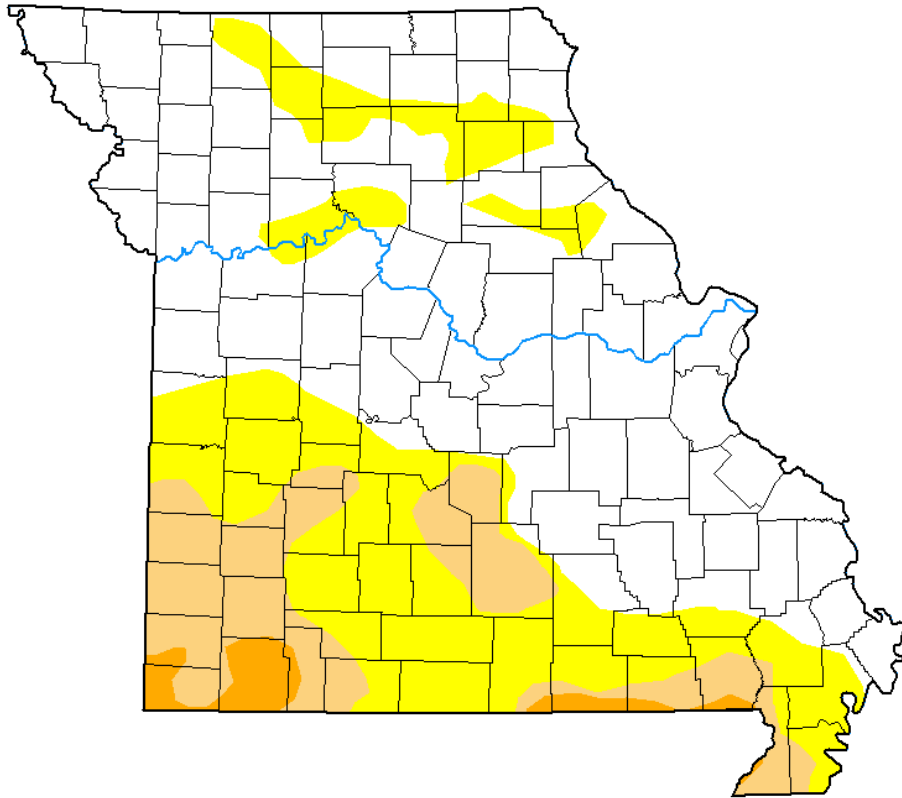


Christian County Drought

Considering a Future Burn Ban

Southwest Missouri is in a drought...And it is likely to get worse

August 25, 2026

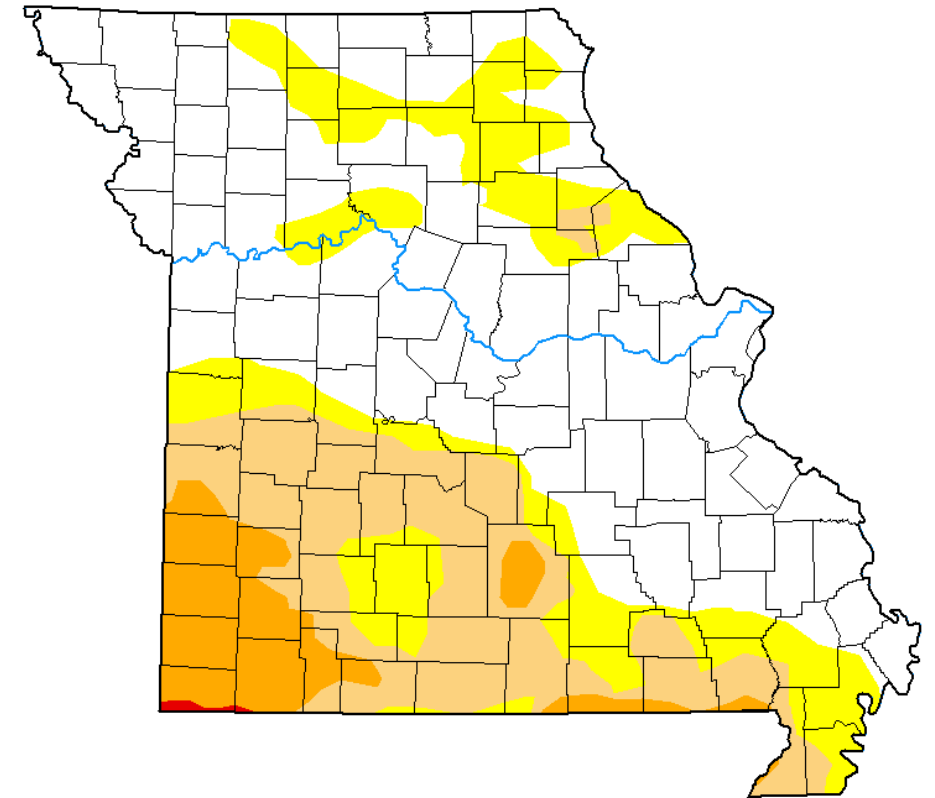


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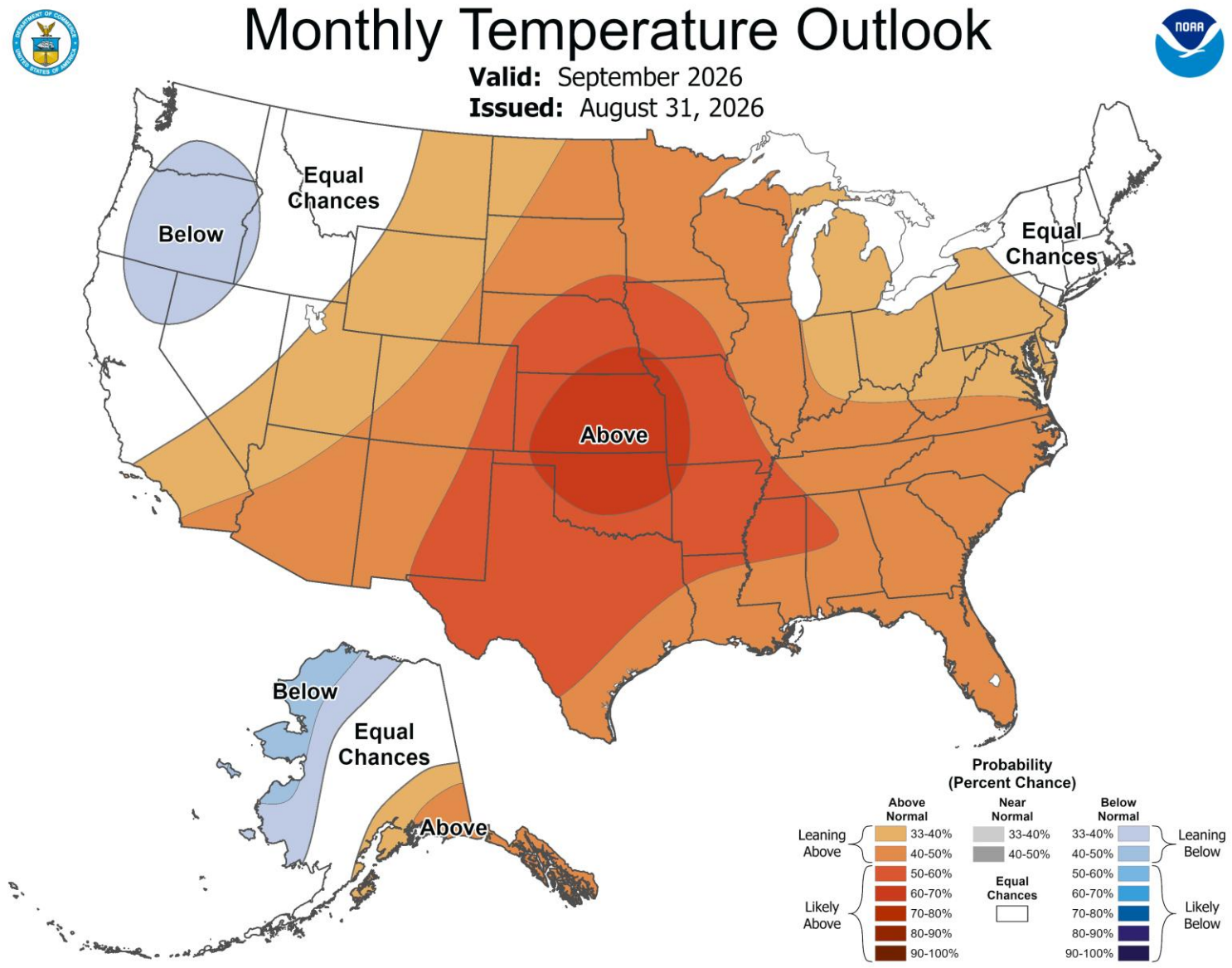
- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



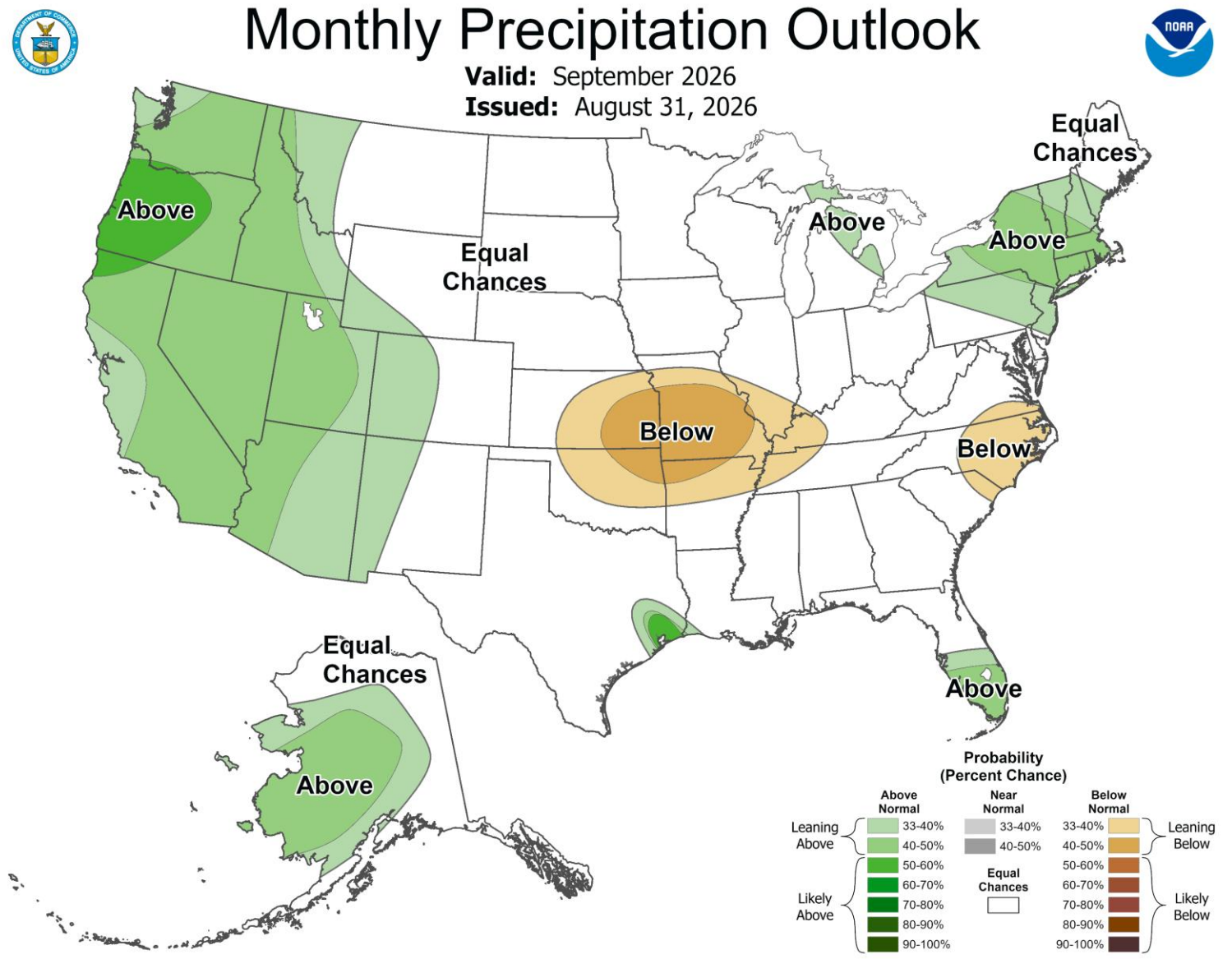
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A severe drought can negatively impact residents

Dry Fuels and Limited Water Resources



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graph TD; A[Dry Fuels and Limited Water Resources] --> B[More Fires and More Severe Fires]; B --> C[Threats to Life, Property, and Fire Department Resources];
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The diagram consists of three stacked rectangular boxes with rounded corners. The top box is orange and contains the text 'Dry Fuels and Limited Water Resources'. A light red arrow points downwards from the right side of this box to the right side of the middle box. The middle box is green and contains the text 'More Fires and More Severe Fires'. A light gray arrow points downwards from the right side of this box to the right side of the bottom box. The bottom box is dark green and contains the text 'Threats to Life, Property, and Fire Department Resources'.

More Fires and More Severe Fires

Threats to Life, Property, and Fire Department Resources

An appropriately-timed burn ban is a commonly supported method for reducing fire and severe fires.

- Nearby communities have enacted burn bans due to the drought¹, including:
 - McDonald County
 - Dade County
 - Cedar County
 - Vernon County
 - Webb City
 - City of Thayer
 - City of Richland
 - Tri-County Fire Protection District
 - Jasper County
 - Oregon County
 - Waynesville Rural Fire Protection District
 - Village of Diggins, MO

¹As of Thursday, 9/3/2026

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Local fire departments have stated they support a burn ban during severe drought, including

- Billings
- Clever
- Nixa
- Ozark
- Highlandville
- Sparta

Questions?
Concerns?
Barriers?
Discussion?

