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The Winter Outlook Is Here!

The Climate Prediction Center's much anticipated "Winter 2011-2012 Outlook" was released on October 20th.

project seasonal snowfall accumulations. Snow forecasts are dependent upon individual winter storms, which are not predictable more than several days in advance.

Here's the nitty gritty:

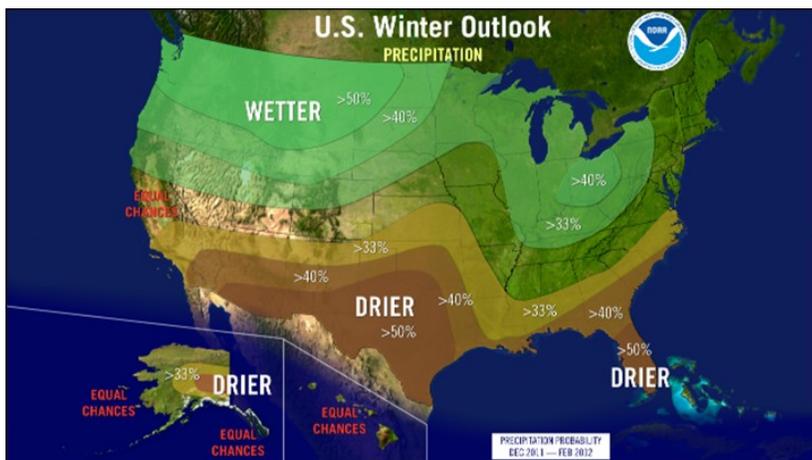
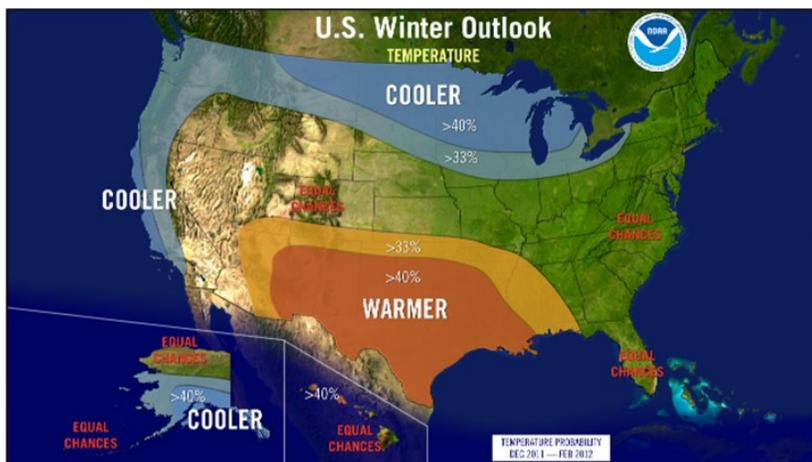
- For the second winter in a row, La Niña will influence North American weather patterns.

- In tune with La Niña, progressive and variable weather patterns will increase the likelihood of dramatic, short-term temperature swings. However, a strong overall temperature signal (warmer or cooler) is not expected across southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.

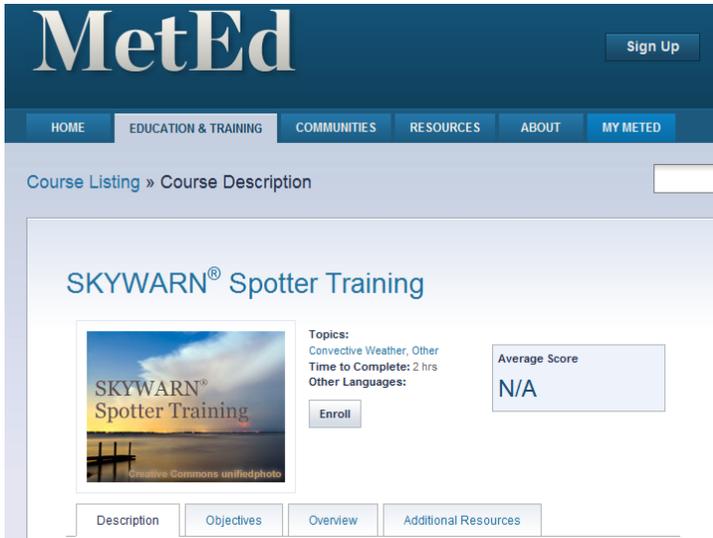
- An increased likelihood of above-normal precipitation is expected. In recent La Niña years, this has been evident in the form of increased high-elevation snowpack and/or the presence of a low-elevation snowpack.

- The outlook does not project where or when snowstorms will hit, nor does it

- The already drought-stricken southern Plains should prepare for the possibility of a warm and dry winter. The Pacific Northwest, on the other hand, poses an increased chance of colder and wetter (than average) conditions.



Online SkyWarn Training



The COMET/MetEd Training Program is a joint effort by the NWS and UCAR, or University Corporation for Atmospheric Research. For years COMET has provided supplemental online training to operational meteorologists in the field.

Recently, COMET has added a two-part training module, made specifically for SkyWarn Spotters, entitled “Role of the SkyWarn Spotter” and “SkyWarn Spotter Convective Basics”.

For more information:

- [SkyWarn Spotter Training](#)
- [About the COMET Program](#)

CoCoRaHS Is On YouTube!

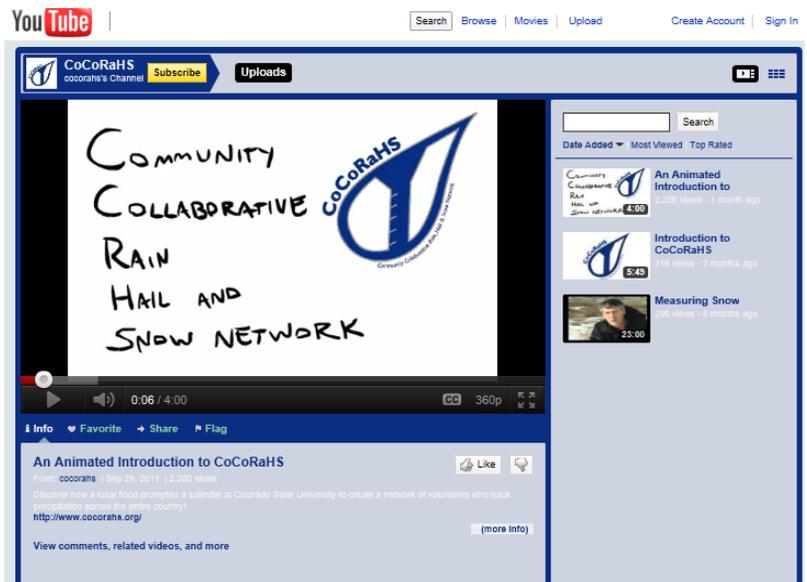
CoCoRaHS is expanding its reach with a new YouTube page aimed at both current and potential observers.

Need a refresher on measuring snow? Want a fun and informative video on the founding of the CoCoRaHS organization? These visual aids can be found on the CoCoRaHS YouTube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/cocorahs>

CoCoRaHS training slide shows can still be found on the CoCoRaHS website:

[CoCoRaHS Training](#)



Weather In the News

[“Why the Barometer is Android’s New Trump Card” \(Gizmodo\)](#)

[“Anatomy of Sunstorms & Solar Flares” \(Space.com\)](#)

[“PhotoBlog: 87,000 Without Power After Colorado Storm” \(MSNBC\)](#)

[“NASA Satellite Aims to Improve Weather Forecasts” \(Wall Street Journal\)](#)

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October Climate Summary

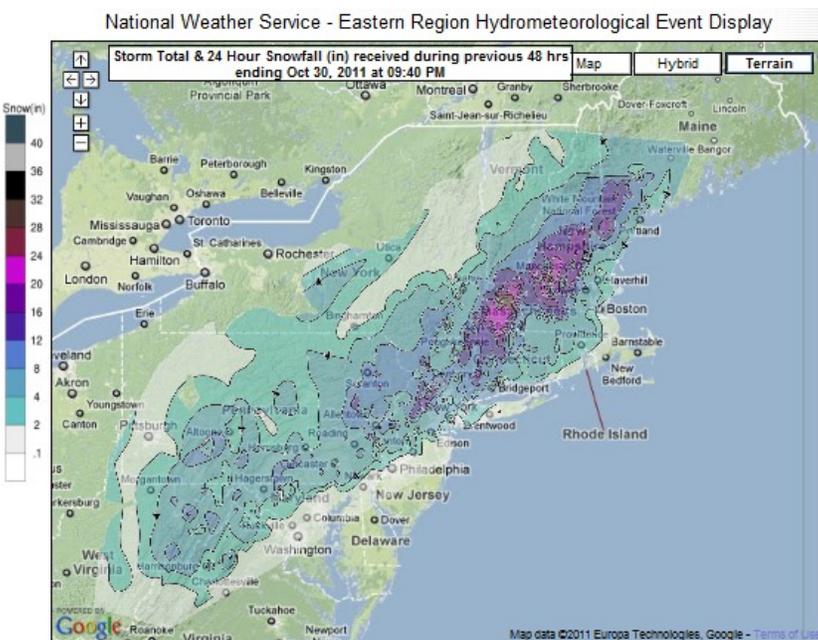
Although fair weather prevailed through much of October, three distinct storm events still brought considerable rain to southeast Oregon and southwest Idaho.

Boise ended the month with a total of 1.79 inches liquid precipitation, making it the sixth wettest October at the Boise Airport since 1940. (The monthly average is 0.75 inches.)

Burns, Oregon recorded 1.34 inches of precipitation; nearly double the monthly average of 0.78 inches. Finally, McCall measured 2.1 inches in October, which was 0.7 inches above its October normal.

Temperatures, on the other hand, were quite mild. Boise ended the month with a mean temperature of 54.6°F, nearly two degrees above normal.

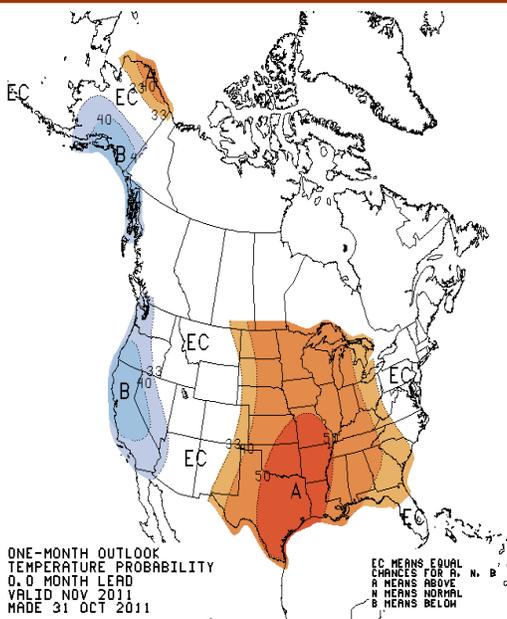
Nor'easter, Northeaster, Noreast-ah?



A rare October Nor'easter struck the Eastern Seaboard on the evening of Saturday, October 29th. In advance of this storm, National Weather Service Offices issued Winter Storm Warnings for gusty winds and heavy, wet snow. Impacts included three fatalities, multiple road closures, and numerous power outages due to downed leaf-laden trees.

At left is an image summarizing storm-total snowfall, in inches. Note that some areas received upwards of two FEET of snow!

What's a Nor'easter?



November Outlook

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