

# **Drought Information Statement for** Western & Central Wyoming

Valid October 21st, 2025

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### **Contact Information:**

- This product will be updated by November 7th, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <a href="https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements">https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements</a>.
- Please visit <a href="https://www.weather.gov/riw/DroughtInformationStatement">https://www.weather.gov/riw/DroughtInformationStatement</a> for previous statements.
- Please visit <a href="https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates">https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates</a> for regional drought status updates.
- Extreme (D3) drought conditions across Teton, Sublette, Lincoln, and Sweetwater Counties.
- Severe (D2) conditions in Park, Teton, Sublette, and Sweetwater Counties along with a small portion of northwestern Fremont County.
- Conditions have improved across portions of Sweetwater, Fremont, and Natrona Counties.





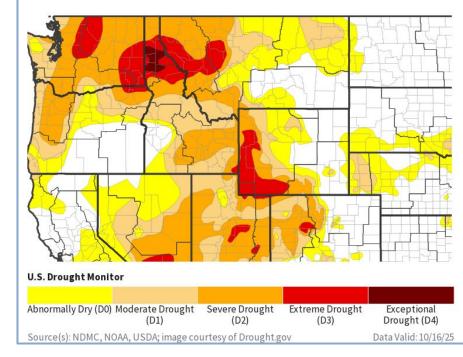


# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the <u>latest U.S. Drought Monitor</u> for Wyoming

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - D4 (Exceptional Drought): None occurring.
  - D3 (Extreme Drought): Much of Sweetwater, Lincoln, Sublette, and Teton Counties. A small sliver in northwestern Fremont County.
  - D2 (Severe Drought): Most of Teton, Sublette and Lincoln Counties along with small portions of Fremont and Park Counties.
  - D1 (Moderate Drought): Sections of Park,
     Fremont, Hot Springs, Sublette, Sweetwater,
     Washakie, Big Horn and Johnson Counties.
  - D0: (Abnormally Dry): Parts of Park, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson, Natrona, Fremont, and Sweetwater Counties.

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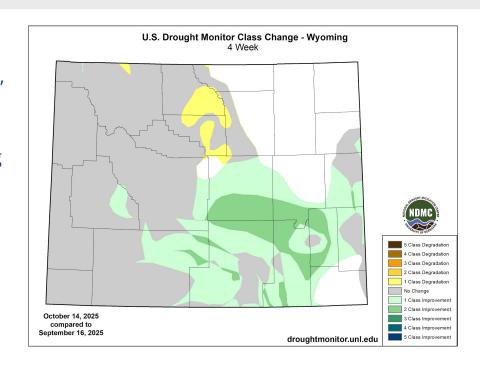


## Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Wyoming

### Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change

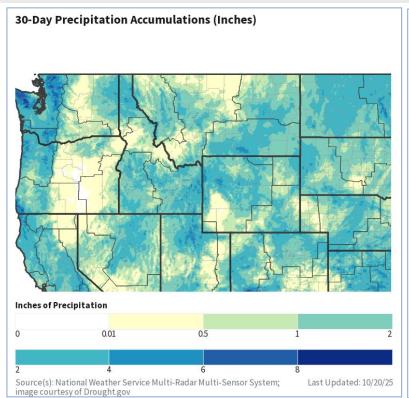
- Drought Worsened: Small portions of Park, Big Horn, Washakie, Johnson and Natrona Counties.
- No Change: Nearly all of western WY along with portions of central and northern WY.
- Drought Improved: Portions of Sublette, Sweetwater, Fremont, and Natrona Counties.
- An active start to October brought widespread precipitation across portions of central Wyoming. This increase in moisture has improved drought conditions in portions of Natrona, Fremont, Sweetwater, and Sublette Counties by 1 or even 2 classes.

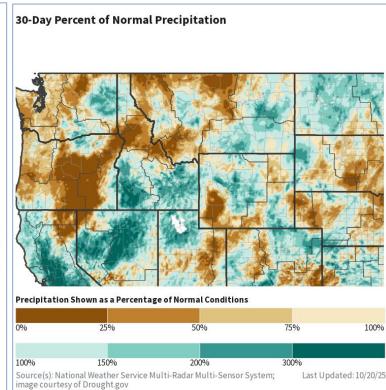




Much of western and southern WY saw trace to little amounts of precipitation. This lead to well below normal amounts for the month.

Central and northern WY saw higher rainfall amounts. Heavy localized rain produced above normal values with a few record breaking days.









## Summary of Impacts (graphics on following slides)

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 especially those in worsening droughts. 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 <u>here</u>

#### **Fire Hazard Impacts**

• Fire Hazards are low as temperatures are more seasonal and there has been adequate rain and snowfall. Some locations are still moderate mainly due to cured fuels and windy conditions. (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



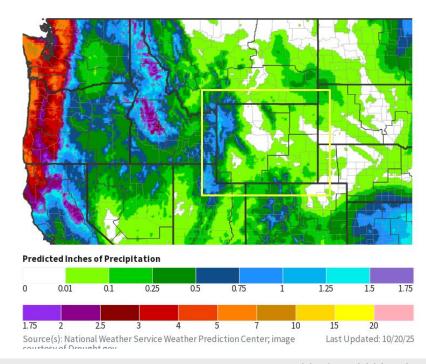


## Seven-Day Precipitation Forecast

Precipitation Outlook Valid October 20th - October 27th

- Warmer temperatures and drier conditions will start the work week.
- The weekend will see a frontal system move into the area bringing rain and higher elevation snow, especially across the west

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 20, 2025-October 27, 2025

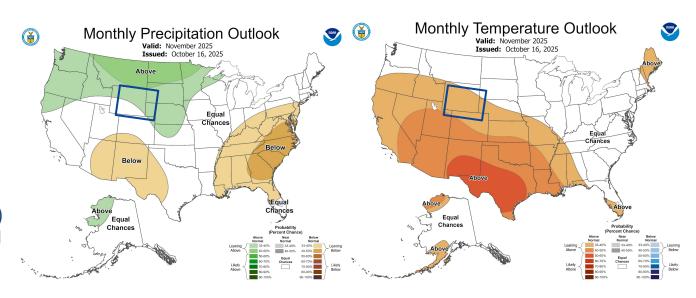




# Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the <a href="CPC homepage">CPC homepage</a>

- Probability of temperatures being above normal range from 33-40%.
- Northwest sliver of Wyoming shows equal chances, so climatology is the best forecast
- Above normal (33-40%) precipitation is indicated for the north half
- Equal chances of precipitation across the south, so climatology is the best forecast.





## Drought Outlook

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#### Seasonal Outlook

- Drought conditions are expected to persist across Sweetwater County, much of Southern Lincoln, Southern Sublette and portions of Big Horn, Johnson, and Washakie counties
- Drought conditions are expected to improve across Teton, northern Lincoln and Sublette counties, and parts of Park and Fremont counties.
- Drought conditions are expected to end over portions of Park, Hot Springs, and western Fremont counties.

#### Links to the latest:

Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook

