



# WY Conditions & Outlooks:

*Precipitation, Temperatures, Drought, Floods, & Everything In-between*

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September 21, 2023



# Presentation Outline

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- **Current Conditions:** Overview
- **Outlooks:**
  - Temperature & Precipitation
  - Fuels Status & Wildland Fire Outlook
- **Highlight of the Month**
  - NOAA National Weather Service's website
    - Forecast Points Page & other features
- **Questions**



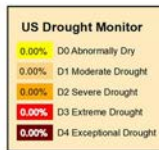
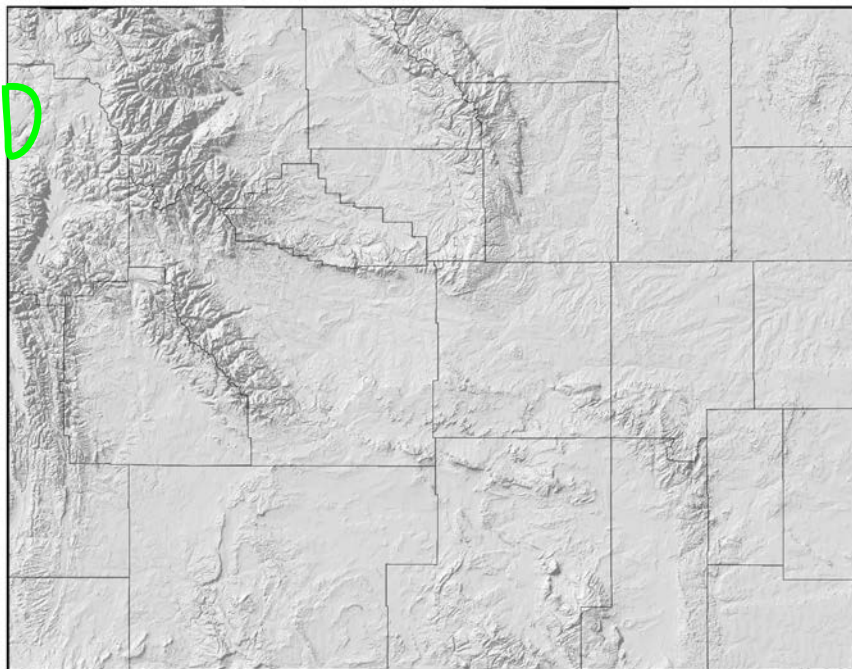
# Current Conditions

# US Drought Monitor for September 19, 2023

(Released Thursday, September 21, 2023)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

US Drought Monitor for 19 Sep 2023



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Drought Level	Percentile
None	>30
D0 (Abnormally Dry)	21 to 30
D1 (Moderate Drought)	11 to 20
D2 (Severe Drought)	6 to 10
D3 (Extreme Drought)	3 to 5
D4 (Exceptional Drought)	0 to 2

How are Drought categories assigned?

<https://youtu.be/45MQ1GB-uTc>

**Improvements** since the last webinar.  
Last of the D0 was removed.

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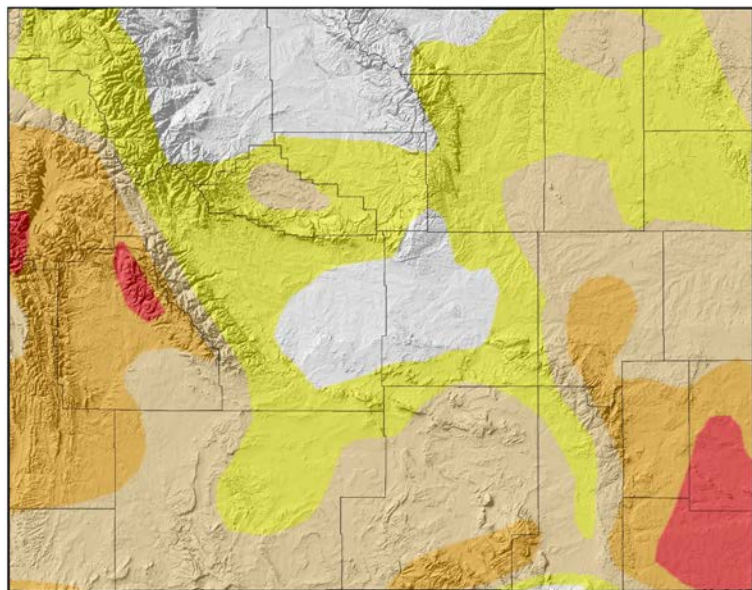
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## One Year Ago

US Drought Monitor for 20 Sep 2022



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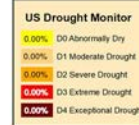
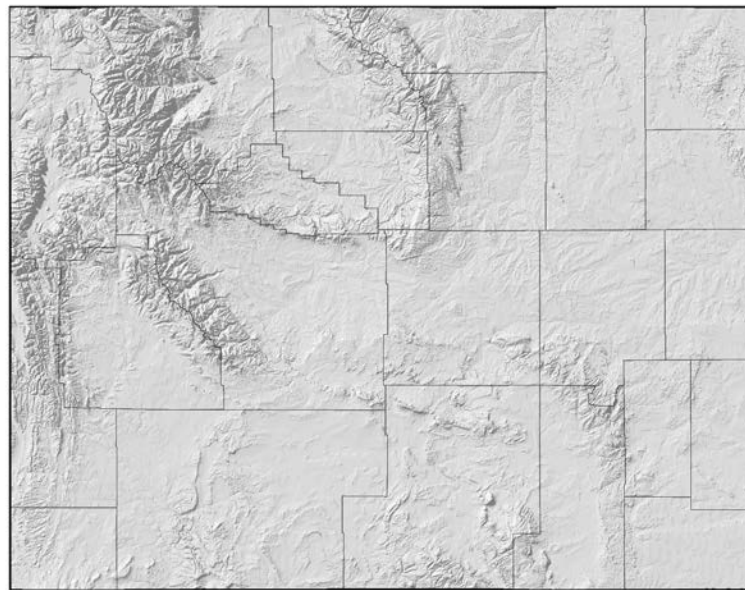


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## Today

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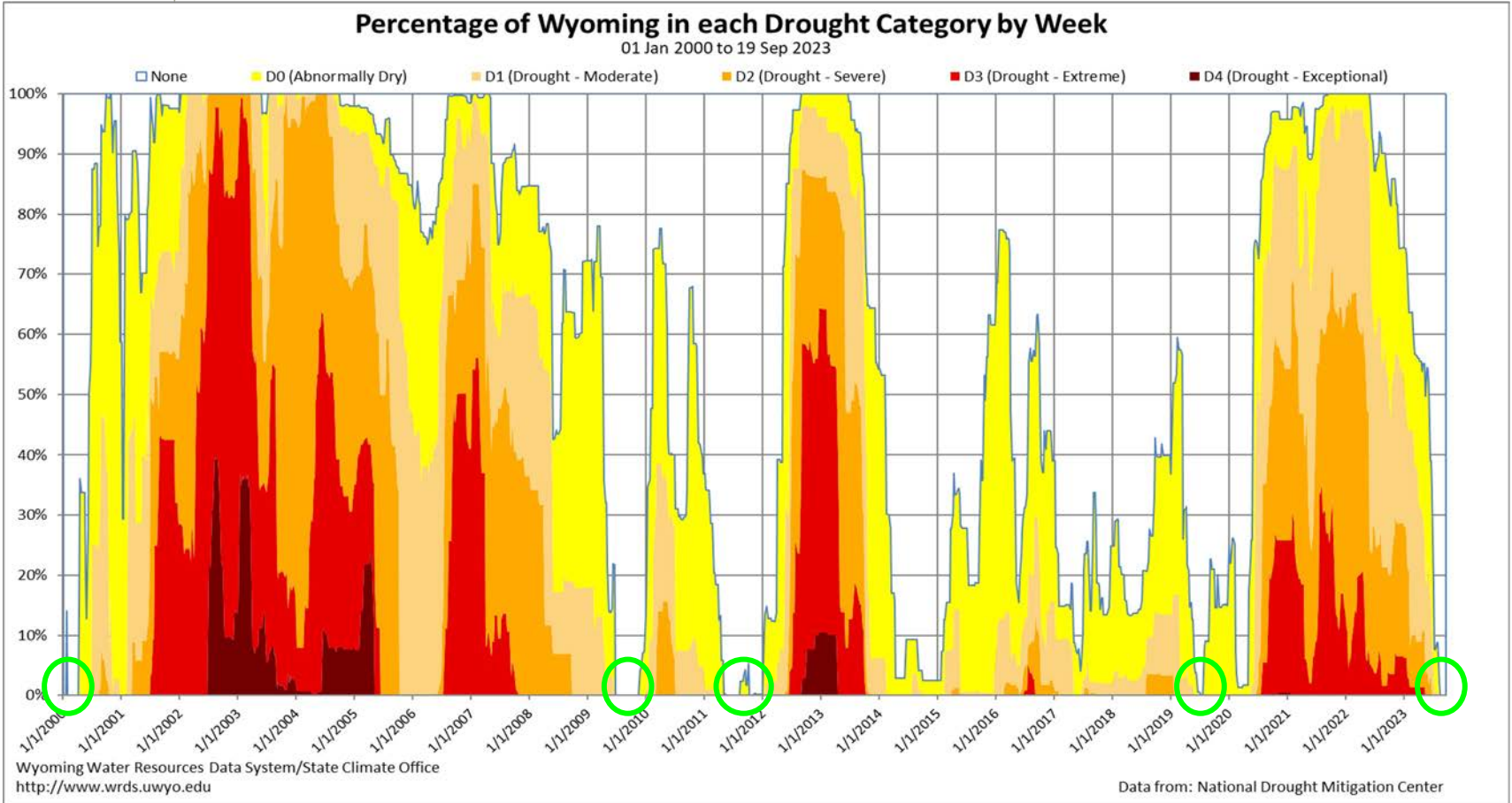


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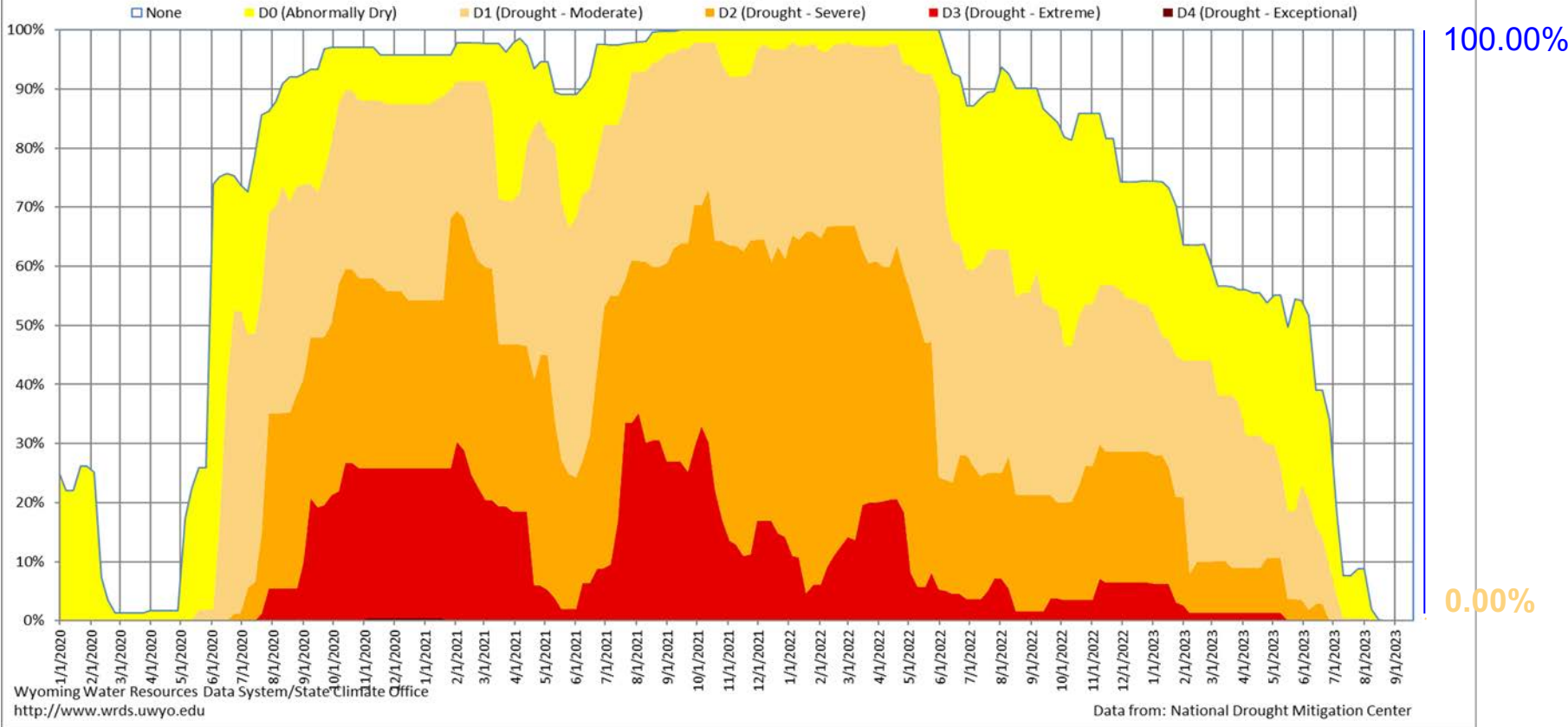
Wyoming Area Affected: 0.0% D0-D4 ; 0.0% D1-D4





## Percentage of Wyoming in each Drought Category by Week

01 Jan 2020 to 19 Sep 2023



# 14-Day Precipitation Percentile (07 Sep 2023 to 20 Sep 2023)

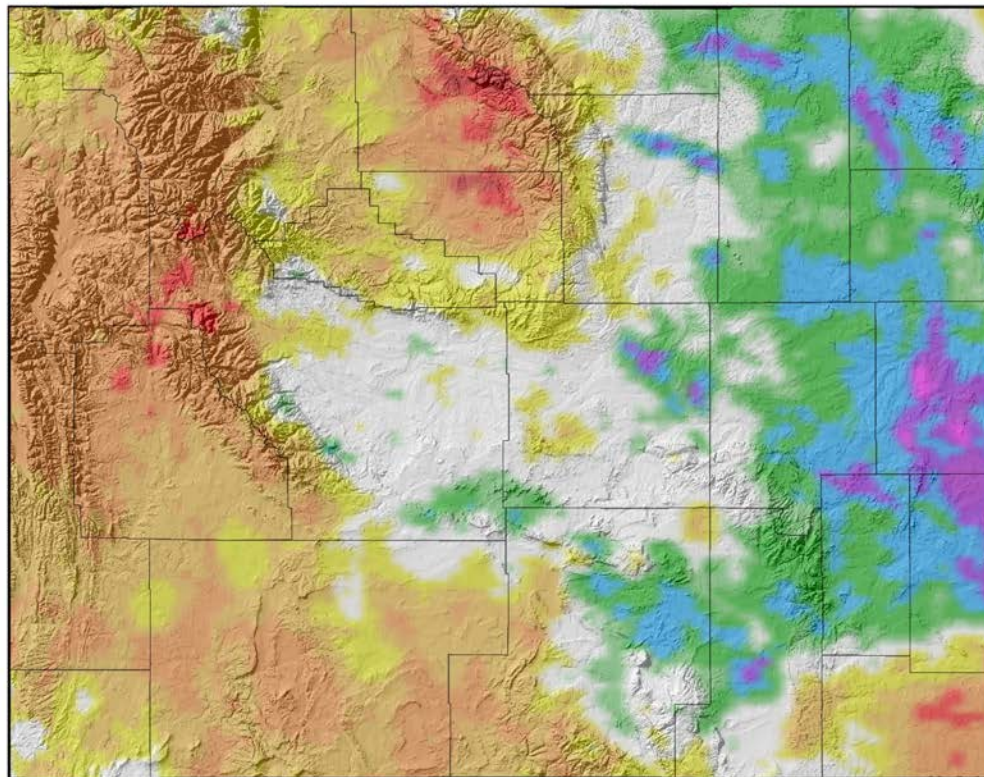
14-Day Precipitation (Percentile) for 07 Sep 2023 to 20 Sep 2023

## Above Median:

- Eastern Plains (Except Laramie County)

## Below Median (Areas of Concern):

- Bighorn Basin
- Laramie County
- Southwest
- West



Precipitation Data  
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# 90-Day Precipitation Percentile (23 Jun 2023 to 20 Sep 2023)

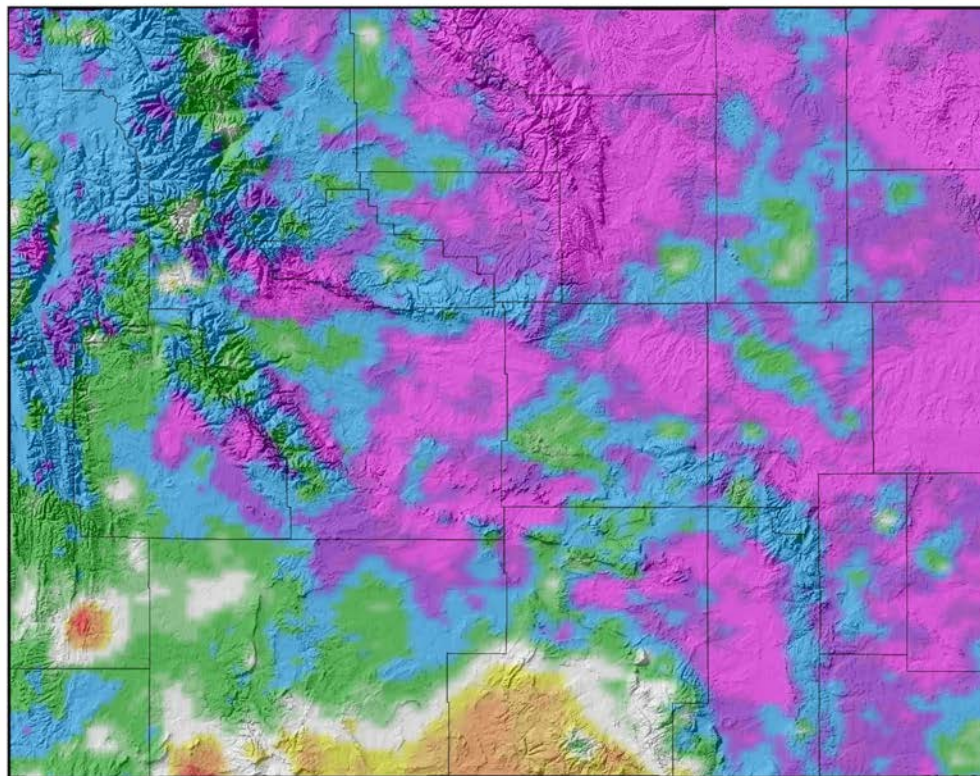
90-Day Precipitation (Percentile) for 23 Jun 2023 to 20 Sep 2023

## Above Median:

- Most of Wyoming

## Below Median (Areas of Concern):

- Little Snake Basin (southern Carbon and Sweetwater Counties)



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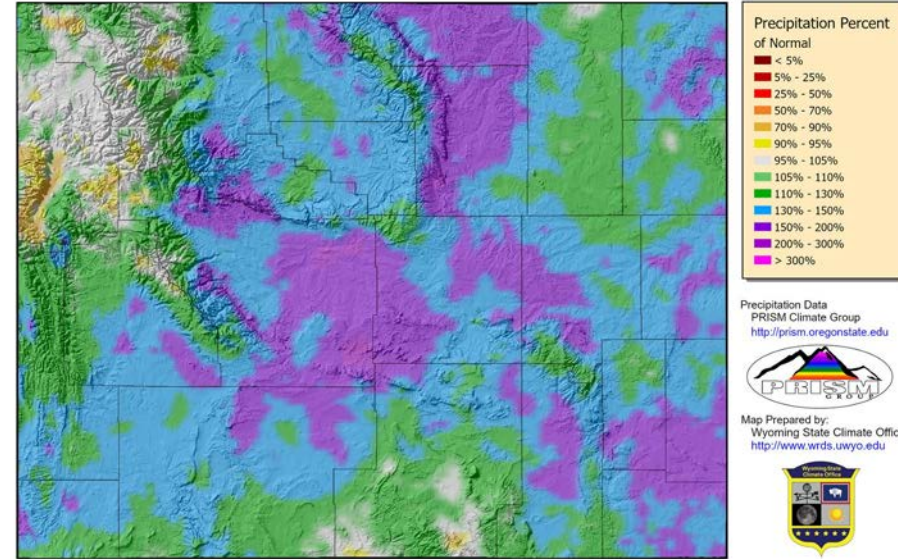
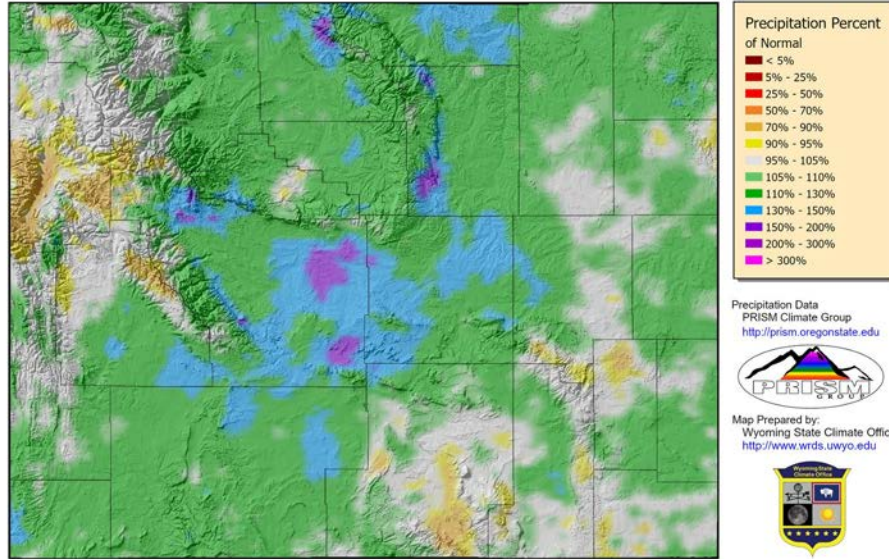
# “Year”-to-Date Precipitation (Percent of Average)

## Current Water Year

## Current Calendar Year

Water-Year Precipitation (Percent of 1991-2020 Average) for 01 Oct 2021 to 20 Sep 2023

Calendar-Year Precipitation (Percent of 1991-2020 Average) for 01 Jan 2023 to 20 Sep 2023



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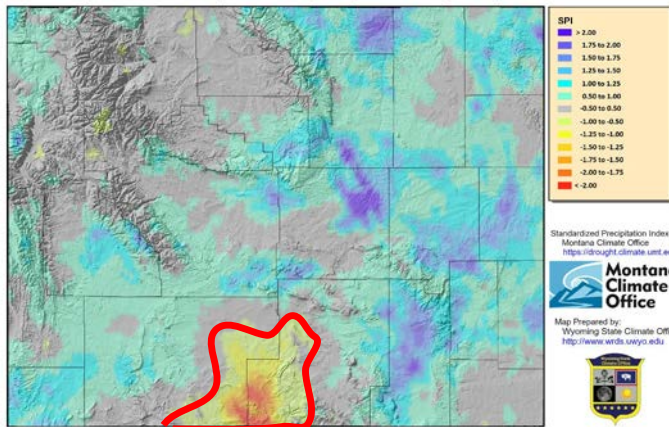
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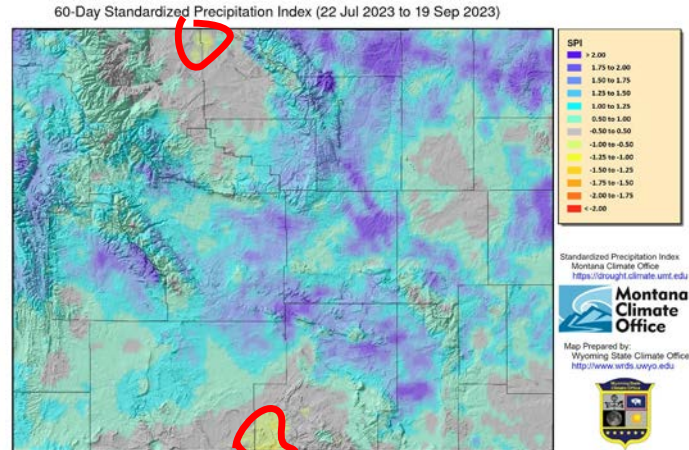
30-Day Standardized Precipitation Index (21 Aug 2023 to 19 Sep 2023)

**30-Day**  
→  
Aug 21 - Sep 19



Standardized Precipitation Index Created by Montana Climate Office <https://drought.climate.umt.edu>  
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**60-Day**  
→  
Jul 22 - Sep 19



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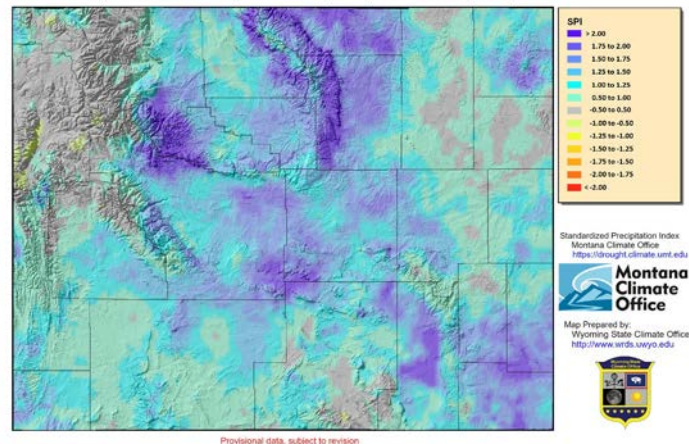
# Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

**Short term:** Little Snake, northern Park/Big Horn County Line

**Long term:** Minor dry side in the Tetons

**1-Year**  
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365-Day Standardized Precipitation Index (20 Sep 2022 to 19 Sep 2023)

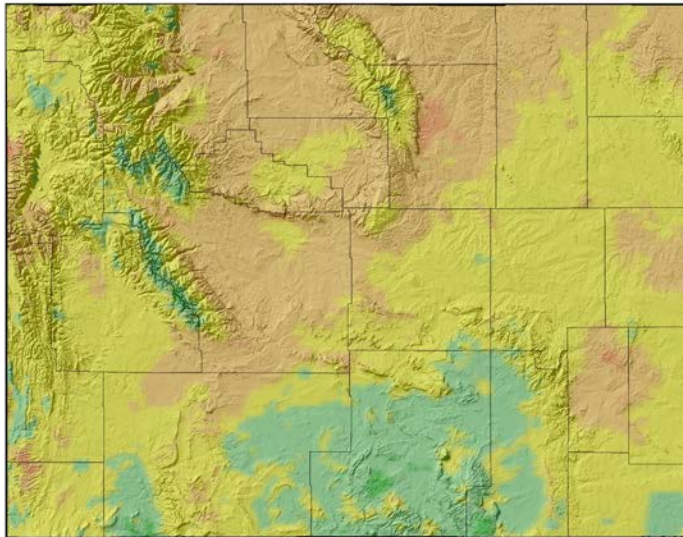


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# 14-Day Average Minimum Temperature (07 Sep to 20 Sep)

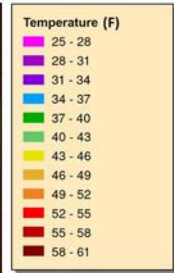
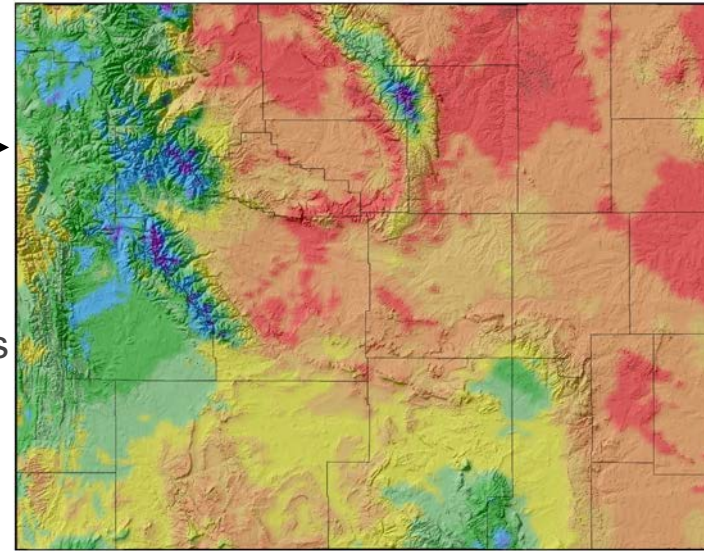
- Highest elevation mins below freezing
- Northwest generally low to mid-30s to mid-40s
- BH/Wind Basins, much of plains mid-40s to mid-50s

14-Day Average Minimum Temperature (Departure from 1991-2020 Average) for 07 Sep 2023 to 20 Sep 2023



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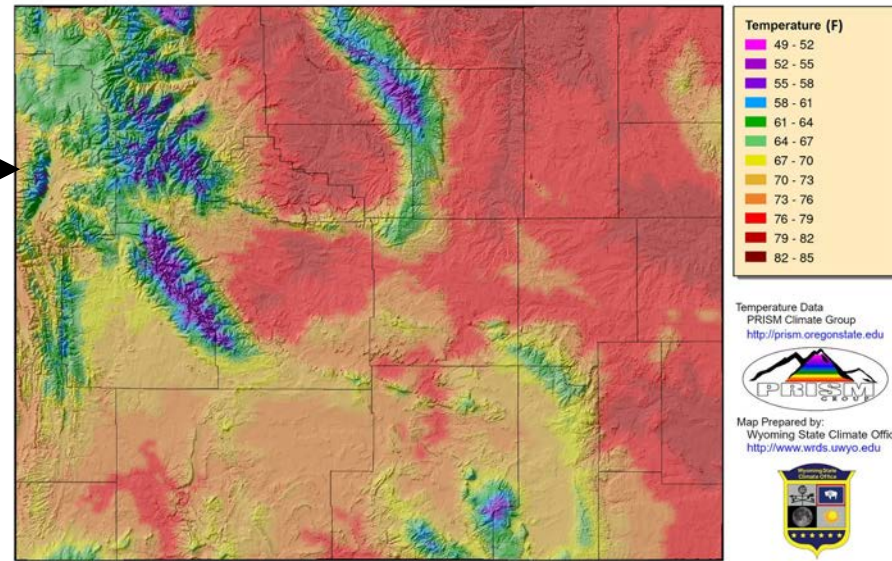
# 14-Day Average Minimum Temperature Departure from Normal

- 3-6F above average central and north central
- 0-3F below average south central
- 0-3F above average remainder

# 14-Day Average Maximum Temperature (07 Sep to 20 Sep)

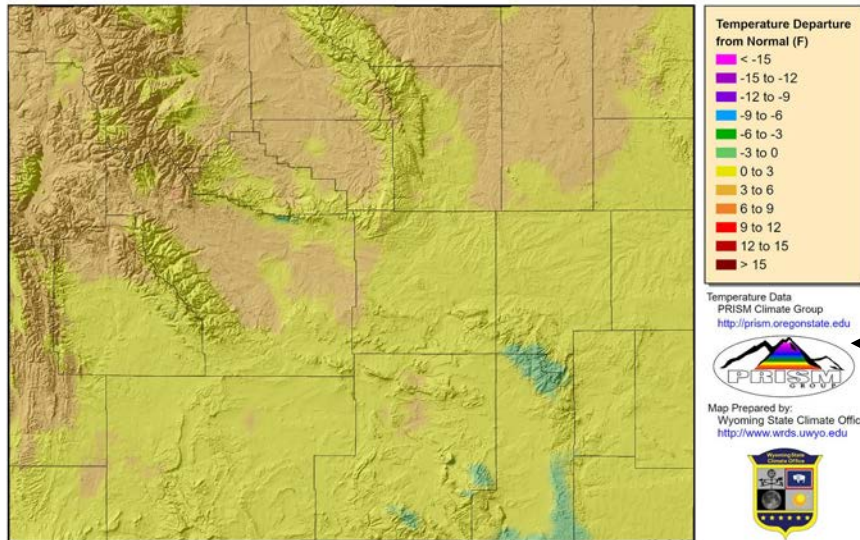
- Highs in the low-70s to low-80s except for higher elevations in the mid-50s to mid-60s

14-Day Average Maximum Temperature for 07 Sep 2023 to 20 Sep 2023



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# 14- Day *Departure from Normal* Average Maximum Temperature

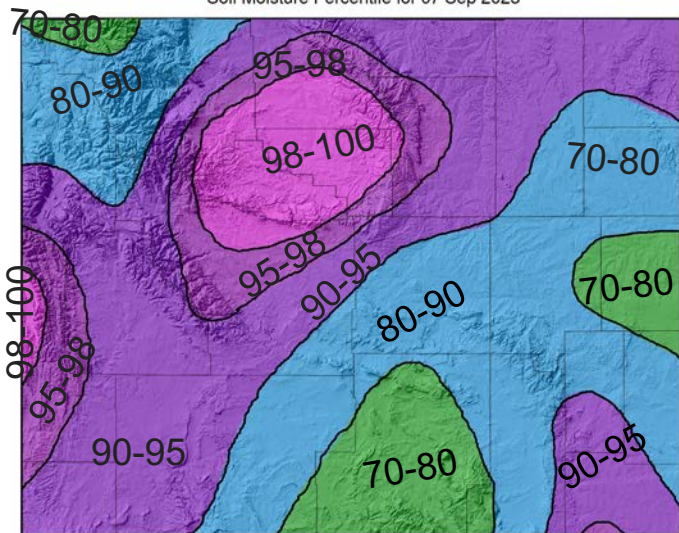
- 0-3F below average Laramie Range
- 3-6F above average in west and north
- 0-3F above average elsewhere

# Soil Moisture Percentile

Two Weeks Ago

20 Sep 2023

Soil Moisture Percentile for 07 Sep 2023



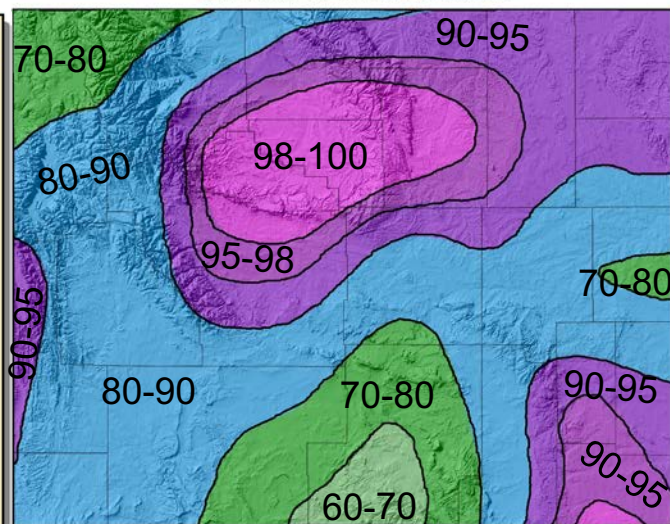
Soil Moisture Percentile  
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Soil Moisture Percentile for 20 Sep 2023



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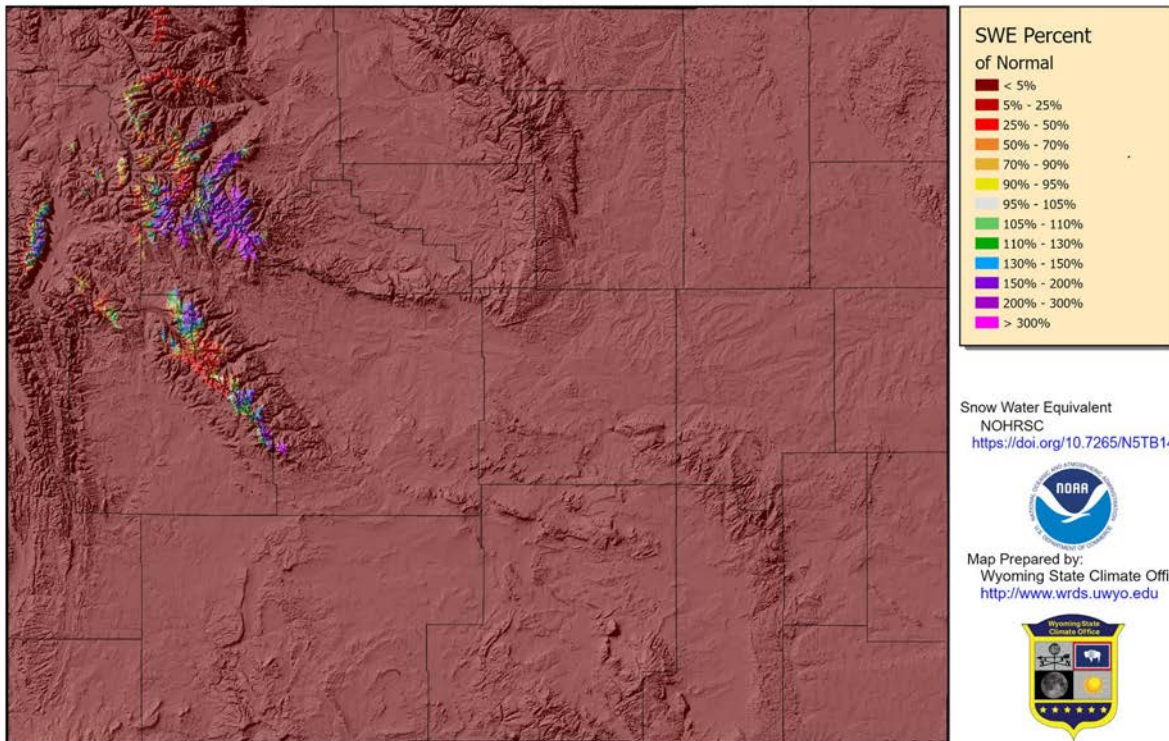
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Modeled Soil Moisture Percentile [https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/GIS/GIS\\_DATA/USDM\\_Products/soil/soil\\_percentile.php](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/GIS/GIS_DATA/USDM_Products/soil/soil_percentile.php)  
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Still above median but **degradation in south central and west.** Improvements in east.

# Snow

Snow Water Equivalent Percent of Average (2004-2020) for 21 Sep 2023



Snow Water Equivalent  
NOHRSC  
<https://doi.org/10.7265/N5TB14TC>



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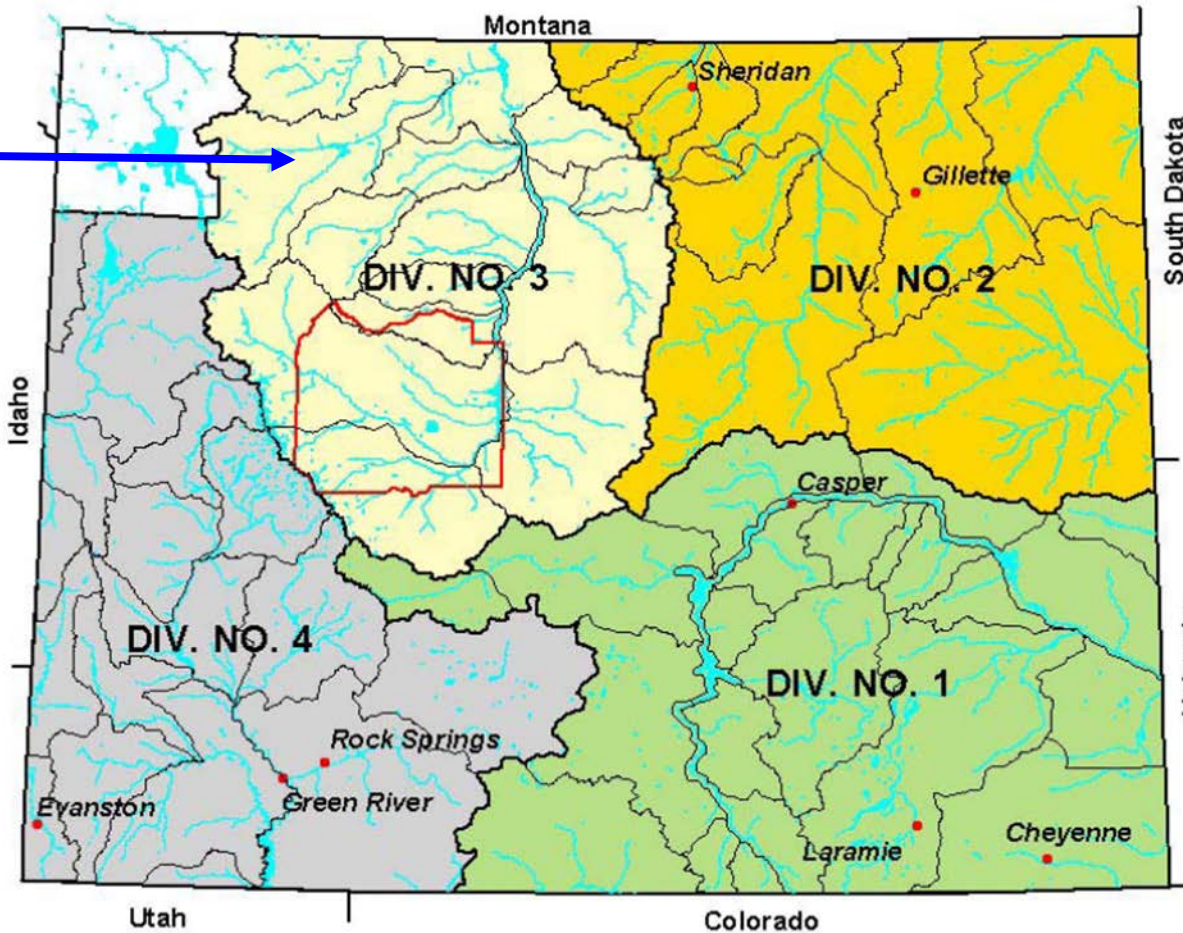


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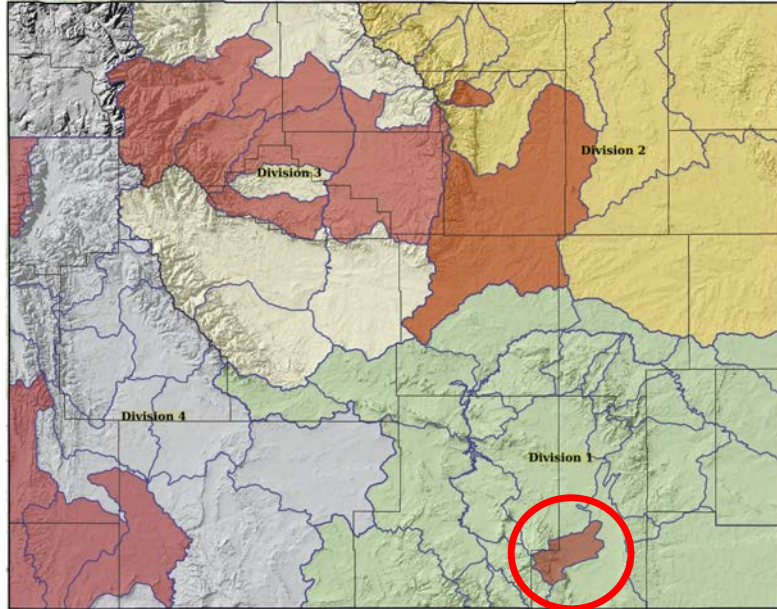
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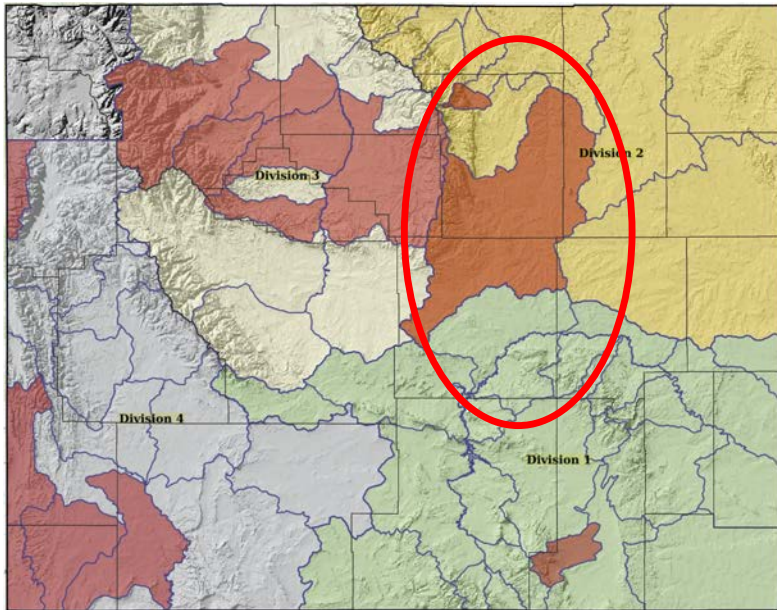
## Division 1



1. July 17, 2023 call on Little Laramie River and Tribs, District 4B, to a priority date of Spring, 1881.
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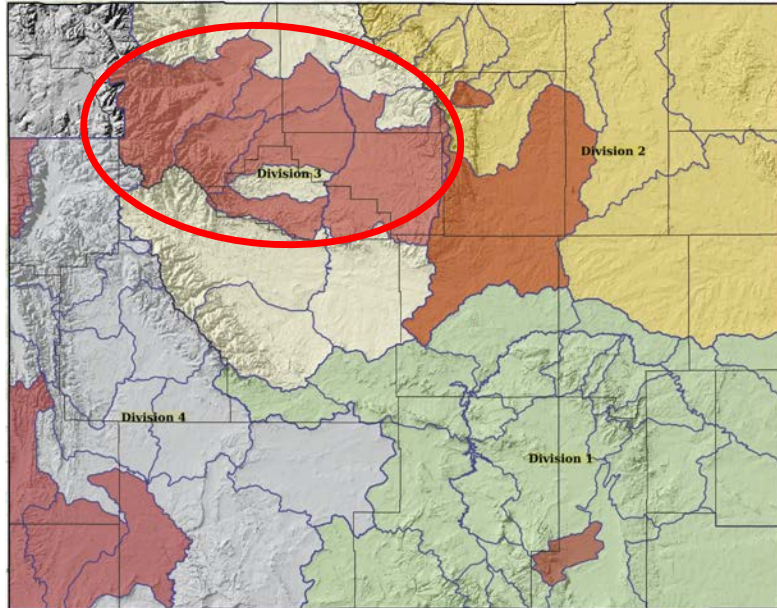
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1. July 28, 2023 call on the North Fork Powder River, District 8, for shepherding of water from storage to headgates.
1. August 29, 2023 call on French Creek and Tribs, District 3, to a priority right of June 1, 1884.



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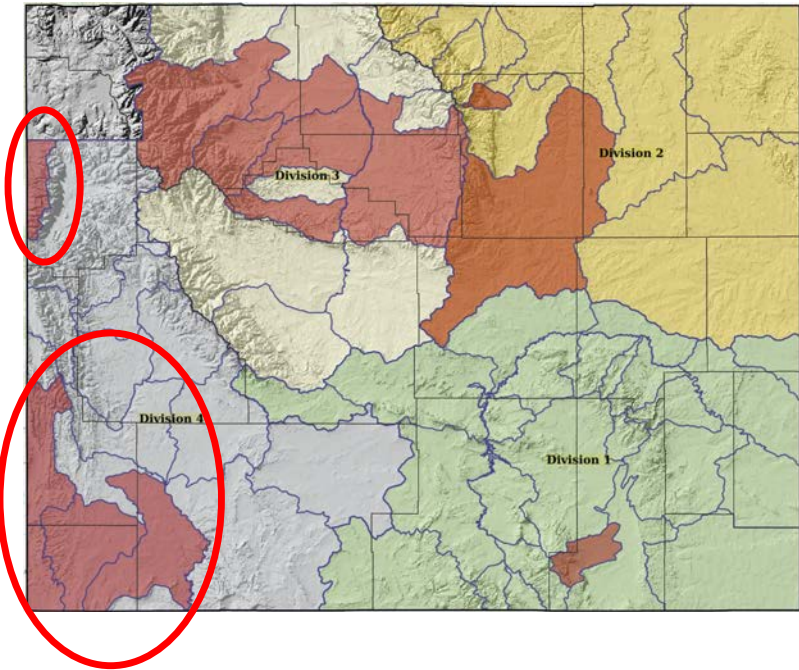


1. July 31, 2023 call on Greybull River and tribs, District 8 and 16, to a priority date of 1/27/1913.
2. August 22, 2023 call on Paint Rock Creek and Medicine Lodge Creek, District 6, to a priority dates of 6/8/1906 and 7/26/1906.
3. August 31, 2023 call on Gooseberry Creek, District 13, to a priority date of 12/21/1906.
4. September 7, 2023 call on Owl Creek and tribs, District 5, to a priority date of 1/25/1900.
5. September 7, 2023 call on Bennett-Little Rock Creek, District 9, to a priority date of 5/8/1900.



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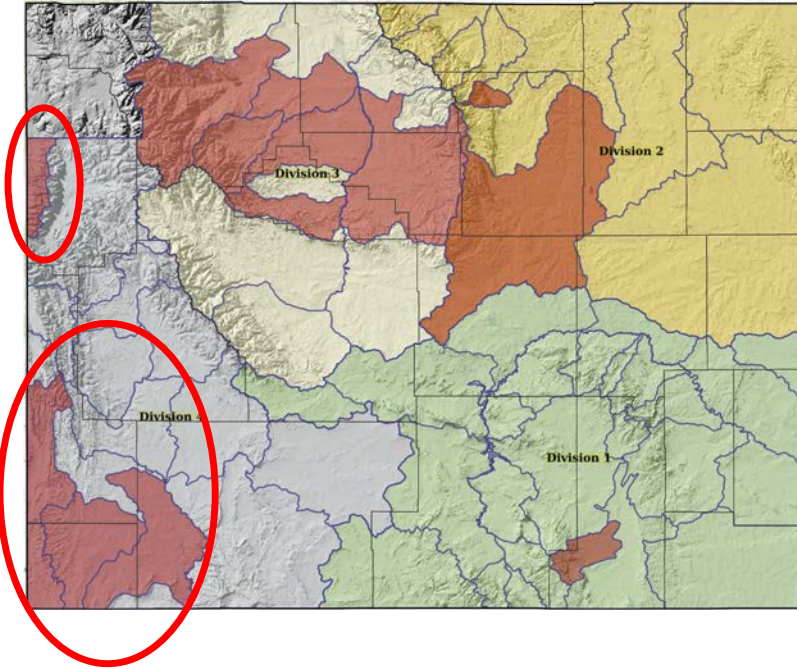
1. July 11, 2023 call on Smith's Fork River and tribs, District 3, to a priority date of April, 1875.
2. July 14, 2023 call on Black's Fork River and Tribs, District 15, to a priority date of 10/29/1909.
3. July 27, 2023 call on East Fork of Smith's Fork River and Tribs, District 3, to a priority date of 01/04/1910.
4. July 31, 2023 call on Teton Creek and Tribs, District 13, regulated to meet the Roxanna Decree.





## Division 4 continued

5. August 2, 2023 call on Smith's Fork and Bear River and Tribs, regulated to monitor diversions per Bear River Compact.
6. September 4, 2023, call for storage water out of China Lake Reservoir, District 3.





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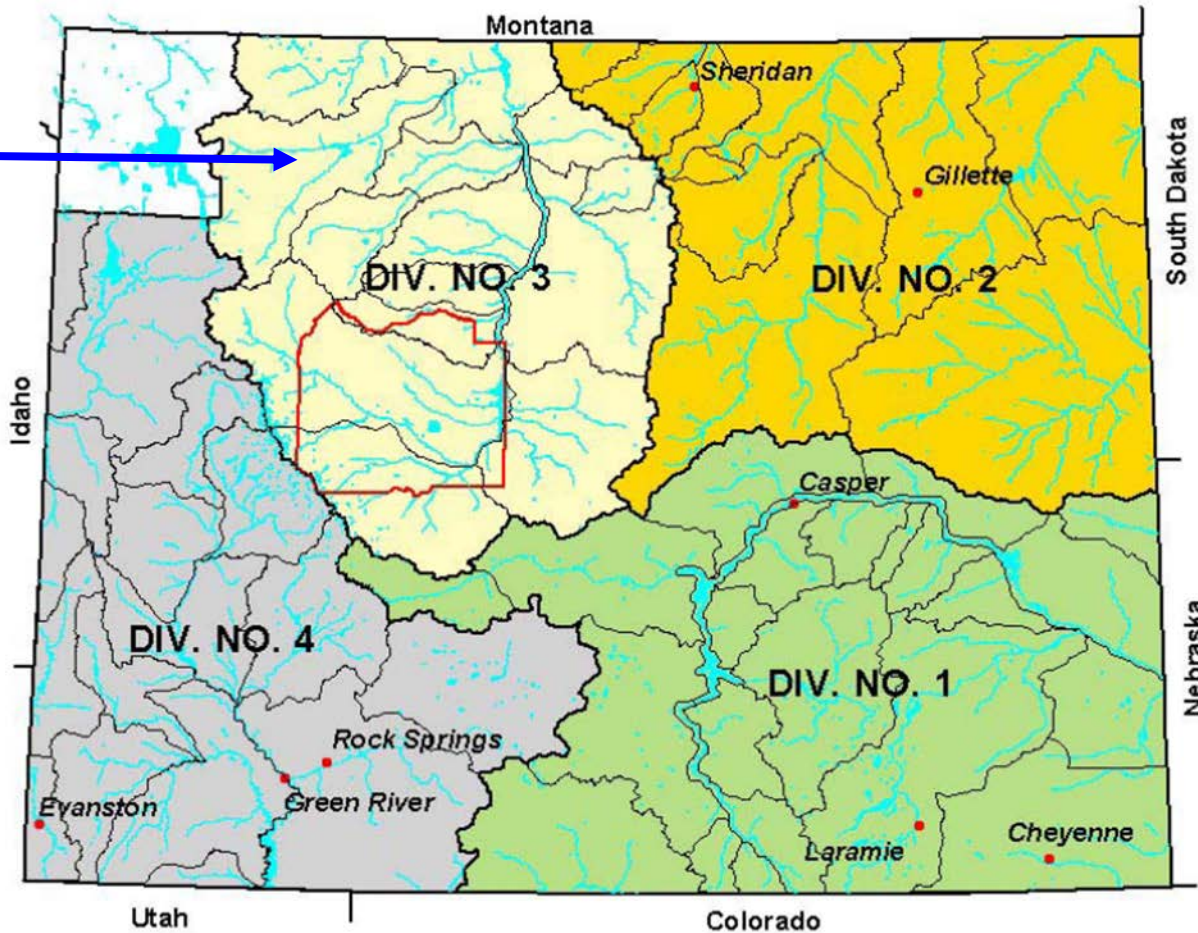
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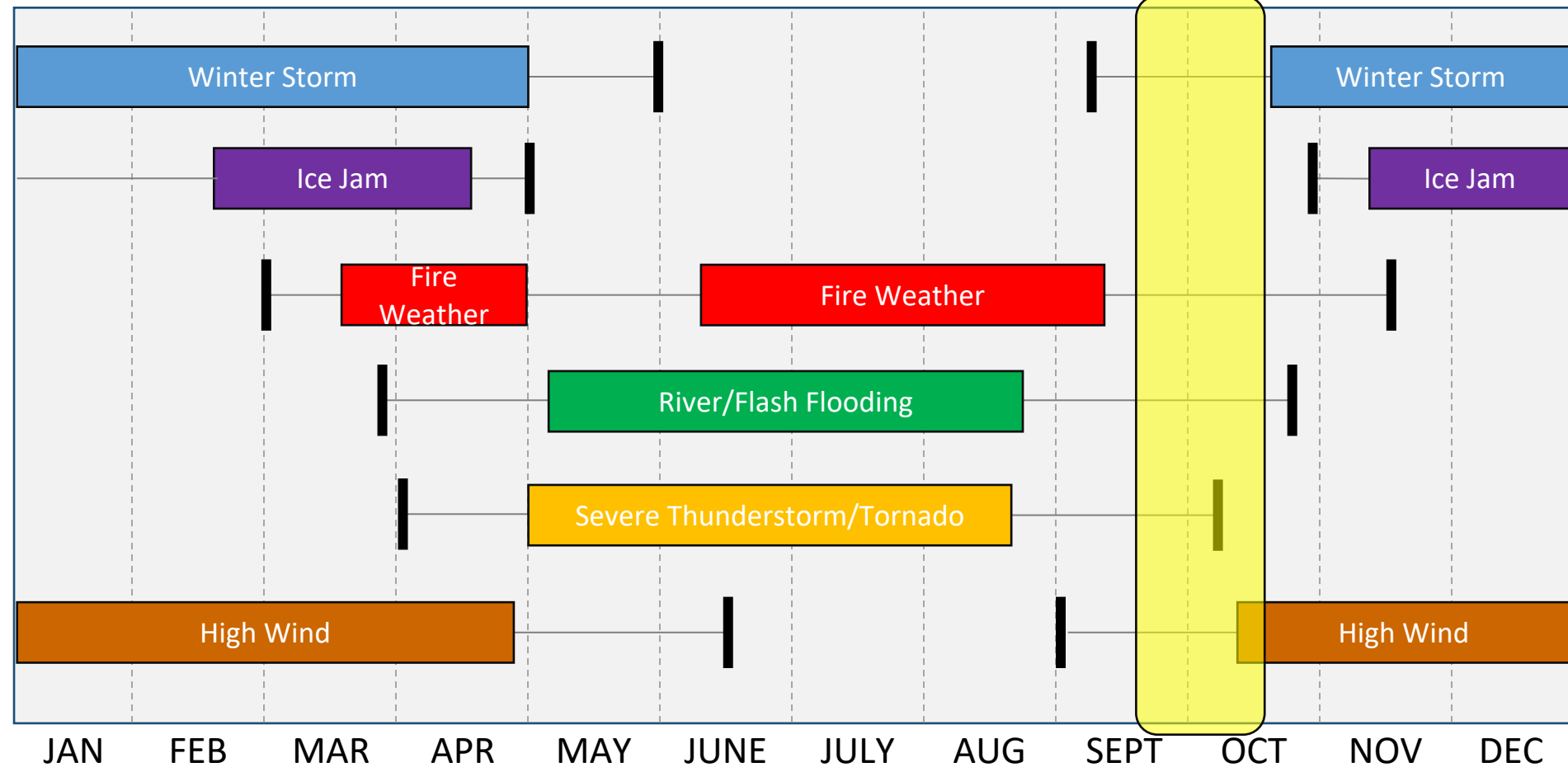




# Weather Info & Forecasts



# NWS Wyoming Typical Hazard Calendar

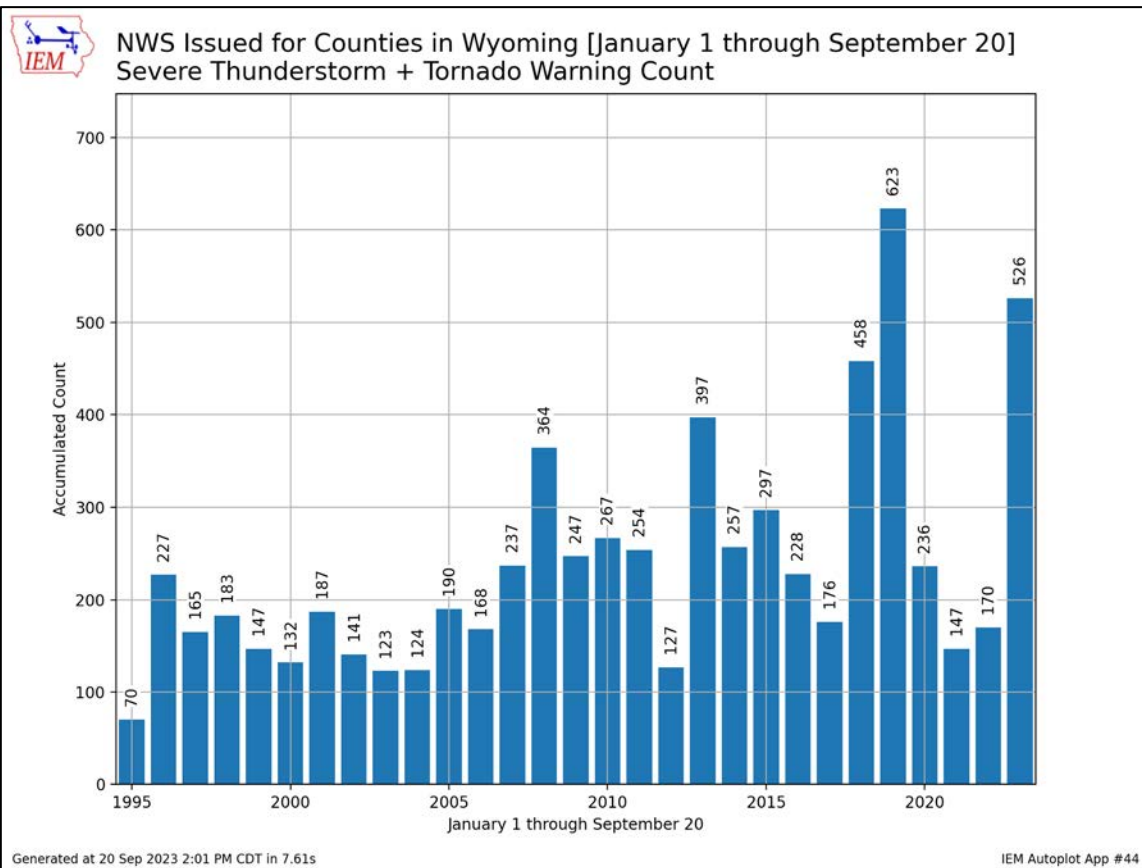






# WY Severe Weather Season Stats

## Through 9/20/23

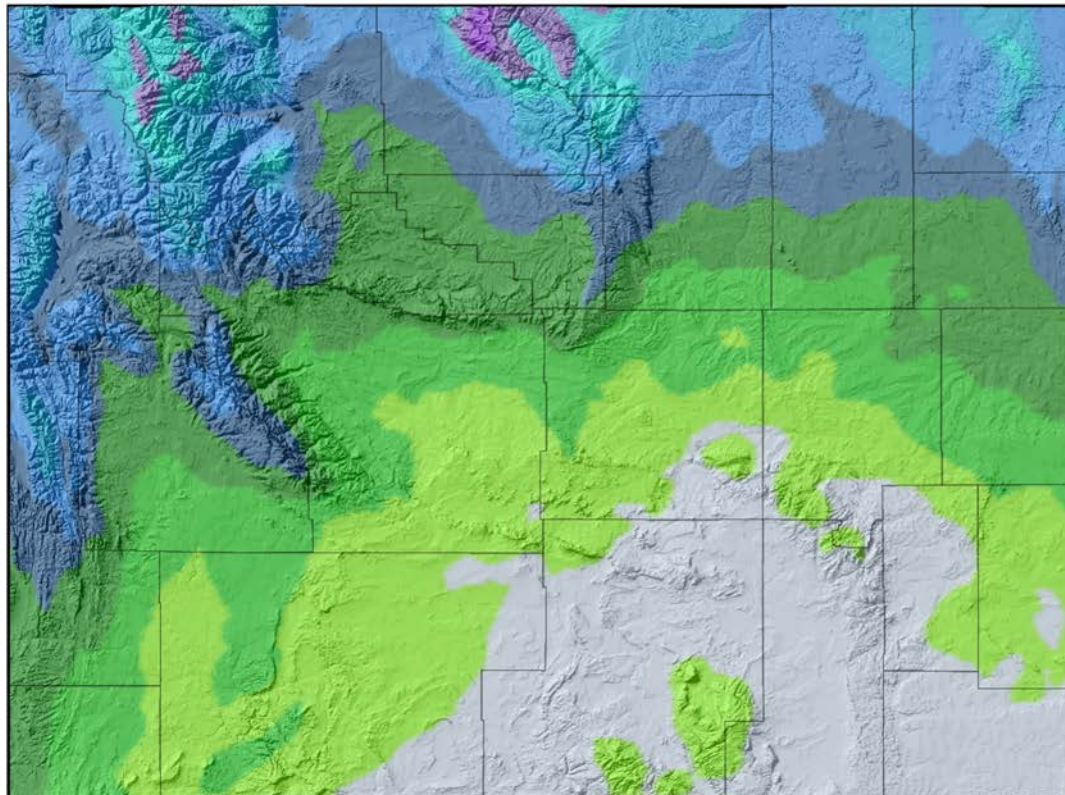


- Active spring, summer, and early autumn for hazardous Wyoming weather
- 2023: 2nd highest Severe Thunderstorm Warnings + Tornado Warnings in modern radar era
- 2018 & 2019 were previous big years



# 7-Day Total Precipitation Forecast

Through 9/28/23



Forecast:  
Weather Prediction Center



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- Wet weather system moving across the north tonight through Saturday
- South central and southeast largely missed by this next system
- Then mostly dry statewide through the middle of next week



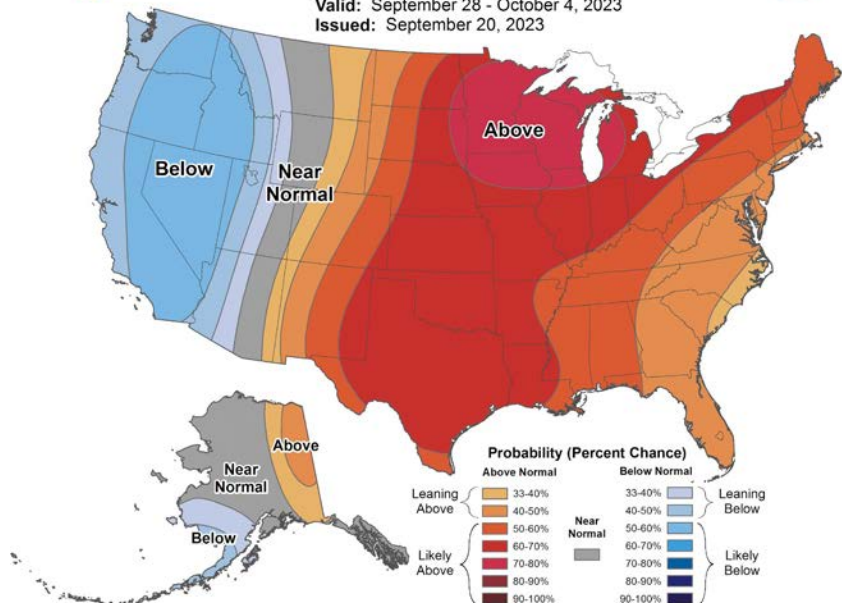
# 8-14 Day Outlooks (Sep 28 - Oct 4)

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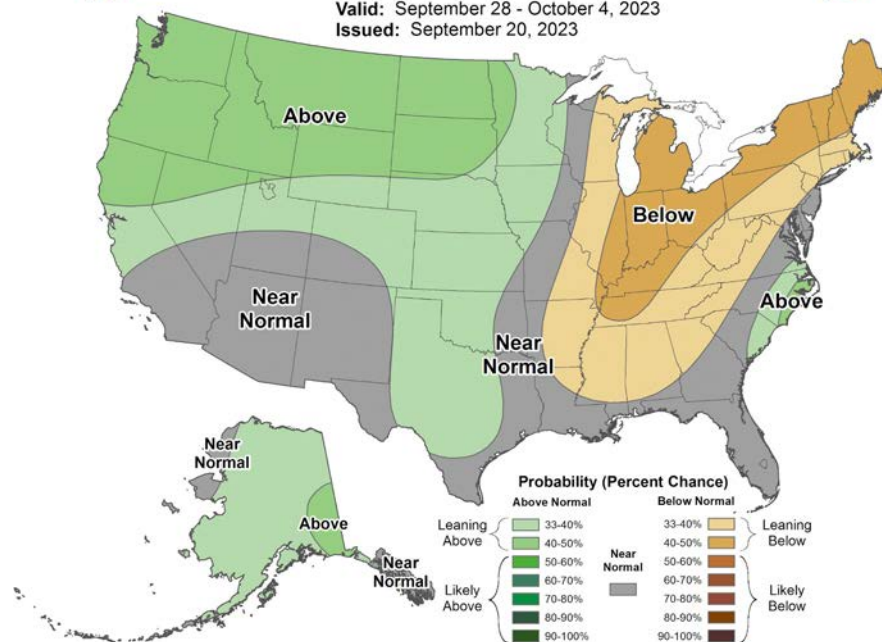


Lean toward above normal in east



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Lean toward above normal precipitation statewide



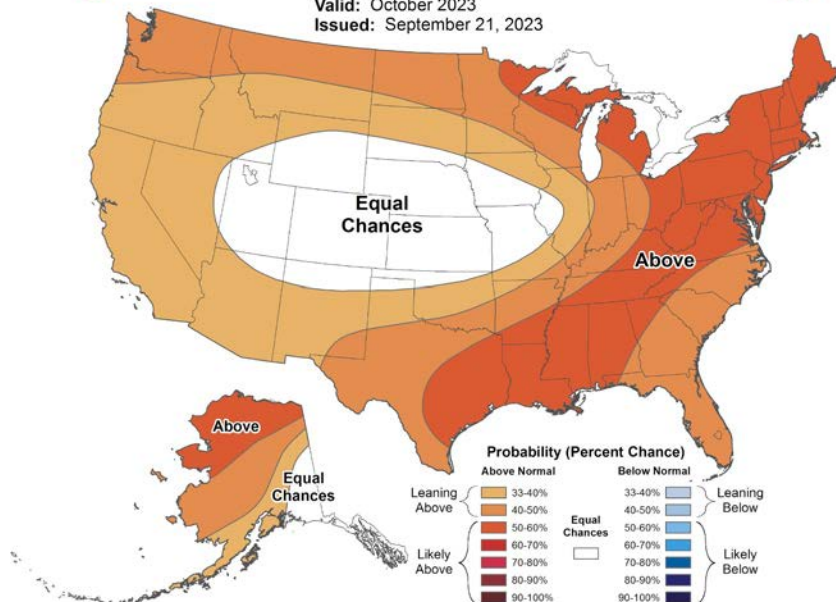
# 1-Month Outlooks (October)

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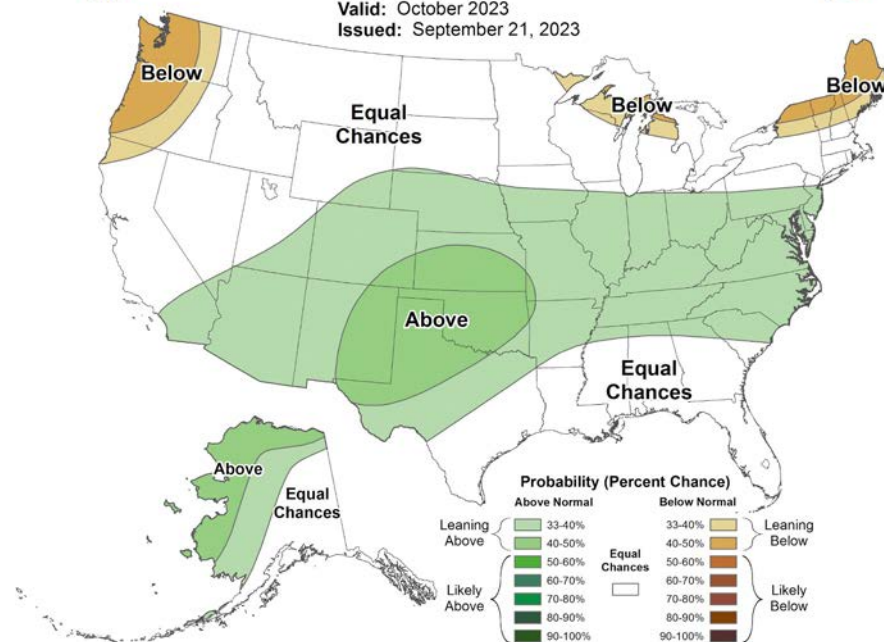
## Monthly Temperature Outlook

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No clear signal from the global weather pattern: Near climatology is best forecast

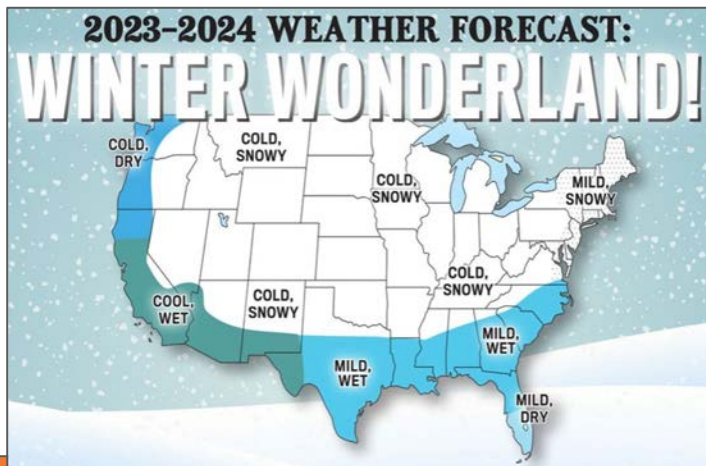
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# The Farmer's Almanacs vs. NWS Outlooks

- Both use large-scale climate indicators to make predictions
- There is often some skill in both, given large-scale weather patterns are being assessed
- Difference #1: Vague with lack of specificity vs. CPC scientific rigor
- Difference #2: Only one “release” of information each year vs. CPC seasonal outlooks updated monthly
- Difference #3: Presented in “tabloid” fashion ⇒ dramatic, hyped, advertisement-funded vs. CPC data, paid for by tax \$

“Old Farmer’s Almanac”  
(since 1792)



“Farmer’s Almanac”  
(since 1818)



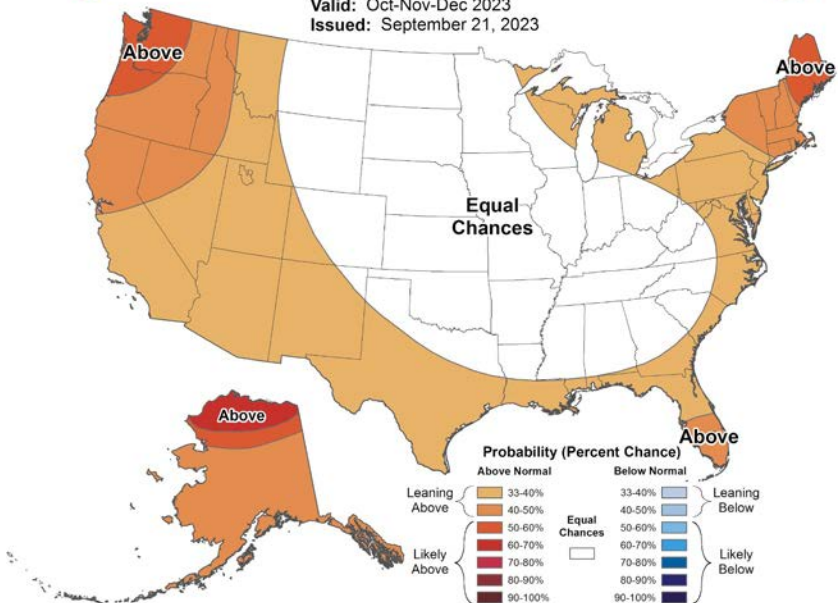
# 3-Month Outlooks (Oct-Nov-Dec)

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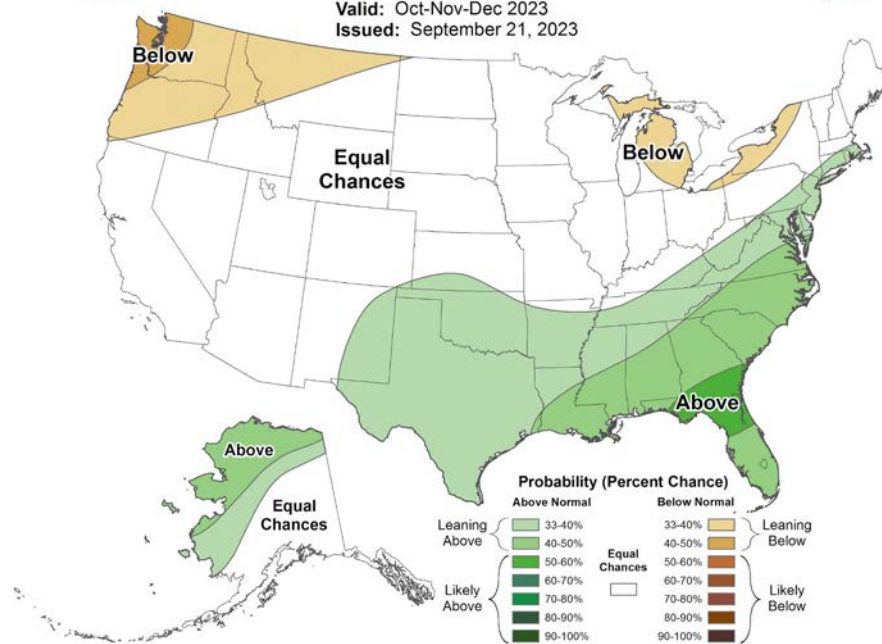
## Seasonal Temperature Outlook

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## Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

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# Fuel Moisture and Energy Release Component (ERC): Definitions and Explanations

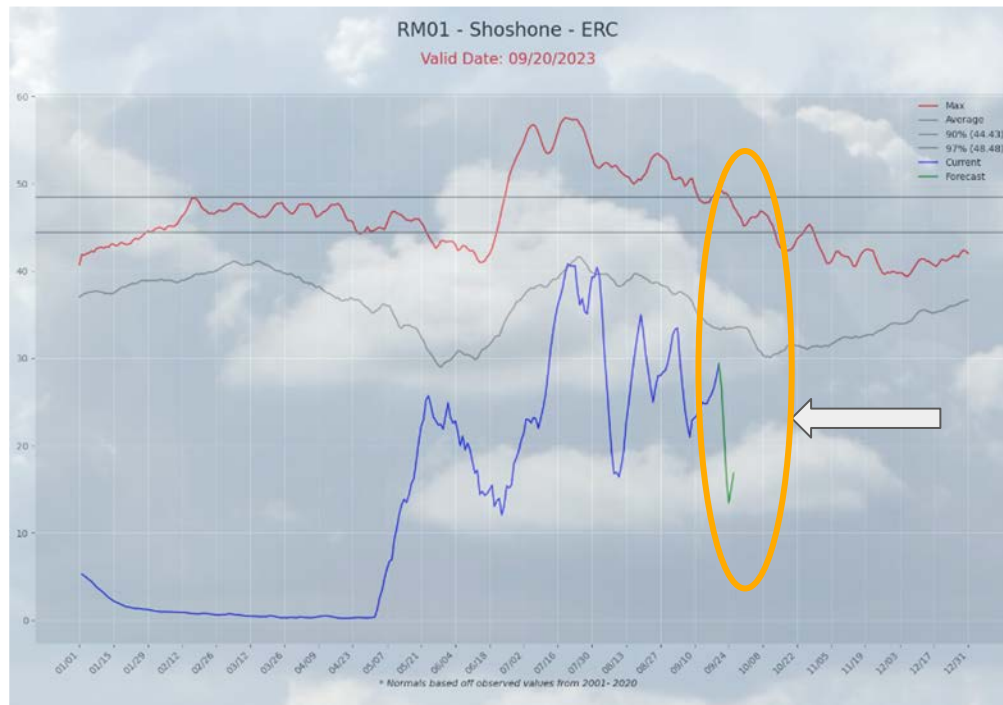
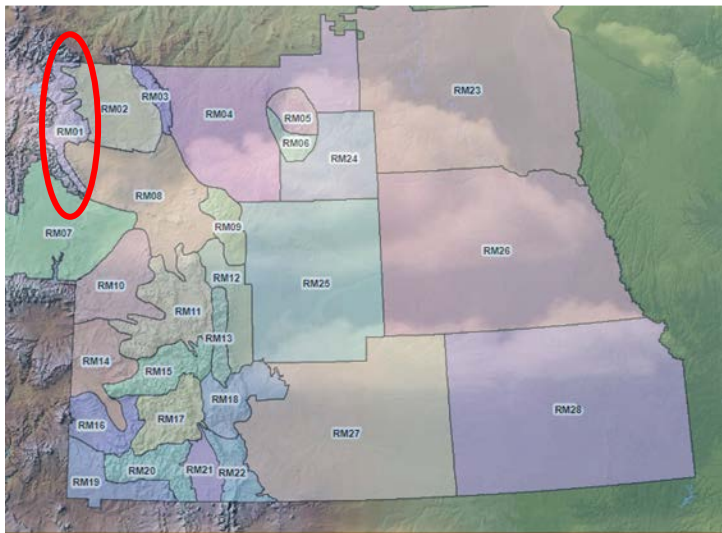
- **Live Fuel Moisture**- Influenced by seasonality, species characteristics and available moisture (soil and air).
- **Dead Fuel Moisture**- Influenced by precipitation and relative humidity. 4 Size Classes based on “Time Lag”, the amount of time it takes the fuel to adjust to closely resemble the humidity of its surrounding environment.
  - **1 Hour Fuels**
    - Less than 1/4" diameter.
    - Fine flashy fuels that respond quickly to weather changes. Computed from observation time temperature, humidity, and cloudiness.
  - **10 Hour Fuels**
    - 1/4 to 1" diameter.
    - Computed from observation time temperature, humidity, and cloudiness. Or can be an observed value, from a standard set of "10-Hr Fuel Sticks" that are weighed as part of the fire weather observation.
  - **100 Hour Fuels**
    - 1 to 3" diameter.
    - Computed from 24-hour average boundary condition composed of day length, hours of rain, and daily temperature/humidity ranges.
  - **1000 Hour Fuels**
    - 3 to 8 " diameter.
    - Computed from a 7-day average boundary condition composed of day length, hours of rain, and daily temperature/humidity ranges.
- **Energy Release Component (ERC)**- Related to the available energy (BTU) per unit area (square foot) within the flaming front at the head of a fire. ERC is a composite fuel moisture index as it reflects the contribution of all live and dead fuels to potential fire intensity.



# Current Fuels Conditions: ERC

## RM01-Shoshone

Valid Date: September 20, 2023



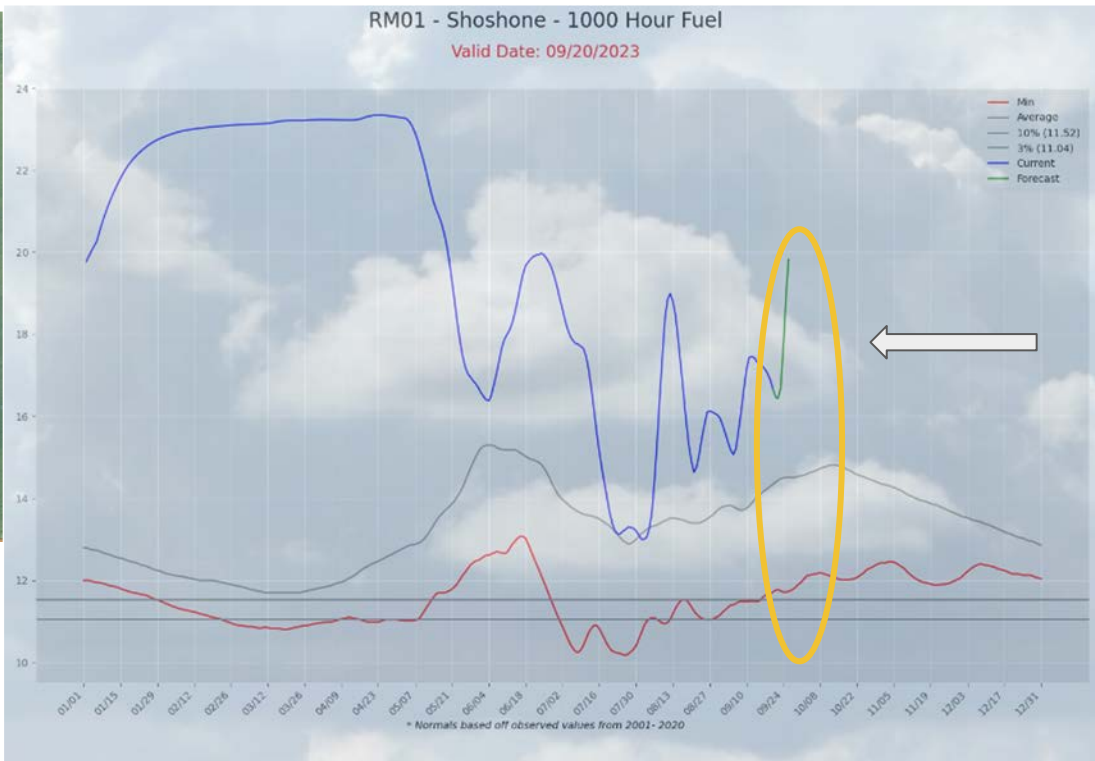
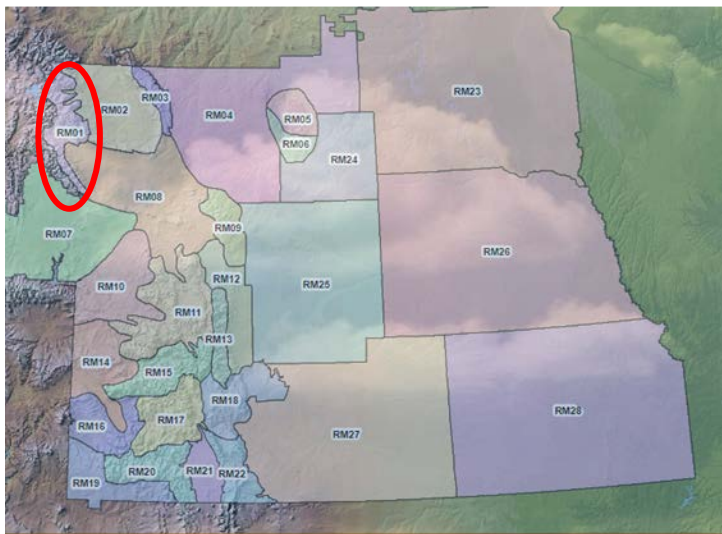




# Current Fuels Conditions: 1,000Hr Dead Fuels

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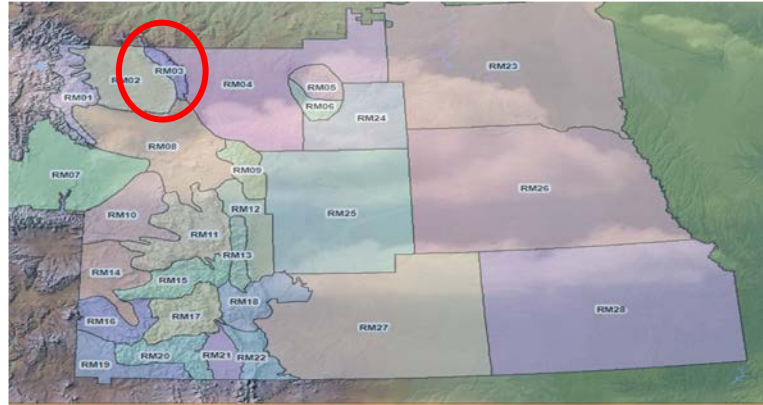
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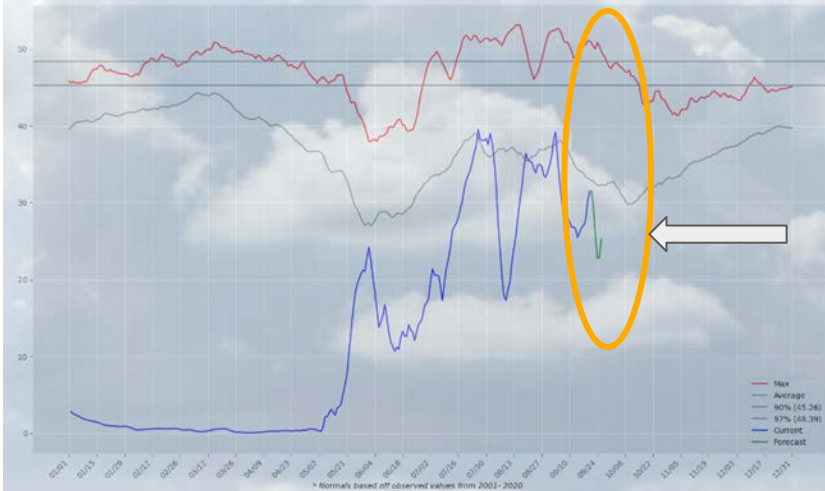


# Current Fuels Conditions: ERC and 1,000Hr Dead Fuels

## RM03-Bighorn Mountains Valid Date: September 20, 2023



RM03 - Big Horn Mountains - ERC  
Valid Date: 09/20/2023



RM03 - Big Horn Mountains - 1000 Hour Fuel  
Valid Date: 09/20/2023



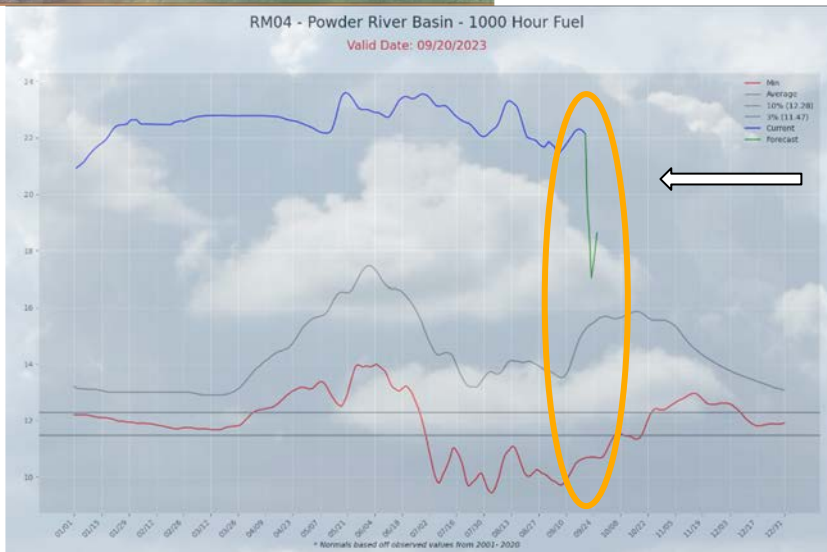
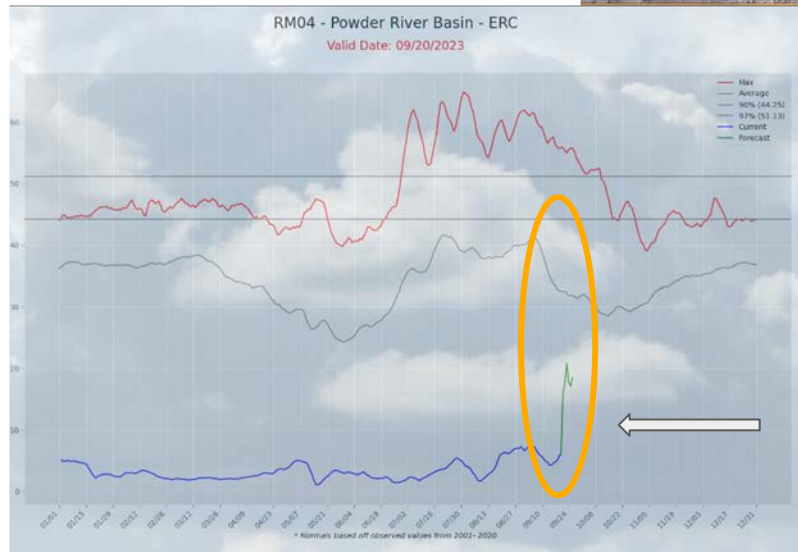


# Current Fuels Conditions- ERC and 1,000Hr Dead Fuels



## RM04-Powder River Basin

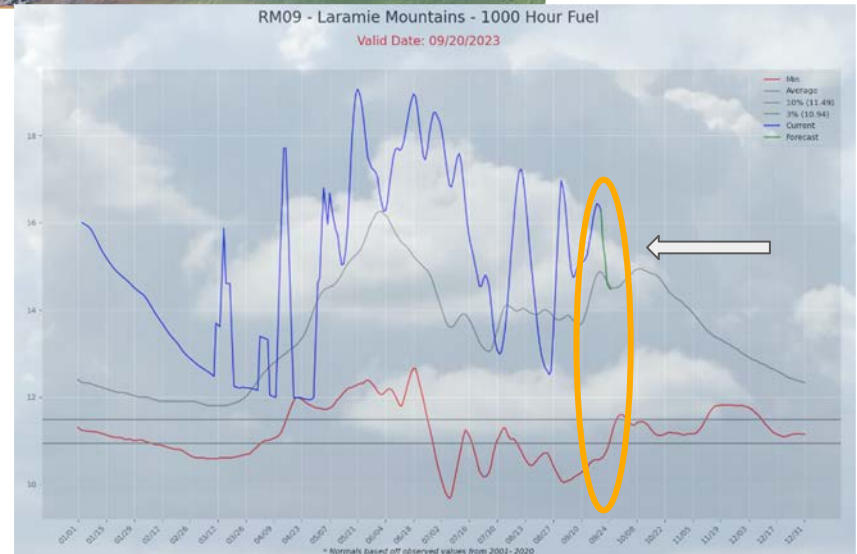
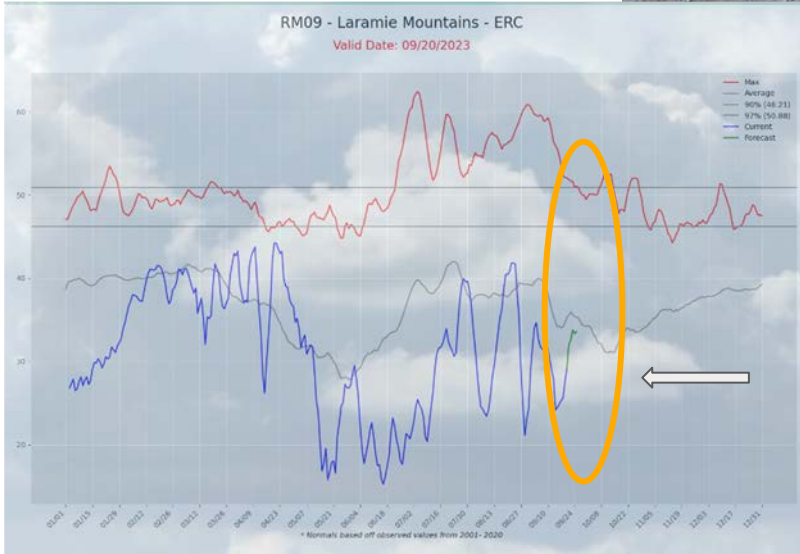
Valid Date: September 20, 2023





# Current Fuels Conditions- 1,000Hr Dead Fuels and ERC

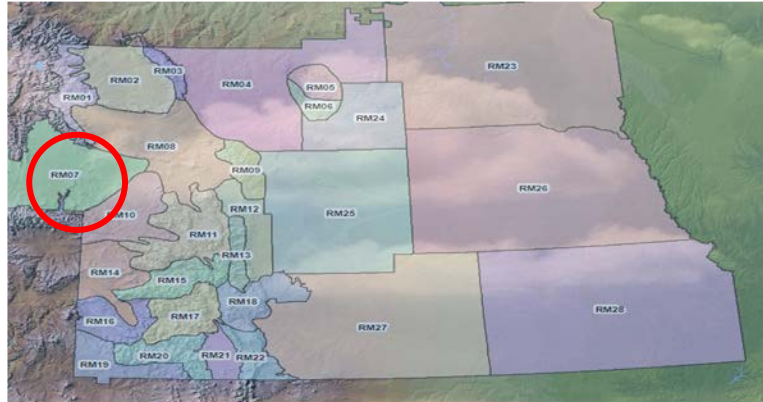
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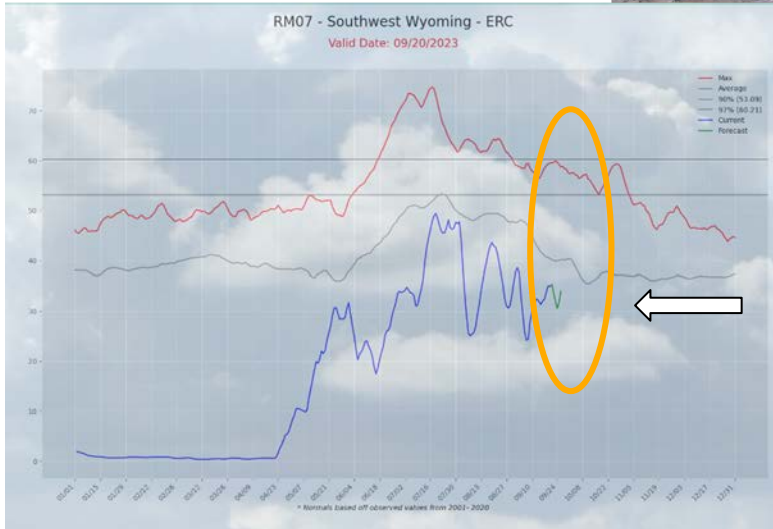


# Current Fuels Conditions- ERC and 1,000Hr Dead Fuels

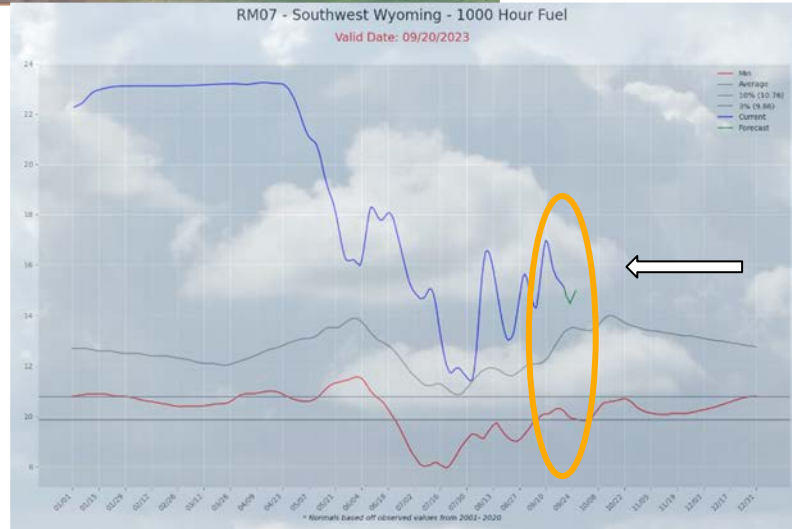
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RM07 - Southwest Wyoming - ERC  
Valid Date: 09/20/2023



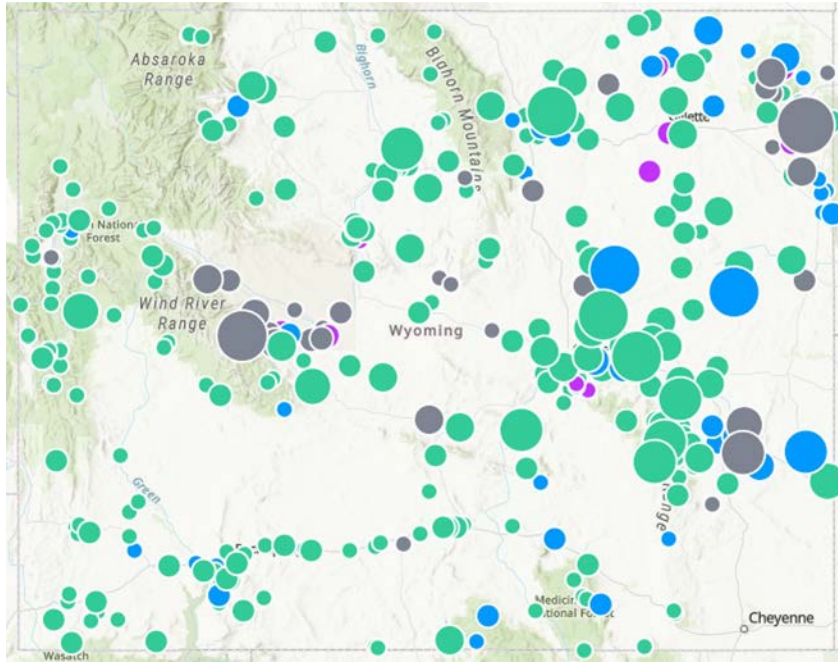
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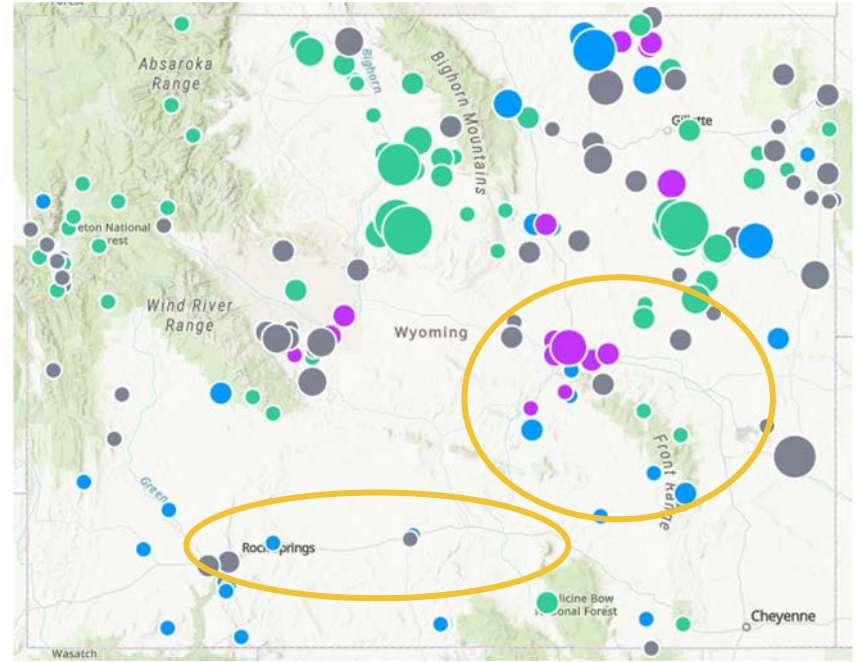


# Fire Occurrence 2022 vs 2023

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2022



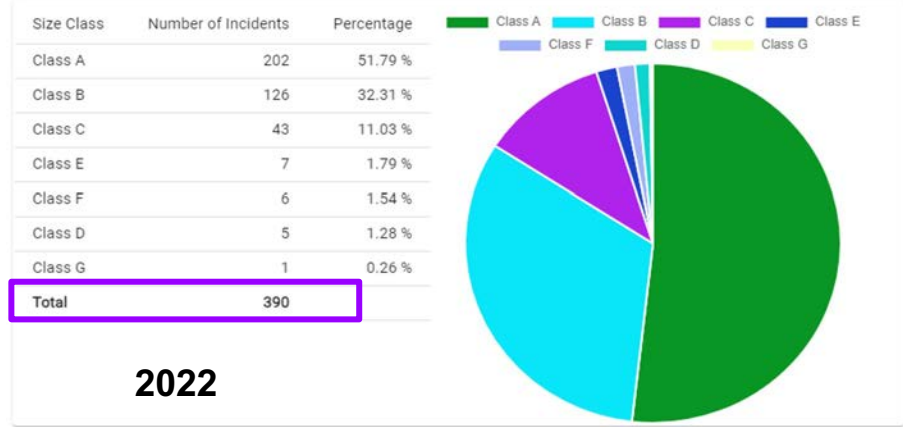
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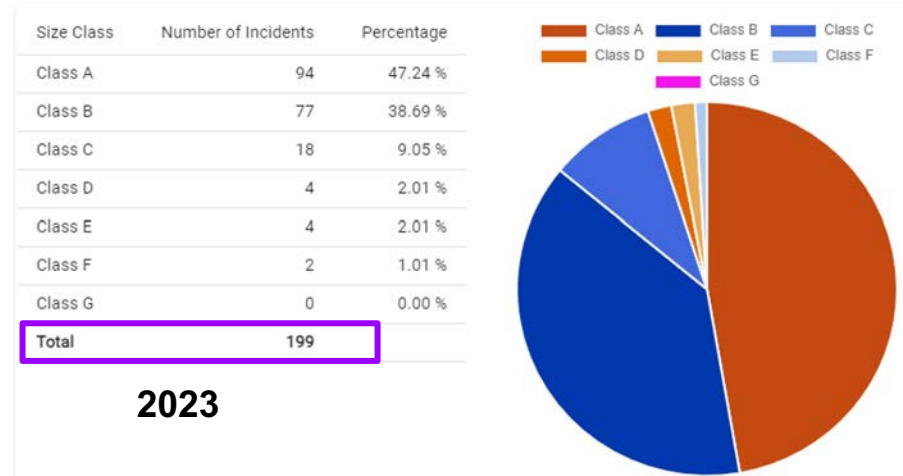
# Fire Size: 2022 vs 2023

Value	Description
A	Greater than 0 but less than or equal to 0.25 Acres
B	0.26 to 9.9 Acres
C	10.0 to 99.9 Acres
D	100 to 299 Acres
E	300 to 999 Acres
F	1000 to 4999 Acres
G	5000 to 9999 Acres

Incident Type: WF  
State: US-WY



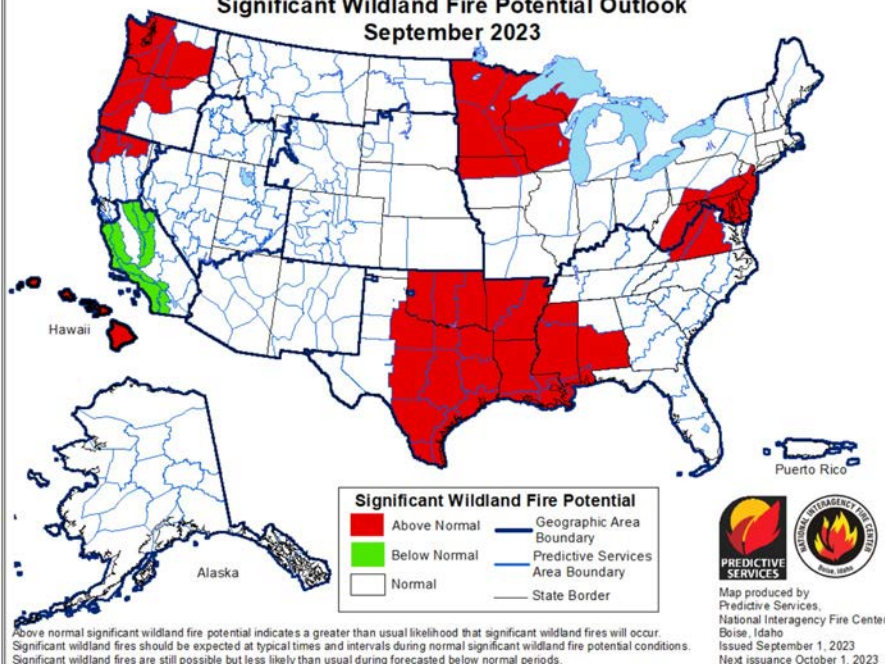
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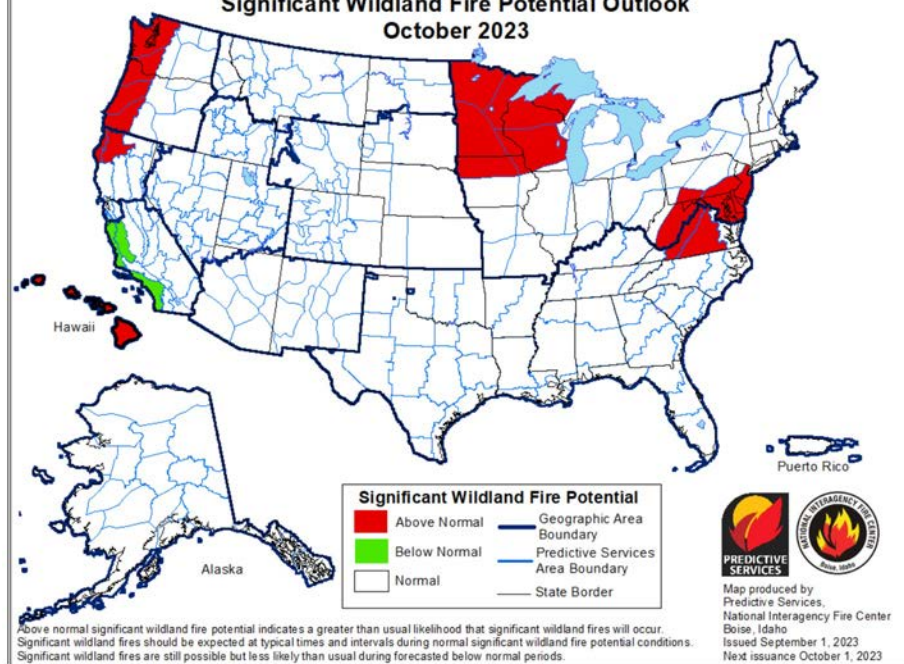


# National Fire Danger Outlook

### Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook September 2023



### Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook October 2023

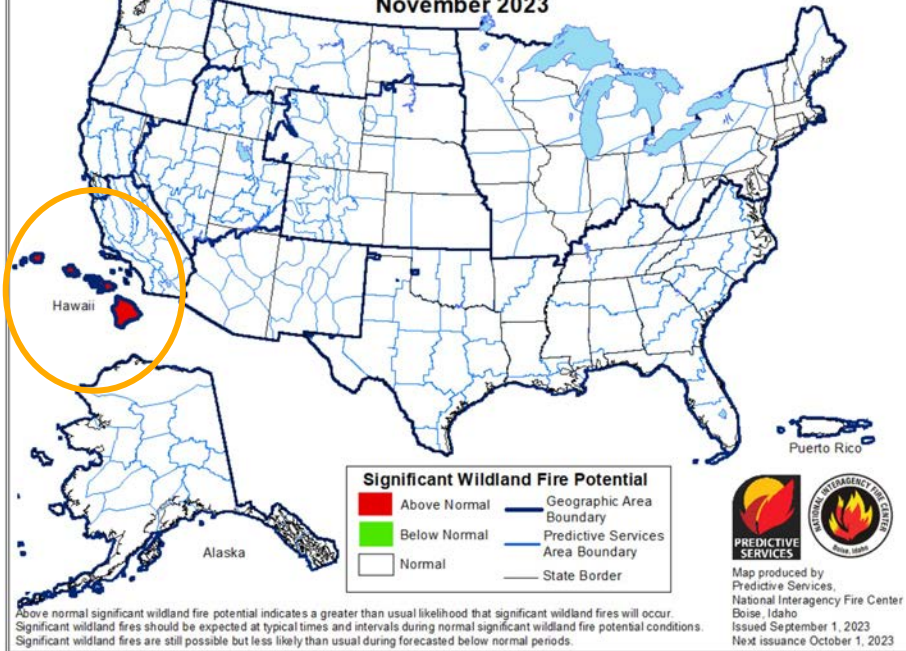




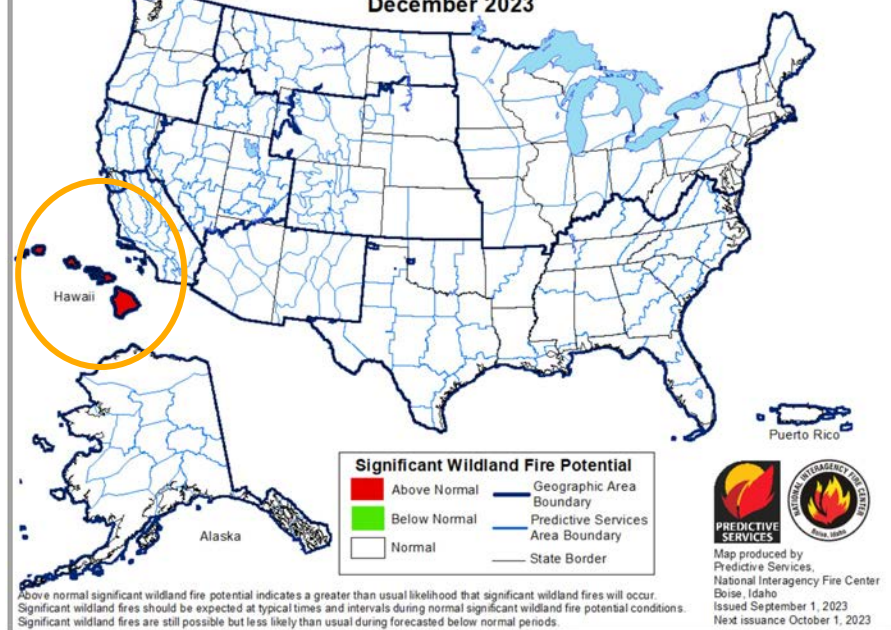


# National Fire Danger Outlook

### Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook November 2023



### Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook December 2023





# Highlight of the Month:

## National Weather Service: Top Weather Websites

- IDSS Forecast Points Page
- Probabilistic Snow Forecast Page
- WY Weather Decision Support Page



# IDSS Forecast Points

## Hourly Weather Forecasts for *Your* Location

- On-demand, user-generated location forecast
- Great for weather timing
- 1.5 x 1.5 mile forecast boxes
- Updated forecast every 3 hours
- Hourly data for most weather elements over the next 7 days
- Uses same database as our main website, just presented in a “modern, aesthetically-pleasing” layout

**IDSS Forecast Points**

Table updated: 928 am MST Thu. 11/10/2022 (Last Update: 129 minutes ago)  
 Click for Text Forecast  
 RIW Forecast Discussion  
 1 miles NE of Jackson, WY

**Weekly Summary**

	Thu Nov 10	Fri Nov 11	Sat Nov 12	Sun Nov 13	Mon Nov 14	Tue Nov 15	Wed Nov 16
Max Temp, °F	24	24	38	32	28	29	30
Min Temp, °F	5	-2	-2	3	0	-1	-1
Min Wind Chill, °F	2	-1	-7	-3	-5	-9	-8
Max Wind, mph	10	6	6	7	9	8	7
Min Wind, mph	6	2	5	5	6	7	6
Max Wind Gust, mph	15	9	9	10	14	13	10
Max Cloud Cover, %	93	60	73	54	67	46	51
Min Cloud Cover, %	62	15	44	27	44	22	26
Max Prob. of Precip., %	68	8	5	17	17	3	20
Max RH, %	81	88	76	81	87	86	83
Min RH, %	65	60	38	49	47	45	46
Max Dew Point, °F	14	12	13	14	11	10	11
Min Dew Point, °F	6	1	-2	2	1	-1	-2
Min Snow Level, x1000ft.	0.4	0.1	0.8	1.2	0.8	1	1

**Hourly Table**

Day of week: Thursday 11/10 Friday 11/11

Time:	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM	1AM	2AM
Weather:	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁	☁
Temperature (°F):	23	23	23	23	22	21	19	18	17	17	15	13	11	10	9	8
Wind Chill, °F:	14	13	12	12	11	10	10	9	9	6	4	2	2	2	2	8
Wind Speed (mph):	8	9	10	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	3	2
Wind Gust (mph):	15	15	15	14	13	10	8	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	3	2
Wind Direction (°):	280	270	250	240	220	200	180	170	160	150	150	130	120	130	150	150
Wind Direction (°):	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻	↻
Prob. of Precip. (%):	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prob. of Thunder (%):	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Precip. Amount (in.):				0.01					0.00							0.00
Snow (in.):				0.2					0.0							0.0
Ice (in.):				0.00					0.00							0.00
Dew Point (°F):	14	13	13	13	12	12	11	10	10	9	8	6	6	6	5	5
RH (%):	68	65	65	65	66	68	70	72	74	75	77	79	81	83	85	86
Sky Cover (%):	85	88	90	93	89	91	91	91	78	75	69	68	62	60	60	58
Snow Level (x1000 ft.):	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2

**Hourly Graphs**

Temperature, °F

Probability of Precipitation, %

Wind Speed/Direction/Gust, mph

[weather.gov/forecastpoints](https://weather.gov/forecastpoints)



# Probabilistic Snow Forecasts

## What's the Range of Possibilities?

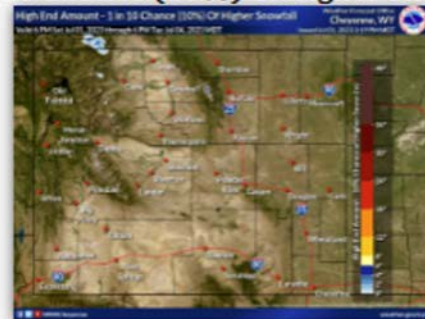
- Uses ensemble forecasting to give a sense for the “range of possibilities”
- Great for understanding:
  - “At least this much”
  - “Most likely amount”
  - “How bad could this be, even if it’s unlikely”



What's this?

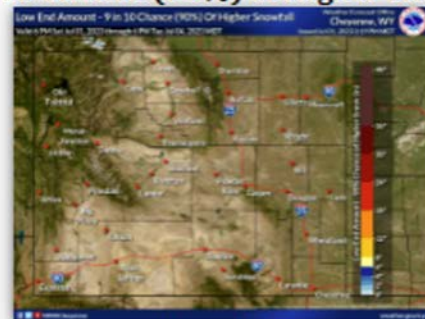
[weather.gov/cys/winter](https://weather.gov/cys/winter)

### High End Amount 1 in 10 Chance (10%) of Higher Snowfall



What's this?

### Low End Amount 9 in 10 Chance (90%) of Higher Snowfall

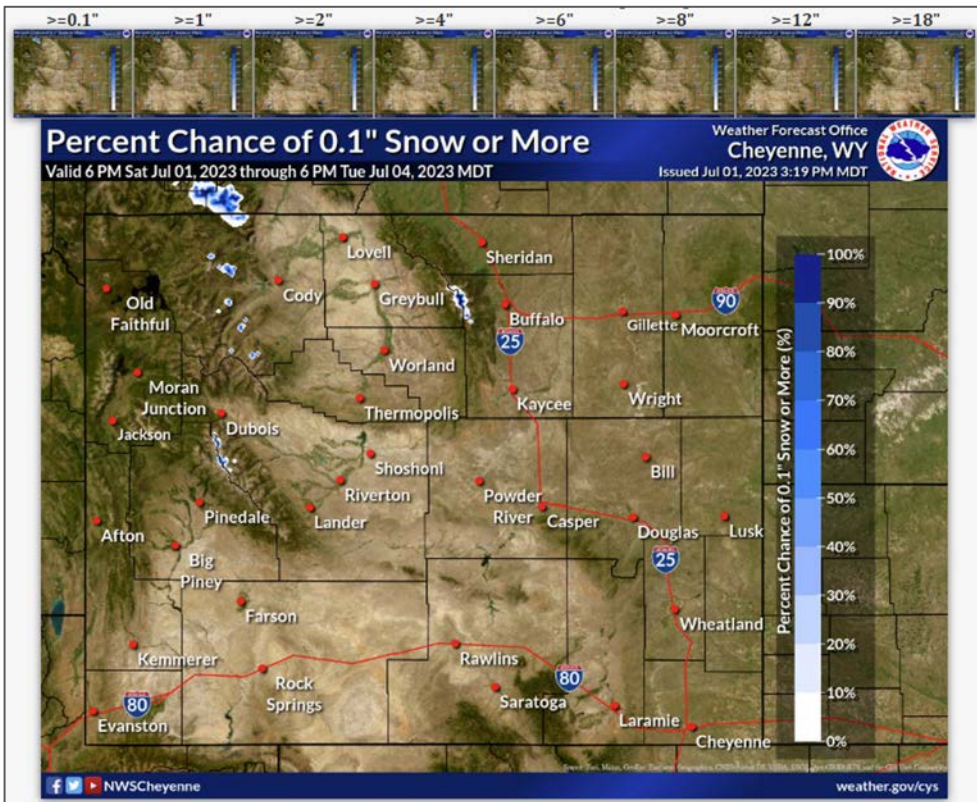


What's this?



# Probabilistic Snow Forecasts (cont.)

## What's the Range of Possibilities?



**Snowfall Totals by Location**  
Experimental - Leave feedback  
12/13/2022 0500PM to 12/15/2022 0500PM  
What's this?

County: Selected

Box Plots  Bar Plots

Location	Snow Amount Potential			Chance of Seeing More Snow Than							
	Low End Snowfall	Expected Snowfall	High End Snowfall	>=0.1"	>=1"	>=2"	>=4"	>=6"	>=8"	>=12"	>=18"
Greybull Airport, WY	0	0	<1	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lander Airport, WY	0	<1	<1	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Riverton Airport, WY	0	0	<1	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Thermopolis, WY	0	<1	<1	41%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Buffalo, WY	<1	2	5	95%	83%	62%	22%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Afton Airport, WY	0	<1	1	71%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Kemmerer Airport, WY	0	<1	1	57%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Casper, WY	1	3	5	98%	92%	74%	21%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Cody Airport, WY	0	0	<1	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Big Piney, WY	0	0	<1	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Pinedale, WY	0	0	<1	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Green River, WY	0	0	<1	41%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Rock Springs, WY	0	0	<1	41%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Jackson, WY	0	0	<1	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
YNP Lake Yellowstone, WY	0	<1	<1	49%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Worland, WY	0	0	<1	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

- Scroll down on page to see threshold forecasts:
  - Percent Chance of 1", etc.
- Table for popular locations on *local pages*
- Box and Bar plots available too



# WY Weather Decision Support Page

[https://www.weather.gov/cys/current\\_wydss](https://www.weather.gov/cys/current_wydss)

- **One-Stop Wyoming State-level webpage** for overview of impact levels, latest hazards, radar, weather stories, and decision support packets when ‘elevated’ to ‘high’ impacts are expected.
- Wyoming Weather Impact Level graphic updated twice a week (Mon/Thur).
- Segmented by hazard/season at top of page.



## Weekly Weather Impact Level: Low

Updated:  
September 21, 2023  
9:08 AM

### Overview:

- Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected today and Friday. High elevation snow expected, especially Thursday night through Friday night, mainly across the northwest mountains.
- Cold Saturday morning temperatures in valley locations and western WY. **Freeze Watch** in effect for portions of western WY Friday evening through Saturday morning.
- High winds likely across southeast WY wind prone locations Saturday morning.
- A ridge of high pressures builds over WY leading to warmer and drier conditions Sunday through Tuesday.

### Legend:

Limited/None

Low

Moderate

High

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms.  High elevation snow.	Cooler with scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms.  High elevation snow.	Cool with scattered showers across northern WY.  High winds likely for wind prone areas of southeast WY.	Warmer and drier with mostly sunny skies.	Continued warming with dry conditions.	Mild and sunny.	Chance of showers across northern WY.

This is updated on Mondays and Thursdays before noon. For more forecast details, refer to the forecast, severe, winter, hydrology, and fire tabs on the webpage.



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*The WY Conditions Monitoring Team (WCMT) organized and hosted this webinar. The WCMT is a collaborative effort of state, federal, tribal, and university partners that monitor conditions & impacts throughout WY weekly – and communicate this info to the U.S. Drought Monitor & others.*

**Learn more at:**

<https://drought.wyo.gov>

# Thank you!