# Drought Information Statement for Western & Central Wyoming Valid April 4th, 2025 Issued By: WFO Riverton, WY Contact Information:

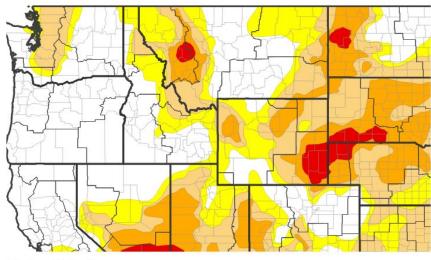
- This product will be updated by May 2nd, 2025, or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
- Please see all currently available products at <u>https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements</u>.
- Please visit <u>https://www.weather.gov/riw/DroughtInformationStatement</u> for previous statements.
- Please visit <u>https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates</u> for regional drought status updates.
- Extreme (D3) drought conditions have improved to D2
- Severe (D2) drought conditions in Teton, Washakie and Johnson counties. Small sections of Park, Natrona, Fremont, Big Horn and Sublette Counties.
- Moderate (D1) conditions in sections of the above counties
- Conditions will show additional slight improvements from occasional snowfall through April



Link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor for Wyoming

- Drought intensity and Extent
  - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: None occurring.
  - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: None occurring.
  - D2 (Severe Drought): Portions of Teton, Park, Sublette, Fremont, Natrona, Washakie, Hot Springs, Big Horn and Johnson counties.
  - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: Portions of all counties except Sweetwater.
  - D0: (Abnormally Dry): Portions of Sweetwater, Park, Big Horn, Hot Springs and Washakie counties, and the remainder of Lincoln, Fremont and Sublette Counties.

#### **U.S. Drought Monitor**



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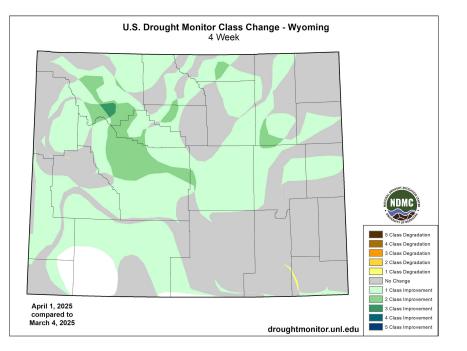
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Abnormally Dry (D0)	Moderate Drought (D1)	Severe Drought (D2)	Extreme Drought (D3)	Exceptional Drought (D4)
Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov				Data Valid: 04/01/25



## Recent Change in Drought Intensity

Link to the latest 4-week change map for Wyoming

- Four Week Drought Monitor Class Change
  - Drought Worsened: N/A
  - No Change: Counties not listed elsewhere.
  - Drought Improved: In portions of every county, especially Fremont and Park.
- The snow season has brought plenty of moisture across the state, leading to improvement in the drought. This looks to continue through April.





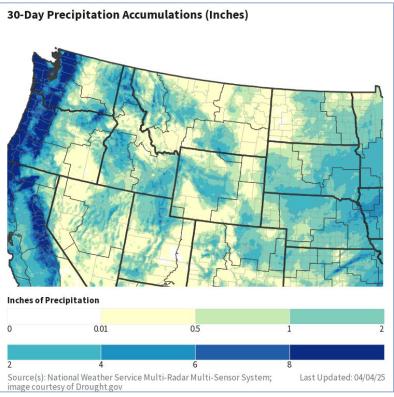
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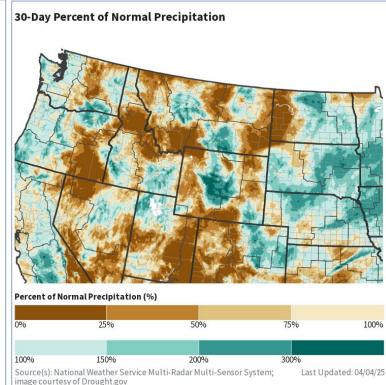


## Precipitation

Central Wyoming saw above normal precipitation over the past 30 days, with 2-6 inches.

West, south and east Wyoming saw below normal values, although there was a little precipitation everywhere.







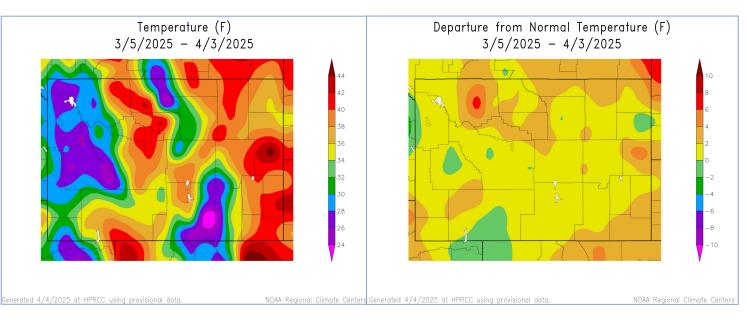
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Temperature

#### Link to ACIS Climate Maps from the High Plains Regional Climate Center

Central Park County was 8-10 degrees above normal. Mainly, the state saw above normal temperatures, except for portions of Sweetwater and Sublette counties.

The west, especially Green River Basin, and sections of the Bighorn mountains were much colder, in the 20s.





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# Summary of Impacts (graphics on following slides)

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

- Hydrologic Impacts
  - Conditions are expected to see normal wetness, with the drought showing small improvements for most areas.

### Agricultural Impacts

- USDA Wyoming Crop Progress and Condition Reports can be found <u>here</u>
- Fire Hazard Impacts
  - Fire Hazards are less with widespread snow cover. However, a few days with gusty winds and low RH could see potential conditions. (<u>Most recent Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook</u>)

### **Other Impacts**

• Winter dormancy with widespread snow cover.

### **Mitigation Actions**

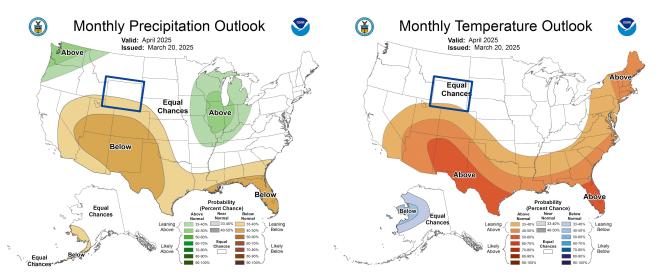
- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information
- Clear debris from around structures to protect from potential wildfires



## Long-Range Outlooks

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

- Temperatures are trending to above normal values across a sliver of the south. Otherwise there is no particular trend with climate being the best forecast chances.
- Precipitation across a small southern portion of the state are trending to below normal chances.
  Otherwise, there is not a particular trend, with equal chances of below, at or above normal values expected.





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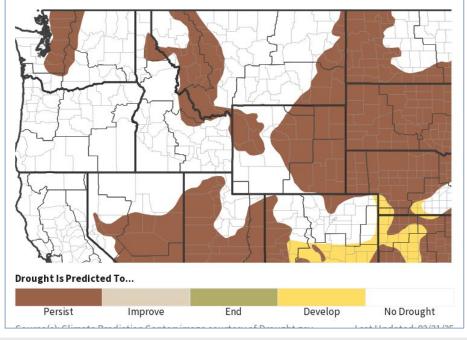
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### Seasonal Outlook

• Drought conditions are expected to persist for many areas of the state as indicated by the graphic.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for March 31, 2025–June 30, 2025



National Weather Service Riverton, Wyoming

Links to the latest: <u>Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook</u> <u>Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook</u>



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