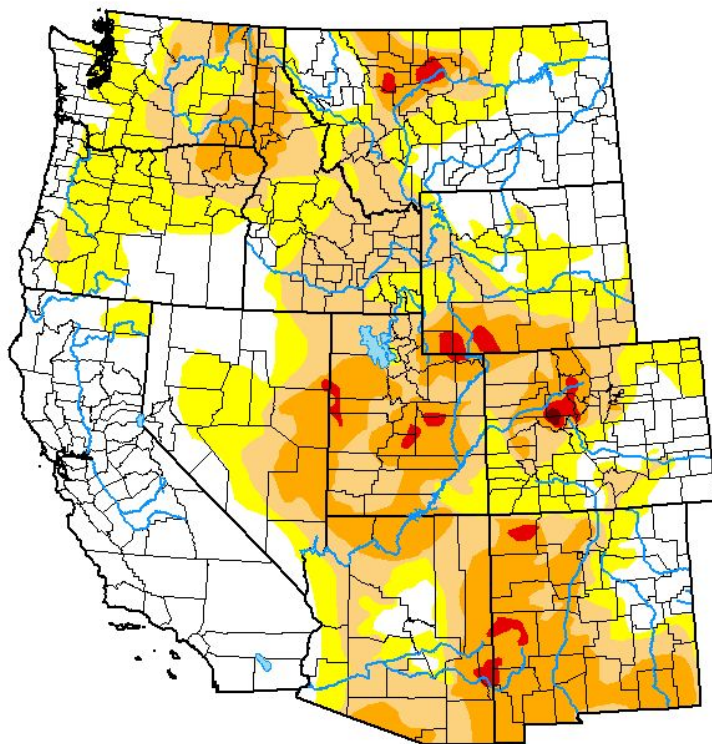


Water Resources Update

January 7, 2026

U.S. Drought Monitor West



December 30, 2025

(Released Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.59	64.41	41.04	18.59	1.33	0.05
Last Week 12-23-2025	31.66	68.34	44.23	19.68	1.81	0.05
3 Months Ago 09-30-2025	18.15	81.85	64.82	44.12	12.00	0.69
Start of Calendar Year 01-07-2025	32.22	67.78	39.02	20.30	6.87	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	18.15	81.85	64.82	44.12	12.00	0.69
One Year Ago 12-31-2024	29.66	70.34	39.86	19.17	6.85	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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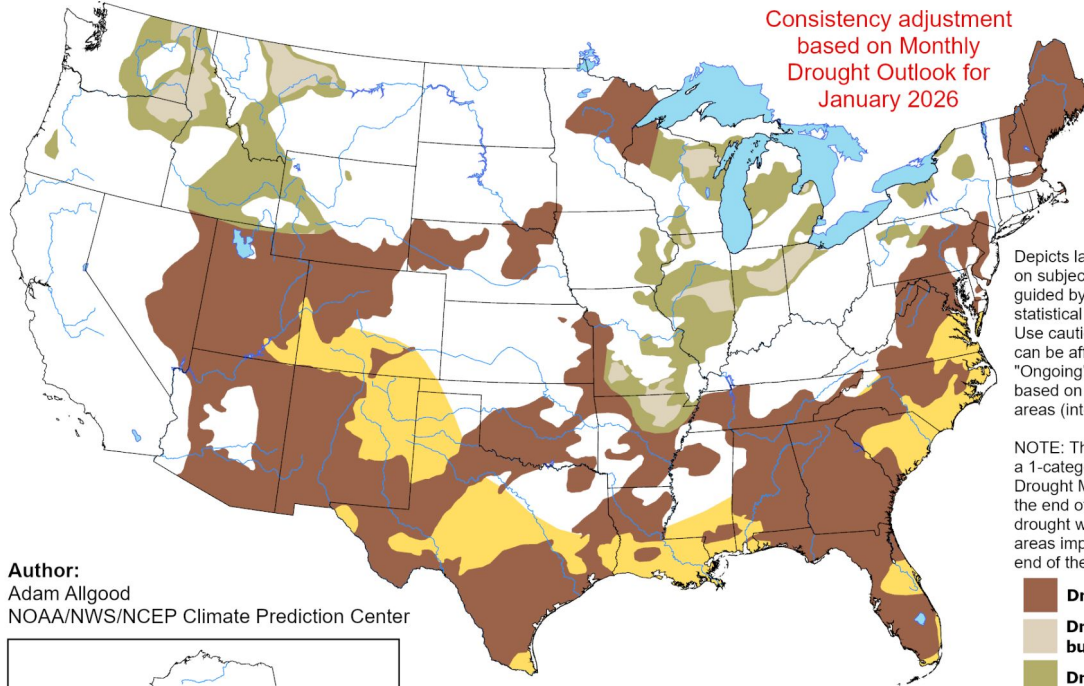
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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for January 1 - March 31, 2026
Released December 31, 2025

Consistency adjustment
based on Monthly
Drought Outlook for
January 2026

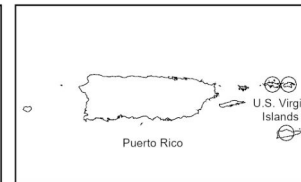
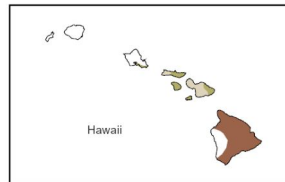
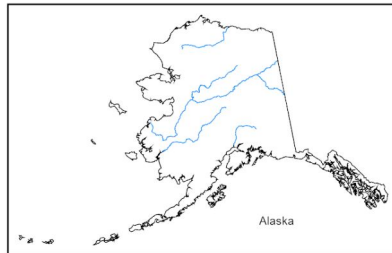


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists**
- Drought remains, but improves**
- Drought removal likely**
- Drought development likely**
- No drought**

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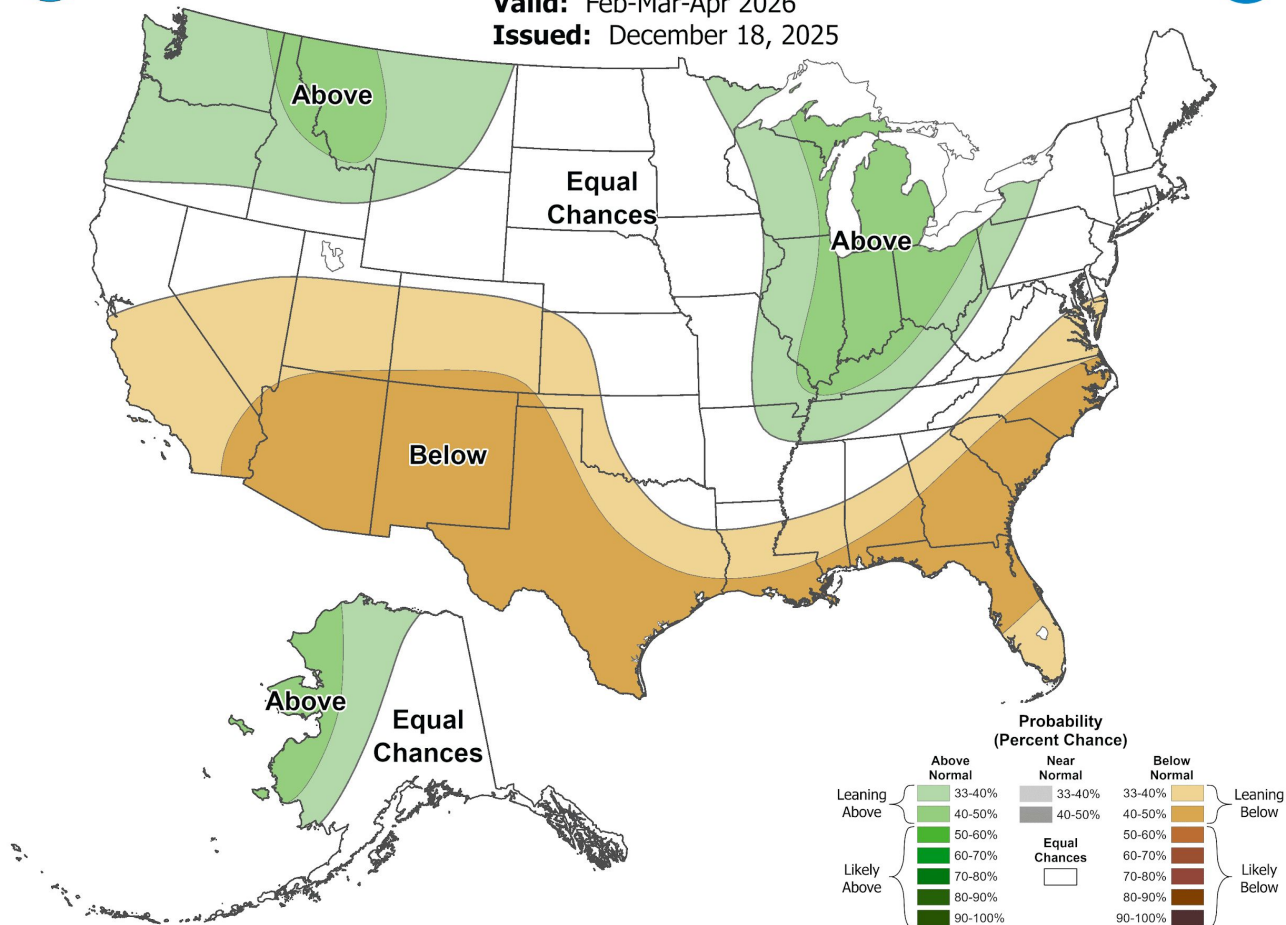
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Seasonal Precipitation Outlook

Valid: Feb-Mar-Apr 2026

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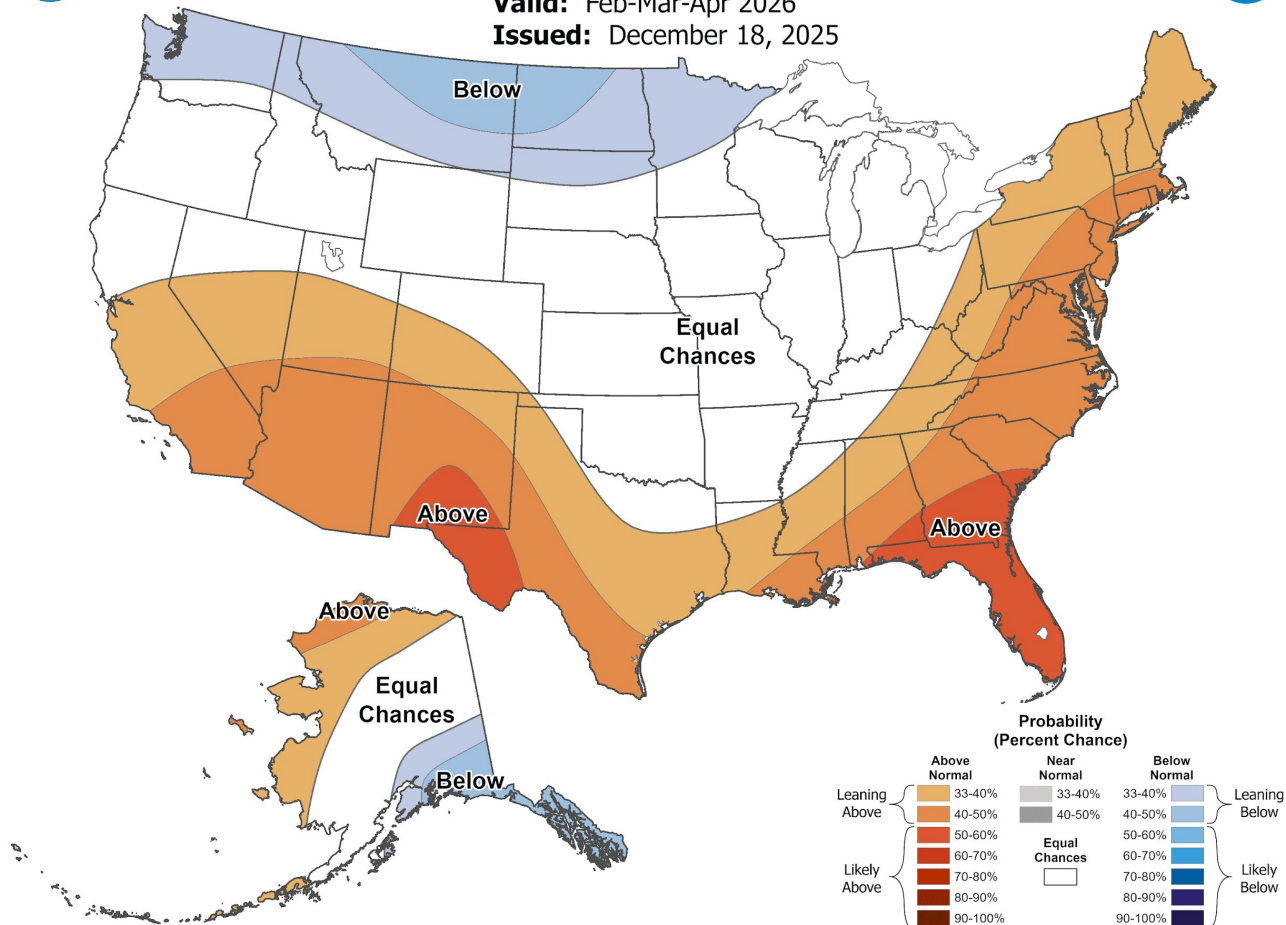


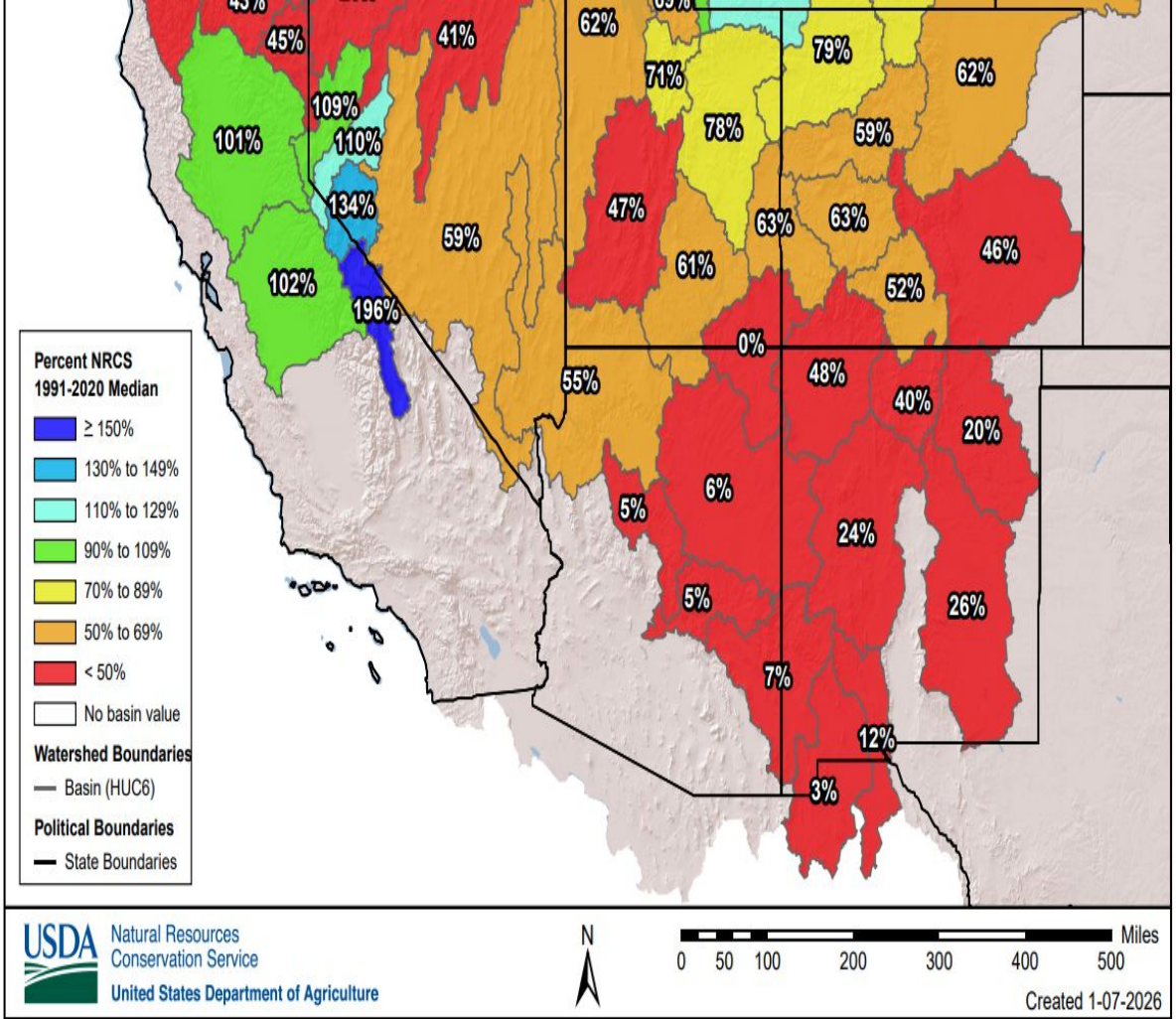
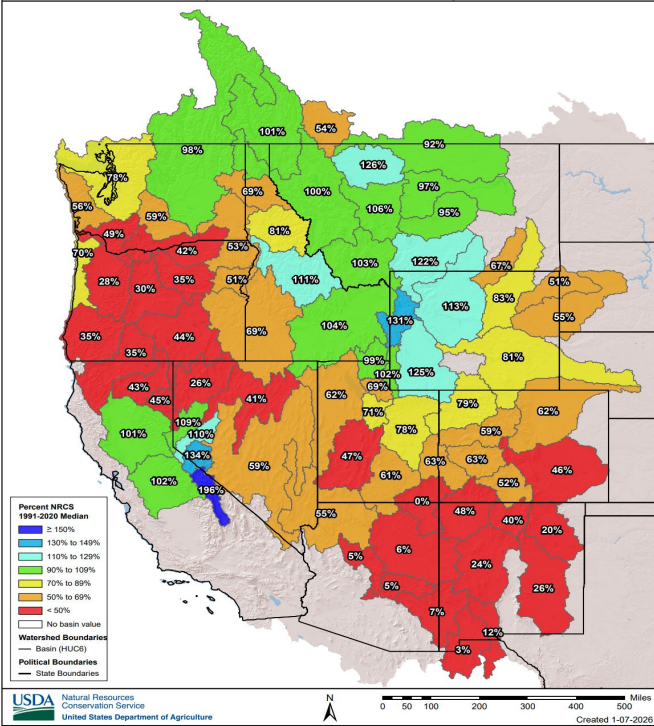
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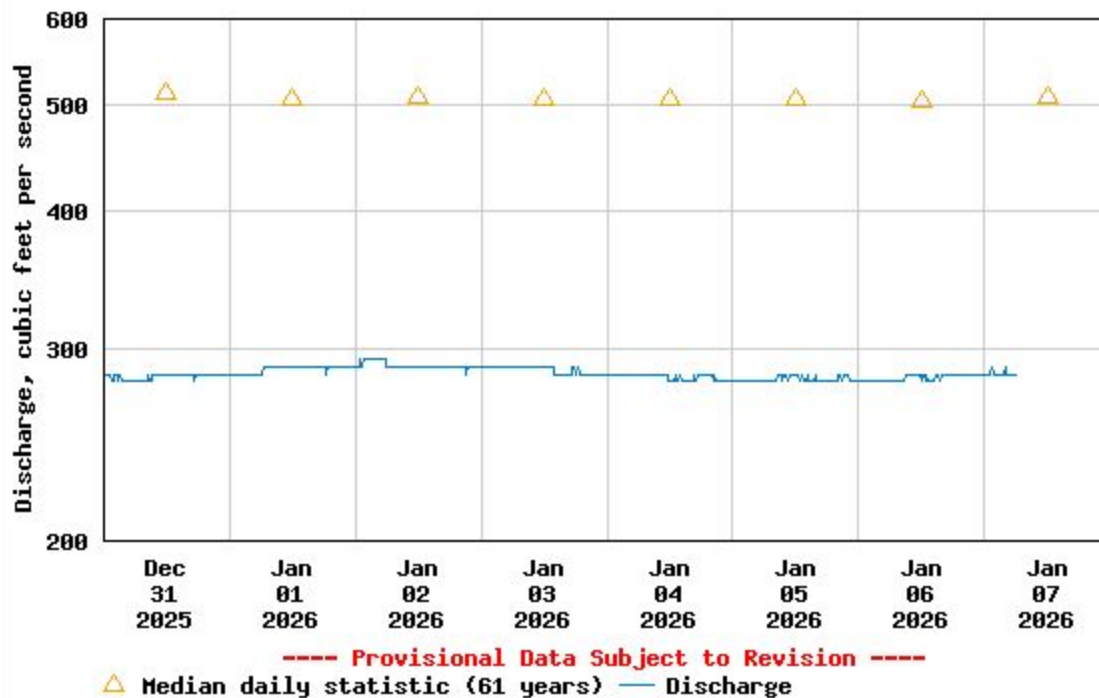
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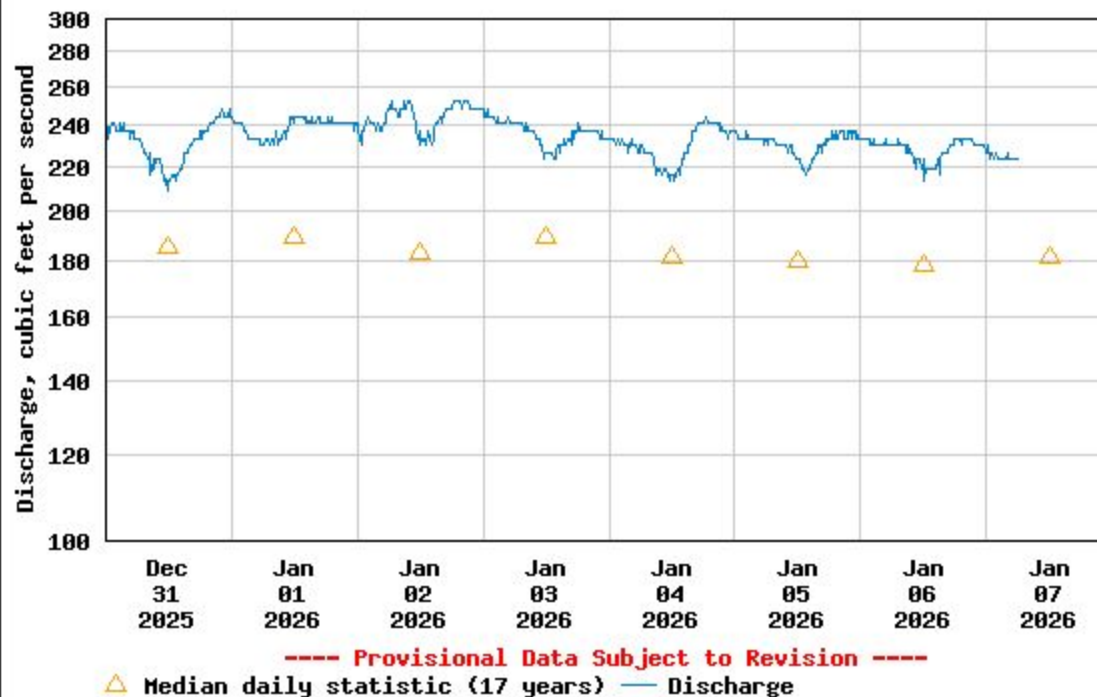
USGS 09355500 SAN JUAN RIVER NEAR ARCHULETA, NM



Currently - 284 cfs / Daily Median - 509 cfs



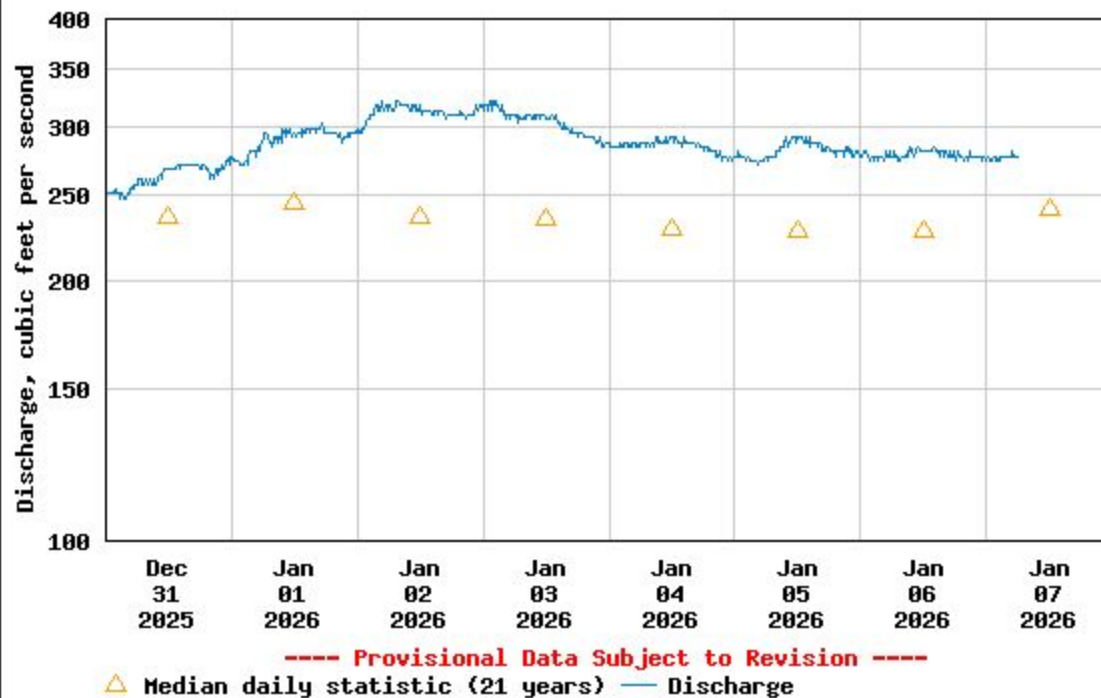
USGS 09362520 ANIMAS RIVER BLW DURANGO PUMP PLANT NR DURANGO, CO



Currently - 223 cfs / Daily Median - 182 cfs



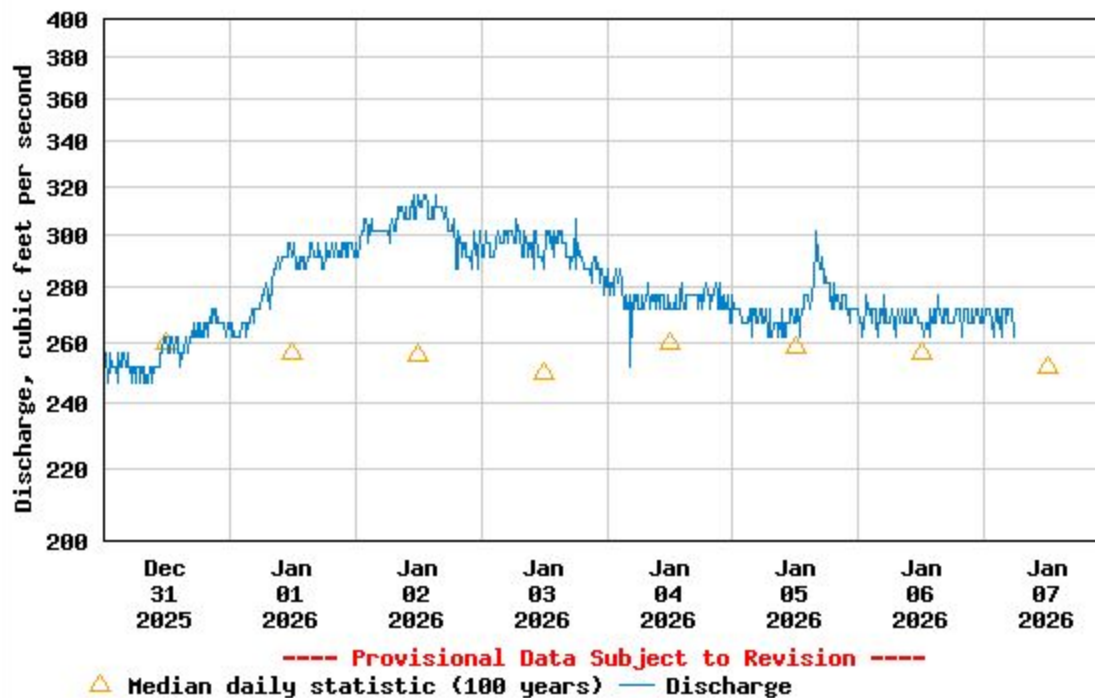
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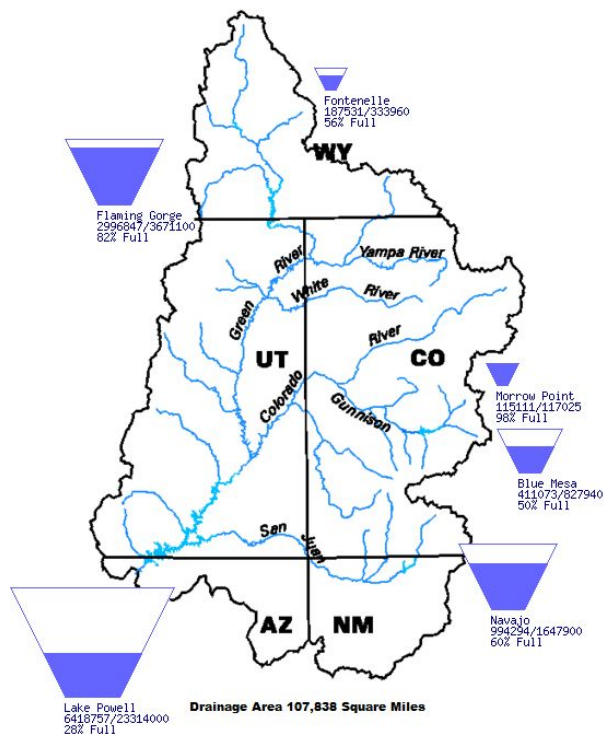
USGS 09364500 ANIMAS RIVER AT FARMINGTON, NM



Currently - 262 cfs / Daily Median - 252 cfs

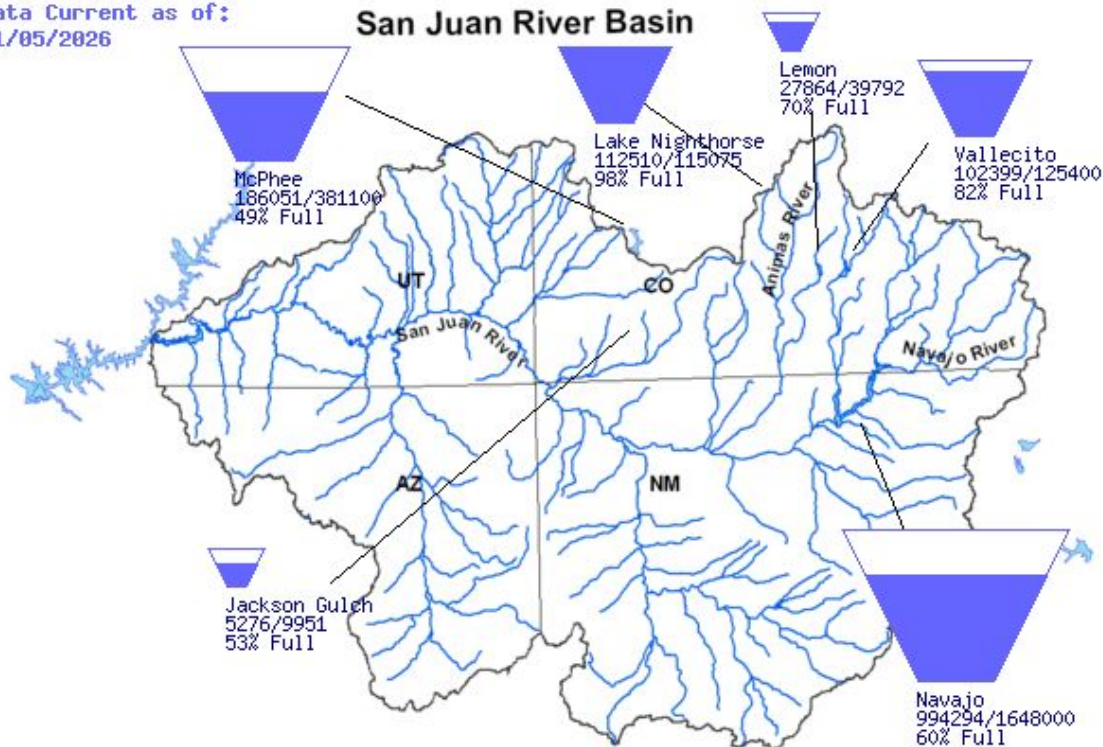
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01/05/2026

Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin



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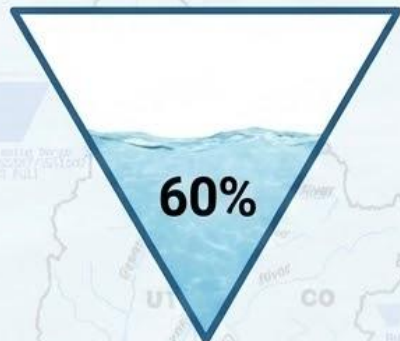
San Juan River Basin



Lake Nighthorse at 98% of capacity
Navajo Lake at 60% of capacity

Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin

Navajo Reservoir



60% Capacity | **994,494** acre-feet Stored

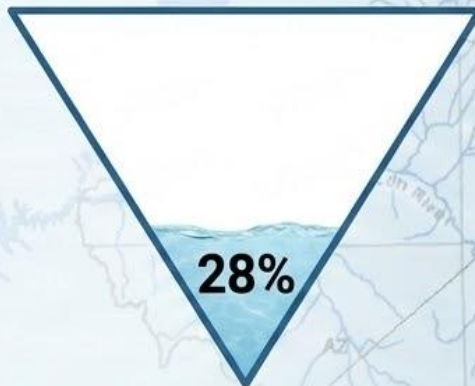
⬇️ Releasing: **282 cfs**

⬆️ Inflow: **390 cfs**



Down 5.45 feet
from one year ago

Lake Powell



28% | **6,408,708** acre-feet Stored

⬇️ Releasing: **10,590 cfs** ⬆️ Inflow: **5,185 cfs**

▼ **Down 31.79 feet**
from one year ago



Tracked Upstream Reservoirs:
69.54% Capacity

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