



# Drought Information Statement for MONTANA

Valid: June 18, 2026

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Contact Information:

- This product will be updated, July 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/TFX/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- D3 - Extreme Drought Conditions
    - End across North Central Montana
    - Continue across Southwestern Montana
    - Continue across a portion Eastern Montana





# U.S. Drought Monitor

Link: [Latest Montana U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

## U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

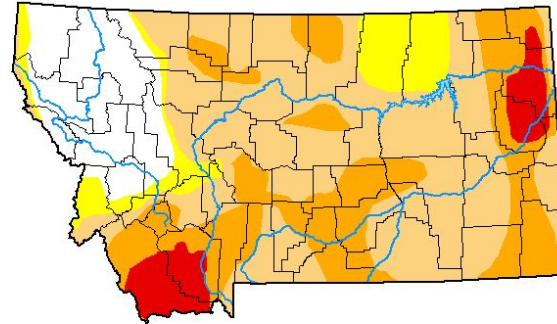
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### Drought Intensity and Extent

- **D4 (Exceptional Drought):** None
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):** Portions of southwestern and eastern MT
- **D2 (Severe Drought):** Large portions of the state, East of The Continental Divide
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Most of the state of Montana, East of The Divide
- **D0: (Abnormally Dry):** Portions of western, central and northeastern Montana



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.02	84.98	76.36	30.30	5.80	0.00
Last Week 06-09-2026	15.45	84.55	74.65	28.89	5.80	0.00
3 Months Ago 03-17-2026	7.58	92.42	66.70	19.34	3.96	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2025	48.61	51.39	19.79	8.08	1.46	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	27.06	72.94	40.74	31.81	8.55	0.00
One Year Ago 06-17-2025	26.22	73.78	58.95	28.68	0.75	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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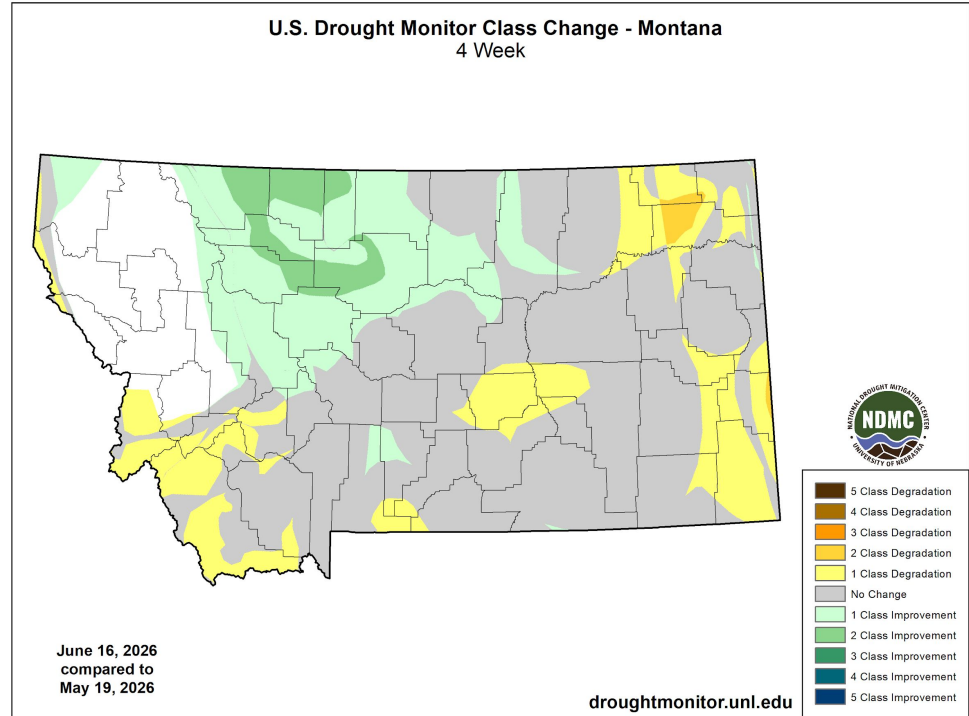
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# Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link: [Montana 4-week Change Map](#)

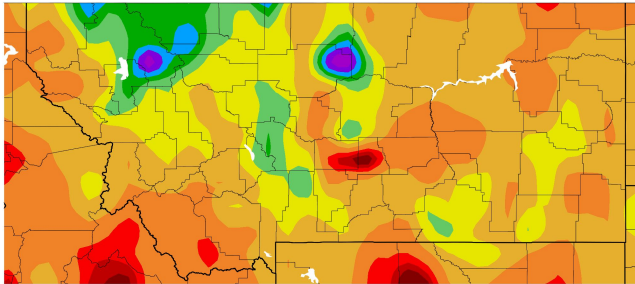
- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
  - **Drought Worsened:** Across portions of the State of Montana
  - **No Change:** Most of the state
  - **Drought Improved:** Large portions of northern and central, MT, as well as an isolated area of southern, MT





# Precipitation

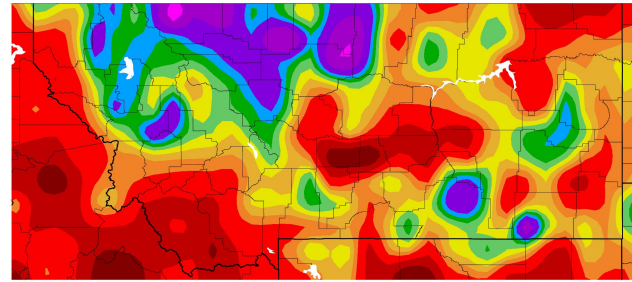
Precipitation (in)  
5/19/2026 – 6/17/2026



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Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)  
5/19/2026 – 6/17/2026



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- **Precipitation (in):** During the past month, northwestern and north central Montana have received as much as 5.00” to 8.00” of precipitation with isolated areas of higher amounts at mountain peak level. Much of the rest of the state received less than 3.00” of moisture, with isolated areas receiving less than 1.00”.
- **Percent of Normal Precipitation (%):** Some areas received 130% to 175% of normal precipitation, while the precipitation for much of the state is recorded as less than 80% of normal.

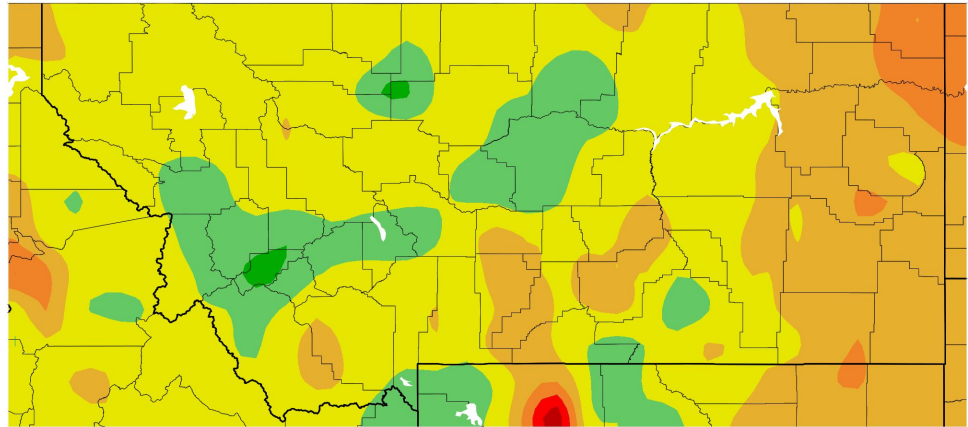




# Temperature

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
5/19/2026 – 6/17/2026

- Most of the state of MT recorded near normal temperatures, during the past month.
- Much of eastern and south central Montana recorded above normal temperatures.
- Areas of cooler than normal temperatures were recorded.



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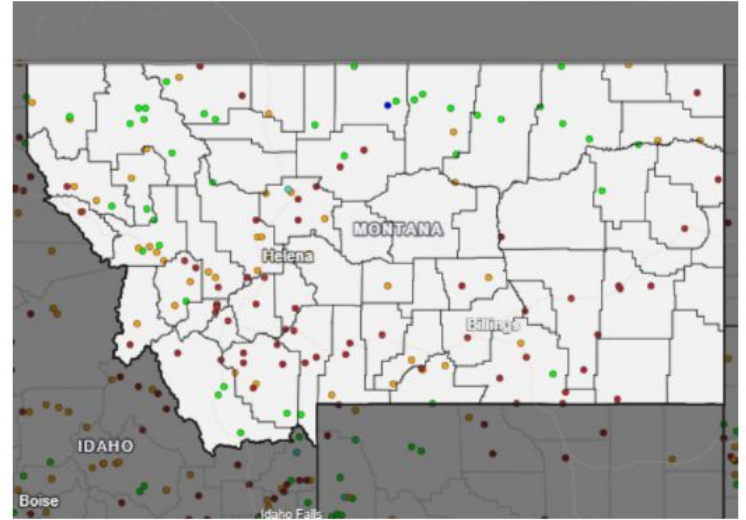


# Hydrologic Conditions

Link: [1-Day Average Streamflow Compared to Historical](#)

- **Below Normal:** Most watersheds across the state, are experiencing streamflow in the below normal to much below normal range.
- **Normal:** Some gage points are reporting streamflow within normal range.
- **Above Normal:** Above normal streamflow reports are very limited.

## 1-Day Average Streamflow Conditions



### Streamflow Conditions



This map shows 1-day average streamflow conditions for yesterday compared to historical conditions for the same day of the year. Both 1-day and historical streamflow values are calculated as mean discharge (cubic feet per second) over a 24-hour period. Only streamgages with 30 or more years of data are included in this map. Click on a streamgage to view current data from the U.S. Geological Survey. These streamflow data are provisional and subject to revision.

Source(s): U.S. Geological Survey  
Data Valid: 06/17/26

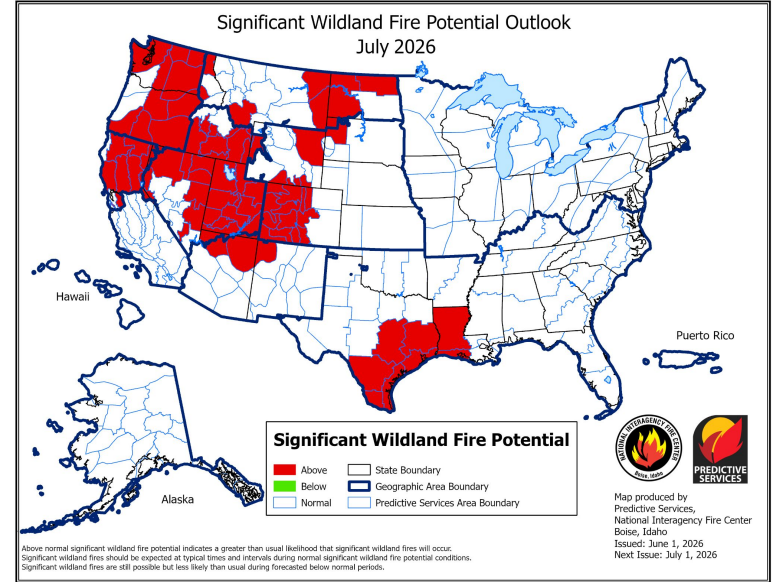
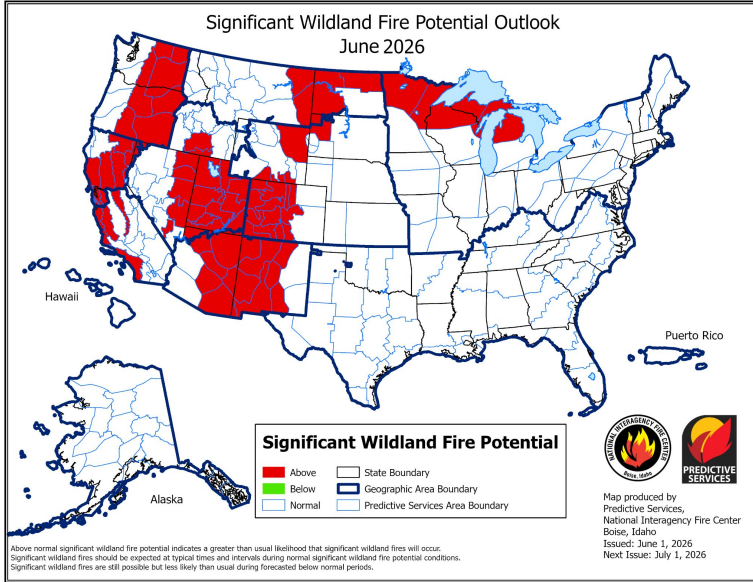
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# Fire Hazard Impacts

Link: [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#)



- The June and July 2026 Wildfire Potential Outlooks include portions of the The Treasure State in above normal significant wildland fire potential conditions.
  - A greater than usual likelihood that significant wildland fires will occur.
- The remainder of the state is included in an area of normal significant wildland fire potential conditions.
  - Significant wildland fires should be expected at typical times and intervals.



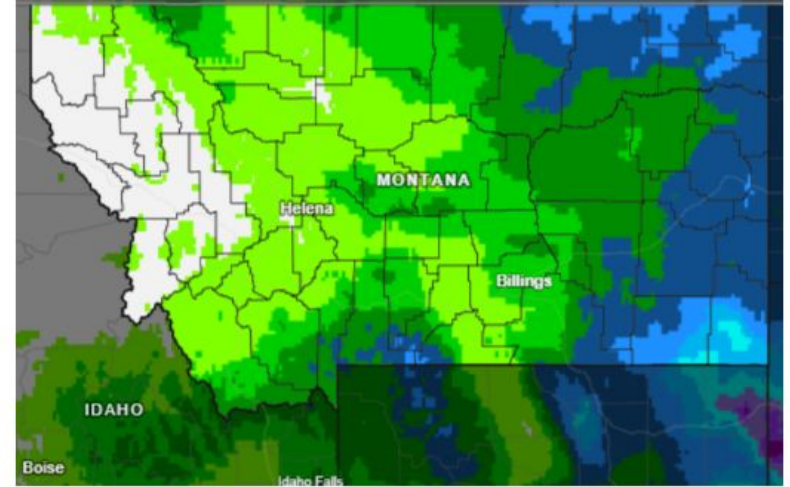


# 7-Day Precipitation Forecast

Link: [drought.gov/states/montana](https://drought.gov/states/montana)

- Through, June 25, 2026, the 7-Day Liquid Precipitation Forecast, includes areas with as much as 1.0” to 1.5” of precipitation.
- The forecast for most of the state includes precipitation values ranging from no precipitation to 0.75”, for this 7-day period.
- During this period, generally, western Montana looks pretty dry, and the further east we look, the more moisture is forecast.

## 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for June 18-25, 2026



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



This map shows the amount of liquid precipitation (in inches) expected to fall over the next 7 days, according to the National Weather Service.

Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center  
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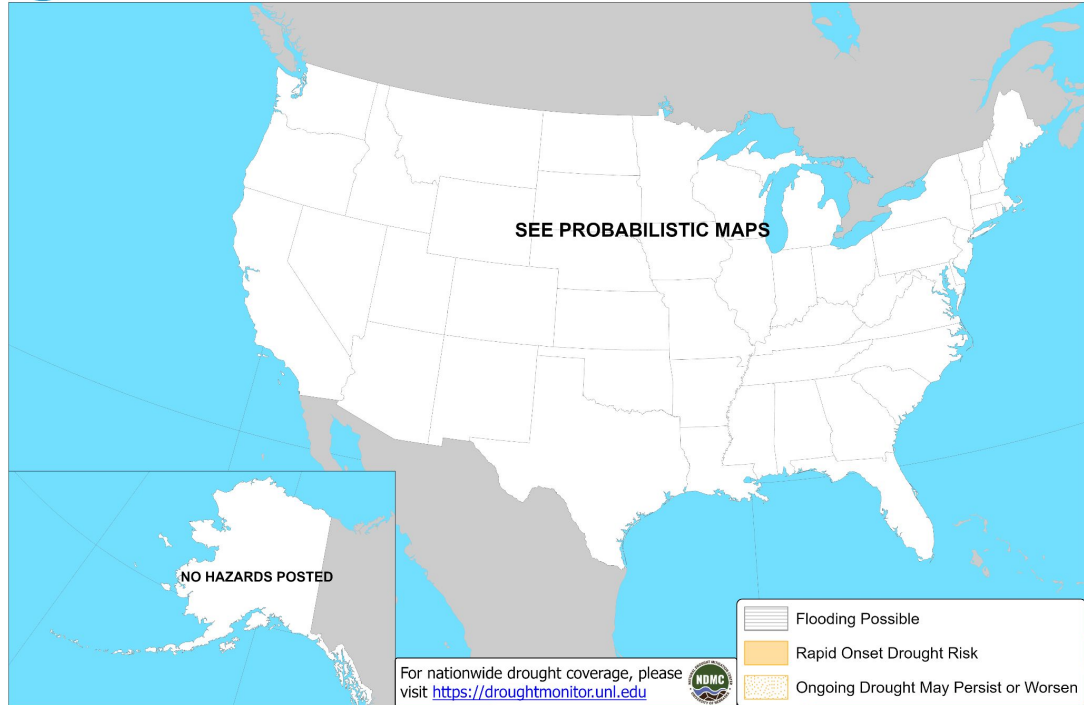
# 8 to 14-Day Hydrologic Hazards Outlook

Link: [Climate Prediction Center \(CPC\) Home Page](#)

- As of this time, no significant flooding or rapid onset drought hazards are forecast to occur across The Treasure State during the period of, June 26 - July 2, 2026.



Days 8-14 U.S. Hazards Outlook  
Valid: June 26 - July 2, 2026



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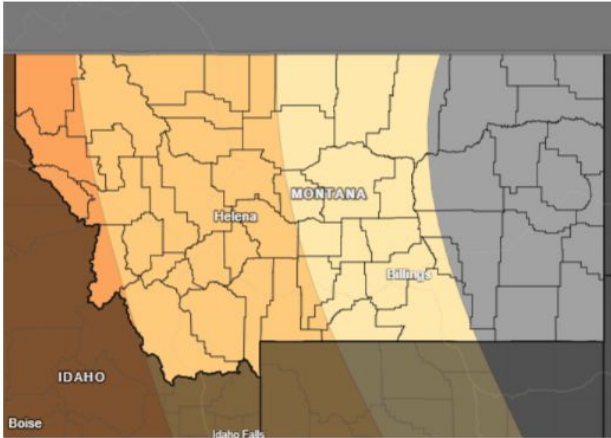




# 8 to 14-Day Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks

Link: [drought.gov/states/montana](https://drought.gov/states/montana)

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook for June 25-July 1, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



Near-Normal Conditions

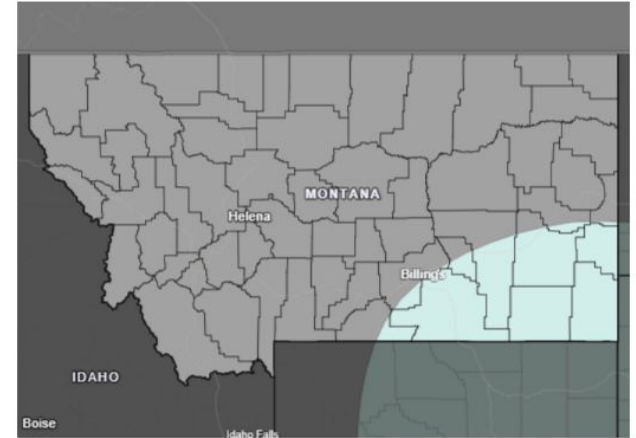
This map shows the probability (percent chance) of above-normal, near-normal, or below-normal temperature 8 to 14 days in the future.

Source(s): Climate Prediction Center  
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The 8 to 14-Day Temperature Outlook shows a better chance for warmer than normal temperatures across the western  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the state, while the outlook for eastern Montana leans toward near normal temperatures.

8-14 Day Precipitation Outlook for June 25-July 1, 2026



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Near-Normal Conditions

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The 8 to 14-Day Precipitation Outlook shows a 33% to 40% chance for above normal precipitation across a large portion of southeastern Montana, while the outlook for most of the state shows the best chance for near-normal conditions.





# Seasonal Temperature and Precipitation Outlooks

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

The Seasonal Temperature Outlook, shows a better chance for warmer than normal temperatures across The Treasure State.

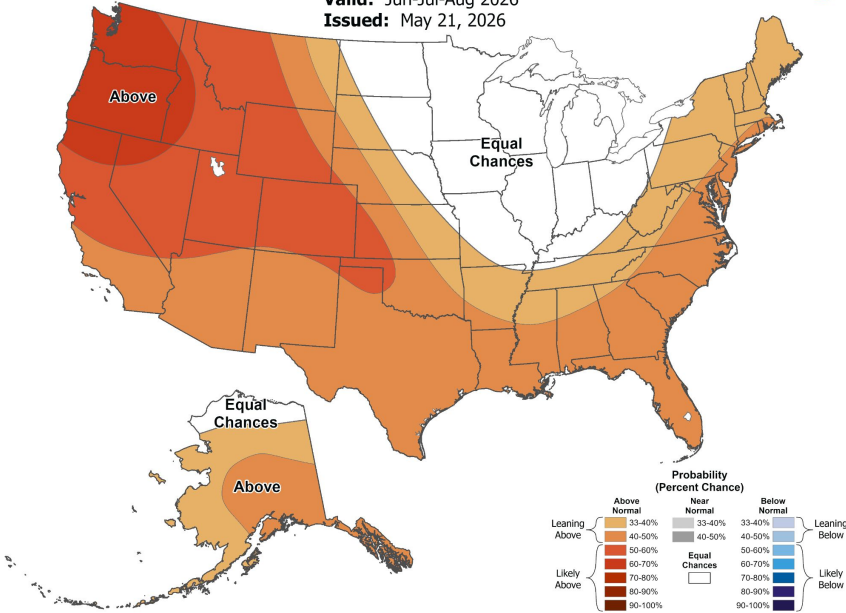
The Seasonal Precipitation Outlook shows better chances for below normal precipitation across northwestern MT, with equal chances for above or below normal precipitation, for the remainder of the state.



## Seasonal Temperature Outlook



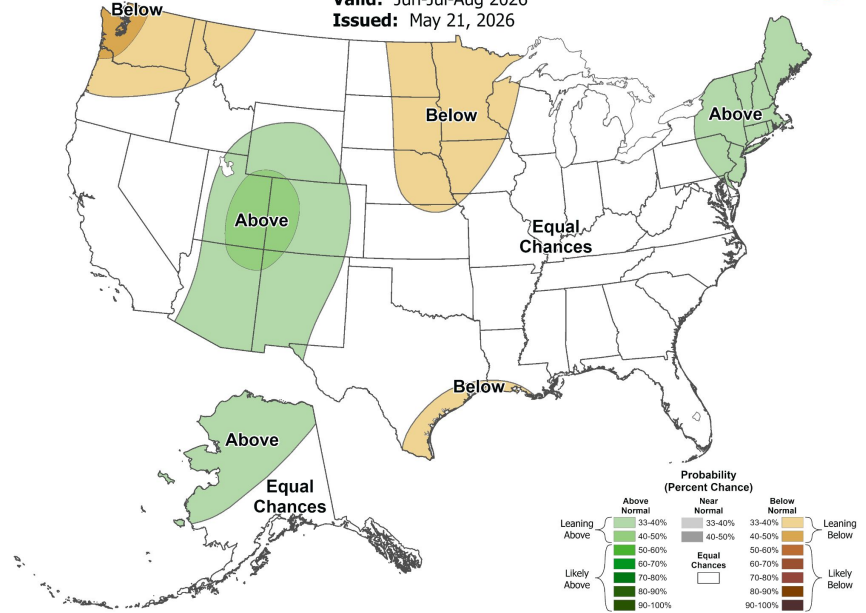
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## Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



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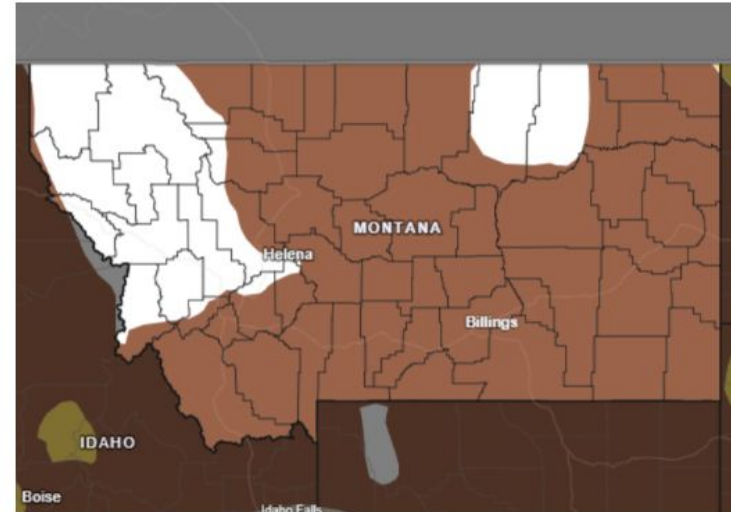
# Seasonal Drought Outlook

- **Persisting:** Most of the state of Montana

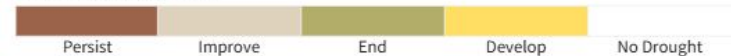
Please note: This map is updated once per month.

<https://www.drought.gov/states/montana>

## Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for June 18–September 30, 2026



### Drought Is Predicted To...



The Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts whether drought will develop, remain, improve, or be removed in the next 3 months or so.

Source(s): Climate Prediction Center

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Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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# Summary of Impacts

Links: Submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and View the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

## Hydrologic Impacts

- Although spring rainfall has provided some much needed moisture, drought conditions continue across much of the state.

## Agricultural Impacts

- We are entering the 6th consecutive summer with widespread moderate to extreme drought conditions.
- Surface water for livestock east of The Continental Divide is severely depleted and unlikely to improve before fall.

## Fire Hazard Impacts

- Moving into the summer season, fire weather concerns increase.

## Other Impacts & Messaging

- Montana is realizing ecological drought impacts.
- Wildlife is impacted by the same depleted surface water conditions that impact livestock.

## Mitigation Actions

- Communication between partners proves valuable to mitigation efforts.

