



Drought Information Statement for the Mojave Desert and Eastern Sierra

Valid September 30, 2025

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- This product will be updated around October 23, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/VEF/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Widespread precipitation fell during several monsoonal events, particularly in areas south of the Great Basin.
 - Consistent precipitation and a reduction in the long term deficit allowed for improvement in drought status for several locations.
 - However, most locations recorded below-average precipitation totals for Water Year 2025, which ends on September 30.



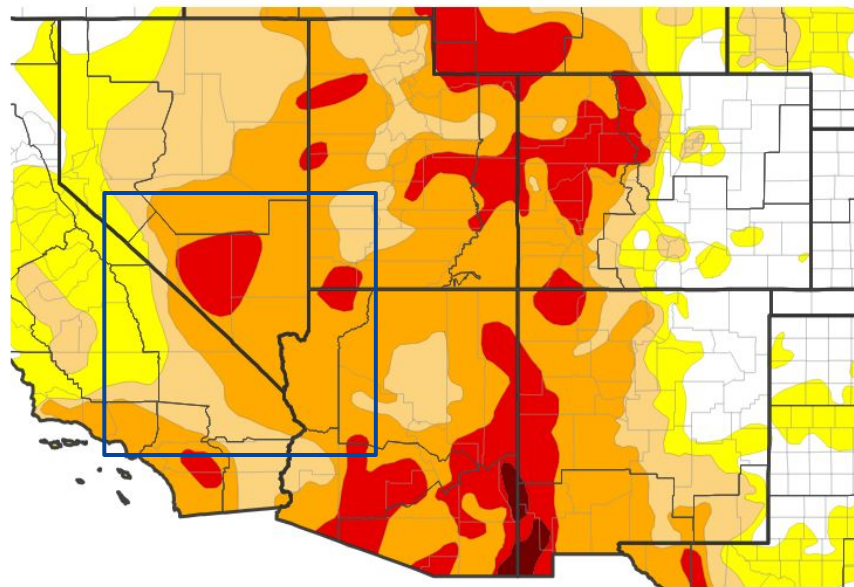


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for the Southwestern United States

- Drought Intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None.
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: Central Nye County, western Lincoln County, and far northern Mohave County.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: Most of Clark, Lincoln, and Mohave counties, far eastern Esmeralda, Inyo, and San Bernardino counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Western San Bernardino County, sections of central Inyo County, central Esmeralda County.
 - **D0 (Abnormally Dry)**: The Eastern Sierra, Owens Valley, and White Mountains in Inyo County, far western Esmeralda County.

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

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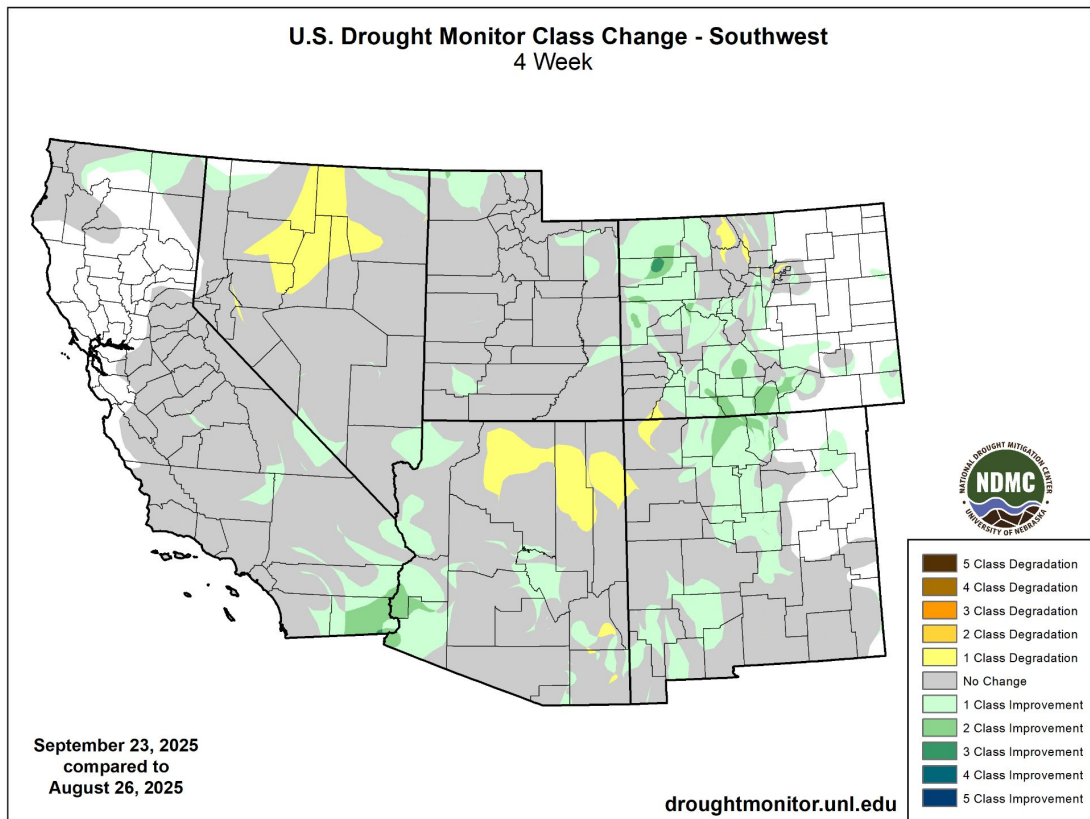


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for Southwestern United States

Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change.

- **Drought Worsened:** No degradation was observed.
- **No Change:** Most of southern Nevada, southeastern California, and northwestern Arizona.
- **Drought Improved:** Death Valley in eastern Inyo County, far eastern Clark County and northern Mohave County near Lake Mead, sections of southern Mohave County and eastern San Bernardino County near the Colorado River.

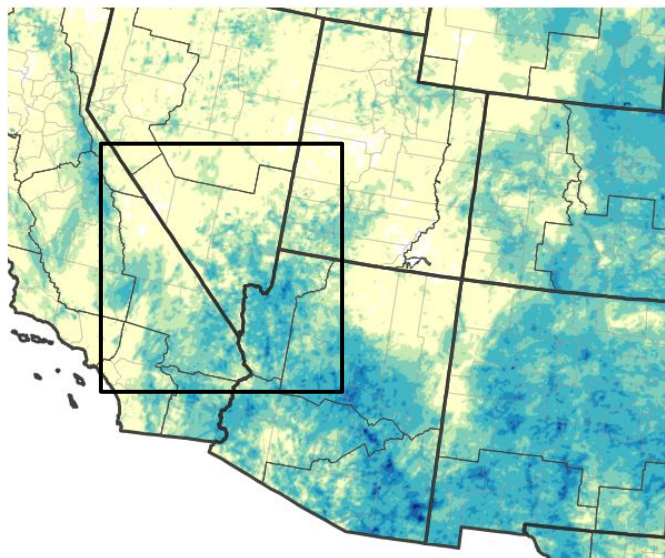




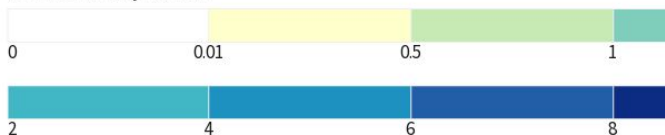
Precipitation

- Parts of eastern San Bernardino and Mohave counties reported over 2 in. of rainfall over the last 30 days.
- Most valleys in the Mojave Desert reported between .25 and 1.25 in. of rainfall through the month.
- Flooding throughout the month damaged roadways, urban infrastructure, and buildings.
- Moisture from the remnants of tropical storm Mario helped boost storm activity on the 18th.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

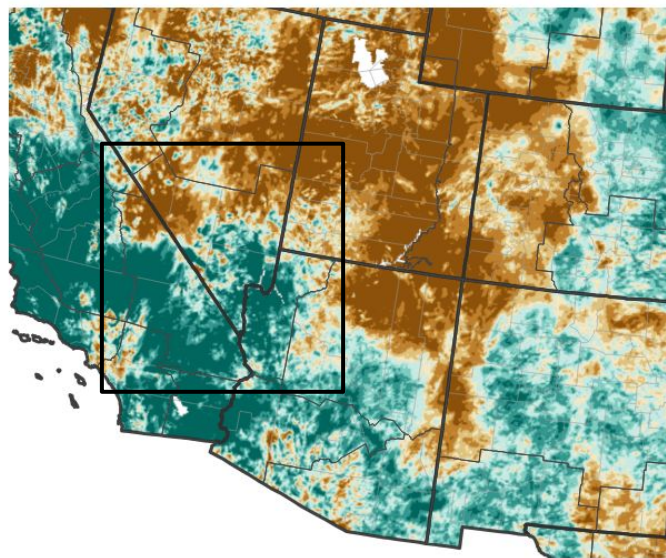


Inches of Precipitation

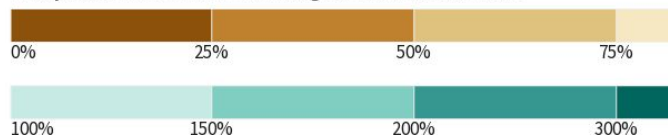


Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System; image courtesy of Drought.gov

30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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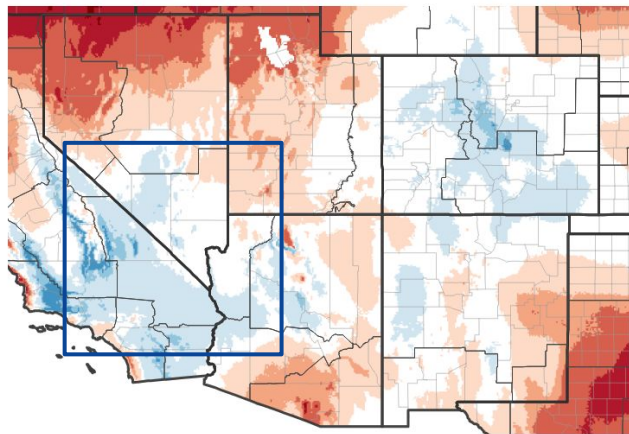




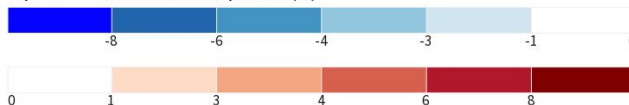
Temperature

- Average maximum temperatures have been near-to-below normal over the last 30 days.

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



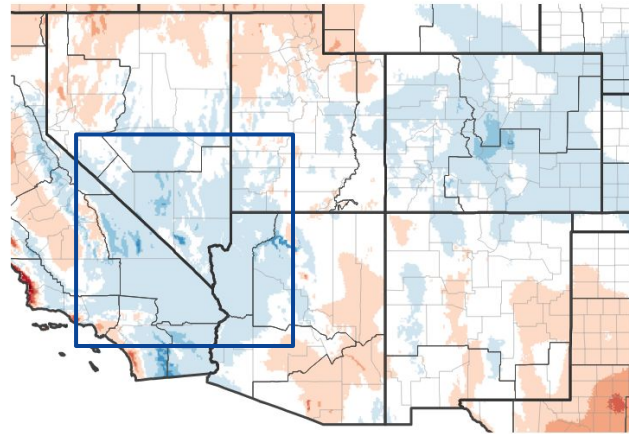
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



Source(s): NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Summary of Impacts

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

Hydrologic Impacts

- [Lake Mead is at 1,057.17 feet in elevation, or 31 percent full.](#)

Agricultural Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- [Southern Nevada Water Authority switched to the fall landscape watering schedule.](#)





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Lake Mead is at 1,057.17 feet in elevation, or 31% full.
- Lake Mohave is at 639.37 feet in elevation, or 88% full.
- Lake Havasu is at 448.71 feet in elevation, or 96% full.
- The Bureau of Reclamation [24-month study](#) indicates that Lake Mead and Lake Mohave will increase, and Lake Havasu will decrease through the first few months of WY 2026.

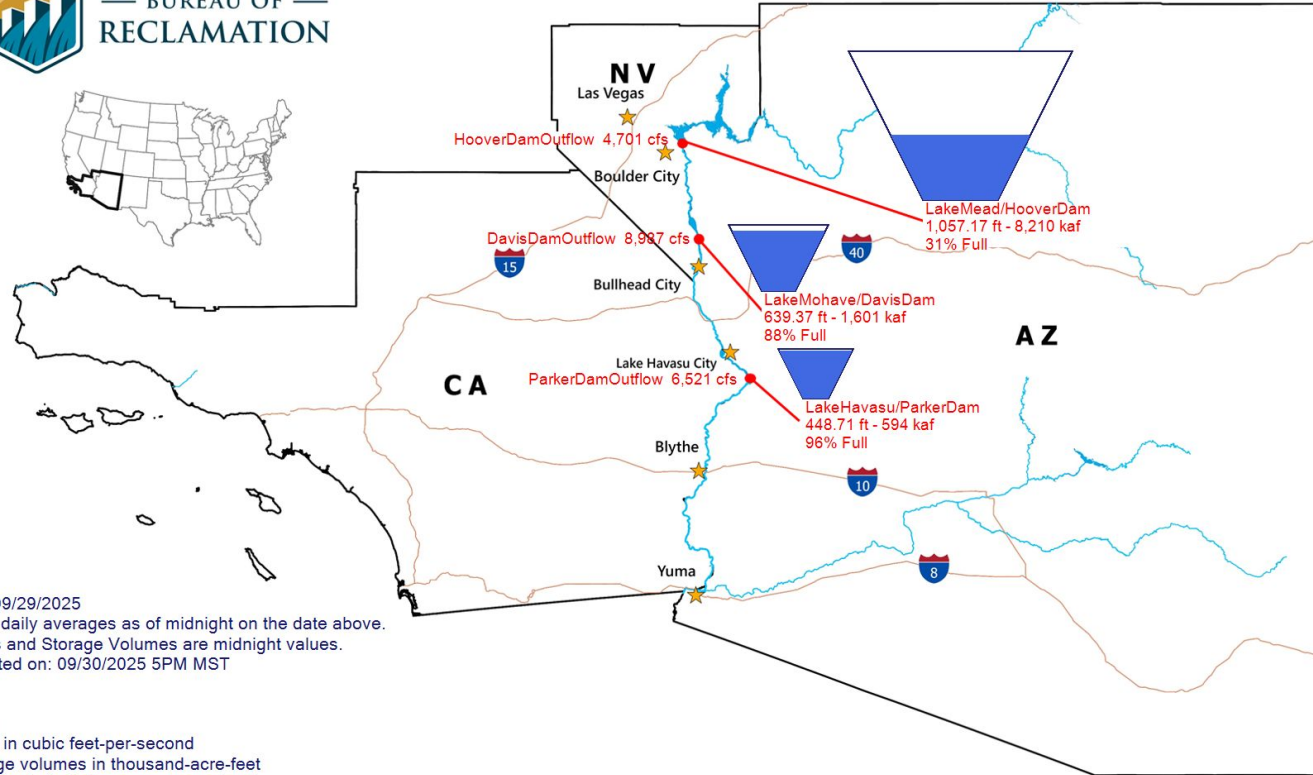


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Data for: 09/29/2025
Flows are daily averages as of midnight on the date above.
Elevations and Storage Volumes are midnight values.
Last updated on: 09/30/2025 5PM MST

LEGEND:
cfs: Flows in cubic feet-per-second
kaf: Storage volumes in thousand-acre-feet
ft: Elevations in feet above mean-sea-level



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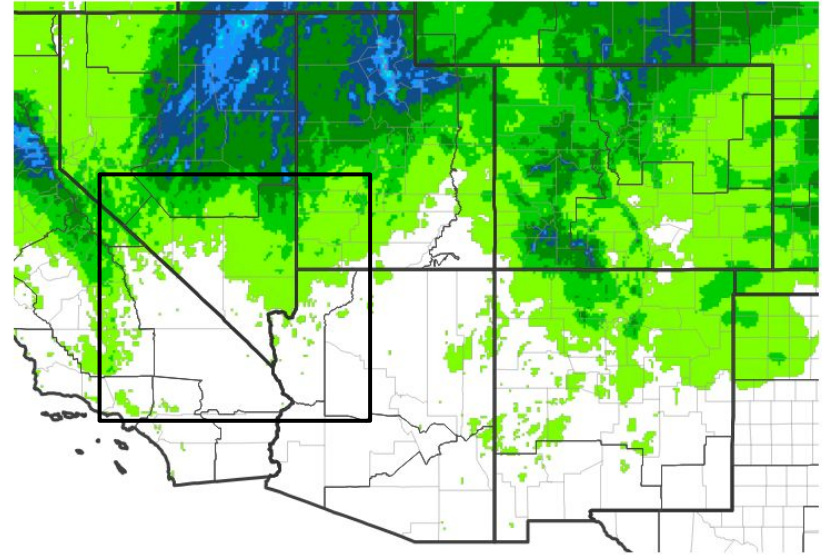
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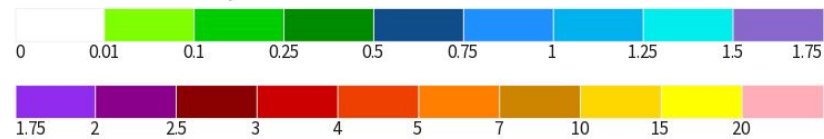
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Widespread precipitation is not expected over the next seven days outside of a few showers in the southern Great Basin.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 30, 2025–October 7, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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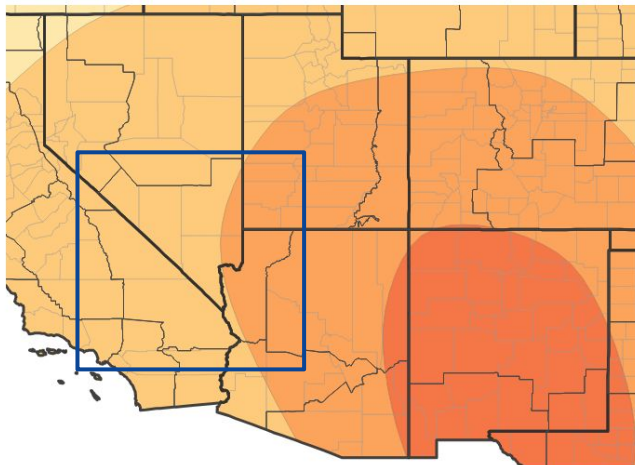


Long-Range Outlooks

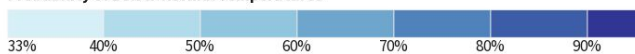
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- There is a 40 to 60% probability of above-normal temperatures across the area through December 31.
- There are equal chances for above- and below-normal precipitation in most of southeastern California and southern Nevada through December 31.
- There is a 33 to 40% probability of below-normal precipitation in northwestern Arizona through December 31.

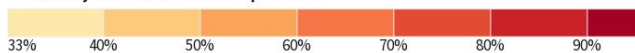
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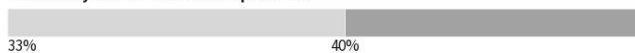
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



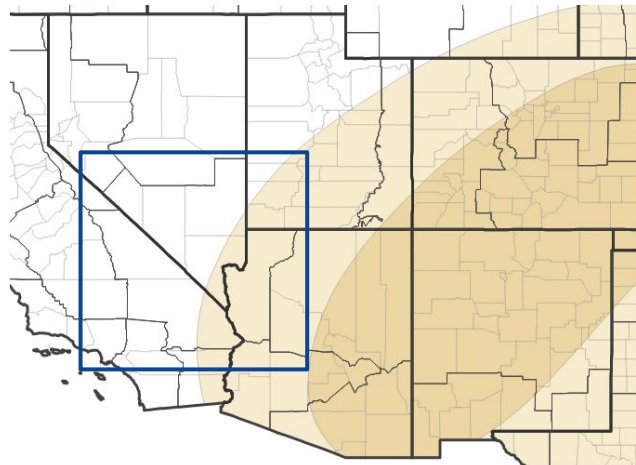
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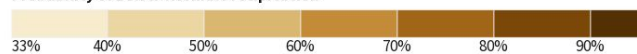
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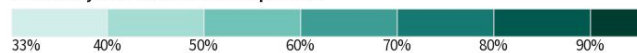
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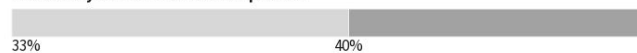
Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



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Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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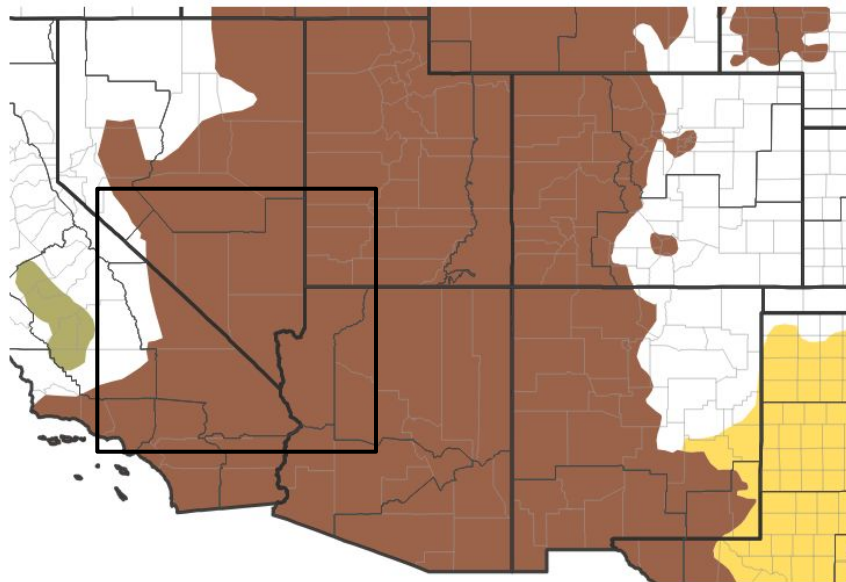


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist through at least December 31 for most of southern Nevada, northwestern Arizona, and southeastern California.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 18, 2025–December 31, 2025



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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