

Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming

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- This product will be updated by June 5th, 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, Teton, Sweetwater, Johnson, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, and Unita Counties.
 - Conditions have worsened to D1 in nearly all other counties.



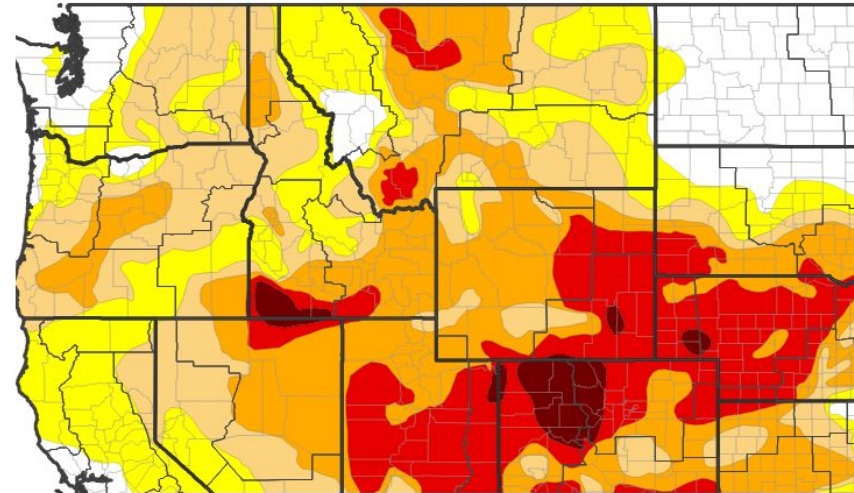


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Teton, Sweetwater, Johnson, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, and Uinta Counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Remaining areas of the state.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Small portion of Park County

U.S. Drought Monitor



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

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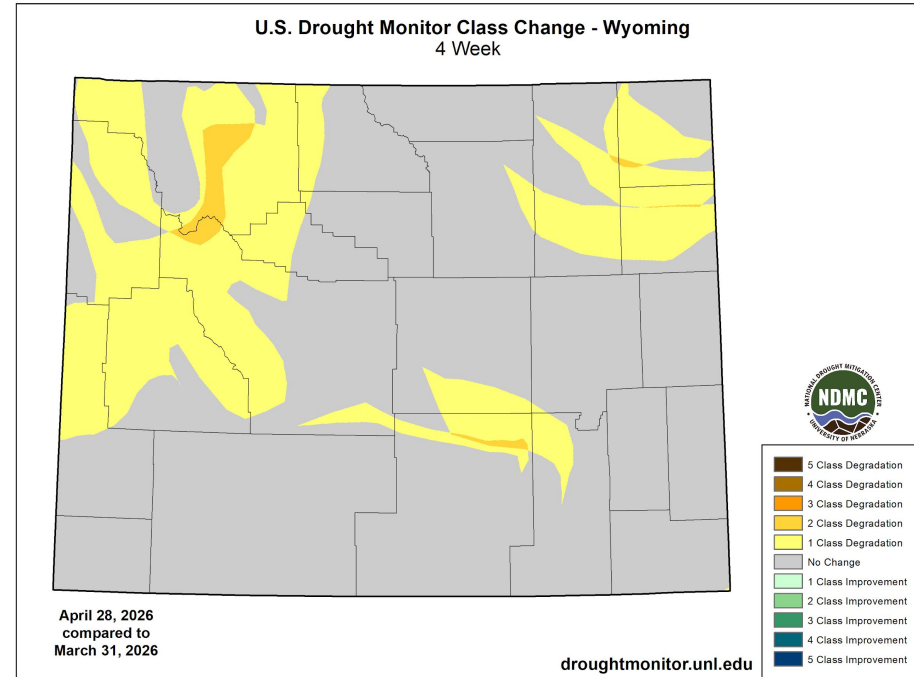


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

- **Drought Worsened By Two Classes:** Portions of central Park County.
 - **Drought Worsened:** A large portion of northwestern and western WY.
 - **No Change:** Sweetwater, southern Lincoln, Big Horn, eastern Hot Springs, Washakie, central fremont, portions of Johnson, Natrona Counties.
 - **Drought Improved:** No improvements
- April was another dry month especially through the first three weeks. The last two weeks of the month saw rounds of moisture move through the state especially across central portions.



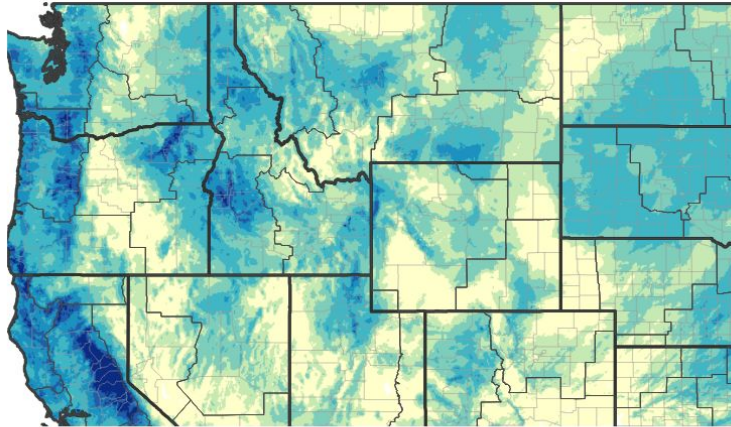


Precipitation

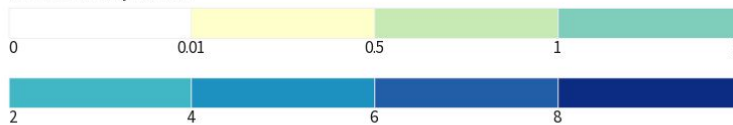
Small areas of above normal precipitation occurred across parts of western, central and far northern WY.

Otherwise, many locations especially southern and north-central WY saw well below normal precipitation.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



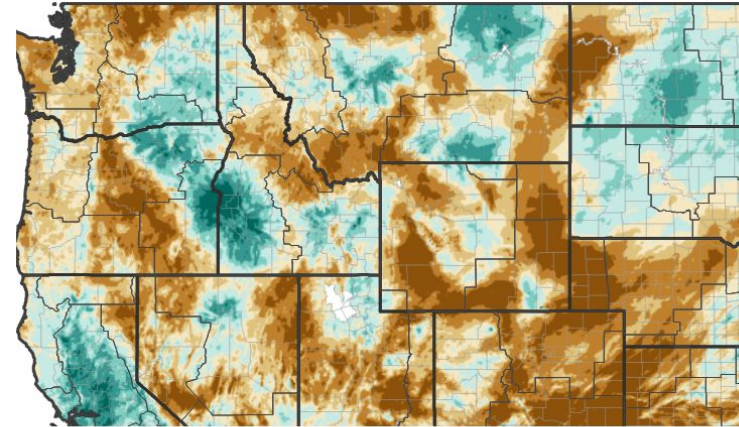
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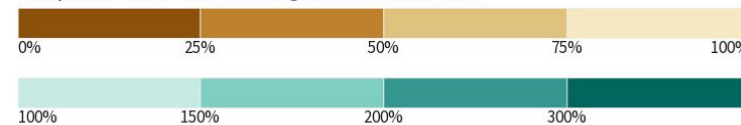
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



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 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 have decreased in some locations due to recent precipitation mainly across parts of central WY. Other areas continue to see possible fire hazards especially during dry and windy conditions. Recent moisture may increase green-up leading to more fuels that may cure over the next month or so. ([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





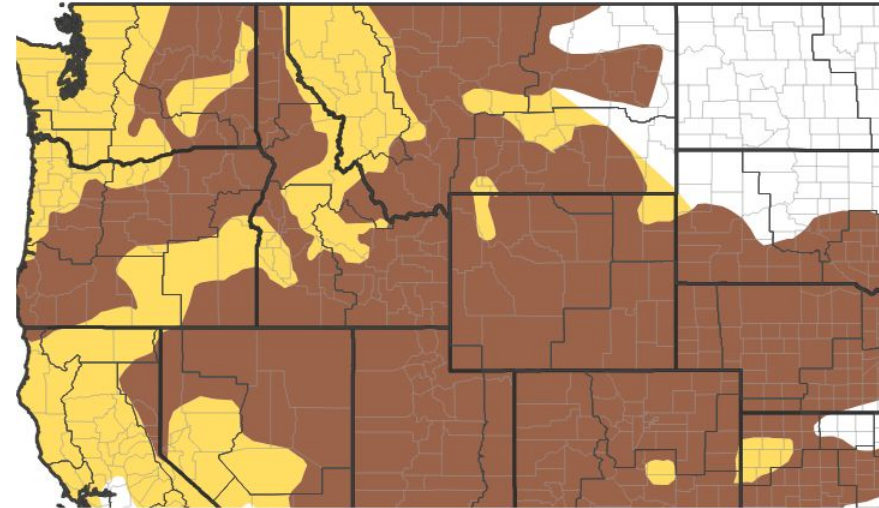
Drought Outlook

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

Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist over over a majority of the state.
- Drought is expected to develop across central portions of Park County, mainly along the Absaroka Range.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for April 16, 2026–July 31, 2026



Drought Is Predicted To...



Source(s): Climate Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Links to the latest:

- [Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)
- [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

