



# Water Resources Division

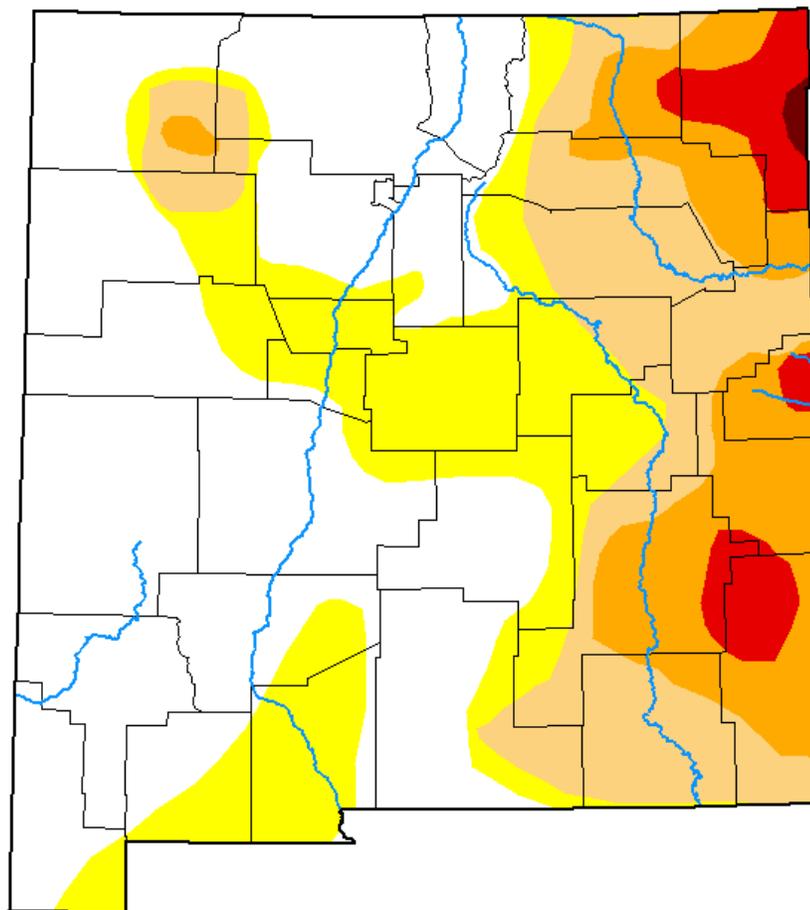
Drought Update

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# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico

**April 4, 2023**  
(Released Thursday, Apr. 6, 2023)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	47.20	52.80	32.16	15.67	4.20	0.21
<b>Last Week</b> 03-28-2023	36.06	63.94	32.91	15.67	4.20	0.21
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 01-03-2023	7.03	92.97	41.30	18.55	3.74	0.19
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	7.03	92.97	41.30	18.55	3.74	0.19
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2022	0.99	99.01	76.80	31.46	6.99	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 04-05-2022	0.06	99.94	98.89	91.50	47.20	6.03

Intensity:



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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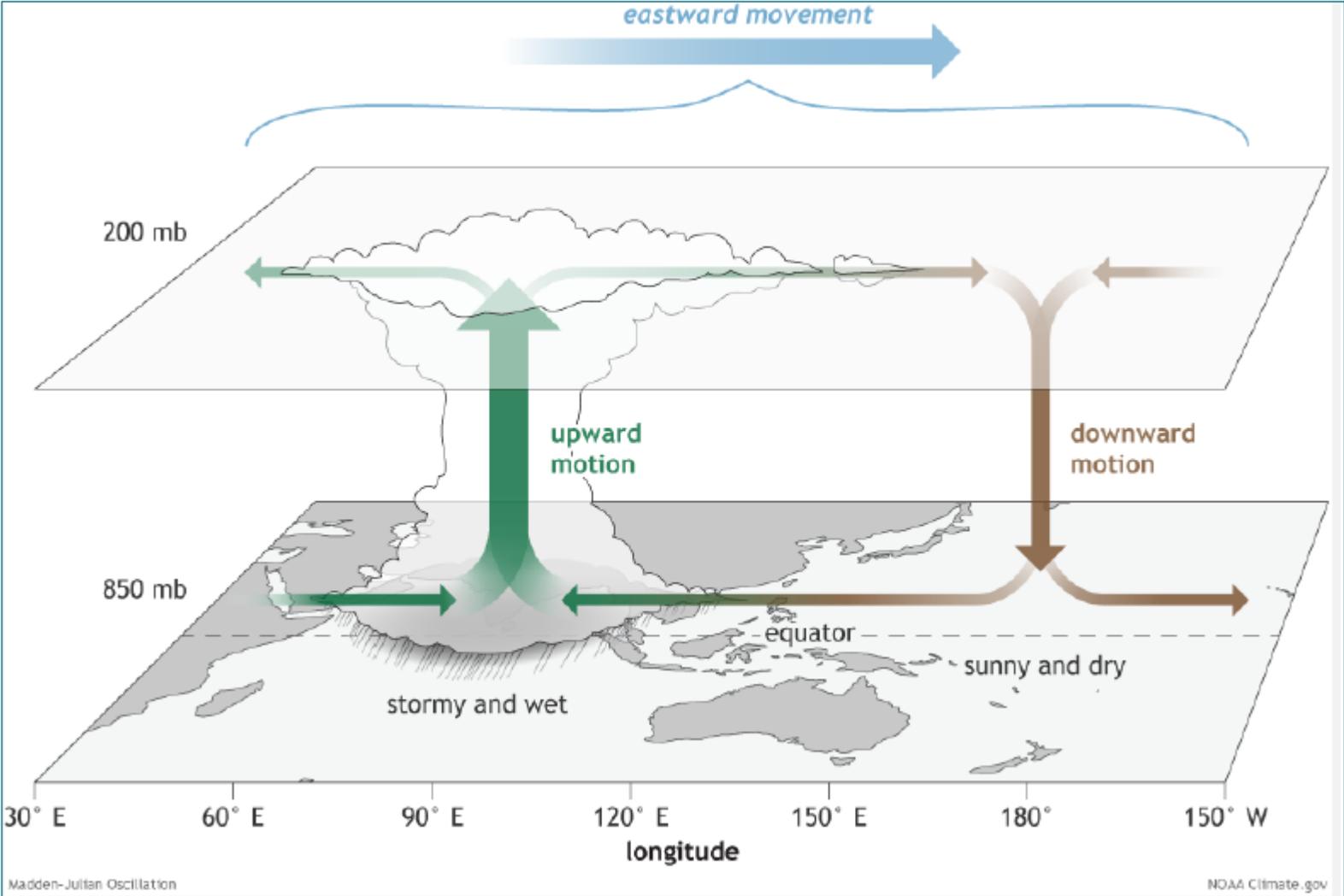


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# An end to the triple dip La Niña climate pattern will likely change the dry conditions in New Mexico

Spring Outlook Albuquerque Weather Forecast, NOAA

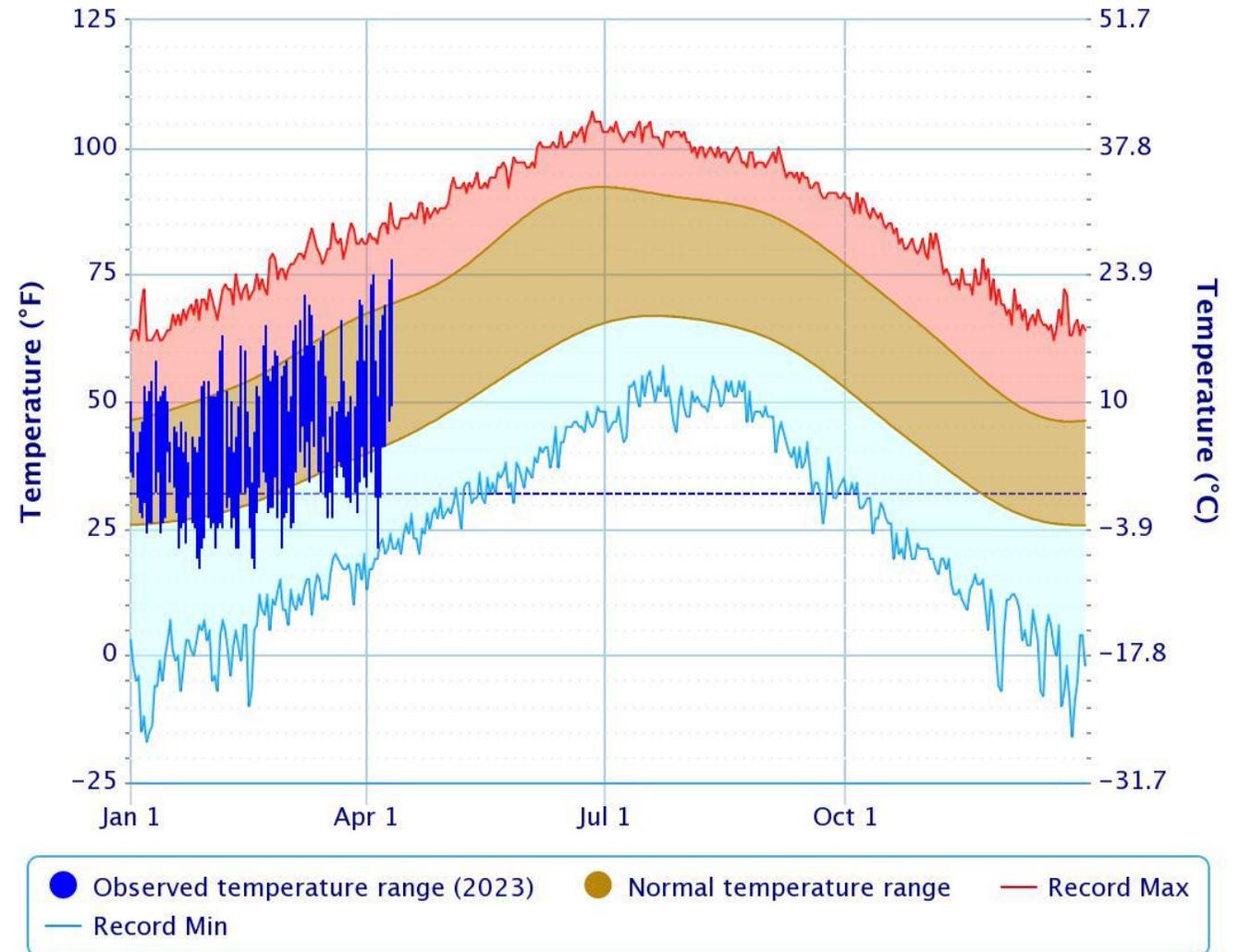
The vast majority of climate model forecasts continue to warm the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean and transitioning to an El Niño by summer remains possible.



# Albuquerque Temperature

## Daily Temperature Data – Albuquerque Area, NM (ThreadEx)

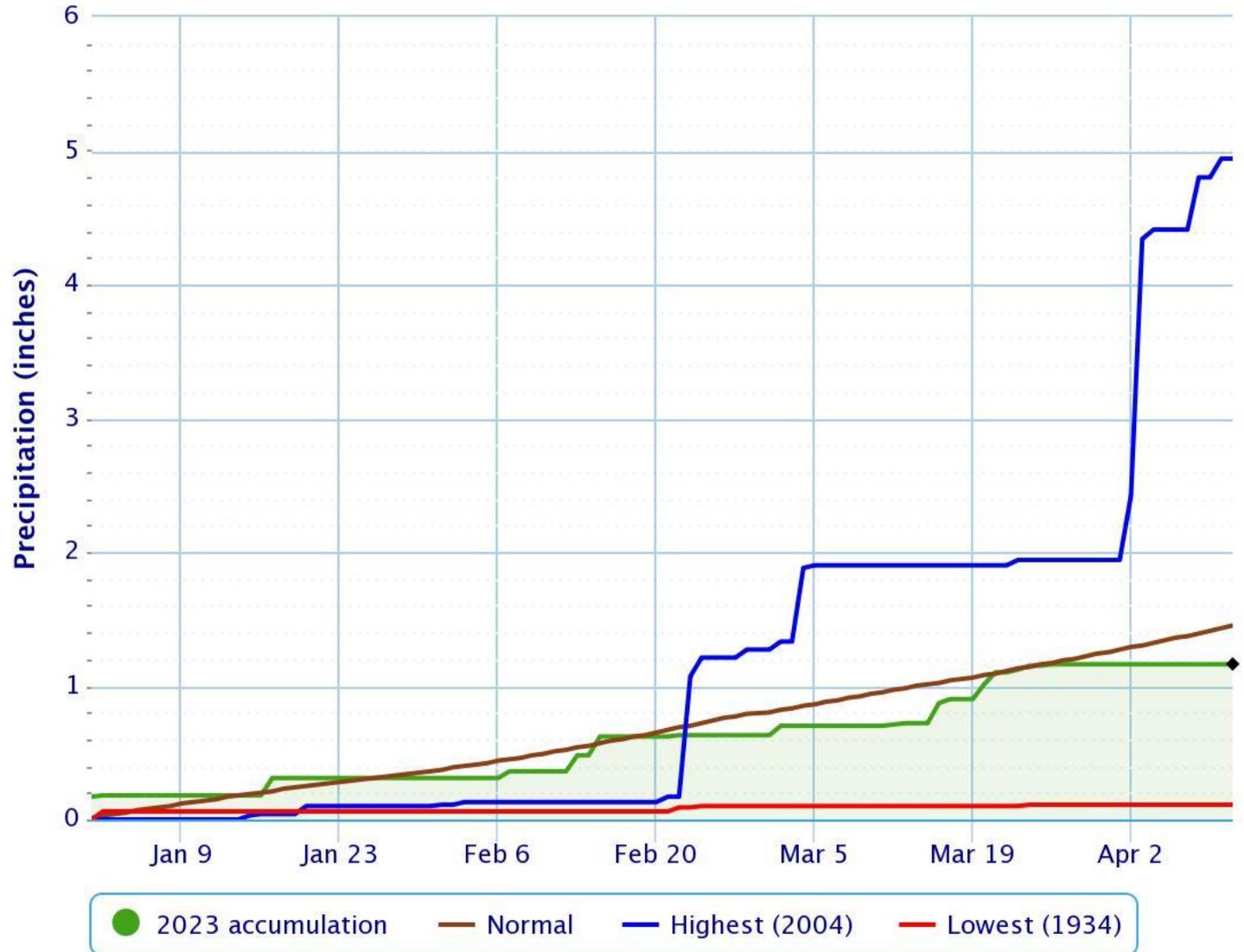
Period of Record – 1891-12-01 to 2023-04-10. Normals period: 1991-2020. Click and drag to zoom chart.



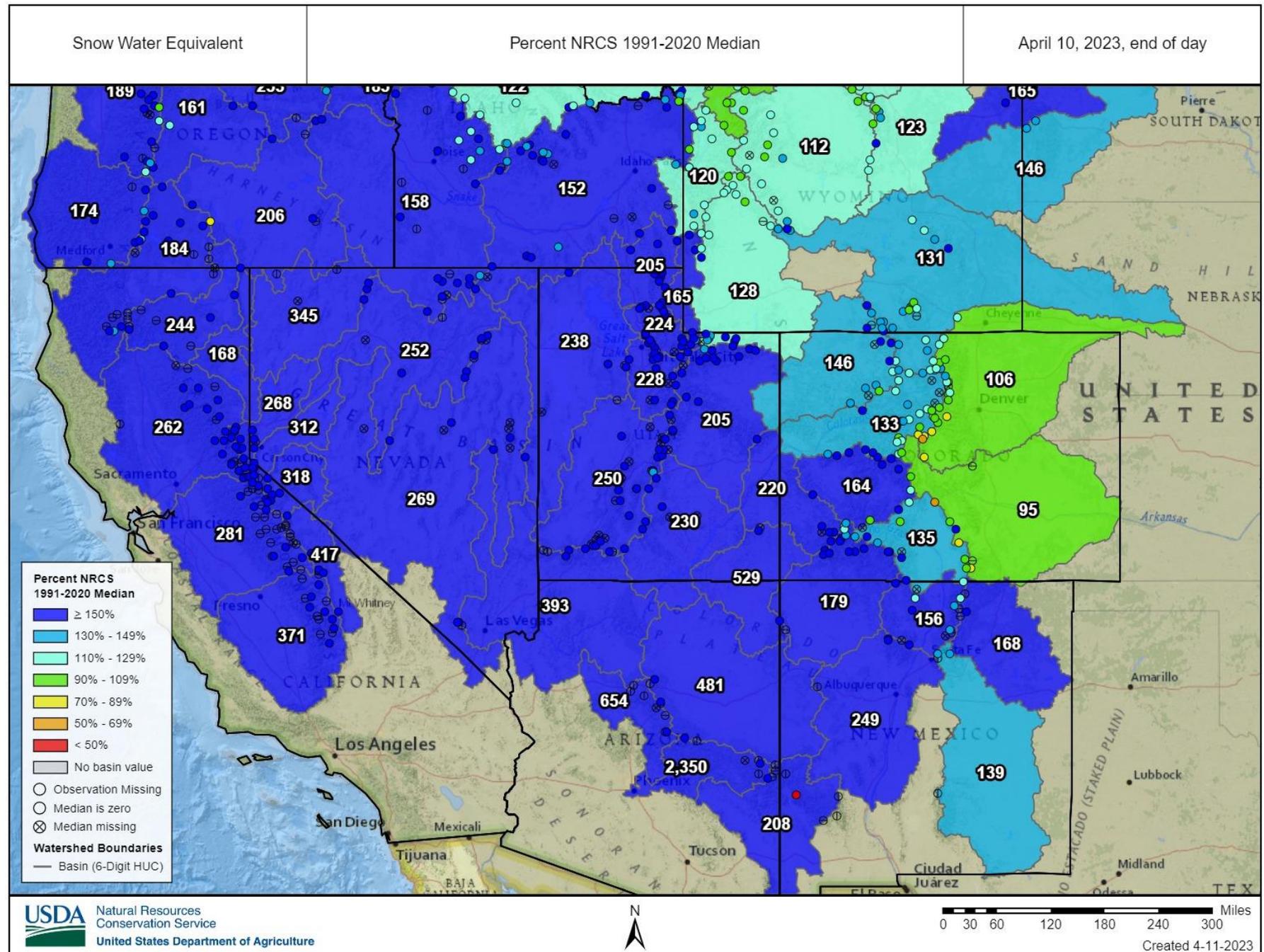
# Albuquerque Precipitation

## Accumulated Precipitation – Albuquerque Area, NM (ThreadEx)

Click and drag to zoom to a shorter time interval; green/black diamonds represent subsequent/missing values



# Regional Snow Accumulation

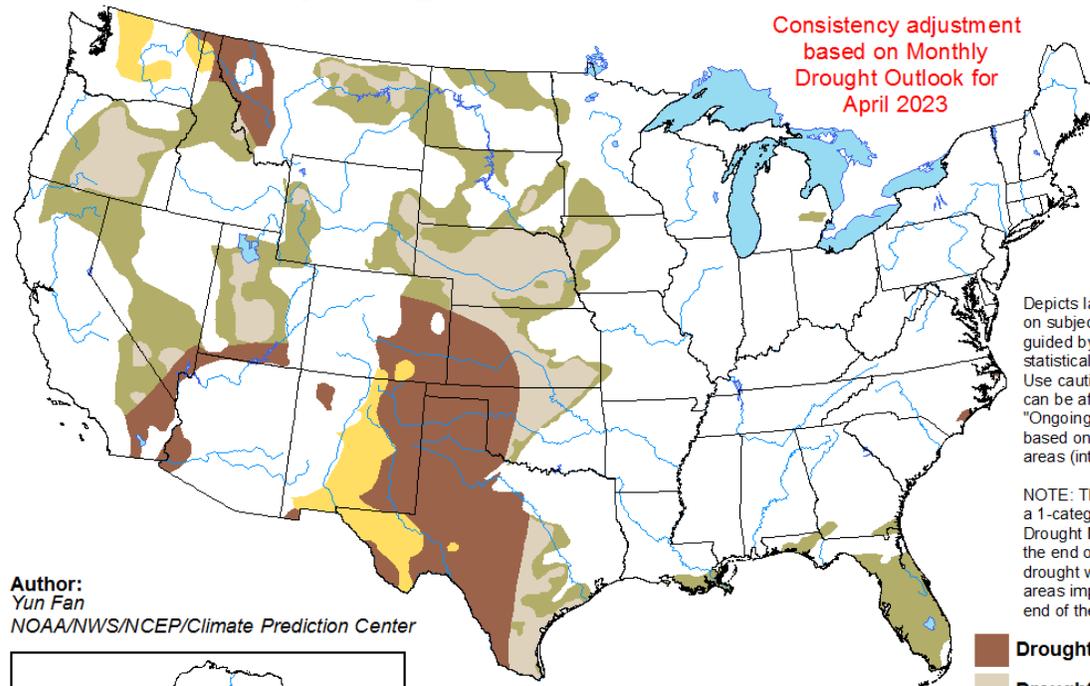


# Seasonal Drought Outlook

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

Valid for April 1 - June 30, 2023  
Released March 31, 2023

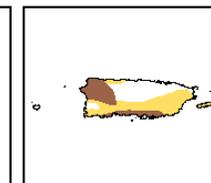
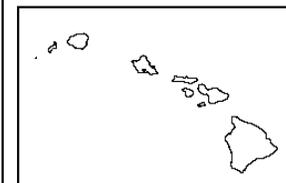
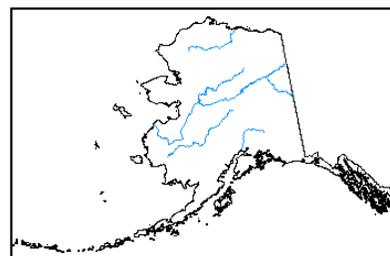
Consistency adjustment  
based on Monthly  
Drought Outlook for  
April 2023



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).

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-  Drought persists
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely



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Questions?