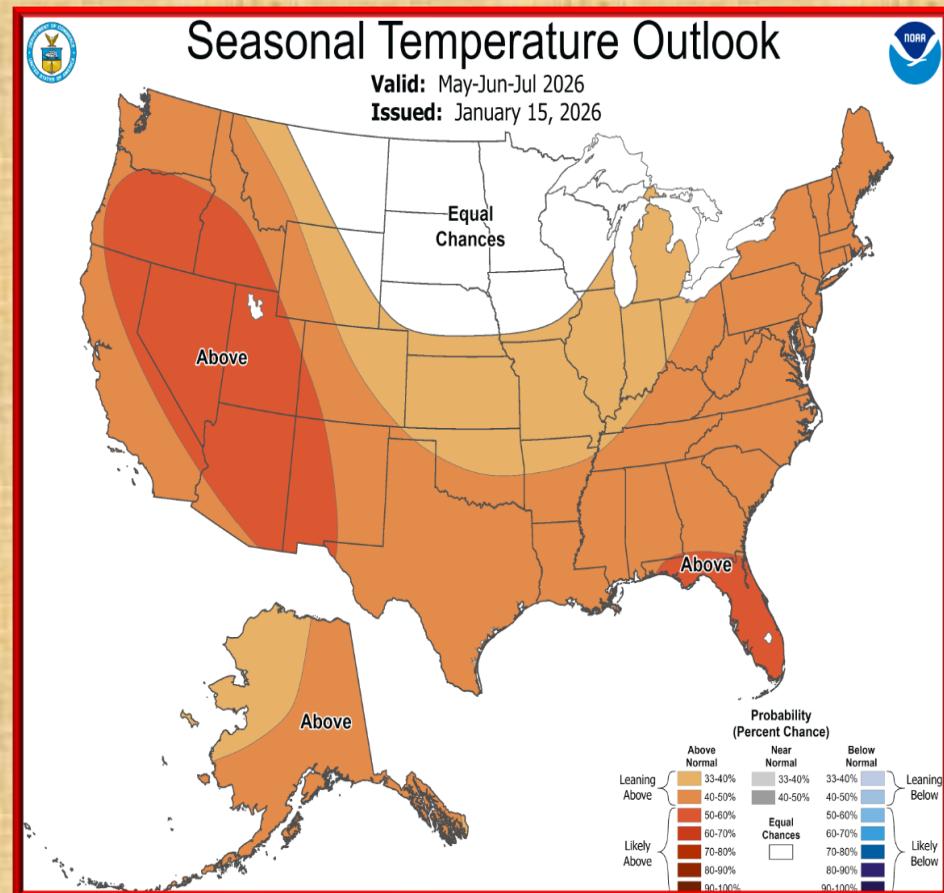
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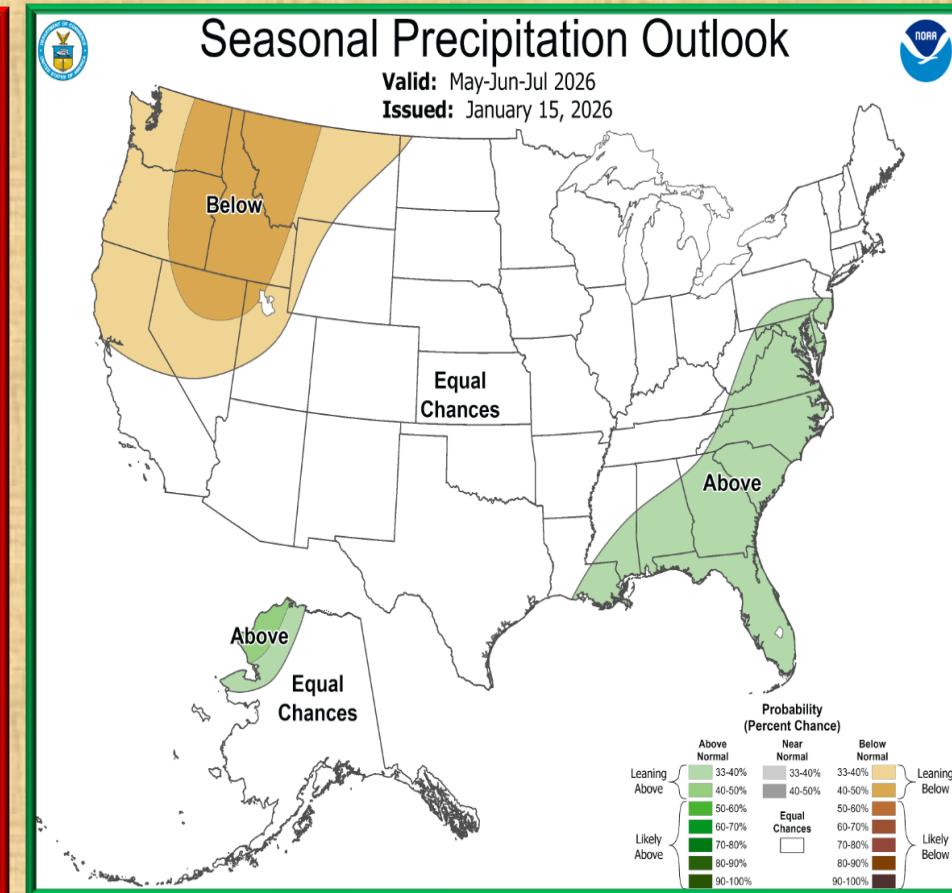


Temperature and Precipitation Outlook for May-Jul 2026

Temperature



Precipitation

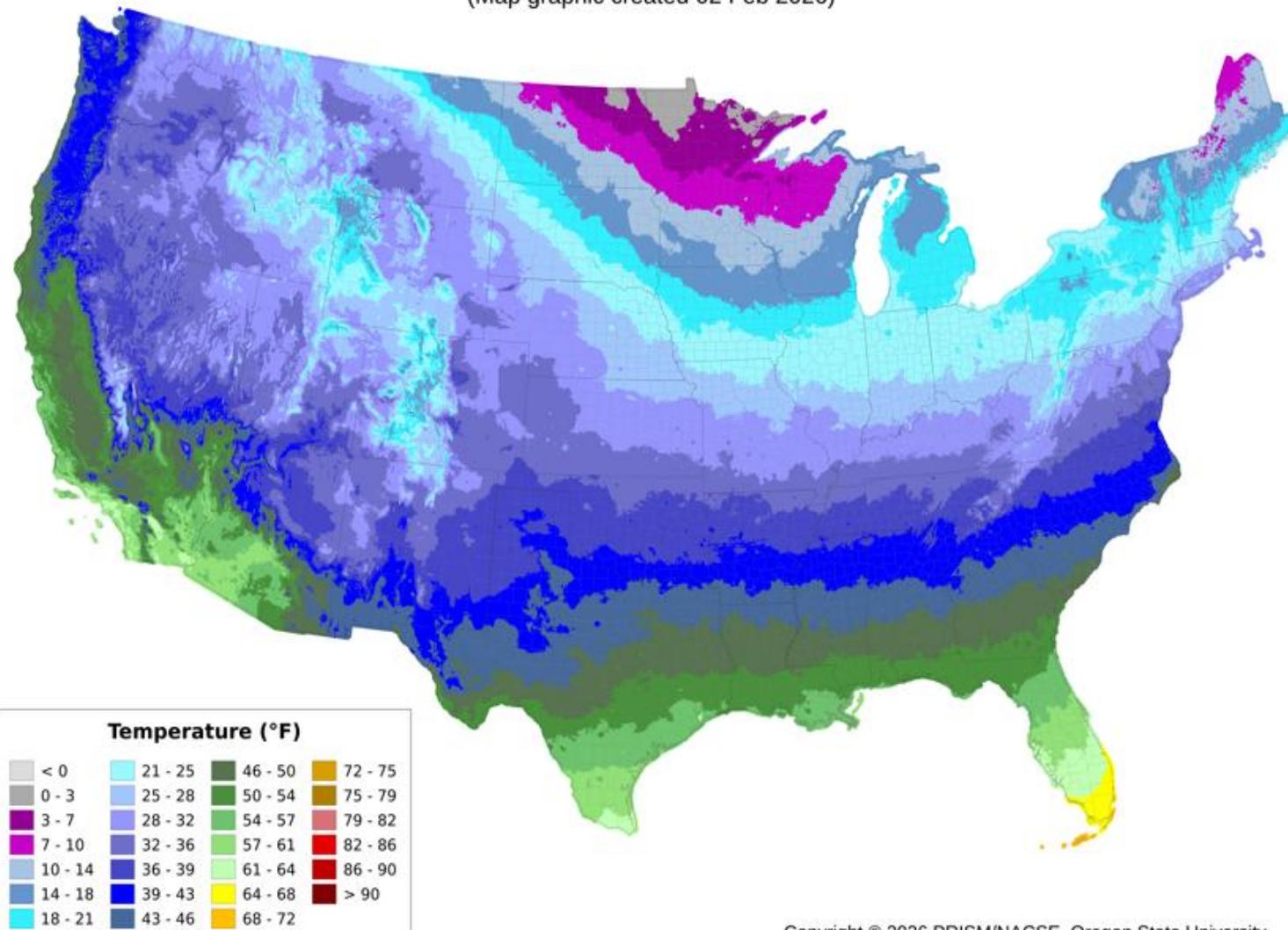


Average Daily Mean Temperature for January 2026

Average Daily Mean Temperature: Jan 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Jan 2026

(Map graphic created 02 Feb 2026)



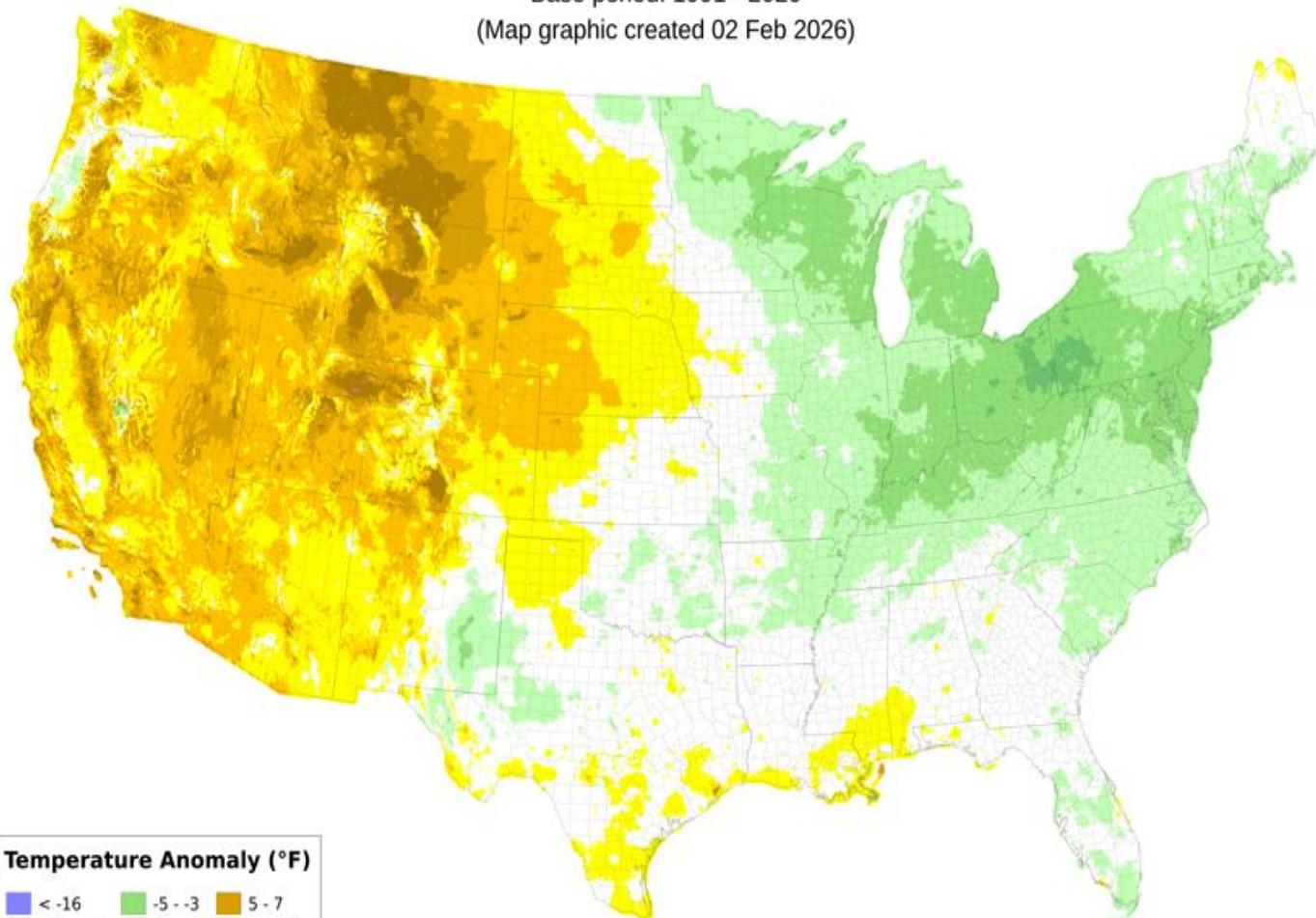
Daily Mean Temperature Departure from Normal, January 2026

Daily Mean Temperature Anomaly: Jan 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Jan 2026

Base period: 1991 - 2020

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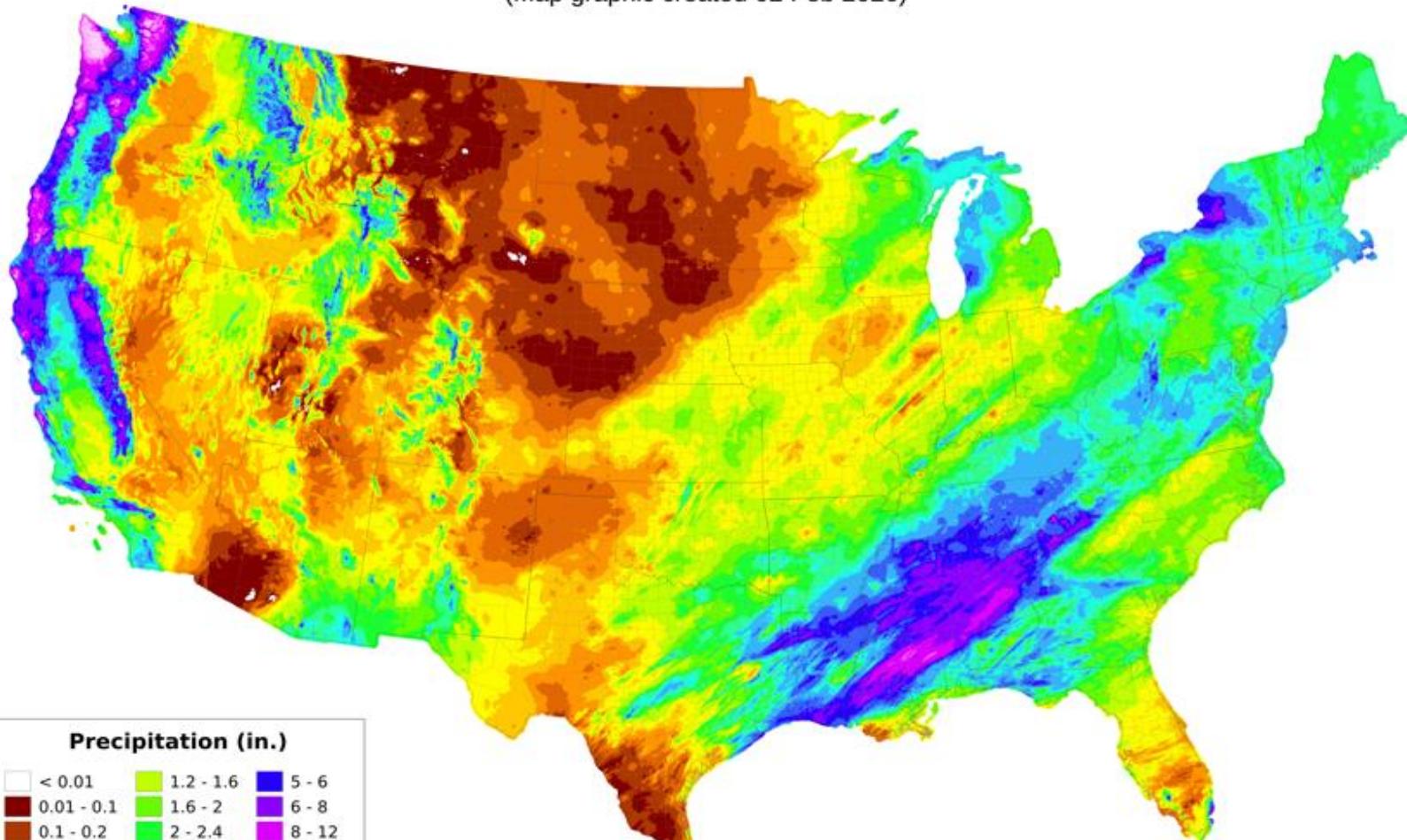


Total Precipitation for January 2026

Total Precipitation: Jan 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Jan 2026

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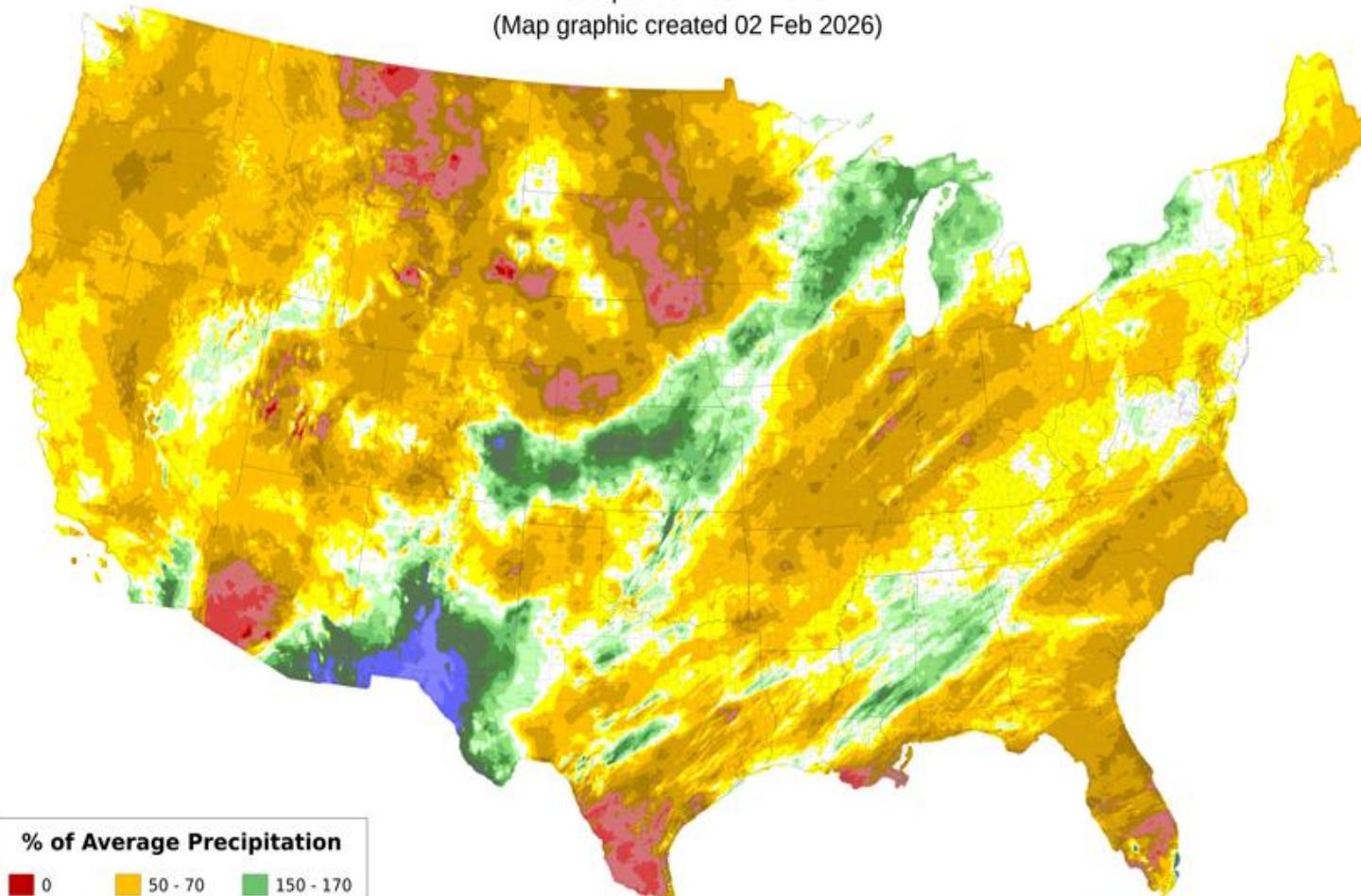
Percent of Normal Precipitation for January 2026

Total Precipitation Anomaly: Jan 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Jan 2026

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(Map graphic created 02 Feb 2026)



% of Average Precipitation

0	50 - 70	150 - 170
1 - 10	70 - 90	170 - 200
10 - 20	90 - 110	200 - 300
20 - 30	110 - 130	300 - 400
30 - 50	130 - 150	> 400

Selected Weather Reports January 2026

Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
JAN 8 600 AM	MCKNIGHT CABIN-GRANT	5.0" 24 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 7 1100 PM	SIGNAL PEAK-GRANT	4.0" 24 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 8 800 AM	LOOKOUT CABIN-SIERRA	4.0" 24 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 26 800 AM	CLOUDCROFT-OTERO	26.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 26 700 AM	CLOUDCROFT 1 SE-OTERO	20.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 26 800 AM	TIMBERON-OTERO	12.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 900 AM	HIGH ROLLS-OTERO	10.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 825 AM	MAYHILL 6NW-OTERO	6.5" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 1007 AM	LA LUZ-OTERO	4.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 1035 AM	ALAMOGORDO 2NE-OTERO	4.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 800 AM	DELL CITY-HUDSPETH	3.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 948 AM	WHITE SANDS-OTERO	2.8" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL

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Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
JAN 25 1030 AM	HOLLOWAY AFB-OTERO	2.8" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 26 700 AM	FORT BLISS 4SW-EL PASO	2.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 26 1039 AM	UNIV PARK LAS CRUCES-DONA ANA	1.0" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 1100 AM	SANTA TERESA NWS-DONA ANA	0.8" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 26 700 AM	BAYARD-GRANT	0.7" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 1200 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	0.6" 48 HOUR SNOWFALL
JAN 25 1000 PM	CLOUDCROFT-OTERO	3.57" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	LA LUZ-OTERO	2.29" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	ANTHONY 4N-DONA ANA	2.24" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	DRIPPING SPRINGS-DONA ANA	2.22" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	CANUTILLO-EL PASO	2.18" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	SANTA TERESA EL MIRADOR-DONA ANA	2.12" 72 HOUR PRECIP

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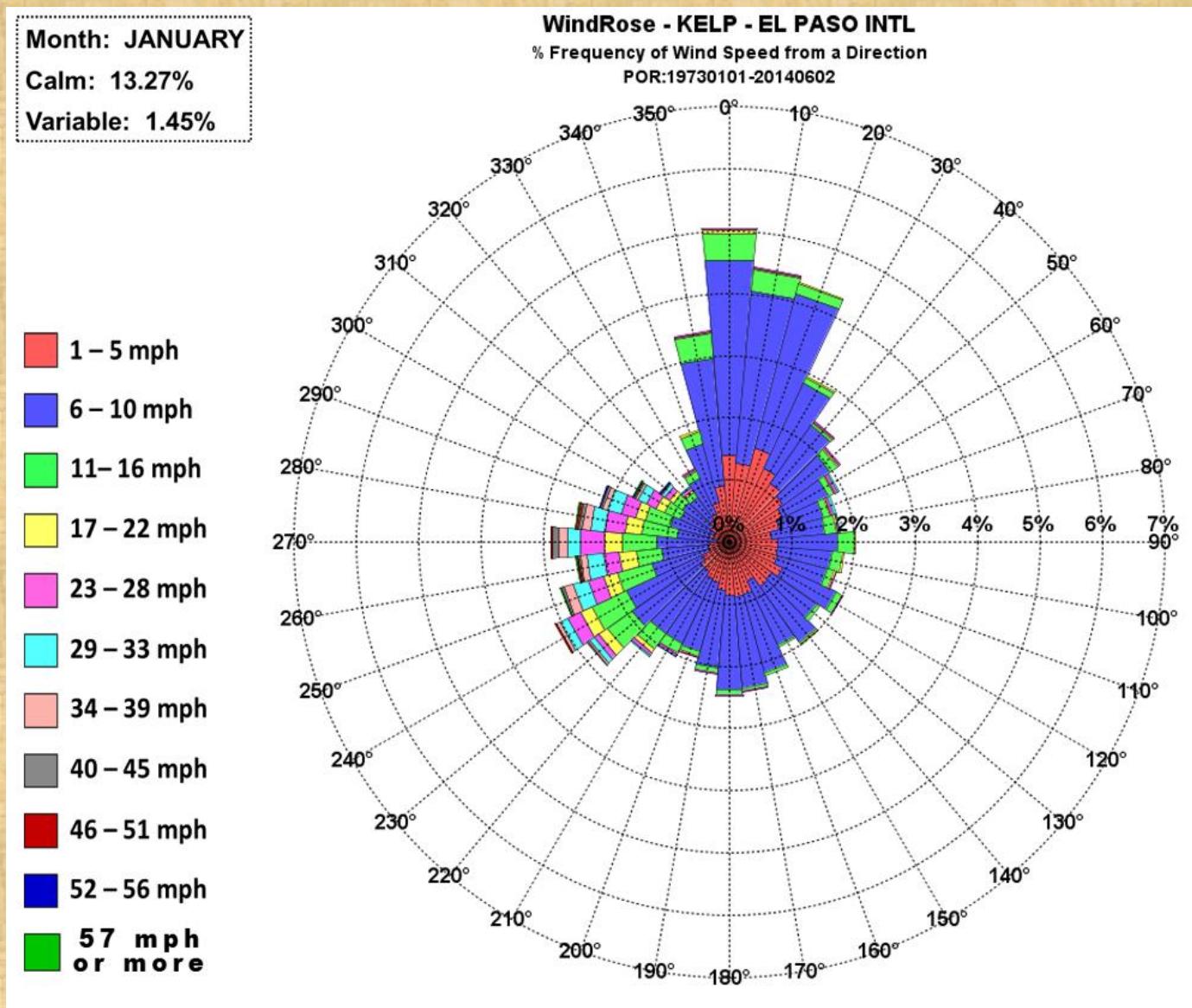
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JAN 25 1000 PM	MESCALERO-OTERO	2.05" 72 HOUR PRECIP
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JAN 25 1000 PM	EL PASO-CHAPARRAL PARK-EL PASO	1.85" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	ALAMOGORDO-OTERO	1.82" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	DEMING AIRPORT-LUNA	1.79" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	LAS CRUCES EAST MESA-DONA ANA	1.68" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	EL PASO INTL AIRPORT-EL PASO	1.37" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	HOLLOWAY AFB-OTERO	1.32" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	LAKE ROBERTS-GRANT	1.22" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	REDROCK-GRANT	1.20" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	LAS CRUCES AIRPORT-DONA ANA	1.17" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	LA UNION-DONA ANA	0.98" 72 HOUR PRECIP

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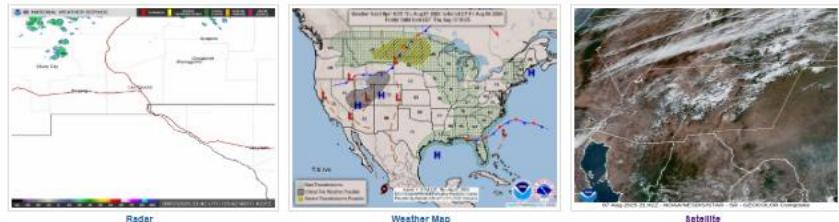
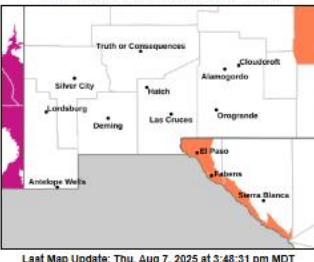
Date/Time	Location (County)	Event
JAN 25 1000 PM	SILVER CITY VALLEY DRIVE-GRANT	0.92" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	BUCKHORN-GRANT	0.88" 72 HOUR PRECIP
JAN 25 1000 PM	MAYHILL-OTERO	0.86" 72 HOUR PRECIP

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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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El Paso, TX
Weather Forecast Office



WEATHER DIGESTS AND BULLETINS

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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	