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(Wyo.)-April Snow Improves Wyoming Mountain Snowpack



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Wyoming's mountain snowpack has improved greatly over the last month thanks to a succession of snowstorms over the last four weeks.

But National Weather Service hydrologist Jim Fahey says runoff is still expected to be below normal in many areas this spring and summer.

Wyoming relies on mountain snowfall in the winter to supply most of its water for crops and municipalities.

Fahey says a lot of the moisture that fell in April was soaked up by the ground left dry from a yearlong drought. He says the southern and central parts of the state look to have below normal runoff, while areas of northern Wyoming will have more water running off the mountains.

Wyoming's reservoirs are near average statewide in the amount of water they hold right now.