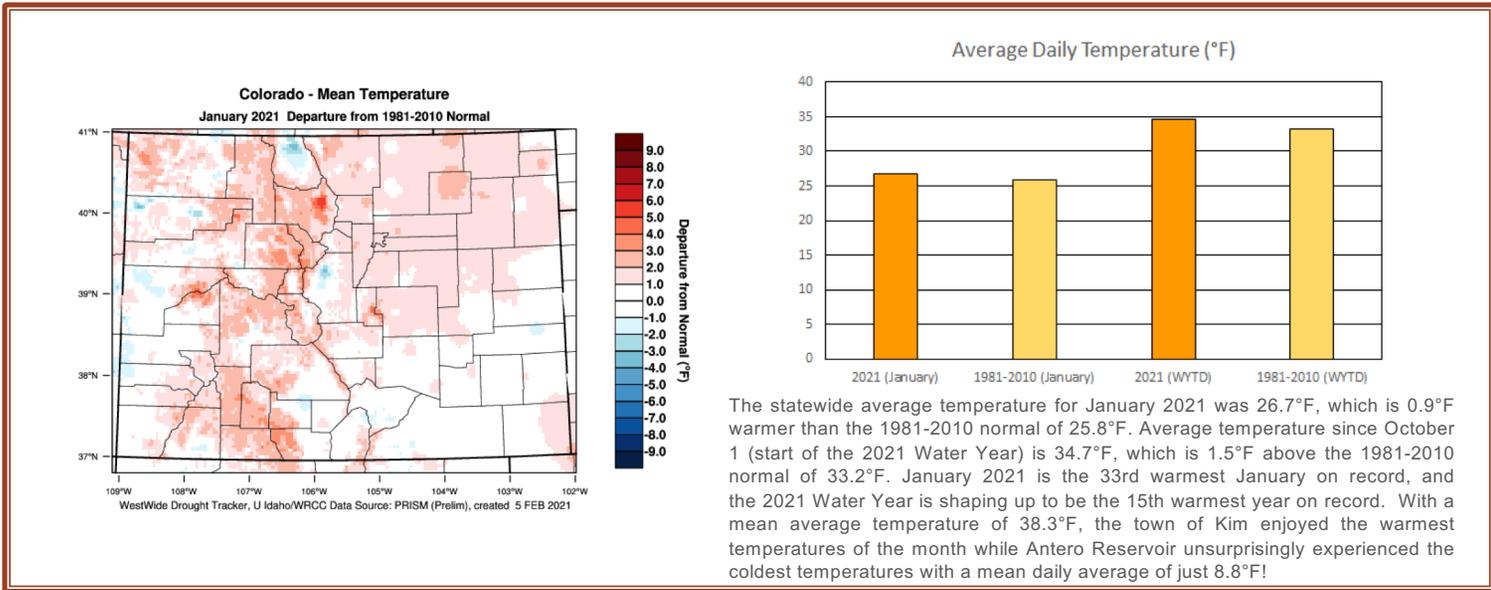
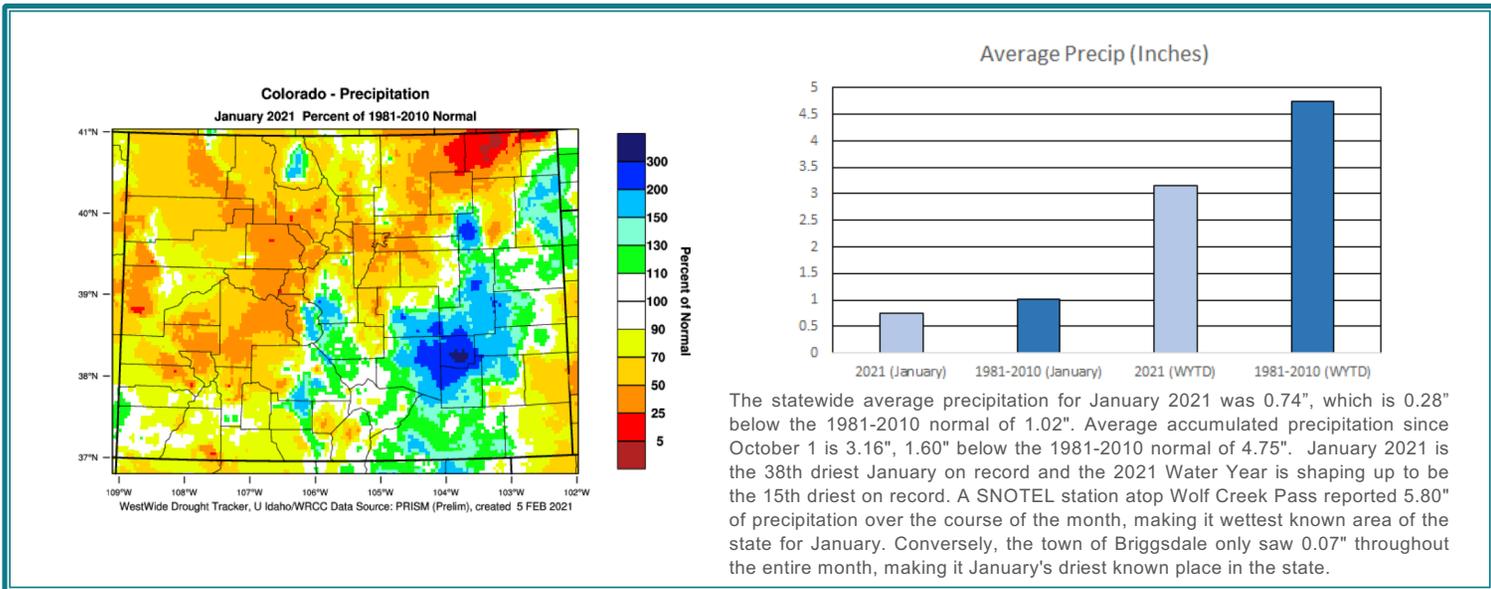


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WYTD = Water Year (Oct-Sep) to date



Daily Records (Tied | Broken) Total

High Max T

(4 | 31) 35
Highest Temp: 70°F,
Campo, January 6th

Low Max T

(5 | 15) 20

High Min T

(12 | 57) 69

Low Min T

(2 | 12) 14
Lowest Temp: -38°F,
Antero Reservoir, January 12th

Precipitation

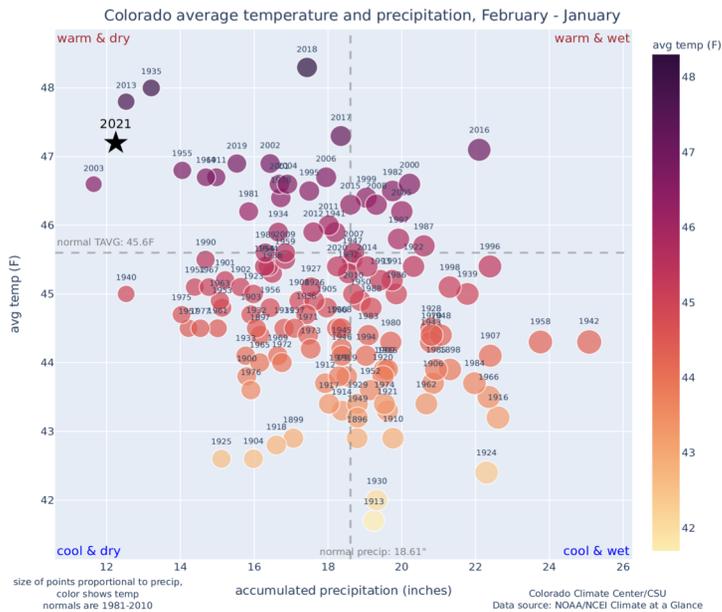
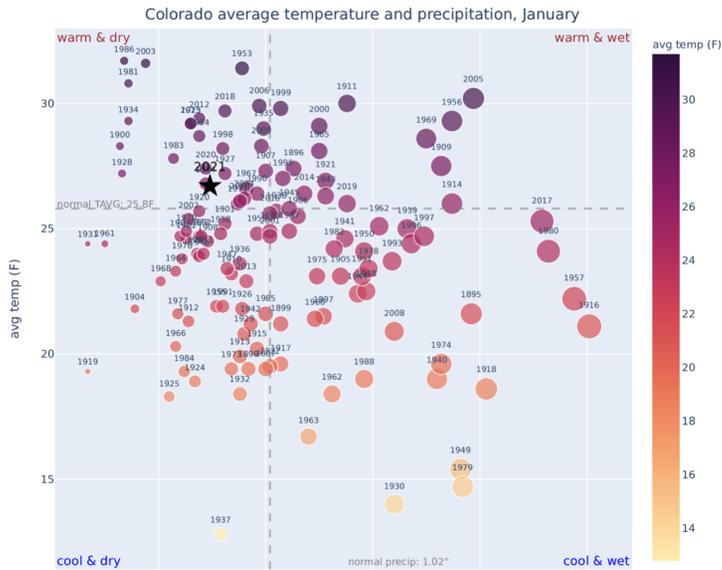
(16 | 56) 72
Greatest Daily Precip: 1.20",
Wolf Creek Pass, January 23rd

Snowfall

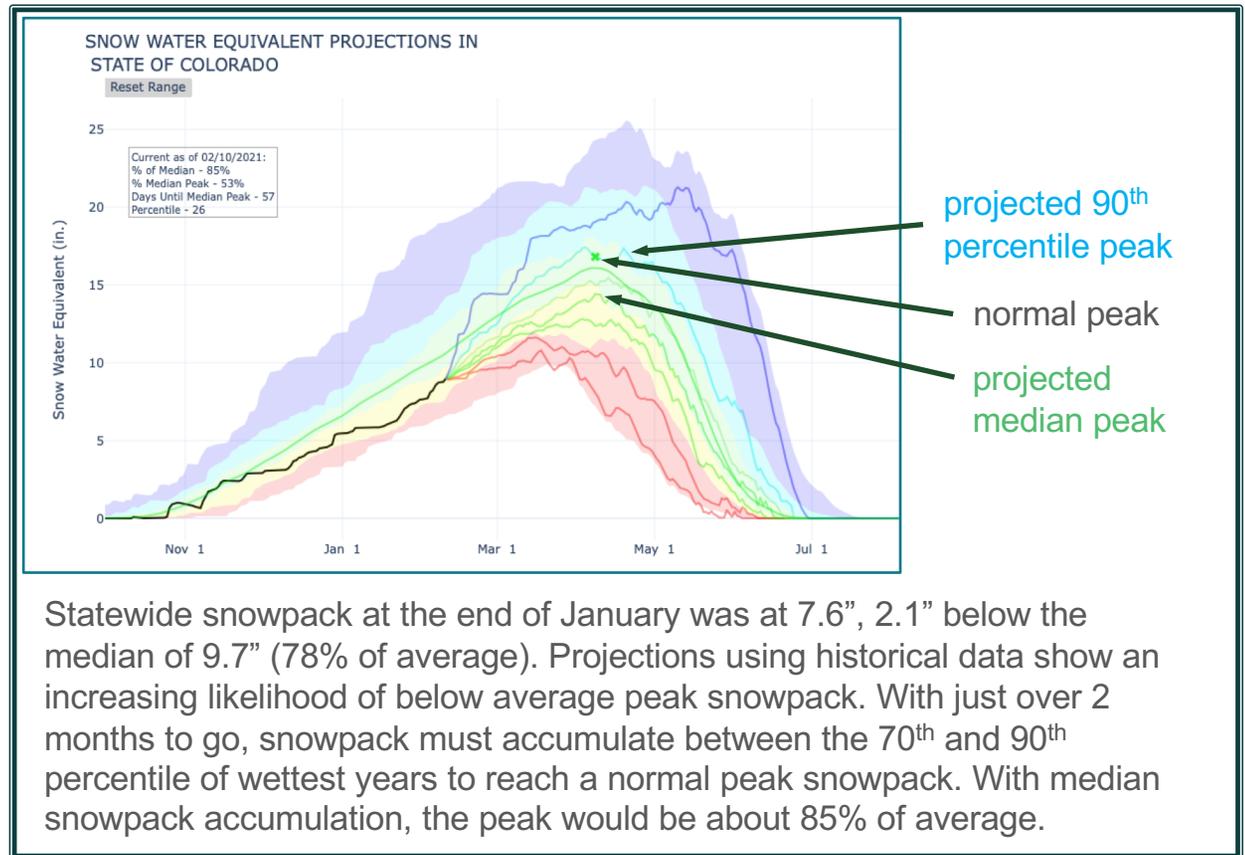
(5 | 26) 31
Greatest Daily Snowfall: 19.5",
Fort Garland, January 19th



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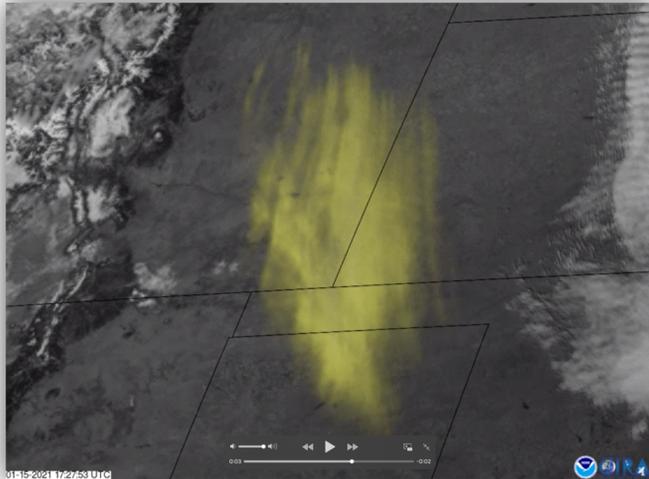
Temp/Precip Plots (left): Each dot plots statewide temperature (y-axis) vs. precipitation (x-axis). Colors represent temperature and size of dots represent precipitation magnitude. The dashed lines are average, so where they intersect would be a near average temperature and precipitation. The top shows January, and the bottom shows the last 12 months. While January was closer to average, it still lands in the “warm and dry” quadrant. Feb-Jan shows up as very warm and very dry.



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January's Major Wind Event

On January 14-15, 2021 a major wind event impacted the high elevations and the Eastern Plains.



High winds and dust on the plains were observed by satellite, while mountain valleys experienced ground blizzards. Highways were shut down from both due to low visibility.

Wind gusts were reported in the 70-80 mph range across the state, with over 100mph observed above tree line.

Wind Reports (mph)			
2 Ene Copper Mountain	116	1 N Glen Haven	99
1 Ne Crisman	94	3 Se Tolland	83
8 S Holyoke	81	3 Nw Marshall	80
1 Ene Berthoud Pass	79	3 Ese Buckeye	78
1 S Copper Mountain	78	4 Ene Nederland	77
1 Nw Wellington	77	3 Ese Pinecliffe	76
3 Sw Jefferson	76	Virginia Dale	75
6 Ese Red Feather Lakes	74	3 Sw Rocky Flats	74
1 N Walden	74	3 Nne White Ranch Open	74
6 Sw Carr	74	2 Se Julesburg	74

data valid as of Fri 01:28 am - NWS Denver/Boulder

January Headlines

News stories featuring Climate Center staff:

[Colorado's 2020 weather extremes were very on brand for the year](#) - Becky Bolinger describes the wild weather of 2020 for 5280 Magazine.

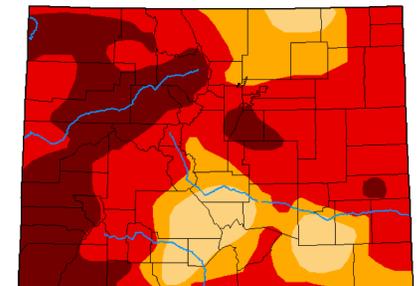
[In 2020, Colorado saw one of its driest and warmest years ever recorded](#) - Colorado Public Radio talked with Russ Schumacher about some of the significant weather events that impacted Colorado in 2020.

Other News stories:

[San Luis Valley Ranchers see Dividends in Water for Fish](#) – read more in this Water Education Colorado newsletter.

Drought continues

Slight changes in drought depiction for the U.S. Drought Monitor, with some improvement (D4 to D3) in the northern portion of Routt County and the San Juan mountains, and (D2 to D1) in Otero, Las Animas and Bent counties in southeast Colorado. At the end of January, 73% of the state was in a D3/D4 drought category.



Jan 26, 2021



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