



Drought Information Statement for Utah and Uinta County, WY

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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/SLC/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Severe (D2) to extreme drought (D3) conditions continue across much of the Utah.



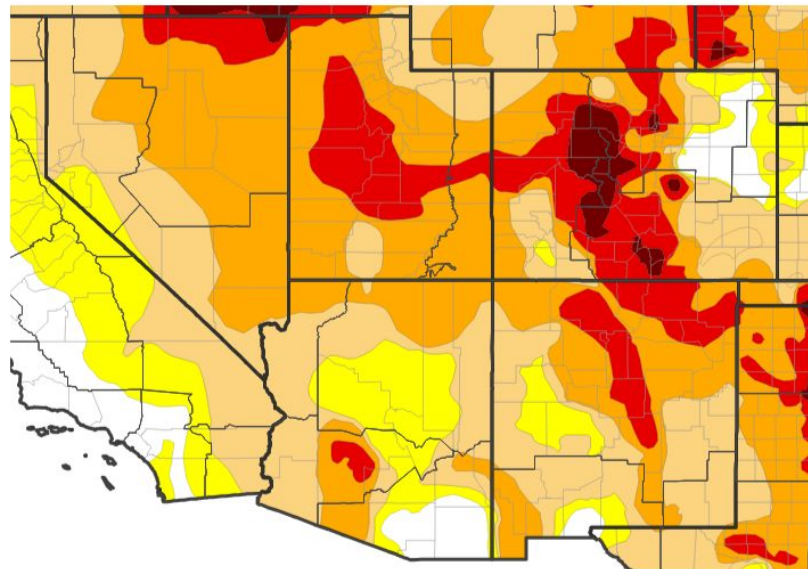


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Utah and Uinta County, WY

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Portions of northern and central Utah
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Most of the rest of Utah as well as eastern Uinta County, WY.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Northeastern Utah, western Uinta County, WY and western Garfield and western Kane Counties.

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA, NASA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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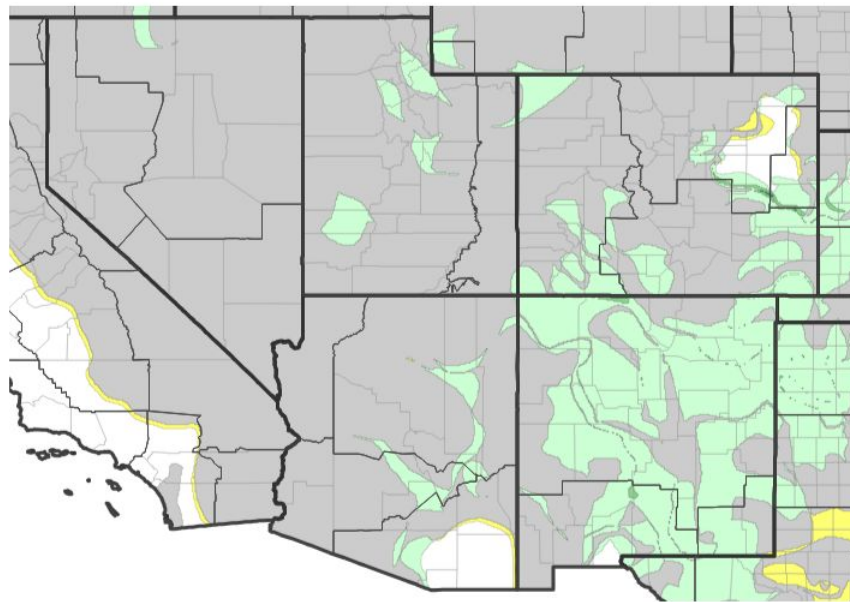


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

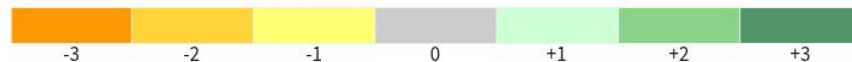
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Utah and Uinta County, WY

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Minor Improvement:** A few areas in Utah and Uinta County, WY saw a 1 category improvement in drought conditions.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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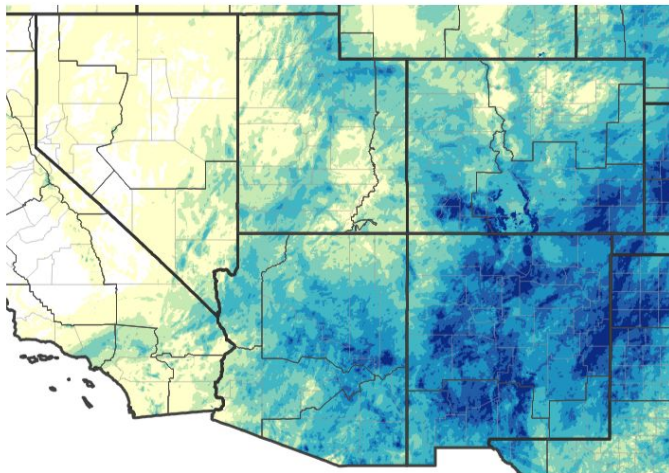




Precipitation

- Many areas of Utah saw near to above normal precipitation over the last 30 days.
- A few areas of central and far northwestern Utah saw below normal precipitation over the last 30 days.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



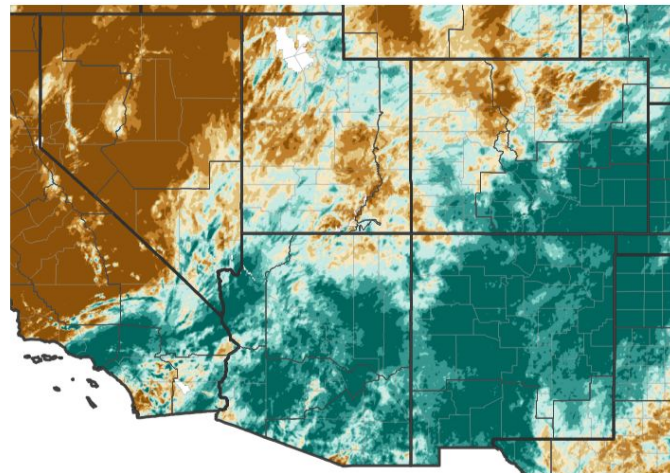
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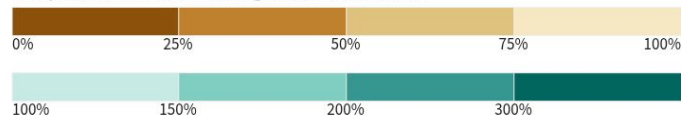
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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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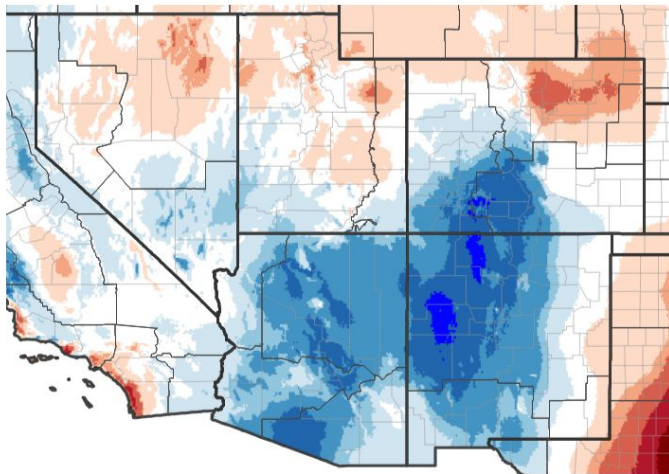




Temperature

- Temperatures averaged near normal across the region over the last 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



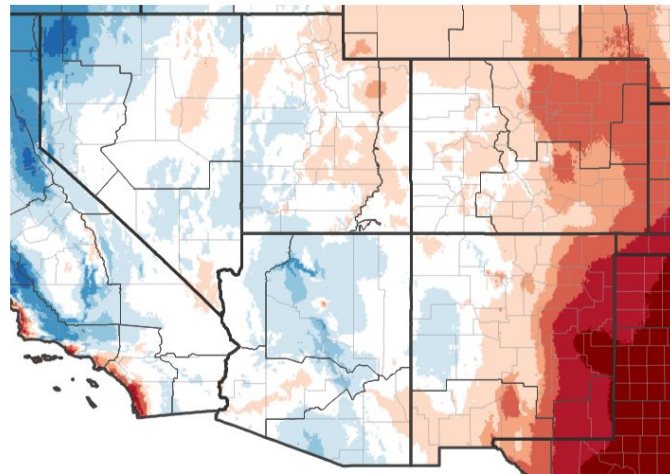
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Reservoir storage is averaging 47% full, excluding Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge.
- Reservoir drawdown began to occur in May this year, which is 1-2 months earlier than normal. This will prolong our yearly drawdown period which typically lasts into October each year.
- Several reservoirs across central and southern Utah are at critically low capacity.

Agricultural Impacts

- Pumpkin yield across Utah was significantly lower than normal, resulting in less employment for seasonal workers.
- A farmer in Ferron reported they were only able to irrigate half their fields due to cuts in water delivery and their total harvest was only 30% of normal.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- None at this time.

Other Impacts

- Pronghorn died due to malnutrition in portions of southwest Wyoming, a period when they are typically healthy.
- More sightings of mountain lions, bears, foxes, coyotes and other animals were noted in neighborhoods as animals searched for food and water.
- Anglers, guides were asked to forgo fishing on numerous low Wyoming rivers

Mitigation Actions

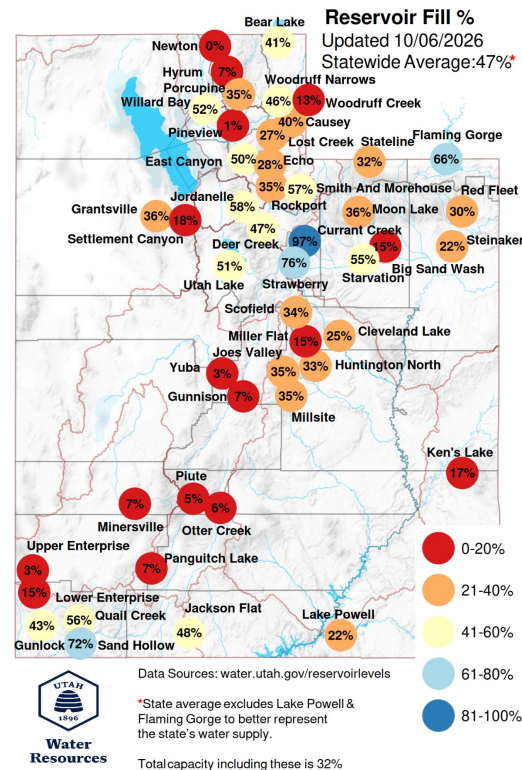
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.





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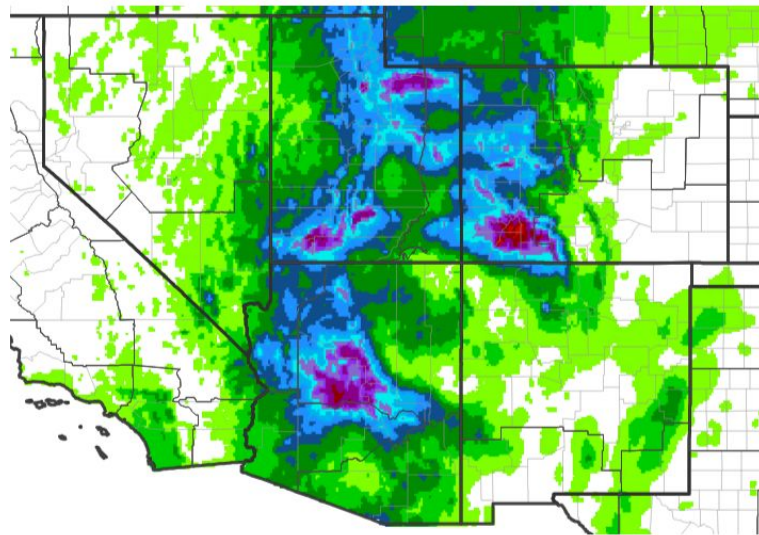




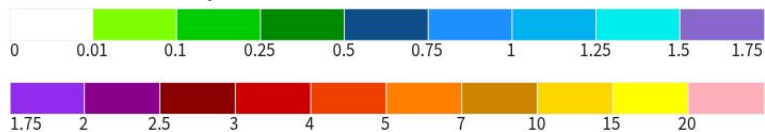
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- A strong Pacific system will combine with tropical moisture from Hurricane Rachel to bring a period of widespread moderate to heavy rain to the region from late Saturday to at least Tuesday.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 6, 2026–October 13, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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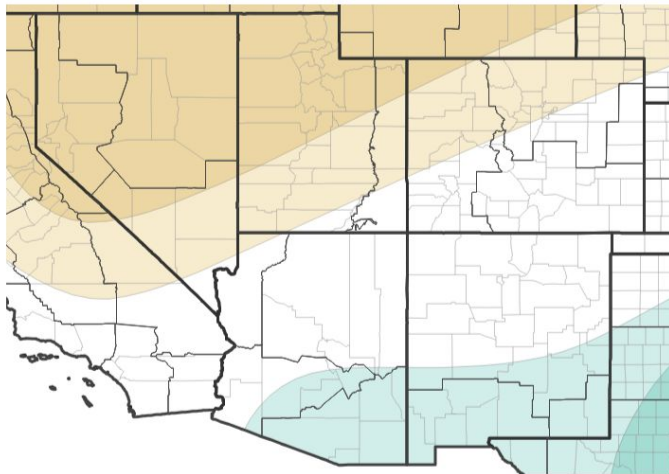


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Odds generally favor above-normal temperatures for the month of October.
- Odds are tilted toward the month of October finishing below normal, **but this forecast was issued October 1 prior to Hurricane Rachel's impacts.**

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



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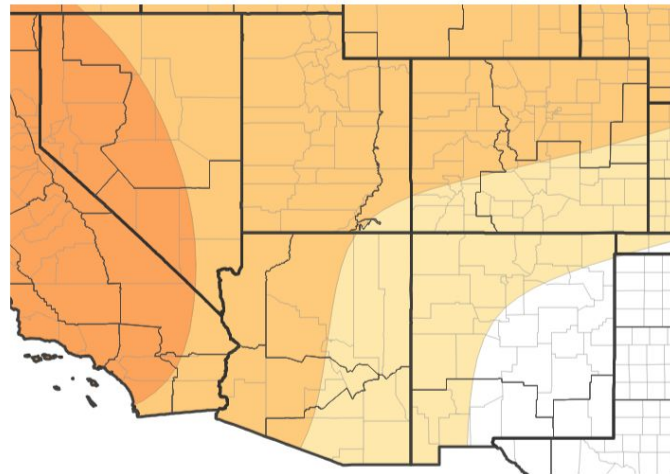
Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation

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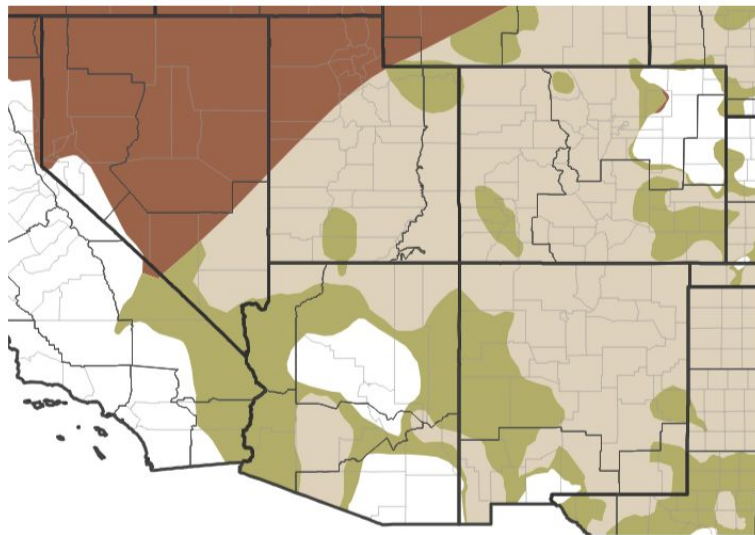


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is forecast to persist across northwestern Utah through the end of the year.
- Drought is forecast to improve and/or end across the remainder of Utah.

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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