

North Dakota Bi-Weekly Drought Update

Daryl Ritchison, April 2, 2026

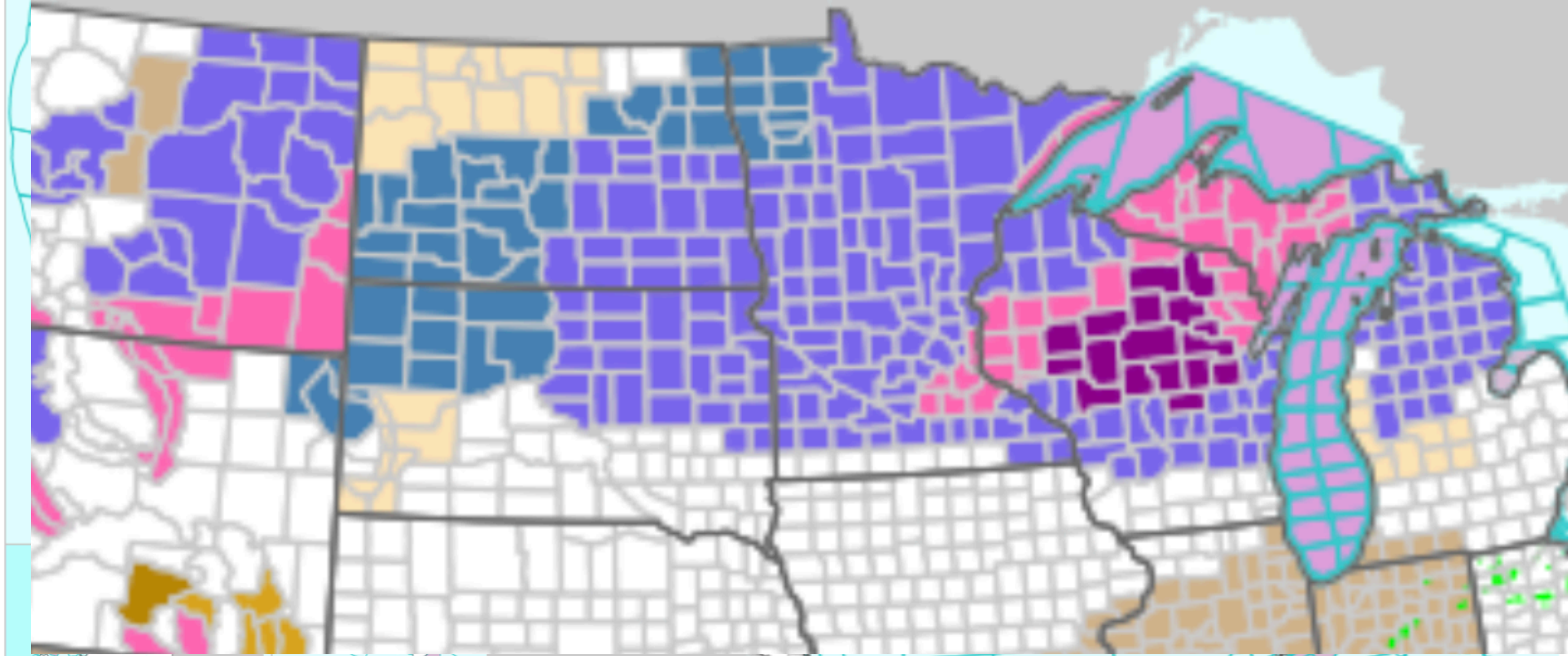
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Hurdsfield 1NW

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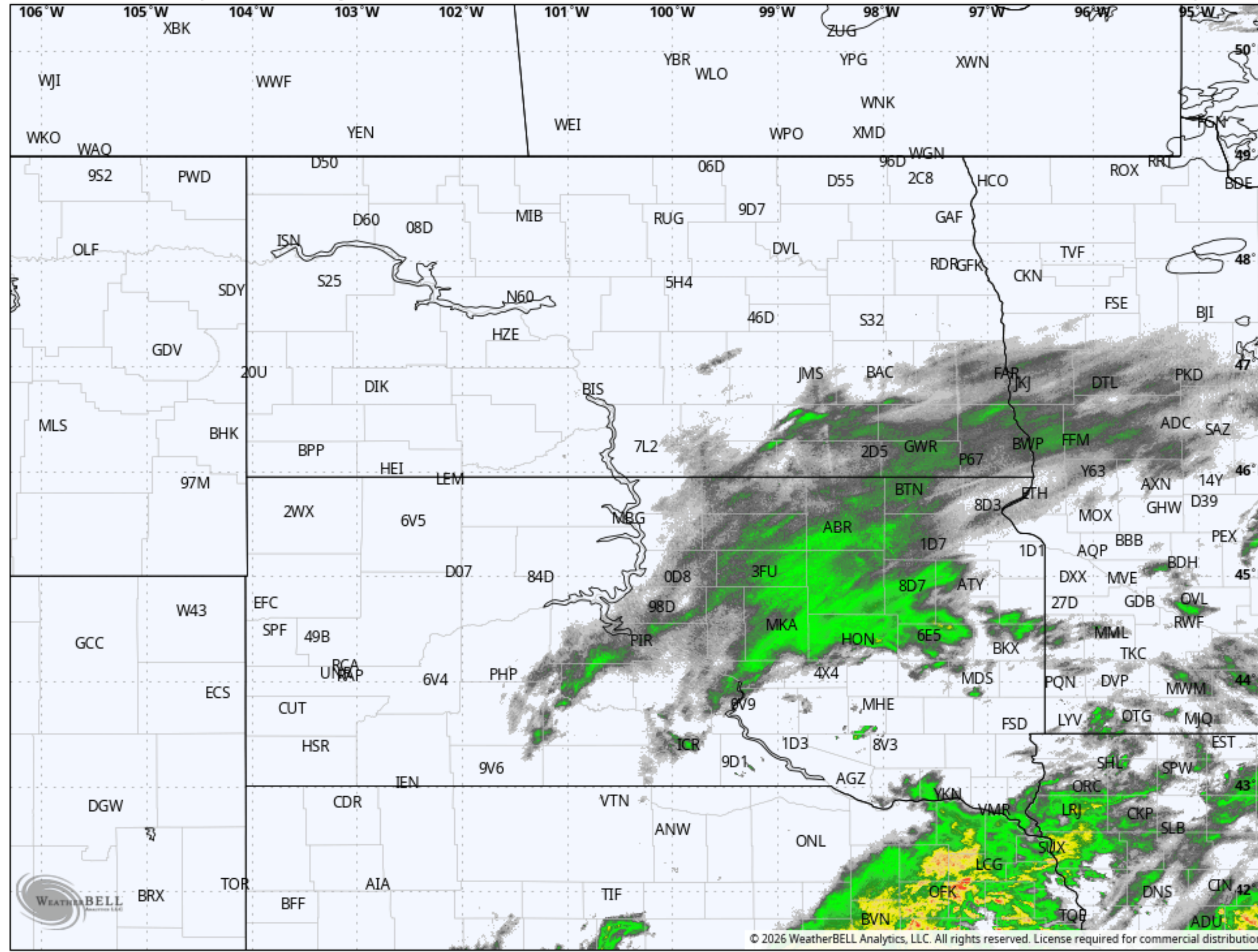


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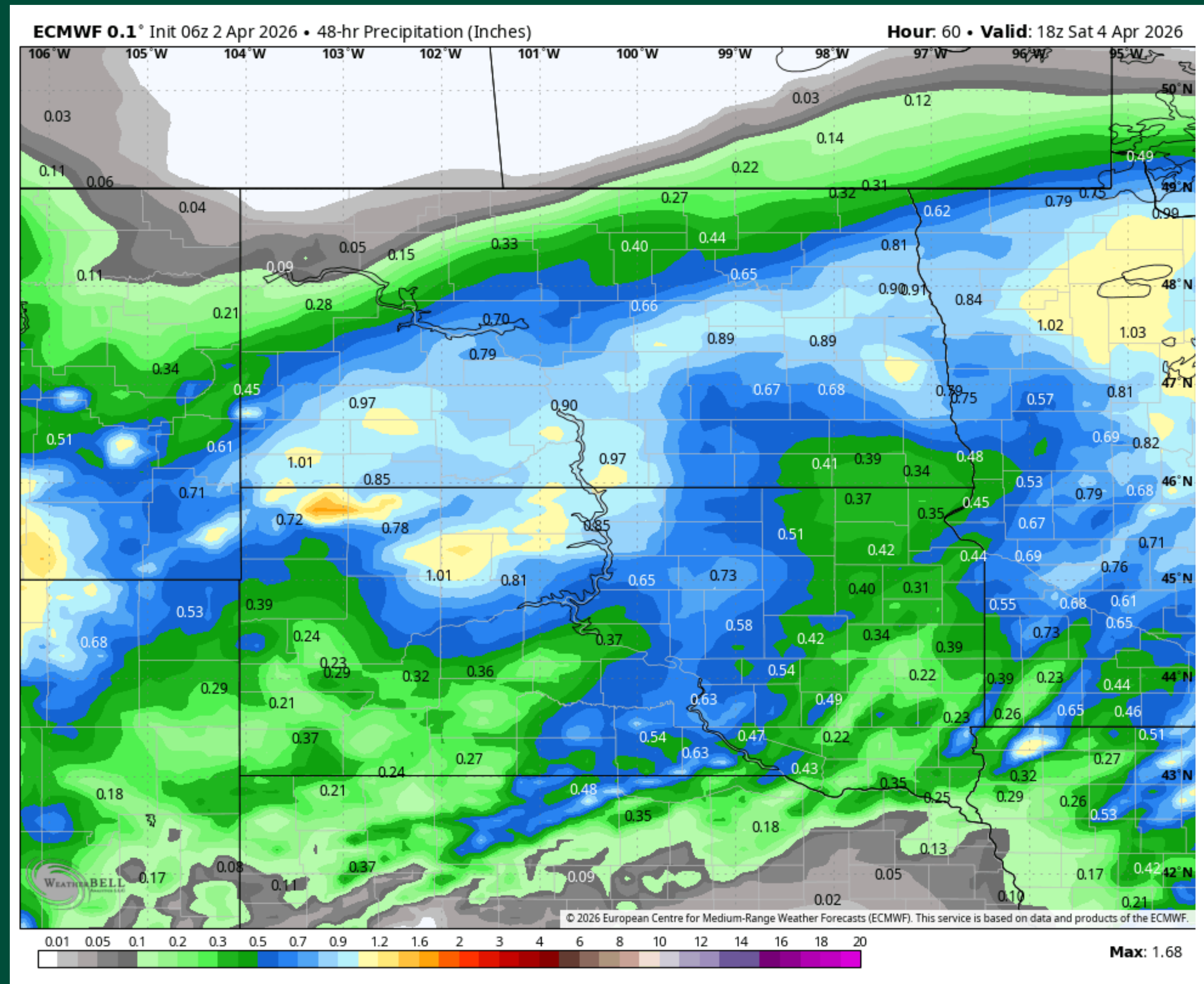
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MRMS 1 km • Composite Reflectivity (dBZ)

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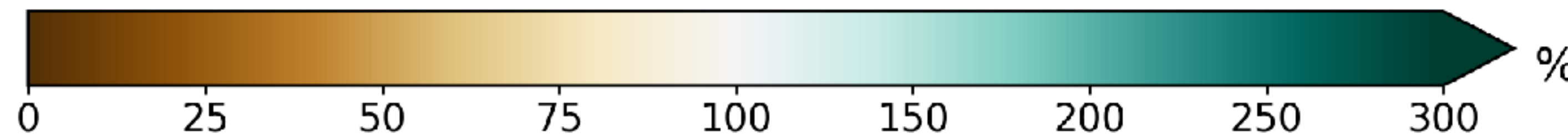
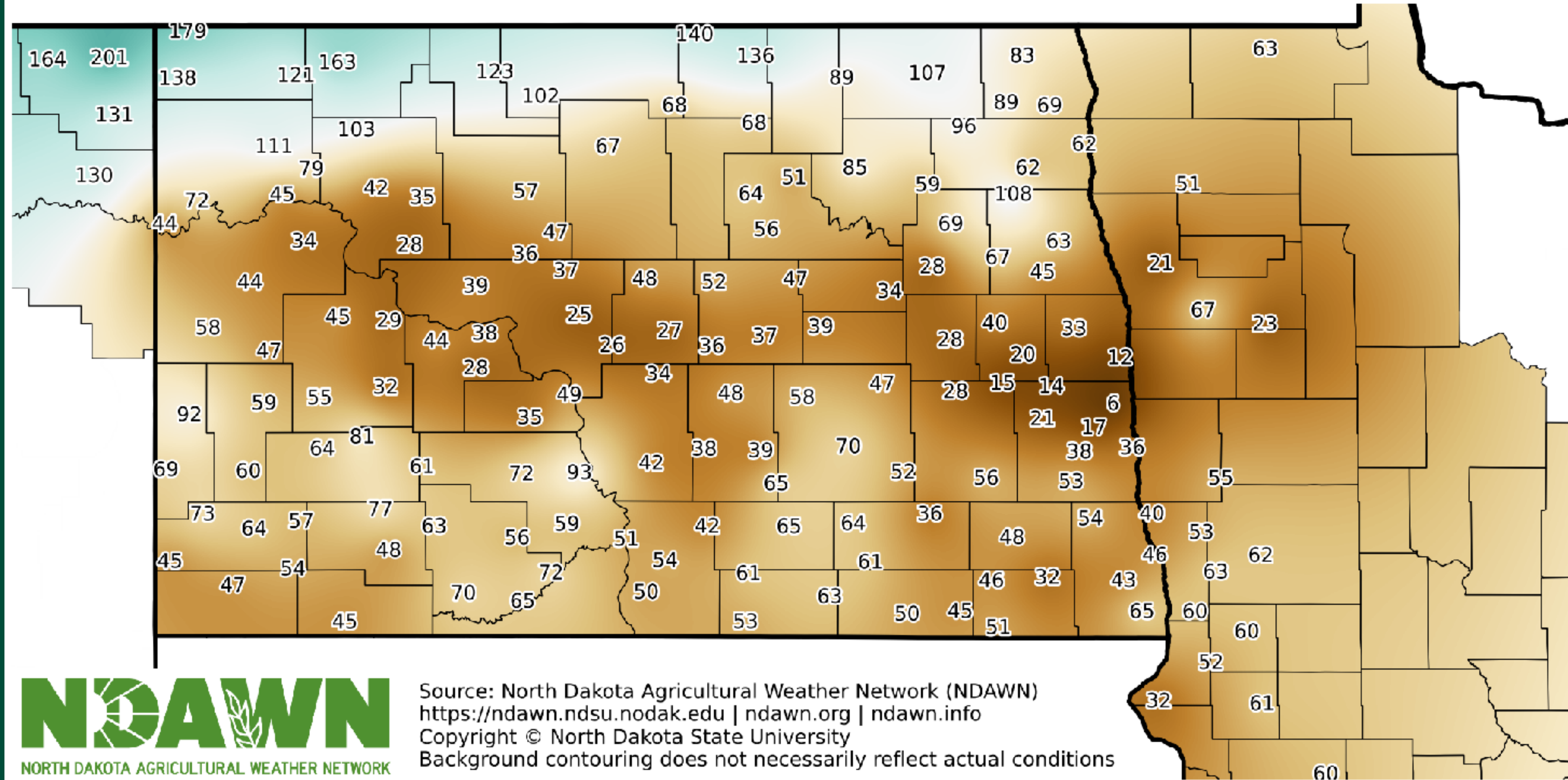
Radar



ECMWF Precipitation Projection

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)

03-01-2026 - 03-31-2026



March Precipitation Anomaly

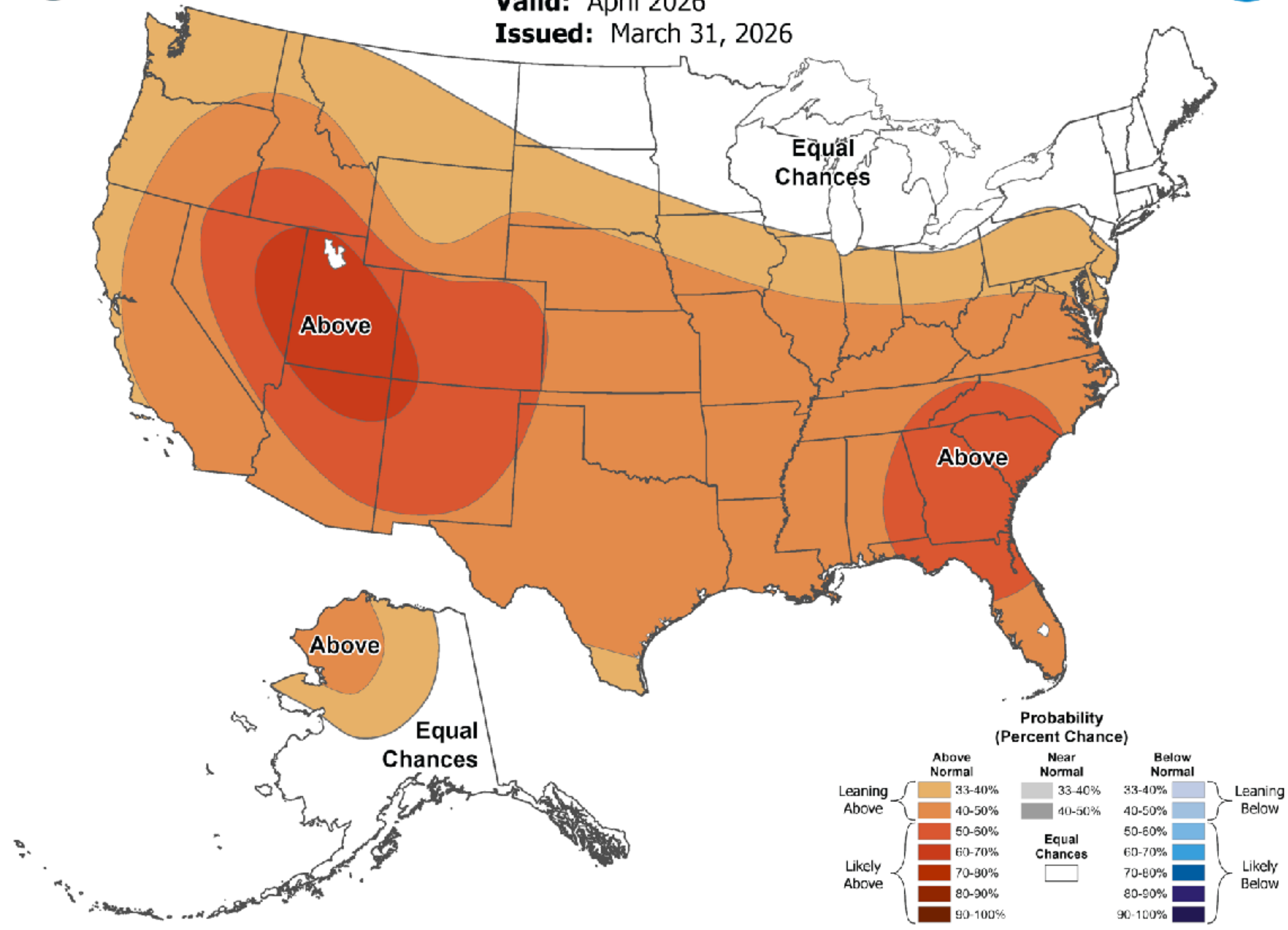


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April Temperature Outlook

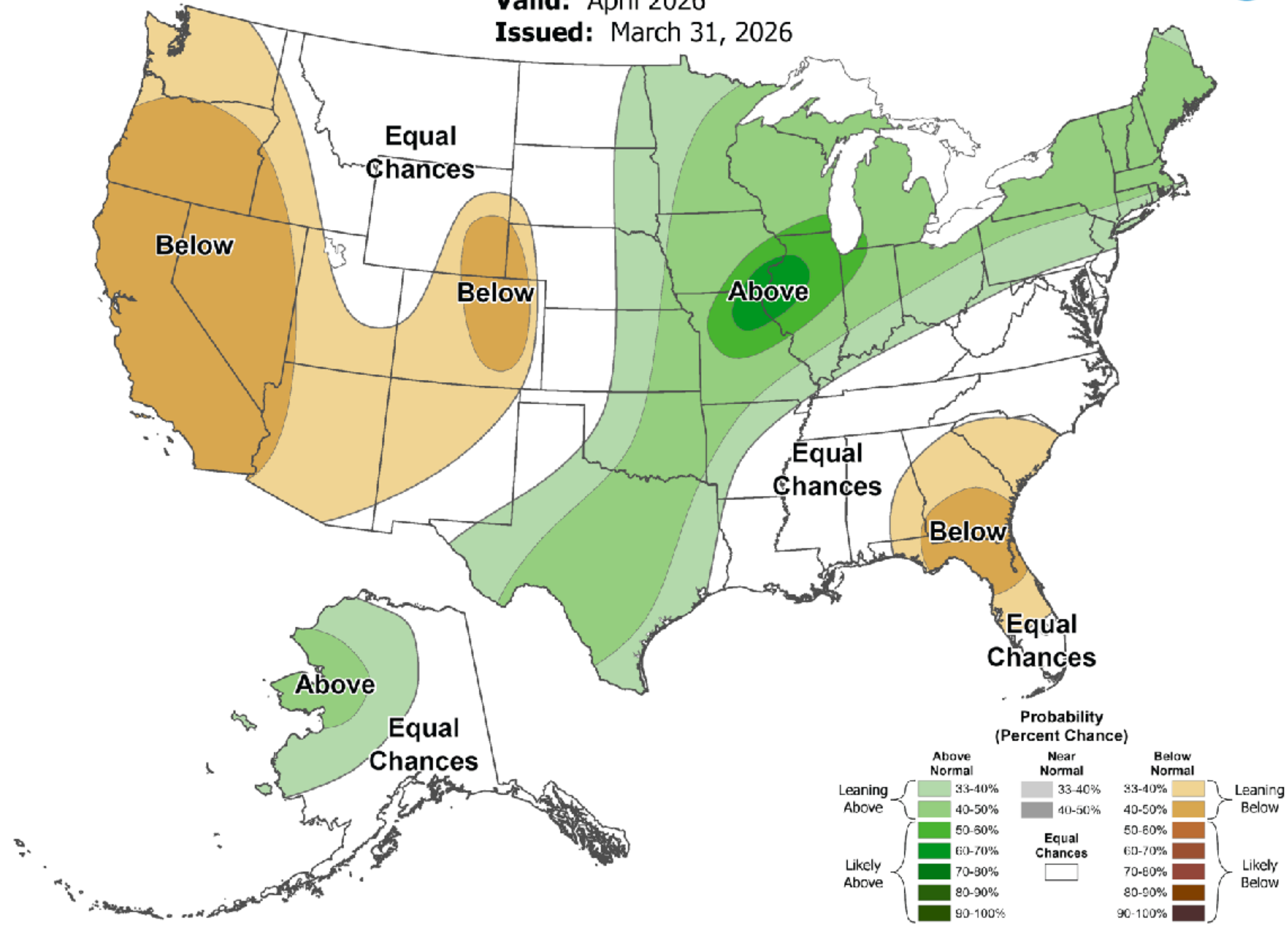


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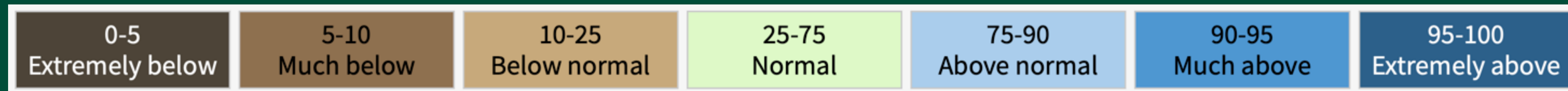
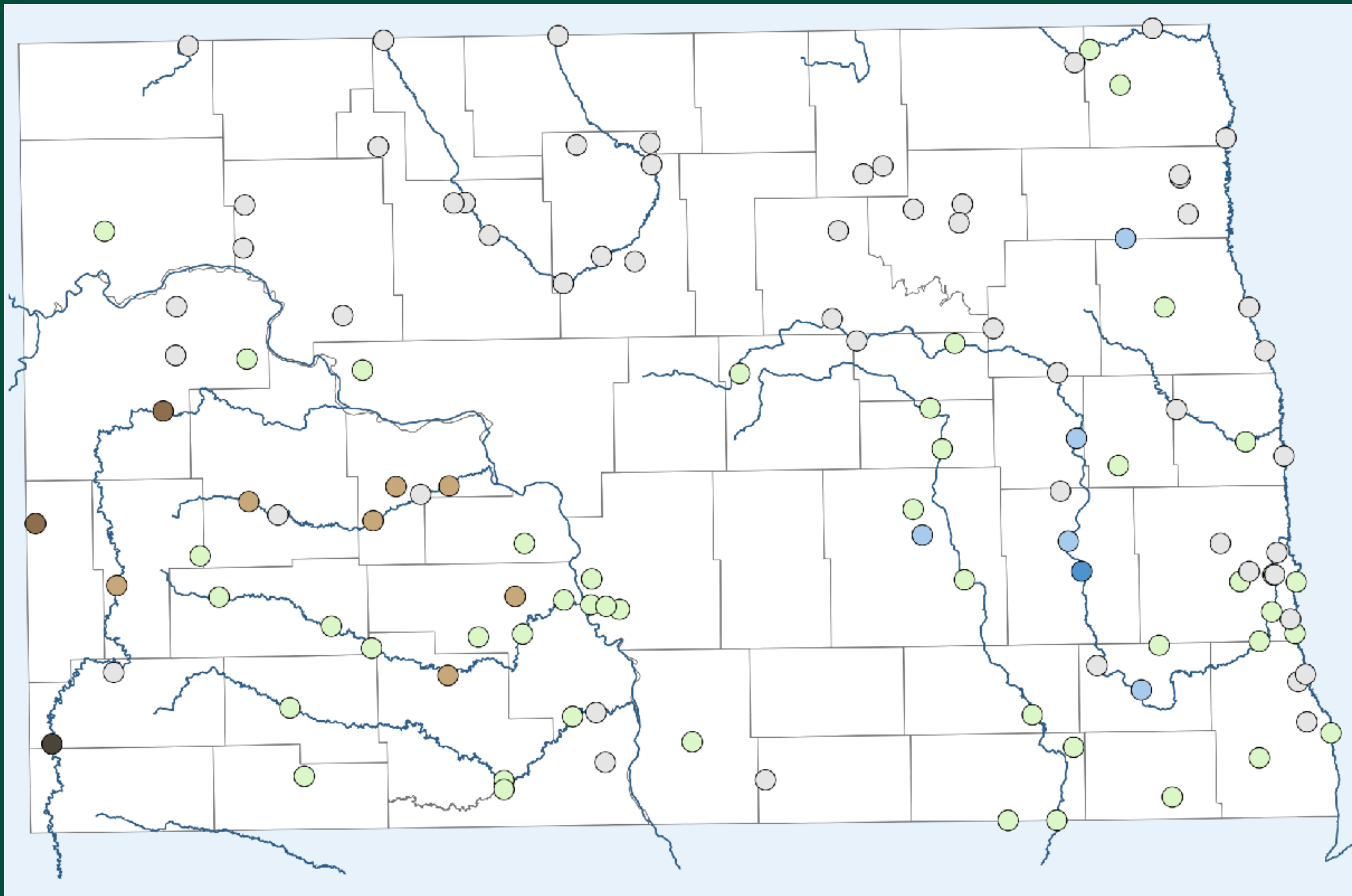


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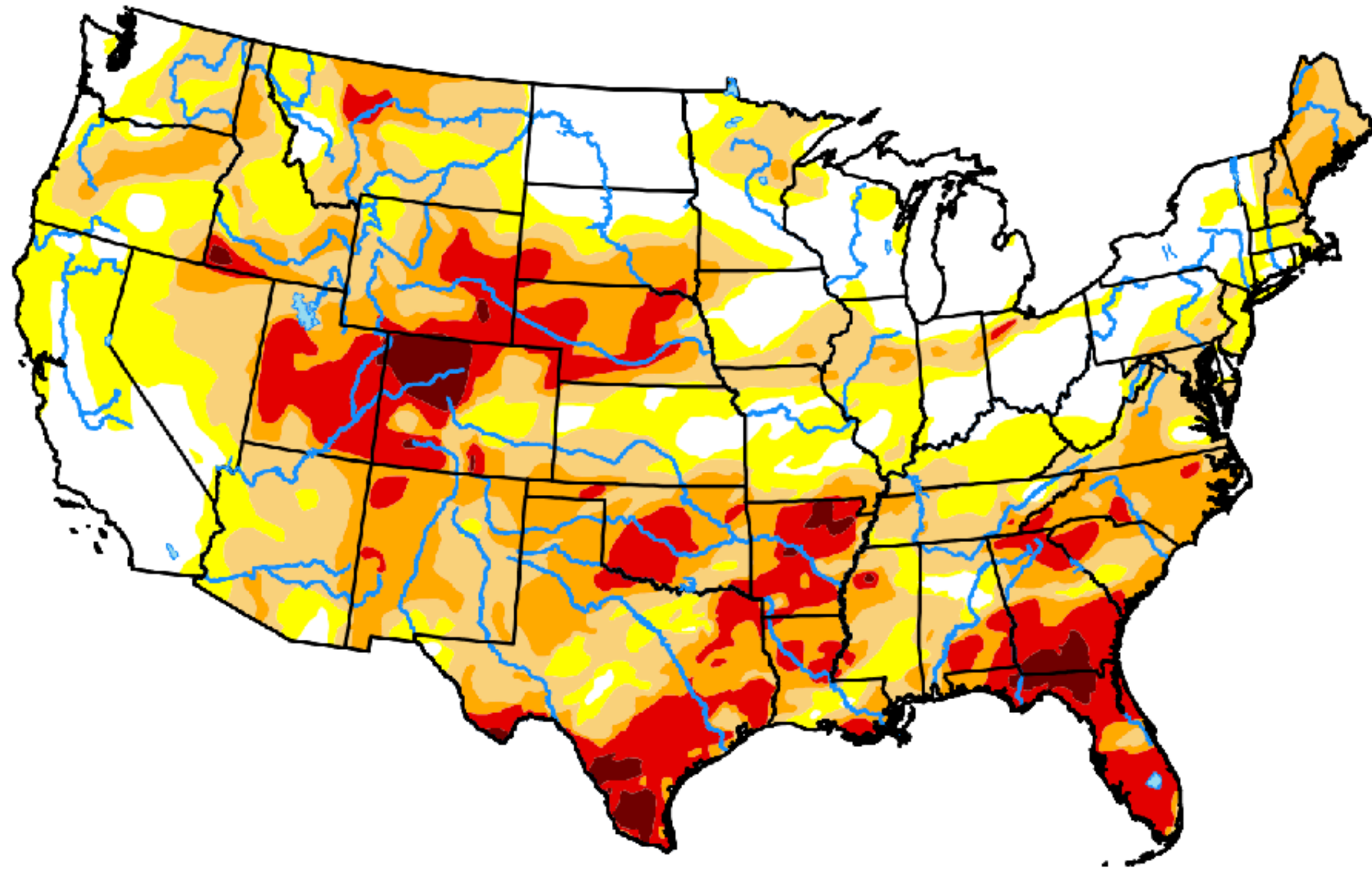
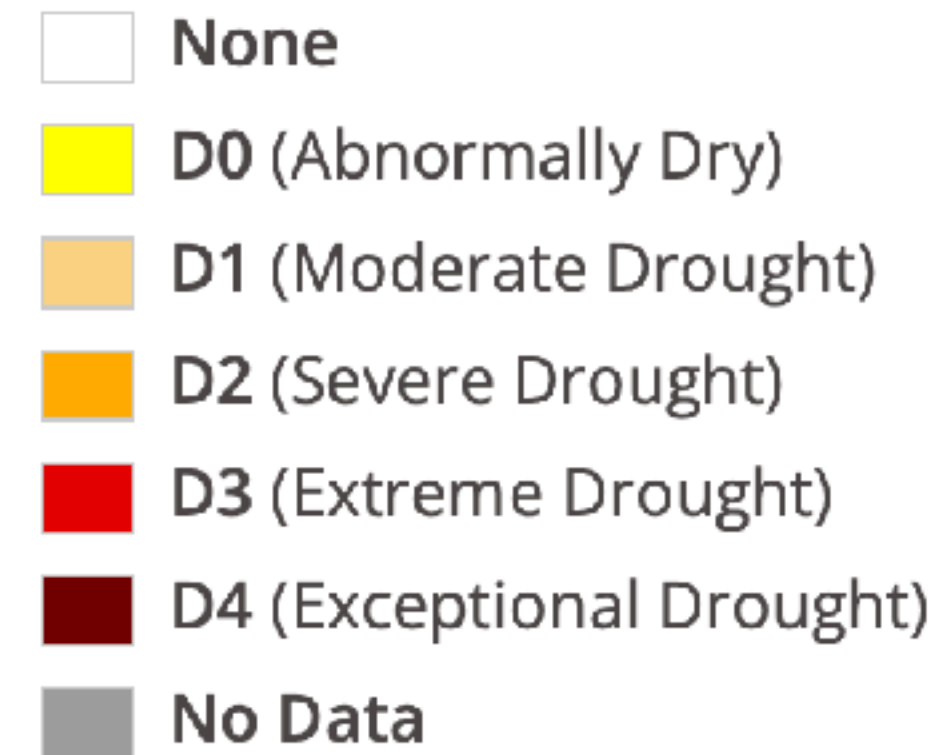


Stream Flows

Map released: Thurs. April 2, 2026

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Intensity



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Intensity

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

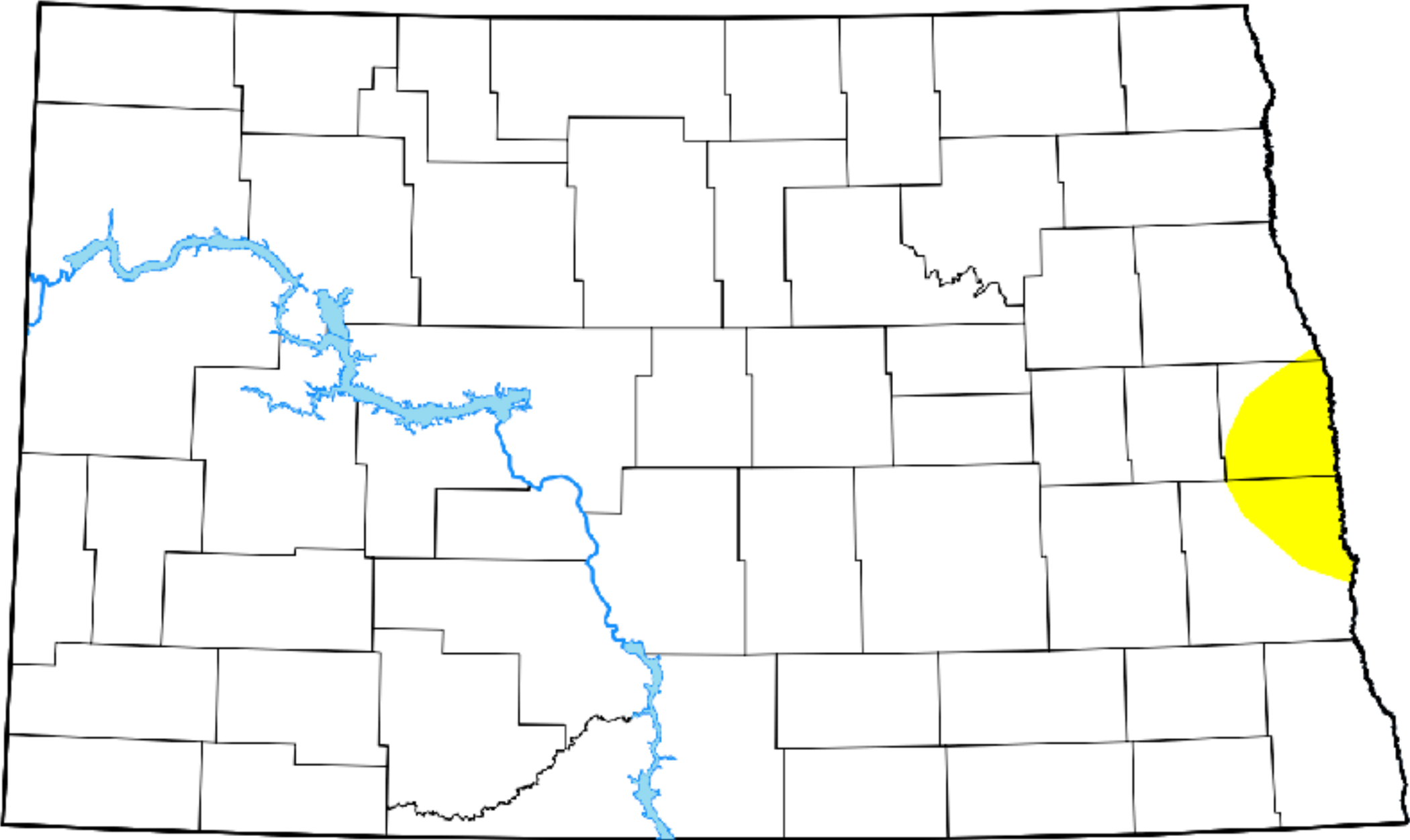
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Drought Monitor North Dakota

Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	<u>2026-03-31</u>	98.22	1.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week to Current	<u>2026-03-24</u>	98.22	1.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago to Current	<u>2025-12-30</u>	98.04	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year to Current	<u>2025-12-30</u>	98.04	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year to Current	<u>2025-09-30</u>	94.92	5.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago to Current	<u>2025-04-01</u>	32.82	67.18	56.05	26.86	4.11	0.00

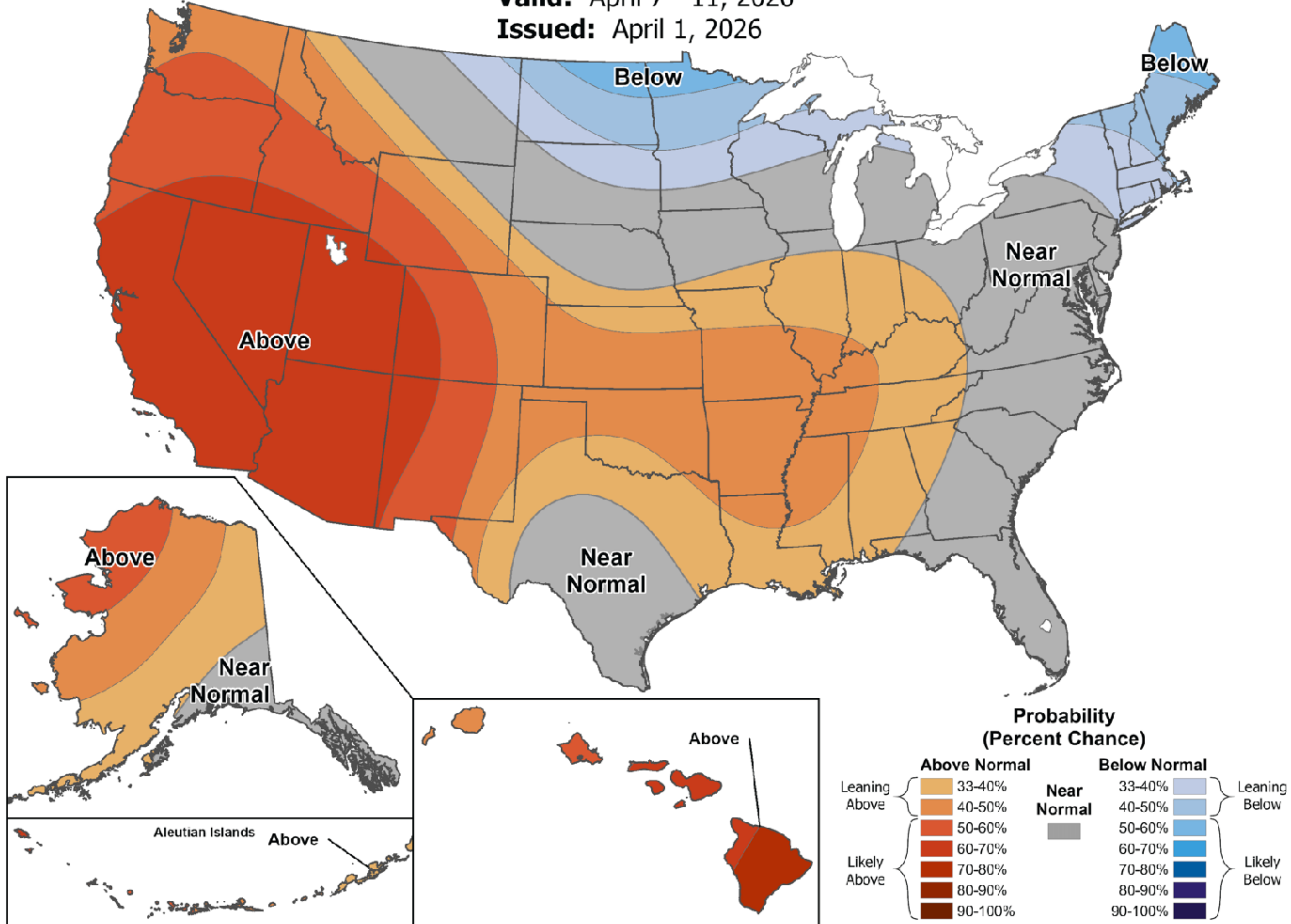
Drought Statistics



6-10 Day Temperature Outlook



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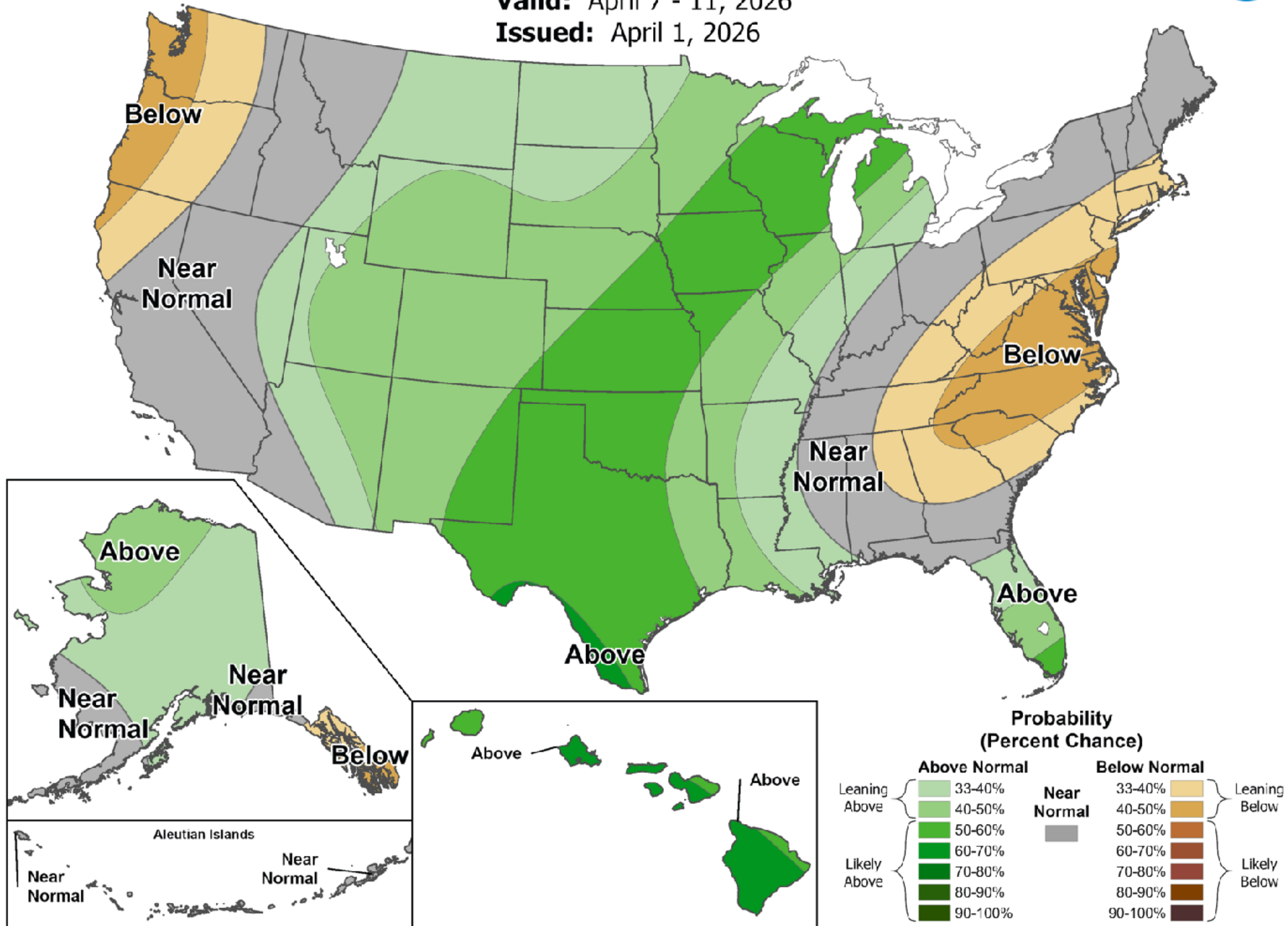


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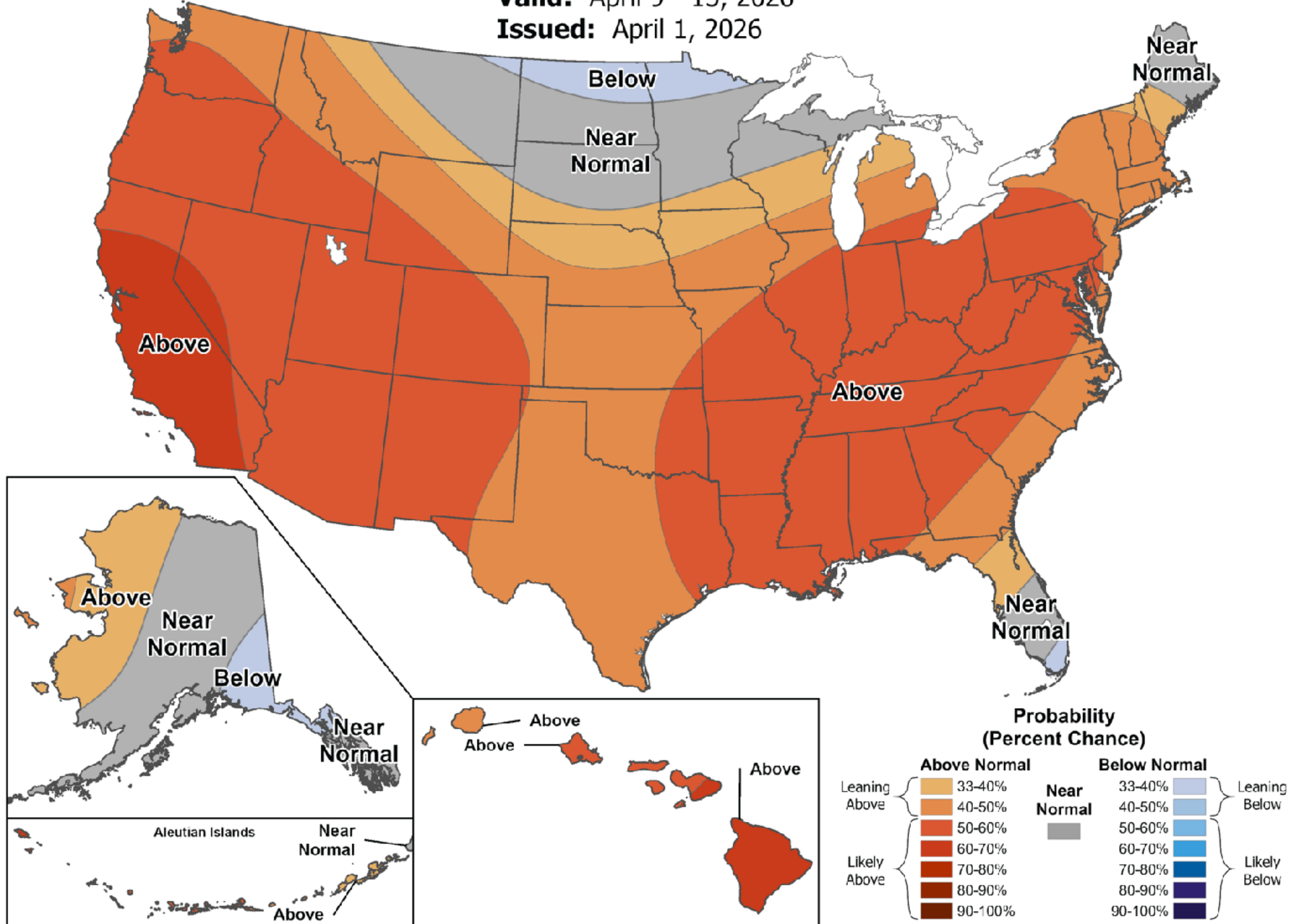




8-14 Day Temperature Outlook



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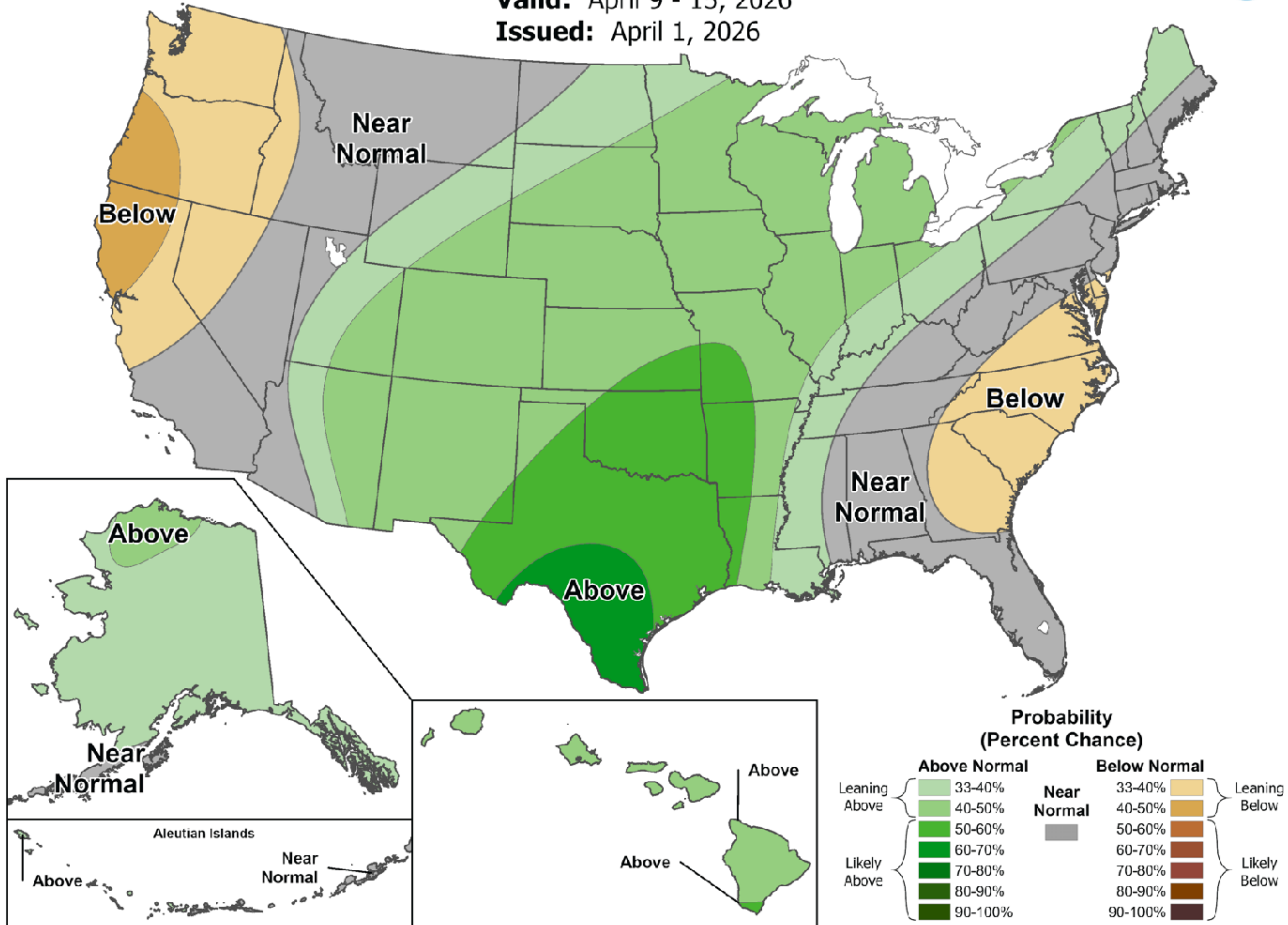




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Summary

Storms Eliminating any dry concerns (for now)

Many Locations getting the April Average this week

Storm will cause rivers to go up, but only Minor Flooding

Below Average Temperatures next 7 days

SW North Dakota Moving into D0, but delayed

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