



# Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming

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- This product will be updated by September 11th, 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 have extended into Fremont, Washakie, Hot Springs, Big Horn and Park counties. It persists in Johnson and Natrona, and portions of Sweetwater Lincoln, Sublette and Teton Counties
  - Severe (D2) conditions in all or portions of all other counties.



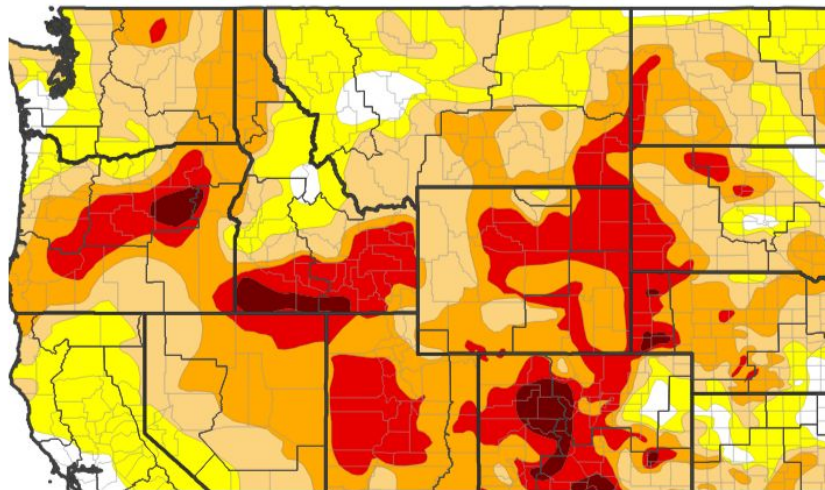


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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, Big Horn and Washakie counties. Portions of Fremont, Natrona, Park and Hot Springs Counties
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Portions of Natrona, Fremont, Johnson, Hot Springs, Big Horn, Park, Sublette, Lincoln, Teton, and Sweetwater counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Teton County. Portions of Park, Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Big Horn, Johnson and Fremont counties.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: None

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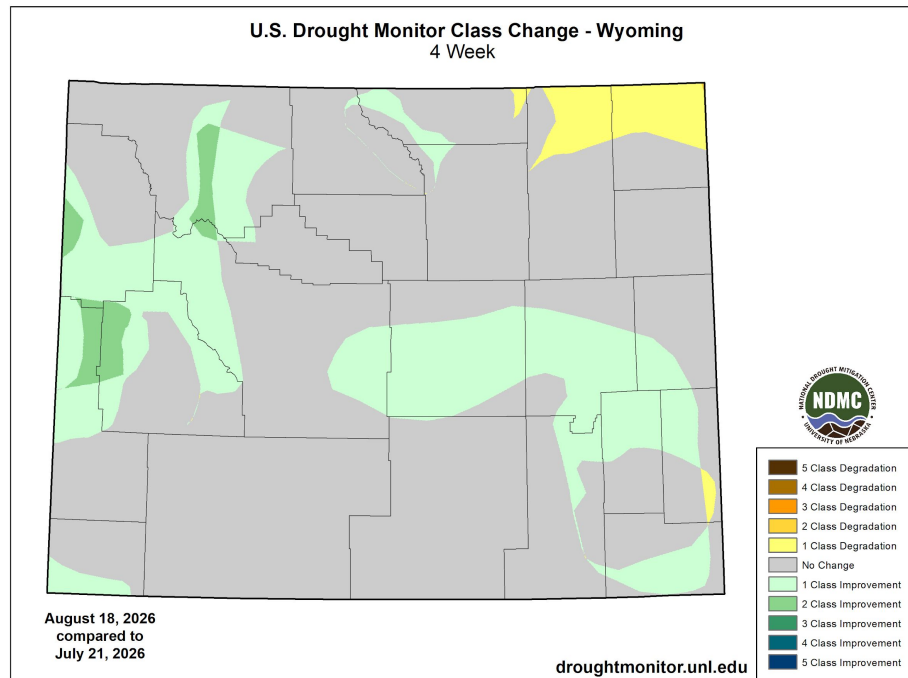


# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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

- **Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change**

- **Drought Worsened By Two Classes:** None
  - **Drought Worsened:** Portions of Campbell and Crook counties.
  - **No Change:** A large portion of the region.
  - **Drought Improved:** Portions of Park, Teton, Lincoln, Sublette, Fremont, Natrona and Johnson counties.
- A fairly decent monsoon season in July and early August helped with the drought conditions.



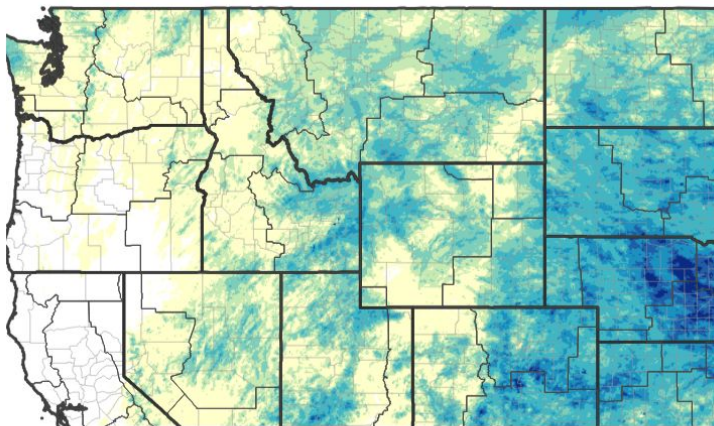


# Precipitation

Above normal precipitation occurred across much of the state

Otherwise, the southwest and far northeast saw below normal precipitation.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



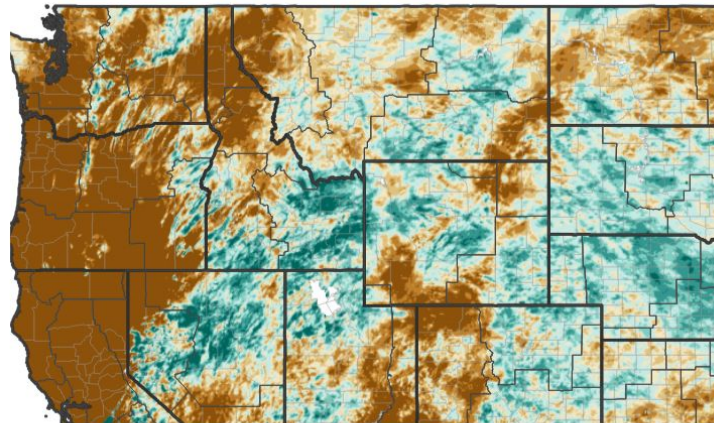
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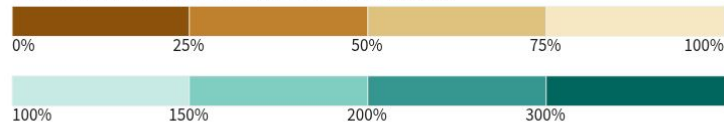
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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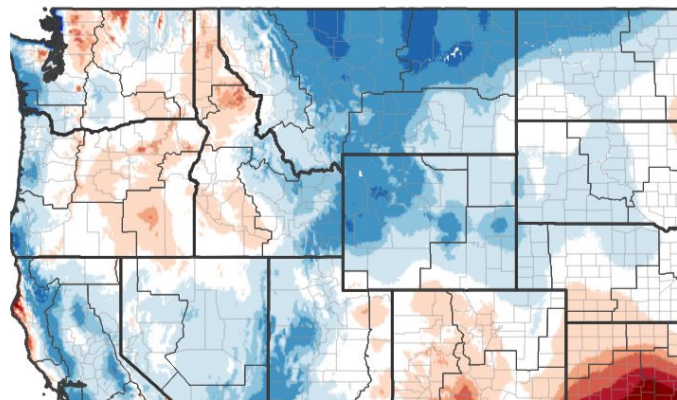


# Temperature

The 7-day anomaly through August 20th shows that Natrona County and much of the west and north was 6-8 degrees below normal. Mainly, the state saw below normal temperatures.

The 30-day anomaly through August 20th shows temperatures slightly above normal of just 1-4 degrees.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



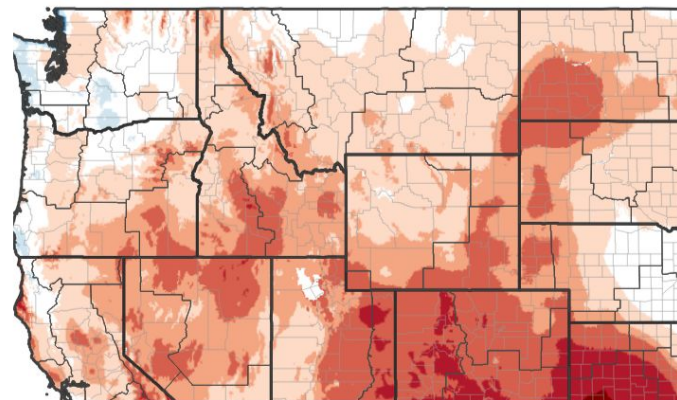
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



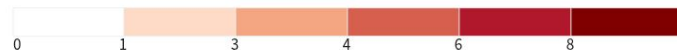
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# Summary of Impacts

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 been stable, but with the lack of significant precipitation the potential remains. August does show an increase in potential across the west and southwest. Dry and windy conditions will show increases to fire hazards. ([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



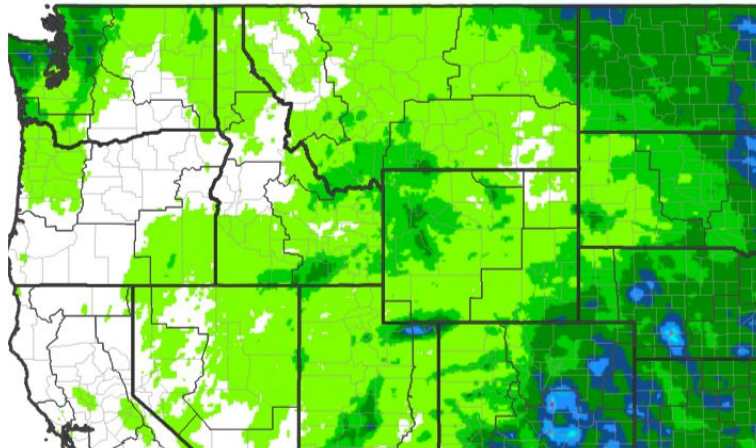


# Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

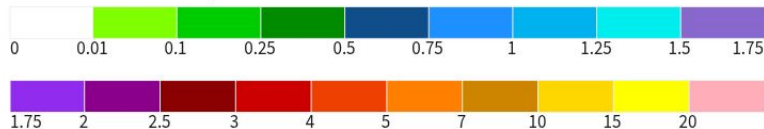
Precipitation Outlook Valid August 24th - August 31st 2026

- No major systems are expected across the area.
- There will be afternoon and evening convection activity, but precipitation will be light.
- A shift on Friday through the weekend will bring in moisture from the southwest for an increase in rainfall, mostly across the west. Amount of precipitation is unknown at this time.

**7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for August 24, 2026–August 31, 2026**



**Predicted Inches of Precipitation**



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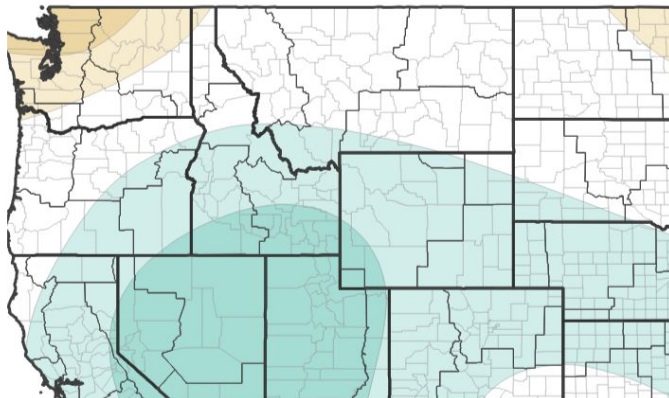


# Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Probability of precipitation is leaning to above normal across the region, with the best chances in the far southwest
- Temperatures for the state indicate above normal values (33-60%). The highest values are across the western half of the state.

**Monthly Precipitation Outlook for September 1, 2026–September 30, 2026**



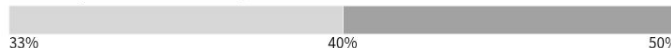
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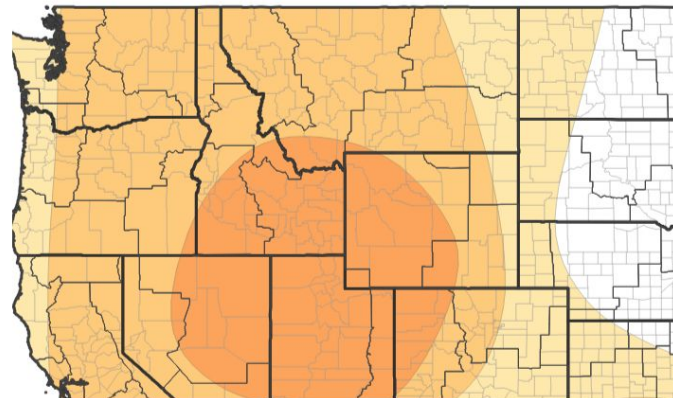
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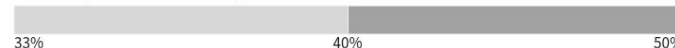
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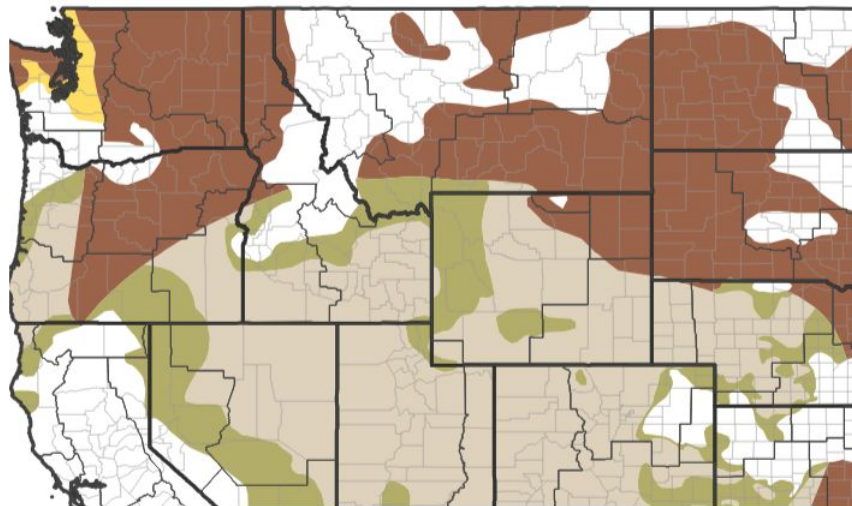
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## Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist across the northeastern areas.
- Drought conditions are expected to improve over much of the state.
- Drought is expected to end across the west and portions of the southwest.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for August 20, 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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