Drought Information Statement for Utah and Uinta County, WY

Valid January 8, 2026

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- This product will be updated February 5, 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/SLC/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates for regional drought status updates.

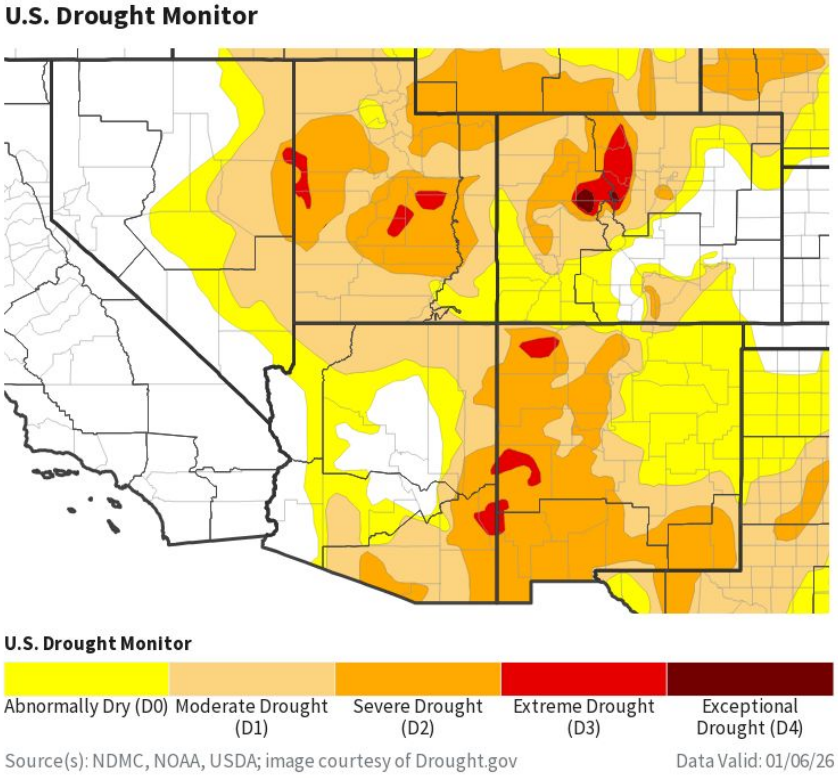
- Extreme drought (D3) conditions continue across portions of Sanpete, Sevier, Emery, Carbon, southwestern Tooele, western Juab, and northwestern Millard. Drought conditions are forecast to persist through the end of March in these areas.

- Only the highest elevation basins of northern Utah have accumulated a near normal snowpack for this date. In large, snowpack accumulations have been below, to well below median thus far this water year.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for Utah and Uinta County, WY

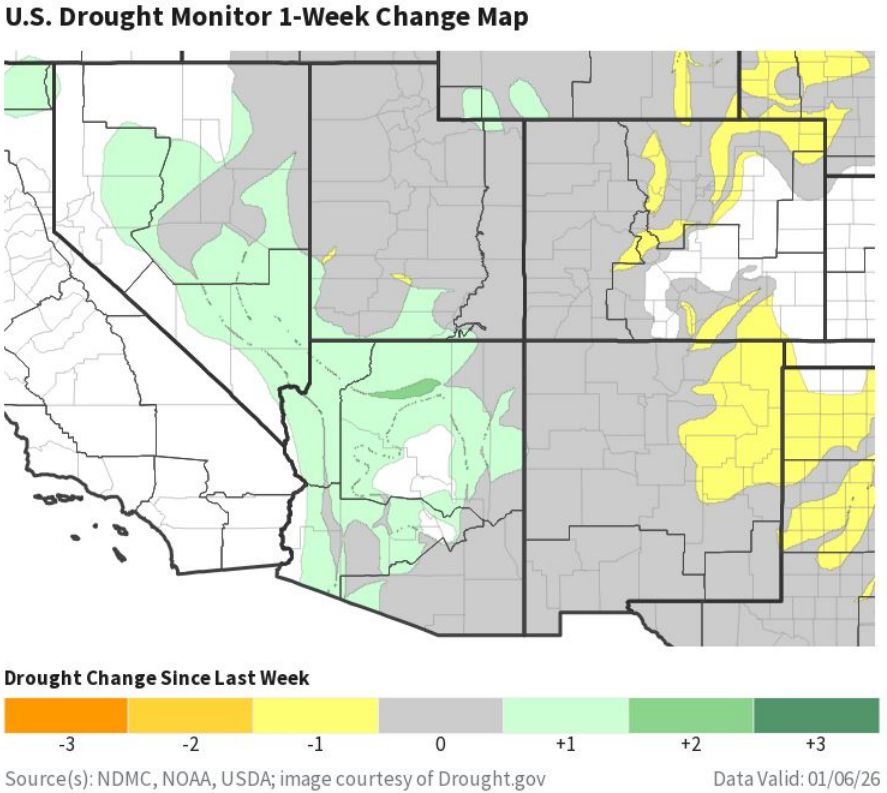
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of Sanpete, Sevier, Emery, Carbon, southwestern Tooele, western Juab, and northwestern Millard County.
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Much of eastern Utah, Kane County and western Utah along the Nevada border as well as Uinta County, WY.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Much of remainder of Utah.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: Portions of Salt Lake, Weber and Davis County.



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Utah and Uinta County, WY

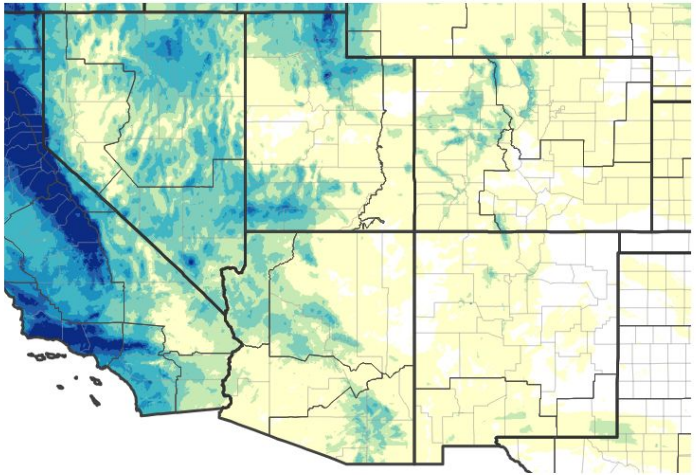
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
    - **Drought Improved**: Lower elevation areas of southern Utah including St. George and Kanab.



Precipitation

- Over the last 30 days, the heaviest precipitation fell across southwestern and northern Utah.
- Portions of central and eastern Utah saw little to no precipitation over the last 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



Inches of Precipitation

0 0.01 0.5 1 2

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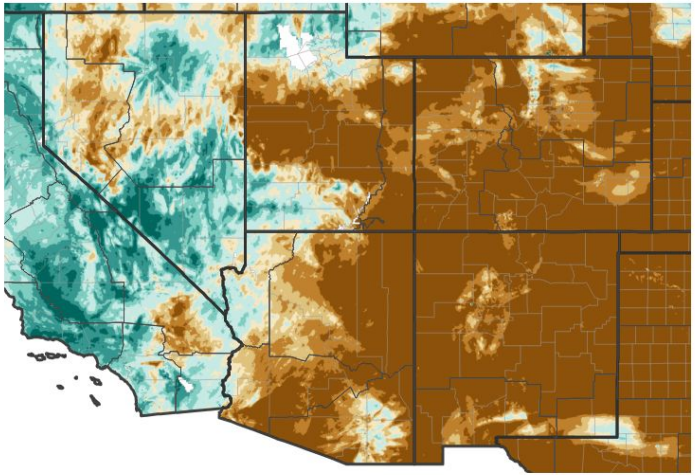
30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

100% 150% 200% 300%

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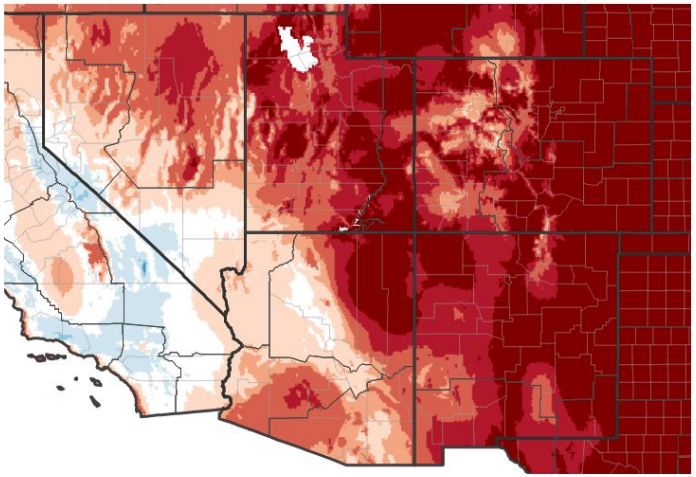
Temperature

- Temperatures averaged well above normal across the entire region through the month of December, nearly 8 degrees or more above normal across the entire region.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)

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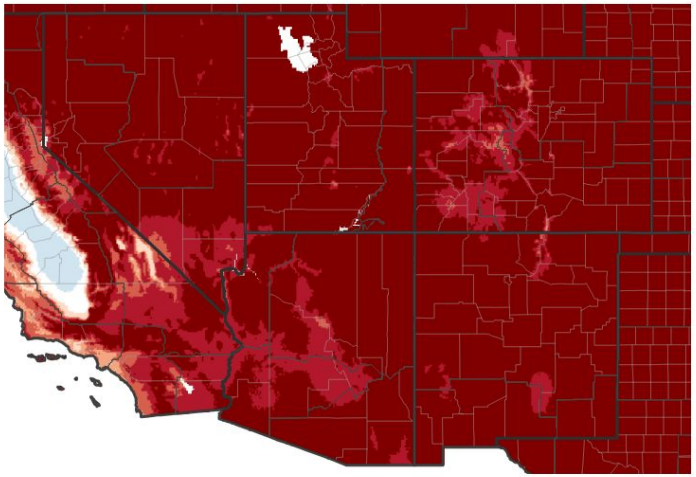

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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Although water year precipitation for the majority of the state has been above normal, only the highest elevation basins of northern Utah have accumulated a near normal snowpack for this date. Record breaking temperatures in November and December have driven higher than normal snow levels across the area, limiting snowpack accumulation.

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time as the growing season has ended for much of the region and ranchers are in the process of moving their herds to winter locations.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

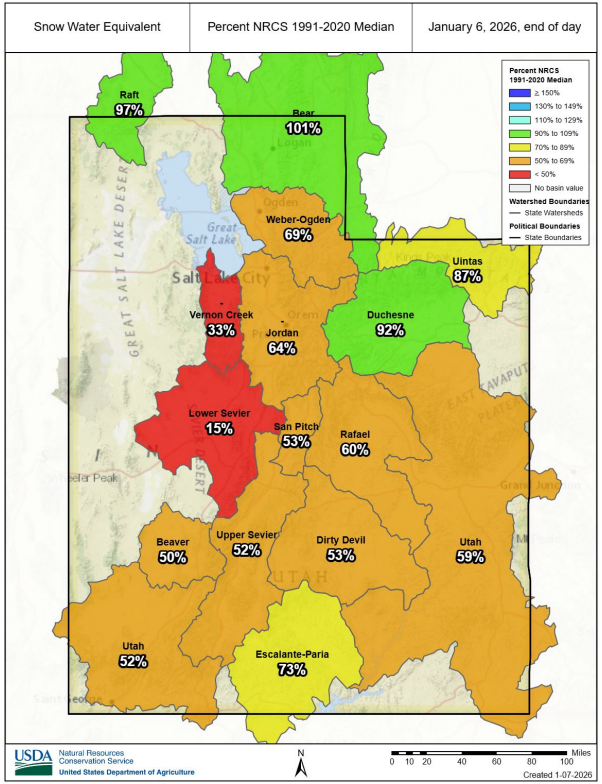
- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

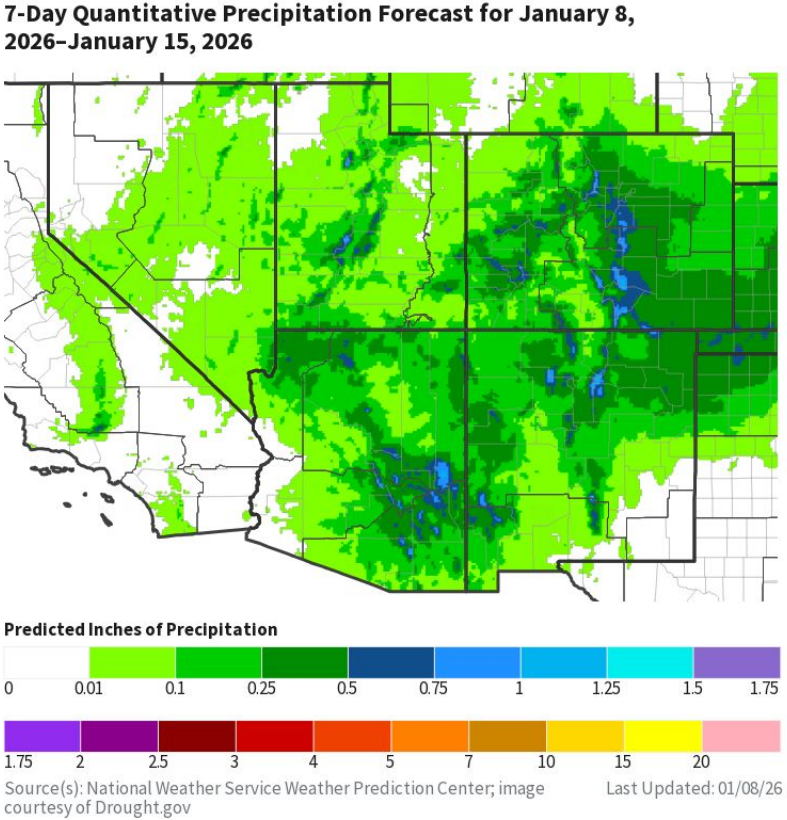
Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Most basins across the state are ranging from 50-70% of median for this time of year.
- Notably, the Uintas and Escalante-Paria drainages are averaging above 70%, while near normal conditions exist for the Bear, Raft, and Duchesne watersheds.
- The Vernon Creek and Lower Sevier drainages are averaging below 35%.



Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- A winter storm will bring precipitation to much of the state through Thursday, January 8.
- After Thursday, little to no precipitation is expected statewide for the next 7 to 10 days.

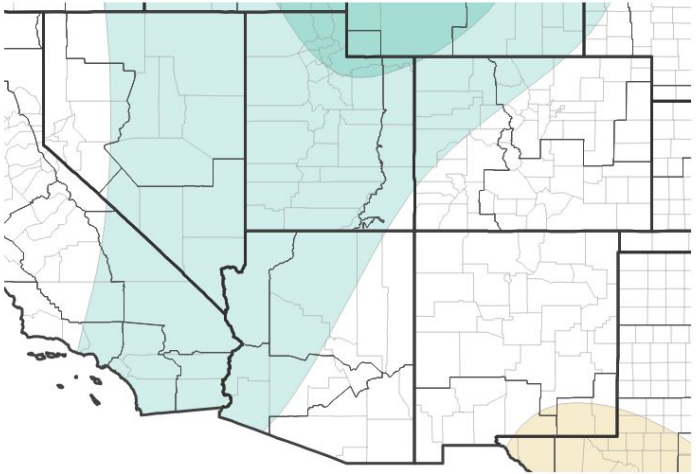


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the CPC homepage

- The outlook for temperatures for the month of January has odds tilted toward above normal temperatures statewide.
- For precipitation, odds tilt toward above normal precipitation across the state.

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



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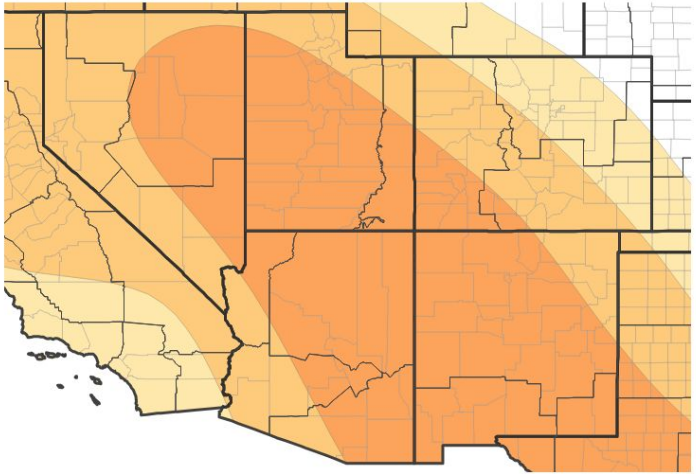

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Drought Outlook

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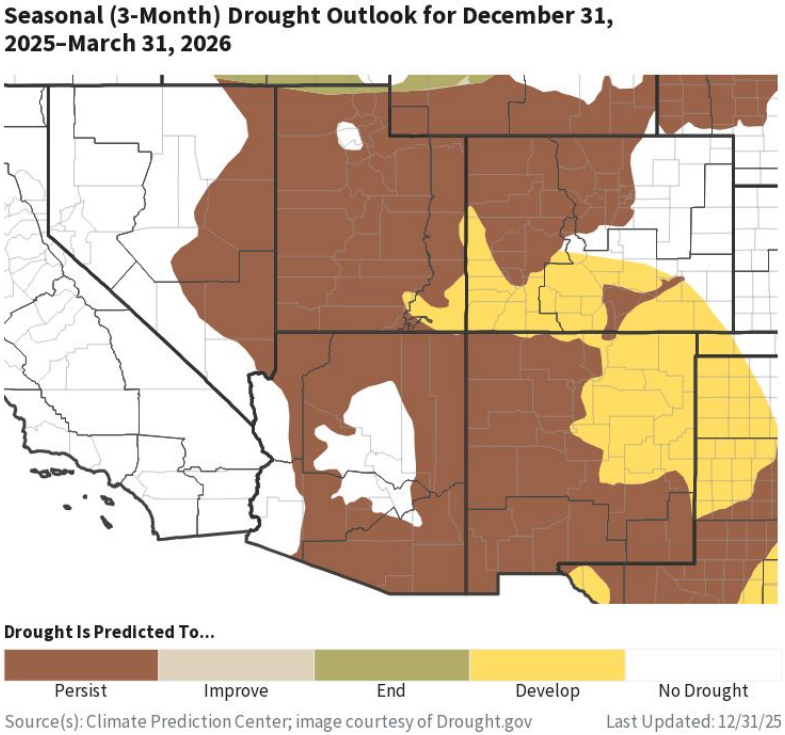
- Across far northern Utah, the outlook is for drought conditions to end.



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