



Wildland Fire Division Update Year in Review & 2026 Fire Season Outlook



Rancho Fire

Volunteer Program 2025-Current

2025 Volunteers

- 65 Volunteer Days on Incident
- 51 Volunteer Training Days
- 14 New Volunteers Onboarded



Volunteer Program 2025-Current

Current Volunteer Numbers Going into the 2026 Wildland Season

- Gerlach - 2
- Silver Lake (Silver Knolls) - 13
- Palomino Valley - 6
- Red Rock (Rancho Haven) - 6
- South Valleys (Washoe Valley) - 6



Wildland Fire/Fuels Management Numbers 2025

Fuels Mitigation

- 460 acres performed under grants
- 1,214 power poles cleared of vegetation
- 47 acres treated by prescribed fire
- Just under \$5 million acquired for fuels work



Wildland Fire/Fuels Management Numbers - 2025

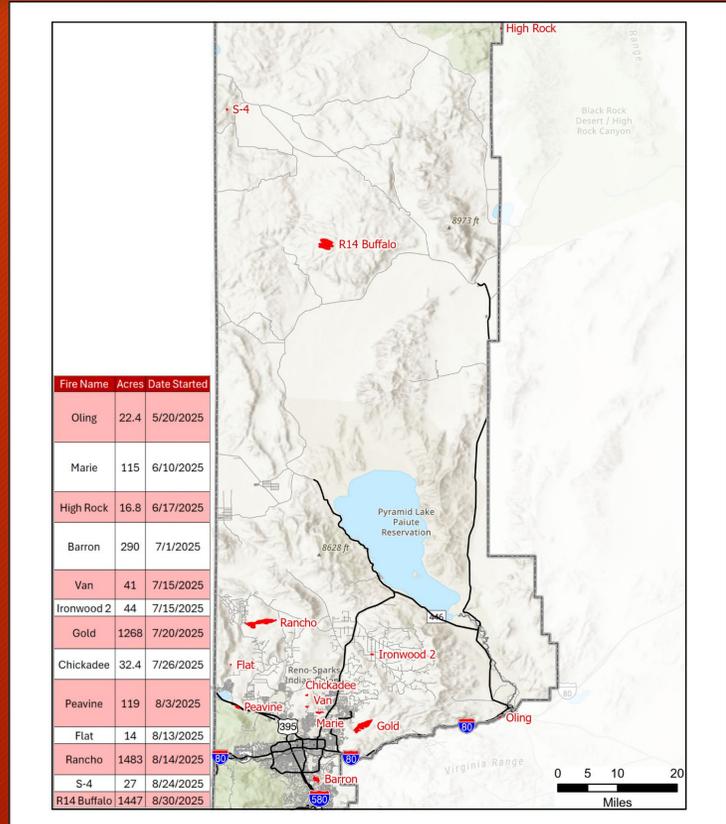
Community Numbers:

- 91 private parcels with defensible space improvements performed
- 1,341 loads (roughly 6,500 cubic yards) of vegetation collected through Green Waste
- 106 citizens serviced through Curbside Chipping
- 1,212 burn permits issued (roughly 6,500 cubic yards - self-reporting by citizens) through Open Burning
- 340 defensible space inspections completed
- 49 community events centered on defensible space and emergency preparedness attended
- 3 communities achieved FIREWISE USA credentialing
- 789 Christmas trees recycled

Fire Season - 2025

1,212 Personnel Days on Wildland Fire Incident - Wildland Division Personnel

1,718 Personnel Days on Wildland Incident - All TMPFD Personnel



Fire Season - 2025 - Nevada

- 397,368 acres burnt in 2025
- Primarily Elko County, with large fires also in Douglas County and southern and central Nevada.



Fire Season - 2025 - Geographic Area and Nationally

Great Basin

- 2,790 fires
- 587,465 acres

National Ten-Year Averages

- 59,256 Fires
- 7,456,750 acres

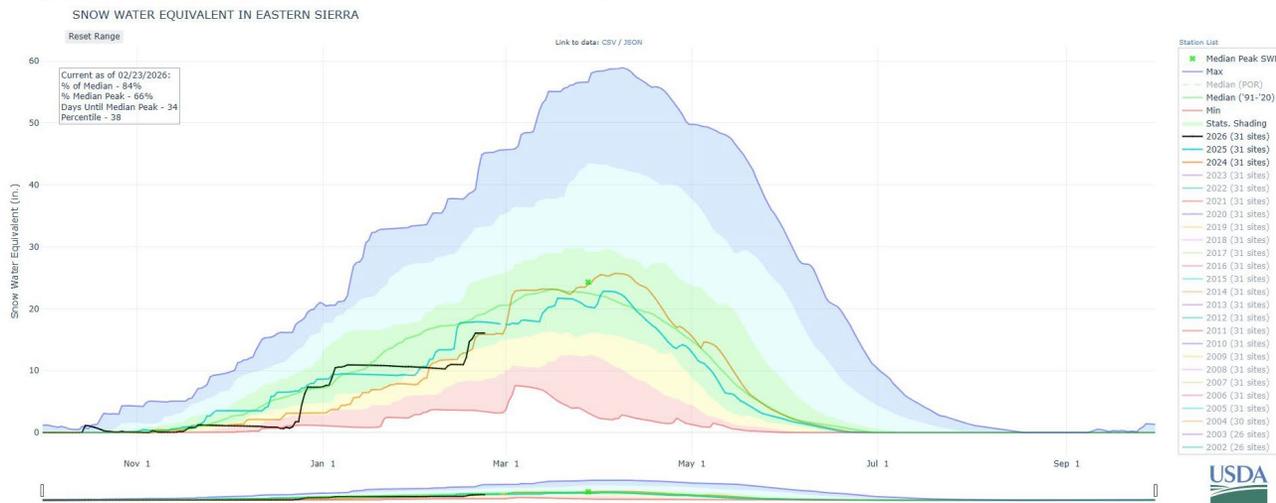
National Numbers 2025

- 72,068 fires (22% increase)
- 5,039,145 acres (32% decrease)



2026 - Weather Service

Last Week was a Game Changer



Statistical shading percentiles are calculated from period of record (POR) data, excluding the current water year. Percentile categories range from: minimum to 10th percentile, 10th - 30th, 30th - 70th, 70th - 90th, and 90th - maximum.
For more information visit: [30-Year Hydroclimatic Normals](#)
Updated: Monday, Feb 23, 2026 01 PM CST

Note: This is valid as of 2/23/2026



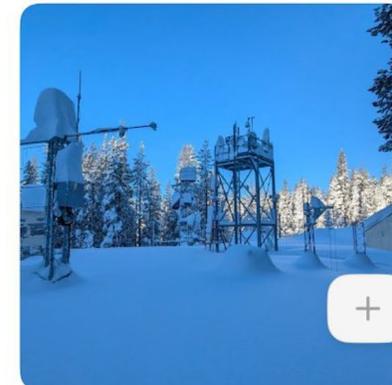
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2/20/26 8:35 am Update:

The #snow has stopped but not before giving us another 18.5" (47 cm) in the last day. That brings our 5-day total to 111" (281.5 cm), the third snowiest 5-day period on record at the lab behind December 1970 (113") and April 1982 (118.5") with digitized records beginning in 1970.

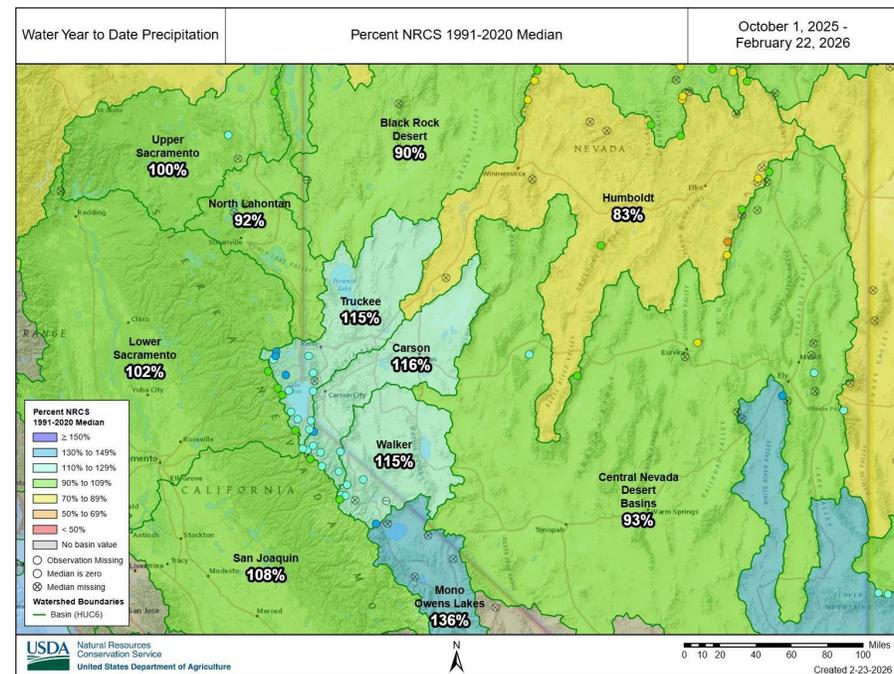
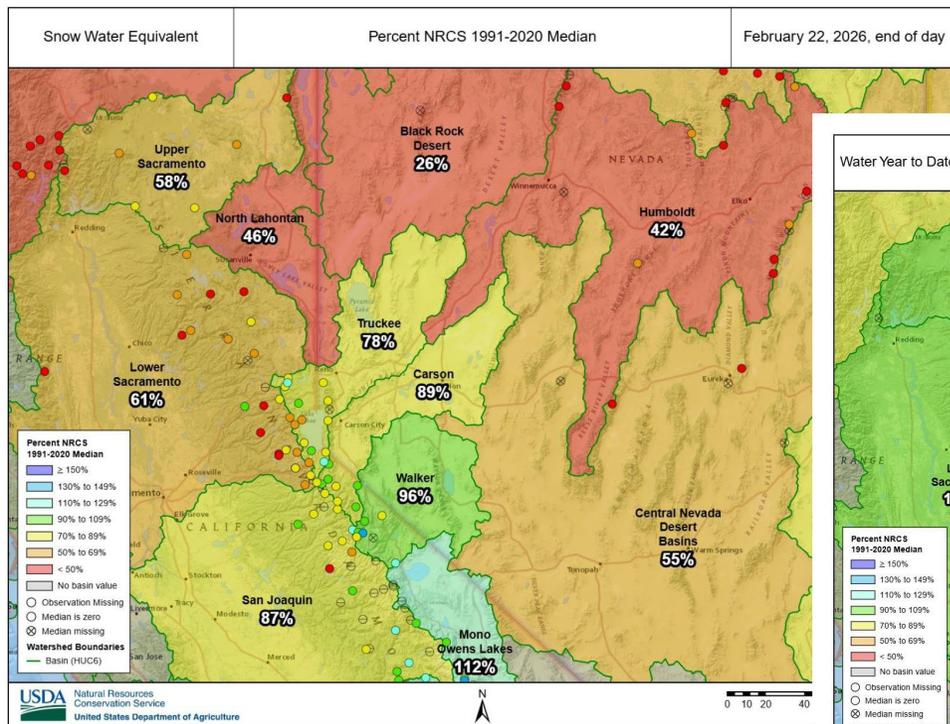
We will have calm conditions for the next several days but a warmer storm moves in mid-week.

#weather #CAwater



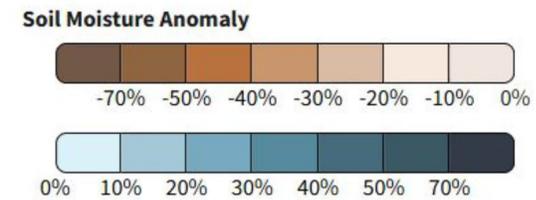
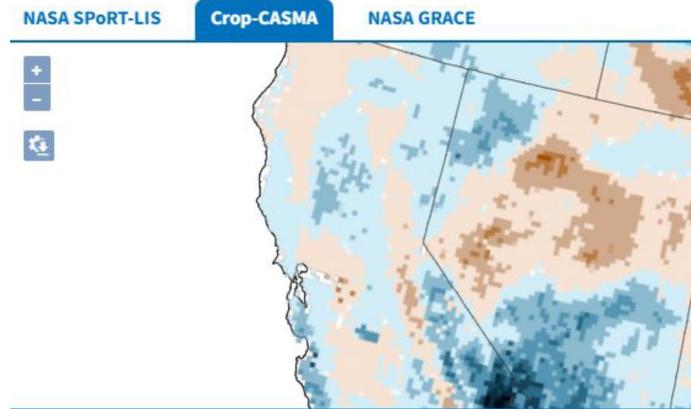
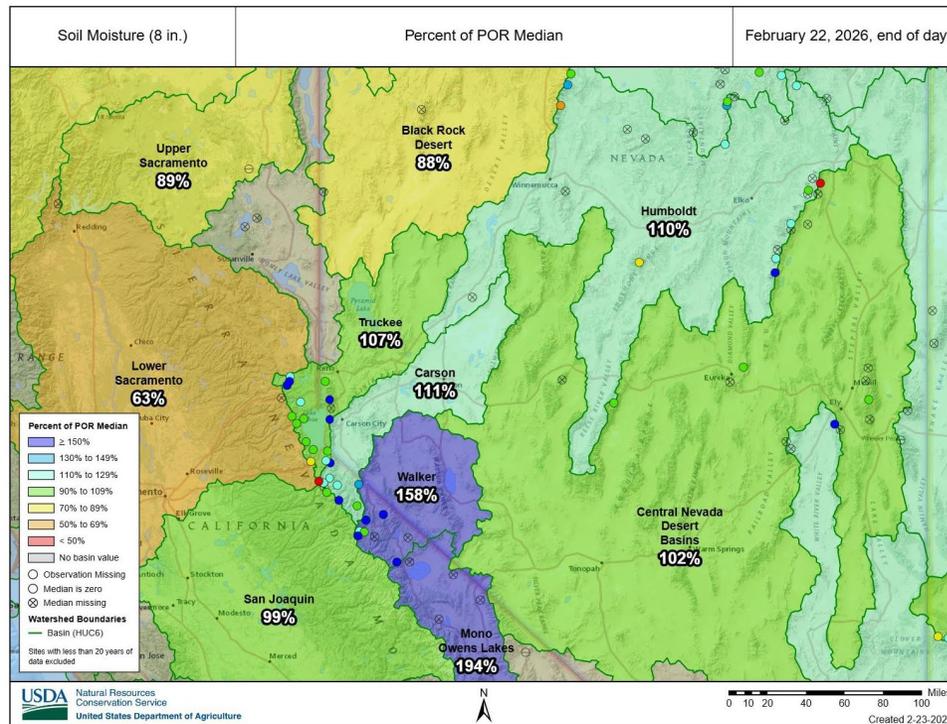
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Snow Water Equivalent vs Precipitation



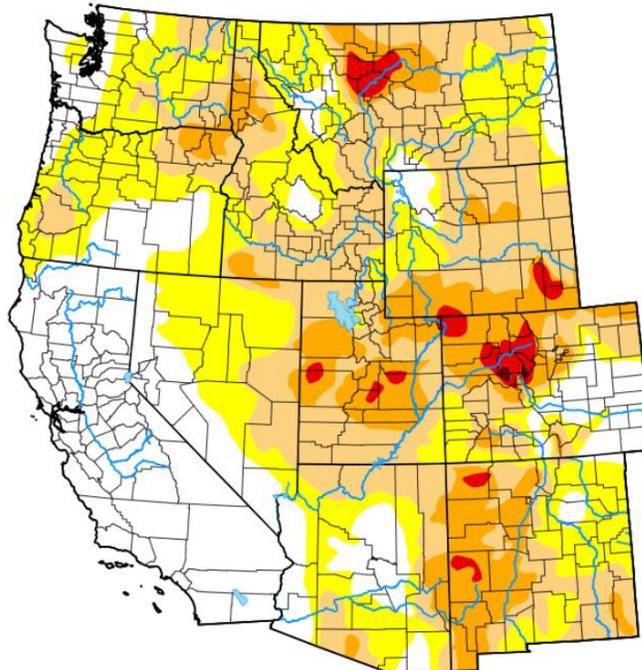
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Soil Moisture



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Drought Monitor & Summer Outlook



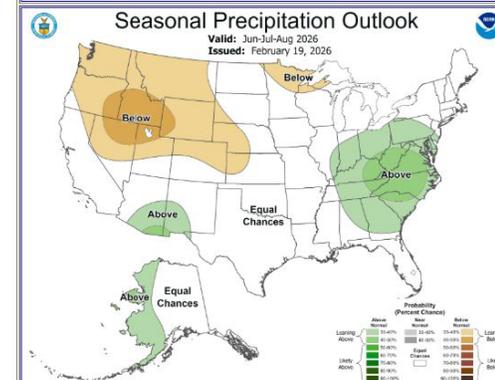
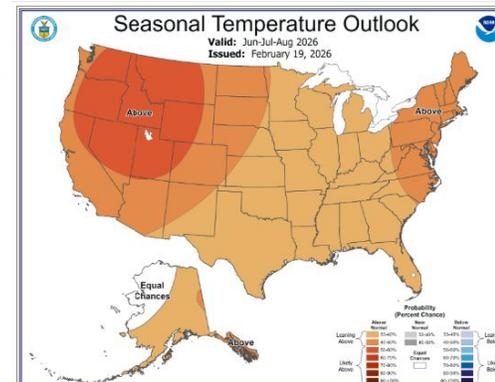
Map released: Thurs. February 19, 2026

Data valid: February 17, 2026 at 7 a.m. EST

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

ENSO Neutral favored for summer, which more often than not means near-normal monsoon activity.



2026 - Take Aways

- Increased moisture has potential for higher grass growth and larger fires in desert ecosystems.
- Decreased snowpack has potential for water-stressed timber and larger fires in forest ecosystems.
- The Sierra Front usually has one or the other at play, not both.
- Not pertinent without starts, 90%+ of starts are human-caused - BE CAREFUL.
- Take the time NOW to make your home more defensible through home hardening and defensible space.

CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE

to reduce the wildfire threat.

