

Drought Information Statement for Northern Arizona

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- This product will be updated February 15, 2024 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/fgz/Drought for previous statements.





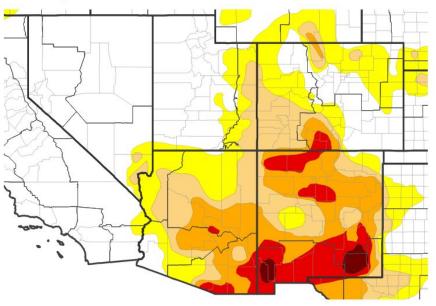


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the <u>latest U.S. Drought Monitor</u> for the southwest United States

- EXTREME DROUGHT CONTINUES IN PARTS OF GILA COUNTY
- Drought intensity and Extent
 - D3 (Extreme Drought): West central Gila County
 - D2 (Severe Drought): Southeast Yavapai, Gila, extreme southern Coconino, southern Navajo, southern Apache counties.
 - D1 (Moderate Drought): Central and western Yavapai, southern Coconino, south central Navajo, central and northern Apache County.
 - D0: (Abnormally Dry): northern Coconino and Navajo counties.

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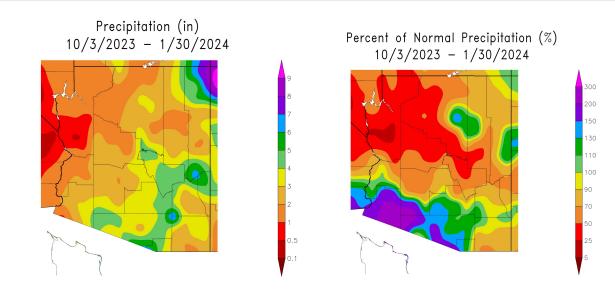


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- 120-day precipitation has been less than 50% of normal for much of Yavapai and Coconino counties and along the Mogollon Rim into northern Gila County.
- The majority of the remainder of northern Arizona has received 50-90% of normal precipitation since early October.

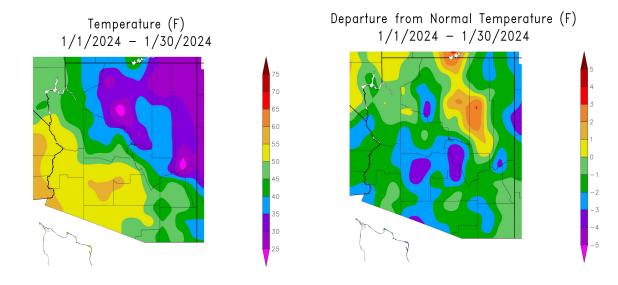


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 Most of Arizona was cooler than normal over the past 30 days.



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

Hydrologic Impacts

• Streamflow is well below normal for streams originating on the Mogollon Rim and White Mountains as well as much of western Arizona.

Agricultural Impacts

• Soil moisture is below the 20-30th percentile for most of northern Arizona, and below the 5-10th percentile in portions of Yavapai County.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- A drier than normal monsoon through mid winter has left fuels drier than usual for this time of year.
- However, enough precipitation has been received to limit fire danger to mostly the low category in northern Arizona.

Mitigation Actions

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





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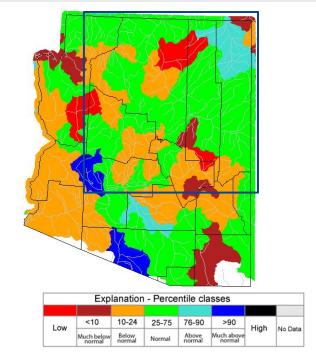
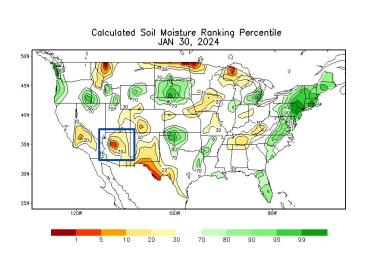


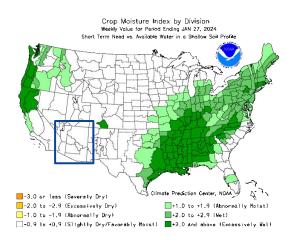
Image Caption: <u>USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map</u> valid January 30, 2024



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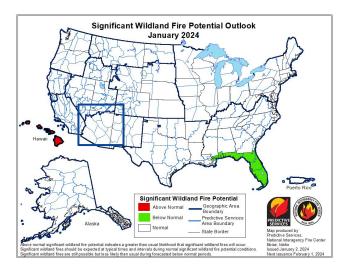


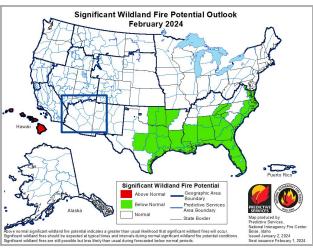


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Link to Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center.

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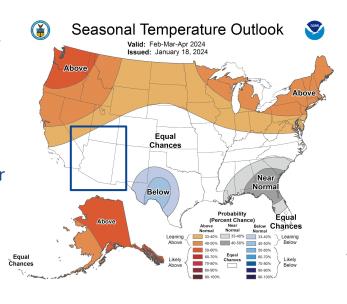


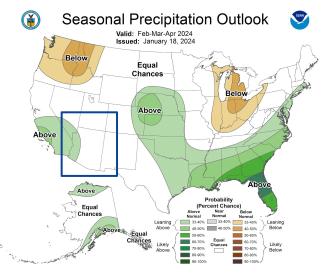


Long-Range Outlooks

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

- The latest outlooks for February through April 2024 from the Climate Prediction Center indicate equal chances for below, near, and above normal temperatures.
- Odds are slightly tilted toward wetter than normal conditions over far western Arizona with equal chances for above/below/near normal for the remainder of the state.





Drought Outlook

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 Drought conditions are forecast to persist over much of the state through at least April 2024.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook Drought Is Predicted To... N/A End Develop Persist Improve

Links to the latest:

Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook
Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook

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