



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Nevada

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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.**



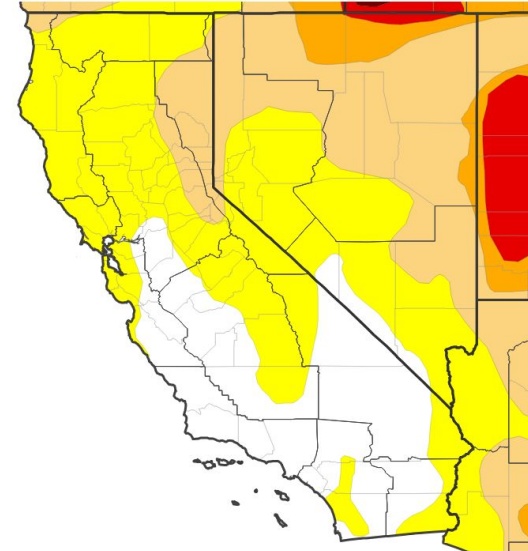


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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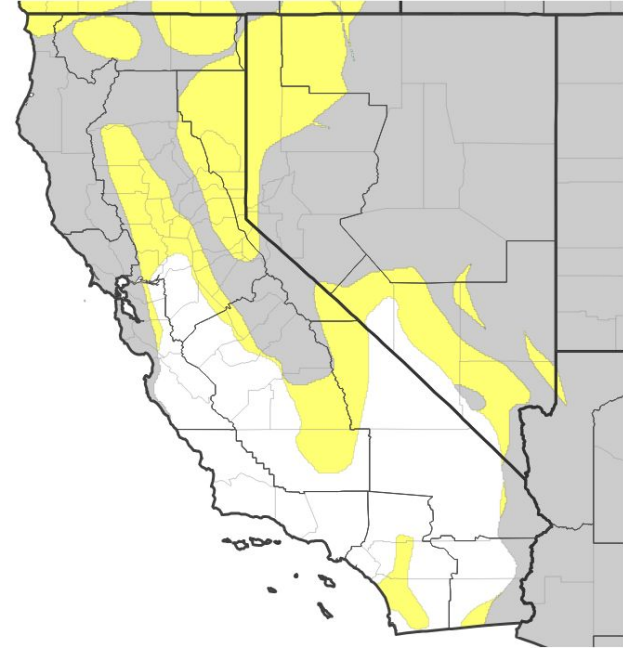


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

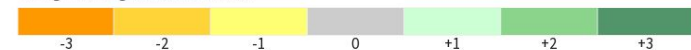
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast Nevada

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** Western Humboldt, NW Nye.
 - **No Change:** Elko, Eureka, West Humboldt, Lander, NE 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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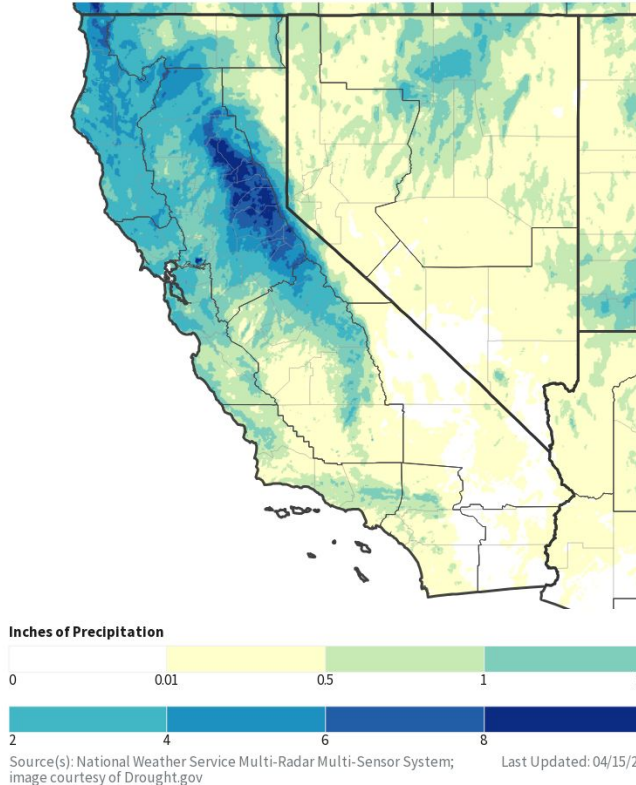




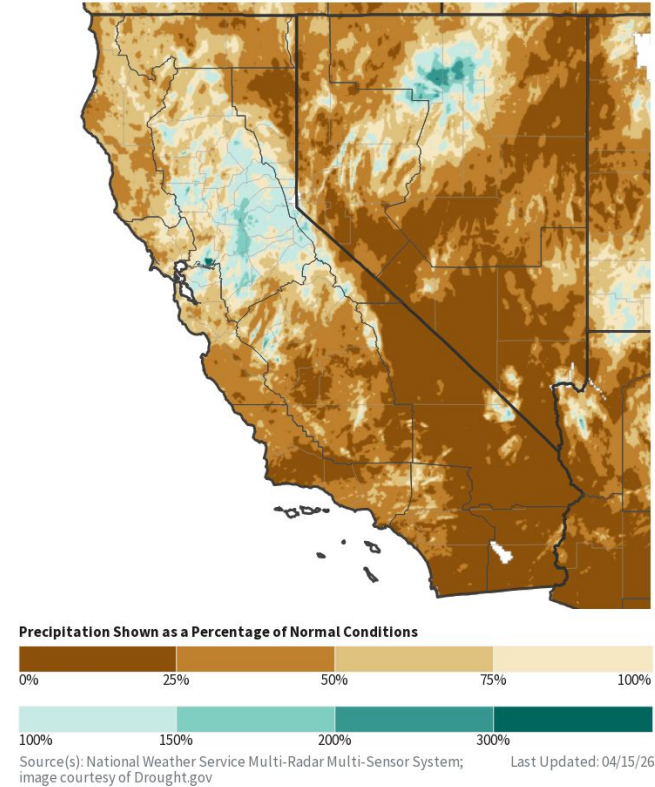
Precipitation

- Nevada saw between 0% and 50% of normal Precipitation for the month. However, a section of western Elko county saw between 150% to 200% 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. Western Elko County, saw between 1.00" and 2.00".

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

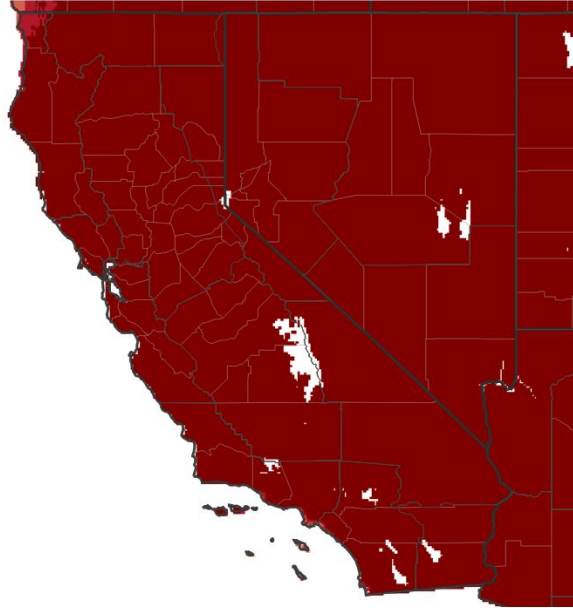




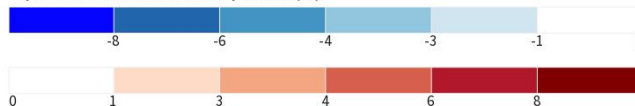
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



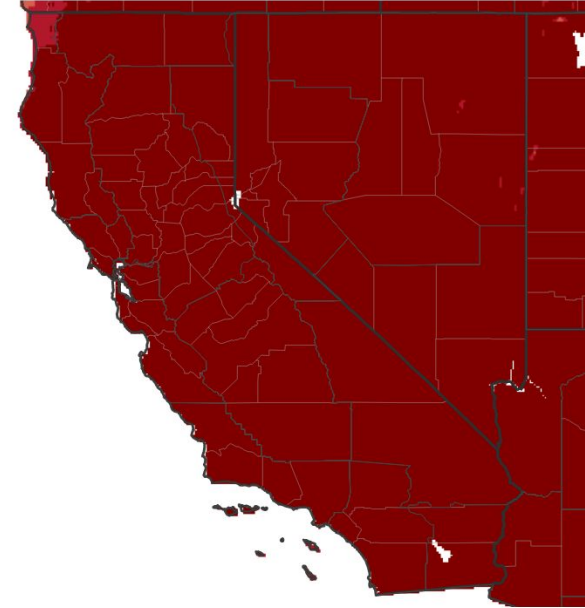
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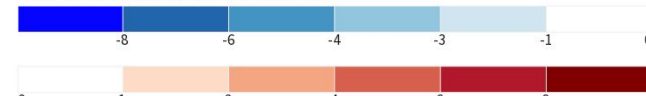
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Summary of Impacts

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 below average for greater Nevada, and the Humboldt river basin in northern NV. Isolated stations in far northern Elko, N Nye, and the Ruby Mountains show above normal stream flow due to lower elevation snow melt.

Agricultural Impacts

- Surface soil moisture had seen a draw down due to a drier pattern across northern and central Nevada that occurred in January and February. However, soil moisture profiles both shallow and root zone show a mix of drier and wetter than normal conditions across the state. Crop moisture shows near normal, and Crop-CASMA shows above normal moisture for N Nye and S White Pine, but below normal for northern NV.
- Reports from ranchers in central Nevada show early season drought indicators such as crop irrigation pivot usage, crops showing drought stress, and the early appearance of bank spider mites affecting crops and pasture animals due to early spring warmth and dry conditions.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fuel moisture status for Elko, Eureka, S Lander, N Nye, S Eureka and White Pine Counties remains in out of season/dormant 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.



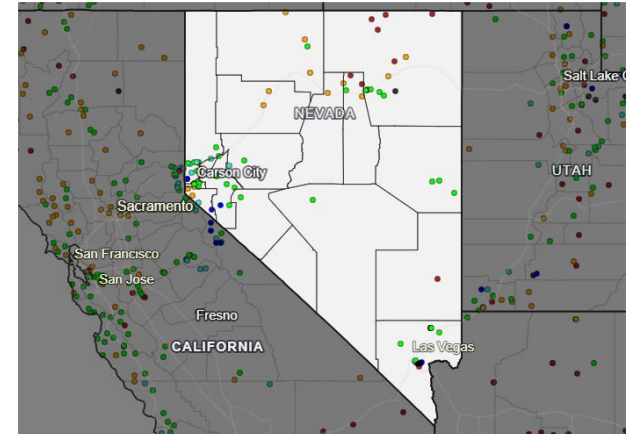


Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow averages for the period show that basins in E White Pine, and northern Nye counties are near normal. Basins in far northern Elko, N Eureka, and N Lander show below normal (10-24), to much below normal streamflow in the (<10) percentile class.
- Other Basins in Elko, Eureka, Lander, W Humboldt, E Humboldt, N Nye, and W White Pine Counties are seeing normal streamflow conditions in the 25-75 percentile class. Two stations, one in N Nye, and the Ruby Mountains are showing much above normal (>90 percentile) streamflow due to early snowmelt from warmer than normal temperatures.

Image: USGS 1 day average streamflow

1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



Streamflow Conditions



Source(s): U.S. Geological Survey
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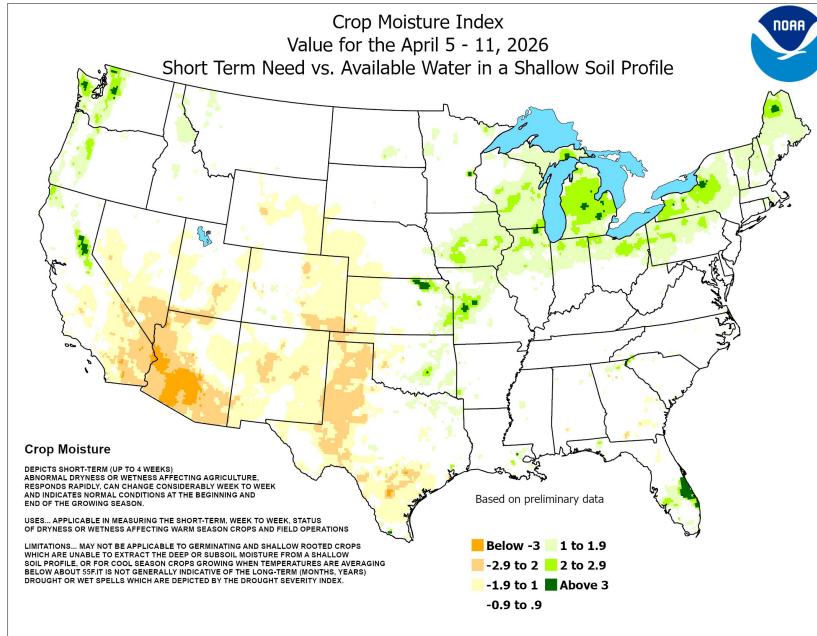
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked





Agricultural Impacts

- Calculated soil moisture trends are below normal for this time of year across most of central and eastern Nevada, with most crop indicators out of season.
- Deeper root zone soil moisture deficits persist across north-central Nevada. Surplus is shown of N Nye and western Humboldt. Vegetation indices (wild/crop-not shown) still shows moderate drought stress where still active.
- Crop moisture index for NV shows near to or below normal conditions. Soil moisture ranking (not shown) across most of northern and central Nevada now resides slightly below average. However other indicators show stronger deficits.





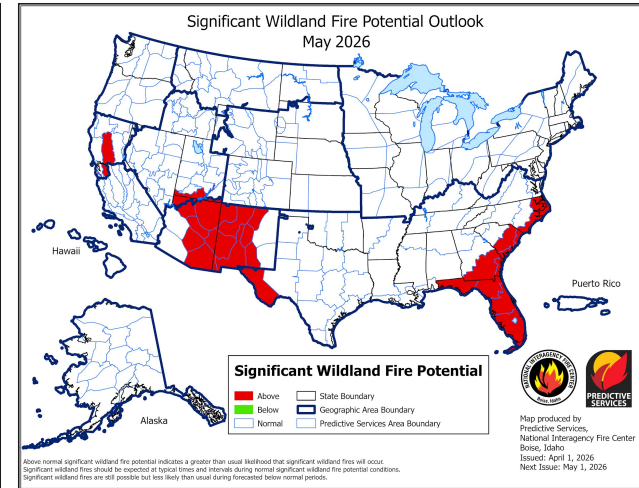
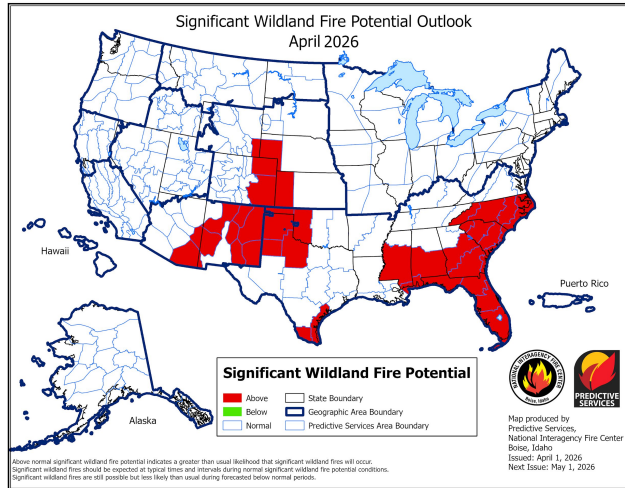
Fire Hazard Impacts

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 2025 across Elko and Humboldt counties. Burn scar mitigation, and rehabilitation efforts are underway.
- Significant Wildland Fire Potential for March and April is forecast to be normal for Northeastern NV

An Interactive Fire Restrictions Map for Nevada can be found at:

<https://www.nevadafireinfo.org/restrictions>

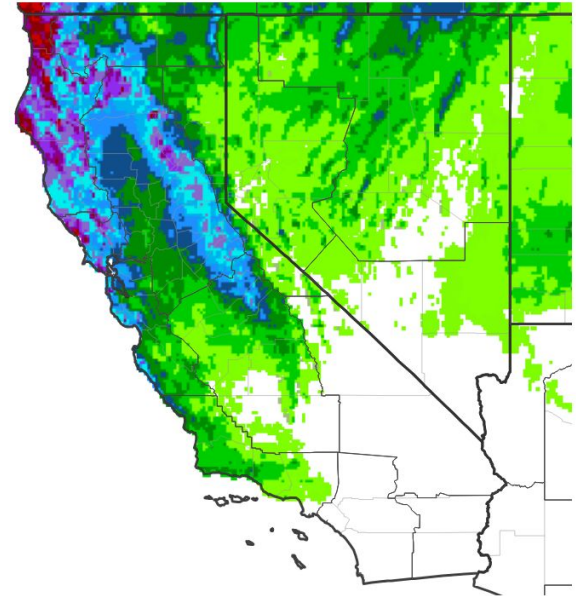




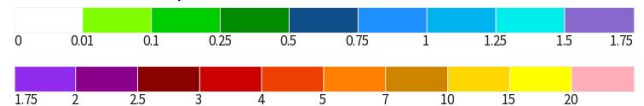
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Wetting precipitation ($>0.10''$) is forecast for northern and western Nevada for the next 7 days through early to mid April.
- There is a 33%-40% chance for above normal precipitation for much of S and central Nevada, and 40%-50% chance for below normal precipitation N NV, for the next 8 to 14 days (not shown).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 15, 2026–April 22, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 04/15/26





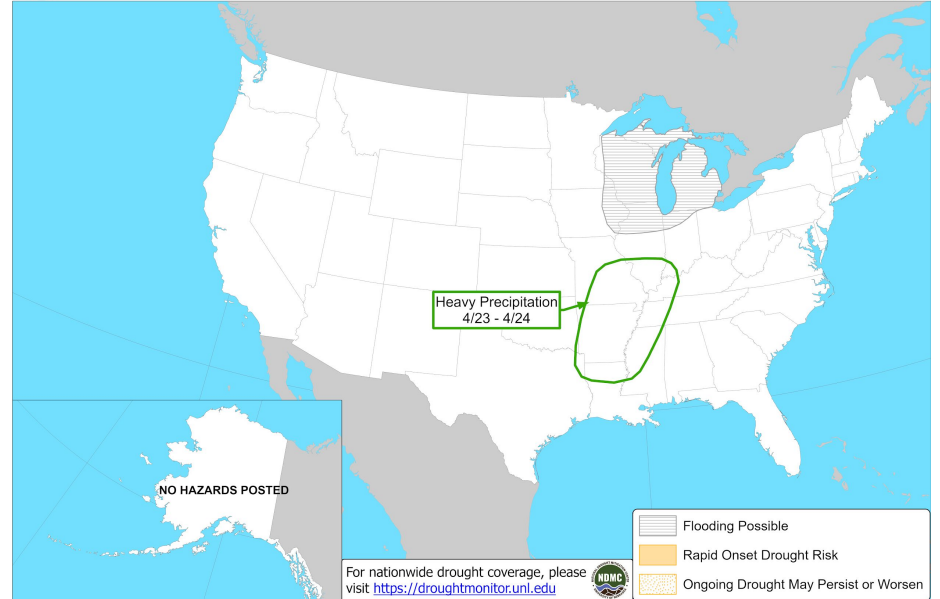
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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
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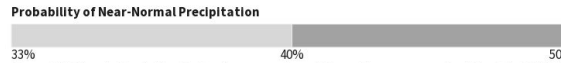
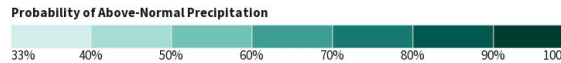
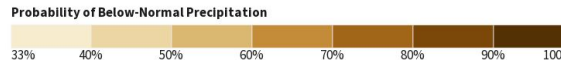


Long-Range Outlooks

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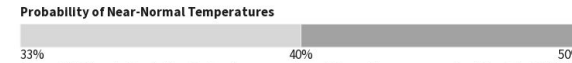
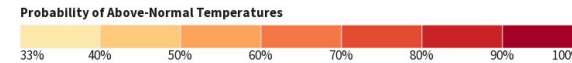
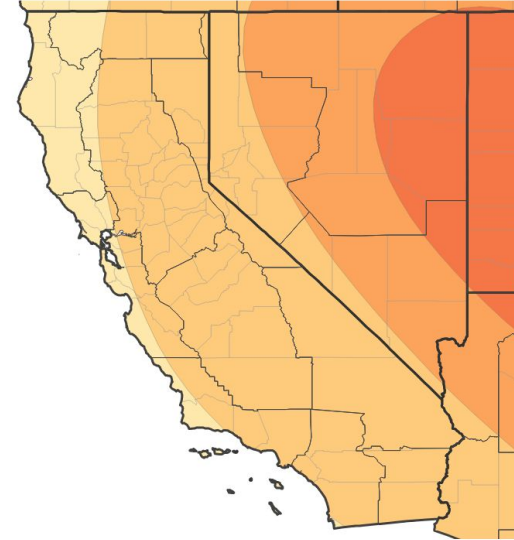
- The Monthly Precipitation Outlook for Nevada forecasts a 40%-50% chance for below normal precipitation for much of Nevada.
- The Monthly Temperature Outlook for Nevada indicates a 50%-60% chance for above normal temperatures for western and central NV. A 60%-70% chance for above normal temperatures is possible for eastern NV.
- Seasonal outlooks (Mar/Apr/May) - (not shown) favor a 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for N NV, and a 50%-60% chance for SC NV. Precipitation wise, there is a 33%-40% chance for below normal conditions forecast for NV.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for April 1, 2026-April 30, 2026



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 03/31/26

Monthly Temperature Outlook for April 1, 2026-April 30, 2026



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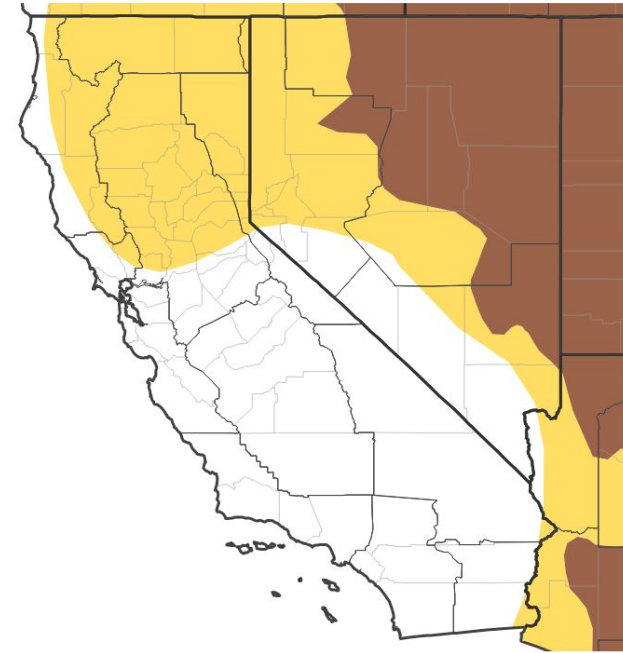


Drought Outlook

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- Monthly drought outlook (not shown) shows that drought conditions are expected to continue for eastern and central NV.
- Seasonal drought outlook also shows that drought conditions are favored to continue for eastern and central Nevada. Drought conditions are forecast to develop across NW Nevada through the Spring.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2026–June 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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