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10-DAY WEATHER FORECAST ISSUED AT 11:00 AM ON OCTOBER 26TH

10-DAY IMPACTS EXPECTED FOR CONNECTICUT

U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR FOR OCTOBER 22ND

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: ACTIVATED

DRYER CONDITIONS HAVE RE-EMERGED SOMEWHAT AS RAINFALL DURING THE PAST 7 DAYS HAS BEEN WELL BELOW NORMAL...SOME SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL MAY OCCUR LATER THIS WEEK WITH THE REMNANTS OF ZETA...

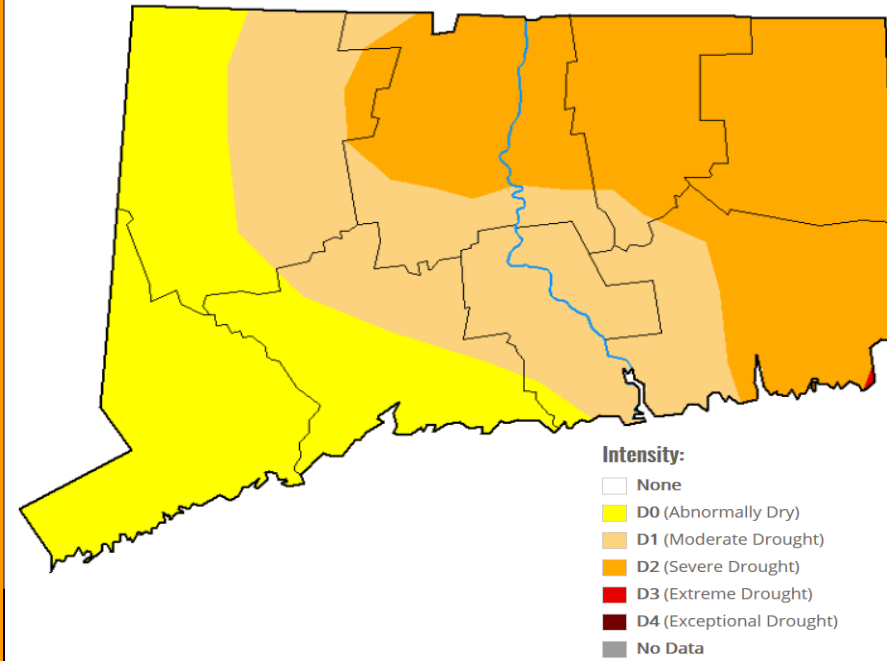
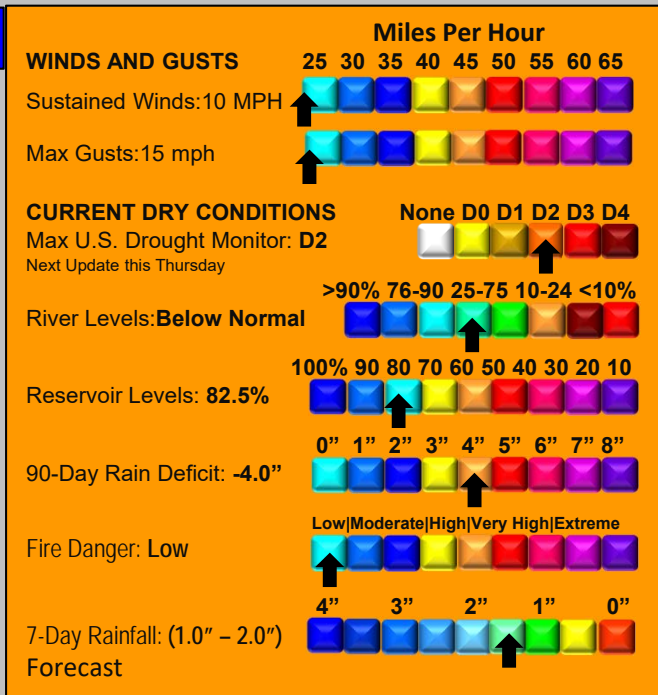
Most of the state has not seen much rainfall over the past 7 days. The only measurable rainfall occurred in southeastern CT where around 1/4" of rainfall has fallen during the past week. Many rivers have returned to below normal levels. Fire danger remains low and the 90-day rainfall deficit is close to -4.0".

The GFS and other models are forecasting 1" – 2" of rainfall during the next 7 days. This rainfall will be the result of the remnants of hurricane Zeta and a large low pressure system that are expected to cross our area Thursday and Friday. The next opportunity for significant rainfall will be Sunday night and Monday as a cool front crosses the area.

Rainfall from these two events is expected to provide a little more relief from the dry conditions. However even with the additional rainfall, we will likely remain in a rainfall deficit and most of the state will likely remain in the D0 to D2 range in the updated U.S. Drought Monitor report to be released this Thursday.

Although we will likely see some improvement during the next week to 10 days, the likelihood that we could break the drought in the next 30 days remains moderately low at this time. The next update will be sent out by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection on Monday, November 2nd.

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