

Drought Information Statement for Northeast Nevada

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- This product will be updated December 14, 2025, or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/lkn/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates for regional drought status updates.
- Abnormally dry conditions continue across Nevada.
- Drought conditions unchanged for eastern Nevada.
- Drought conditions improve for western Nevada.





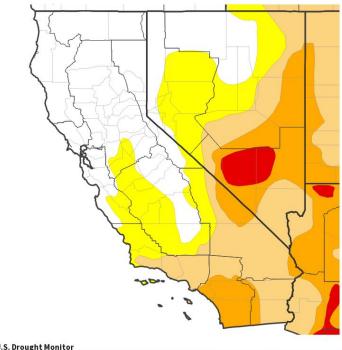


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for the Western U.S.

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D4 (Exceptional Drought): None.
 - D3 (Extreme Drought): None.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of E Elko, N Nye, and E White Pine Counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of E Elko, and far NW Nye Counties.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of Central Elko, S Eureka, S Lander, and far NW Nye Counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor







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

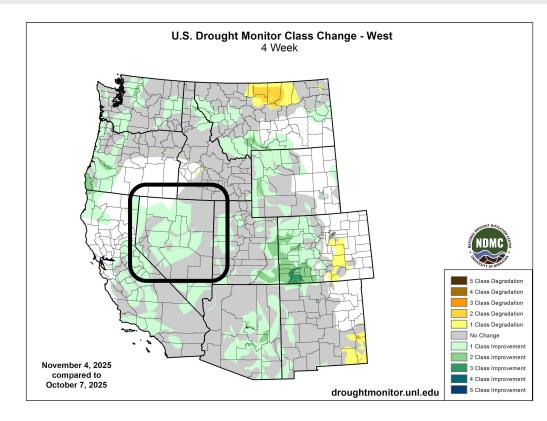
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Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for the Western U.S.

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - o **Drought Worsened:** None.
 - No Change: Central Elko, E Elko, N Nye, and E White Pine Counties.
 - Drought Improved: 1 Class improvement: Humboldt, W Elko, Eureka, Lander, NW Nye, W White Pine Counties.





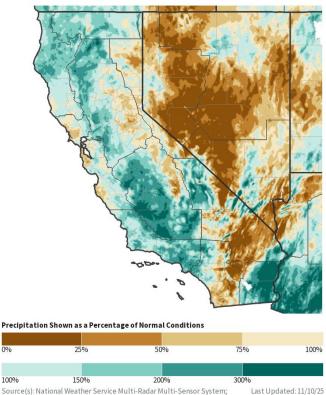


Additional Resource: <u>HPRCC (High Plains Regional Climate Center)</u>

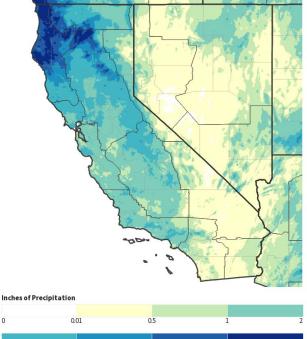
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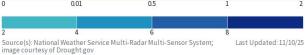
- Western Elko county has seen up to 100% of normal Precipitation for the month of October. However, most of northern and central Nevada saw a return to dry conditions receiving only 0 to 50% of normal.
- 30 Day precipitation estimates show that most of central Elko county see beneficial rainfall for the month of October with estimated rainfall amounts of between 1" and 2". However, most of northern Nevada saw less than 0.50" of rainfall for the month.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

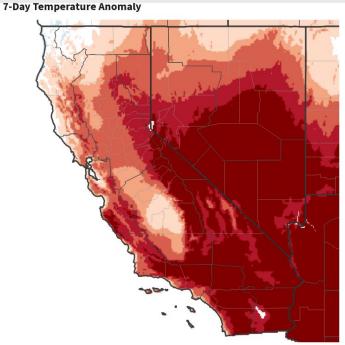


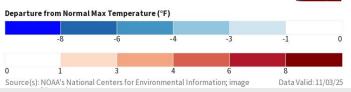


Temperature

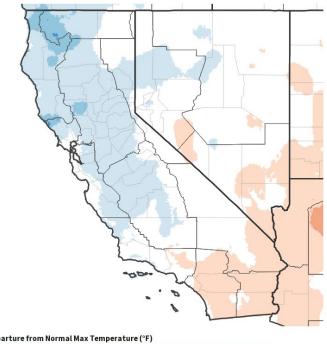
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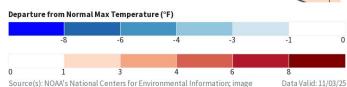
- Temperature departures for the last 7 days (center) show maximum temperatures for NV ranged from well above normal temperatures for central NV while N NV saw slightly above normal temperatures...
- 30 day departures (right) shows most of Nevada with near normal maximum temperatures for NE Nevada.













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

Hydrologic Impacts

Most streams and rivers continue to flow near to average for western Nevada, and below average to well below average
for eastern Nevada, and central Humboldt County for this time of year. Recent rains have elevated stream flows for central
Elko county to above normal for October.

Agricultural Impacts

Surface soil moisture has seen a recovery due to recent rains across northern and portions of west central Nevada,
 However for east-central Nevada, as well as deeper soil moisture products conditions still run near to or below normal,
 with vegetation stress still evident, but improving.

Fire Hazard Impacts

• Recent rains have improved fuel moisture status for Elko, Eureka, S Lander, N Nye, S Eureka and White Pine Counties.

Other Impacts

• Wild horse roundups across eastern Nevada BLM lands in Summer due to lack of water.

Mitigation Actions

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

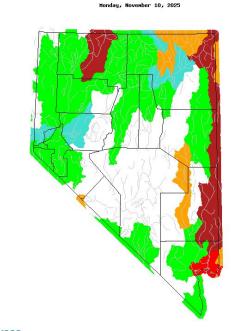




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow averages for the October 01 07 period show that eastern Elko and White Pine Counties, including the E Humboldt river basin seeing below normal streamflow in the 10-24 percentile class.
 While far eastern White Pine County is seeing Much below normal stream flow in the <=10 percentile class.
- Basins in N Elko, SW Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, N Nye, and W White Pine Counties are seeing normal streamflow conditions in the 25-75 percentile class. While W Humboldt County/Paradise Valley region seeing much above normal streamflow in the >90 percentile class.

Image: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC8 map valid 10 07 2025



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	Explanation - Percentile classes							
	Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
		Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

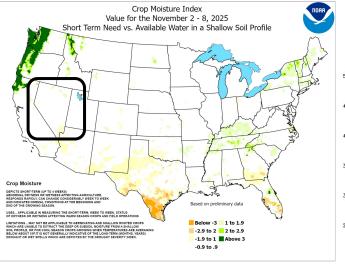


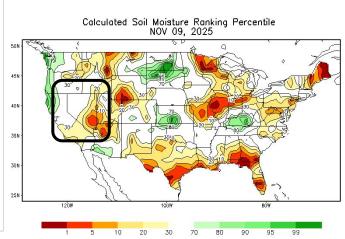


Agricultural Impacts

- Calculated soil moisture is near normal for this time of year across most of Nevada thanks to recent rains.
- Soil moisture deficits
 across eastern Nevada
 persist. Vegetation
 (wild/crop-not shown)
 across the state still
 shows moderate drought
 stress.

 Crop moisture index for the 2025 growing season for NV shows near normal conditions. Soil moisture ranking across most of northern and central Nevada now resides near to to slightly below average. Only E NV resides below normal.







Link to Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center

- Normal fire weather hazards exist for Northern and Central Nevada
- Fire weather zones are now out of season as recent rains have improved fuels to non critical to near critical. Although active fire restrictions are still in effect.
- There have been several significant wildfires within the forecast area during August and early September across Elko and Humboldt counties.
- Significant wildland fire potential for November is indicated to be near normal conditions for Northeastern NV.

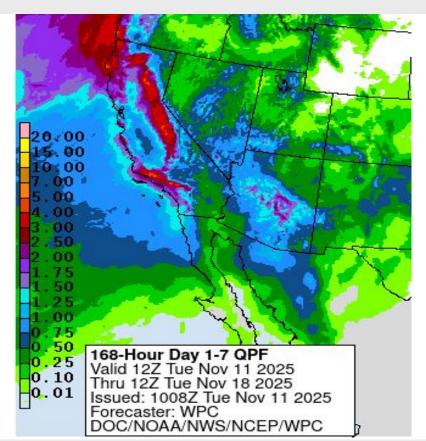
An Interactive Fire Restrictions Map for Nevada can be found at: https://www.nevadafireinfo.org/restrictions





Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Wetting precipitation (>0.10") is currently forecast for much of eastern and northern Nevada for the next 7 days through mid November.
- There is a 40%-50% chance for above normal precipitation for all of NV for the following 8 to 14 days for late November (not shown).

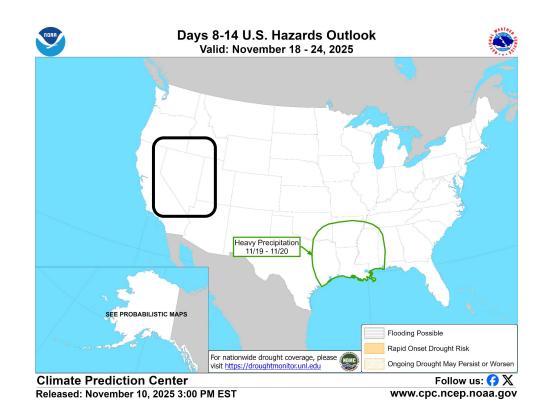




Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day Temperature Outlook and Precipitation Outlook

- Rapid onset drought is not expected, although drought and abnormally dry conditions persist across Nevada.
- Other hazards such as extreme heat, heavy precipitation (snow/rain), strong winds, or severe flooding are not expected for the period.



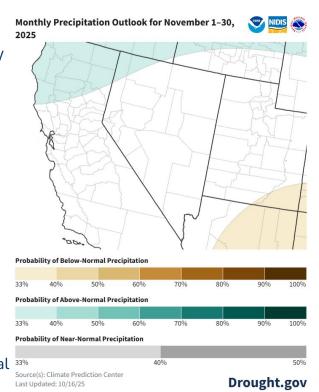


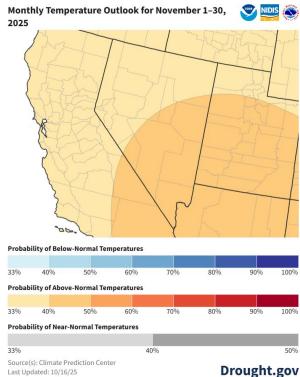


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- Monthly precipitation outlook for Nevada favors equal chances of above or below normal for Nevada. While NW Humboldt county has a 33%-40% chance for above normal precipitation
- Monthly Temperature outlook for Nevada indicates a 33%-40% chance for above normal temperatures for W and N NV. As well as a 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for central NV.
- Seasonal outlooks (Nov/Dec/Jan) (not shown) favor a 33%-40% chance for above normal precipitation for N NV, and equal chances for above or below normal precipitation for C NV. As well as, a 33%-40% chance for above normal temperatures for N Nevada, and a 40%-50% chance for C NV.



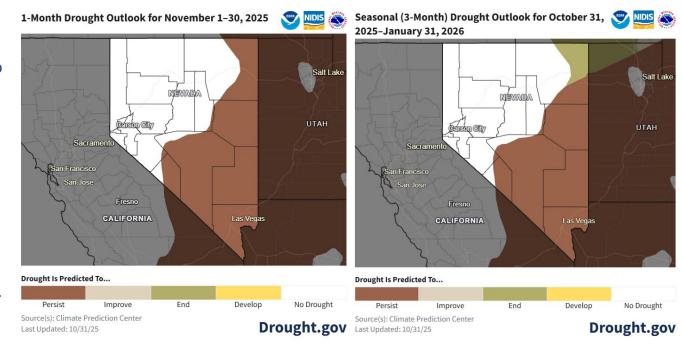




Drought Outlook

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- Monthly drought outlook shows that drought conditions are expected to continue for much of central and southern NV.
- Seasonal drought outlook also shows that drought conditions are favored to continue for much of central Nevada. However drought is forecast to end across far NE Elko County.



Links to the latest:

<u>Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook</u> <u>Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook</u>

