

# CASTLE ROCK WATER DROUGHT UPDATE



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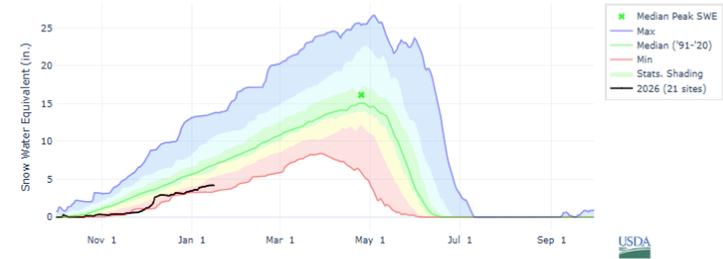


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## MOST RECENT STATUS

- SNOWPACK ACROSS THE FRONT RANGE NEAR-RECORD LOW
- AVERAGE PEAK STATEWIDE TYPICALLY OCCURS IN EARLY APRIL
- LOW SNOWPACK INCREASES THE RISK OF CUTS TO SUMMER WATER USE AND OF EARLIER AND MORE SEVERE WILDFIRES
- 90-DAY OUTLOOK THROUGH MARCH INDICATES EQUAL CHANCE OF AVERAGE PRECIPITATION & SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL TEMPERATURES
- RESERVOIR STORAGE ACROSS STATE IS 85% OF NORMAL COMPARED TO 93% OF NORMAL LAST YEAR (AURORA AT 60%)

**South Platte**  
Snow Water Equivalent  
**60% of NRCS 1991-2020 Average**  
January 15, 2026, end of day



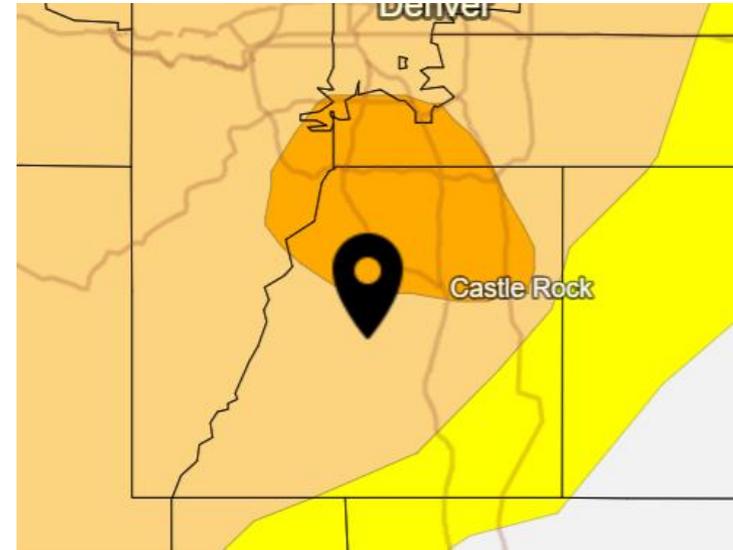
- ▶ Stations (20 / 22 used)
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- ▶ Data Reports

[1991-2020 vs 1981-2010 Normals](#)  
[30-year Normals Information](#)

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- LOCALLY, HIGHEST MONTHLY TEMPERATURES NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, & JANUARY AT CASTLE ROCK WATER MONITORING LOCATIONS
- STREAMFLOW STILL OK LOCALLY BUT DROPPING
- GOOD NEWS, RESERVOIR STORAGE FOR CASTLE ROCK WATER – RECORD HIGH DUE TO CASTLE ROCK RESERVOIR 2 COMING ONLINE
- [DROUGHT MANAGEMENT | CASTLE ROCK, CO - OFFICIAL WEBSITE](#), FOR UPDATES TO OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY INDEX



### DOUGLAS COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

ABNORMALLY DRY: 21%  
MODERATE DROUGHT: 54%  
SEVERE DROUGHT: 26%

● Good ● Advisory ● Watch ● Warning ● Emergency ● Critical

