



Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming

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- Improvements across portions of western, central and southern WY. Parts of Park, Teton, Fremont, Sublette and Lincoln Counties have seen drought removal to Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions.
 - Extreme (D3) conditions remain across much of Hot Springs, Washakie and Johnson Counties. Smaller portions of Park, Big Horn, Natrona and Fremont Counties also see D3 conditions persist.





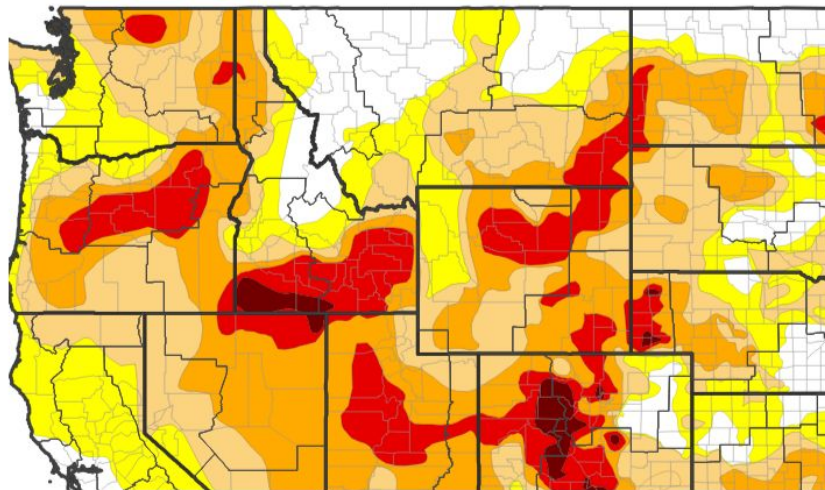
U.S. Drought Monitor

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):** Portions of Natrona, Johnson, Big Horn, Sweetwater, Lincoln, Sublette Fremont, and Park.
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Large portions of Park, Teton, and Sublette Counties. Smaller portions of Lincoln and Fremont Counties.

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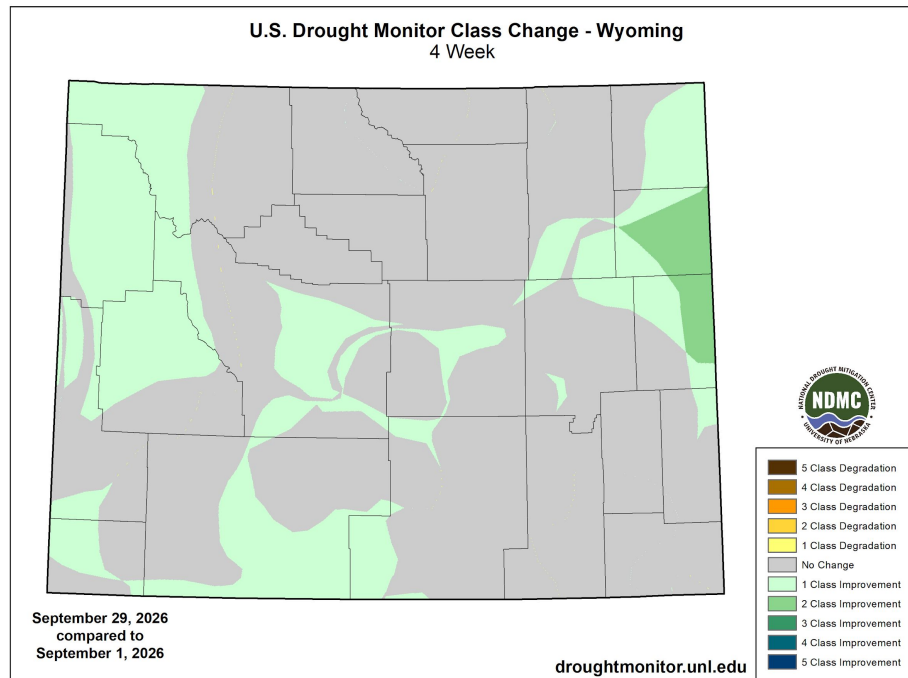
Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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:** None
- **No Change:** A large portion of northern WY with small portions elsewhere.
- **Drought Improved:** Portions of Park, Teton, Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Fremont, and Natrona Counties.

- Rounds of moderate to heavy rainfall in the middle of September helped improve drought conditions. Portions of western WY have seen drought designations removed to only abnormally dry conditions.



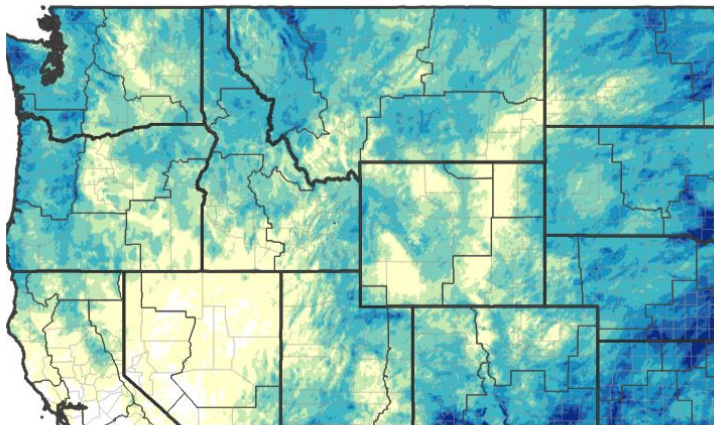


Precipitation

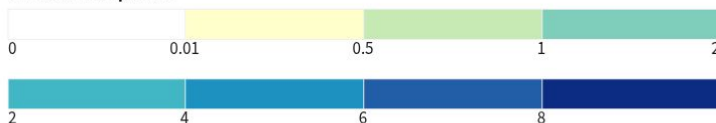
Above normal precipitation occurred across central and western portions of the state

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

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



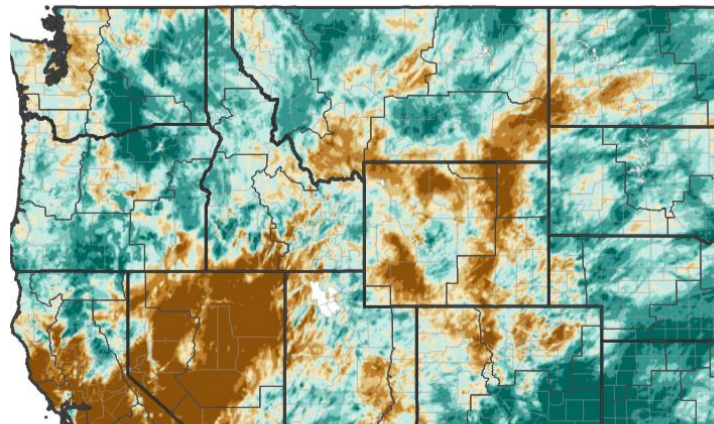
Inches of Precipitation



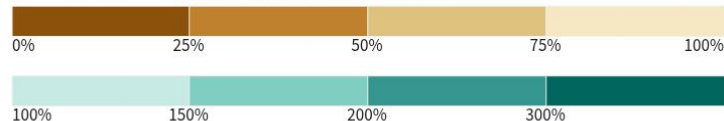
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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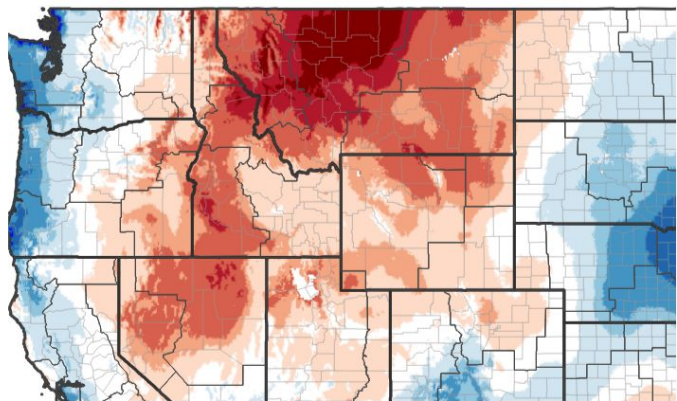


Temperature

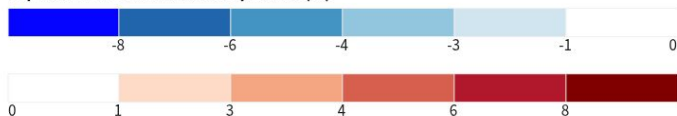
The 7-day anomaly through September 27th shows much of the area saw above normal temperatures of 1 to 3 degrees with larger values of 4 to 6 degrees across northern WY.

The 30-day anomaly through September 27th shows temperatures near normal for western WY with above normal temperatures for much of central, northern and southern WY.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



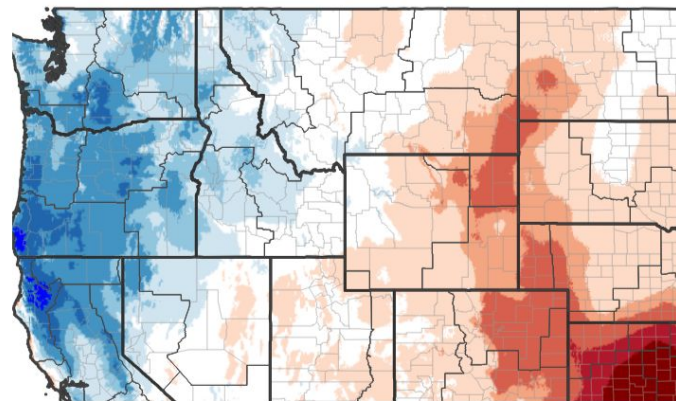
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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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 decreased some due to round of precipitation throughout the month of September. However, a prolonged period of abnormally warm and dry conditions to start October may elevated hazards in some locations. ([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



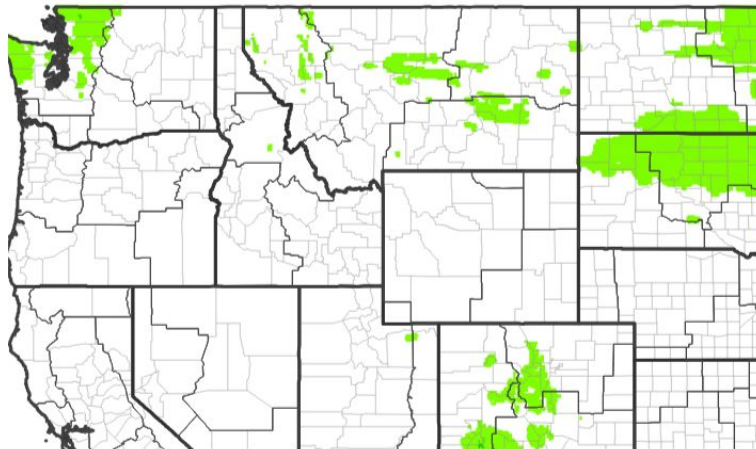


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

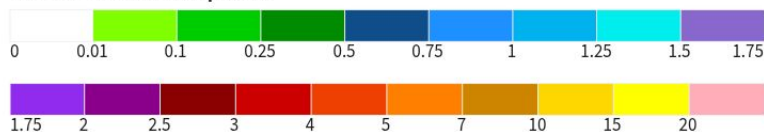
Precipitation Outlook Valid September 11th through September 18th 2026

- No major systems are expected across the area.
- Little to no chances for precipitation through the first week of October.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 2, 2026–October 9, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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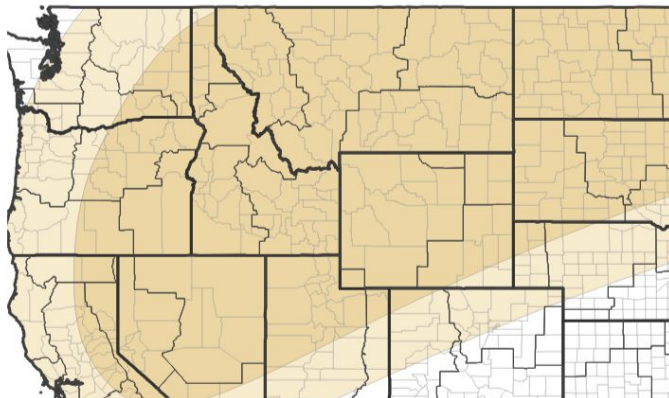


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Probability of precipitation is leaning below normal amounts with nearly all of the state being in a 40-50% chance of below normal.
- All of the state has a 40-50% chance of above normal temperatures throughout the month of October.

Monthly Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2026–October 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



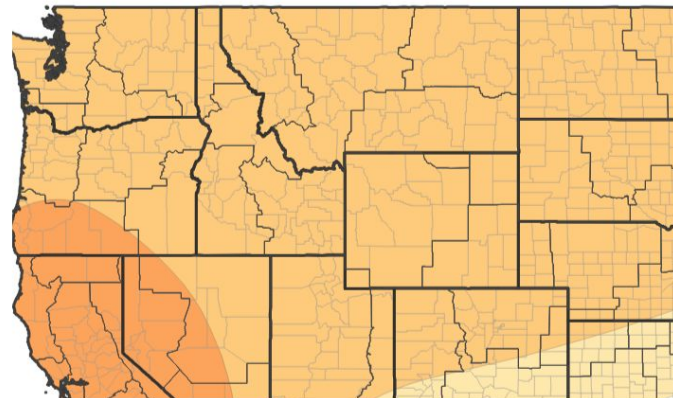
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Monthly Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2026–October 31, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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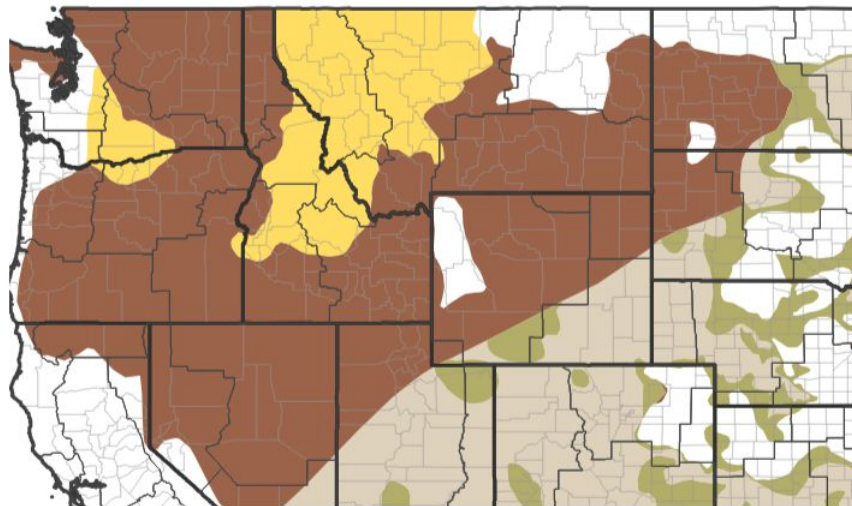
Drought Outlook

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Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist across much of the state.
- A small area of southern WY may see drought conditions improve.
- Drought is expected to end across a small portion of southeastern Sweetwater County.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 30, 2026–December 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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