



# Drought Information Statement for Western CO & Eastern UT

Valid July 17th, 2025

Issued By: WFO Grand Junction, CO

Contact Information:

- This product will be updated if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
- Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/gjt/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- D3 & D2 expansion across northwestern Colorado





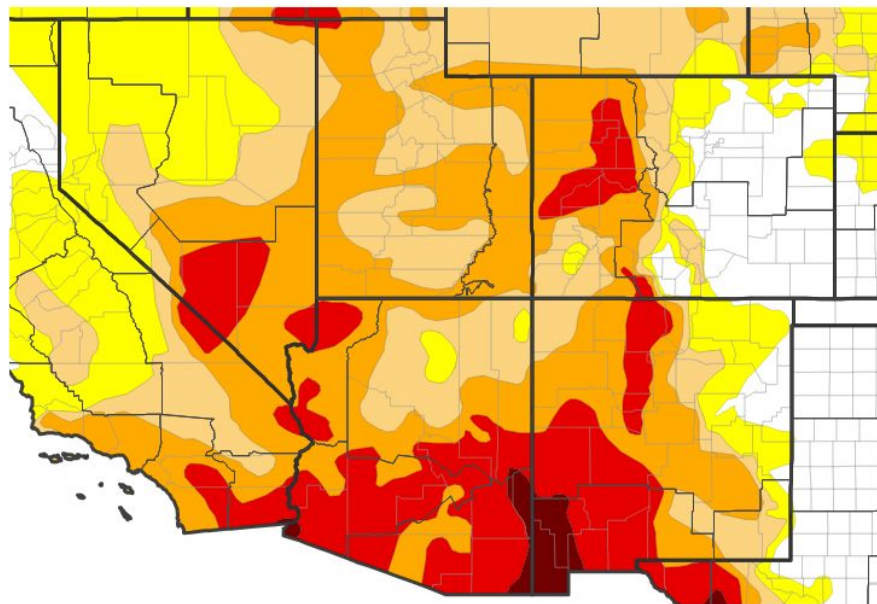
# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for the Intermountain West

## Drought intensity and Extent:

- **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Expansion east across Gunnison, Pitkin and Eagle counties
- **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Encompassing Rio Blanco and Garfield counties
- **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Expansion over eastern Eagle County
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Remains over portions of the Southwest San Juans

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

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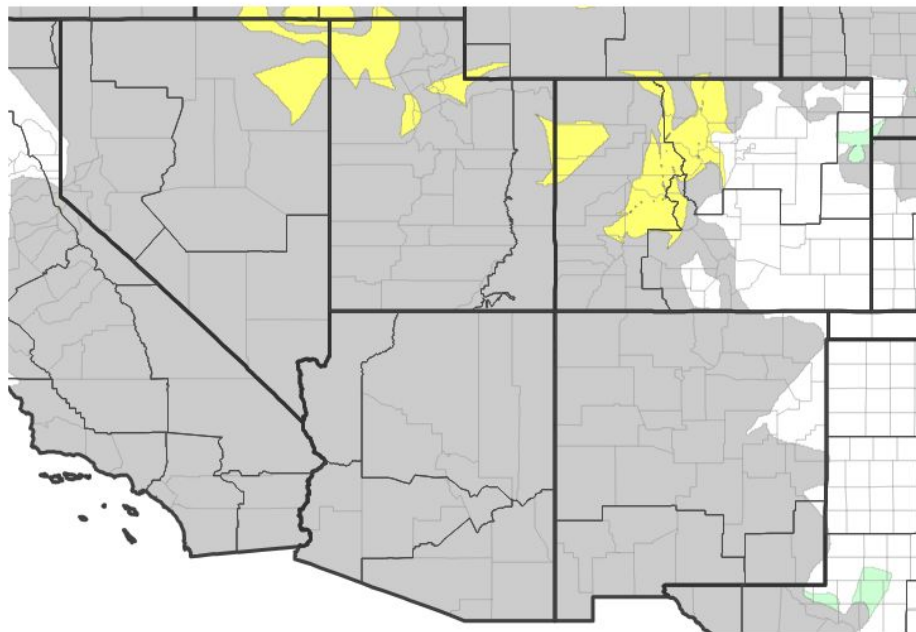
# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for WFO Grand Junction, CO

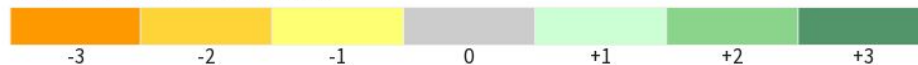
## One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:

- *Drought Worsened:* One class degradation over western Colorado and nosing into northeast Utah
- *Drought Improved:* NA

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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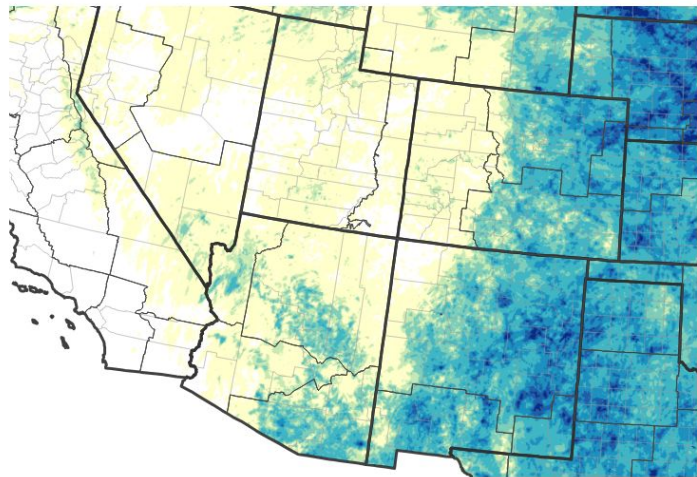


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# Precipitation

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



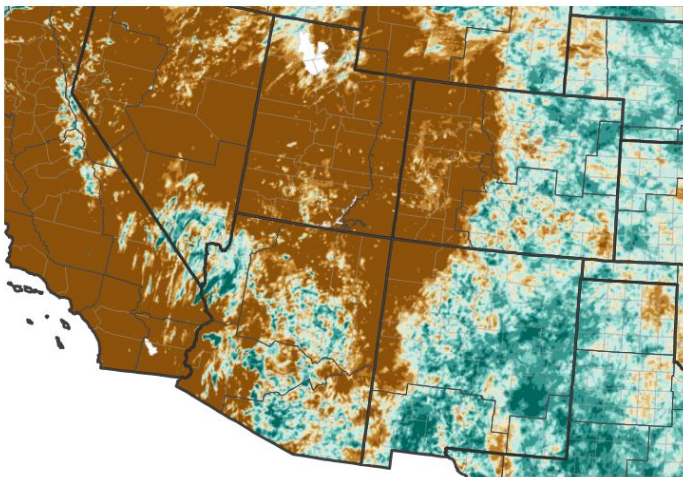
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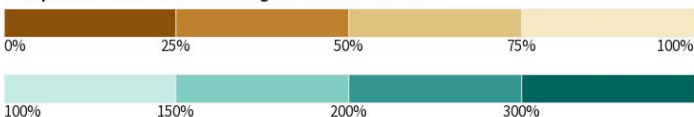
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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- Aside from July 3rd, minimal precipitation has fallen over the Western Slope
- 30-day precipitation estimates are well below normal



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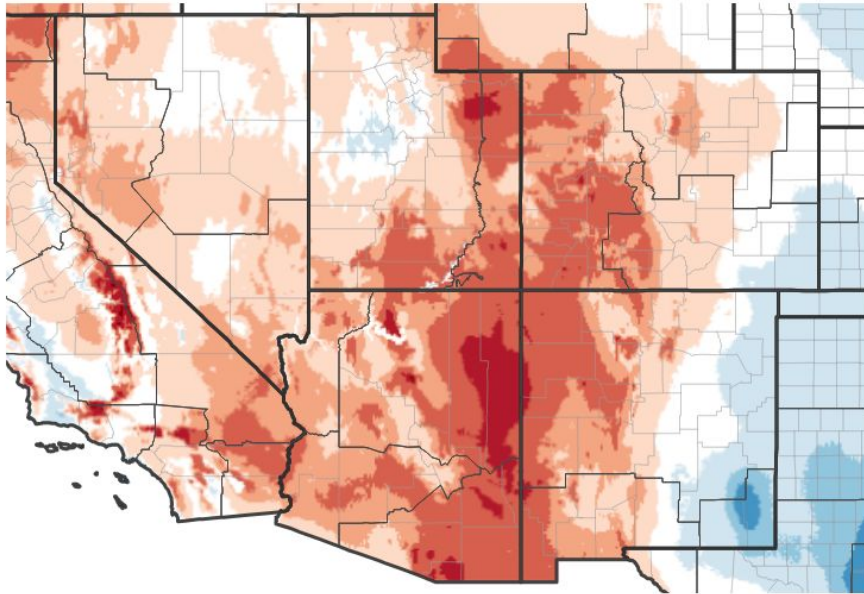




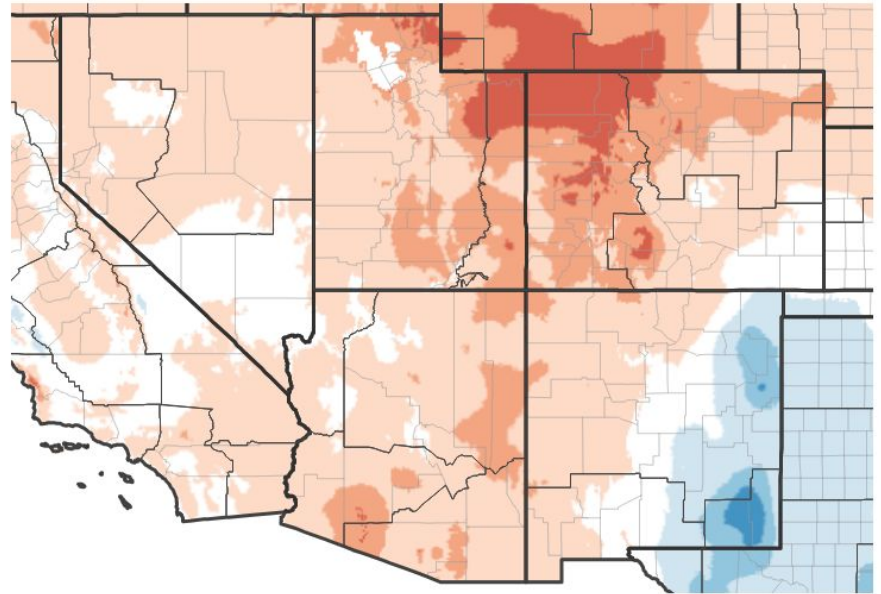
# Temperature

- Abnormally warm temperatures have continued to encompass the west. The warmest swath remains focused over northeast UT and northwest CO for 30-day temperature anomalies, though the departure from normal has increased across much of the area.

**7-Day Temperature Anomaly**



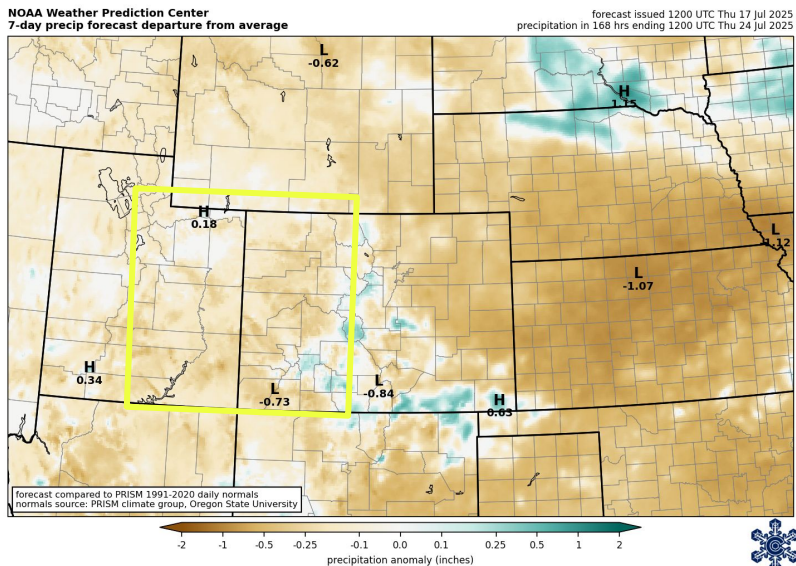
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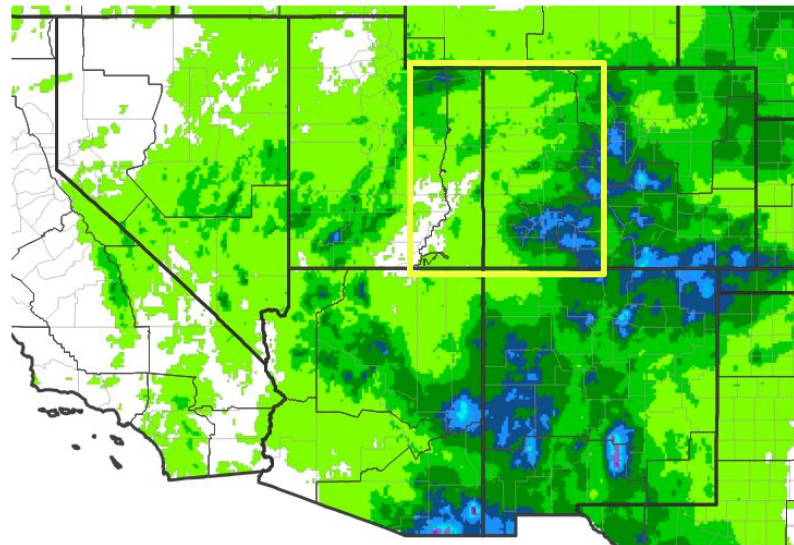


# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

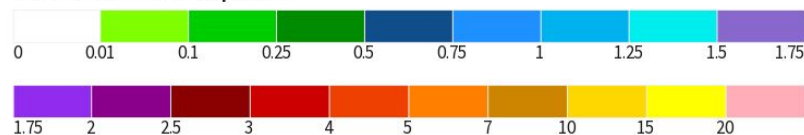
- The 7-Day precipitation forecast falls below normal across the Western Slope, with a small exception of normal totals *possible* across the SW San Juans
- Monsoon moisture will support isolated showers and storms over high terrain through the end of the week
- Passing waves to the north may suppress the monsoon plume of moisture from reaching terrain north of I-70, though the San Juans may continue to see isolated storms each afternoon



## 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for July 17, 2025–July 24, 2025



### Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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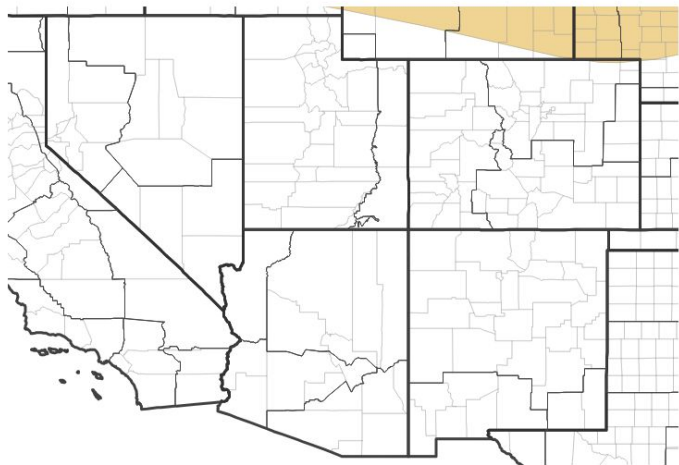
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# Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

**Monthly Precipitation Outlook for August 1, 2025–August 31, 2025**



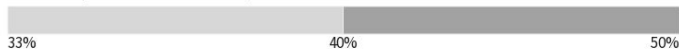
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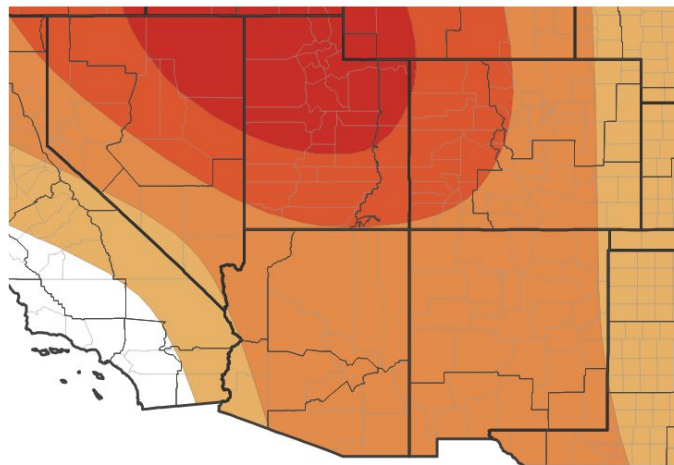
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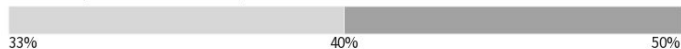
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- A 50 to 70% chance of above normal temperatures through the month of August
- Equal chances for above or below normal precipitation



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# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Gov. Spencer Cox (Utah) issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions combined with **low streamflow forecasts and increased water demands** with warmer temperatures for San Juan, Grand and Uintah counties

## Agricultural Impacts

- Reduced water supply in southwest Colorado (estimated users to expect to receive 30-35% of their full allotment due to low snowpack and warm/dry spring)

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Stage 1 fire restrictions have been implemented for much of western Colorado and eastern Utah

## Other Impacts

- Colorado fisheries closed to fishing along the Yampa River below Stagecoach Dam due to low flow and prevent overfishing

## Mitigation Actions

- Pitkin County has declared a voluntary stage one water shortage in response to escalating drought conditions
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

