Drought Information Statement for Southeast Arizona

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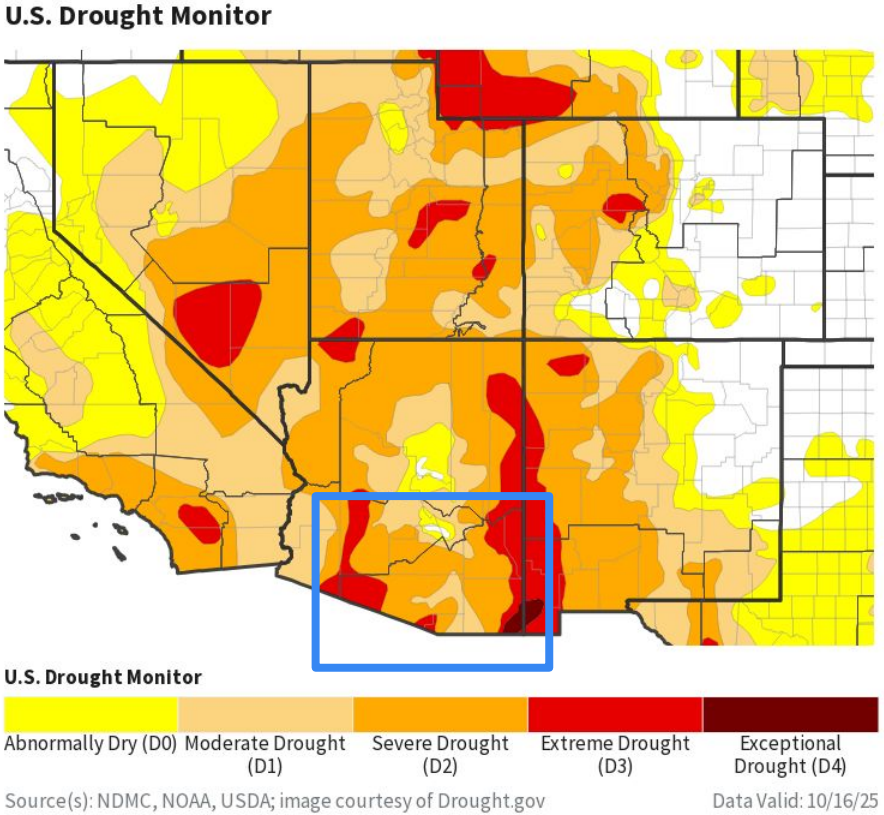
- This product will be updated by November 23, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions worsen significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements.
- Please visit https://www.weather.gov/twc/DroughtInformationStatement for previous statements.
- Please visit https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/ for regional drought status updates.

- A widespread multi-day rain event from October 11th through 13th brought some drought relief to the area.
- Exceptional (D4) drought conditions still remains across far southeast Cochise county.
- Extreme (D3) drought conditions remain near the New Mexico border and across western Pima county.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for southeast Arizona

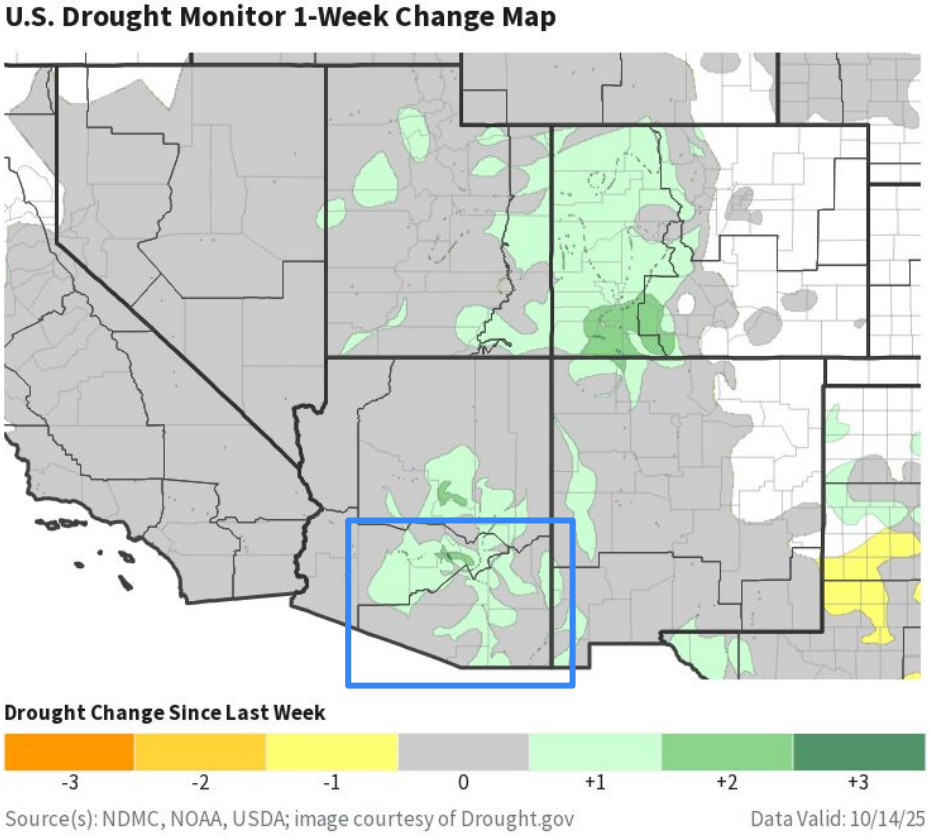
- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Far southeast Cochise county (east of a Portal to Douglas line).
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Greenlee county; northern Graham county; eastern Cochise county east of a Bowie to Douglas line; western Pima county & southern Pima county
  - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: The remainder of Cochise county and Graham county (except near Klondike); most Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Tucson/Sierra Vista areas, & eastern Santa Cruz county.
  - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: No areas.



Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for southeast Arizona

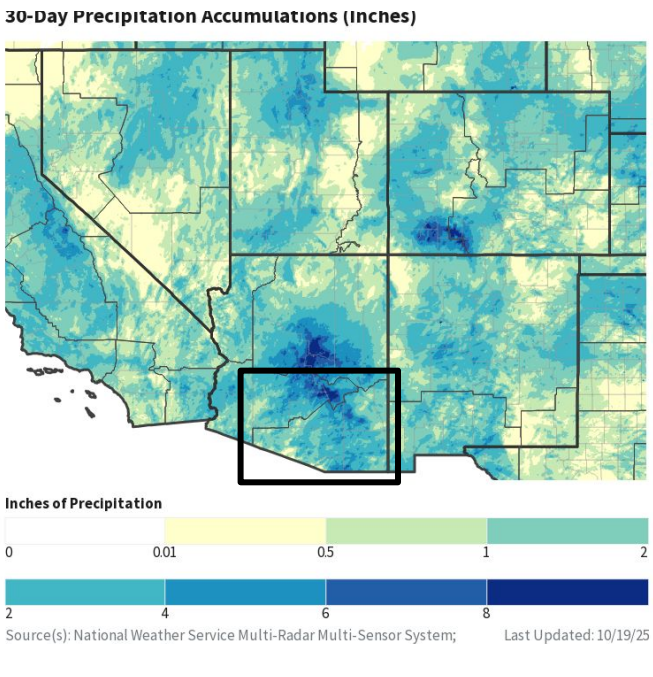
- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
  - **Drought Worsened:** No deterioration was observed.
  - **No Change:** Most of southeast Arizona
  - **Drought Improved:** 1-category improvement for scattered areas in all six counties across southeast Arizona.

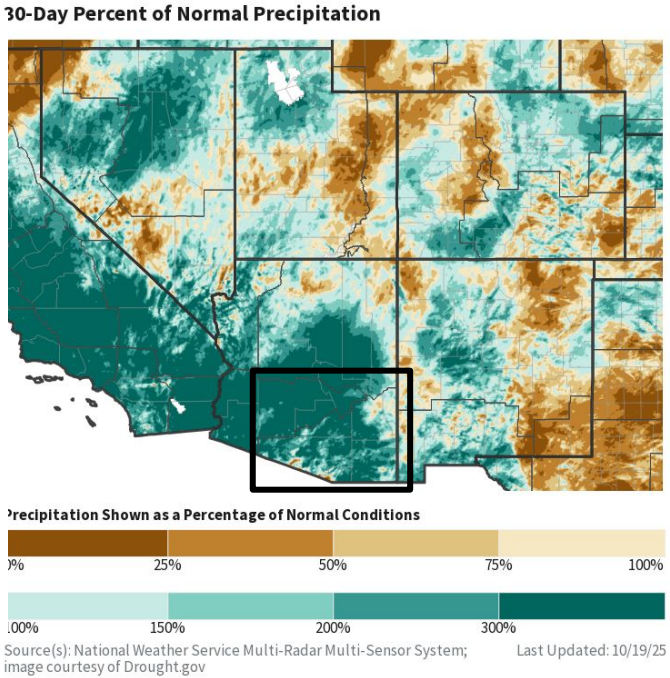


Precipitation

- Moisture from two tropical storms, Priscilla & Raymond, interacted with a Pacific weather system to bring widespread rain across southeast Arizona from October 11th to 13th.

- Rainfall totals for this event ranged widely from 0.25” to 4”.





Data over the past 30 days ending October 19, 2025

Temperature

- The past 30 days has been warmer than normal across most of southeast Arizona.

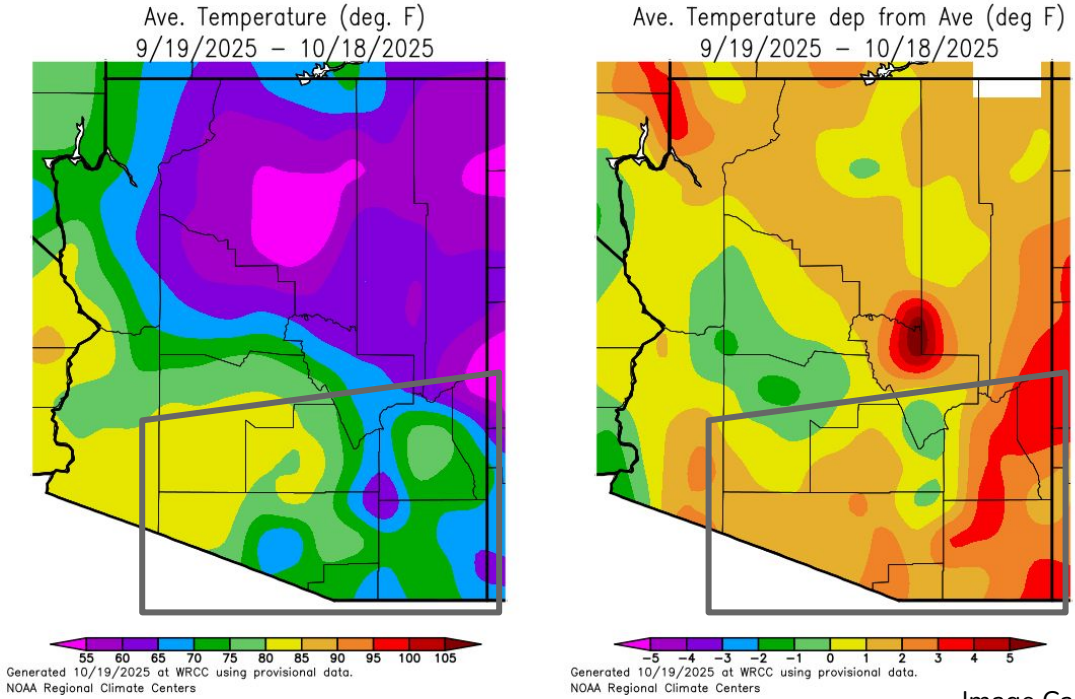


Image Captions:
Left - Average Temperature for Arizona w/southeast Arizona in highlighted gray box
Right - Departure from Normal Temperature for Arizona w/southeast Arizona in highlighted gray box
Data Courtesy Western Regional Climate Center.
Data over the past 30 days ending October 18, 2025

Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- Normal to much above-normal streamflow conditions exist for most of the river basins. (USGS Streamflow)

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture values have increased across southeast Arizona. (Soil Moisture Observations)

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Normal fire potential is expected over the next month.

Other Impacts

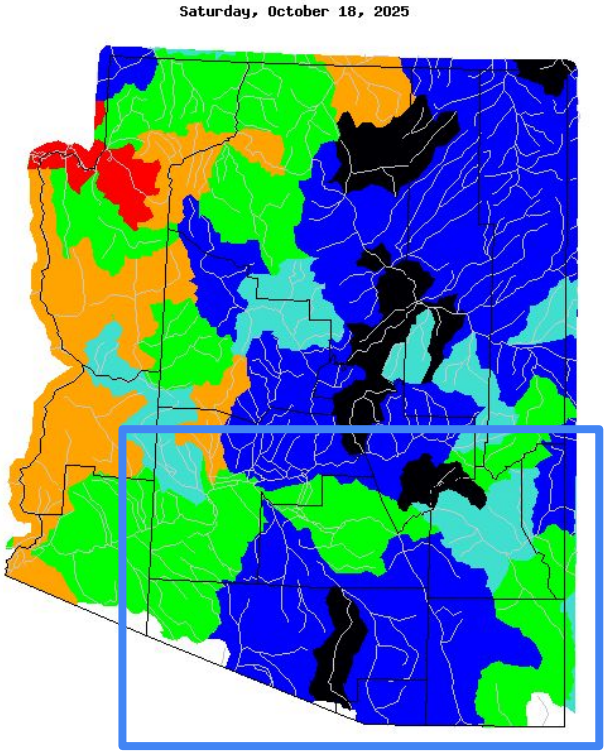
- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

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

Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Thanks to a widespread multi-day rainfall event from October 11th through 13th, hydrologic conditions improved greatly across the area with most basin streamflows being normal to much above normal.

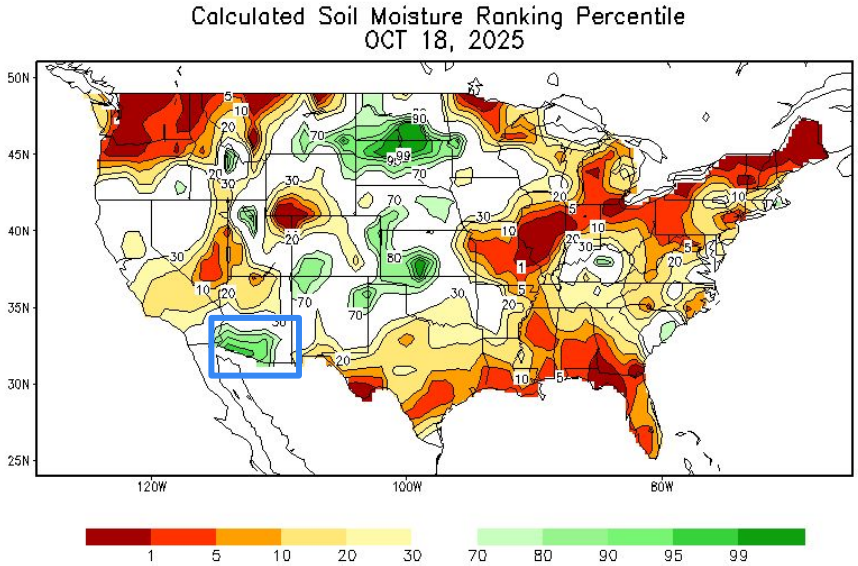


Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid October 18, 2025

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture values have increased across southeast Arizona thanks to the multi-day rainfall event from October 11th through 13th.



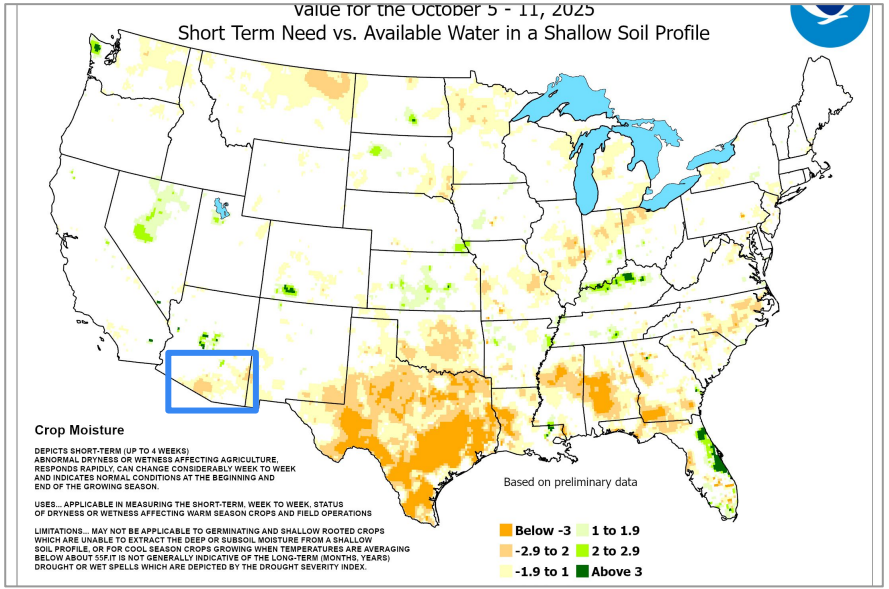
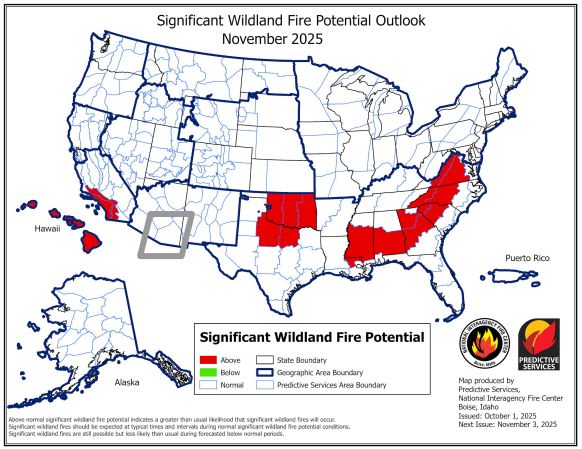


Image Captions:
Left: CPC Calculated Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile valid October 18, 2025
Right: Crop Moisture Index. Weekly value for period ending October 11, 2025

Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.]

- Normal fire potential is expected in November & December.



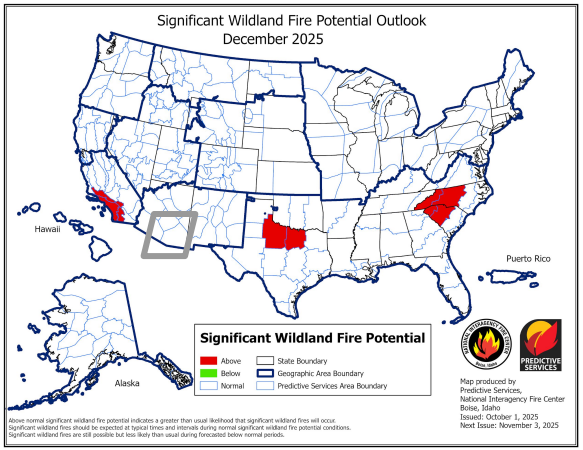


Image Captions:
The two images are for Significant Wildland Fire Monthly for the following months: Left: November; Right: December

National Wildland Significant Fire Potential Outlook text issued October 1, 2025

Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- A weak weather system moving through Arizona Tuesday night into Wednesday may bring a few light showers (10%-20% chance) to the area. Otherwise no significant rain is expected over the next 7 days.

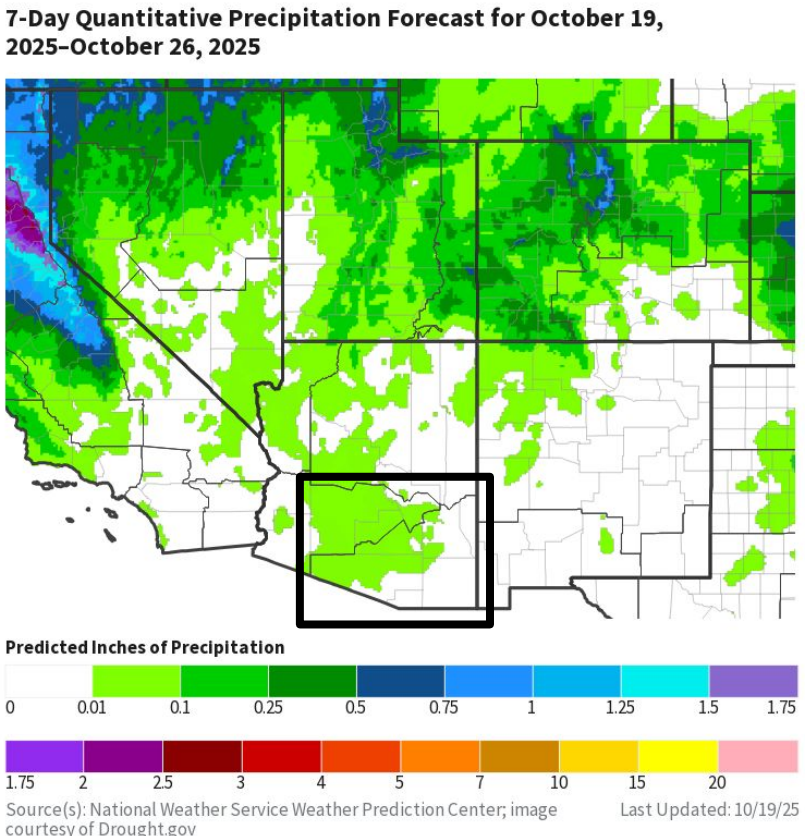
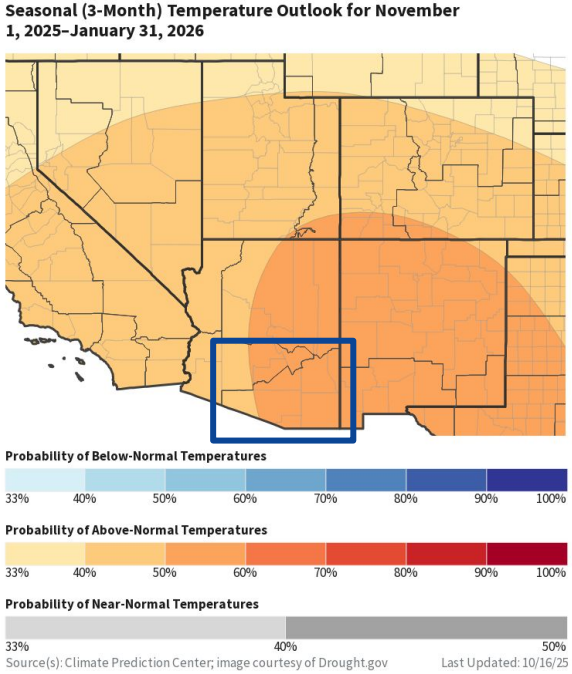


Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center 7-day precipitation forecast valid Sunday October 19, 2025 to Sunday October 26, 2025

Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The temperature outlook for **November 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026** leans toward **above normal**, 40% to 60% chance across the area.
- The precipitation outlook from **November 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026** leans toward **below normal**, 33% to 50% chance across the area.
- La Niña conditions are present and favored to persist through Winter 2025-2026, or through February 2026.



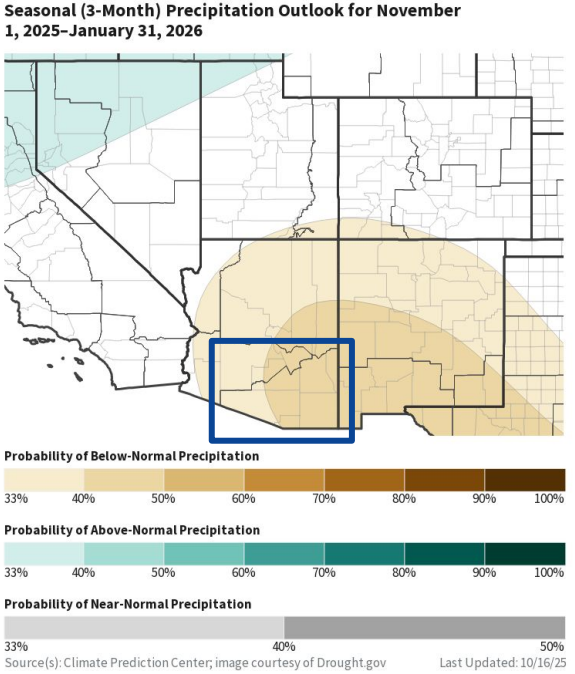


Image Captions:
Left - Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Temperature Outlook.
Right - Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Precipitation Outlook.
Valid November 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026

Drought Outlook

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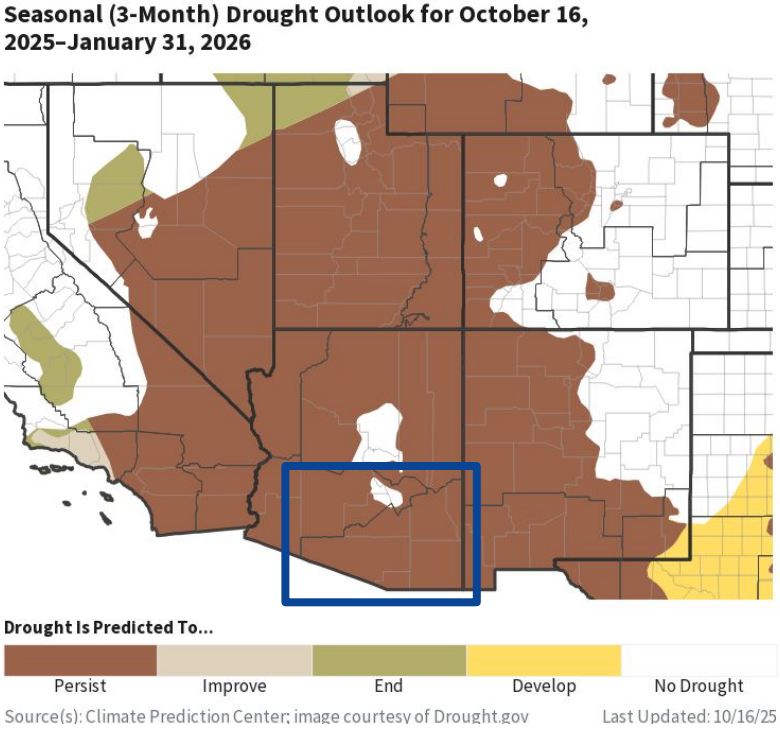
- Drought conditions will persist into meteorological winter.



Links to the latest:
Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook

Image Caption:
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released October 16, 2025 valid for October 16, 2025 to January 31, 2026