



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Nevada

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- This product will be updated **March 9, 2026** or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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- **Abnormally dry conditions continue across Nevada.**
- **Drought conditions have expanded across of eastern and central Nevada.**
- **Snow Drought conditions continue across Nevada.**



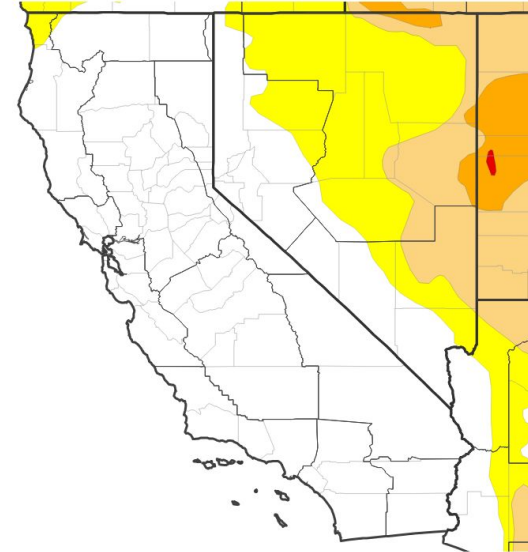


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Northeast Nevada

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Far N Elko, Far SE Elko, and E White Pine Counties
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Parts of Eastern Elko, Northern Elko, E Eureka, NE Nye, and White Pine Counties.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Parts of Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, and northern Nye Counties

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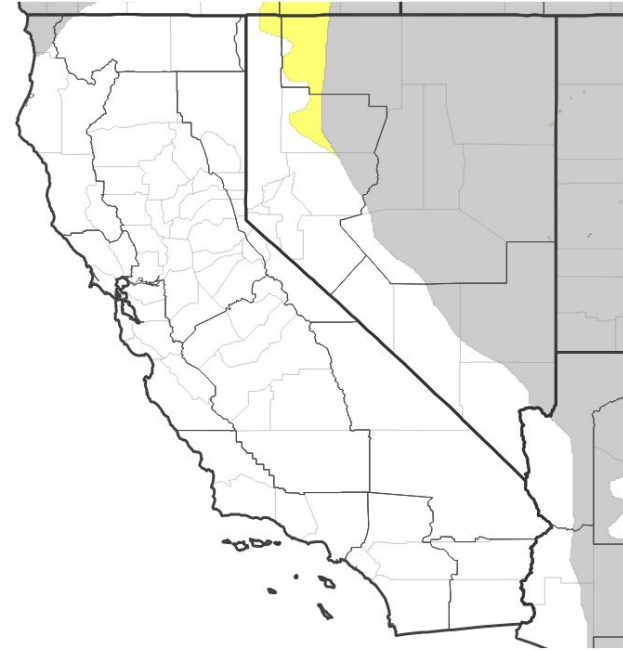


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

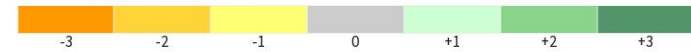
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast Nevada

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** Western Humboldt County
 - **No Change:** Elko, Eureka, East Humboldt, Lander, N Nye, and White Pine Counties.
 - **Drought Improved:** None.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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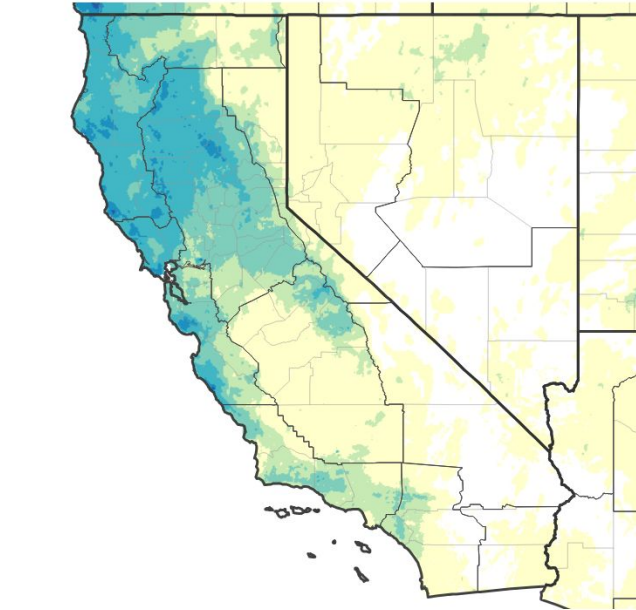




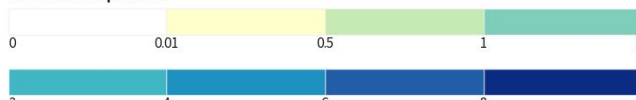
Precipitation

- Nevada saw between 0% and 25% of normal Precipitation for the month. However, western Elko and eastern Humboldt Counties saw between 25% to 50% of normal precipitation.
- 30 Day precipitation estimates show that most of Nevada saw between 0.01” up to 0.50” of rainfall for the month. Only a small section of W Elko county saw between 0.5” and 1.00”

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

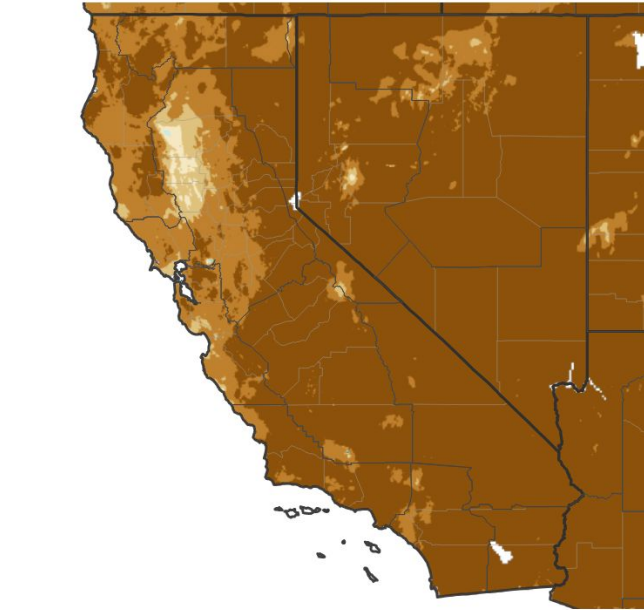


Inches of Precipitation

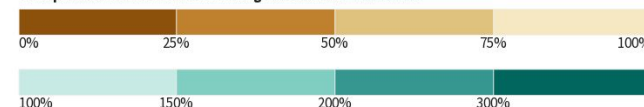


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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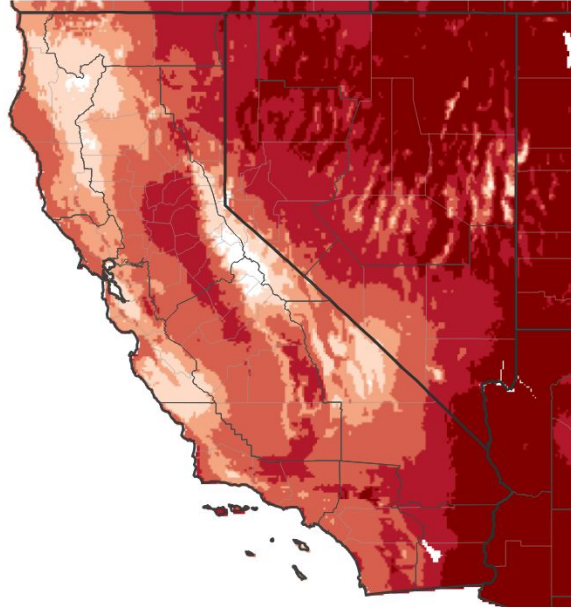




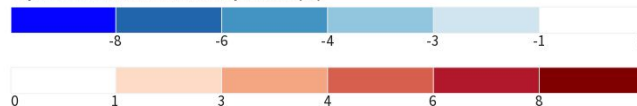
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



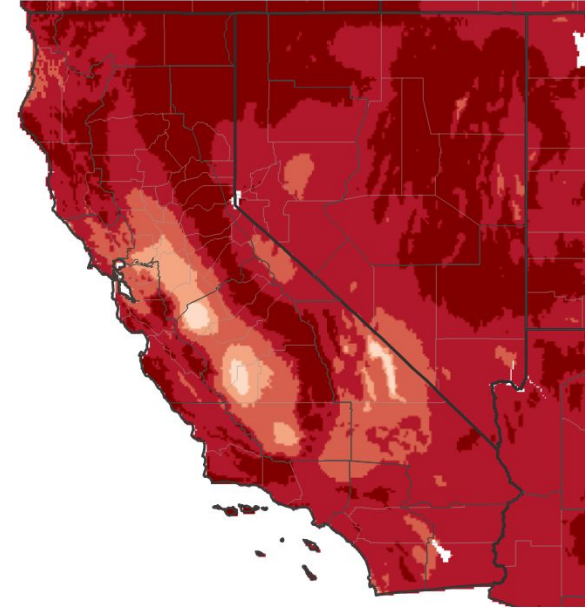
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



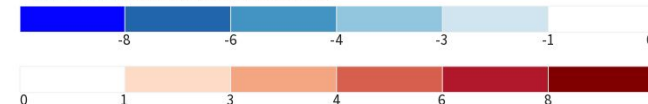
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Summary of Impacts

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 most of Nevada, and below average for Far Eastern NV. Parts of central Humboldt, northern Elko, Eastern Elko, and eastern White Pine Counties show below normal to much below normal streamflow.

Agricultural Impacts

- Surface soil moisture had seen a recovery due to recent rains across northern and central Nevada that occurred in early fall. However, soil moisture profiles both shallow and root zone show drier than normal conditions across most of the state. Crop moisture shows near normal and Crop-CASMA shows above normal moisture for Nye, and S White Pine.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fuel moisture status for Elko, Eureka, S Lander, Nye, S Eureka and White Pine Counties have been moved to out of season status. Fire conditions are normal across Nevada, although fire restrictions remain in place.

Other Impacts

- Snow Drought conditions are evident for all elevations of Northern and Central Nevada.

Mitigation Actions

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

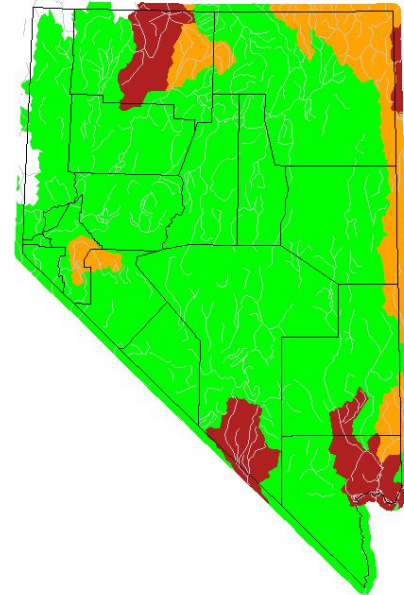




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow averages for the February 09 - 16 period show that N Elko, E Elko, E Humboldt, and E White Pine Counties are below normal in the 10-24 percentile class. Basins in far Eastern Elko, and central Humboldt show Much below normal streamflow in the >10 percentile class.
- Basins in C Elko, SW Elko, Eureka, W Lander, W Humboldt, E Humboldt, N Nye, and W White Pine Counties are seeing normal streamflow conditions in the 25-75 percentile class.

Monday, February 16, 2026



Explanation - Percentile classes

Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked

Image: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC8 map valid 2 16 2026

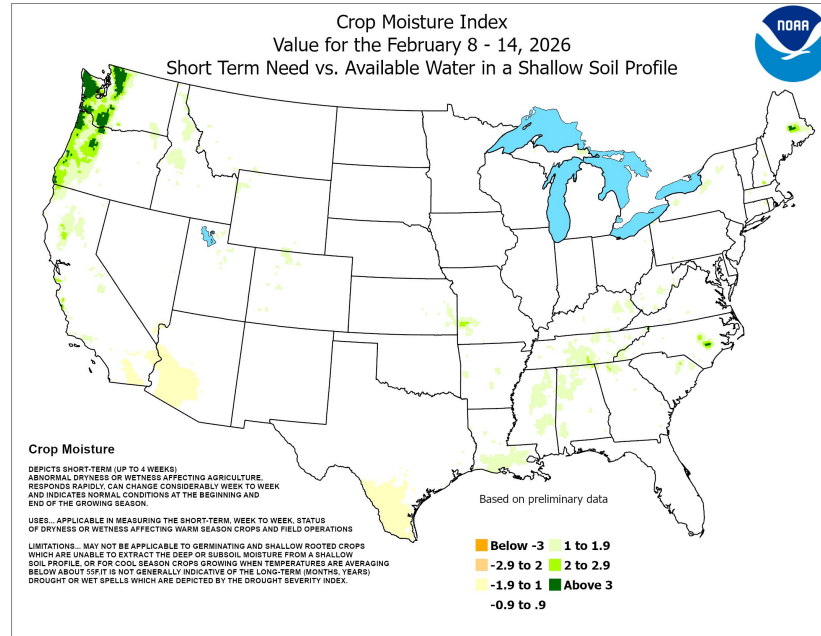




Agricultural Impacts

- Calculated shallow soil moisture is below normal for this time of year across most of Nevada. With most crop indicators out of season.
- Deeper root zone soil moisture deficits persist across northern Nevada. While surplus is shown of N Nye. Vegetation indices (wild/crop-not shown) across the state still shows moderate drought stress where still active.

- Crop moisture index for NV shows near normal conditions. Soil moisture ranking (not shown) across most of northern and central Nevada now resides near average. However other indicators show deficits.





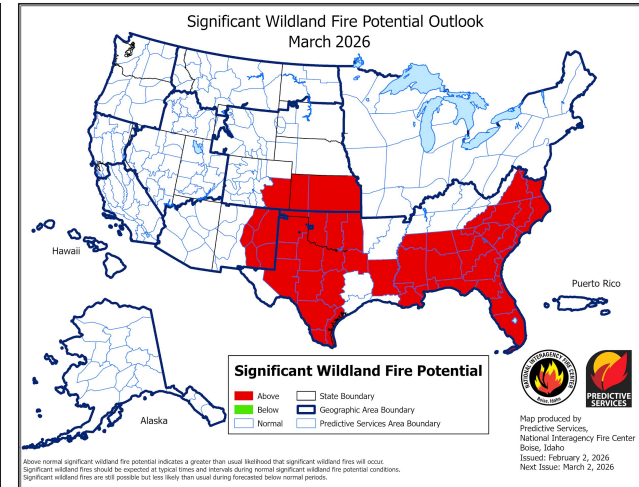
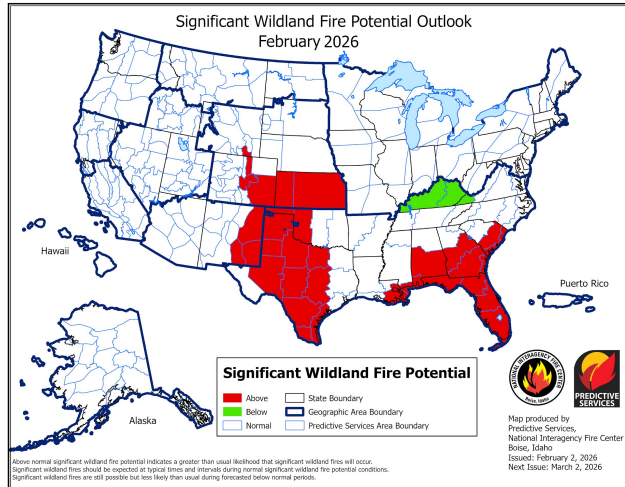
Fire Hazard Impacts

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 the rest of February, and March 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>

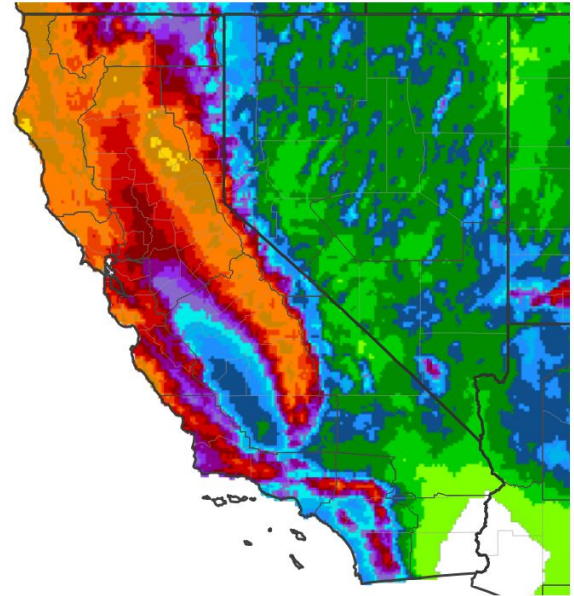




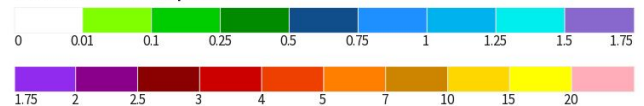
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Wetting precipitation ($>0.10''$) is forecast for areas in Nevada for the next 7 days through late February.
- There is a 50%-60% chance for above normal precipitation for eastern NV, and 60%-70% above normal chance for W NV, for the next 6 to 10 days (not shown). There is a 40%-50% chance for above normal precipitation for NV for the following 8 to 14 days for late January (not shown).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 17, 2026–February 24, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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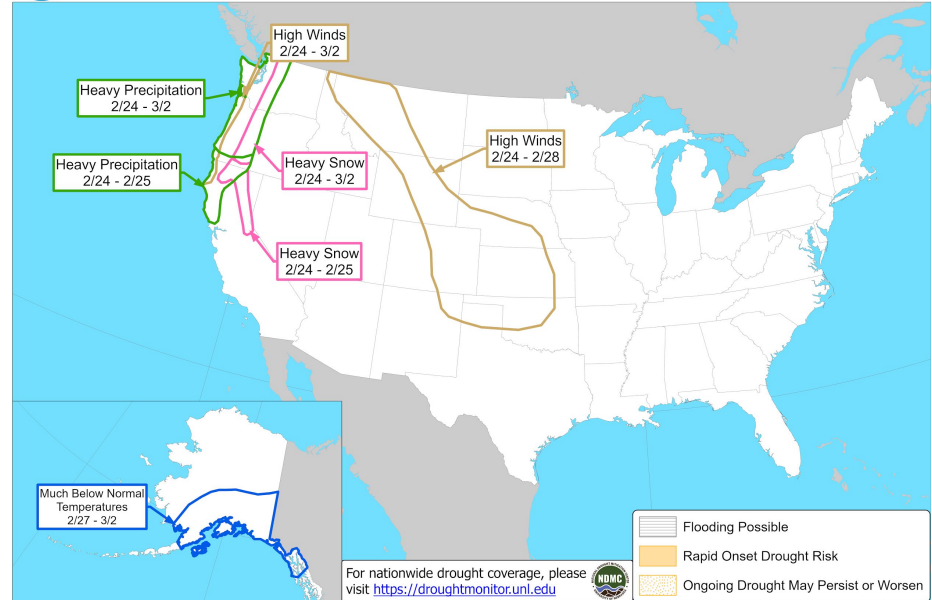
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook Valid: February 24 - March 2, 2026



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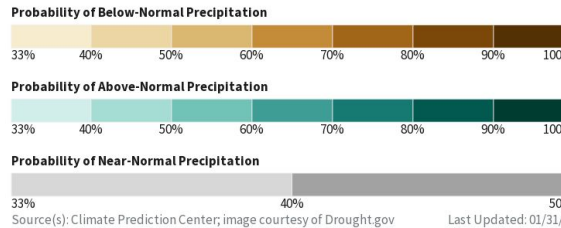
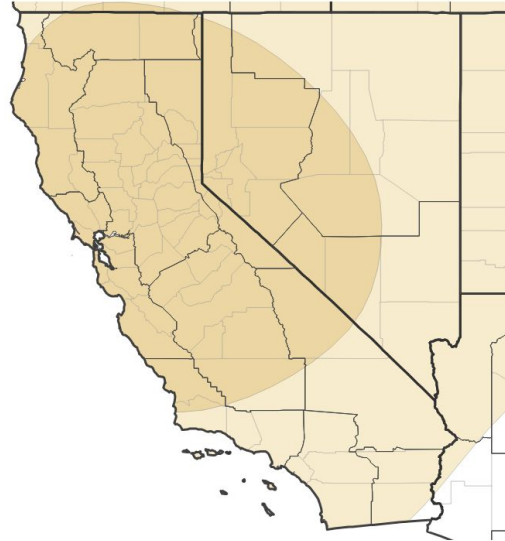


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

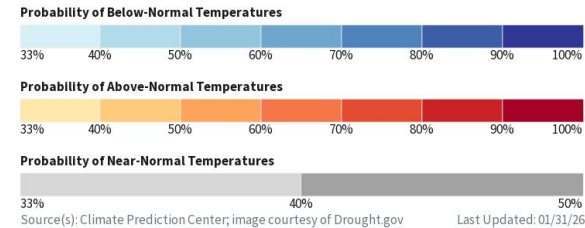
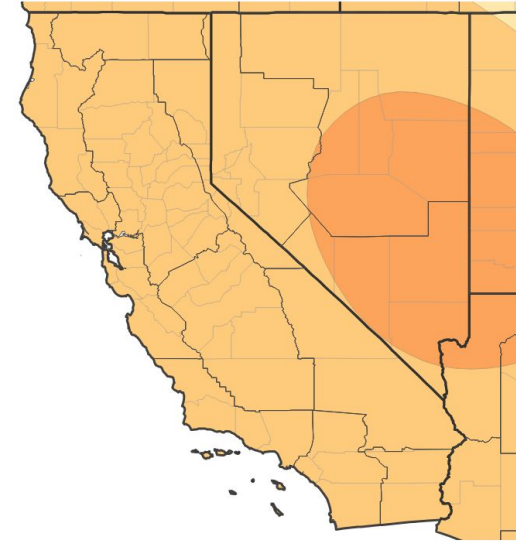
- Monthly precipitation outlook for Nevada favors a 33%-40% chance of below normal for most of E and N Nevada. A 40%-50% chance for below normal precipitation for C and W NV.
- Monthly Temperature outlook for Nevada indicates equal chances for W NV. A 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for W NV, and N NV. As well as a 50%-60% chance for above normal temperatures for central NV.
- Seasonal outlooks (Feb/Mar/Apr) - (not shown) favor a 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for NV. Precipitation wise equal chances is favored for N NV which C NV show a 33%-40% chance for below normal.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for February 1, 2026-February 28, 2026



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 01/31/26

Monthly Temperature Outlook for February 1, 2026-February 28, 2026



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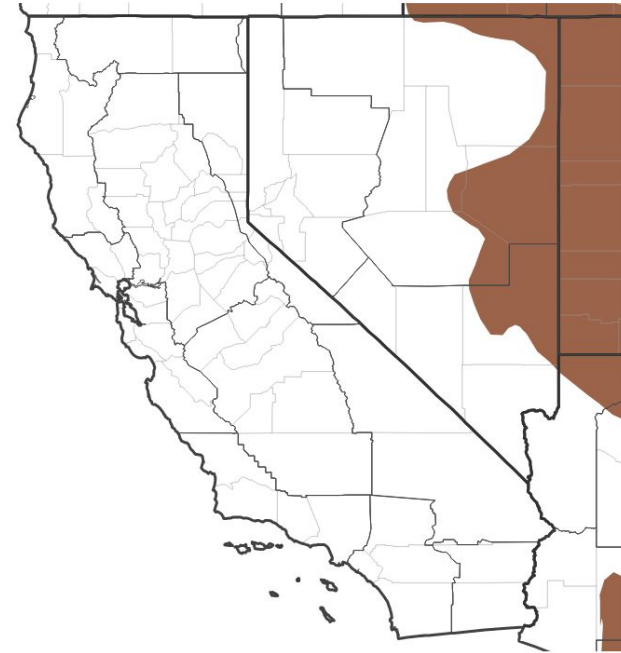


Drought Outlook

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- Monthly drought outlook (not shown) shows that drought conditions are expected to continue for eastern NV.
- Seasonal drought outlook also shows that drought conditions are favored to continue for much of eastern Nevada.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for January 31, 2026–April 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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