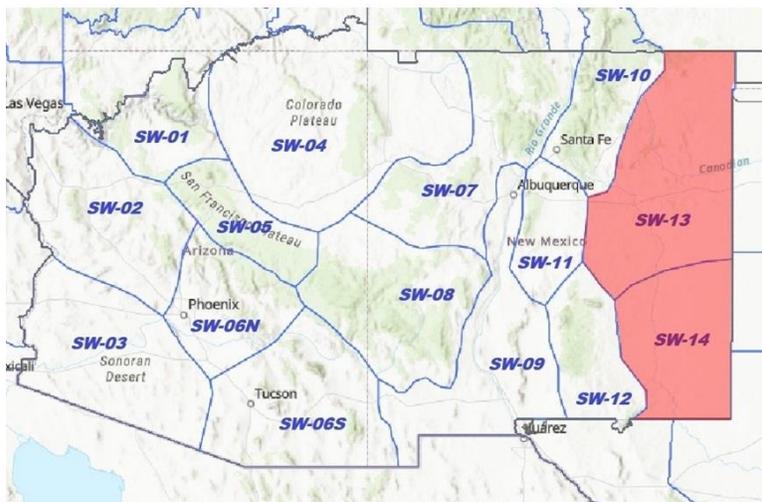
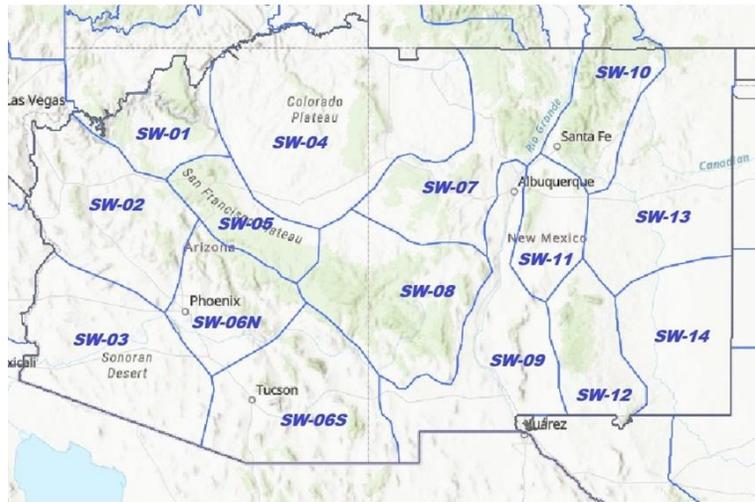


Seasonal Outlook for March-June 2026

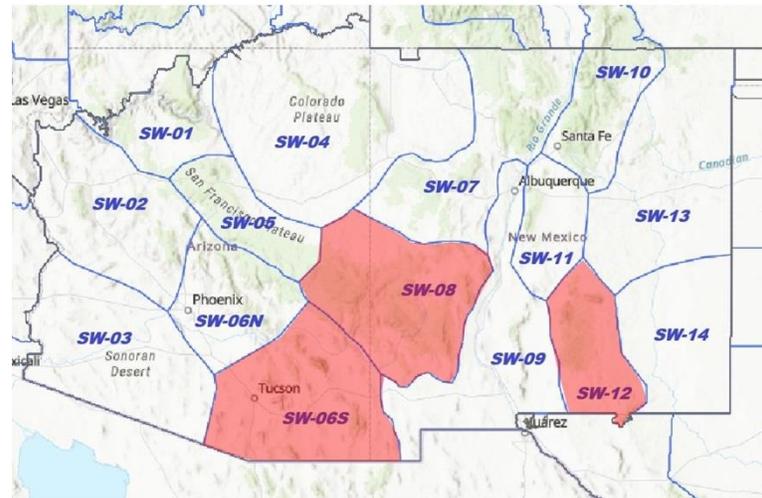
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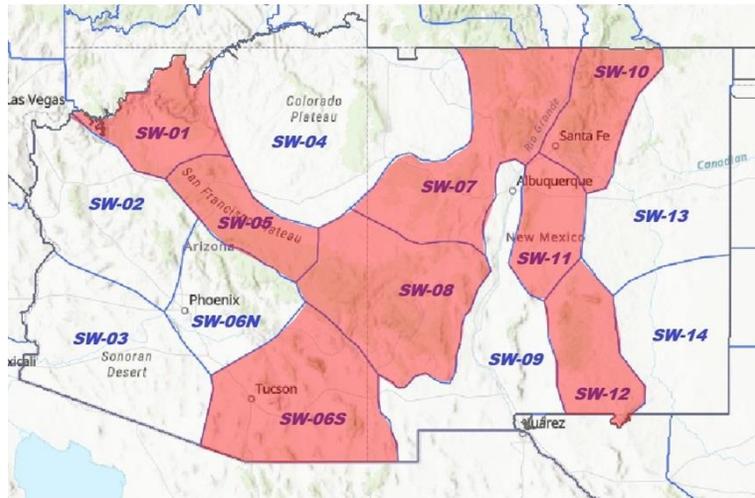
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WEATHER/FUELS/FIRE POTENTIAL:

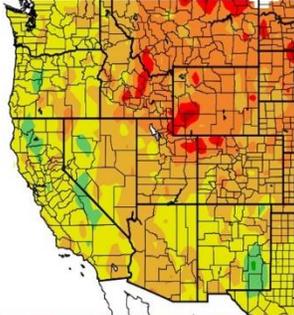
Temperatures the last 30 days have been 2-4 deg warmer than normal in most areas, while precipitation has been drier than normal across most areas, especially eastern and southwestern areas which received less than 25% of their normal precipitation. (Fig 1). Since July 1st 2025, most areas received only 50-80% of normal precipitation, except for wetter than normal conditions in southwest AZ and northeastern NM (Fig 2). According to the US Drought Monitor about half the region is covered in drought, especially the western half of New Mexico where most areas are in "Severe Drought", with pockets of "Exceptional Drought" (Fig 3). The shorter term EDDI or "Flash Drought" Index shows the most significant drought conditions over northern areas (Fig 4).

Snowpack has been critically low in the mountains, mostly just 30-50% of normal (Fig 5). However, some lower elevations, especially in eastern NM report above average fine fuel loading (Fig 6).

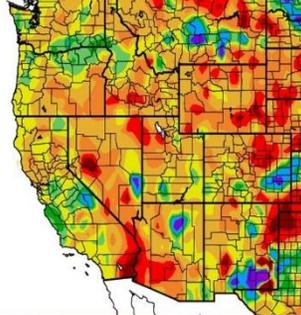
The outlook for the next 4 months, from both the Climate Prediction Center (Fig 7) and Predictive Services (Fig 8) show a general trend of warmer and drier than normal conditions. Above Normal large fire potential exists in eastern NM in March, before diminishing with seasonal green up in April. But the low snowpack, and widespread PJ and Oak mortality in many higher elevations lead us to believe that "Above Normal" large fire potential will develop in May and June.

Past 30 Days

Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)
1/25/2026 - 2/23/2026



Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
1/25/2026 - 2/23/2026



Percent of Average Precipitation (%) 7/1/2025 - 2/23/2026

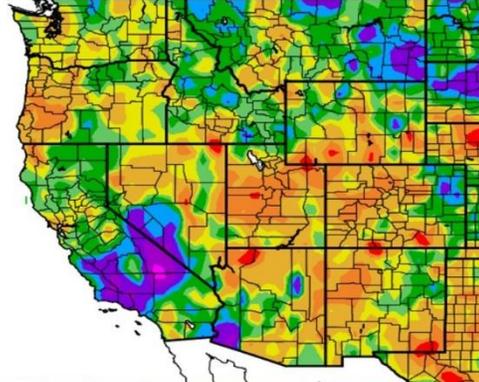


Fig 1: Past Month Temperature/Precipitation

Fig 2: Precipitation Since July 1, 2025

Current Drought Conditions

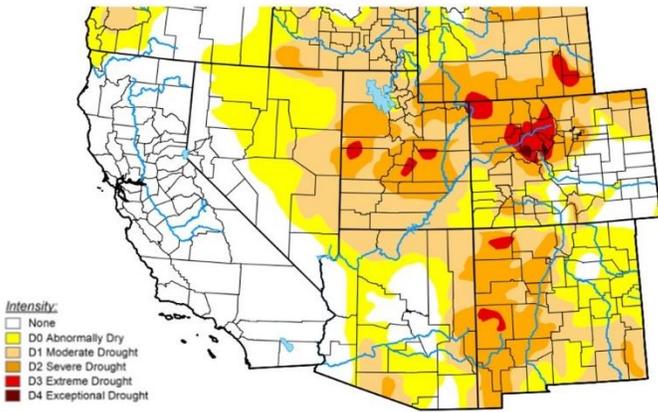


Fig 3: US Drought Monitor

EDDI "Flash Drought": (2 Month)

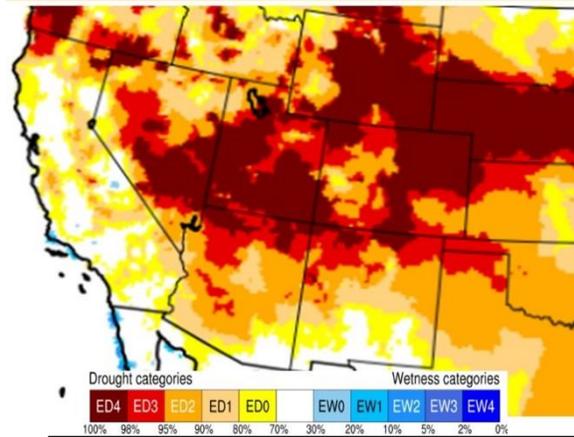


Fig 4: EDDI "Flash Drought"

Current Late-February 2026 (% of Avg)

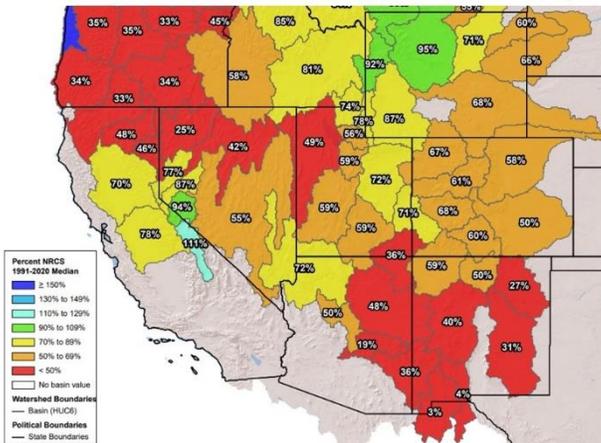


Fig 5: Western Snowpack

Fuelcast - 2025 Derived Fine Fuel Loading (Matt Reeves)

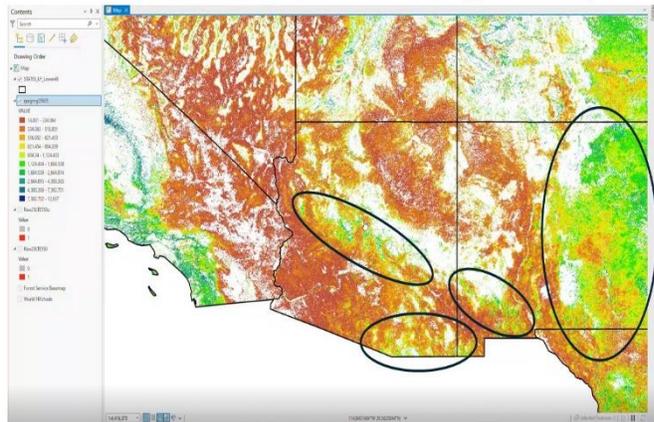


Fig 6: Fine Fuel Loading.

March-May CPC Outlook

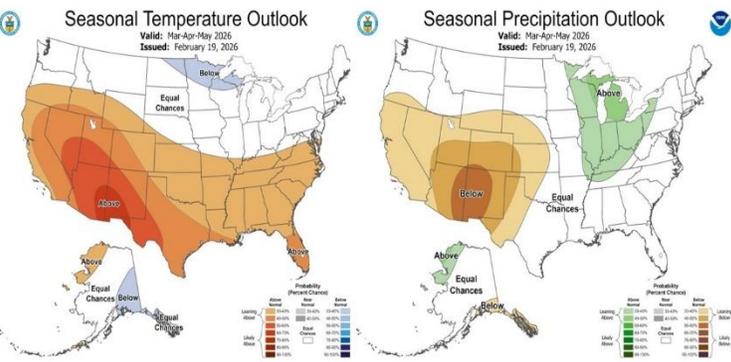


Fig 7: CPC March-May 3-Month Outlook

EXPERIMENTAL MONTHLY TEMP/PRECIP OUTLOOKS

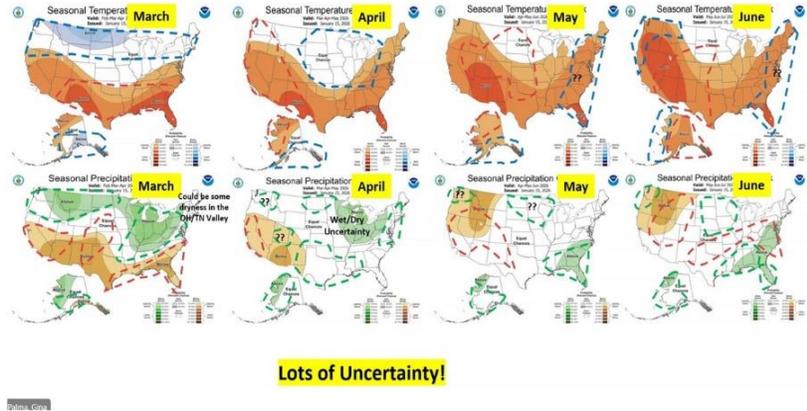


Fig 8: Predictive Services 4-Month Outlook



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