

# 2015 Wildfire Outlook



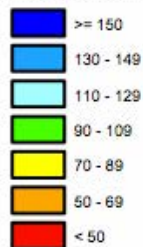
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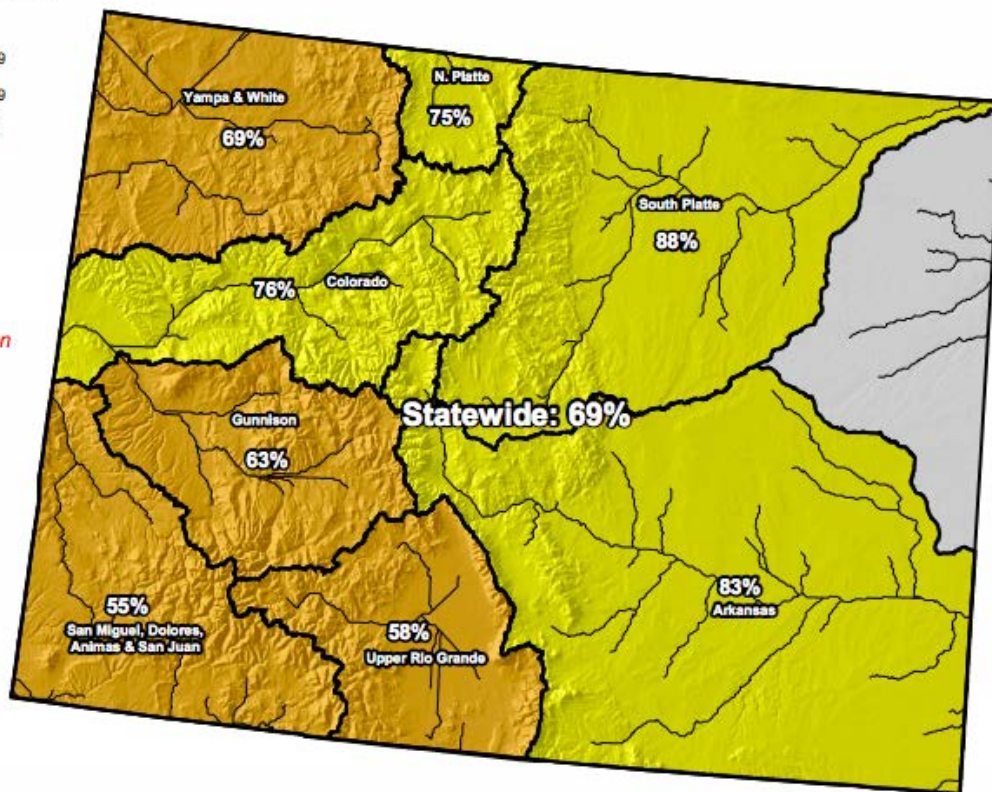
# Current Snow Pack

## Colorado SNOTEL Snowpack Update Map

Percent of Median



*Provisional Data  
Subject to Revision*



Current as of 04/02/2015

\*Data may not provide a valid measure of conditions

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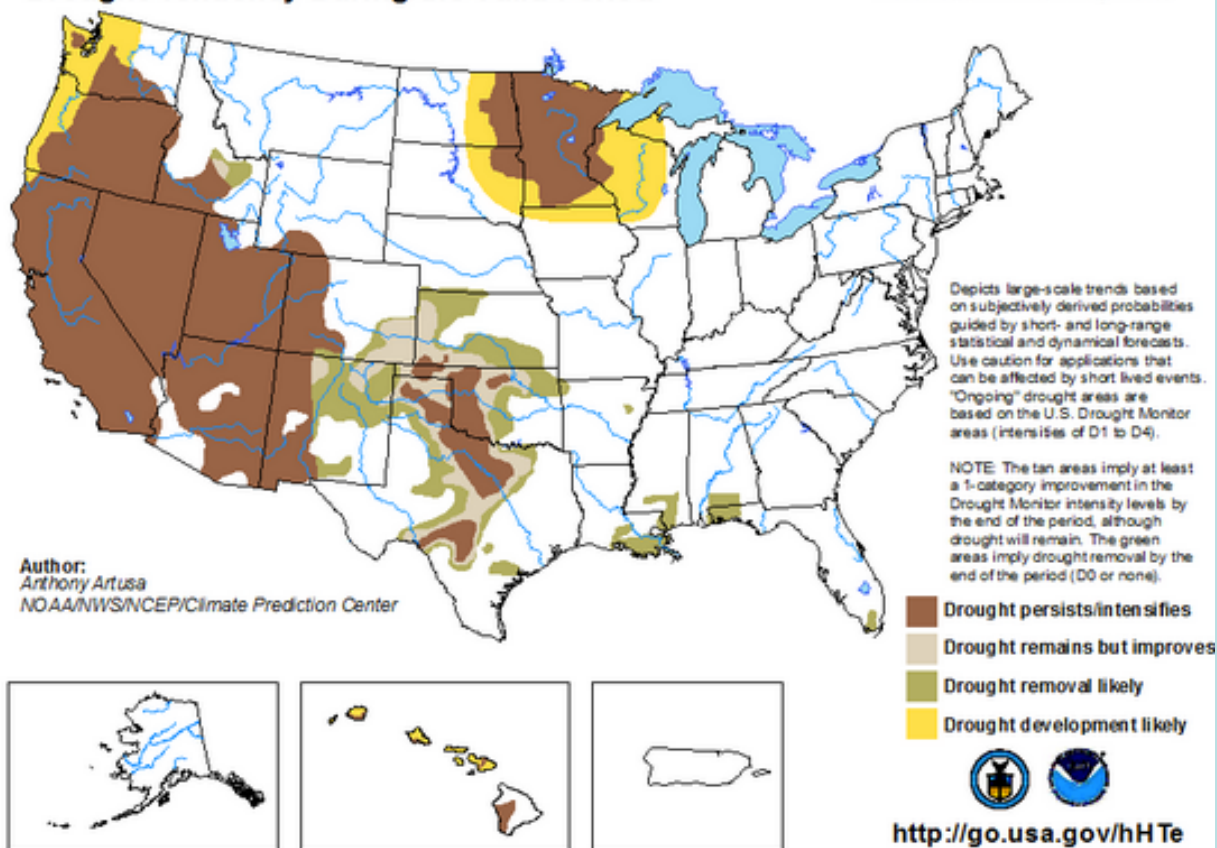




# Drought Outlook

## U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

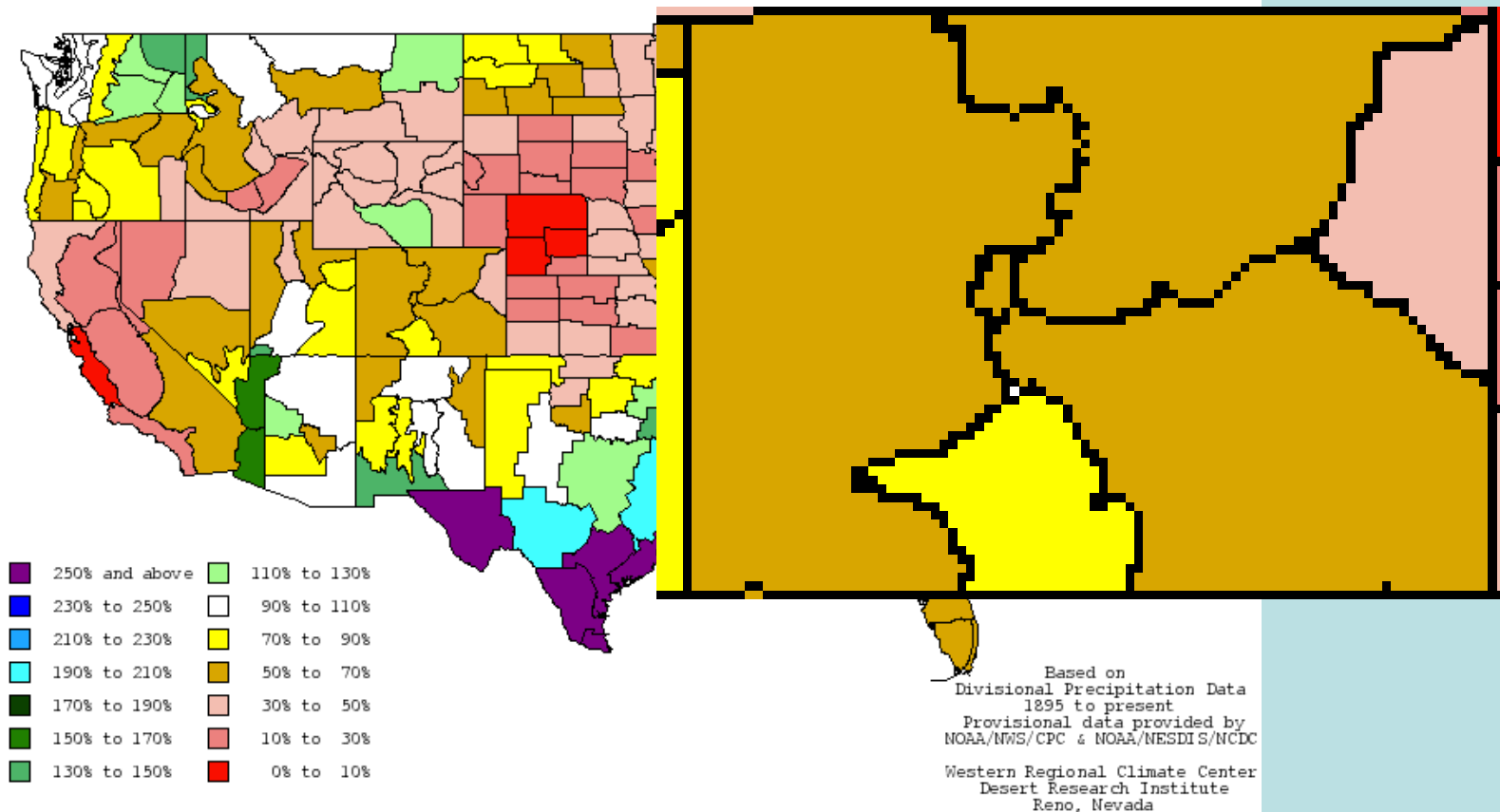
Valid for March 19 - June 30, 2015  
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# 30 Day % of Average Precip

1-month Percent of Average Precipitation through the end of March 2015

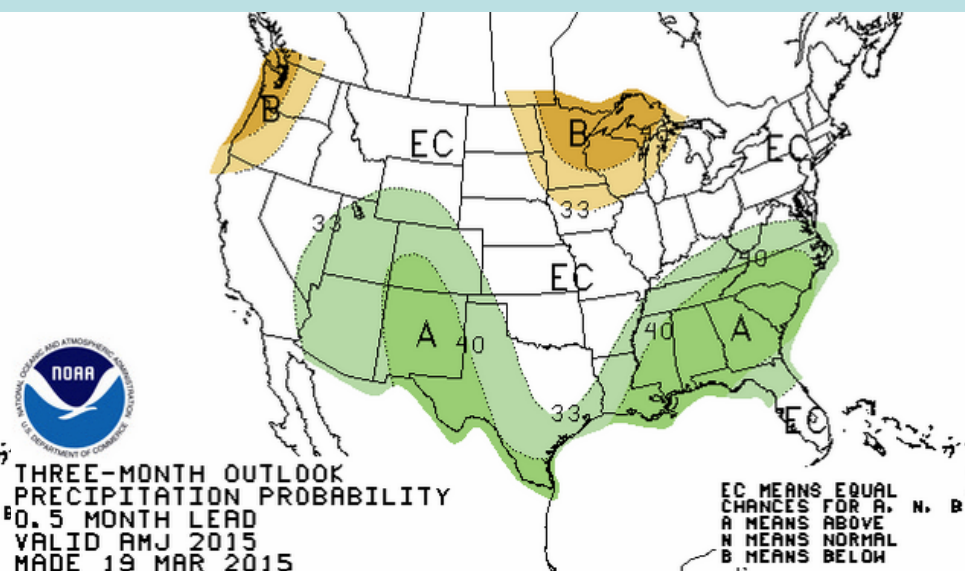
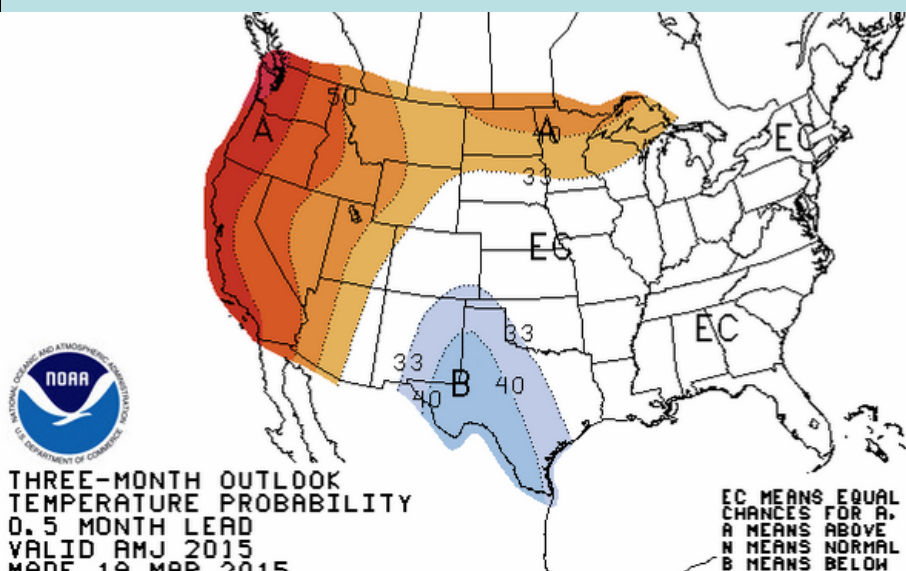


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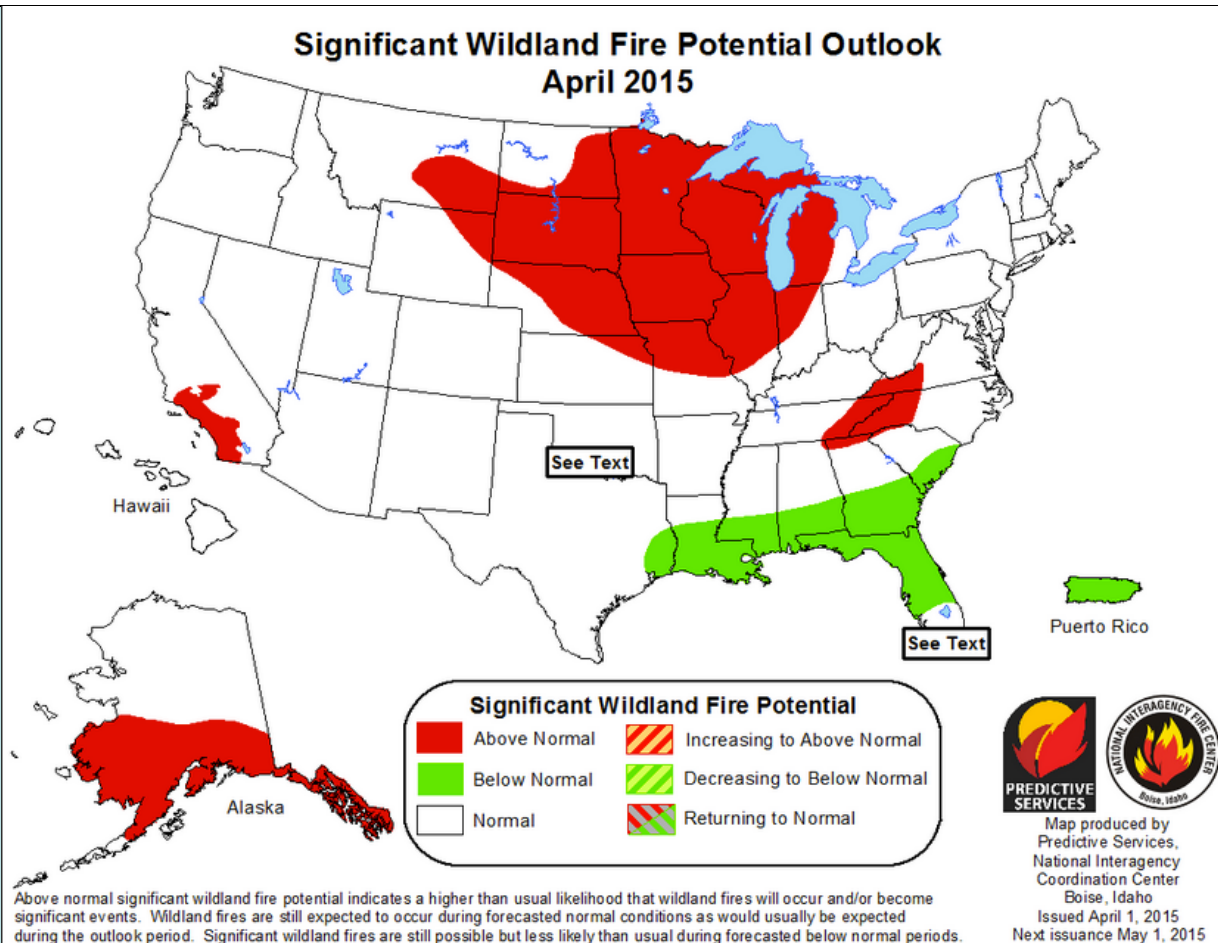
# Temp and Precip Outlooks (90)



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# Fire Potential Outlooks



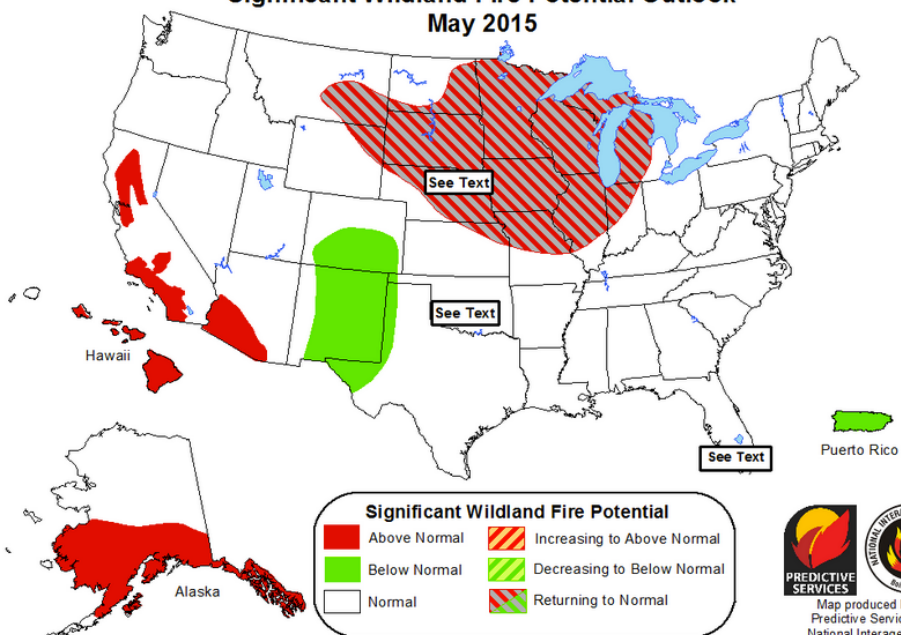
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# Fire Potential Outlooks

**Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook  
May 2015**

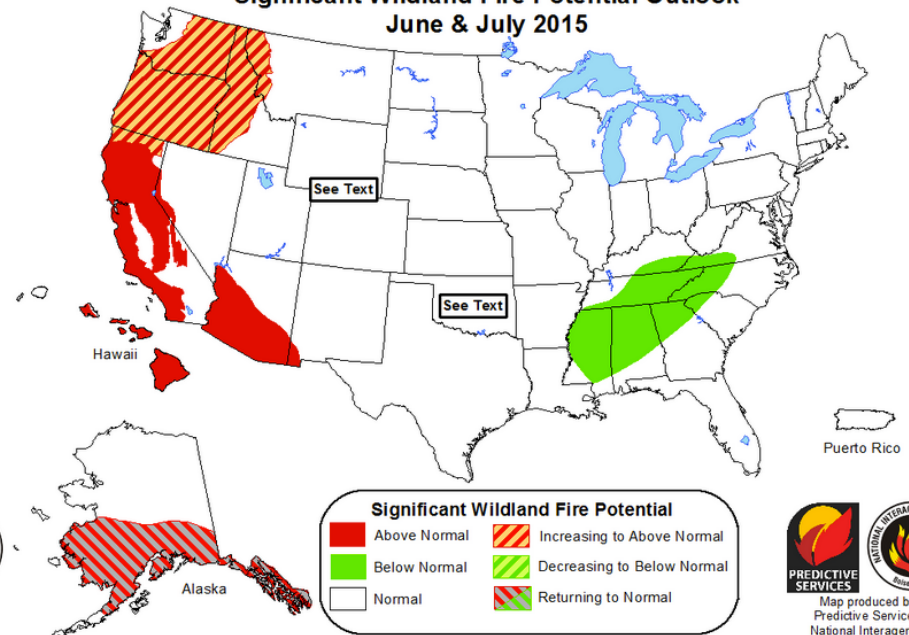


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**Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook  
June & July 2015**



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# Outlooks

Rocky Mountain: East of the Continental Divide in south central and southeastern Colorado below normal potential is forecast for May. Elsewhere across the Rocky Mountain geographic Area significant wildland fire potential will be normal for the period. Precipitation amounts for the month were above normal, mainly east of the Continental Divide in the central to southern portions of Colorado. Elsewhere, aside from cold and wet conditions in early March, it was drier- and warmer-than-normal for this time of year. Higher elevation snowpack was near to slightly below normal east of the Divide in Colorado, while west of the Divide snowpack ranged from 73 to 83 percent of normal. The exception was in southwestern Colorado with only about 65 percent of normal snowpack.



# Outlooks

Forecasts for the early portion of April indicate a possible shift out of the dry and warm period and into a more seasonably normal temperature and precipitation profile. Longer range predictors for the remainder of spring through June point toward normal temperature and precipitation from central to southern Wyoming into Colorado.

Long term drought is most extensive in the region of far southern Colorado. Moderate long term drought covered much of western Colorado and southwestern Wyoming.



# Questions/Comments



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