

Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming

Valid April 9th, 2026

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- This product will be updated by May 1st, 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 Johnson, Natrona and Sweetwater Counties
 - Severe (D2) conditions in Fremont, Natrona, Lincoln, Sublette, Park, Sweetwater, Johnson, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, and Unita Counties.
 - Conditions have worsened to D1 in all in other counties.



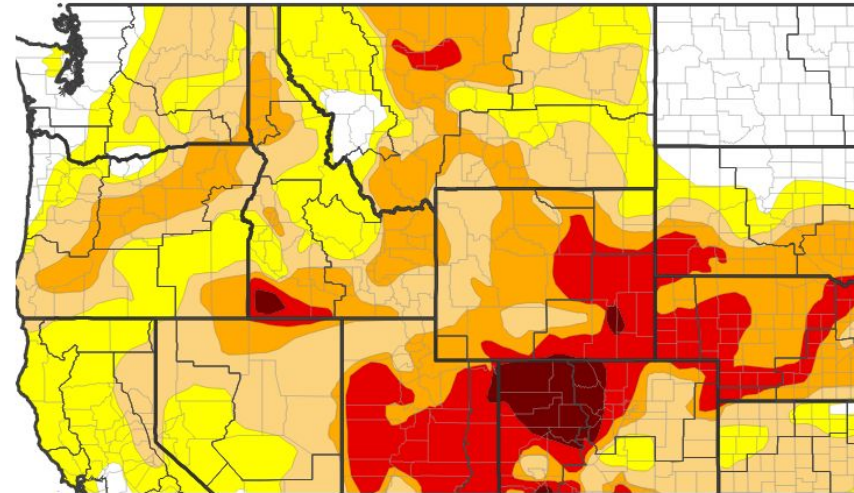


U.S. Drought Monitor

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

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None occurring.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Johnson, Natrona and Sweetwater Counties
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Fremont, Natrona, Lincoln, Sublette, Park, Sweetwater, Johnson, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, and Uinta Counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Remaining areas of the state.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: None occurring

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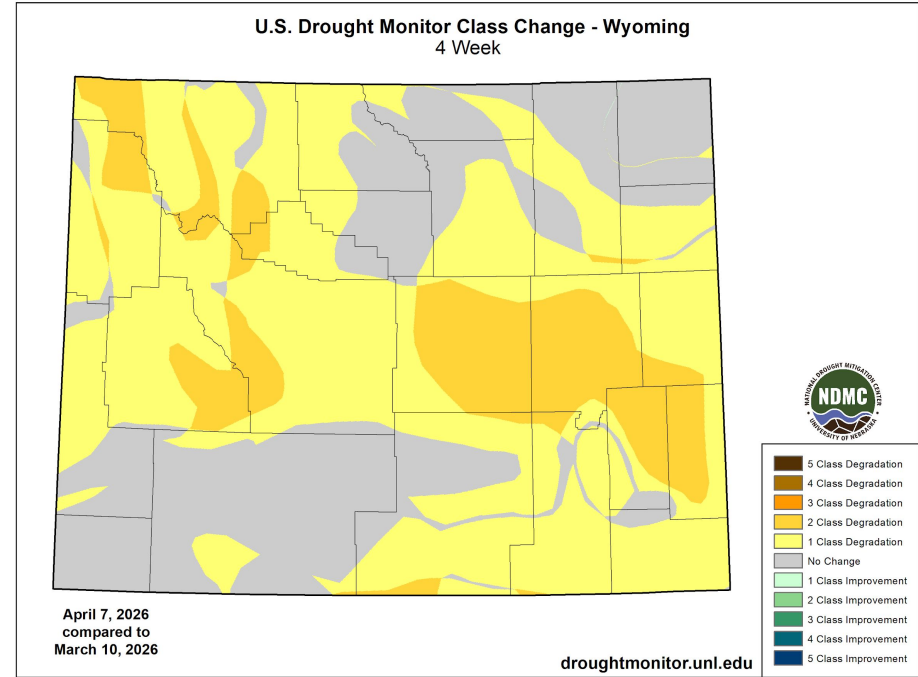


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- Drought Worsened:** A majority of the counties saw degradation, except those areas listed below.
 - No Change:** Sweetwater, Lincoln, eastern Big Horn, Hot Springs and Washakie counties.
 - Drought Improved:** No improvements
- March was another very dry month, with few exceptions, so worsening drought conditions were unavoidable.
- Southern areas and the Big Horn Mountain area did see a bit more moisture, leading to little change in the drought conditions there.



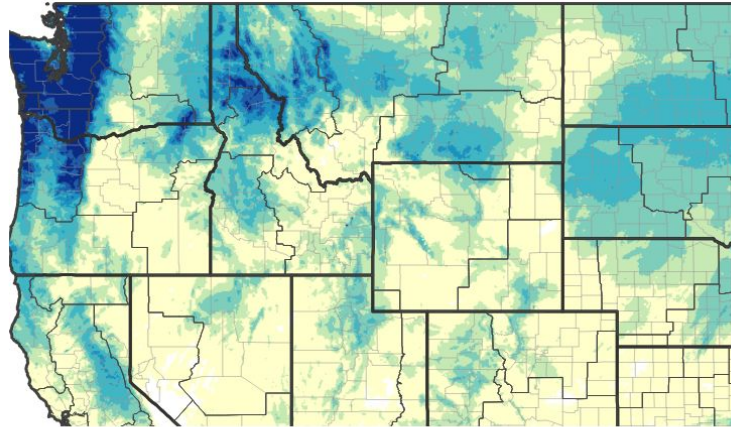


Precipitation

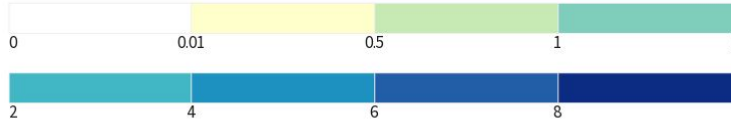
Other than the northern most regions, a majority of the state saw less than normal precipitation amounts.

Western WY has seen some high elevation snow, but precipitation levels are still much below normal.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

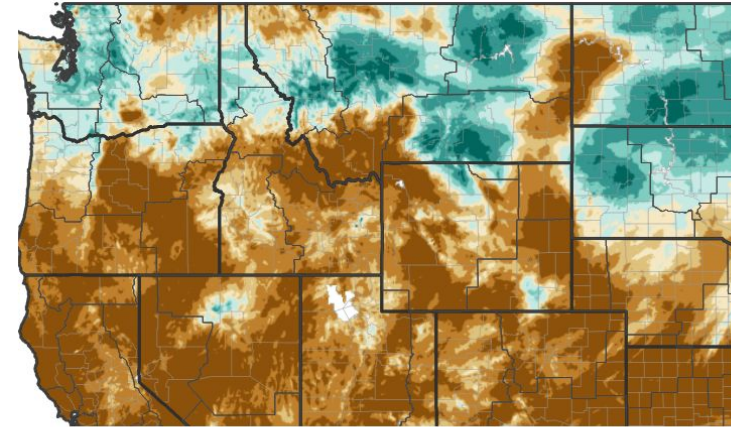


Inches of Precipitation

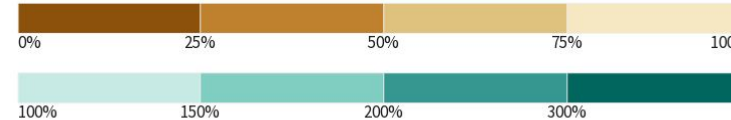


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov Last Updated: 04/09/26

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 a low amount of precipitation. 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, although some areas did see minor greenup in March. ([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



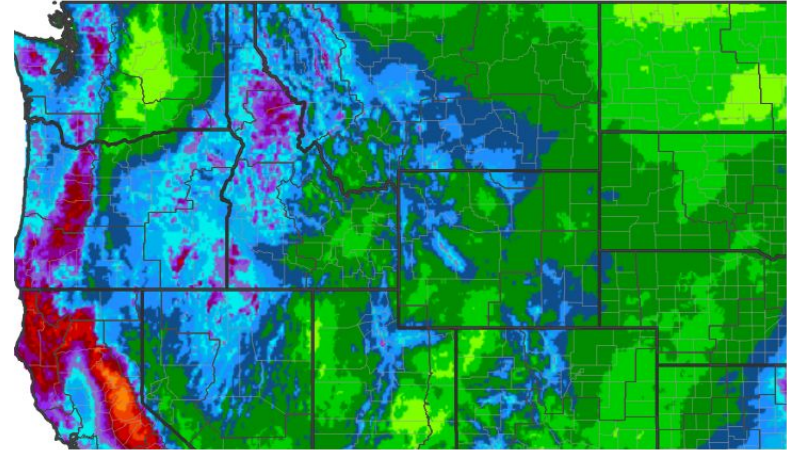


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

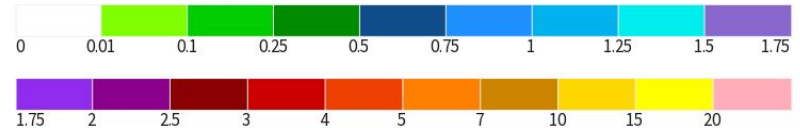
Precipitation Outlook Valid April 9th - April 16th 2026

- Showers and isolated thunderstorms in the south on Thursday
- A weather system moves in from the west on Saturday and will bring some precipitation mainly to the west.
- The early part of the work week could see light, more widespread precipitation from a weather system moving across the region. Confidence is low at this time.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for April 9, 2026-April 16, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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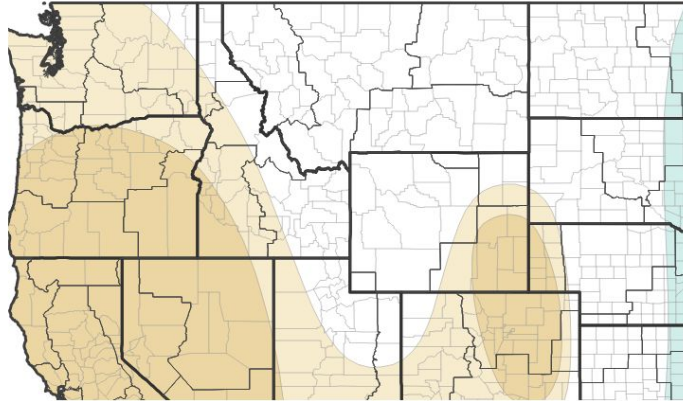


Long-Range Outlooks

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 above normal values (33-60%). The highest values are in the west, southwest and south.

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



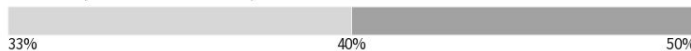
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Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation

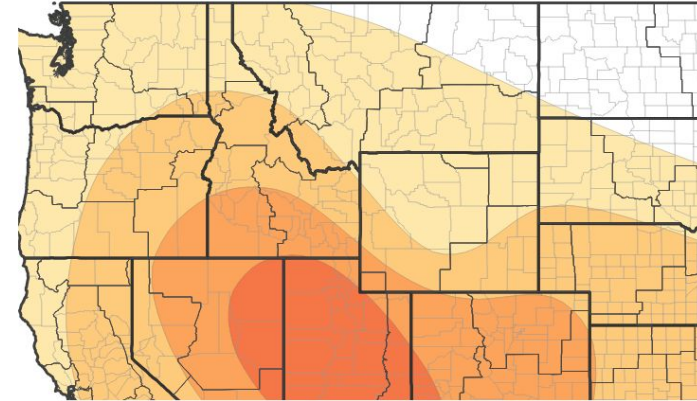


Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



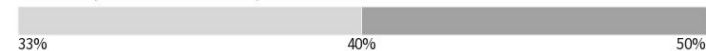
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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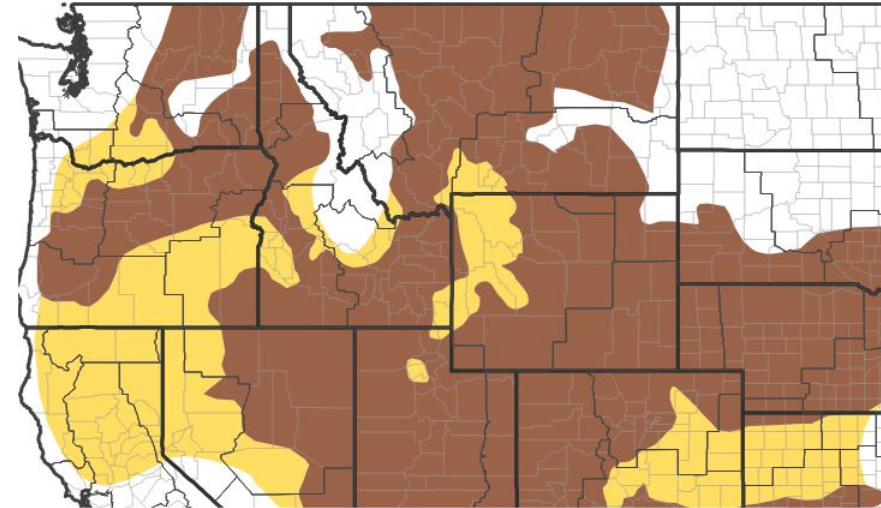
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Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist over over a majority of the state.
- Drought is expected to (or already has) develop across the west.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2026–June 30, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



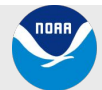
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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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