



Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming

Valid September 11th, 2026

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- This product will be updated by October 2nd, 2026 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - 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.



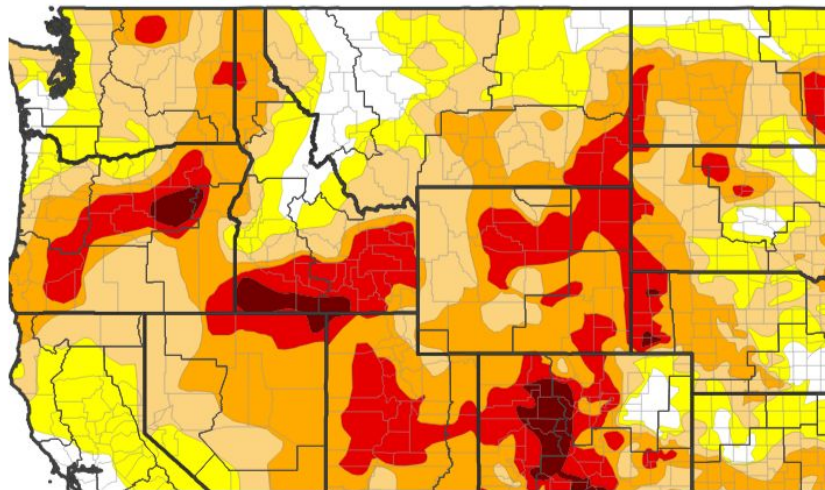


U.S. Drought Monitor

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 and Sweetwater counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: All other locations not listed above.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: None

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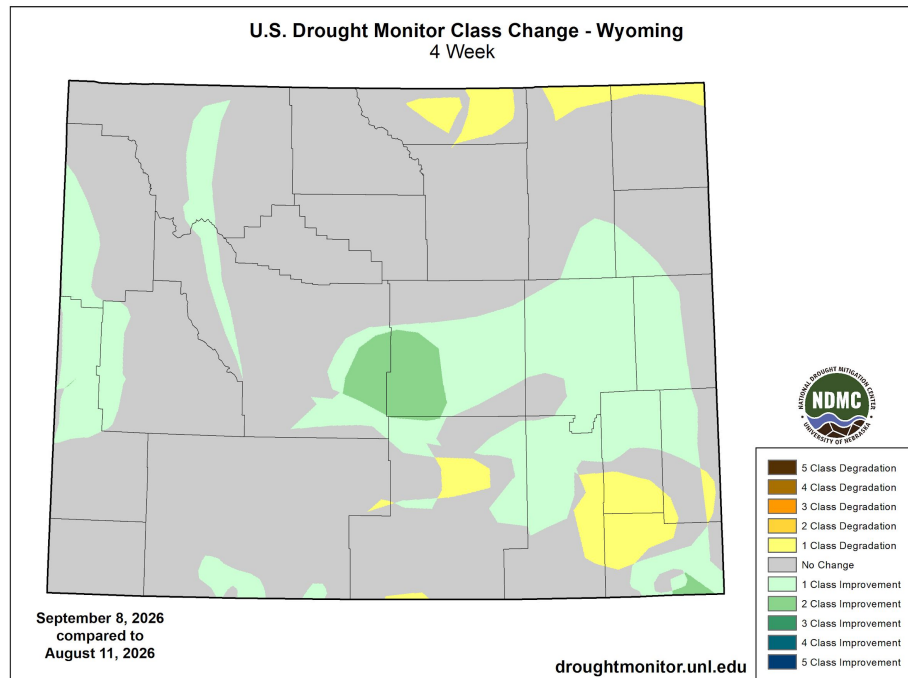
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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 Sheridan and Carbon counties.
- **No Change:** A large portion of the region.
- **Drought Improved:** Lincoln County. Portions of Park, Teton, Sublette, Fremont, and Natrona counties.

- Mostly dry in August and early September, however there was some monsoonal moisture and convective activity to bring some relief.



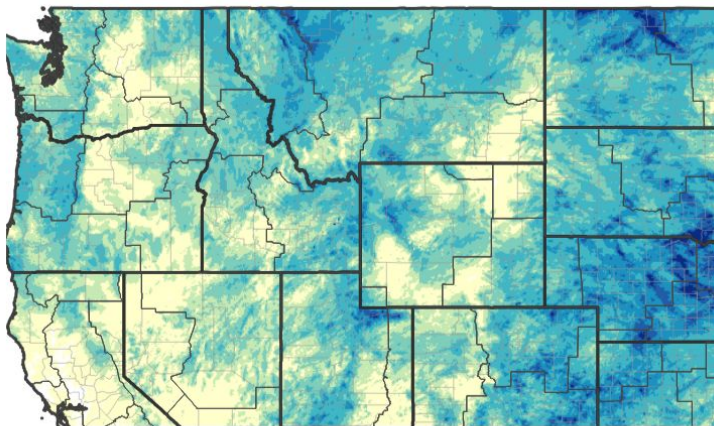


Precipitation

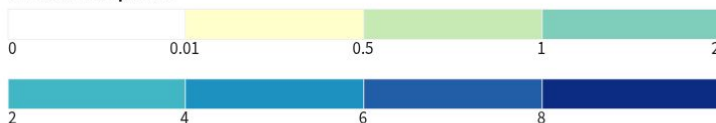
Above normal precipitation occurred across central portions of the state

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



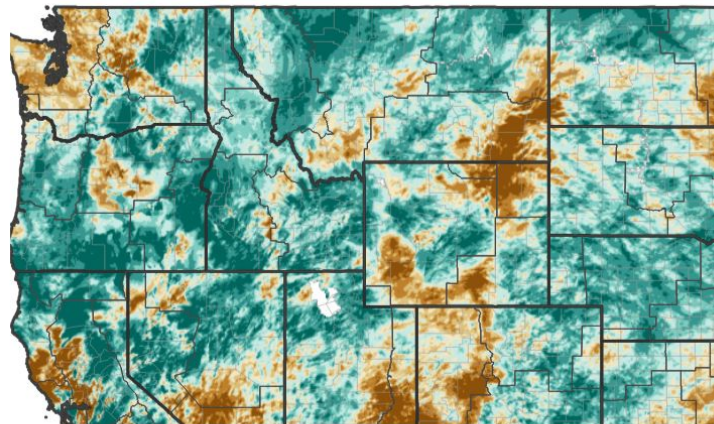
Inches of Precipitation



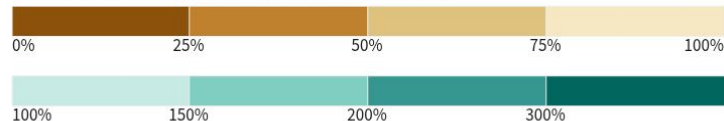
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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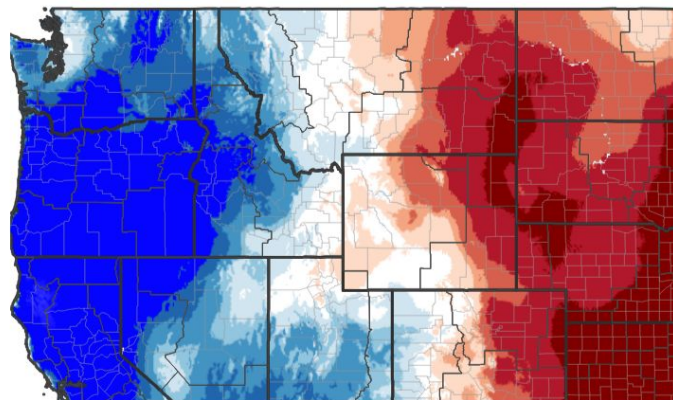


Temperature

The 7-day anomaly through September 7th shows that the eastern areas of the RIW CWA were 4-6 degrees above normal. Otherwise they were close to normal temperatures.

The 30-day anomaly through September 7th shows temperatures slightly above normal of just 1-3 degrees.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



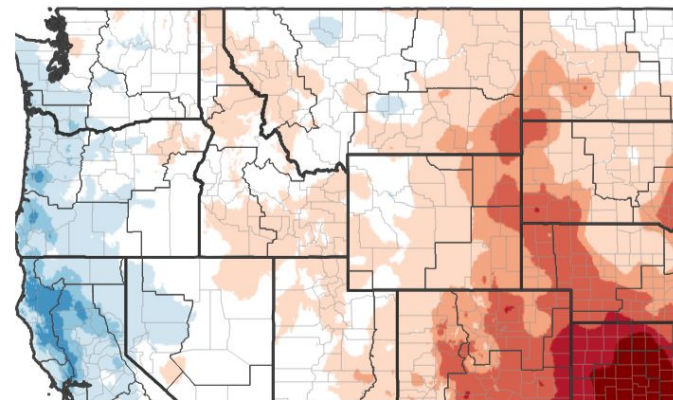
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



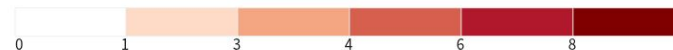
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30-Day Temperature Anomaly



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Water levels remain low across many bodies of waters with the minimal 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 elevated so far due to the lack of significant precipitation. September has so far shown an increase in potential across large portions of the state. 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



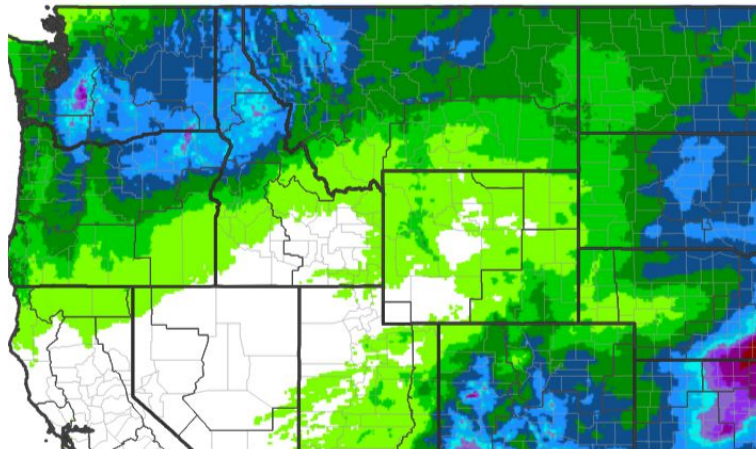


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

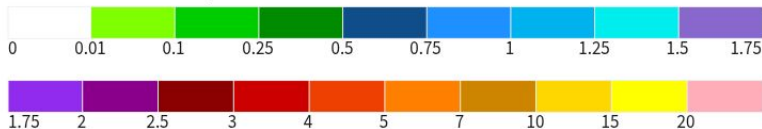
Precipitation Outlook Valid September 11th through September 18th 2026

- No major systems are expected across the area.
- There will be afternoon and evening convection activity, but precipitation will be light.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 11, 2026–September 18, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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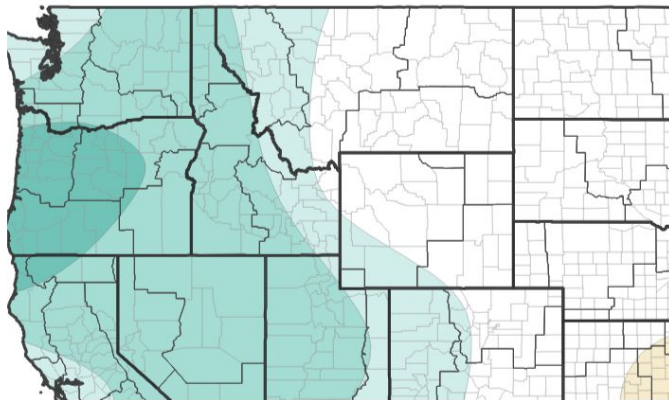


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Probability of precipitation is leaning to above normal across the southwest, with near normal for most of the state.
- Temperatures for the state indicate above normal values (33-50%). The highest values are across the far southeast.

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



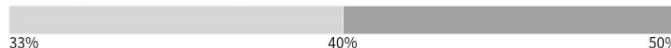
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



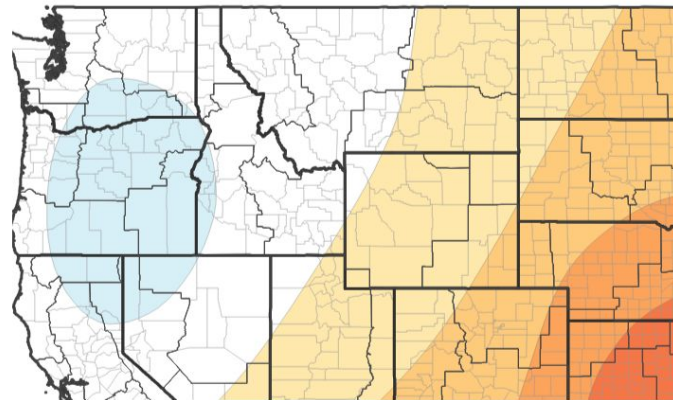
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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



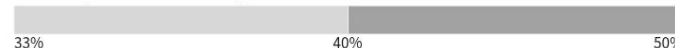
Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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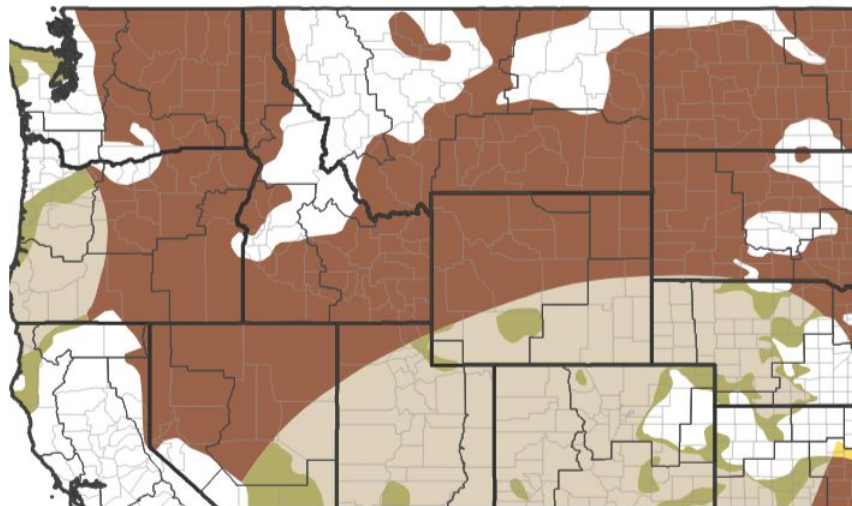
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Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist across the northern half of the region.
- Drought conditions are expected to improve over the south.
- Drought is expected to end across a small portion of Sweetwater 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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