NOAA Climate Science & Services Monthly Climate Update

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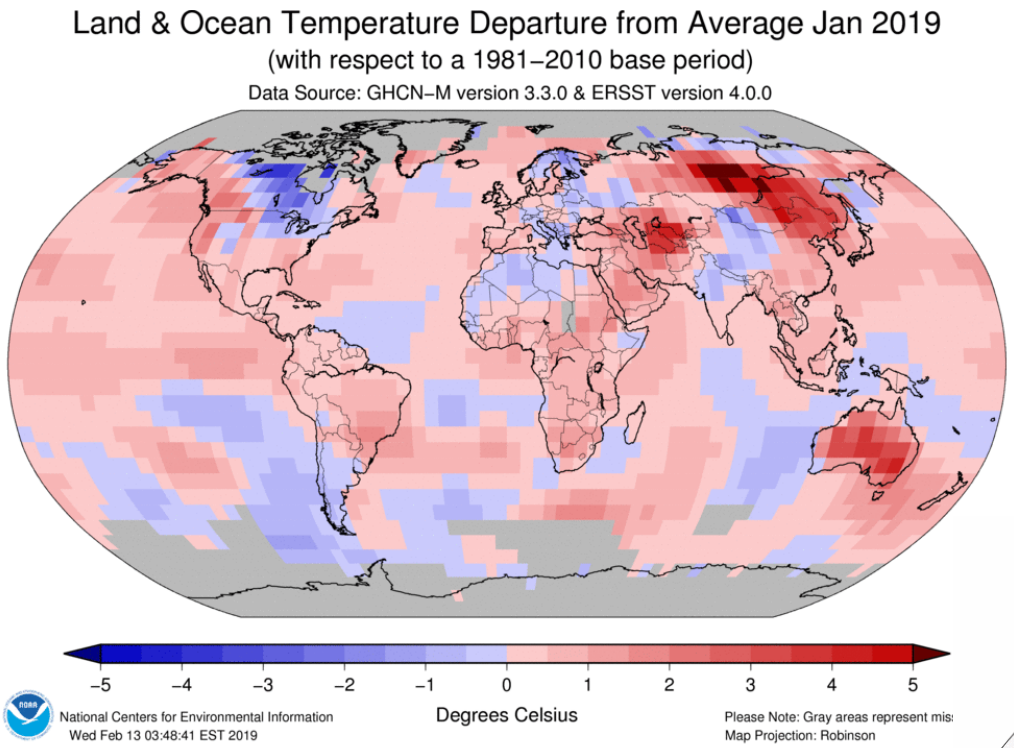
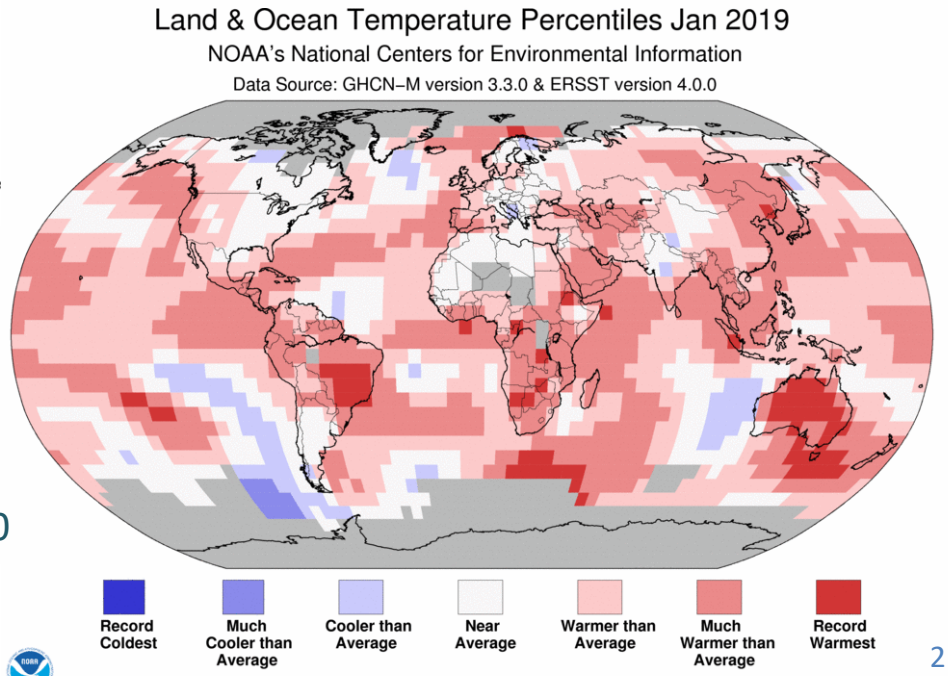
Global Temperature January 2019



- Global Land + Ocean: +0.88°C / +1.58°F
  - Tied with 2007 as the third warmest Jan in the 140-year record
  - The 10 warmest Jan have all occurred since 2002
  - Jan 2019 marks the 43rd consecutive Jan and the 409th consecutive month with temperatures above the 20th century average

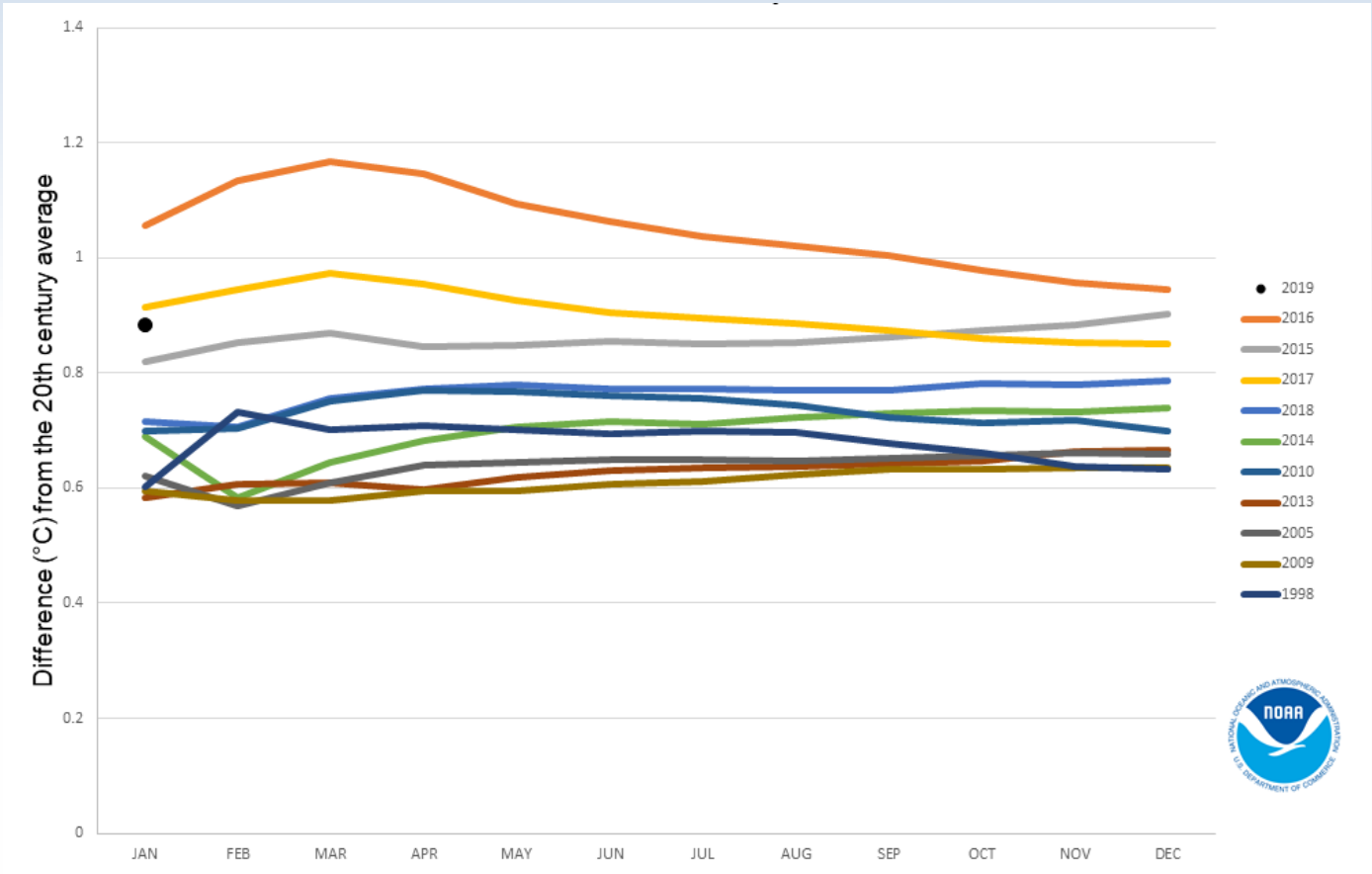


- Global Land: +1.51°C / +2.72°F
  - 4th warmest on record
- Global Ocean: +0.65°C / +1.17°F
  - 3rd warmest on record
    - ❖ The global temperature record dates to 1880 (140 years)

Global Temperature January 2019

Year-to-Date Global Temperatures

for 2019 and the ten warmest years on record



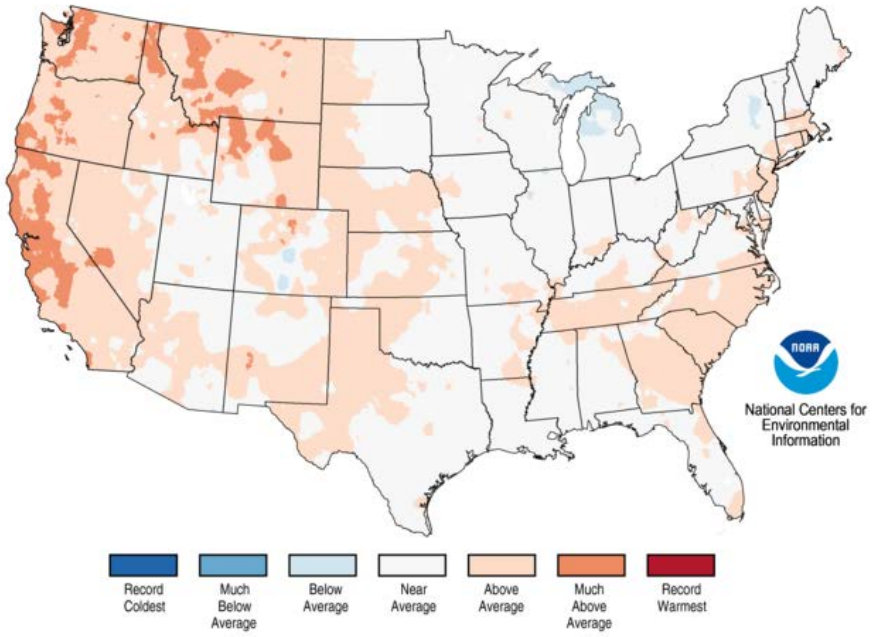
- Almost certain (99.9% chance) 2019 will end among the 10 warmest years on record

Contiguous U.S. January 2019

Temperature: 32.7°F, +2.6°F, 29th warmest January on record

Precipitation: 2.49”, +0.18”, Tied with 1939 as 37th wettest January on record

Temperature Percentiles January 2019
Period: 1895-2019 (125 years)



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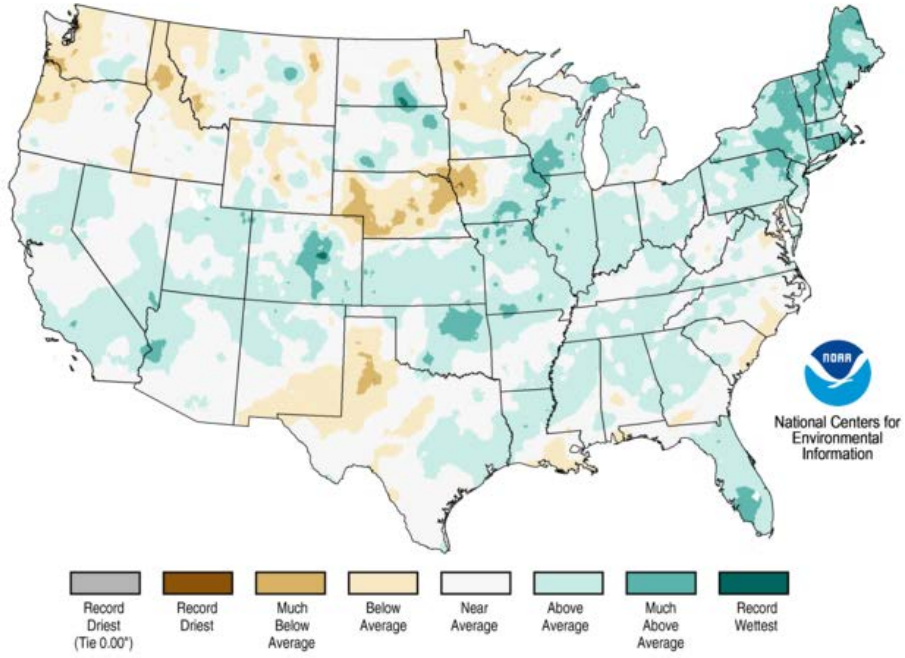


- The western half of the CONUS and parts of the southeast had warmer-than-average conditions
- CA’s Jan 2019 temperature ranked as 11th warmest
- No state ranked below-average for Jan

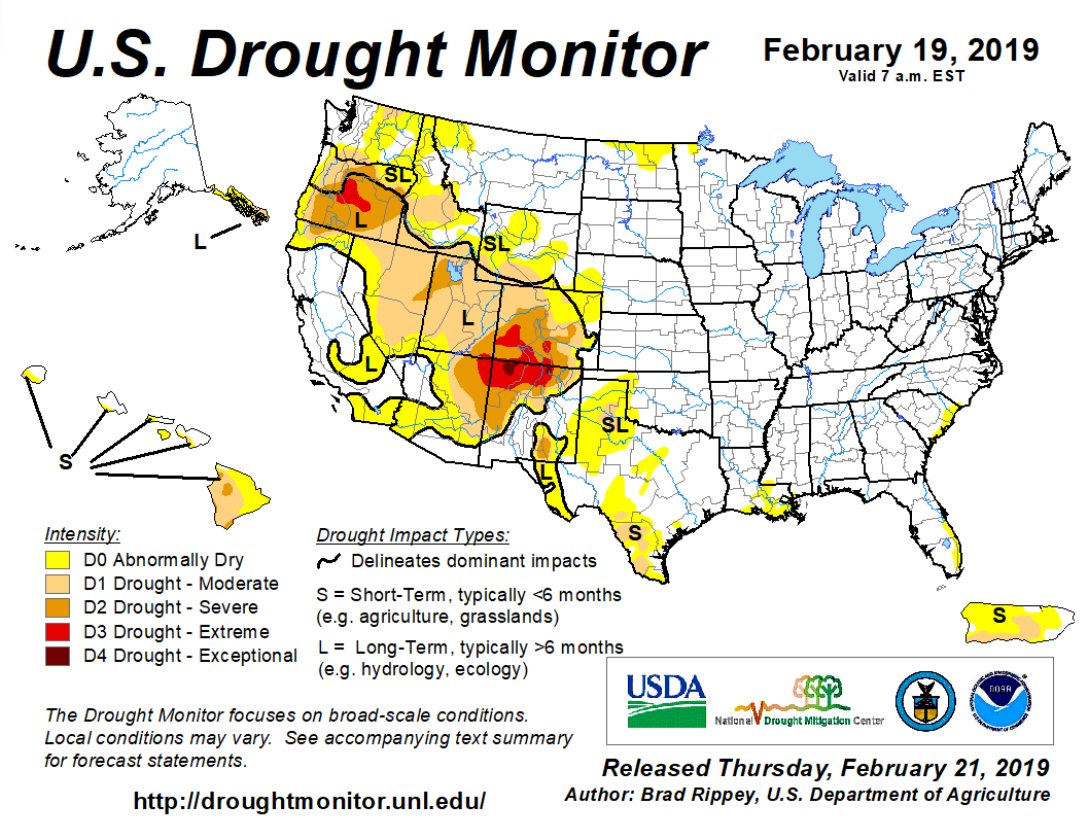
- Northeast, parts of the Midwest, High Plains and Florida were much wetter than average
- Northwest and parts of New Mexico and Texas were drier than average
- Precipitation helped bring back snowpack back to near-normal levels

Current U.S. Drought

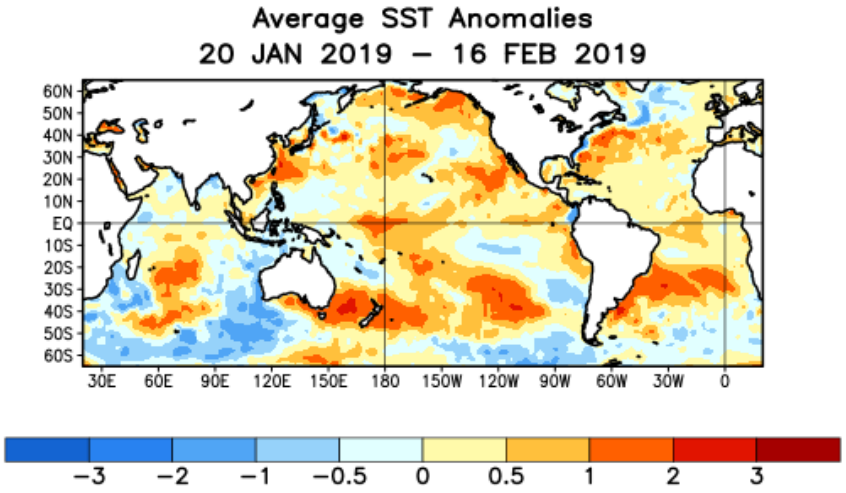
15.1% of Contiguous U.S. in Drought

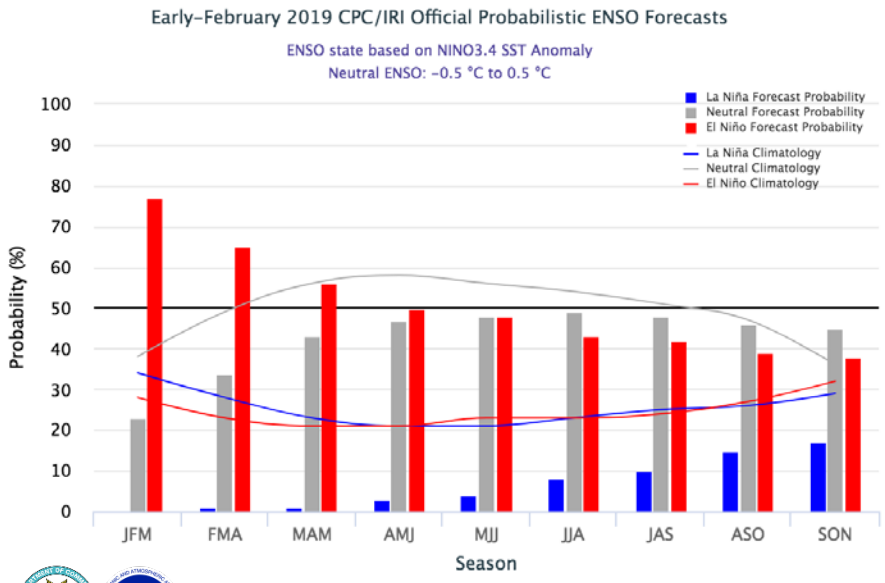
(↓ 1.4 percentage points since late Jan)

- Improvement: Parts of the West, High Plains and Florida
- Degradation: Parts of Texas and Idaho
- Outside CONUS: Drought improved in Hawaii, while it deteriorated across Puerto Rico's southwestern coast



Sea Surface Temperatures & ENSO

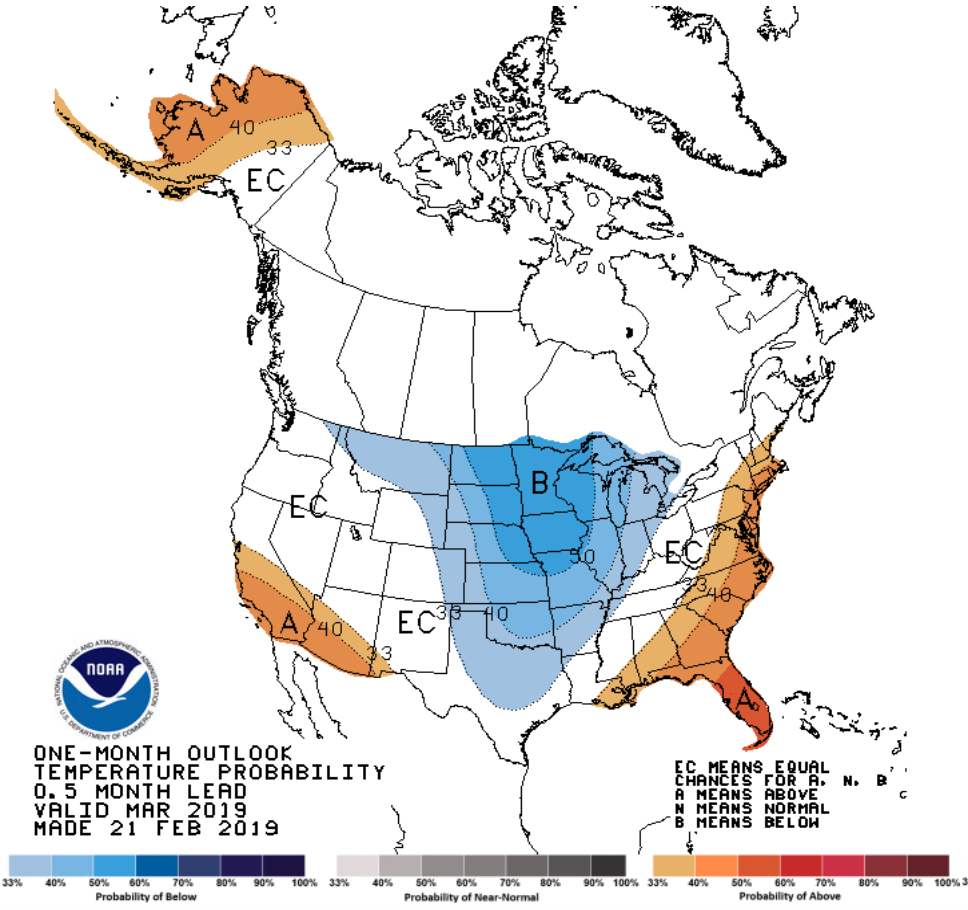




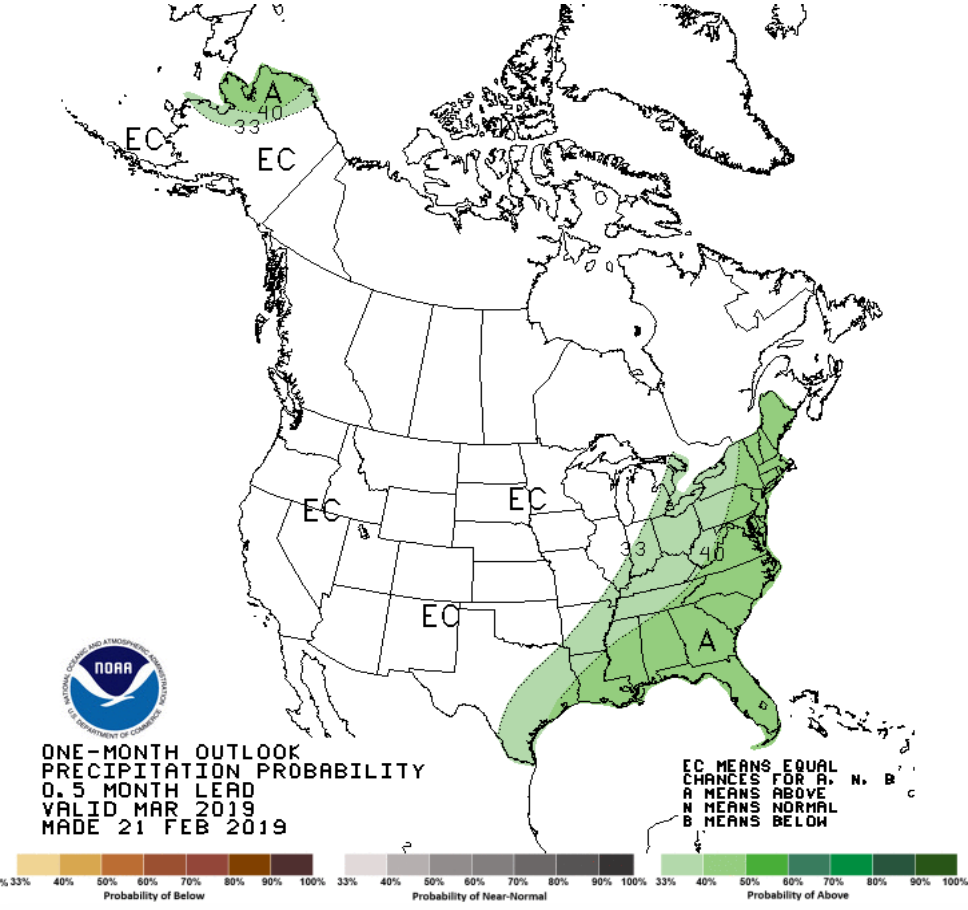
- Sea surface temperatures
  - Above normal SSTs in the eastern and central equatorial Pacific
  - Atmosphere and ocean conditions more aligned
  - El Niño conditions are present, with an El Niño Advisory issued 14 Feb
- ENSO forecast
  - El Niño likely to persist through spring 2019
  - The chances of returning to Neutral increase during the summer
  - ENSO Neutral likely during autumn 2019

Monthly Forecast (March)

March Average Temperature Probability

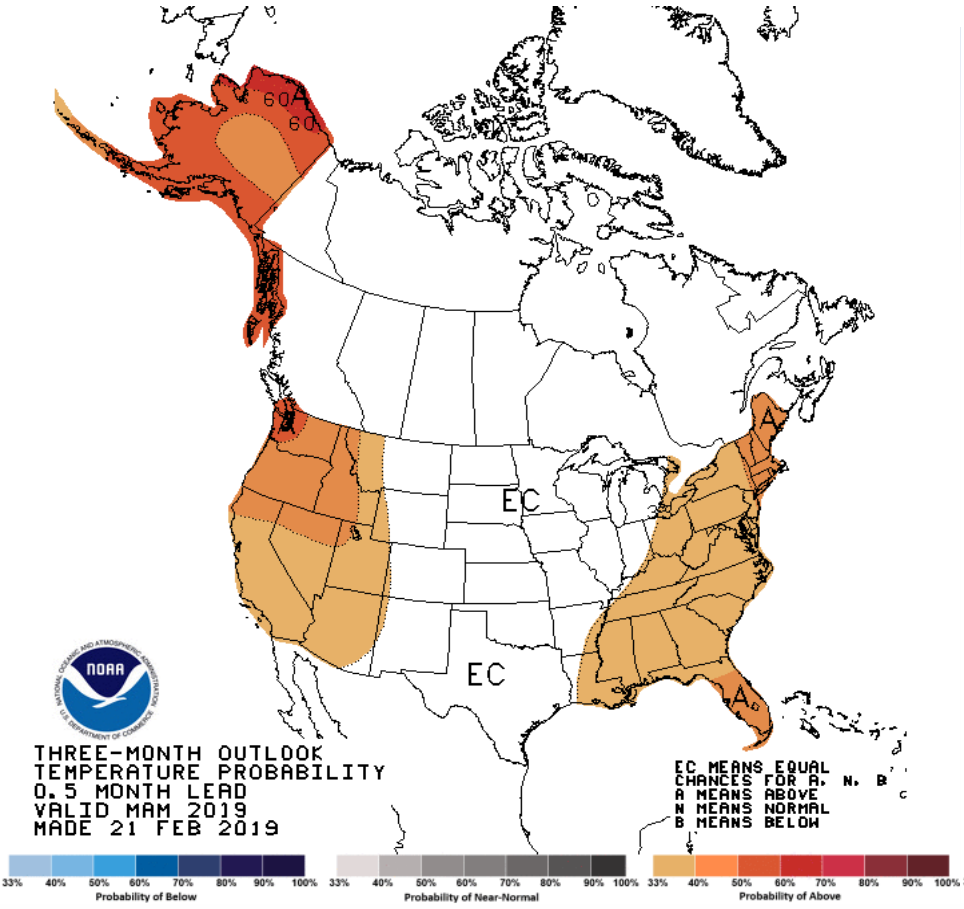


March Total Precipitation Probability



Seasonal Forecast (March-April-May)

March-April-May Average Temperature Probability



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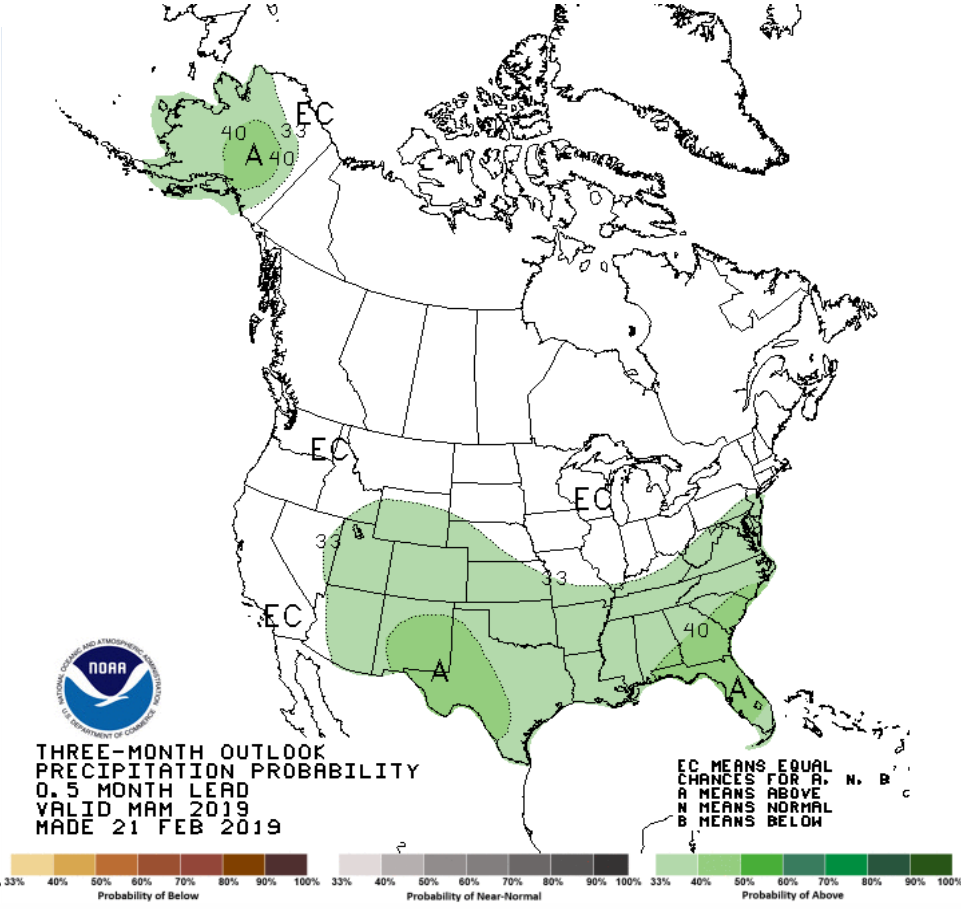
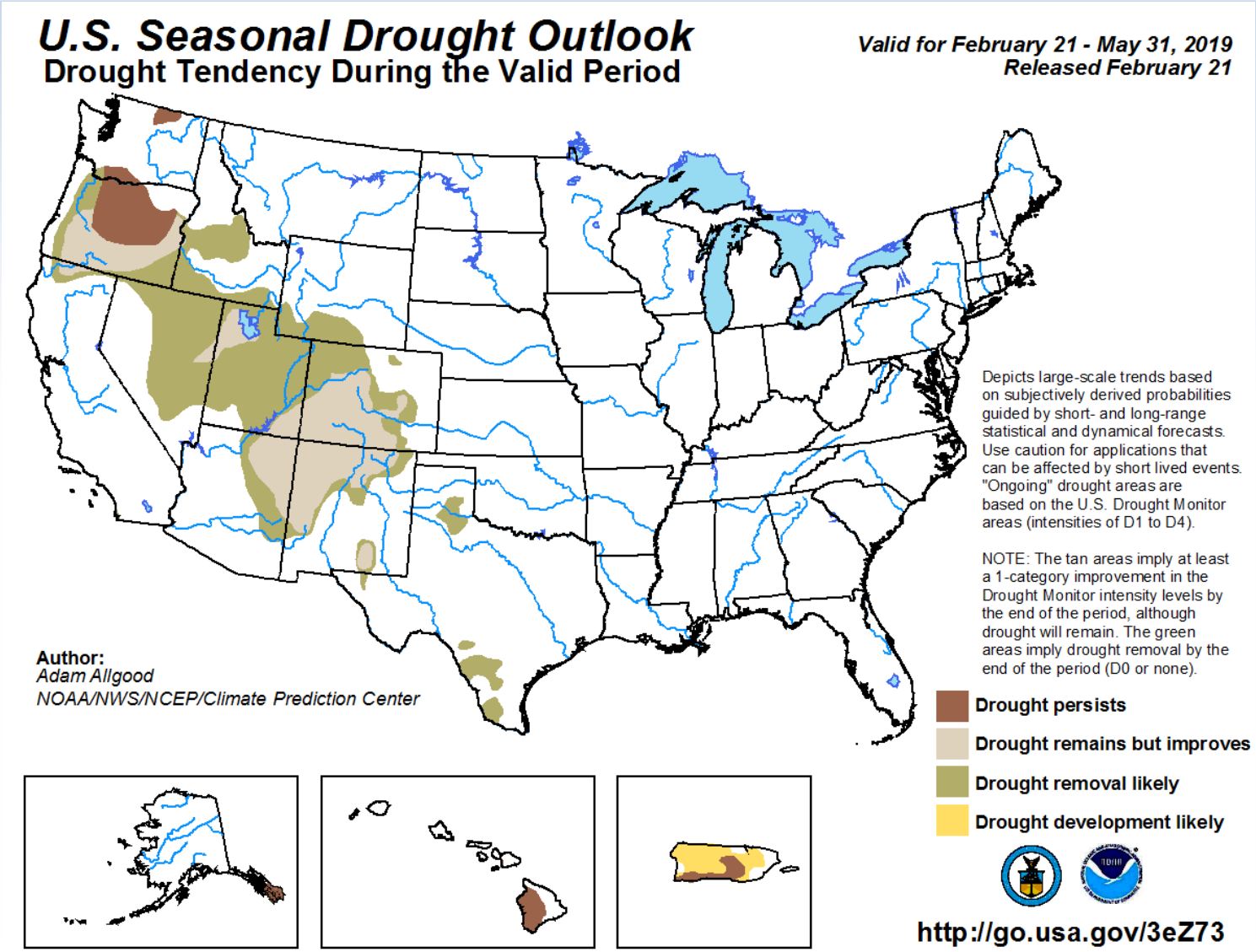


U.S. Drought Outlook



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