

NWS GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO



A LOOK BACK AT **SPRING 2026** WEATHER ACROSS E UTAH / W COLORADO

June 1st marked the end of Meteorological Spring, which runs from March 1st to May 31st, and the beginning of Meteorological Summer. Meteorological Spring was quite a rollercoaster, with summer-like conditions in the month of March, and a more winter-like cooler and wetter pattern in late April and early May. The mountain snowpack melted out substantially during the March heatwave, and only saw marginal recovery with subsequent storms in April and May. Temperatures were overall warmer than normal, with all ten observation stations located at airports across eastern Utah and western Colorado finishing the season with above normal mean temperatures. Departures were more reasonable this season, with mean temperature departures ranging from 3.0F to 4.9F above normal. Compare that to Meteorological Winter 2025-2026's departures of 5.2F to 11.4F above normal. The season was also generally drier than normal, with nine of the ten observation sites finishing the month with below normal precipitation. Seasonal precipitation departures ranged from 0.31 inches above normal to 1.52 inches below normal.



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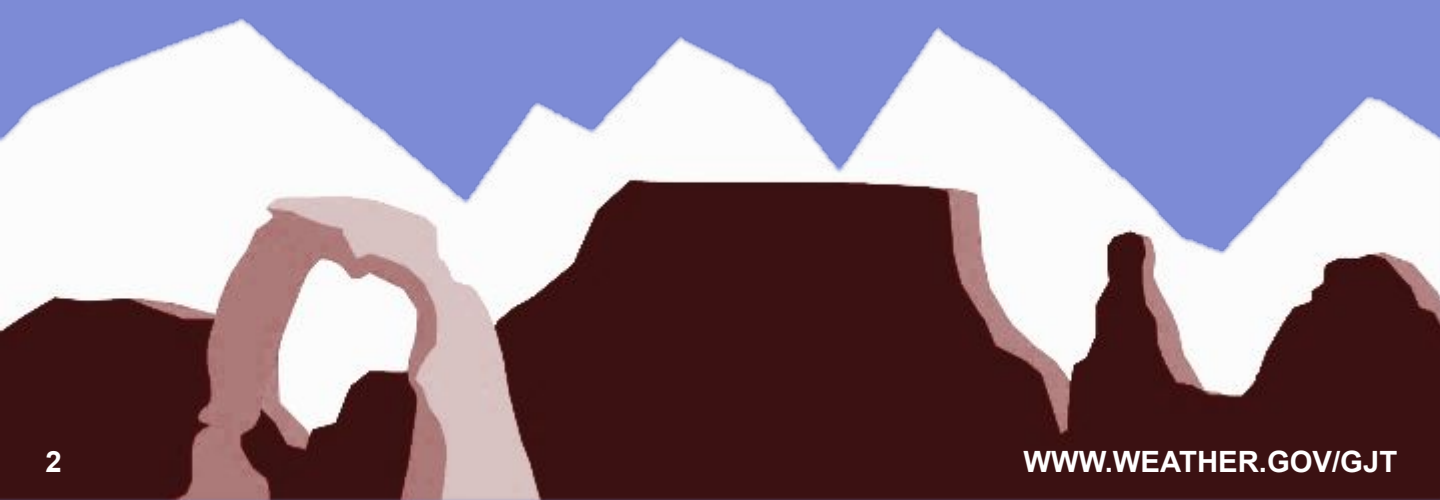
CLIMATE SUMMARY



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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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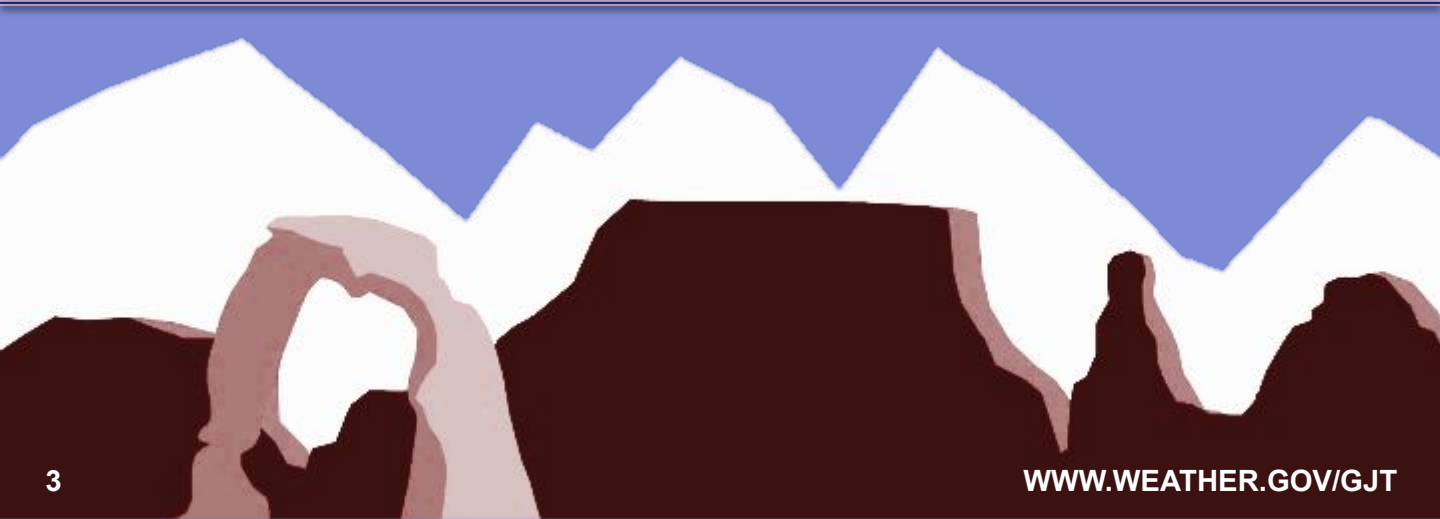


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TEMPERATURES



Location	Average Temp (°F) (VS Normal)	Warmest Temp (°F)	Coldest Temp (°F)
Aspen, CO	45.6 (+4.0)	81 on 5/13	13 on 3/16
Cortez, CO	51.5 (+3.8)	89 on 5/12	16 on 3/7
Craig, CO	46.3 (+3.4)	86 on 5/13	10 on 4/3
Durango, CO	50.0 (+4.9)	87 on 5/12	14 on 4/18
Grand Junction, CO	57.9 (+4.9)	94 on 5/12	24 on 3/7
Meeker, CO	47.3 (+3.0)	86 on 5/12, 13	9 on 4/3
Montrose, CO	54.8 (+4.9)	89 on 5/12	21 on 3/16
Rifle, CO	52.5 (+3.8)	91 on 5/12	19 on 3/16, 4/3
Canyonlands Airport, UT	58.1 (+4.1)	96 on 5/12	21 on 3/7
Vernal, UT	51.8 (+3.2)	89 on 5/12	19 on 3/7

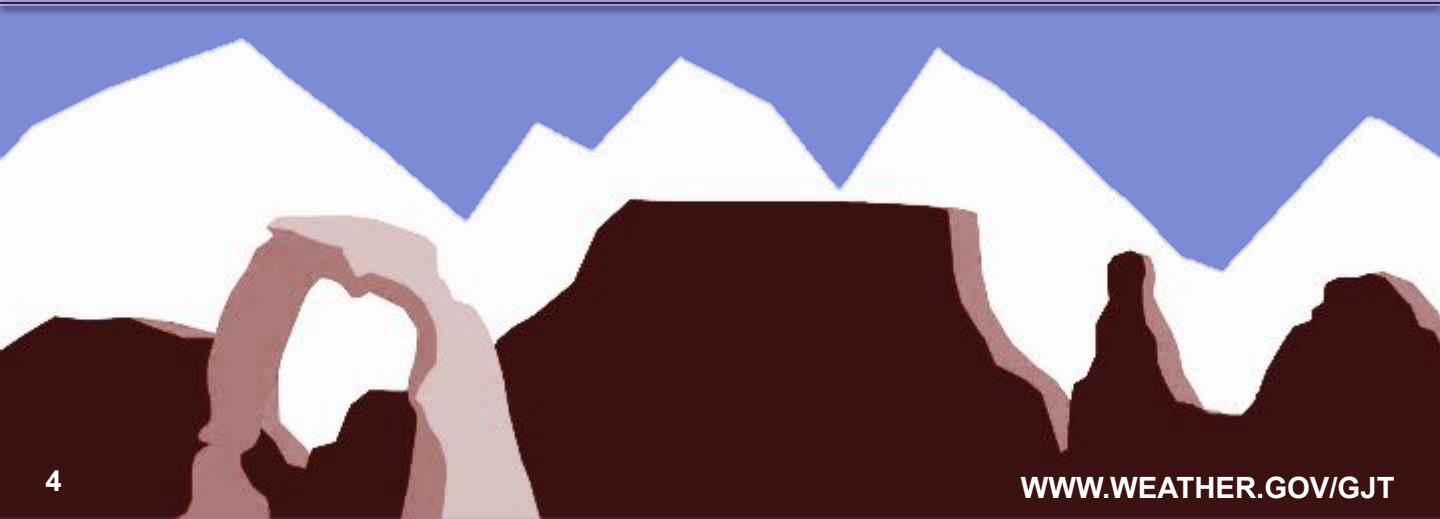


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PRECIPITATION



Location	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure from Normal (in.)
Aspen, CO	2.83	-1.52
Cortez, CO	1.23	-1.10
Craig, CO	4.60	+0.31
Durango, CO	1.18	-1.49
Grand Junction, CO	1.29	-1.32
Meeker, CO	3.92	-0.74
Montrose, CO	1.30	-0.92
Rifle, CO	2.79	-0.12
Canyonlands Airport, UT	1.02	-0.63
Vernal, UT	1.50	-0.92



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SEASONAL RECORDS

R E P O R T

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Site	Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
Grand Junction, CO	March 2nd	High Max Temperature	71F	70F in 1901
Grand Junction, CO	March 2nd	High Min Temperature	42F	42F in 1982
Grand Junction, CO	March 19th	High Max Temperature	82F	81F in 1907
Grand Junction, CO	March 20th	High Max Temperature	85F	81F in 2004
Grand Junction, CO	March 21st	High Max Temperature	87F	79F in 2004
Grand Junction, CO	March 22nd	High Max Temperature	81F	79F in 2004

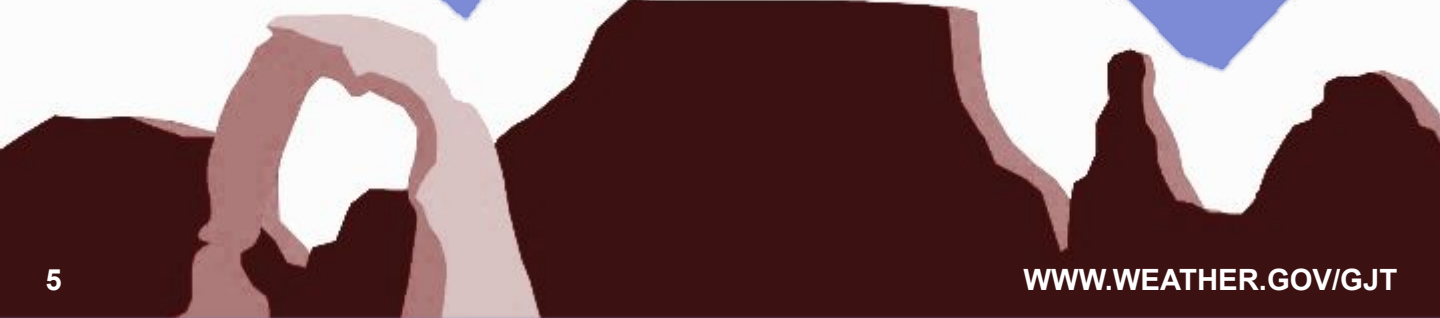
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Grand Junction, CO	March 24th	High Max Temperature	84F	77F in 1998
Grand Junction, CO	March 25th	High Max Temperature	88F	79F in 2012
Grand Junction, CO	March 25th	High Min Temperature	52F	51F in 1998
Grand Junction, CO	March 26th	High Max Temperature	85F	81F in 1971
Grand Junction, CO	March 26th	High Min Temperature	55F	54F in 1940

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Site	Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
Grand Junction, CO	March 29th	High Max Temperature	80F	77F in 1986
Grand Junction, CO	March 30th	High Max Temperature	79F	79F in 1971
Grand Junction, CO	March 30th	High Min Temperature	55F	47F in 1974
Grand Junction, CO	March	Low Monthly Precip	0.02 inches	0.02 inches in 2004
Grand Junction, CO	May 12th	High Max Temperature	94F	92F in 1960

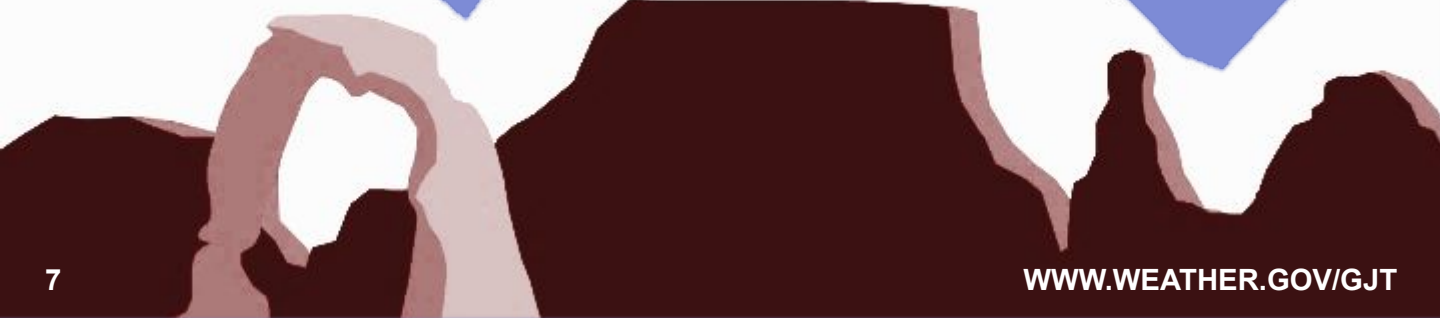
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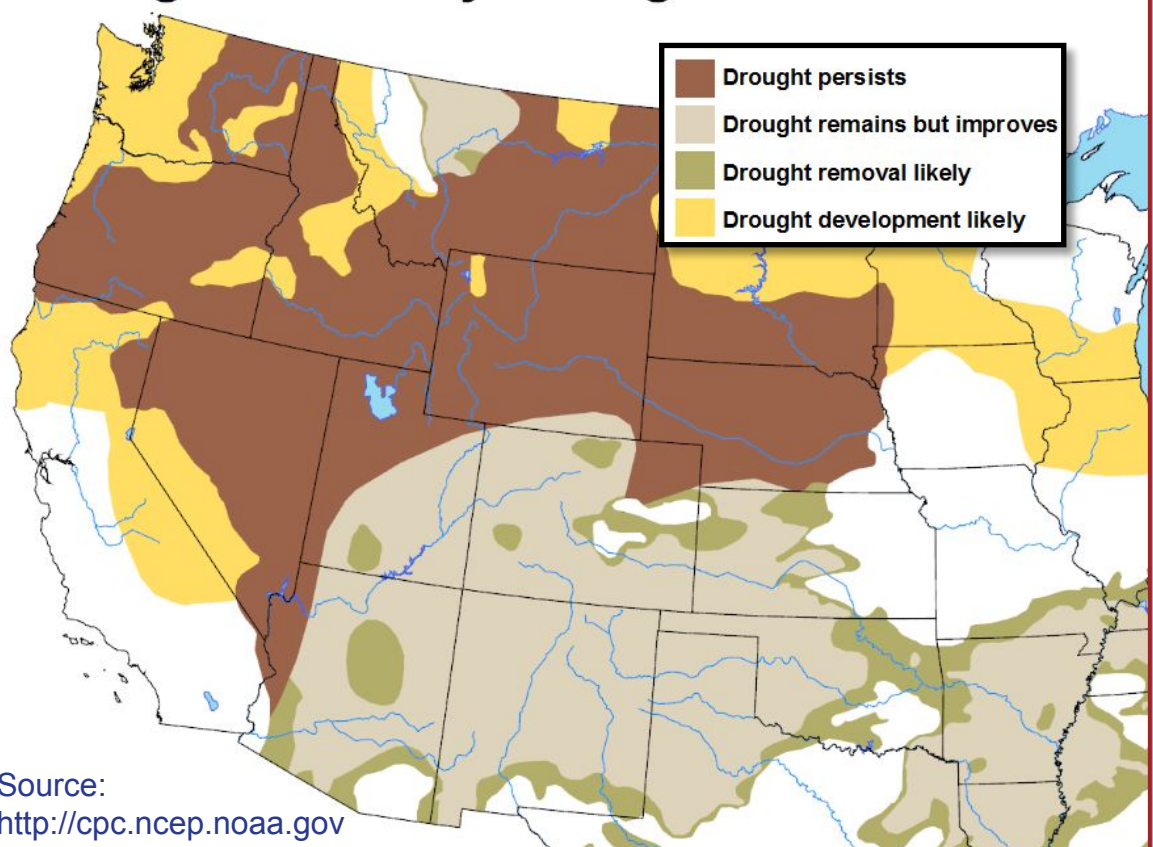


SEASONAL DROUGHT OUTLOOK

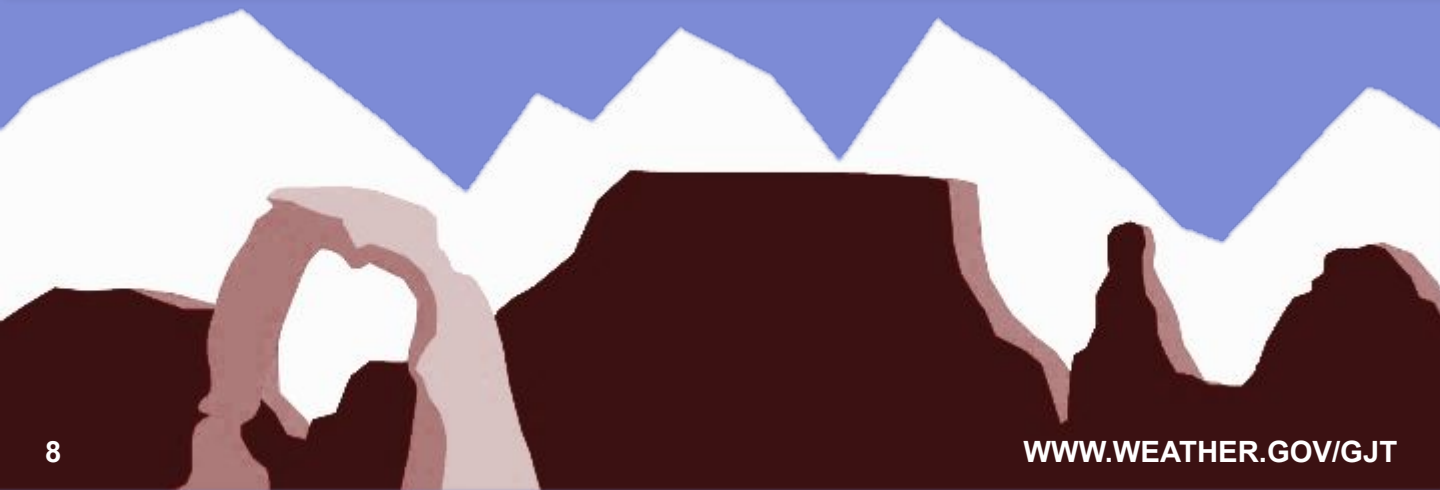


For Meteorological Summer, the Seasonal Drought Outlook is favoring drought improvement across the majority of eastern Utah and western Colorado. There are pockets favored to see complete drought removal. Far northeast Utah is favored to see drought persist, however.

U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period



Source:
<http://cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>



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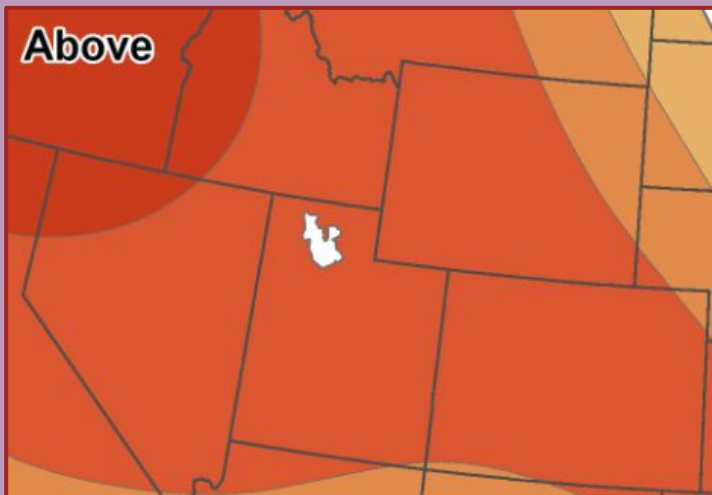
OUTLOOK

TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION



For Meteorological Summer, the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is leaning toward above normal temperatures for eastern Utah and western Colorado. The majority of the area has a 50-60% chance of seeing above normal temperatures, while areas directly around the Four Corners have a slightly lower chance, at 40-50%. CPC is favoring above normal precipitation, with the highest chances, 40-50%, centered along the Utah/Colorado border and stretching from the Four Corners to the Wyoming border. The remainder of the area has a slightly lower chance, 33-40%, of seeing above normal precipitation.

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Temperatures

Precipitation

