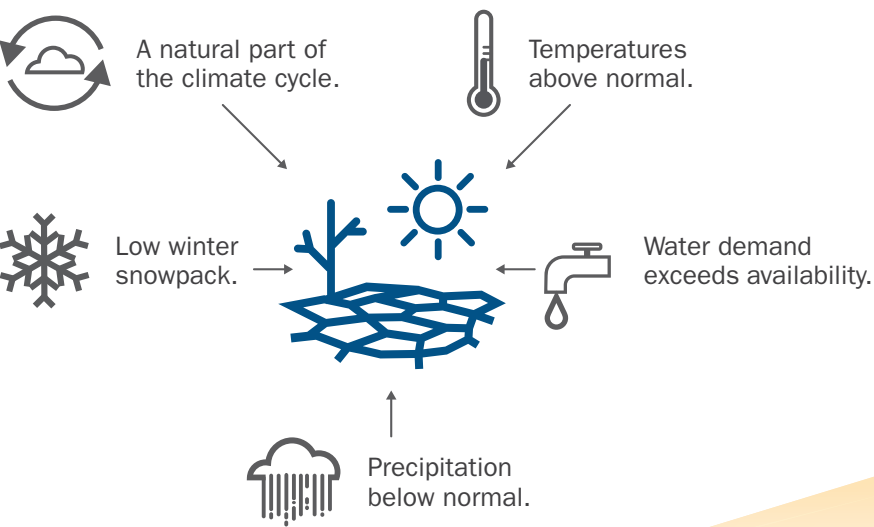


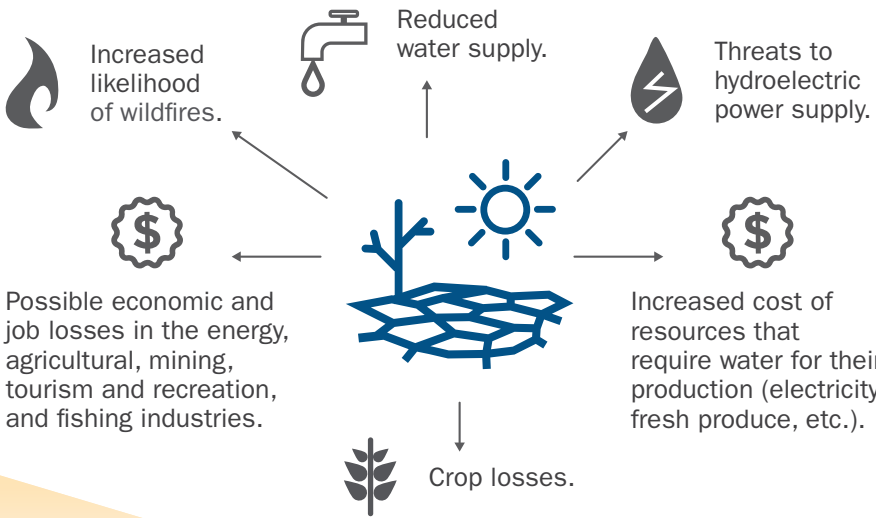
DROUGHT

Drought is a long period of below normal precipitation. It is severe enough to reduce soil moisture, streamflow, snowpack levels, groundwater levels, and water supply in reservoirs. All of these resources are crucial for sustaining plant and animal life and economic systems.

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IMPACTS



How I Can Reduce My Risk



How Local Officials Can Reduce My Risk

- Use the U.S. Drought Monitor to stay informed about drought conditions in your area. www.drought.gov
- Develop a drought emergency plan.
- Develop agreements for secondary water sources that may be used during drought conditions.
- Develop water retention and detention structures.
- Provide tax credits for low-flow and increased efficiency infrastructure for residents and developers.
- Harvest rainwater.
- Require water conservation during drought conditions.
- Retrofit water supply systems to improve efficiency and minimize leaks.
- Educate the public on water saving practices.
- Incorporate permeable surfaces into future design plans.
- Prevent overgrazing.

Additional Resources

- Ready.gov
www.ready.gov/drought
- National Drought Mitigation Center
www.drought.gov
- American Planning Association
www.planning.org/research/drought/
- Contact your local or state emergency management department for more information on drought risk reduction.

