

Highway Administrator's Report

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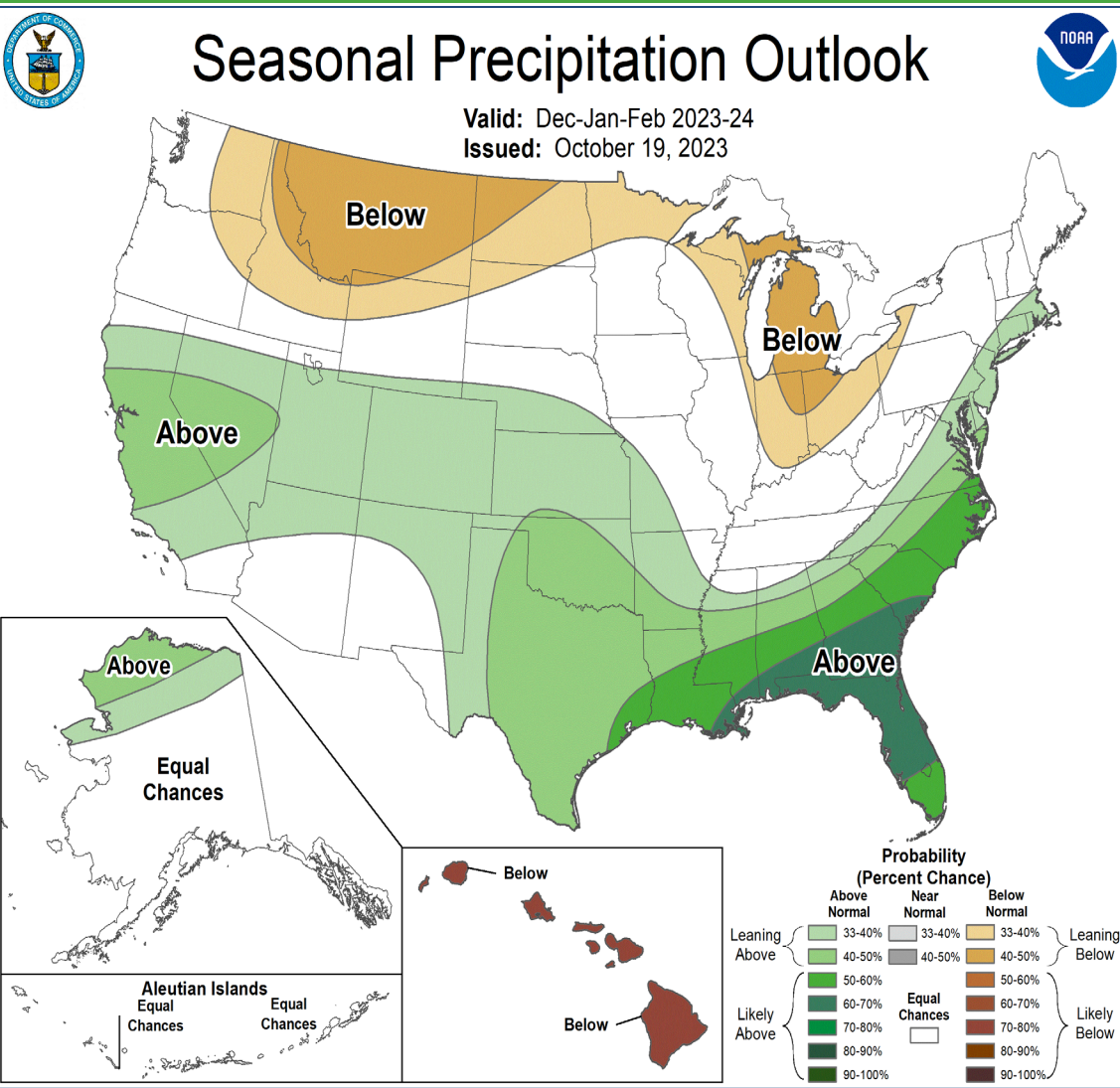
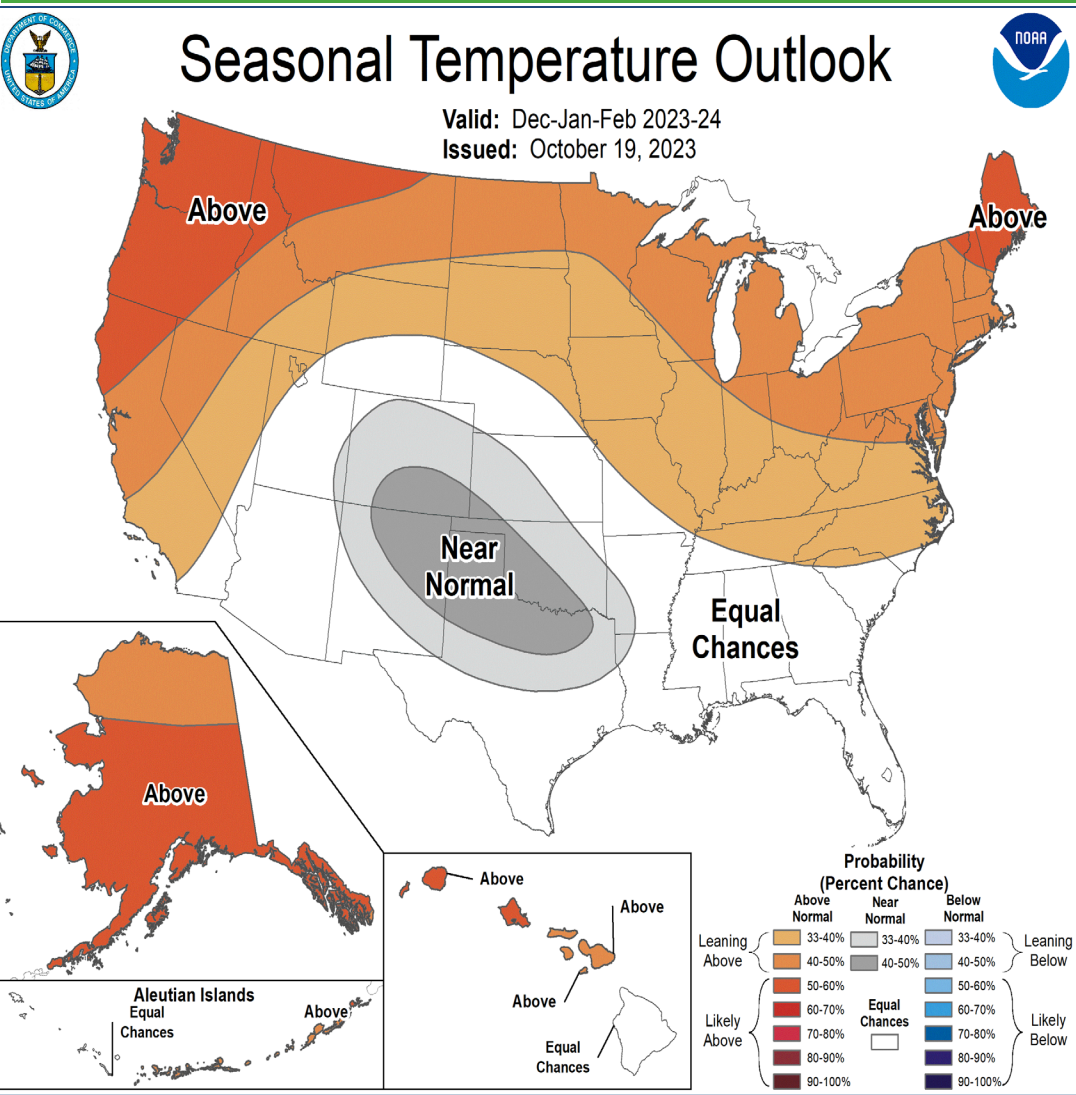


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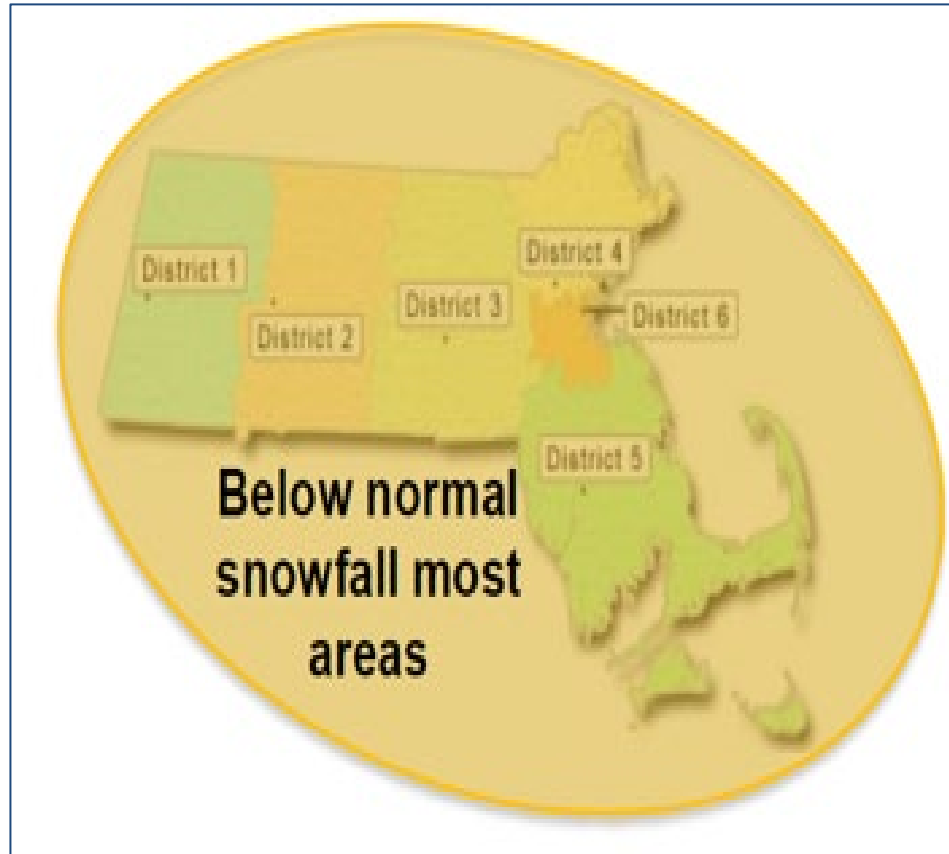
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- The first half of winter should contain the warmest anomalies
- There is a chance for some colder periods to develop later this winter
- Below-normal snowfall is anticipated
- The storm track favors systems from the southwest, providing elevated risks for larger coastal storms
- Less than average risk for freezing rain, especially in early winter

Snow and Ice Prep Update

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- Vendor signups, vendor inspections, and vendor training sessions are ongoing
- Continuing to see a decline in the number of vendors
- New salt contract is in place for FY24
- Currently at 90% of capacity and should be at 95% by December
- Contracts with our weather forecast provider (DTN) are in place
- Prepping MassDOT snow and ice equipment
- Meeting with partners to ensure good coordination and communication

Name a Snowplow

Second annual contest

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- Massachusetts K-8th grade classrooms are invited to name a MassDOT snowplow in their school's Highway District
- The selection committee will select up to 12 names statewide, two in each highway districts
- Contest started November 1st and closes December 1st
- Winners will be announced before the December school vacation

Thank You

