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WEATHER ACROSS E UTAH / W COLORADO

December 1st marked the end of Meteorological Fall, which runs from September 1st to November 30th, and the beginning of Meteorological Winter. September saw some impressive severe weather impact the Western Slope, with numerous reports of 1-2 inch hail, damaging winds, flash flooding, and even two tornadoes in southeast Utah, one of which was rated an EF2. In October, the remnants of Tropical Storms Priscilla and Raymond brought unusual amounts of deep tropical moisture into eastern Utah and western Colorado. Southwest Colorado, and in particular the towns of Vallecito and Pagosa Springs, was hit particularly hard, with rainfall totals out of this multi-day event totalling 5-6 inches at the higher elevations. All this rain had to go somewhere, and as a result normally quiet channels became raging torrents, threatening homes and businesses along the course. The San Juan River in downtown Pagosa Springs went from under 4 feet to above Major Flood Stage at 12.7 feet over the course of about 6 hours. In Vallecito multiple homes were flooded and damaged. After all that November seemed like an uneventful month, save for the space weather that brought some spectacular aurora on the night of the 11th. And on the last day of the month a widespread snowstorm brought travel headaches to the entire I-70 corridor, from Grand Junction to Vail Pass.

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CLIMATE SUMMARY

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NOTE: all data mentioned is collected from our automated observing stations from 10 airports across the area. Some observers in more remote areas may have measured warmer or colder temperatures, or more or less precipitation than mentioned in this summary.

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TEMPERATURES

Location	Average Temp (°F) (VS Normal)	Warmest Temp (°F)	Coldest Temp (°F)
Aspen, CO	46.4 **(+2.3)**	81 on 9/3	15 on 10/28, 29, 11/30
Cortez, CO	52.4 **(+3.1)**	89 on 9/2	21 on 11/27, 29
Craig, CO	47.3 **(+2.9)**	87 on 9/2, 3	10 on 11/9
Durango, CO	50.9 **(+3.4)**	86 on 9/2	22 on 11/9
Grand Junction, CO	56.9 **(+3.6)**	94 on 9/3	27 on 11/29
Meeker, CO	48.6 **(+2.7)**	87 on 9/3	15 on 11/9
Montrose, CO	53.8 **(+3.1)**	89 on 9/3, 10	24 on 11/27, 29
Rifle, CO	52.5 **(+3.0)**	92 on 9/3	21 on 10/29
Canyonlands Airport, UT	57.6 **(+3.6)**	95 on 9/2	26 on 11/29
Vernal, UT	52.5 **(+3.9)**	91 on 9/3	21 on 10/28, 29

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PRECIPITATION

Location	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure from Normal (in.)
Aspen, CO	2.90	-0.90
Cortez, CO	3.27	-0.16
Craig, CO	3.62	-0.60
Durango, CO	6.82	+2.29
Grand Junction, CO	4.26	+1.47
Meeker, CO	5.84	+1.42
Montrose, CO	2.56	-0.15
Rifle, CO	2.56	-0.68
Canyonlands Airport, UT	3.83	+1.70
Vernal, UT	1.66	-1.06

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SEASONAL RECORDS REPORT

A total of 8 daily records were set across the primary climate sites

Site	Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
Grand Junction, CO	**September 9th**	**Snowfall (Hail)**	**Trace**	**0" in 2024**
Grand Junction, CO	**September 11th**	**Snowfall (Hail)**	**Trace**	**0" in 2024**
Grand Junction, CO	**September 12th**	**Snowfall (Hail)**	**Trace**	**0" in 2024**
Grand Junction, CO	**October 3rd**	**High Max Temperature**	**87F**	**87F in 2024**
Grand Junction, CO	**October 10th**	**Daily Total Rainfall**	**1.35"**	**0.54" in 1969**
Grand Junction, CO	**October 11th**	**High Min Temperature**	**57F**	**56F in 2024**

High Max **Low Max** **Precip** **High Min** **Low Min**

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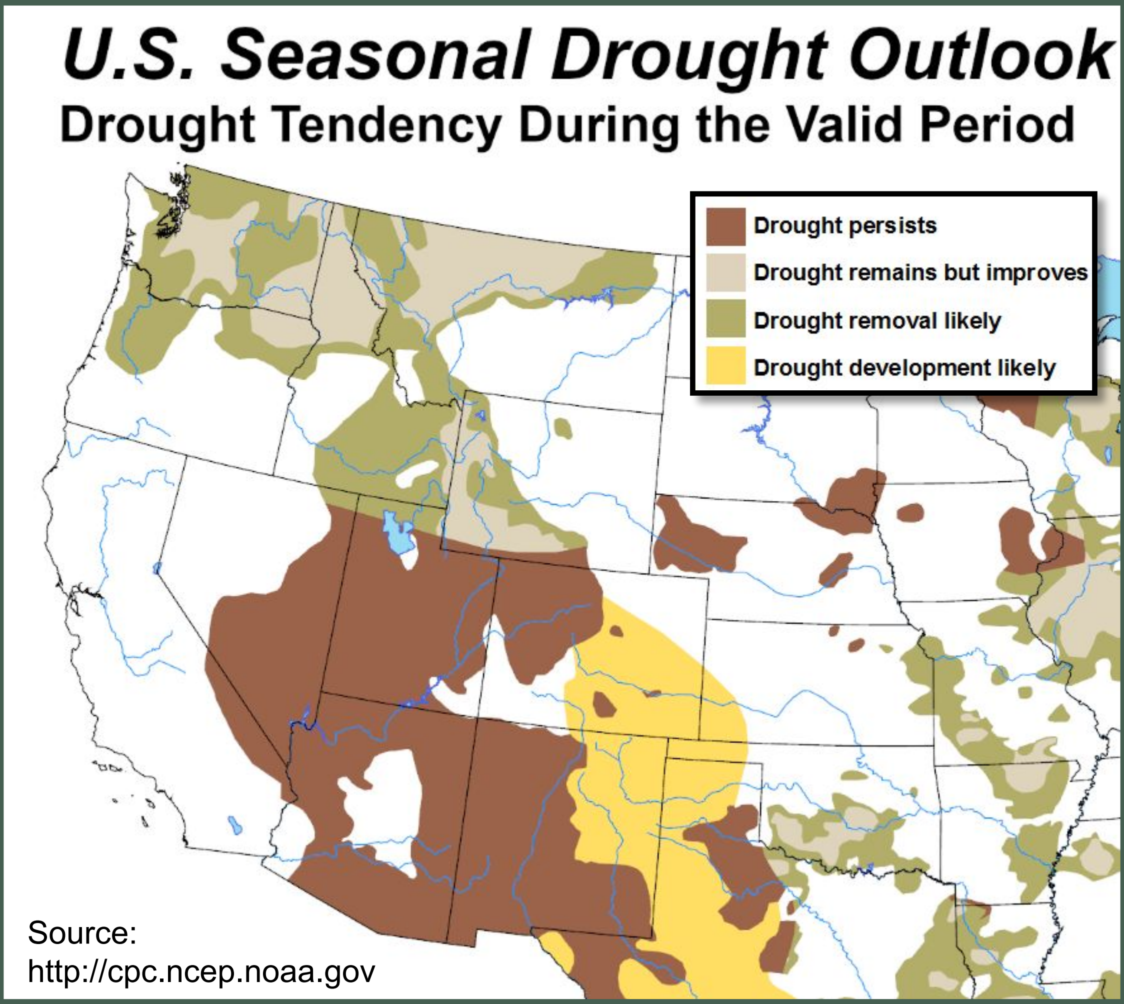
Grand Junction, CO	**October 11th**	**Daily Total Rainfall**	**0.66"**	**0.62" in 1985**
Grand Junction, CO	**November 16th**	**High Min Temperature**	**44F**	**43F in 1965**

High Max | **Low Max** | **Precip** | **High Min** | **Low Min**

SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK

For Meteorological Winter, the Seasonal Drought Outlook is favoring drought persisting across much of eastern Utah and western Colorado. For areas of southeast Utah, southwest Colorado, and into central-western Colorado, where drought has improved to Abnormally Dry (D0) or been removed completely, drought is not expected to redevelop.



WINTER
2025 / 2026

OUTLOOK

TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION

For Meteorological Winter, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is leaning toward above normal temperatures for most of eastern Utah and western Colorado, with a 33-40% chance. Portions of northwestern Colorado and far northeast Utah are favored to see equal chances of above or below normal temperatures. CPC is also favoring equal chance of above or below normal precipitation for all but far southern Colorado, where there is a slight tendency toward below normal precipitation (33-40%).