

# Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming

Valid March 12th, 2026

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- This product will be updated by April 3rd, 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/riw/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
  - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates> for regional drought status updates.
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- Extreme (D3) conditions in a small sliver of Sweetwater County
  - Severe (D2) conditions in Lincoln, Sweetwater, Johnson, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, and Uinta Counties.
  - Conditions have worsened in other counties with D1 much more widespread.



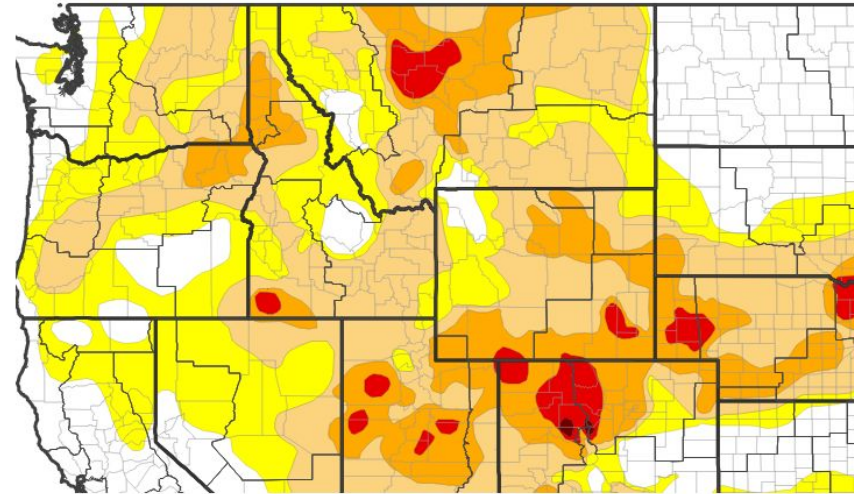


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Western & Central Wyoming

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None occurring.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Small sliver of Sweetwater County.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of Sweetwater County, along with small portions of Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson, Natrona, Lincoln and Uinta Counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Portions of Teton, Park, Sweetwater, Lincoln, Fremont, Johnson, Natrona, Hot Springs, Washakie, and Big Horn Counties.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Lincoln, Sublette, and Teton counties along with portions of Fremont, Hot Springs, and Park County.

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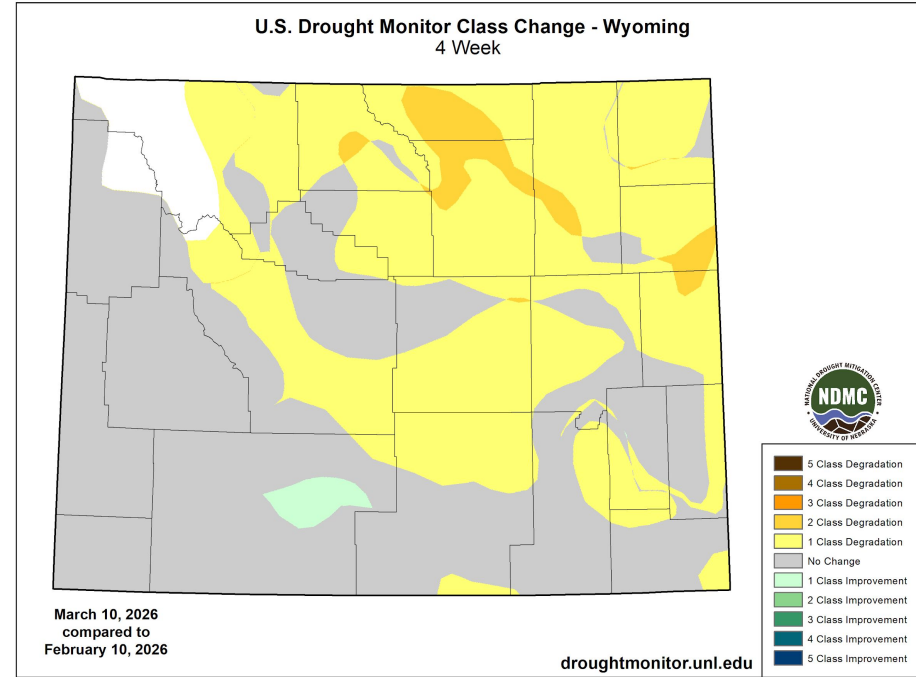


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Western & Central Wyoming

## Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened:** Fremont, Hot Springs, Johnson, and Natrona counties as well as sections of Park, Big Horn, and Washakie counties.
  - **No Change:** Most of the area that didn't get worse, also did not change.
  - **Drought Improved:** only a tiny sliver of Sweetwater county
- February was quite dry, and did have some windy conditions. Only a couple of weak systems came through to drop precipitation, so worsening drought conditions were unavoidable.



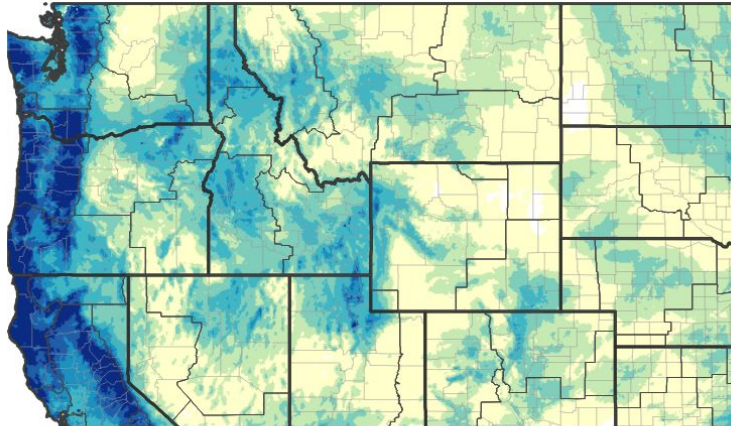


# Precipitation

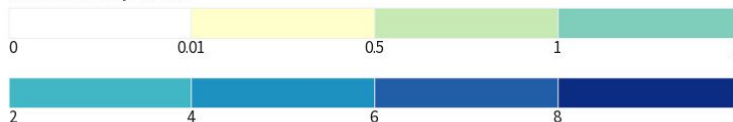
Other than the central areas, a majority of the state saw less than normal precipitation amounts.

Western WY has seen some precipitation, but still much below normal.

### 30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



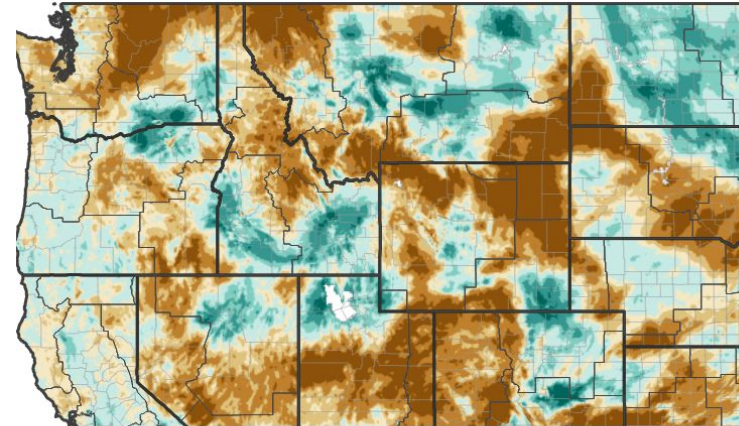
Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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### 30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation

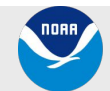


Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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# Summary of Impacts

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

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Lower water levels are expected across many bodies of waters with isolated winter freezing occurring. Reservoir levels will hold steady, however areas with minimal, localized rainfall could see diminishing levels.

## Agricultural Impacts

- USDA Wyoming Crop Progress and Condition Reports can be found [here](#)

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Fire Hazards are higher now with temperatures above normal and little to no rain and snowfall. Windy conditions will bump some locations to moderate with cured fuels. ([Most recent Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook](#))

## Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information
- Clear debris from around structures to protect from potential wildfires



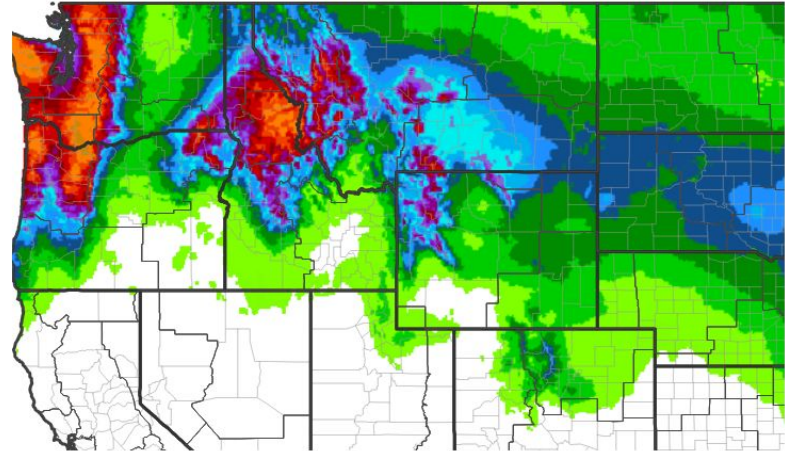


# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

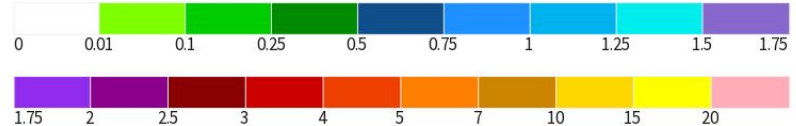
Precipitation Outlook Valid March 12th - March 19th 2026

- Most of the precipitation will be snow from a cold front moving into northern Wyoming Friday into Saturday.
- Central and eastern areas will get the snow Saturday into Sunday as the front moves further south.
- Starting Monday, it will be dry and hotter than normal.

## 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for March 12, 2026-March 19, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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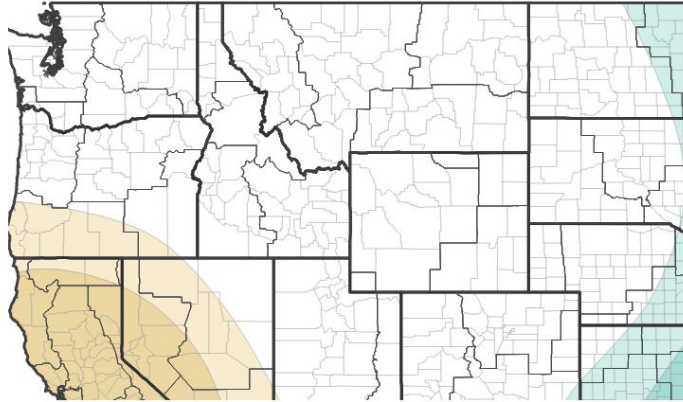


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Probability of precipitation is showing equal chances so climatology is the best forecast.
- Temperatures for the state indicate leaning to above normal values (33-40%)

**Monthly Precipitation Outlook for March 1, 2026–March 31, 2026**



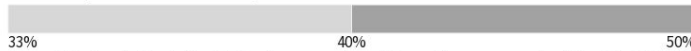
**Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation**



**Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation**

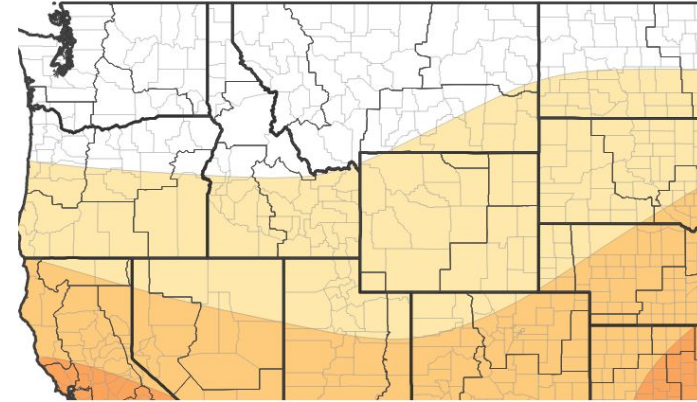


**Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation**



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**Monthly Temperature Outlook for March 1, 2026–March 31, 2026**



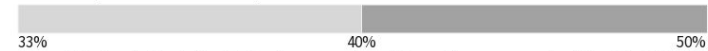
**Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures**



**Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures**



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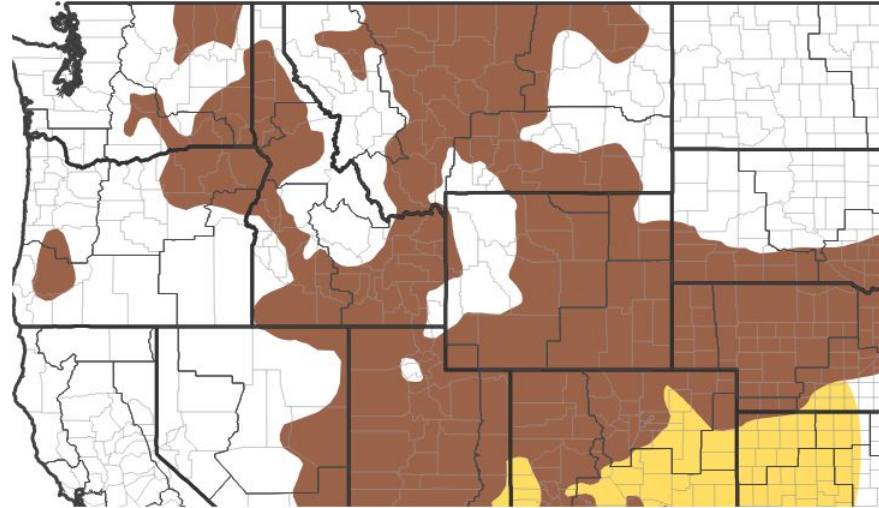
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## Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist over over a majority of the state.
- There is no drought for just a small portion of the west

## Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for February 28, 2026–May 31, 2026



### Drought Is Predicted To...



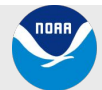
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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