



Drought Information Statement for Western CO & Eastern UT

Valid October 23rd, 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.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Remnant moisture from multiple tropical storms resulted in several class improvements across western Colorado and eastern Utah
 - 3+ class improvements over the last 14 days
 - Drought conditions removed over the southwest San Juans





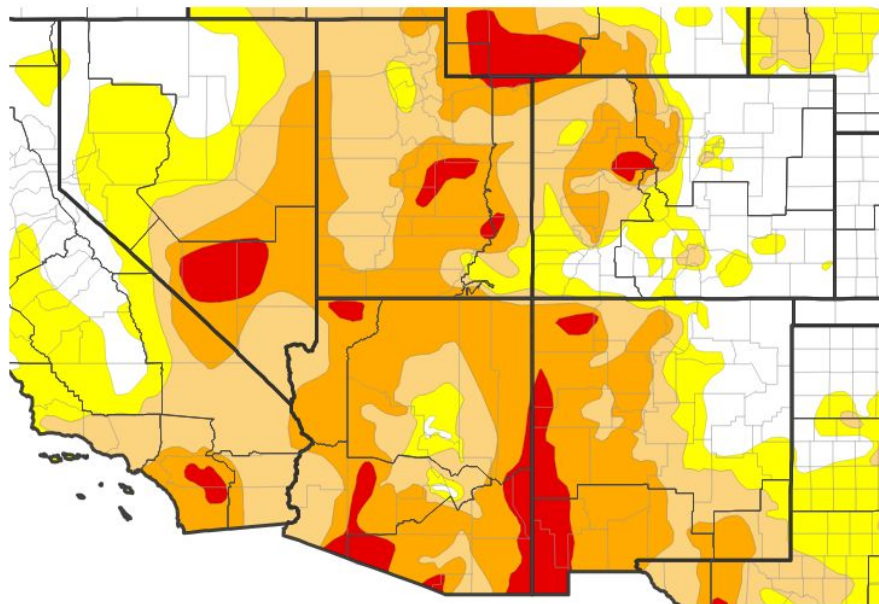
U.S. Drought Monitor

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

Drought intensity and Extent:

- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portion of the Roaring Fork and Eagle River Basins, Daggett County Utah with a sliver in Moffat County in NW Colorado, as well as the confluence of the Colorado River and Green River over Canyonlands NP in eastern Utah
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Encompasses lower portions of the Gunnison River Basin as well as the upper stretch of the Colorado, Yampa and White River Basins
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Over 70% of the forecast area is D1-D4, from SE Utah to NW Colorado
- **D0 (Abnormally Dry):** Favoring areas with recent heavy rainfall of Rio Blanco County in NW Colorado and a broad swath of SW Colorado into San Juan County in SE Utah

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

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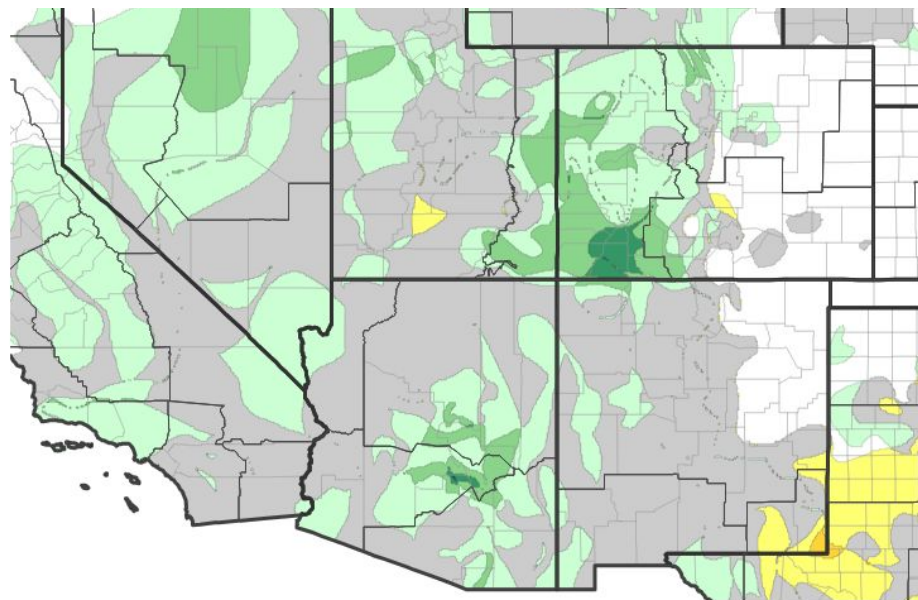


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

One Week Drought Monitor Class Change:

- *Drought Worsened: NA*
- *Drought Improved:* Several improvements noted across southeast Utah and southwest Colorado. 3 Class improvement over the SW San Juans in Colorado over the last 4 weeks have removed drought classifications for portions of Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan and San Miguel Counties



Drought Degradation



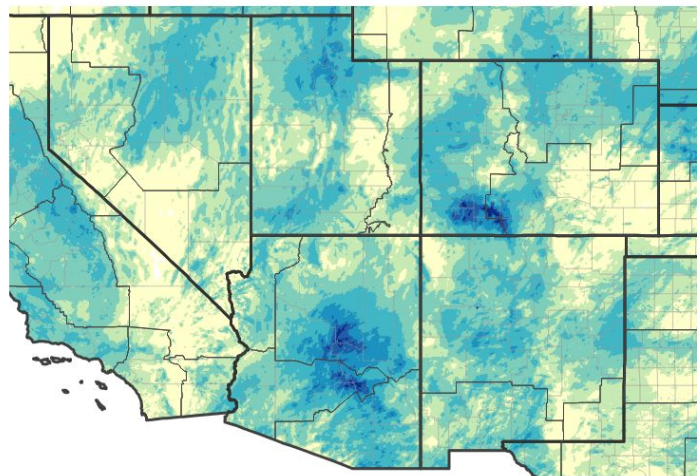
Drought Improvement





Precipitation

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



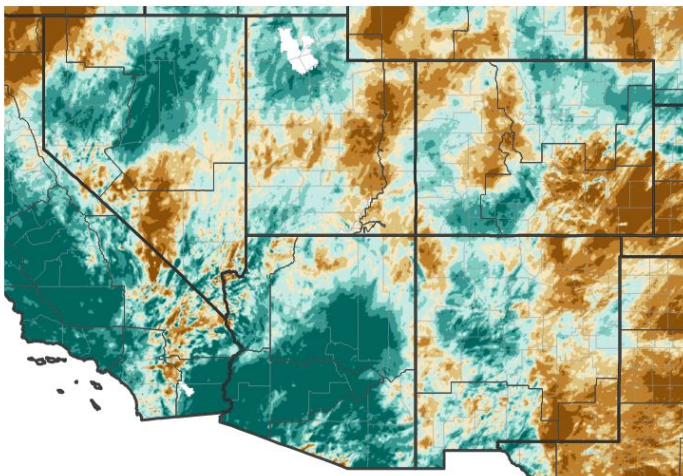
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;
image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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- Remnants from Tropical Storms Priscilla and Raymond produced over 10" of rain over portions of the SW San Juan mountains and over 2" across the Grand Valley within the last 14 days
- Terrain under the main firehose of moisture are now 200-300% above normal over the last 30 days
- Portions of NW Colorado and NE Utah saw less than 0.5" of rainfall, and remain below normal conditions



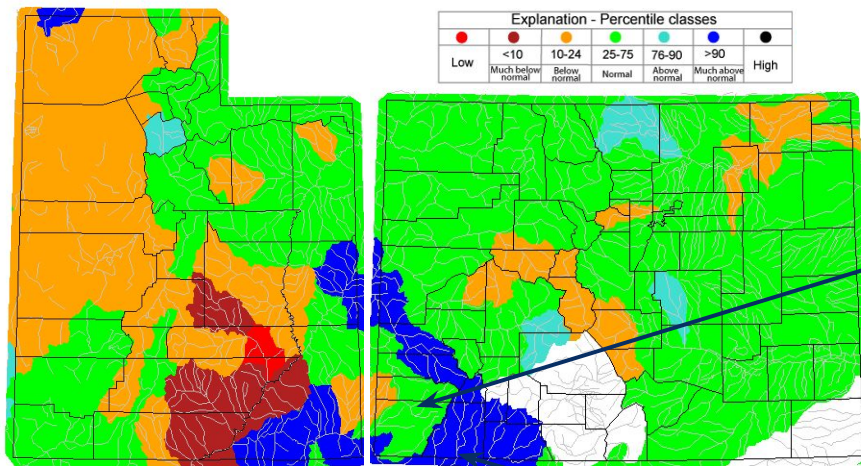
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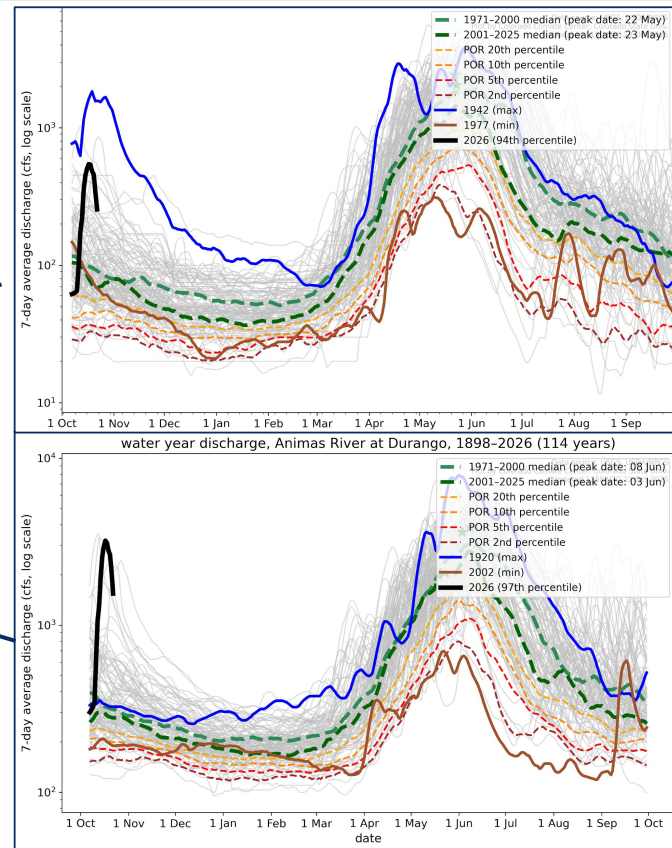


Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts



USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid for the State of CO & UT
Data Valid: 10 22 2025

- River responses from recent rains have jumped back above normal across the Animas, Dolores, San Miguel and San Juan River Basins
 - Note, Oct 1st marks the beginning of WY 2026



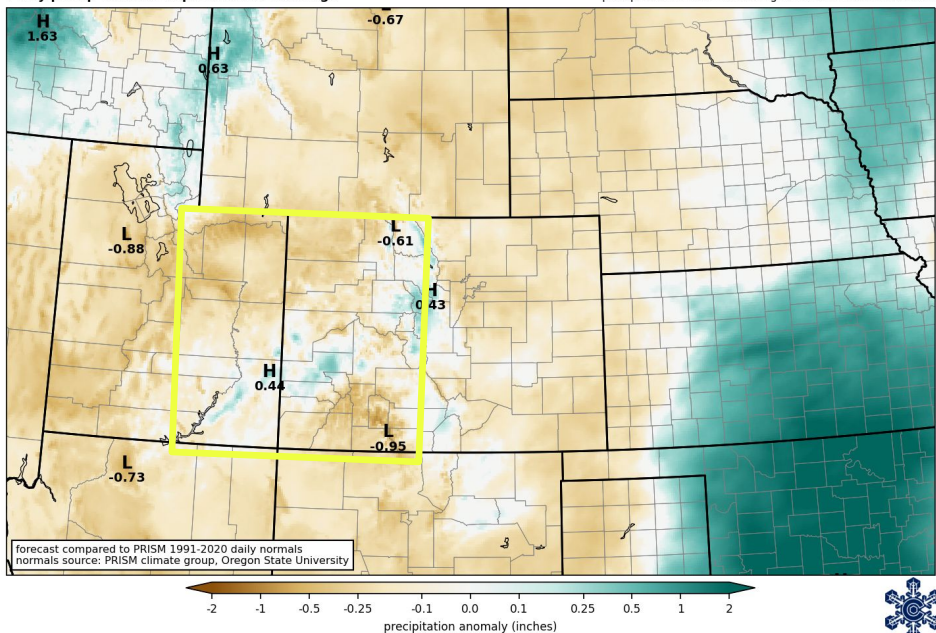


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

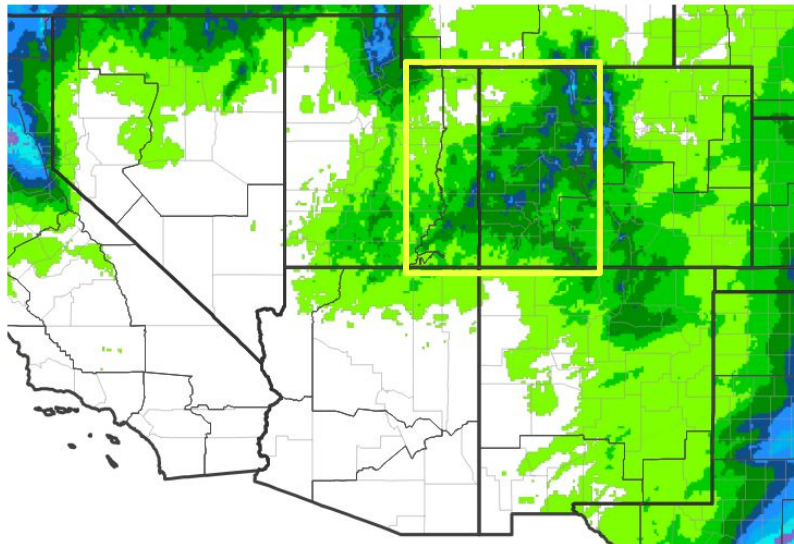
- Two systems crossing the Western Slope will return widespread precipitation over the next 7 days
- Expect mountain snow with each round supplying a light base for elevations above 8,000'

NOAA Weather Prediction Center
7-day precip forecast departure from average

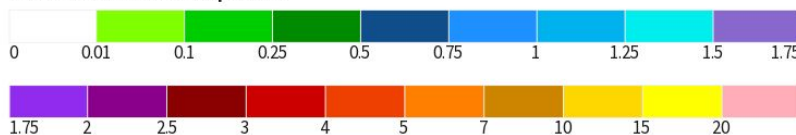
forecast issued 1200 UTC Thu 23 Oct 2025
precipitation in 168 hrs ending 1200 UTC Thu 30 Oct 2025



7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 23, 2025–October 30, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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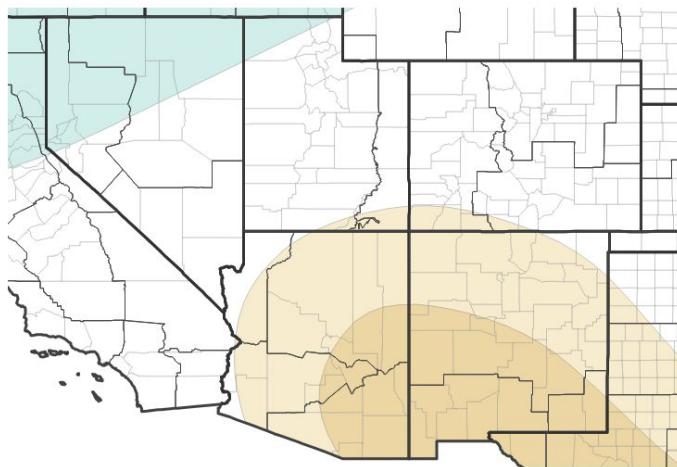
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Long-Range Outlooks

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

Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for November
1, 2025–January 31, 2026



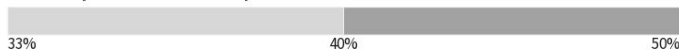
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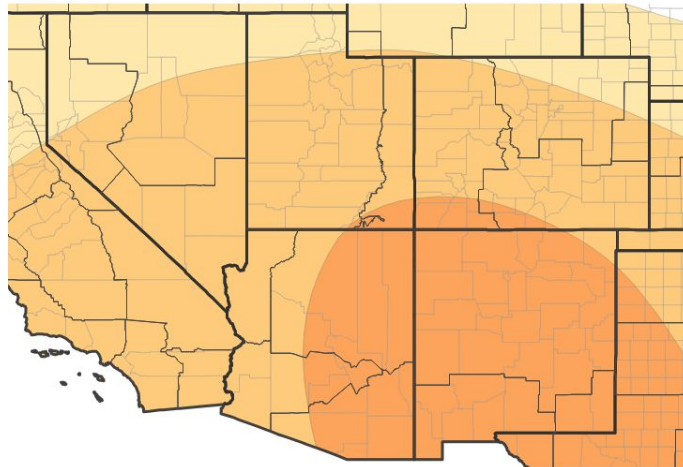
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November
1, 2025–January 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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- Long range forecasts follow recent trends of **abnormally warm** temperatures and **below normal precipitation** through Fall
- The La Niña pattern was also considered in seasonal outlooks for late Fall and early winter months, with up to a **40%** chance of **below normal precipitation** over the Four Corners region and **40-60%** chance of **above normal** temperatures



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Excessive rainfall across the SW San Juans lead to localized flooding impacting communities in La Plata and Archuleta Counties in SW Colorado; specifically along Vallecito Creek, Piedra River and the San Juan River above Navajo Reservoir
- Near record streamflow conditions were observed on three USGS gages, with records dating back to the 1960's (Pierda and San Juan Rivers) and 1930's (Vallecito Creek)

Agricultural Impacts

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Fire Hazard Impacts

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Other Impacts

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Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

