



# Drought Information Statement for Northeast Nevada

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- This product will be updated January 12, 2026, 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 mostly unchanged for eastern Nevada.**
- **Drought conditions improve for parts of N Nye County, Nevada.**

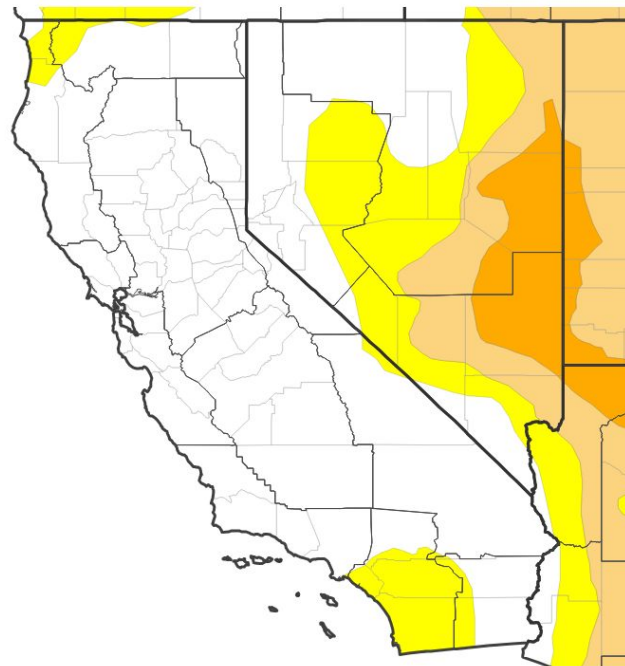


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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, White Pine and NE Nye Counties.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of Central Elko, S Eureka, S Lander, and NW Nye Counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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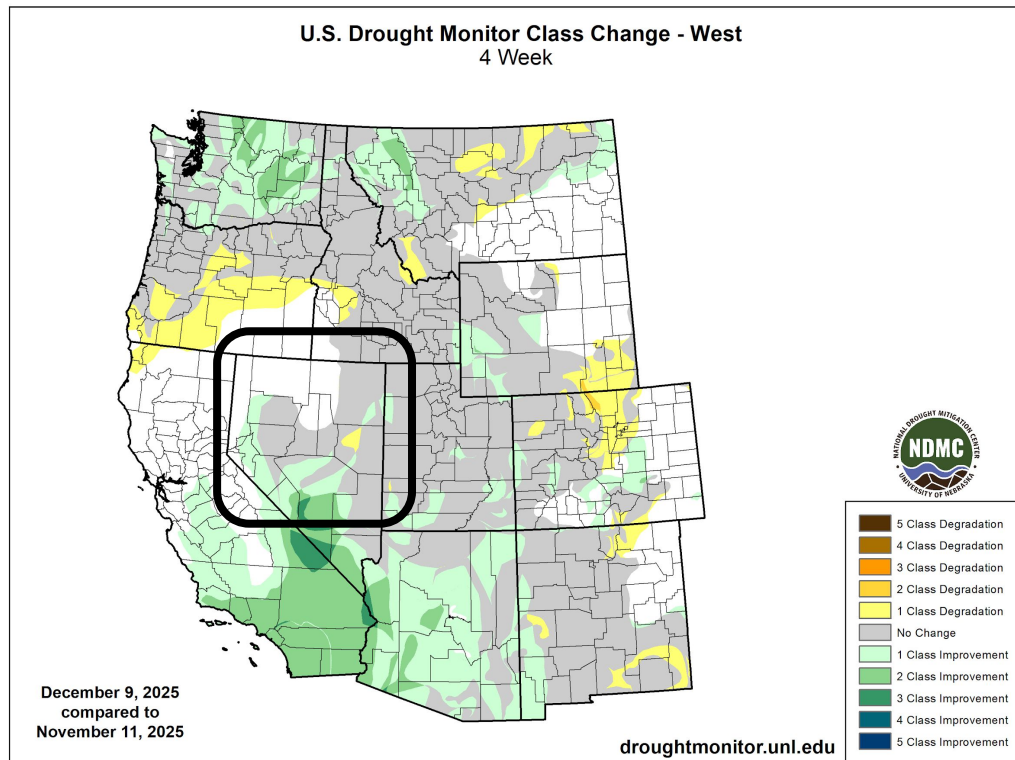
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# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for the Western U.S.

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - **Drought Worsened:** West central White Pine.
  - **No Change:** Central Elko, E Elko, N Nye, and E White Pine Counties.
  - **Drought Improved:** 1 Class improvement: Portions of N Nye County.



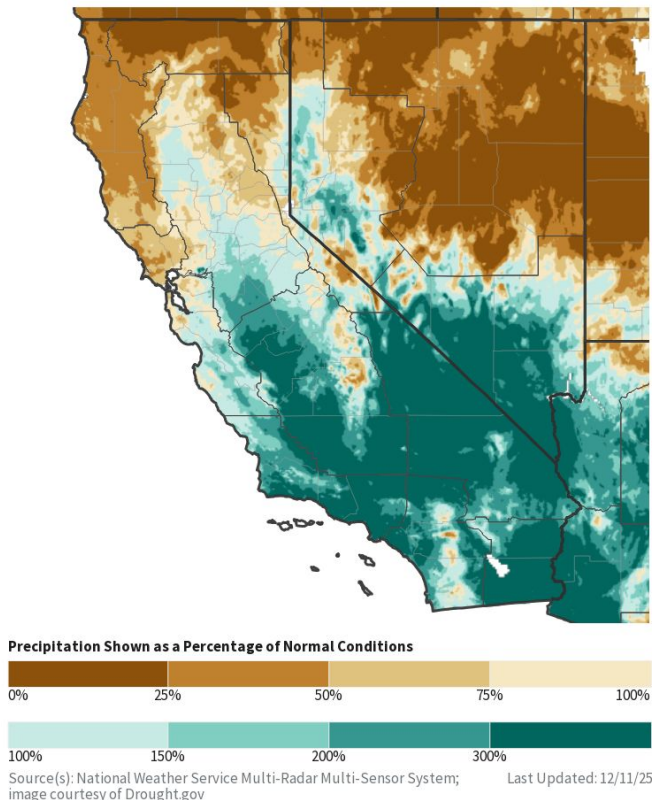


# Precipitation

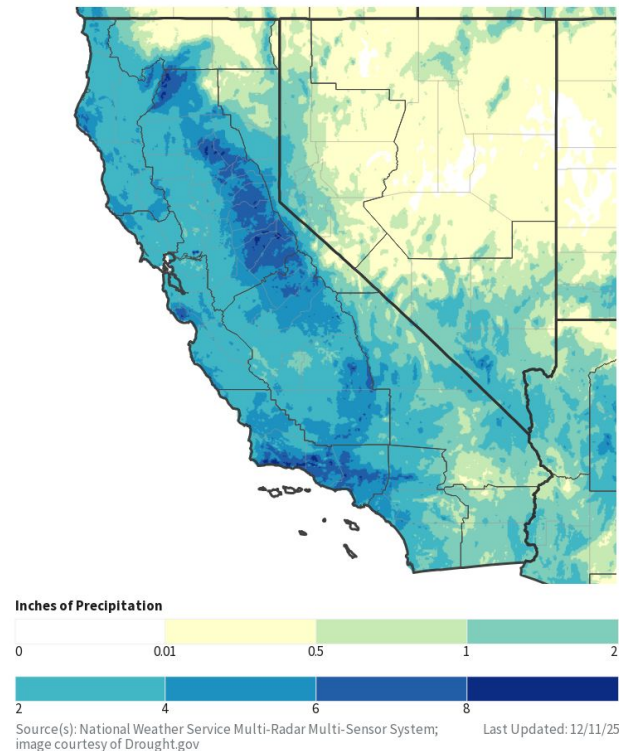
Additional Resource: [HPRCC \(High Plains Regional Climate Center\)](#)

- With the exception of the southern part of Nye county, most of NE Nevada has seen between 0% to 25% of normal Precipitation for the month of November. However, Tonopah was the lone location that saw between 150% to 200% of normal precipitation.
- 30 Day precipitation estimates show that most of Nevada saw less than 0.50" of rainfall for the month of November.

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)





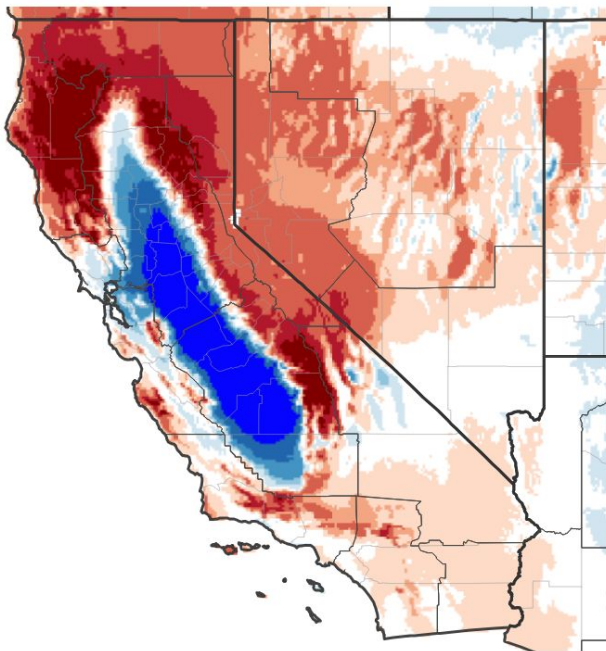


# Temperature

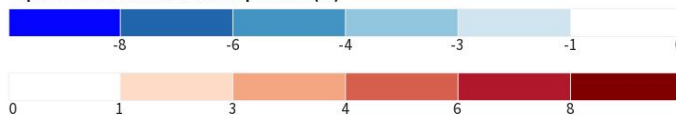
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7-Day Temperature Anomaly

- Temperature departures for the last 7 days (center) show maximum temperatures for NV ranged from well above normal temperatures, While far NE Elko County saw slightly below normal temperatures.
- 30 day departures (right) shows most of Nevada with above normal maximum temperatures for NE Nevada.



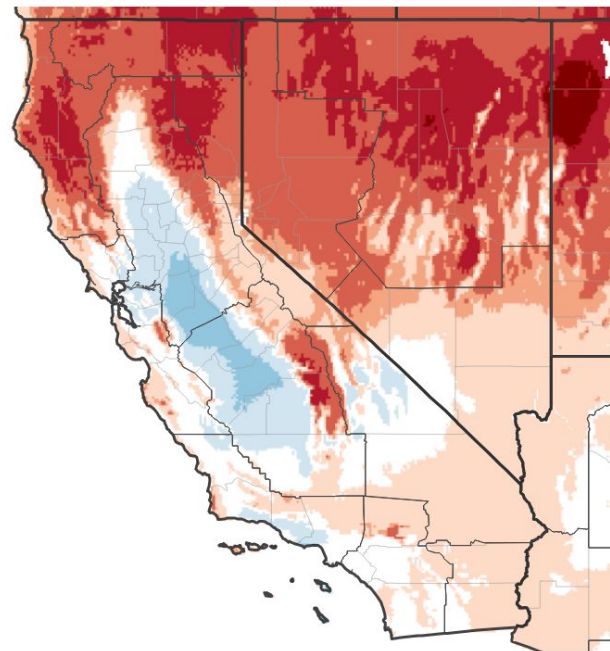
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



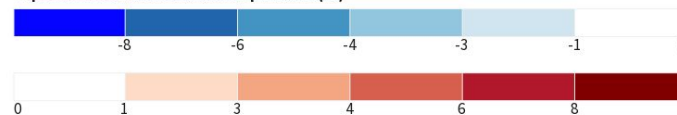
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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# Summary of Impacts

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 NE Nevada, and below average to well below average for eastern Nevada, N Lander, N Eureka, N Elko and central Humboldt County for this time of year. Snow melt have elevated stream flows for a portion of north central Elko county to above normal.

## 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

- Fuel moisture status for Elko, Eureka, S Lander, N Nye, S Eureka and White Pine Counties have been moved to out of season status.

## Other Impacts

- Snow Drought conditions are evident for the mountains of Northern and Central Nevada.

## Mitigation Actions

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

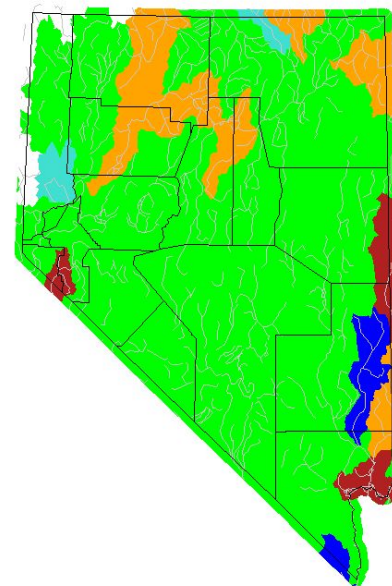




# Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

- Streamflow averages for the December 01 - 07 period show that E Elko, N Elko, N Eureka, C Humboldt, SE Humboldt, and N Lander Counties, including the W 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  $\leq 10$  percentile class.
- Basins in N Elko, SW Elko, S Eureka, Humboldt, S Lander, N Nye, and W White Pine Counties are seeing normal streamflow conditions in the 25-75 percentile class. While NW Elko-Owyhee River basin region seeing above normal streamflow in the 76-90 percentile class.



USGS

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		

Image: USGS 7 day average streamflow  
HUC8 map valid 12 10 2025



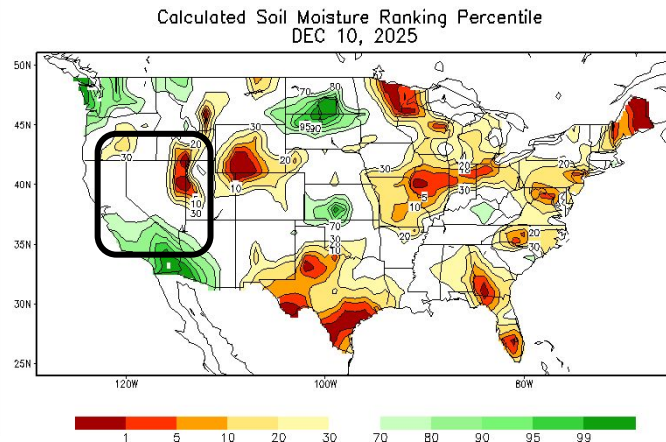
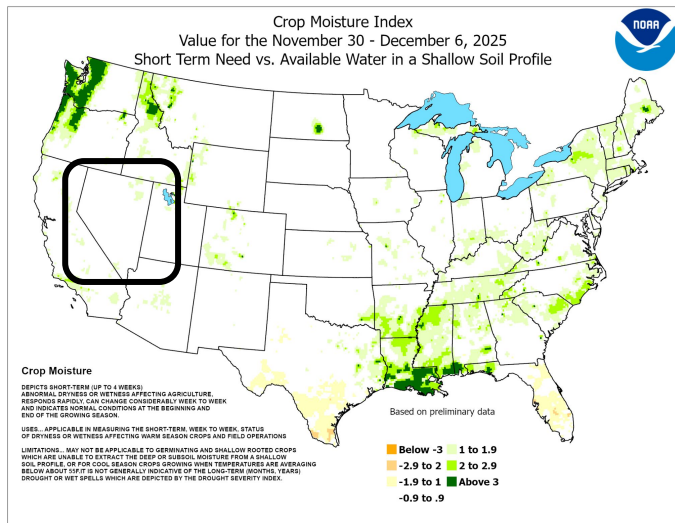
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# Agricultural Impacts

- Calculated shallow soil moisture is near normal for this time of year across most of Nevada.
- Crop moisture index for NV shows near normal conditions. Soil moisture ranking across most of northern and central Nevada now resides near average. Only E NV resides below normal.
- Deeper root zone soil moisture deficits persist across Eastern Nevada. Vegetation indices (wild/crop-not shown) across the state still shows moderate drought stress.







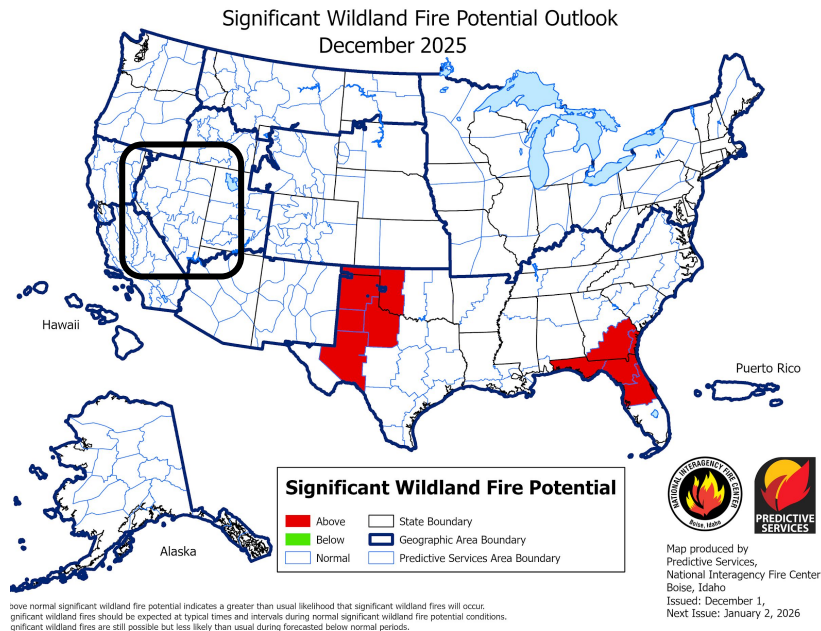
# Fire Hazard Impacts

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. 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. Burn scar mitigation, and rehabilitation efforts are underway.
- Significant wildland fire potential for December 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>

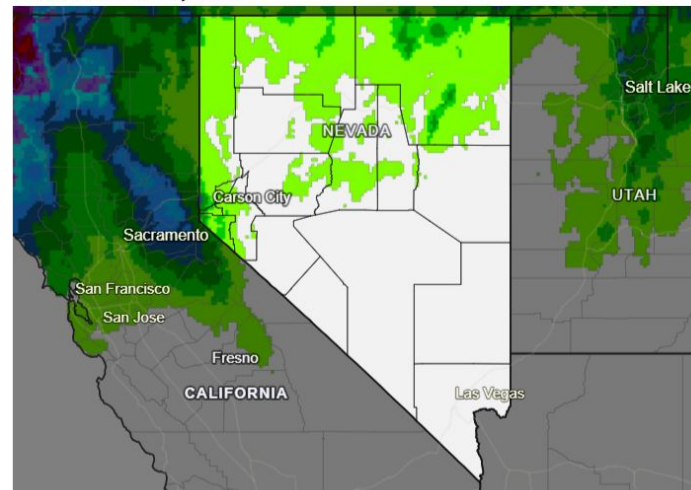




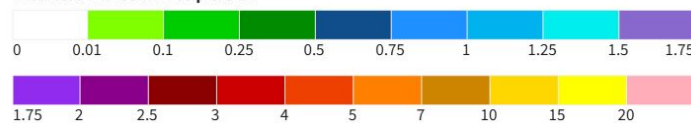
# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Wetting precipitation ( $>0.10''$ ) is currently forecast only for the mountains of Elko county for the next 7 days through mid December.
- There is a 40%-50% chance for above normal precipitation for central NV, and a 50%-60% chance for above normal precipitation for N NV for the following 8 to 14 days for late December (not shown).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for December 11-18, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center  
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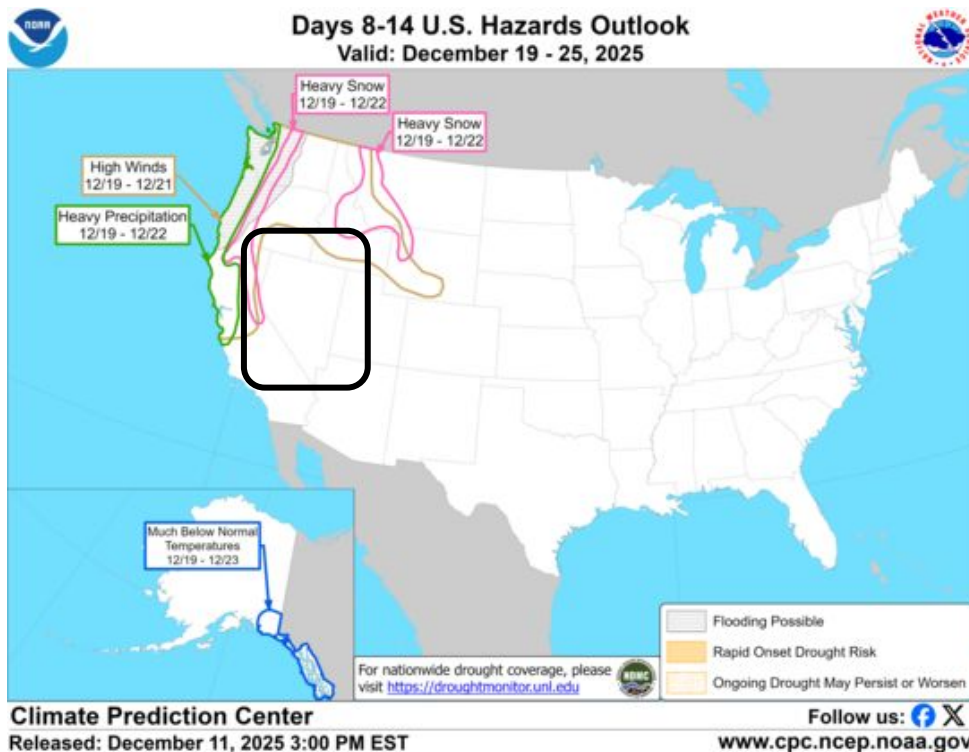




# Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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 across Nevada for the period.



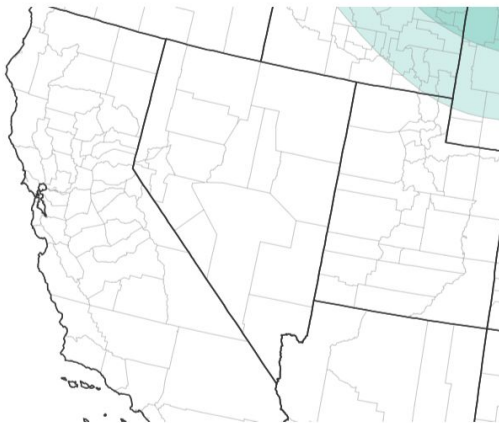


# Long-Range Outlooks

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.
- Monthly Temperature outlook for Nevada indicates equal chances for W NV. A 33%-40% chance for above normal temperatures for central NV. As well as a 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for E NV.
- Seasonal outlooks (Dec/Jan/Feb) - (not shown) favor a 33%-40% chance for above normal precipitation for far N NV, and equal chances for above or below normal precipitation most of NV. As well as, a 33%-40% chance for above normal temperatures most of Nevada.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for December 1-31, 2025



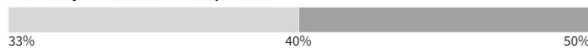
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



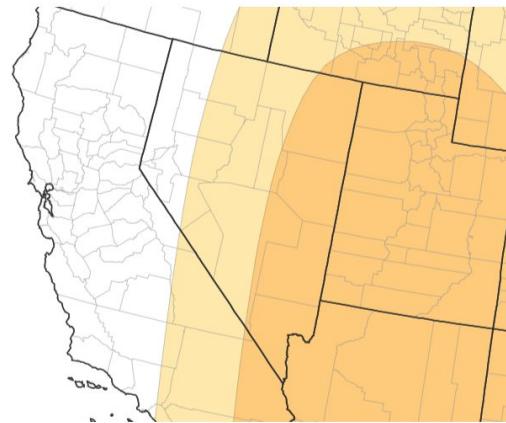
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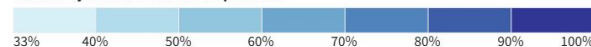
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for December 1-31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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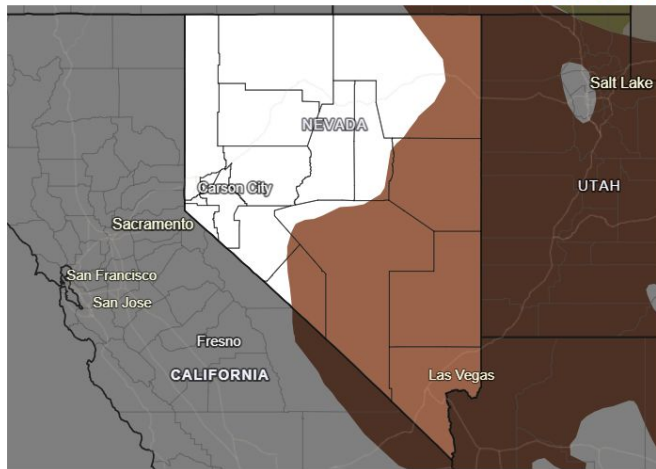


# Drought Outlook

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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 still forecast to end across far NE Elko County.

1-Month Drought Outlook for December 1–31, 2025



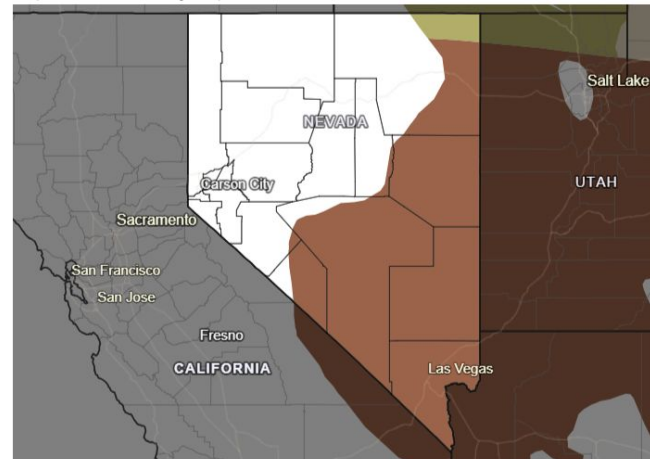
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Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for November 30, 2025–February 28, 2026



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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