



Drought Information Statement for Northeast Nevada

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- Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.

- **Abnormally dry conditions continue across Nevada.**
- **Drought conditions continue across Nevada.**
- **No change to current drought status across NE Nevada.**



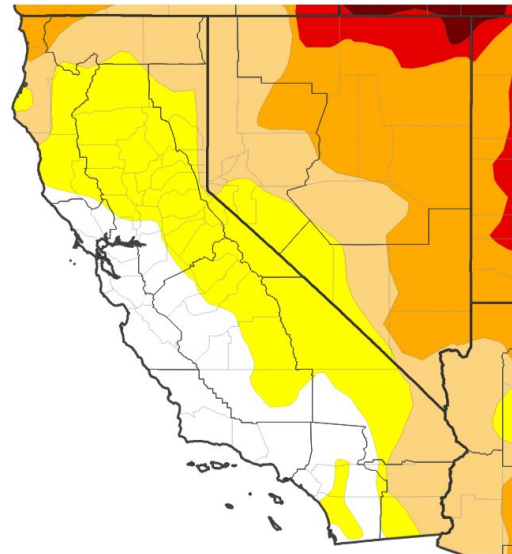


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Far NE Elko
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: N Elko, far NE Humboldt.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: SW Elko, SE 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 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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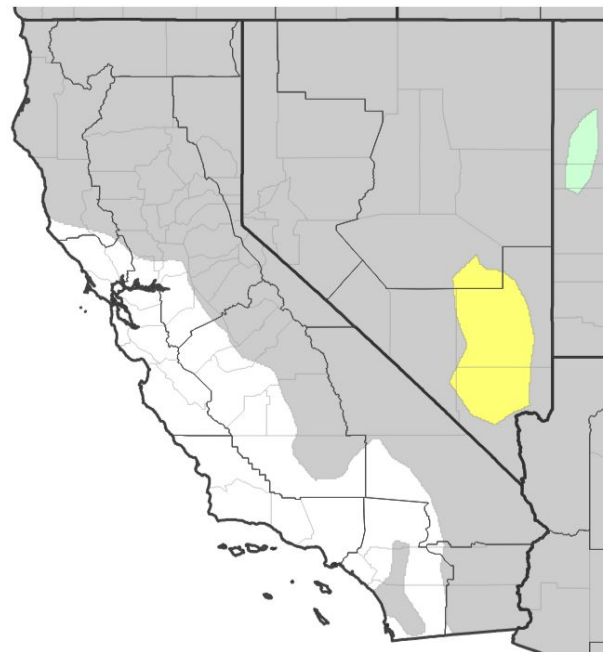


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

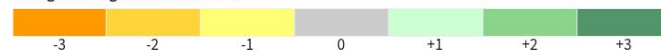
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Northeast Nevada

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** 1 Category degradation: NE Nye County.
 - **No Change:** C Elko, Eureka, 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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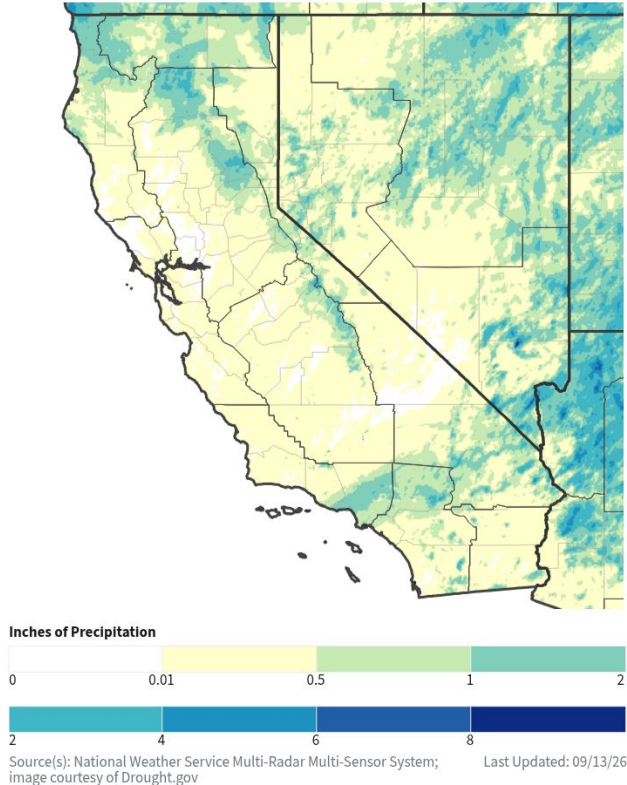
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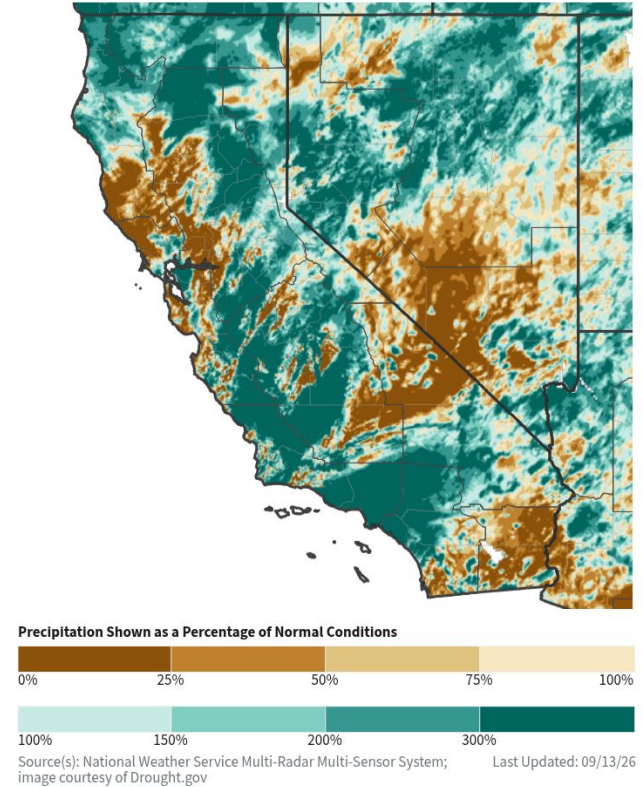
Precipitation

- Parts of north central Nevada saw between 100% to 300% of normal rainfall thanks to moisture from post tropical cyclones interacting with an upper low. However parts of W Humboldt, far NE Elko, N Nye, and White Pine Counties only saw between 0% and 50% of normal rainfall.
- 30 Day precipitation estimates show that NC Nevada saw up to 2.00"+ of rainfall, while W Humboldt, N Nye, and Far NE Elko only saw between 0.01" and 0.50" of rain.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

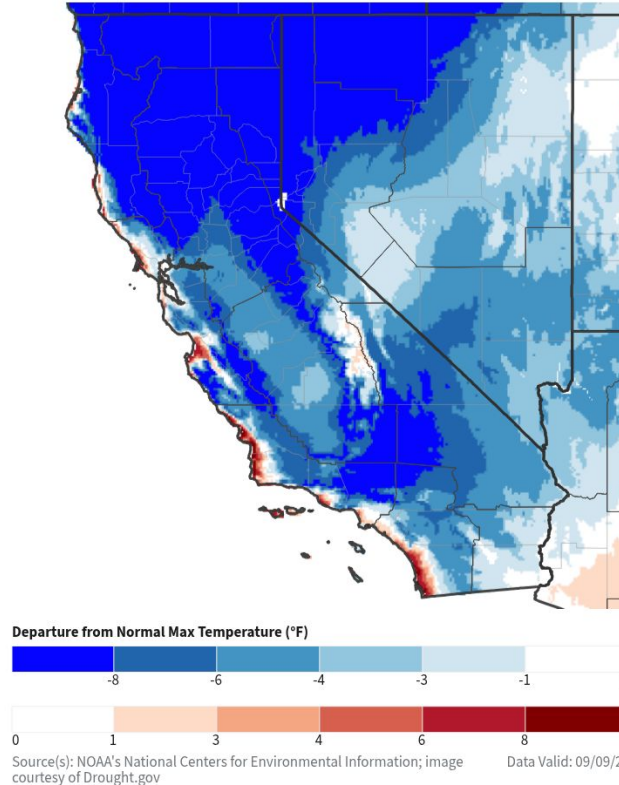




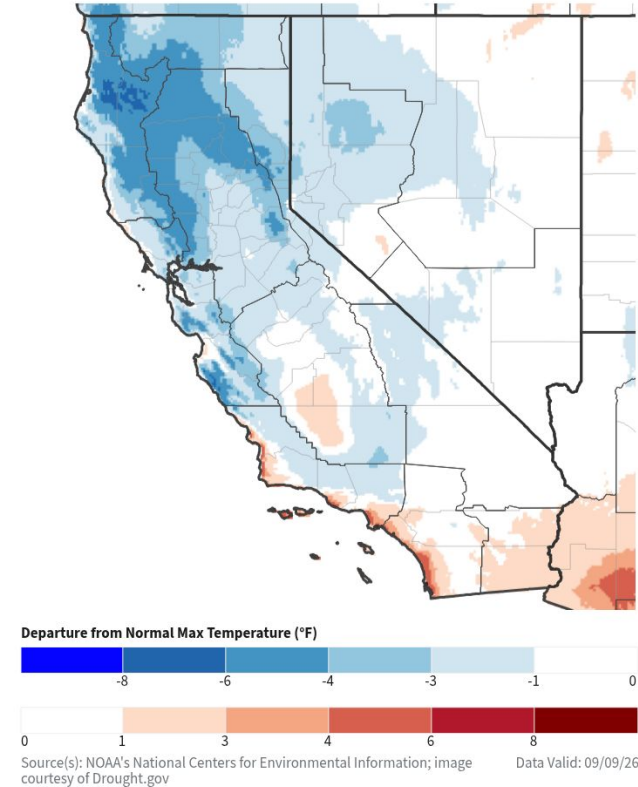
Temperature

- Temperature departures for the last 7 days (center) show maximum temperatures ranged below normal for NE Nevada.
- 30 day departures (right) shows most of eastern and central Nevada with near normal maximum temperatures. While northwestern Nevada saw below normal 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. Recent rains have managed to bring four stations up to normal streamflows for the period across NE Nevada.

Agricultural Impacts

- Recent rains have improved short term soil moisture profiles for north central NV. 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, but above normal in W Humboldt. Reports from ranchers across north 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, Areas noted the early appearance of pests affecting crops and pasture animals due to 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 most FW zones in NE Nevada (424, 426, 427, 437, 438, 469, and 470) are Red - Critical. Recent rains helped FW zone 425 improve to Yellow, or near critical fuels status. 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.

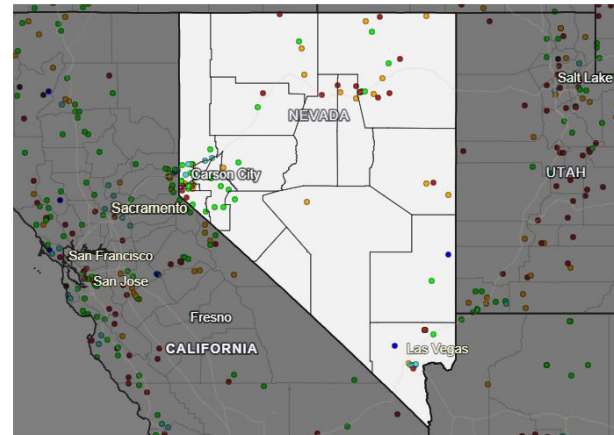




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Streamflow averages for the period show that recent rains barely made it into streamflow averages as only four basins are showing normal percentile (25-75) streamflows for NE Nevada.
- All other basins are seeing a mix of below normal streamflow conditions in the 10-24 percentile class, or 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

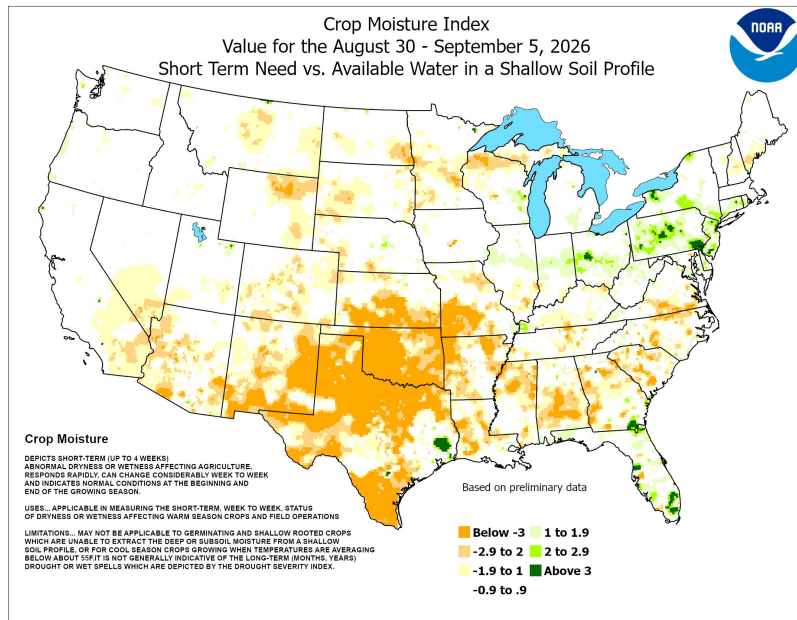
Image: USGS 1 day average streamflow





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).





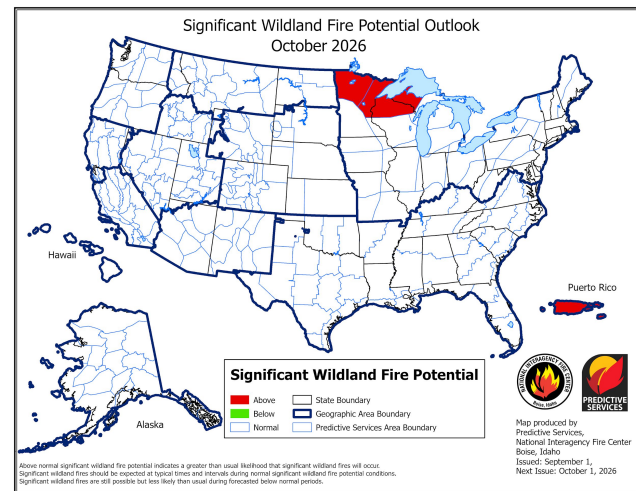
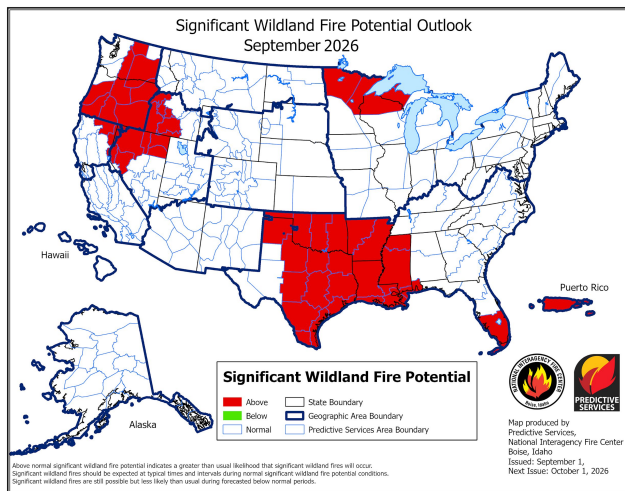
Fire Hazard Impacts

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

- Above normal fire weather hazards exist for northern and western Nevada
- Fire weather zone fuels are near critical, to critical, with active fire restrictions are still in effect.
- There has been significant uptick in wildfires within the forecast area over the last two months.
- Significant Wildland Fire Potential for the rest of September is forecast to be above normal for parts of W NV, and N NV.
- Significant Wildland Fire Potential for October, November (not shown), and December (not shown) is forecast to be 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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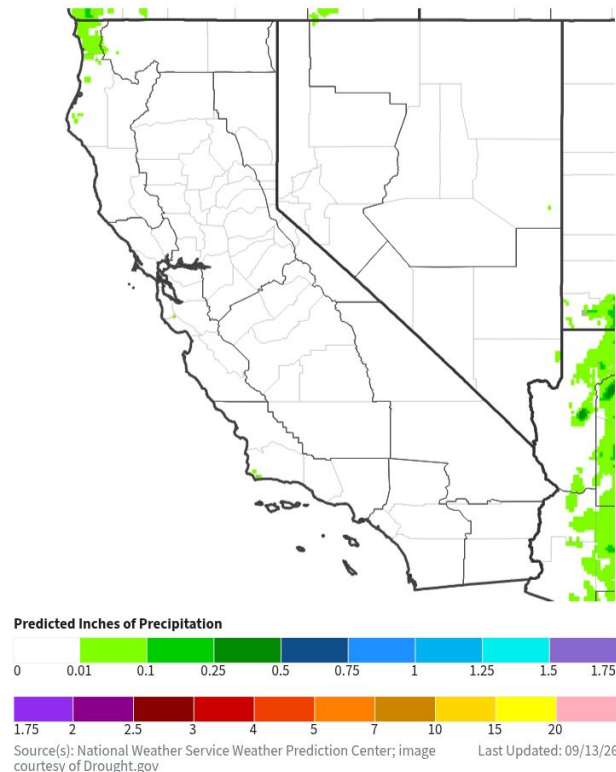
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Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Wetting precipitation (PP<0.10") is not expected for most of Nevada for the next 7 days through mid September. Parts of White Pine and N 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 northwestern Nevada. As well as a 40% to 50% chance for above normal precipitation for the rest of NV.(not shown)

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September
13, 2026–September 20, 2026





Rapid Onset Drought Outlook

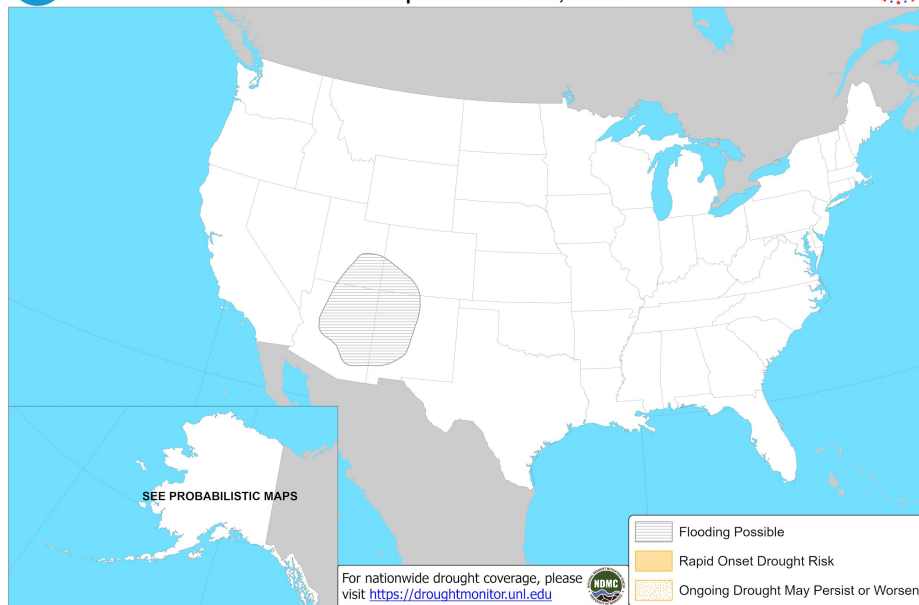
Links to the latest Climate Prediction Center 8 to 14 day [Temperature Outlook](#) and [Precipitation Outlook](#).

- Rapid onset drought is not expected, although drought and abnormally dry conditions persist across Nevada.
- 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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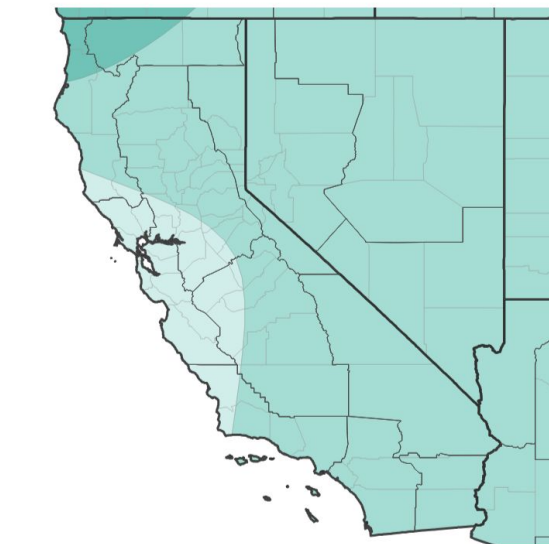


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The Monthly Precipitation Outlook for Nevada forecasts a 40% to 50% chance for above normal precipitation for all of NV.
- The Monthly Temperature Outlook for Nevada indicates a 33%-40% chance for below normal temperatures for far NW NV. A 33%-40% chance for above normal temperatures is possible for far SW NV. Near normal temperatures are forecast for the rest of NV.
- Seasonal outlooks (Sept/Oct/Nov) - (not shown) favor a 40%-50% chance for above normal temperatures for N and central 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 September 1,
2026–September 30, 2026



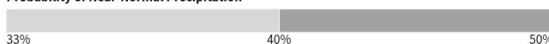
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



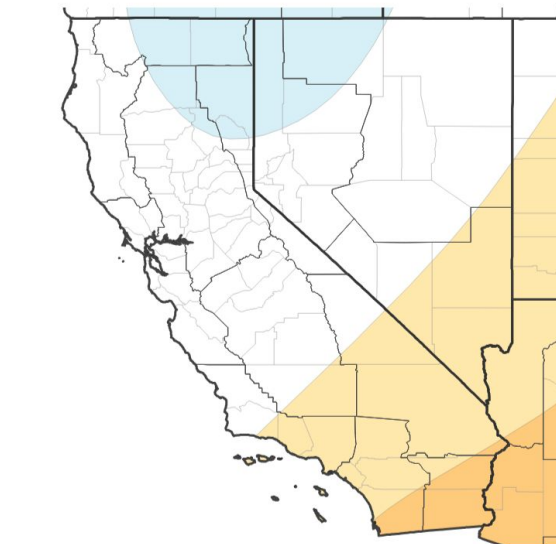
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



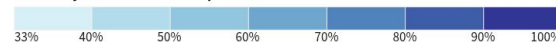
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Monthly Temperature Outlook for September 1,
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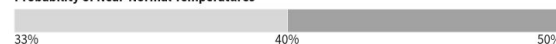
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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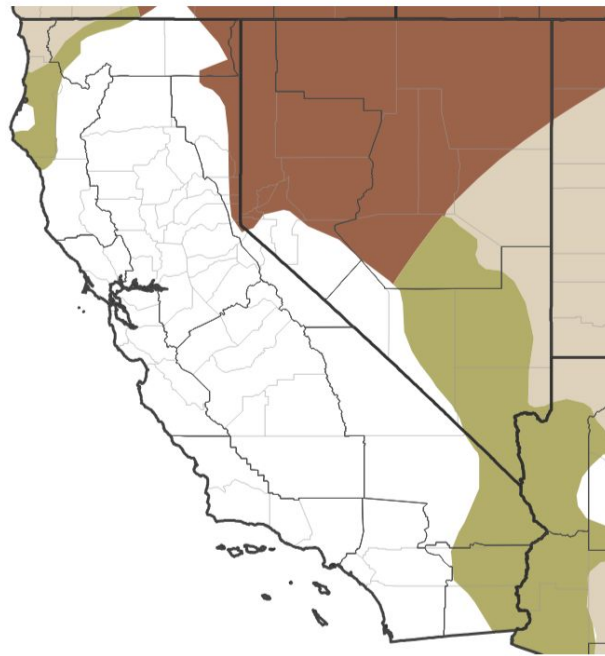


Drought Outlook

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- Monthly drought outlook (not shown) shows that drought conditions are expected to persist for most of Nevada, while far eastern NV could see conditions improve.
- Seasonal drought outlook shows that drought conditions are favored to Persist for Elko, Eureka, Lander, Humboldt, and NW Nye Counties. Improve for White Pine County. While drought is forecast to end for NE Nye County.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 31, 2026–November 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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