

# Utah Water Conditions Update (drought webinar)

The meeting will begin shortly









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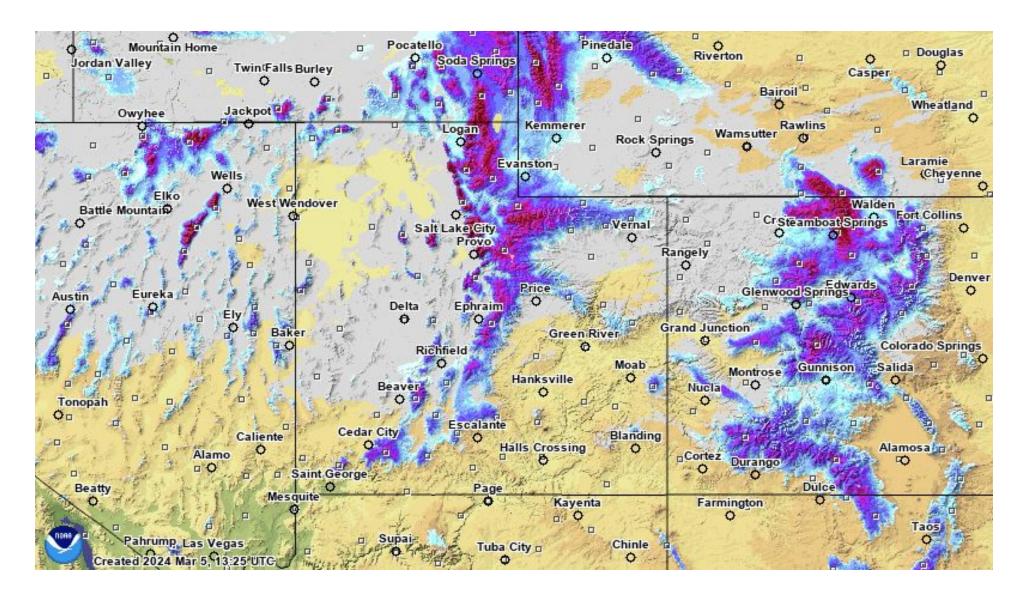




# Utah Water Assessment & Conditions Monitoring Webinar

March 5, 2024

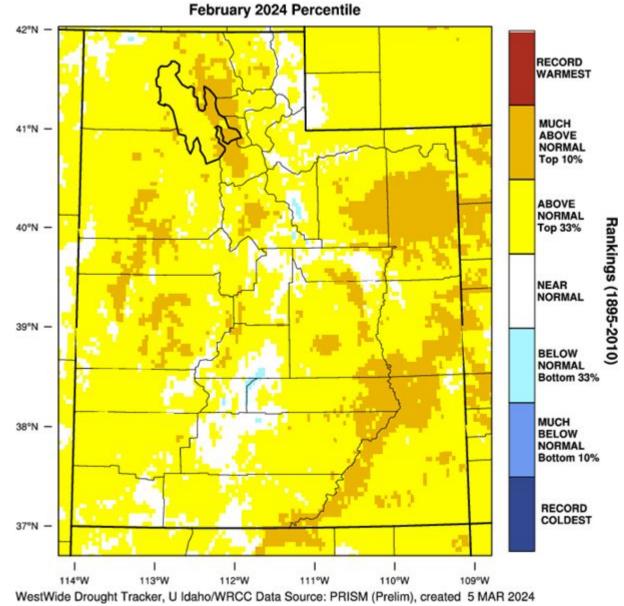
#### **Current Snow Cover**



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# Temperature (30-day anomaly)

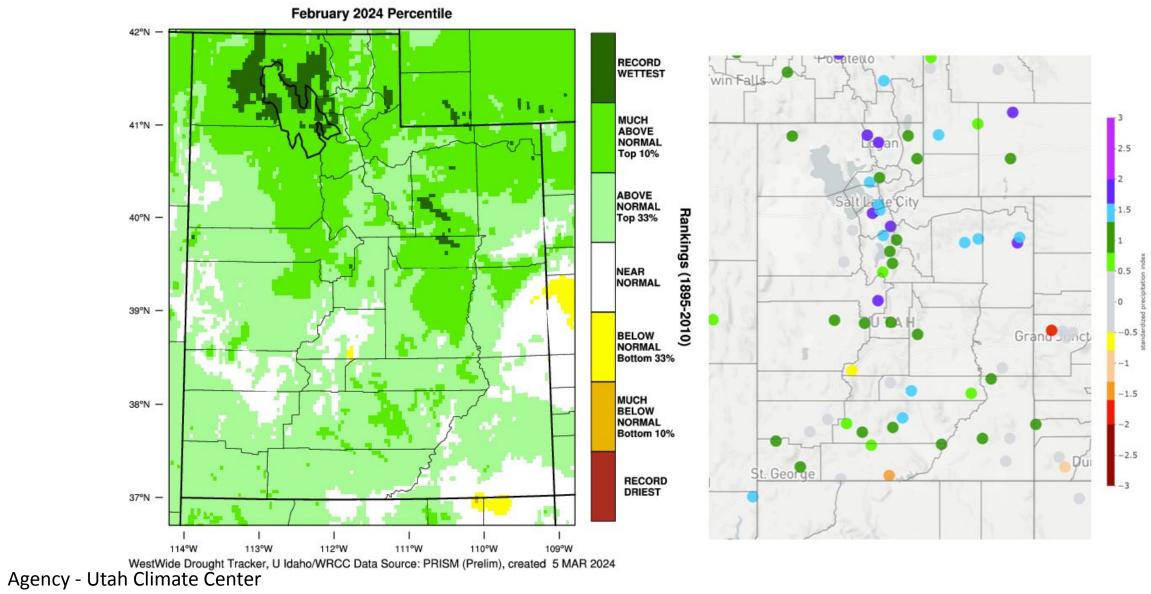
Utah - Mean Temperature



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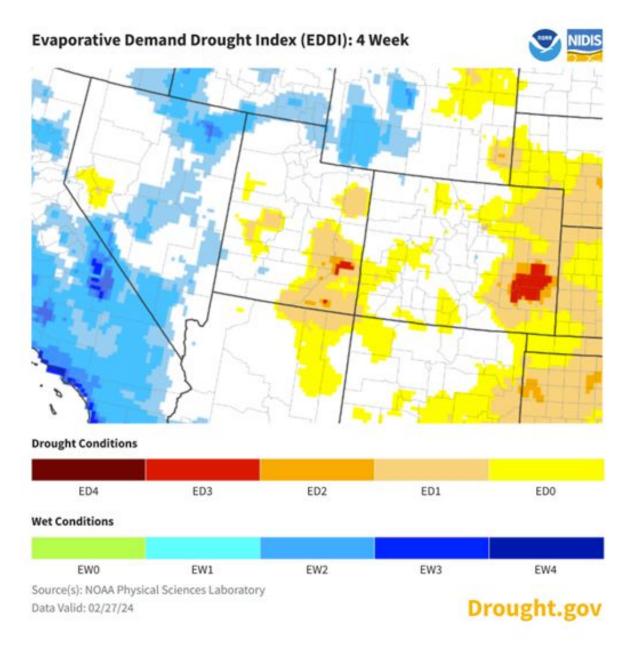
# Precipitation (30-day)

**Utah - Precipitation** 



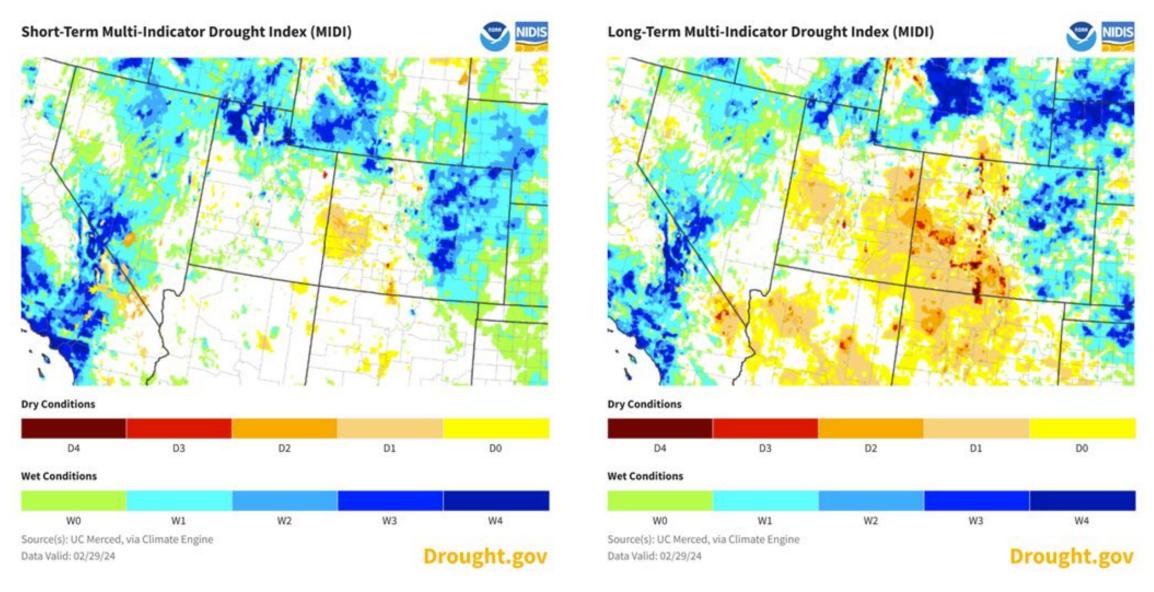
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# 4-week Evaporative Demand



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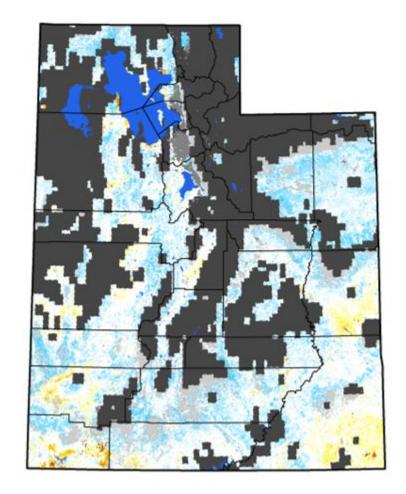
# Short- and long-term drought indicators

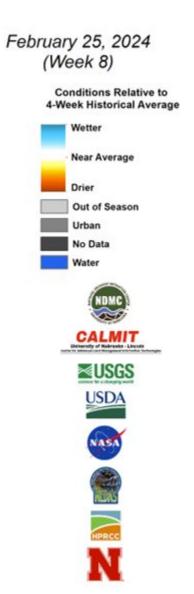


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# **Quick Drought Response Index**

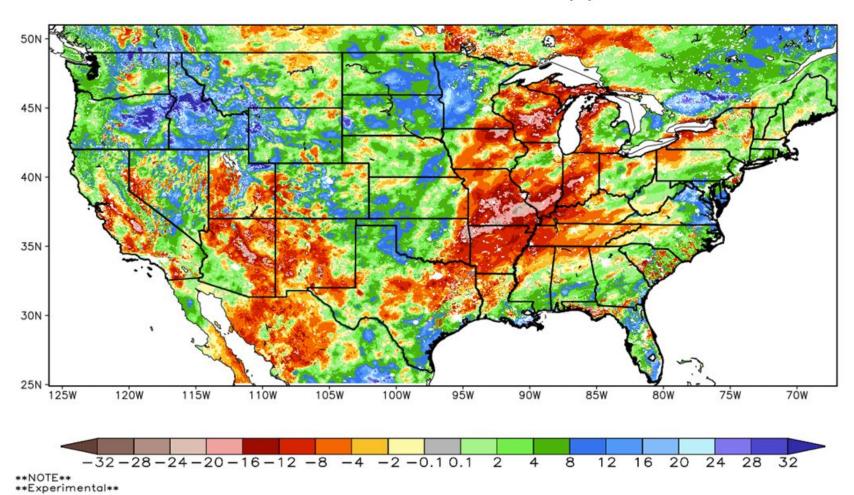






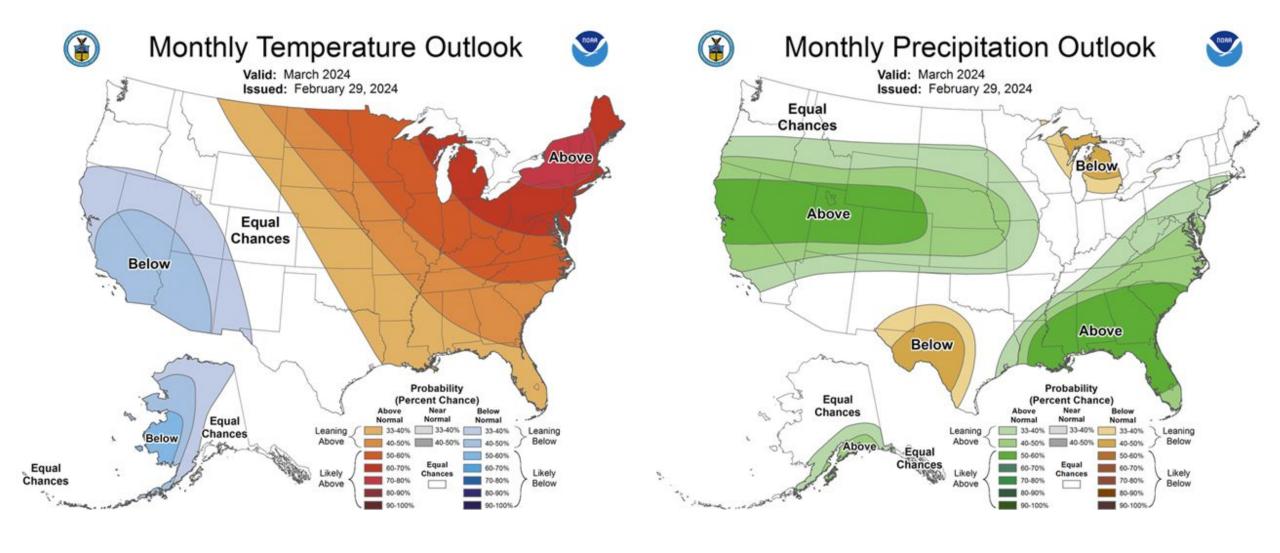
# Year-over-year soil moisture changes





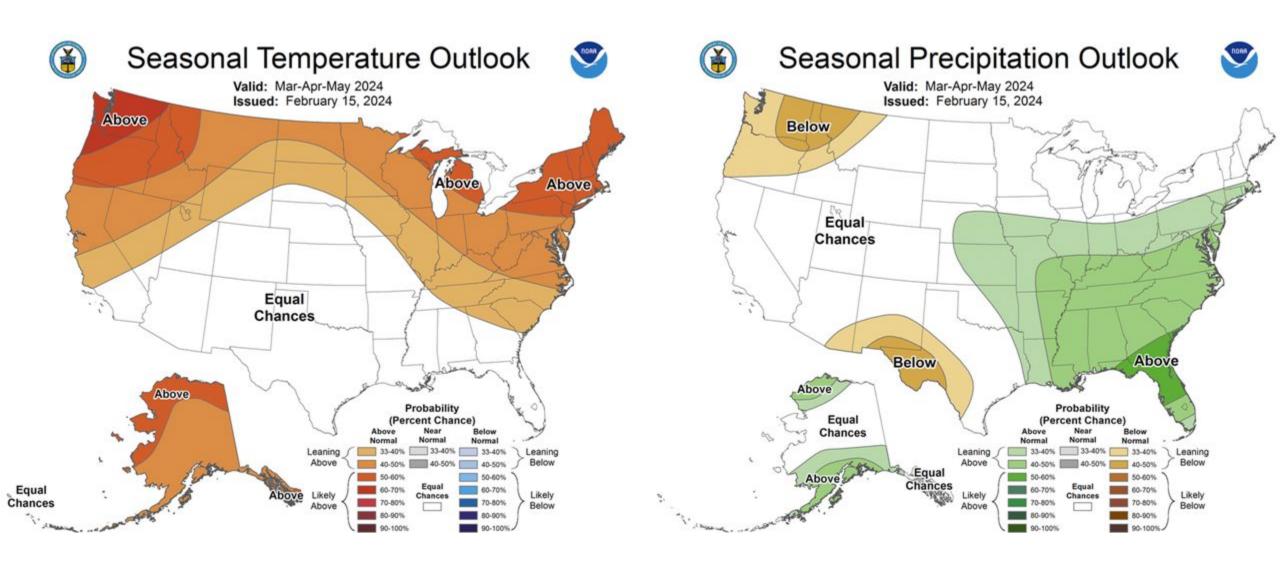
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#### **CPC March Outlook**



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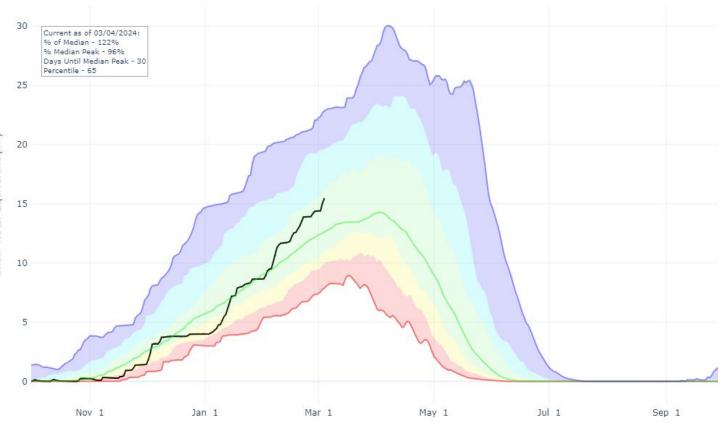
## **CPC March-May Outlook**



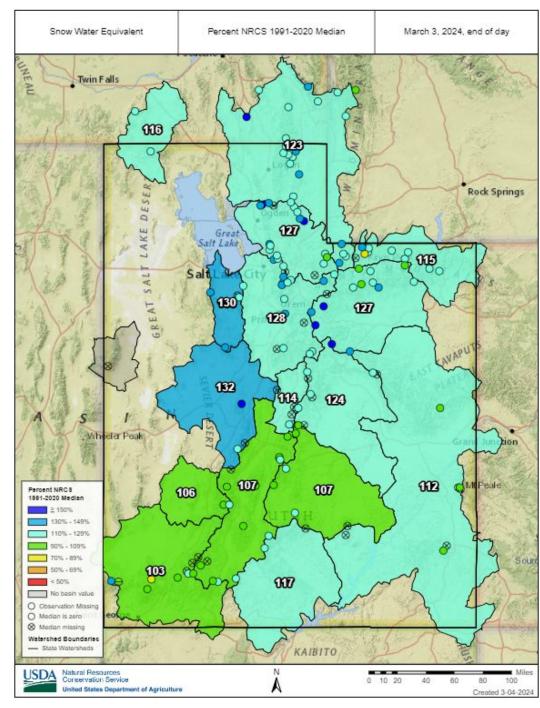
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# Snowpack

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN STATE OF UTAH

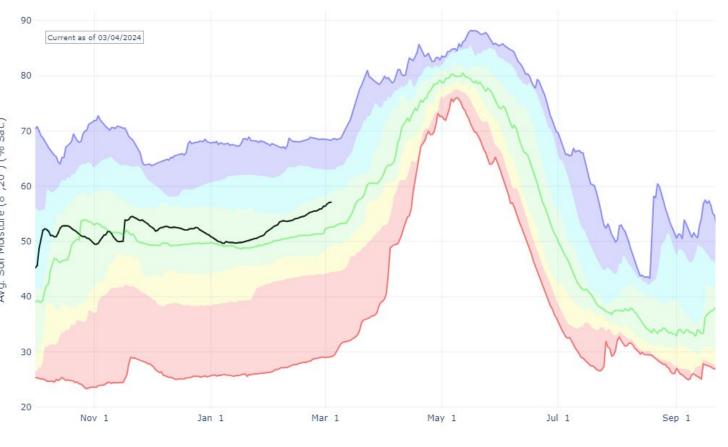


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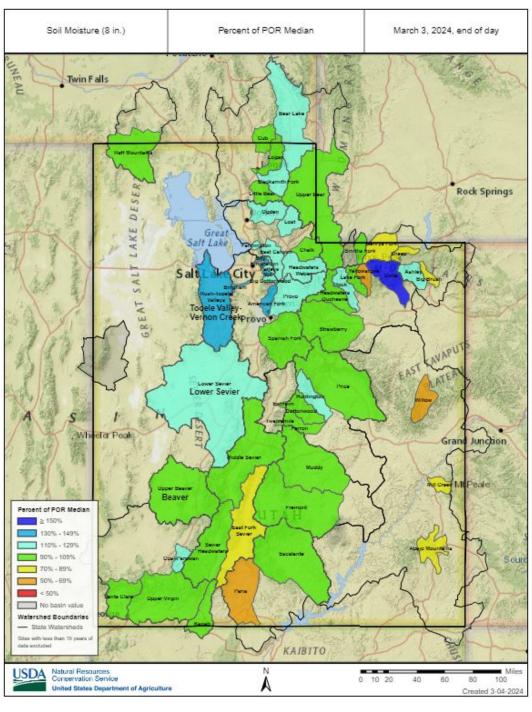


#### Soil Moisture

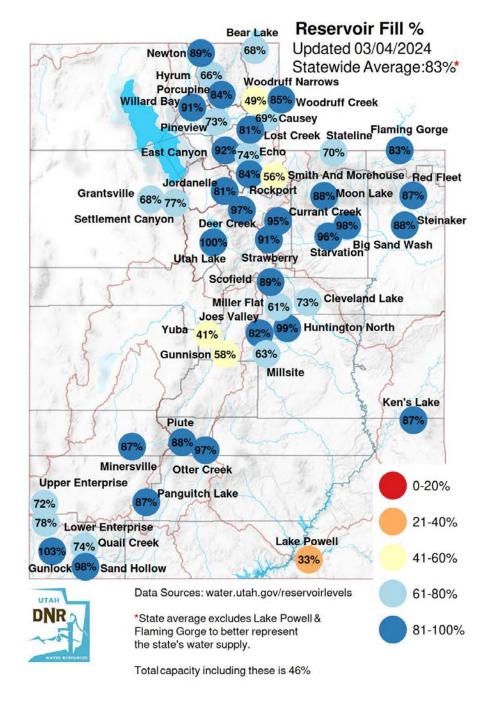
AVG. SOIL MOISTURE (8",20") IN STATE OF UTAH



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# Current statewide 83% Last Year 52% Median 63%

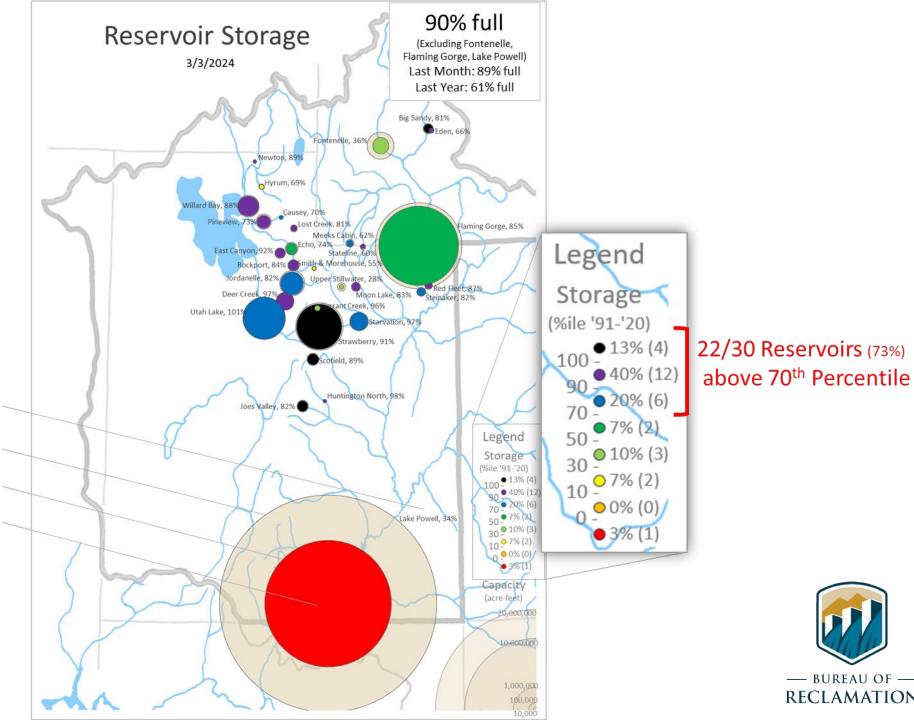


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Presenter - Laura Haskell

#### Reservoir Levels

Reservoir, % full Capacity **Current Storage Percentile** ('91-'20)

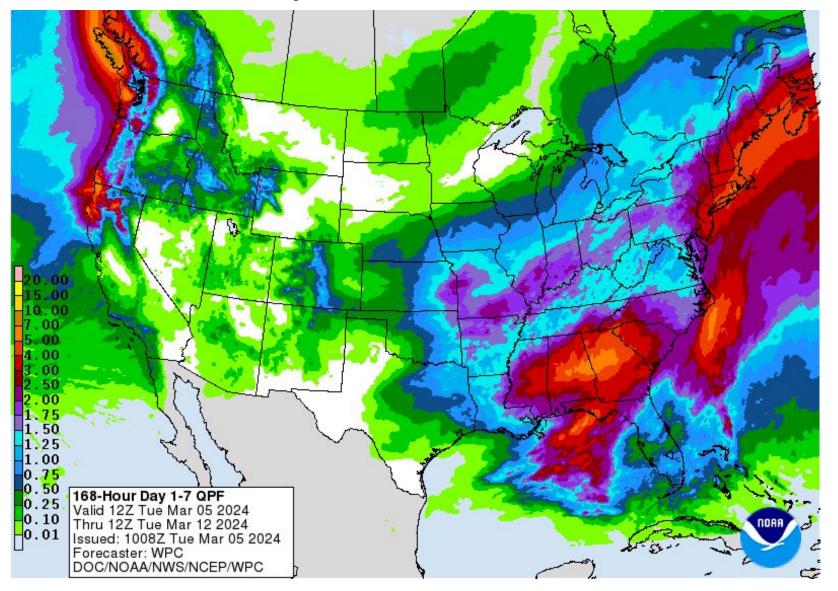
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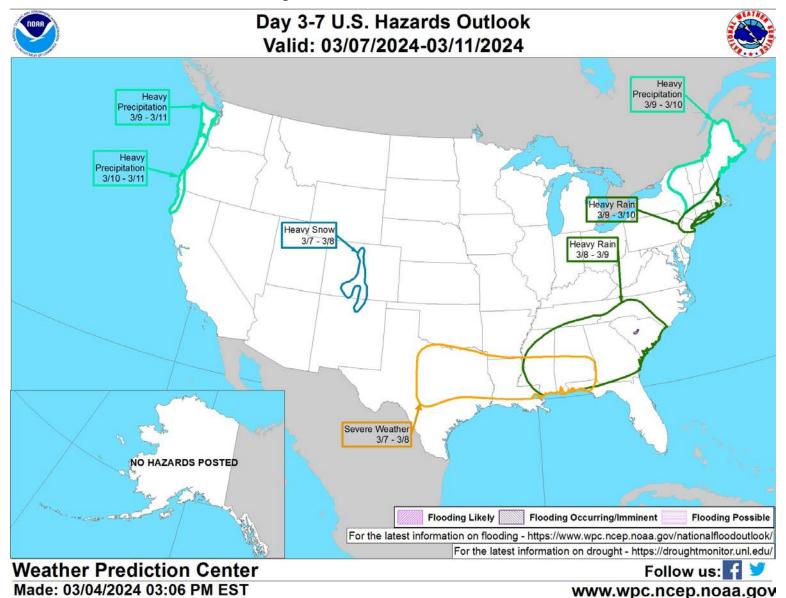
## Weather Forecast Office Utah Day 1-7 Outlook





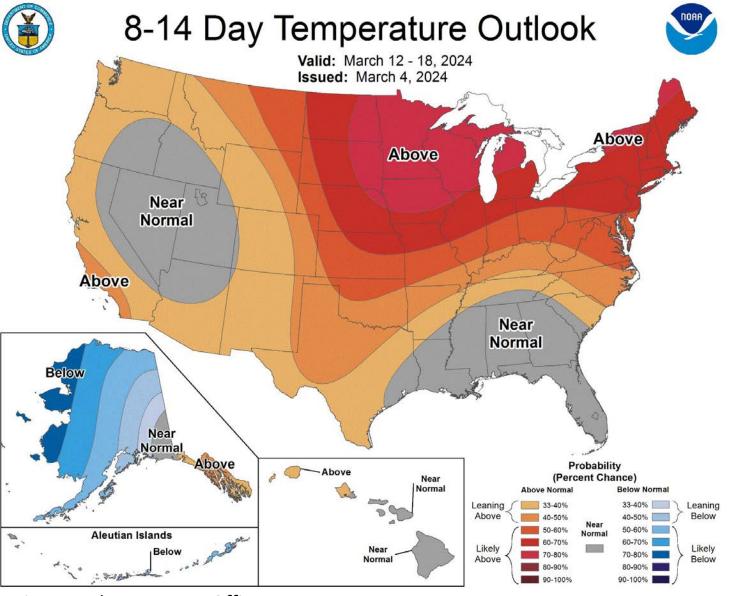
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## Weather Prediction Center U.S. Day 3-7 Hazards Outlook





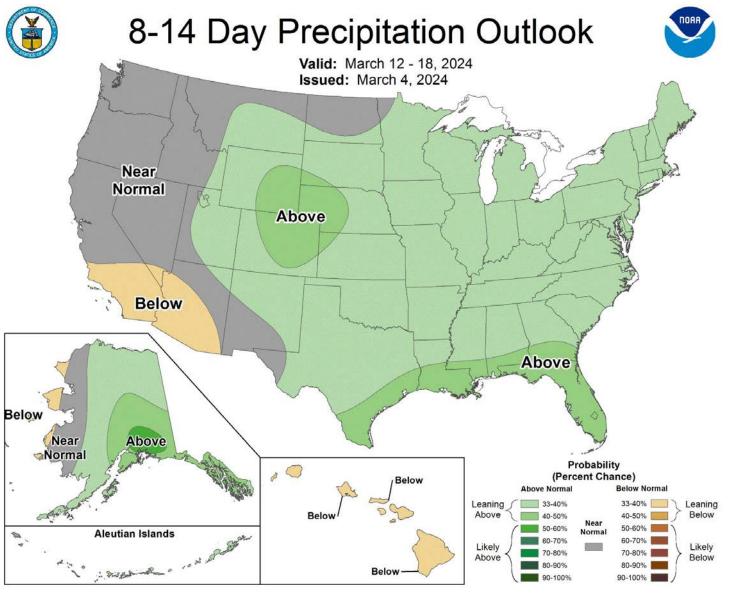
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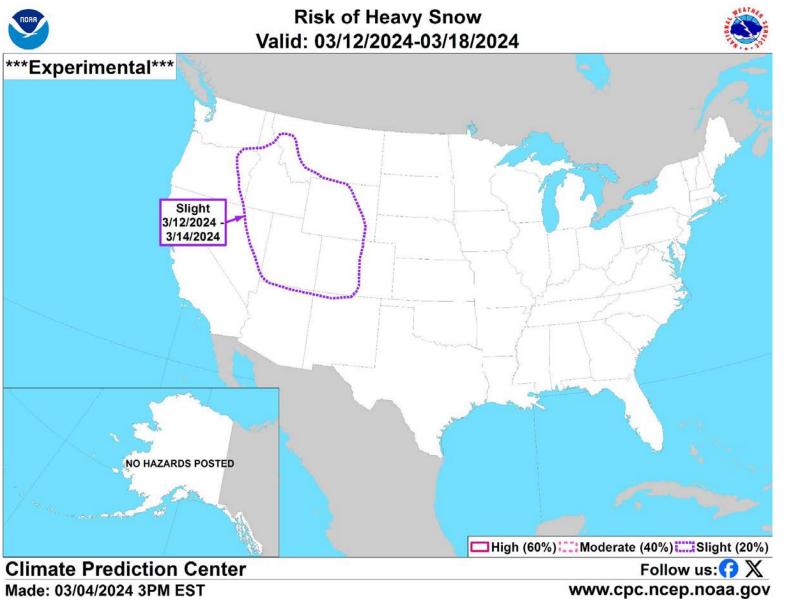
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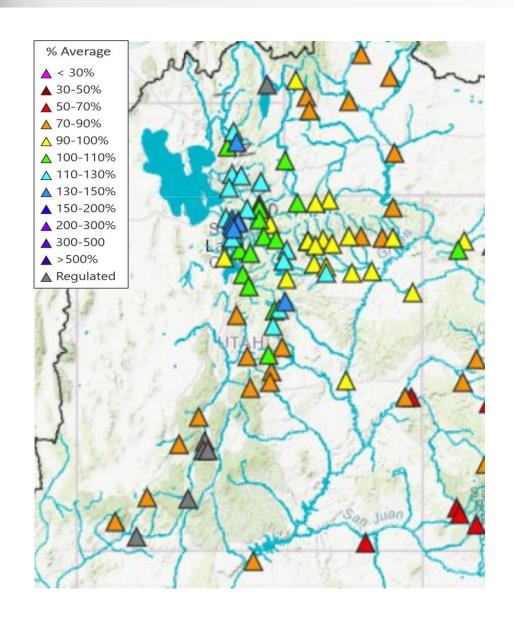
#### Climate Prediction Center U.S. Week-2 Hazards Outlook





#### **Utah Water Supply Forecasts: Overview**





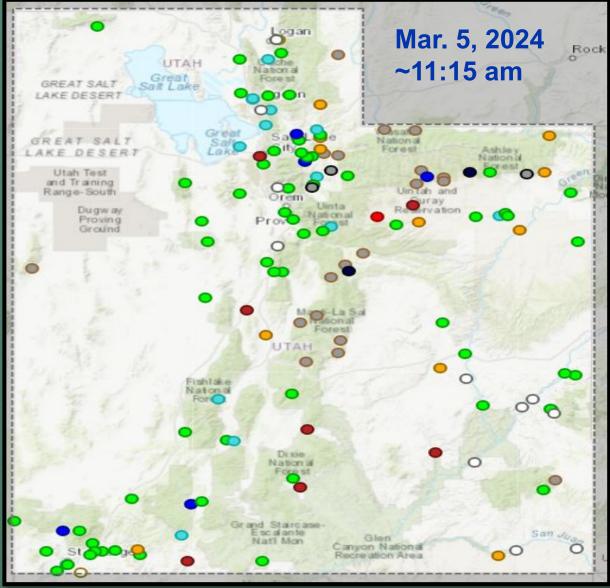
March 1 forecast for April-July volume is generally higher than February 1 forecast

April - July forecast streamflow volumes are in percent of 1991-2020 average.

The timing and magnitude of spring runoff is ultimately a result of SWE conditions, spring weather, and antecedent soil moisture conditions

Watershed	March 2024 Forecast Range (% Avg)	March 2024 Median	Feb 2024 Median	Jan 2024 Median
Bear River Basin	98% - 135%	102%	84%	80%
Weber River Basin	100% - 123%	107%	87%	74%
Six Creeks Basin	111% - 135%	133%	107%	92%
Provo River Basin	82% - 108%	104%	88%	75%
Duchesne River Basin	88% - 139%	98%	73%	62%
Virgin and Sevier River Basins	75% - 126%	87%	83%	68%

# **Current Streamflow Conditions**



National Water Dashboard

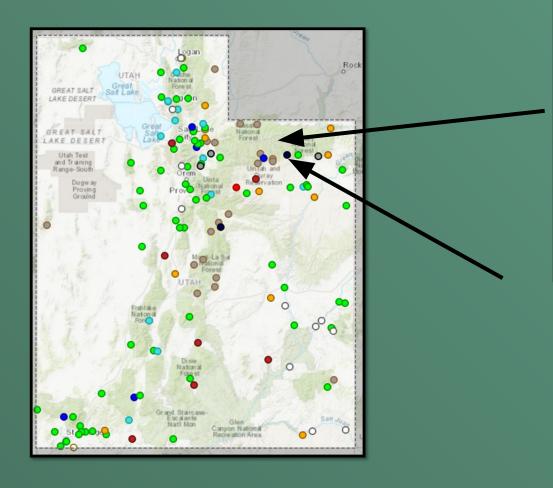
\*Sites must have at least 10 years of streamflow record to be ranked on this graphic

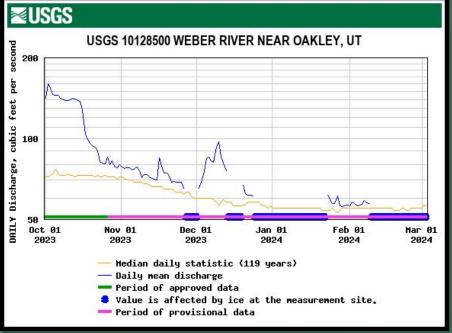
Day-of-Year Status	# Gages	% Gages	
All-time high for this day-of-year	2	1.4%	
Much above normal for this day-of-year	5	3.6%	
Above normal for this day-of-year	16	11.5%	
Normal for this day-of-year	62	44.6%	
Below normal for this day-of-year	11	7.9%	
Much below normal for this day-of-year	7	5.0%	
All-time low for this day-of-year	1	0.7%	
Not ranked - insufficient record	11	7.9%	
Not ranked - no measurement	18	12.9%	
Not ranked - no recent measurement	4	2.9%	

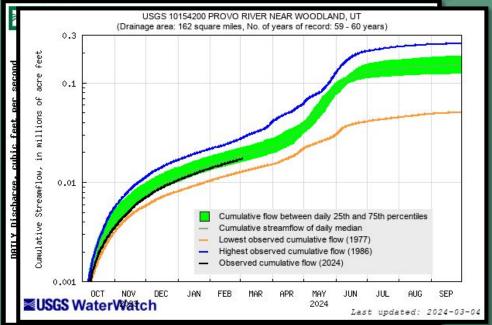


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# **Streamflow at Selected Gages**

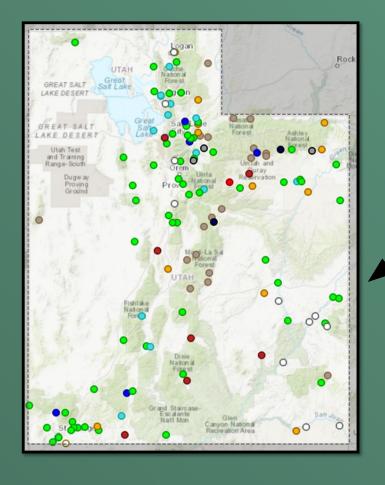


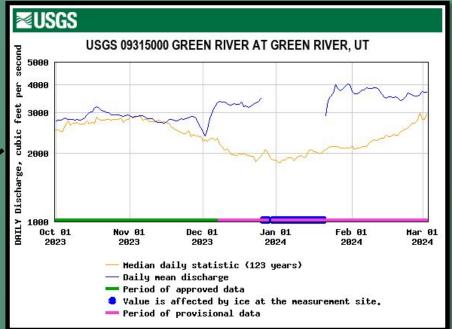


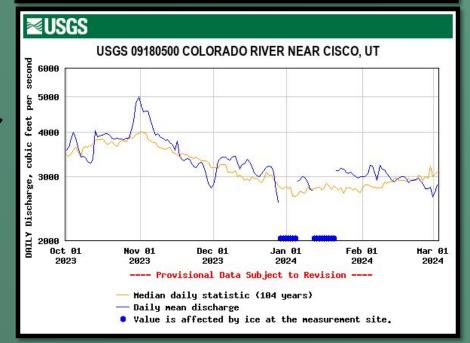




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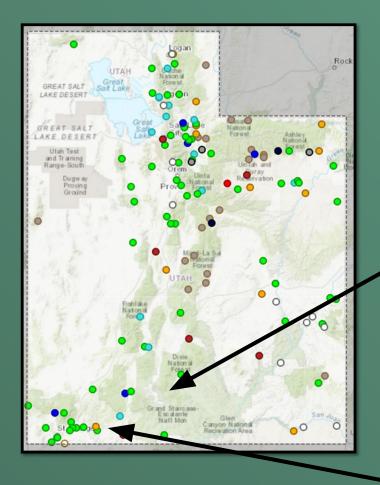


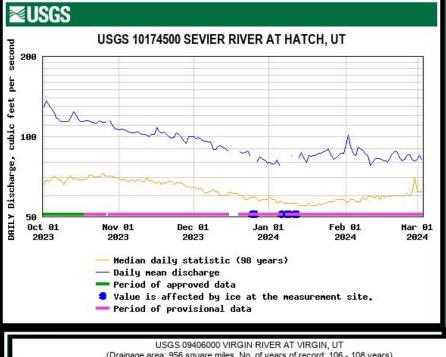


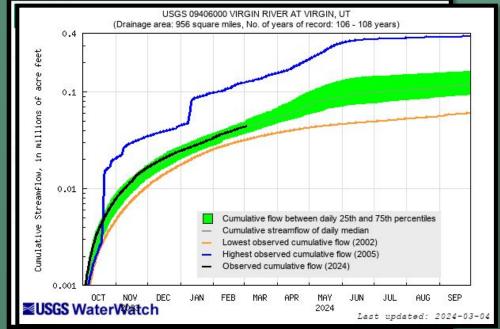




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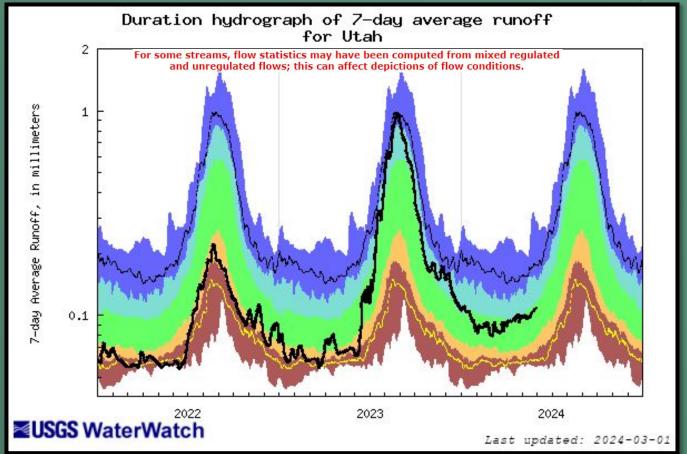








# **Utah Area-Based Runoff Duration Hydrograph**



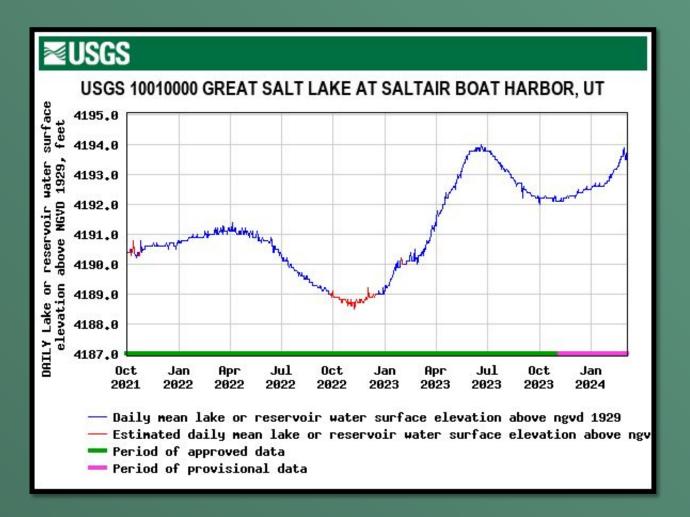
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lowest- 10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile -highest	Runoff
Much below Normal		Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		ranon

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- Hydrograph is a graphical presentation of area-base runoff (the black line) calculated as a weighted average of HUC 8-runoff, plotted over the long-term statistics of runoff for each day or month of the year for each area.
- Very provisional due to ice estimates that need to be completed



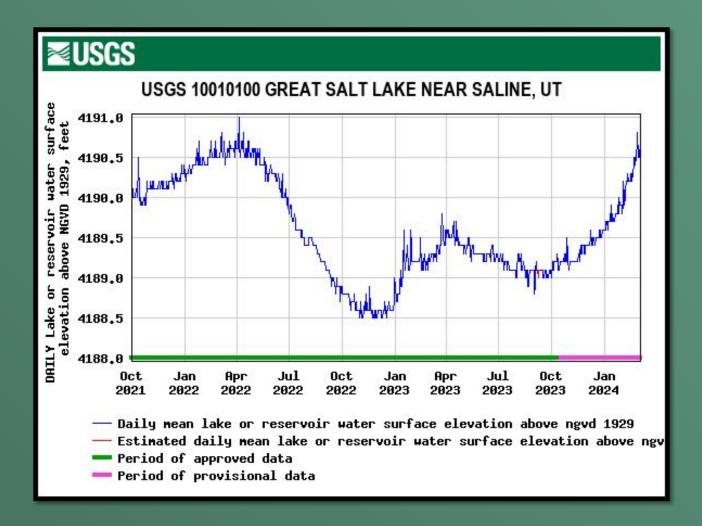
## **Great Salt Lake Water Surface Elevation – South Arm**



- Daily value 3/4/2024 = 4,193.8'
- Up 1.8' since seasonal minimum in October2023



## **Great Salt Lake Water Surface Elevation – North Arm**



- Daily value 3/4/2024= 4,190.7'
- ☐ Up 1.9' since seasonal minimum in September 2023



# **Contact Information**



View from Gilbert Bay, Great Salt Lake, October 2018

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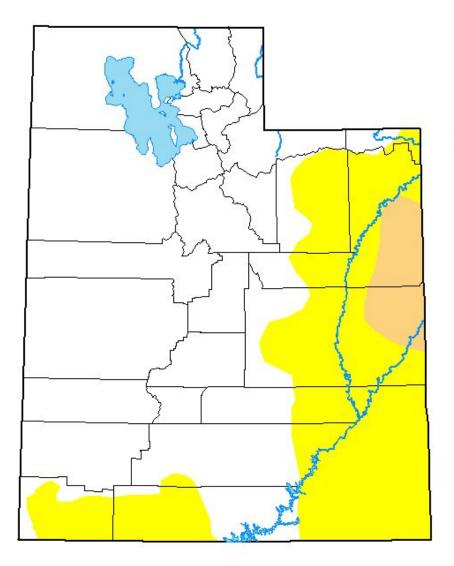


#### **U.S. Drought Monitor**

## Utah

#### February 27, 2024

(Released Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



#### Intensity:

None

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D2 Severe Drought

D3 Extreme 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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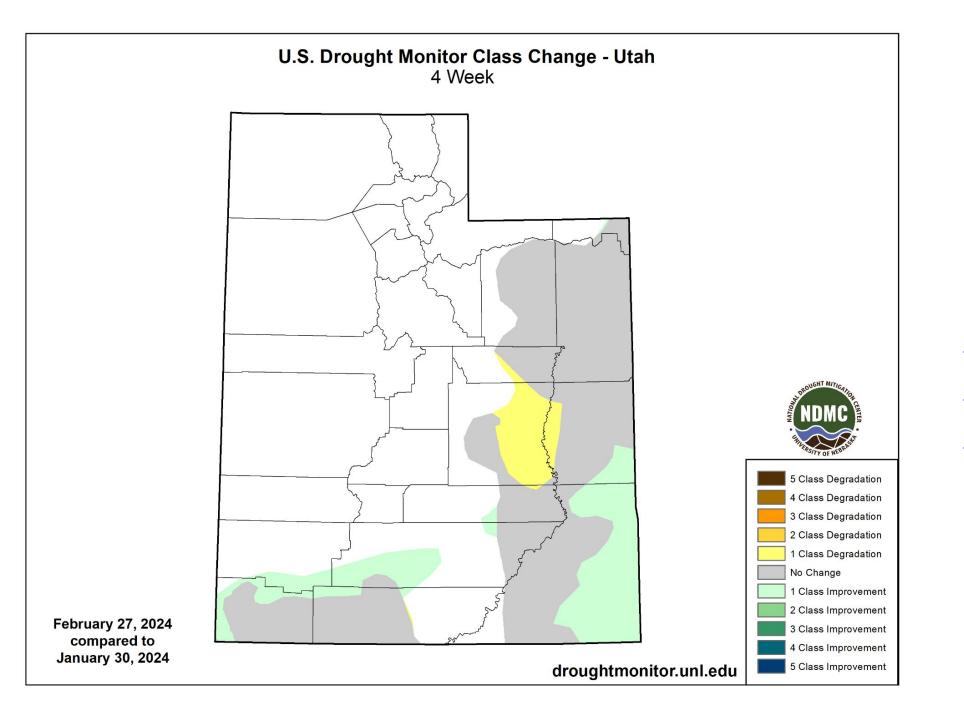




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April webinar April 9th? April 16th?