



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Nevada

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- **Abnormally dry conditions continue across Nevada.**
- **Drought conditions continue across Nevada.**
- **Slight improvement across NE Nevada.**

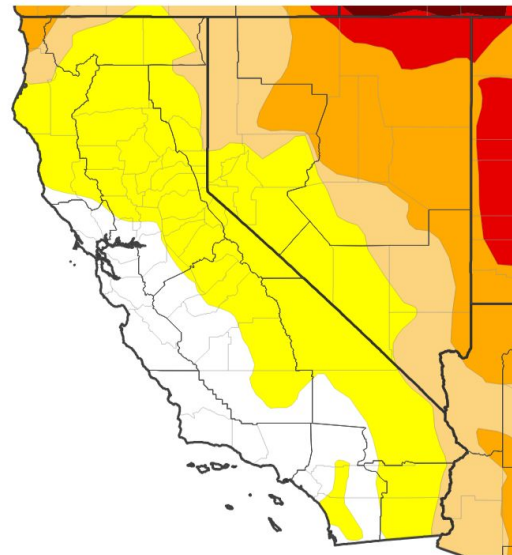


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

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

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Abnormally Dry (D0) Moderate Drought (D1) Severe Drought (D2) Extreme Drought (D3) Exceptional Drought (D4)

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

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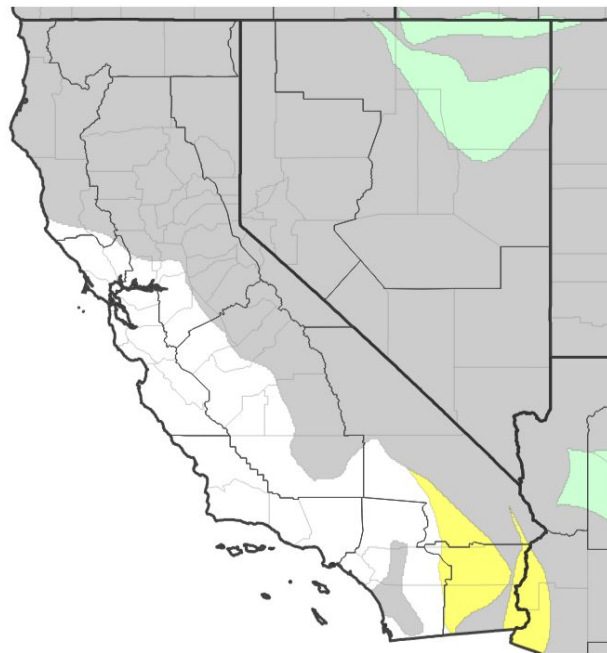


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** None.
 - **No Change:** C Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, N Nye, and White Pine Counties.
 - **Drought Improved:** 1 Class Improvement: N Elko, SW Elko, S Elko, far NE Humboldt, far NE Eureka, far N White Pine.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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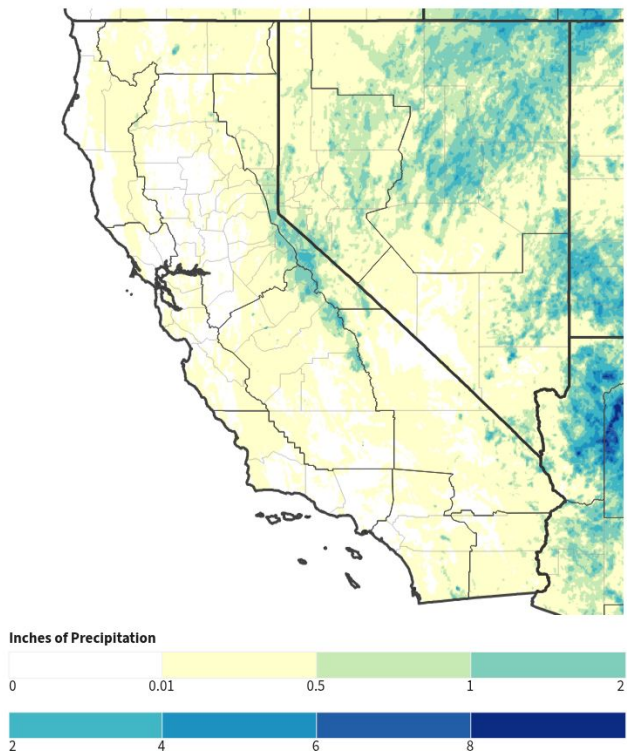
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Precipitation

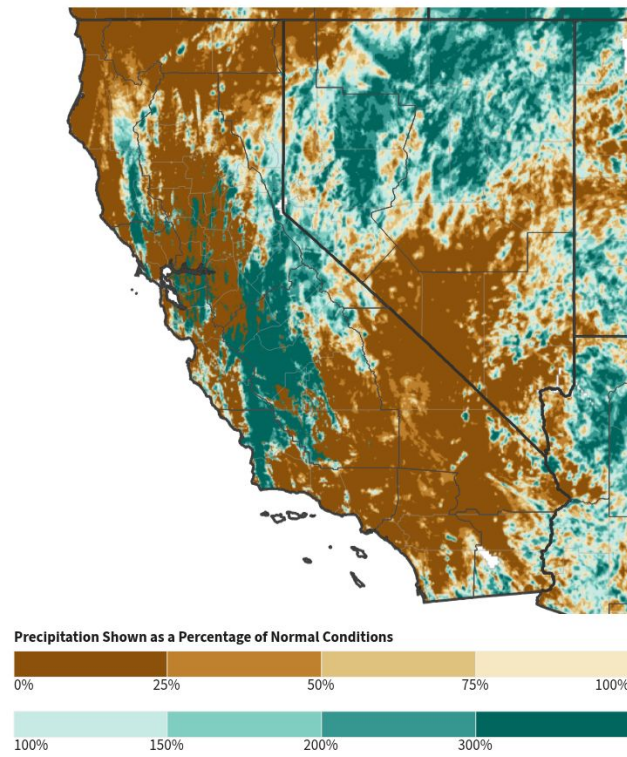
- Parts of far NW Nevada and central Nevada saw between 0% and 75% of normal Precipitation for the month. However, portions of N and E NV saw between 150% to 300% of normal precipitation thanks to monsoonal rains.
- 30 Day precipitation estimates show that parts of N and central NV saw between 1" and 2" of rainfall. However parts of far NW and south central Nevada saw between 0 and 0.50" of rainfall.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 08/02/26

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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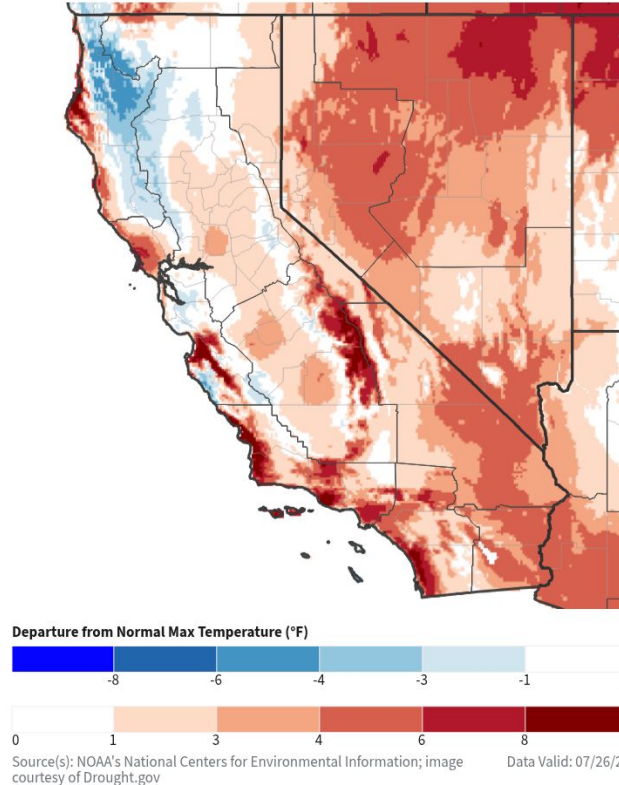




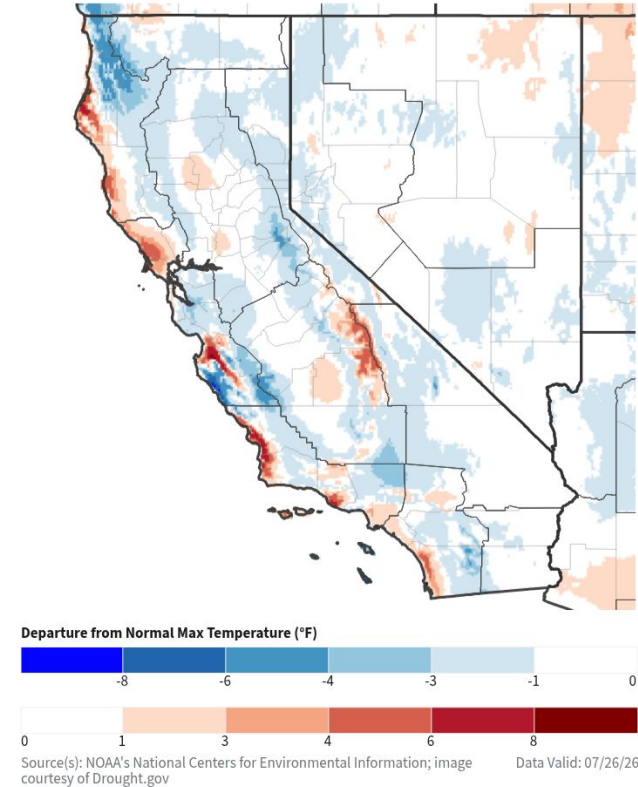
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



30-Day Temperature Anomaly





Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Most streams and rivers are below average, to much below average for Nevada due to continued hydrologic drought. Only one station shows normal streamflow for the period across NE Nevada Martin Creek in Humboldt County, NW Nevada.

Agricultural Impacts

- Recent rains have improved short term soil moisture profiles. however, profiles, both shallow and root zone, show a mix of drier and wetter than normal conditions across the state. SPoRT-LIS Crop moisture shows above normal conditions. Crop-CASMA shows below normal moisture for much of Nevada, bu above normal in W Humboldt. Reports from ranchers across N and central Nevada show natural river/stream or pump water sources dry, with import and hauling of stock water at near record levels. Crops showing drought stress with early need to run pivot irrigation systems, and the early appearance of bank spider mites affecting crops and pasture animals due to early spring warmth and dry conditions. Rangelands across Elko county are the driest they have been in years with not enough water in the Humboldt River to meet irrigation demands.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire Season began early this year, on May 4th 2026. Fuel moisture status for all FW zones in NE Nevada (424, 425, 426, 427, 437, 438, 469, and 470) are Red - Critical. Fire Weather conditions are above normal across Nevada, with fire restrictions in place.

Other Impacts

- Snow Season has concluded with most areas reaching full melt out..

Mitigation Actions

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

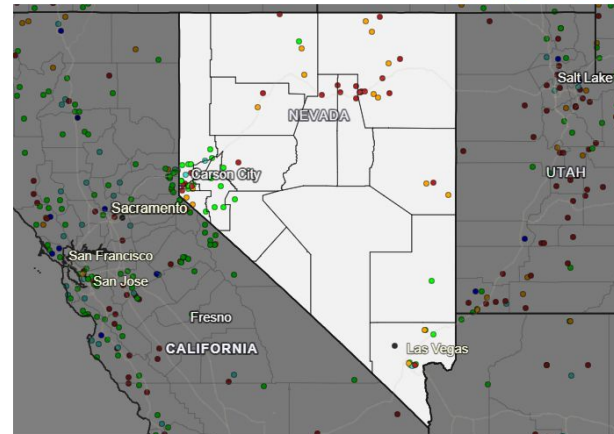




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow averages for the period show that recent rains did not make it into streamflow averages as only one basin is showing normal percentile (25-75) streamflows for NE Nevada. Martin Creek in Humboldt County.
- All other basins are seeing below normal streamflow conditions in the 10-24 percentile class, or are seeing much below average streamflow (< 10).

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

Image: USGS 1 day average streamflow



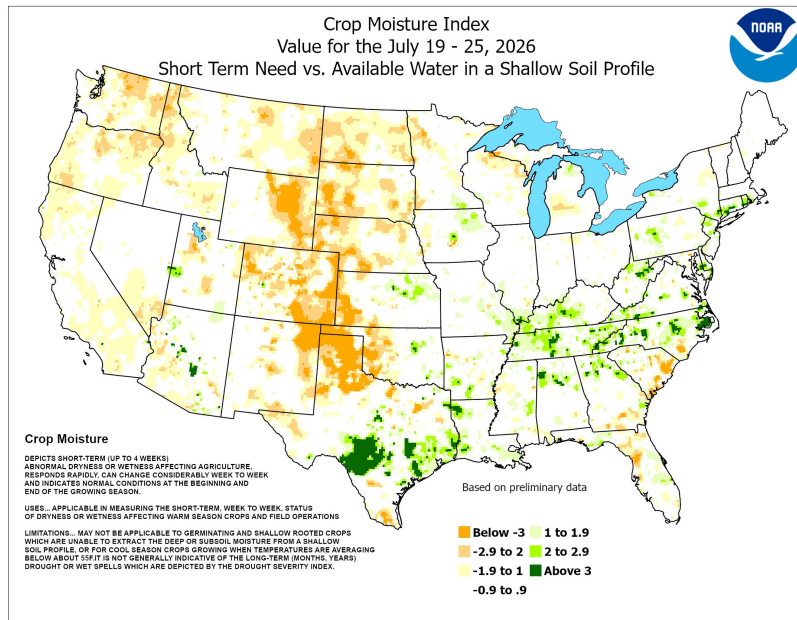
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Agricultural Impacts

- Calculated soil moisture trends are a mix of below normal, and near to normal for this time of year across most of central and eastern Nevada.
- Deeper root zone soil moisture profiles show a mix of deficits and surpluses across Nevada. Vegetation indices (wild/crop conditions-not shown) still shows moderate to severe drought stress.
- Crop moisture index for NV shows normal to below normal conditions. Soil moisture ranking (not shown) across most of northern and central Nevada now resides above average. However other indicators show continued deficits (GRACE, Crop-CASMA).





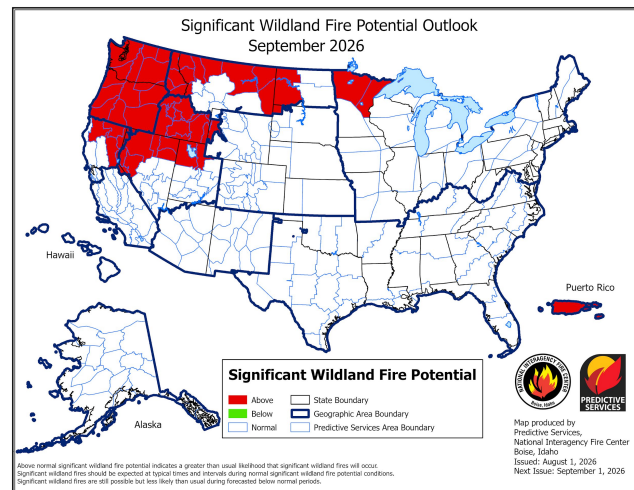
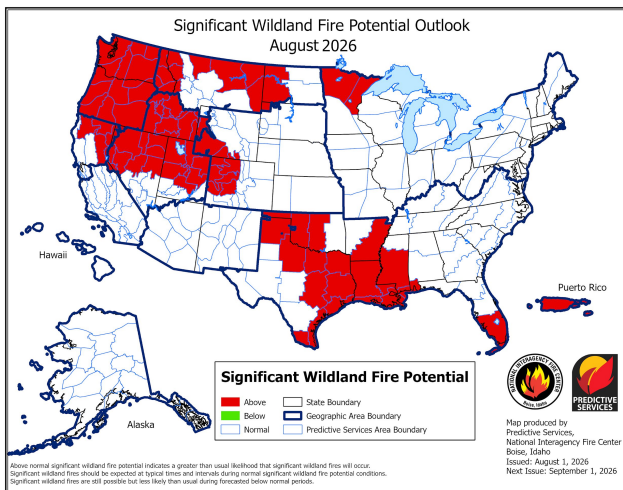
Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.](#)

- Above normal fire weather hazards exist for Northern and Central Nevada
- Fire weather zone fuels are Critical, with active fire restrictions are still in effect.
- There has been significant uptick in wildfires within the forecast area over the last month.
- Significant Wildland Fire Potential for the rest of August and September is forecast to be above normal for parts of E NV, and N NV.
- Significant Wildland Fire Potential for October and November (not shown) is forecast to be above to near normal for N Nevada.

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

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



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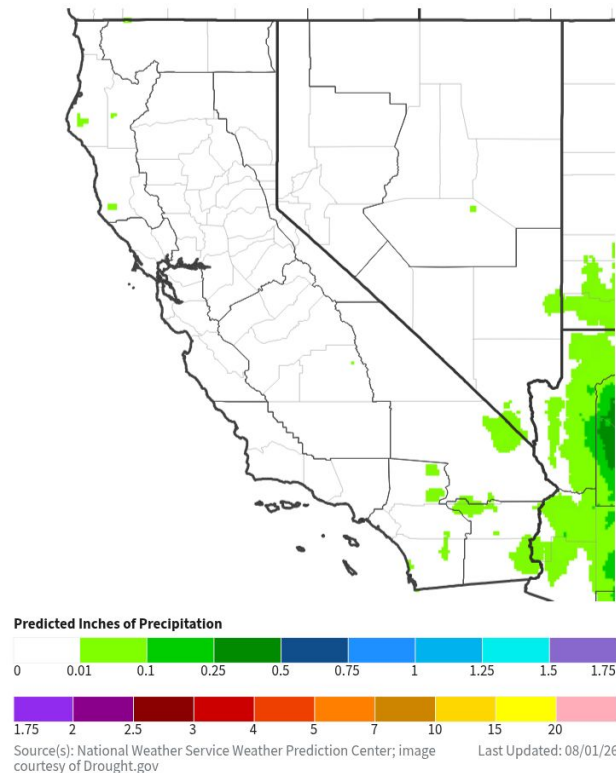
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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Wetting precipitation (PP<0.10") is not expected for most of Nevada for the next 7 days through mid August. Parts of White Pine and Nye Counties may see wetting rains in the next week.
- Extended 8-14 Day Outlook:
There is a 33% to 40% chance for above normal precipitation for western Nevada. As well as a 40% to 50% chance for central Nevada, and a 50% to 60% chance for above normal precipitation for E NV for the 8-14 day outlook (not shown).

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for August 1, 2026–August 8, 2026





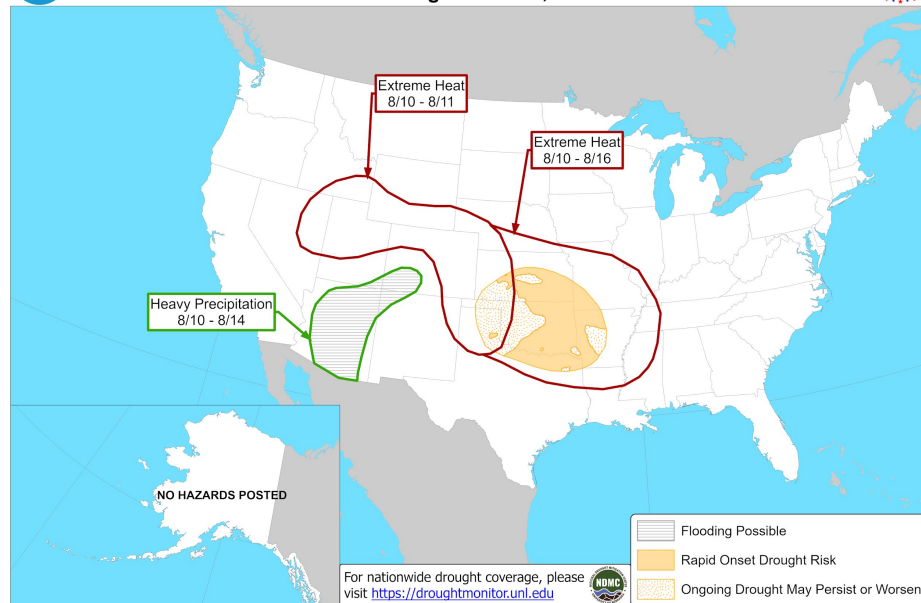
Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

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.
- Hazardous extreme heat will be possible for far NE Nevada, for August 10-11. Other hazards such as 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: August 10 - 16, 2026



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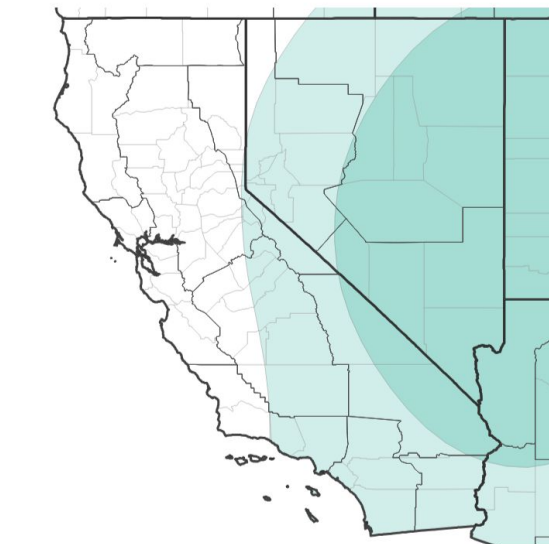


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The Monthly Precipitation Outlook for Nevada forecasts a 33% to 40% chance for above normal precipitation for western NV, and a 40% to 50% chance for above normal precipitation for central and eastern NV.
- The Monthly Temperature Outlook for Nevada indicates a 33%-40% chance for above normal temperatures for far NE NV. A 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures is possible for the rest of NV.
- Seasonal outlooks (Aug/Sept/Oct) - (not shown) favor a 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for S and central NV, and a 50% to 60% chance for N NV. Precipitation wise, there is a 33% to 40% chance for above normal precipitation for S and E Nevada, while equal chances for above or below is forecast for the rest of NV.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for August 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



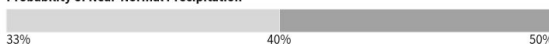
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



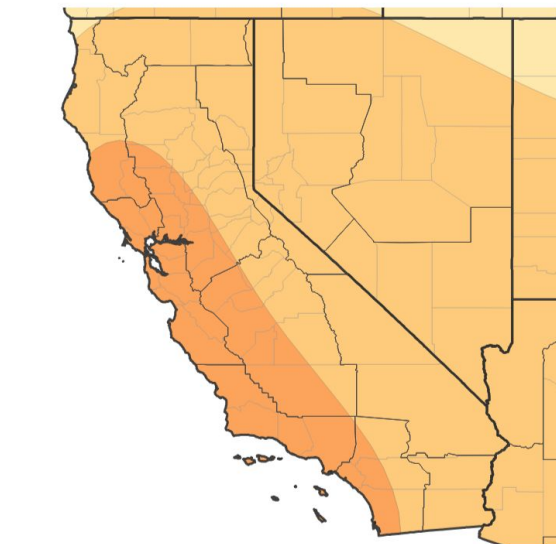
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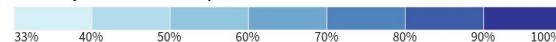
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for August 1, 2026–August 31, 2026



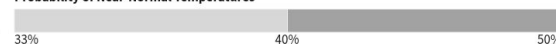
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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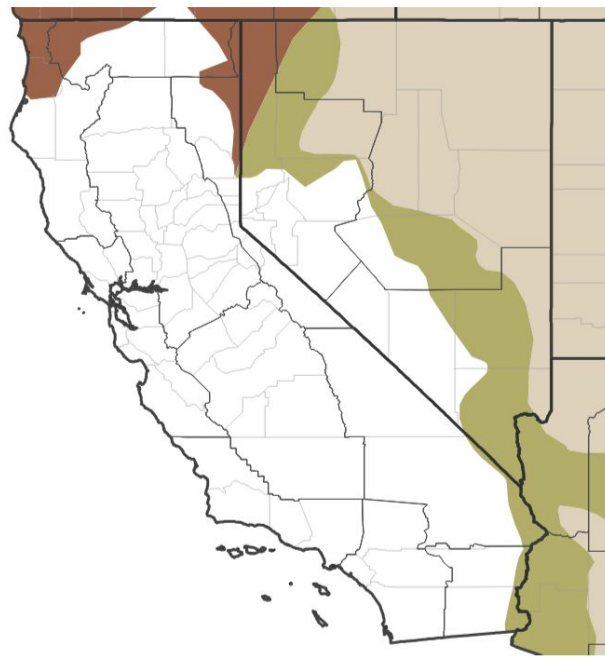


Drought Outlook

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- Monthly drought outlook (not shown) shows that drought conditions are expected to end for NW Nye, and W Humboldt Counties, and improve for central NV, and N NV.
- Seasonal drought outlook shows that drought conditions are favored to end for NE Nye, and W Humboldt Counties, and improve for N and Central NV. Drought conditions are forecast to persist across far NW Nevada through the Summer and early Fall.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for July 31, 2026–October 31, 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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