



Drought Information Statement for the Mojave Desert and Eastern Sierra

Valid October 17, 2025

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- This product will be updated November 20, 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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- Healthy late-monsoon and hurricane-related precipitation allowed for drought improvements in parts of the Mojave Desert.
 - Well-above normal precipitation was observed across most of the forecast area over the last 30 days.



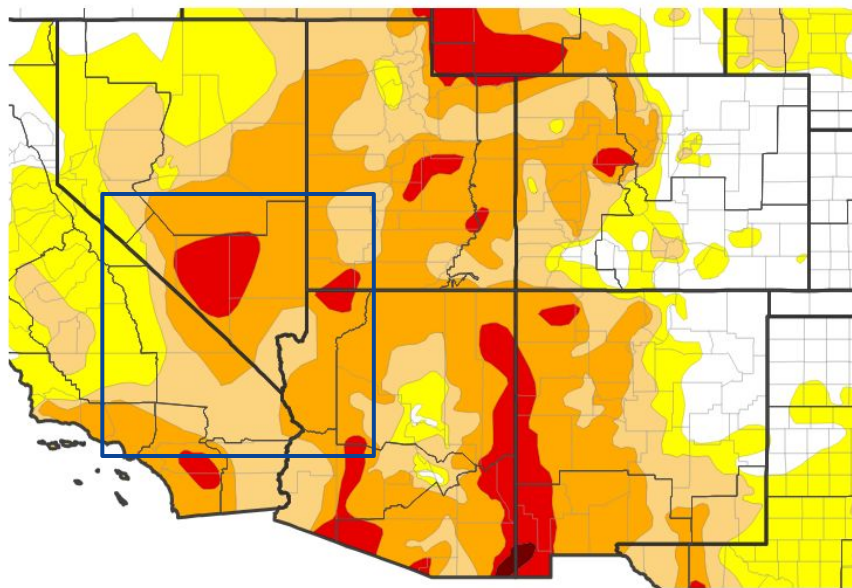


U.S. Drought Monitor

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, far northern Mohave County.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought):** Most of Lincoln and Mohave counties, northwestern Clark County, northeastern San Bernardino County, far eastern Esmeralda, and Inyo counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought):** Most of San Bernardino County, sections of central Inyo and Esmeralda counties, Clark and Mohave counties along the Arizona/Nevada state line.
 - **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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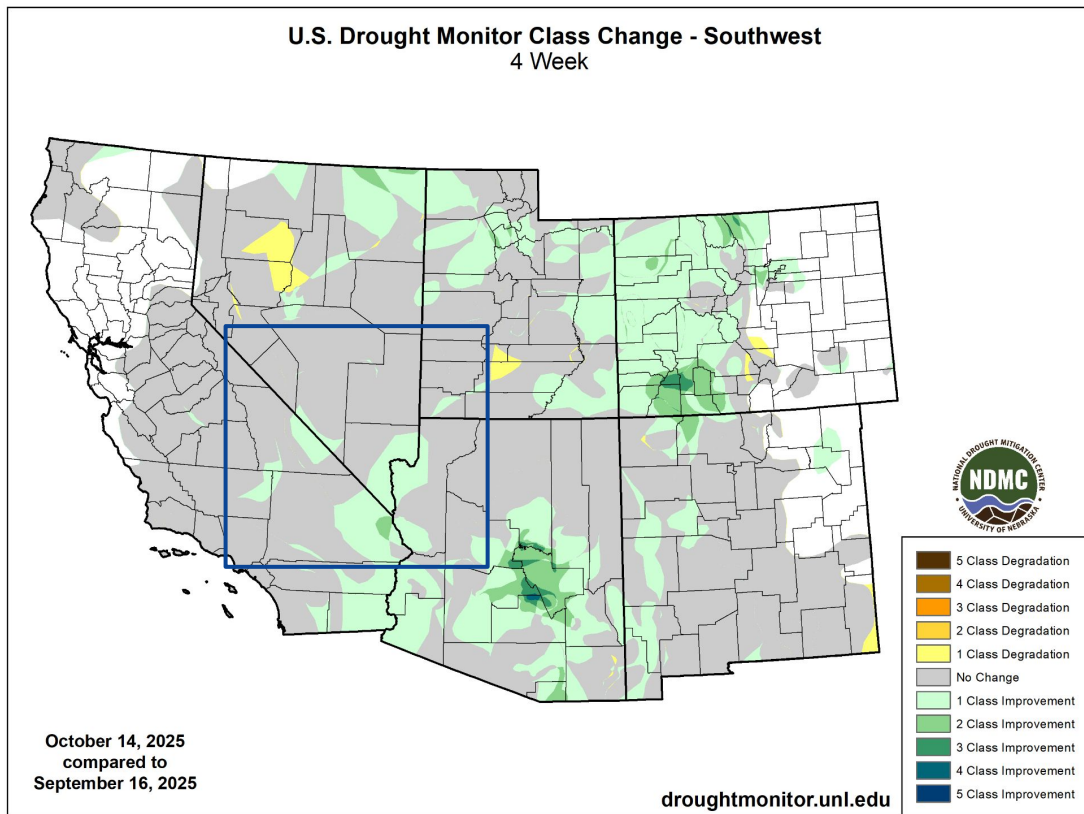


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

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, eastern Clark County and western Mohave County along the Arizona/Nevada state line, sections of southern Mohave County and eastern San Bernardino County near the Colorado River.

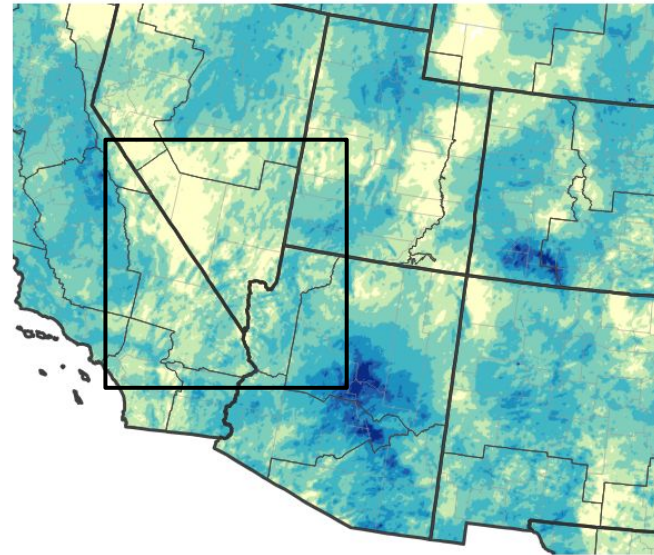




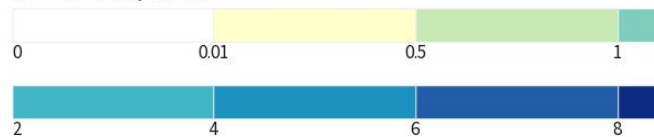
Precipitation

- 30-day precipitation totals are above-average for most of the area due to an active monsoon season and tropical activity in late-September and early-October.
- Remnant moisture from Hurricane Priscilla resulted in widespread rainfall between October 9 and 11.
- An early season winter storm on October 13 and 14 brought 6 to 12 inches of snow in the Sierra and 2 to 4 inches of snow in the Spring Mountains.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)

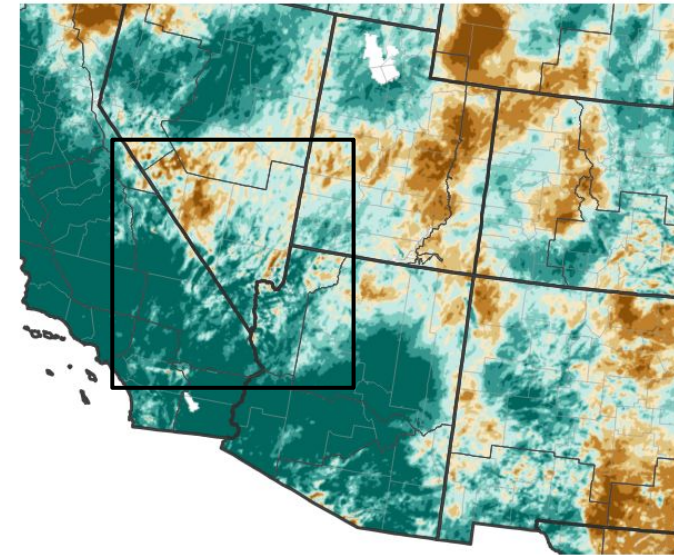


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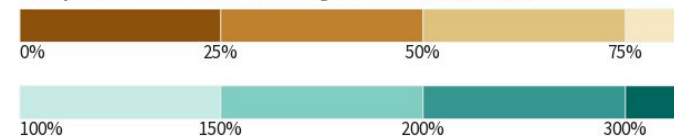


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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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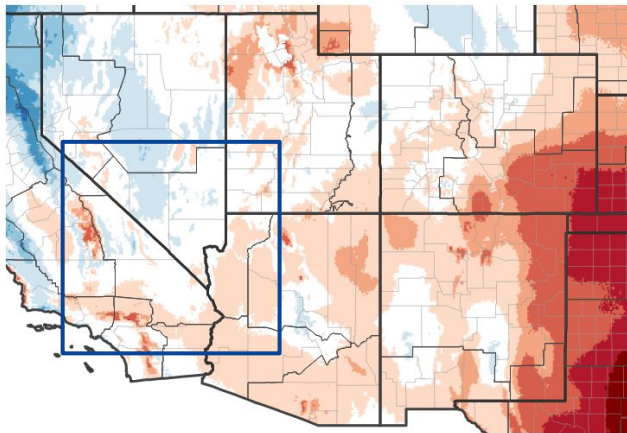




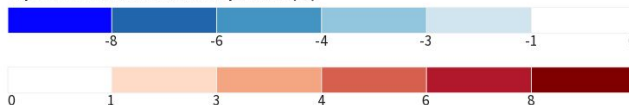
Temperature

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

7-Day Temperature Anomaly



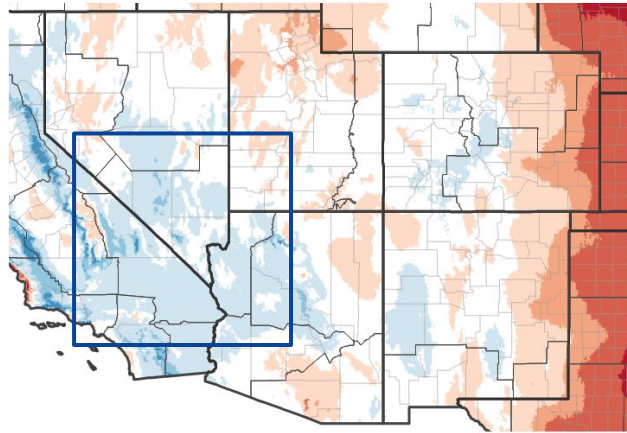
Departure from Normal Max Temperature (°F)



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 1,057.69 feet in elevation, or 32 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

- [Clark County School District is replacing grass with artificial turf for all high school athletic fields to reduce water usage.](#)

Mitigation Actions

- [Southern Nevada Water Authority is on the fall landscape watering schedule through the end of October.](#)





Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

- Lake Mead is at 1,057.69 feet in elevation, or 32% full.
- Lake Mohave is at 637.65 feet in elevation, or 86% full.
- Lake Havasu is at 447.92 feet in elevation, or 93% full.
- The Bureau of Reclamation [24-month study](#) indicates that Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and Lake Havasu elevations will decrease through December.

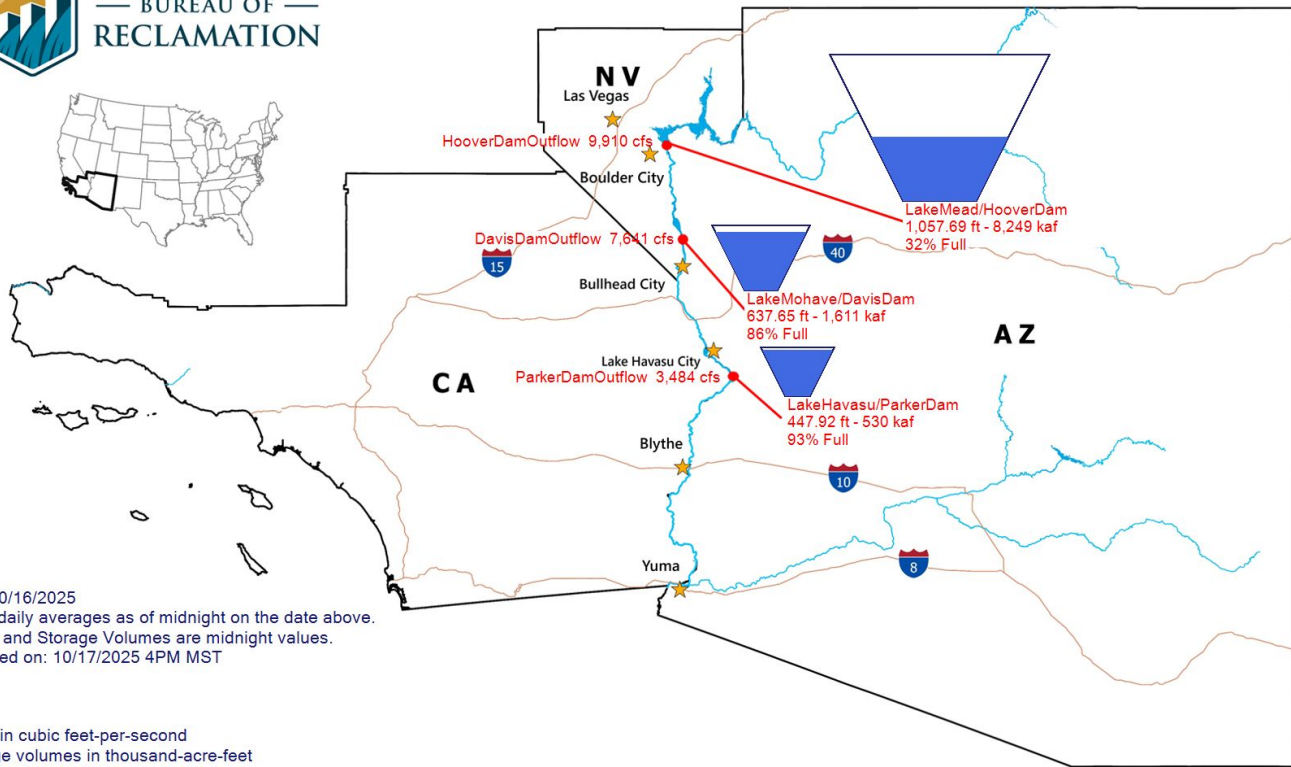


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Data for: 10/16/2025
Flows are daily averages as of midnight on the date above.
Elevations and Storage Volumes are midnight values.
Last updated on: 10/17/2025 4PM MST

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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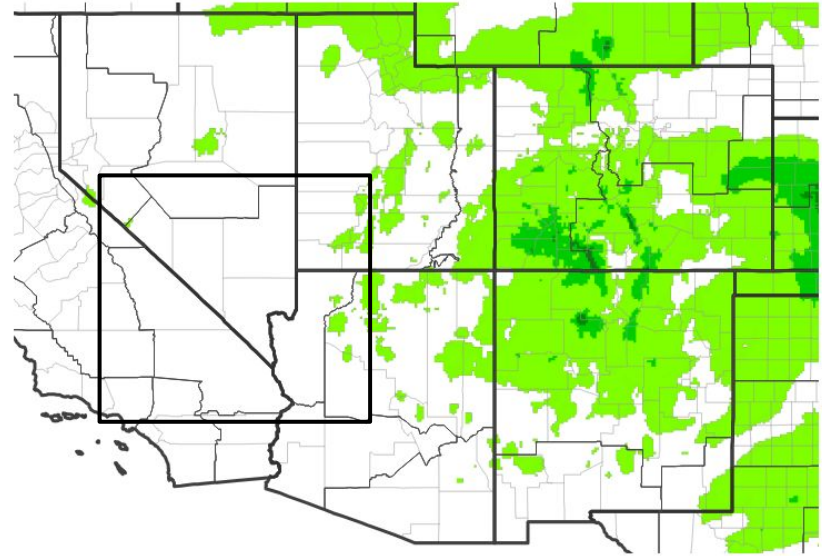
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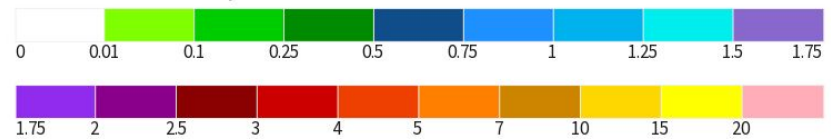
Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

- Widespread precipitation is not expected over the next seven days.

7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for October 17, 2025–October 24, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



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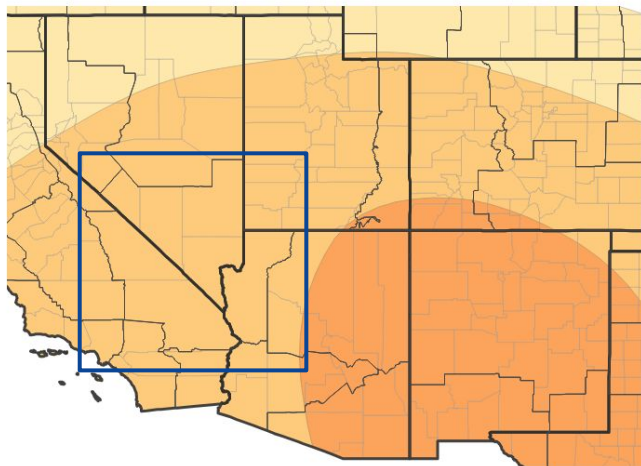


Long-Range Outlooks

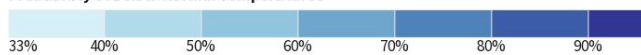
The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- There is a 40 to 50% probability of above-normal temperatures across the area through January 31.
- There are equal chances for above and below-normal precipitation in most of southeastern California and southern Nevada through January 31.
- There is a 33 to 40% probability of below-normal precipitation in northwestern Arizona through January 31.

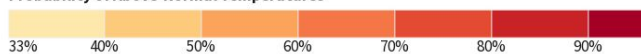
Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026



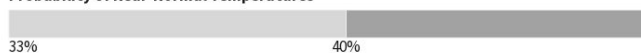
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Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



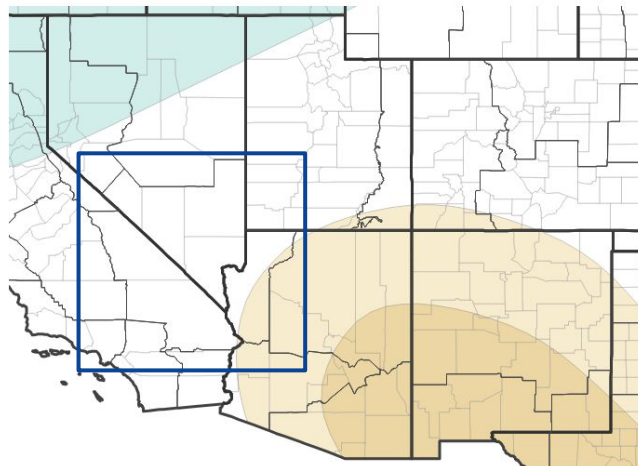
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



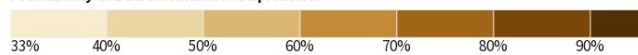
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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for November 1, 2025–January 31, 2026



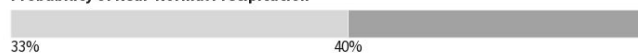
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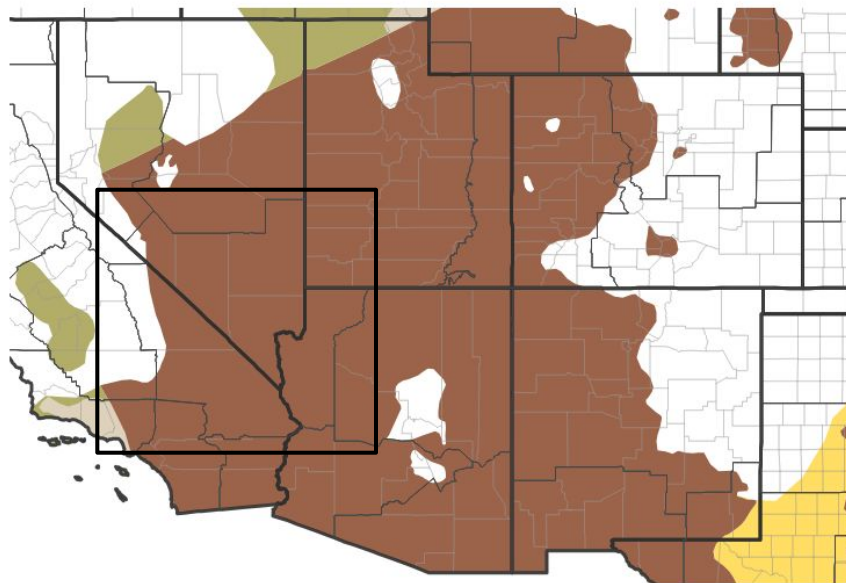


Drought Outlook

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- Drought is expected to persist through at least January 31, 2026 for most of southern Nevada, northwestern Arizona, and southeastern California.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for October 16, 2025–January 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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