

# NWS GRAND JUNCTION C O L O R A D O



A LOOK  
BACK AT

## DECEMBER 2025

WEATHER ACROSS E UTAH / W COLORADO

December started out with seasonable to below seasonable temperatures. Some of the coldest temperatures of the month and of the 2025/2026 winter season occurred in the first week of December. Additionally, a potent winter storm brought close to a foot of snow to the mountains. A secondary system a few days later brought another shot of snow and strong, gusty winds that made for difficult travel. Unsettled weather lingered through the month, but mostly brought light snowfall to the northern mountains without much in the way of accumulations. While the mountains saw continued bursts of light snow, the valleys remained high and dry through much of the month. Temperatures also did not stay cold, with highs climbing well above normal by the middle of the month. By the week of Christmas, eastern Utah and western Colorado were staring down record setting temperatures, with highs close to 20 degrees above normal. The lower desert valleys saw highs in the low to mid-60s, while higher valleys saw temperatures in the 50s. Between the 26th and 29th, a stronger and colder system brought substantial mountain snow, valley rain, and even some valley snow. Temperatures dropped near to below normal, although they did warm right back up for the 30th. On the last day of the month a weaker but still cold system swung through, bringing a last round of precipitation to send off 2025.



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## MONTHLY SUMMARY



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# STORY OF THE MONTH

# RECORD SETTING DECEMBER TEMPS

*The month of December was significantly warmer than normal, with temperatures running 10-15 degrees above normal throughout the month. However, the week of Christmas, temperatures really jumped, running close to 20 degrees above normal across the area. Highs across the desert valleys were in the low to mid-60s, while the higher valleys saw highs in the 50s. At the Grand Junction Regional Airport, five records were set during this period. Three were tied or broken record high temperatures, and two were broken record high low temperatures. A winter storm at the end of this period finally brought temperatures down a few degrees, though temperatures remained 10-15 degrees above normal through the end of the month.*

## MONDAY

DECEMBER 22, 2025

### NEAR RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES

Highs ~20 degrees above normal  
Mountain snow mid to late week

STEAMBOAT  
SPRINGS. CO 52

VERNAL. UT 54

GRAND JUNCTION. CO

MOAB. UT 66

OURAY. CO 55

DURANGO. CO 59

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## TEMPERATURES



Location	AVG Temp (°F) (VS Normal)	Warmest Temp (° F)	Coldest Temp (°F)
Aspen, CO	30.1 <b>(+8.3)</b>	59 on 12/22	0 on 12/29
Cortez, CO	36.0 <b>(+7.4)</b>	65 on 12/23	4 on 12/4
Craig, CO	32.7 <b>(+14.0)</b>	63 on 12/22, 23, 24	-5 on 12/29
Durango, CO	35.2 <b>(+9.2)</b>	61 on 12/22	14 on 12/6, 29, 30
Grand Junction, CO	38.3 <b>(+9.9)</b>	64 on 12/24	18 on 12/30
Meeker, CO	33.5 <b>(+11.1)</b>	60 on 12/22, 23	-2 on 12/29
Montrose, CO	37.3 <b>(+10.0)</b>	66 on 12/22	14 on 12/29
Rifle, CO	35.4 <b>(+9.8)</b>	62 on 12/22, 24	13 on 12/1, 29
Canyonlands Airport, UT	38.0 <b>(+10.4)</b>	64 on 12/24	15 on 12/30
Vernal, UT	34.1 <b>(+11.9)</b>	58 on 12/25	14 on 12/3, 4, 29

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## PRECIPITATION



Location	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure from Normal (in.)
Aspen, CO	0.31	-0.51
Cortez, CO	0.38	-0.42
Craig, CO	0.77	-0.13
Durango, CO	0.50	-0.37
Grand Junction, CO	0.25	-0.35
Meeker, CO	0.47	-0.41
Montrose, CO	0.17	-0.29
Rifle, CO	0.50	-0.07
Canyonlands Airport, UT	0.10	-0.43
Vernal, UT	0.38	-0.17



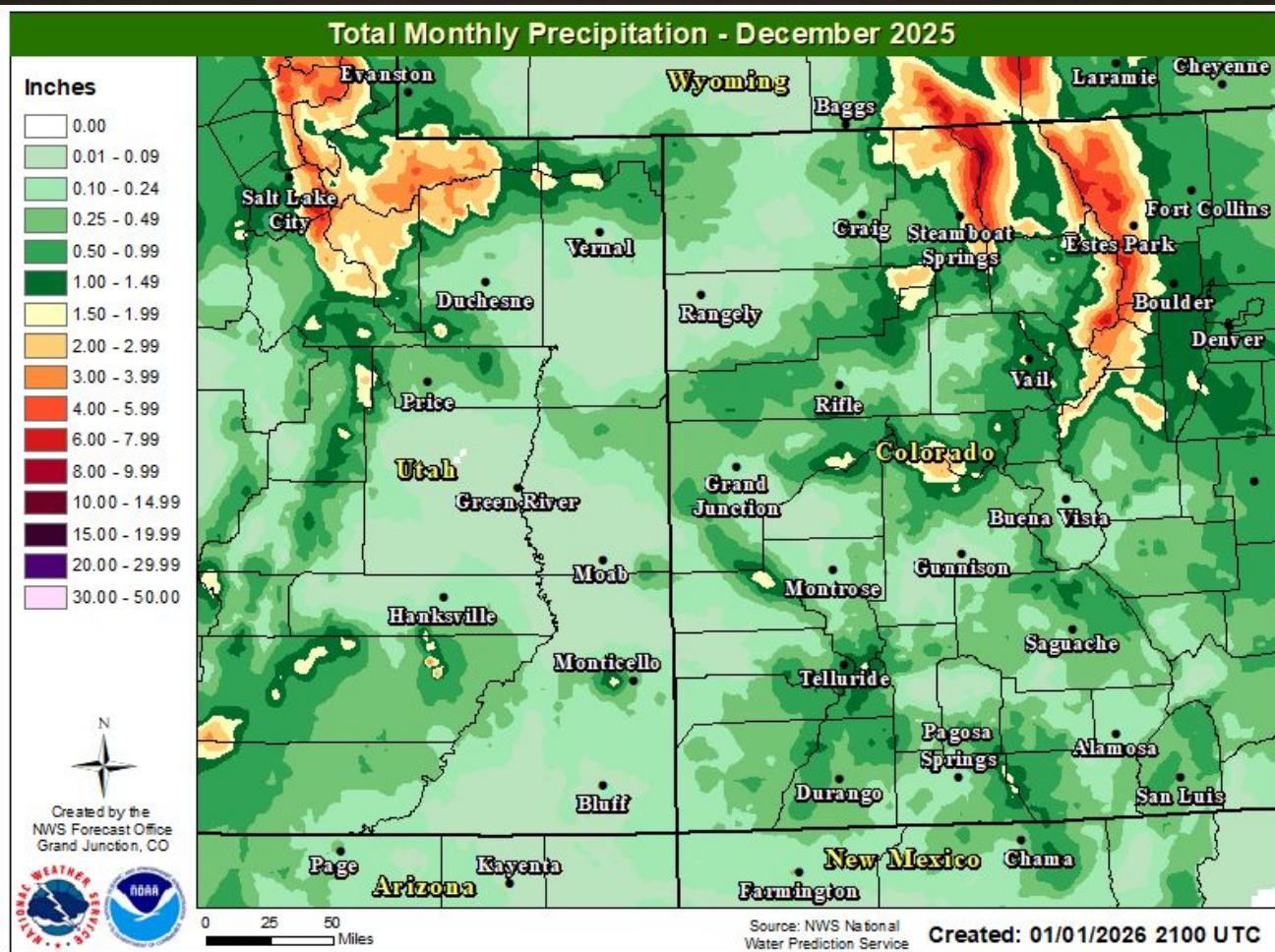
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## TOTAL MONTHLY

# PRECIPITATION



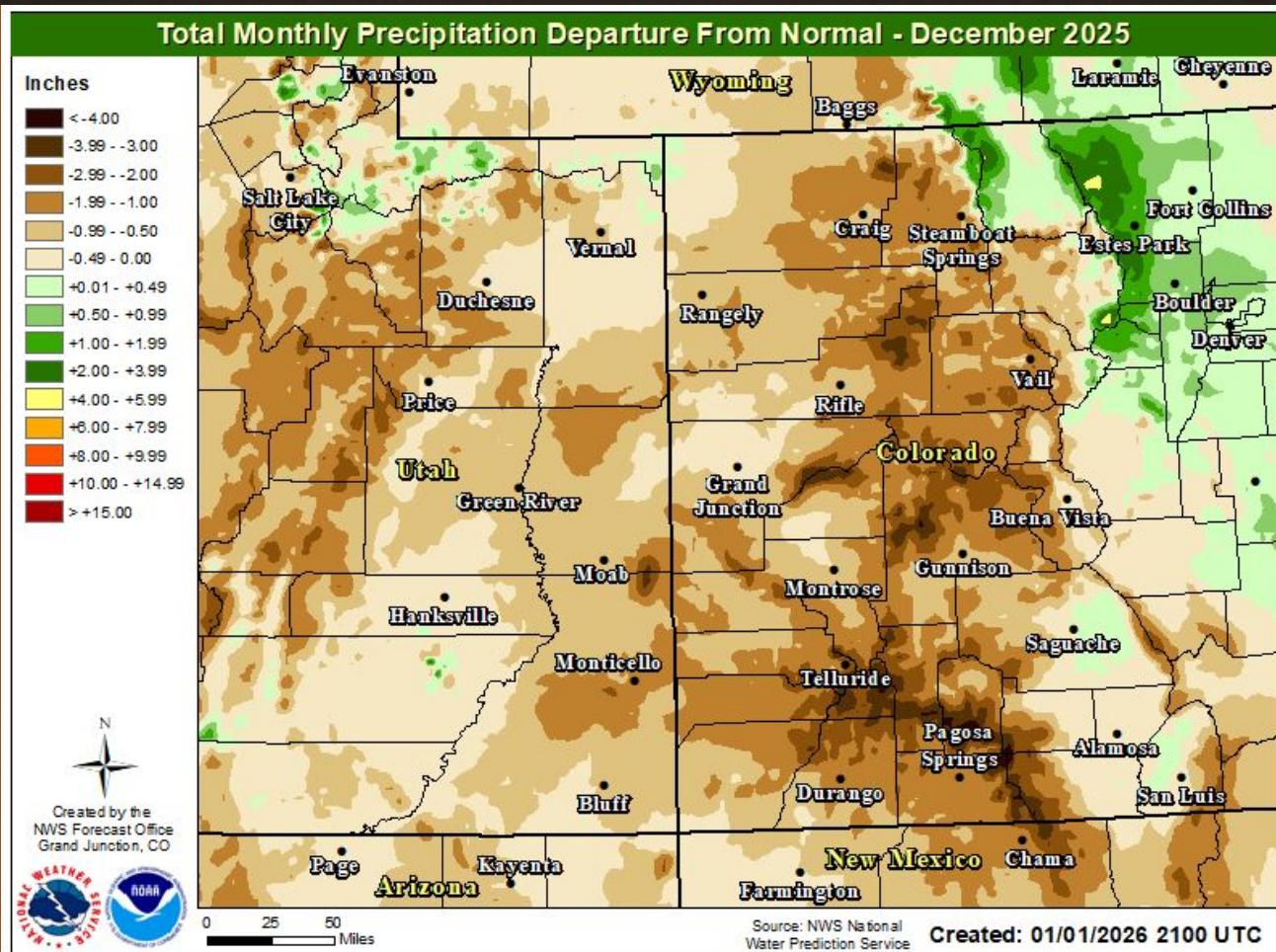
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TOTAL  
MONTHLY

## PRECIPITATION DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL



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### DAILY RECORDS

### REPORT

A total of 5 daily records were set across the primary climate sites

Site	Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
Grand Junction, CO	December 22nd	High Max Temperature	62F	54F in 2010
Grand Junction, CO	December 23rd	High Min Temperature	39F	34F in 1980
Grand Junction, CO	December 24th	High Max Temperature	64F	64F in 1955
Grand Junction, CO	December 25th	High Max Temperature	60F	60F in 1971
Grand Junction, CO	December 26th	High Min Temperature	39F	38F in 1971

High Max

Low Max

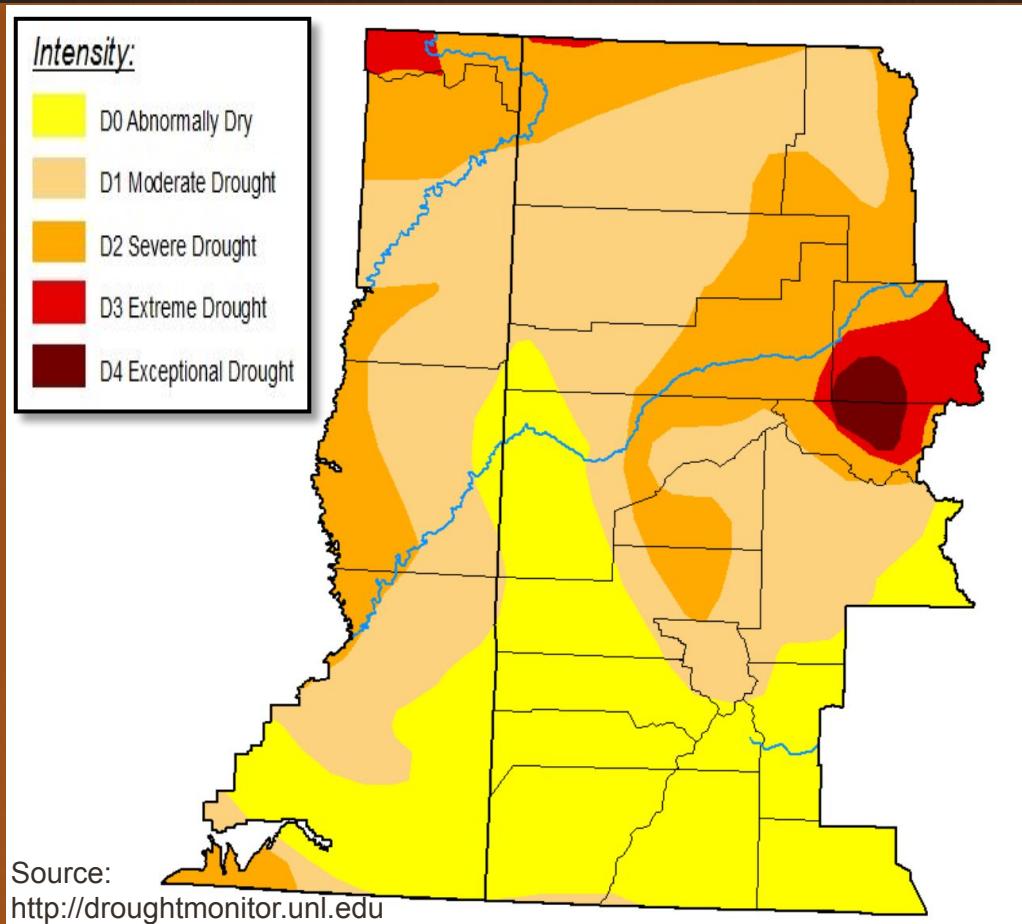
Precip

High Min

Low Min



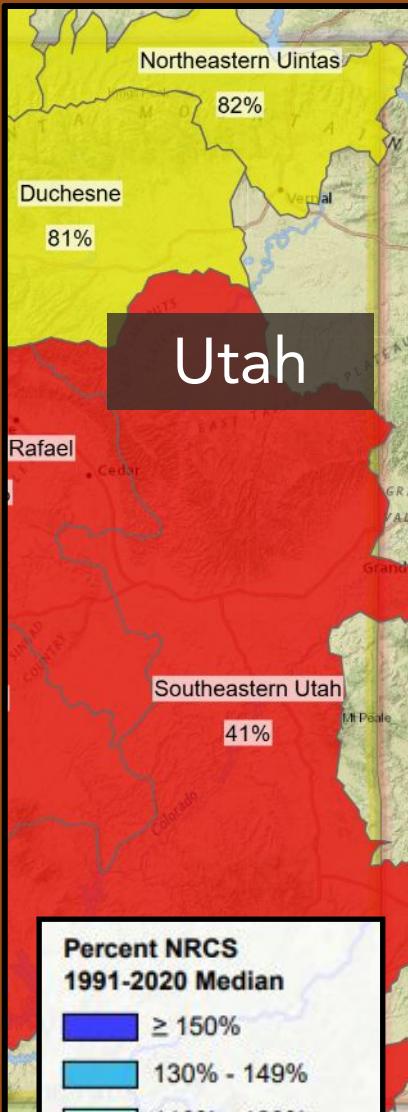
*Due to December seeing below normal precipitation and well above normal temperatures, drought conditions have worsened across eastern Utah and western Colorado. All areas that had achieve drought free status are now under Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions, with all categories having expanded somewhat. Exceptional (D4) Drought conditions have developed across Pitkin and Eagle counties, along the Central Divide Mountains and adjacent high elevation valleys.*



# SNOWPACK CONDITIONS

# U P D A T E

AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>



Utah

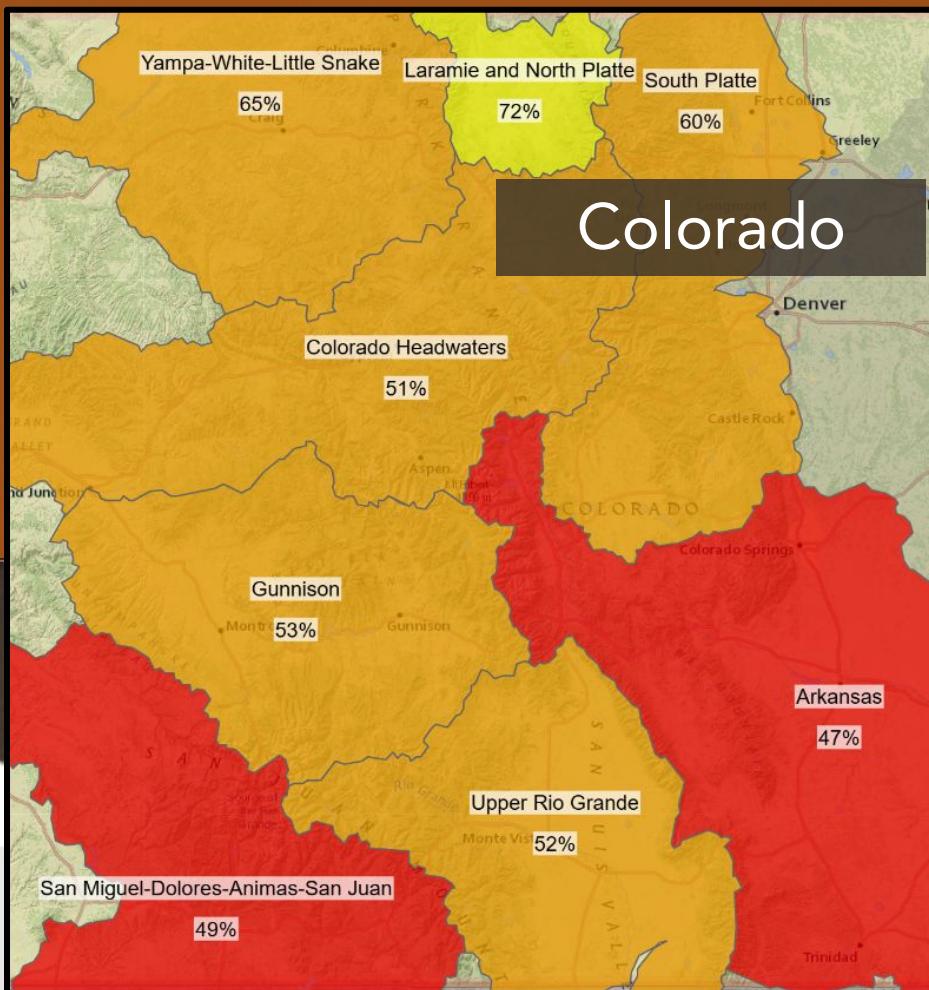
Percent NRCS  
1991-2020 Median

- ≥ 150%
- 130% - 149%
- 110% - 129%
- 90% - 109%
- 70% - 89%
- 50% - 69%
- < 50%
- No basin value

#### Watershed Boundaries

- Region (2-Digit HUC)
- State Watersheds

*The month of December was unimpressive on the snow front, with only a few winter storms punctuated by prolonged periods of well-above-normal temperatures and dry conditions. Northeast Utah fared the best, with the Duchesne and Northeastern Uintas basins at 75-85% of normal. The Southeastern Utah basin fared worse, sitting at 35-45% of normal. In western Colorado, the northern basins again did best, with the Yampa-White-Little Snake basin at 60-70% of normal. The Colorado Headwaters and Gunnison basins are at 45-55% of normal, and the San Miguel-Dolores-Animas-San Juan basin is at 45-55% of normal.*



Colorado

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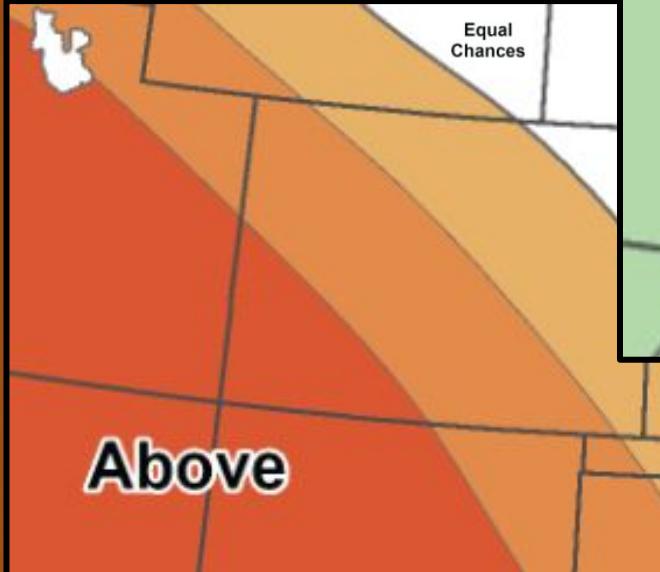
# OUTLOOK

TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION



The latest guidance from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is leaning toward above normal temperatures for all of eastern Utah and most of western Colorado, with a 50-60% likelihood across southwest Colorado and southeast Utah, with decreasing likelihood as you move northeast, with 33-40% likelihood for areas along the northern Divide. For precipitation, CPC is favoring above normal precipitation for most of eastern Utah and portions of northwest Colorado, with a 33-40% likelihood. For the remainder of the area, there is equal chances of above or below normal precipitation.

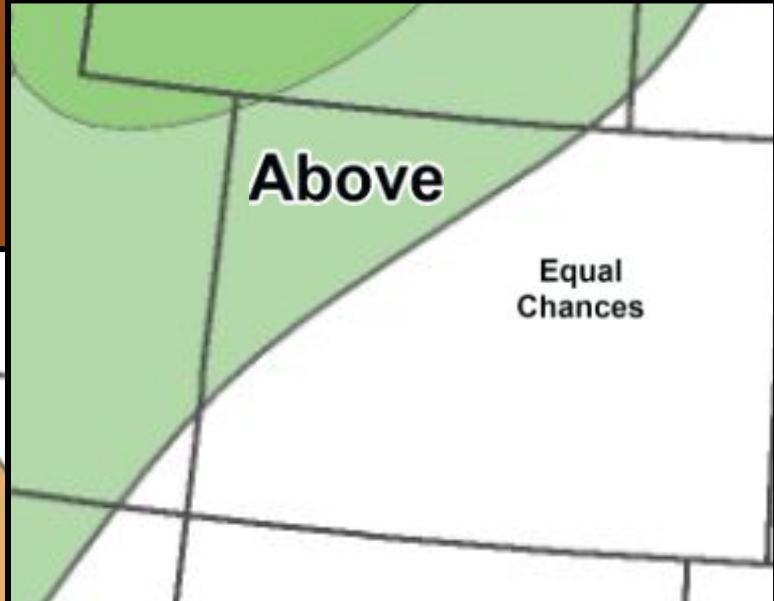
## Temperatures



Above

Equal  
Chances

## Precipitation



Above

