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Facing Water Uncertainty in the West

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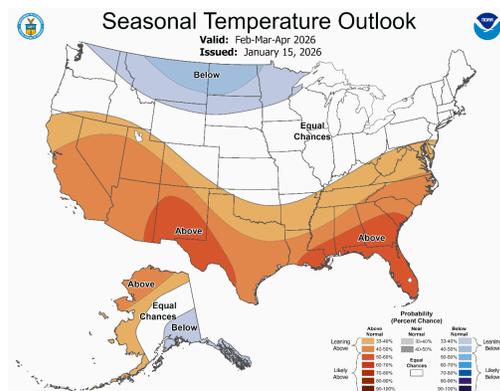
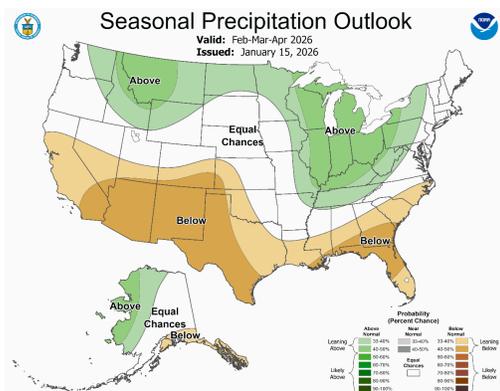
The American West is experiencing a record snow drought and uncharacteristic warm temperatures. As of February 17th, Denver, CO, set a new winter record for the most days reaching 60 degrees or higher—35 days and counting. For LGE’s Mountain Division, this trend is particularly concerning. Colorado’s mountain snowpack is currently well below average, raising concerns about water supply and drought this summer. In the South Platte River Basin, where most of LGE’s mountain operations occur, recent USDA measurements show snow water equivalent (SWE) hovering around 45–60% of normal, among the lowest levels recorded for late winter, and in a state that administers water down to the one-hundredth of a cfs, every drop counts. CFS (Cubic Feet per Second) is a standard unit used to measure the rate of water flow or discharge in rivers, streams, and canals.

$$\text{SWE} = \text{Snow Depth} \times \text{Snow Density}$$

Reduced snowpack typically means less spring runoff and lower streamflows for the communities, farms, and industries that rely on them. While late-season storms can help, experts caution that a full recovery to median levels may be difficult this year.

Sand and gravel operations depend on reliable water supplies for dust control, aggregate processing, and permit compliance. Lower river and groundwater levels can limit deliveries to the ditches that support portions of our operations. Municipal water restrictions can further reduce leasing availability and increase costs associated with augmentation requirements. In dry years, regulatory oversight may also intensify to protect downstream users.

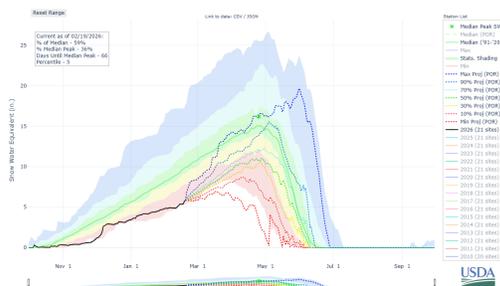
Yet, uncertainty does not mean inevitability. Colorado is known for dramatic spring storms, and weather patterns that can shift quickly. More importantly, challenging conditions often spark innovation, stronger partnerships, and smarter water management. While we cannot control the weather, we can control our preparation, collaboration, and commitment to delivering solutions.



Pictured on the upper left:
The Seasonal Precipitation Outlook (Feb-Apr) from NOAA.

Pictured on the upper right:
The Seasonal Temperature Outlook (Feb-Apr) from NOAA

Pictured to the direct right:
A graph of the Snow Water Equivalent in the South Platte Basin from NRCS USDA.



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D & I Rail Safety Recognition



We want to take a moment to recognize and thank several members of our D & I Railroad team for their vigilance and commitment to safety - Collin Weis, Chuck Van Engen, Clayton Petersen, and Chuck Rose. Recently, their sharp observation and quick action identified a critical mechanical defect - a failed bearing on a loaded flammable ethanol rail car. Because of their actions, a serious derailment was prevented. Incidents involving hazardous materials, like ethanol, carry significant risks to communities, environments, and more. This is what putting safety first looks like. It reflects the professionalism, teamwork, and high standards we strive for every day across our railroad operations.

Important Dates

Today - Friday, March 6th - we celebrate **National Employee Appreciation Day!** Thank you to all employees for your contributions.

This week also marks **Women In Construction Week** - a week to recognize the contributions of women in the industry through NAWIC. We are grateful to continue to diversify our amazing workforce!

Ace Ready Mix and Myrl & Roy's employees should mark their calendars for the **Construction Safety Kickoff** - March 10th. Held at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds.

Milestone Anniversaries

Herschel Pies - Summit

Jared Otton - Hawarden Cement

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