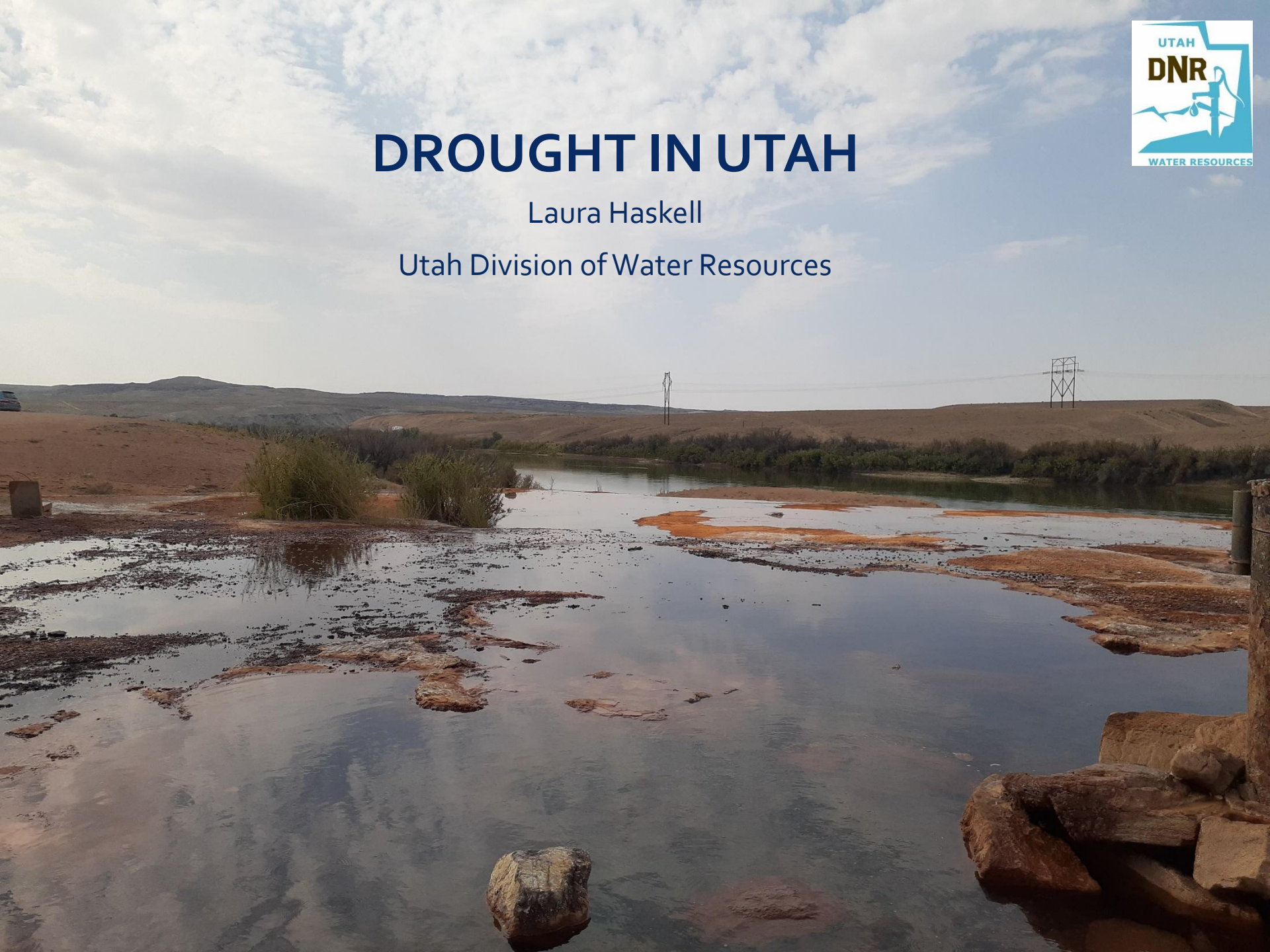




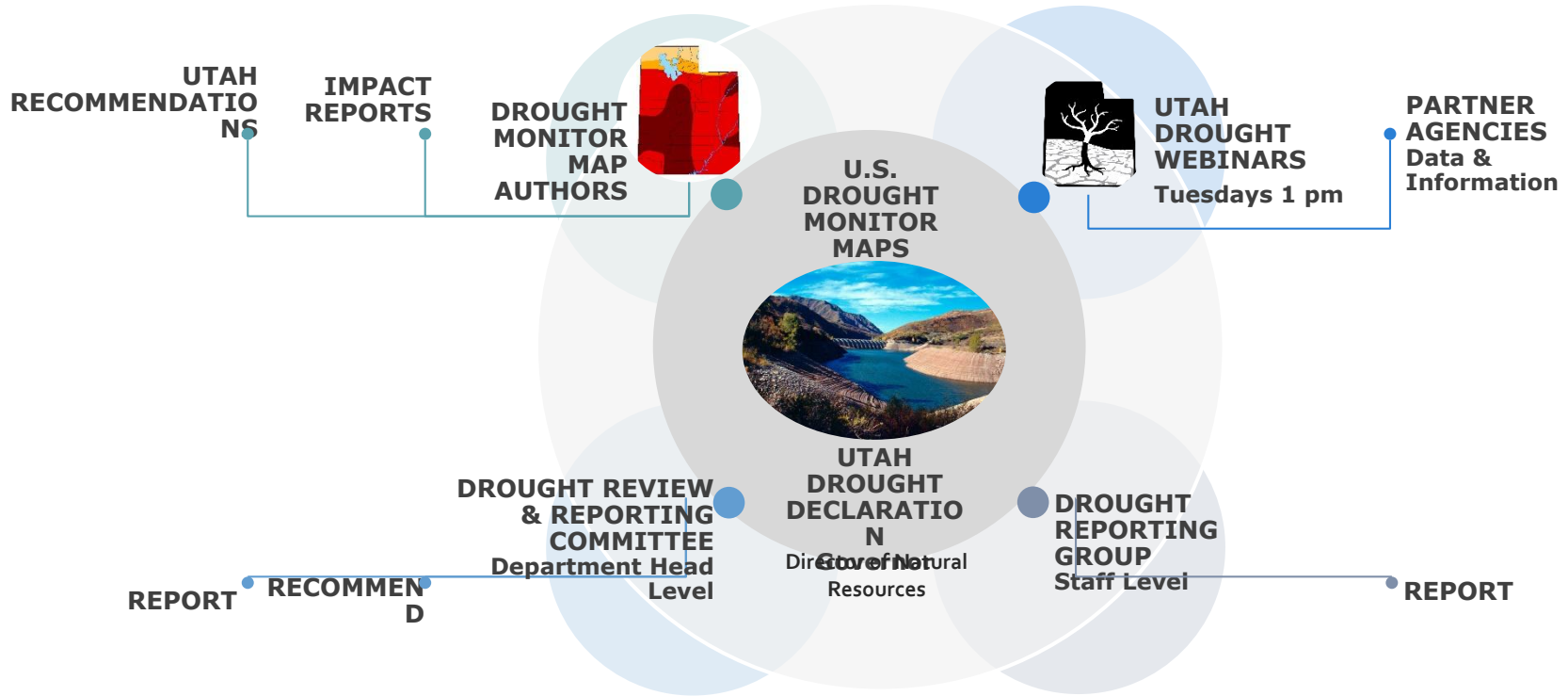
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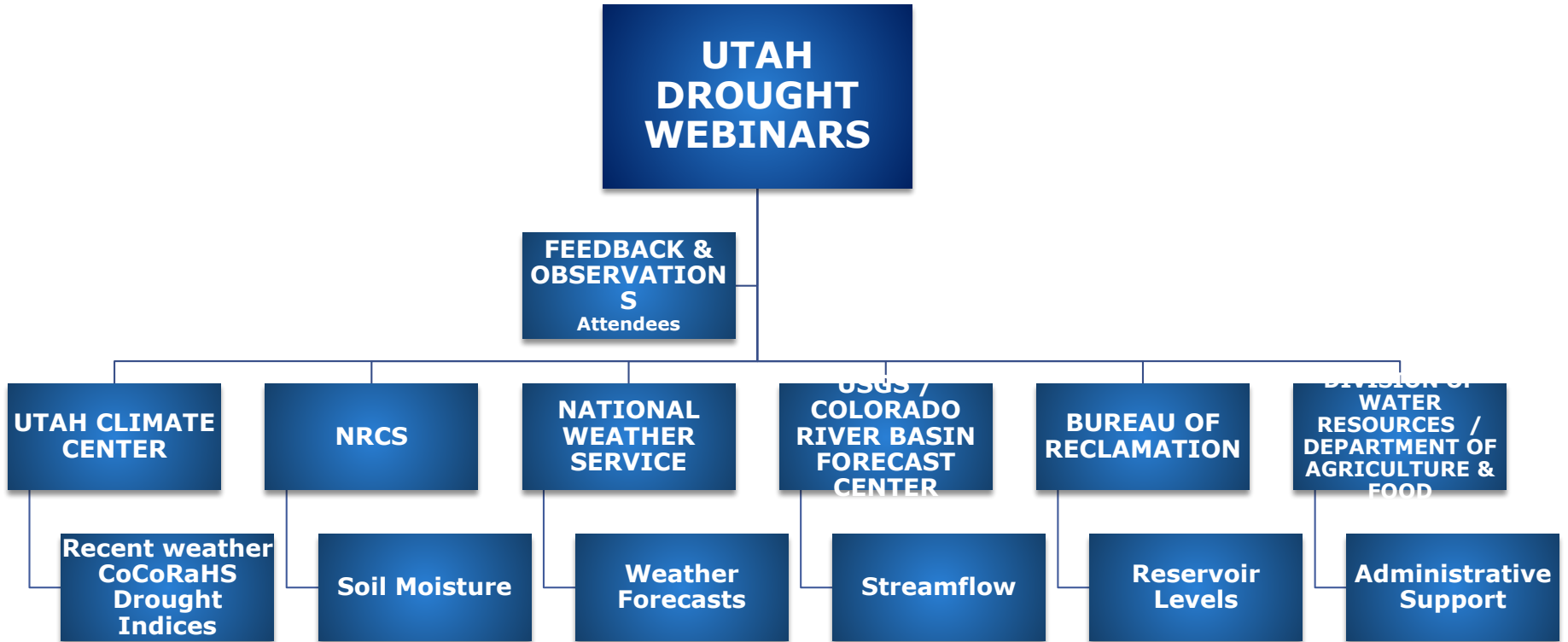


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DROUGHT

As of October 1, 2020, nearly all of Utah was in some stage of drought. Fire danger is high, native vegetation is sparse and streams are low. Total rainfall over last 60 days is under 1" for the majority of the state, with much of this area seeing less than 0.5" and some seeing less than 0.1". This year set a record for Utah hottest, driest August on record. That combination deepened the already existing drought conditions.

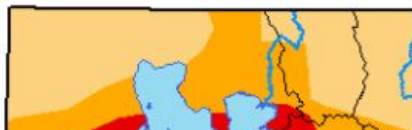
Weather forecasts predict dry conditions will continue. Dry conditions in fall will reduce the benefit of winter snowpack. Snowmelt will first soak into the extremely dry soil before running off into streams and reservoirs. Drought conditions could potentially develop very rapidly in the spring and deepen throughout next summer. The Division of Water Resources will monitor conditions closely over the winter to be prepared to respond rapidly in the spring if conditions do not improve.

For drought-related questions, please email drought@utah.gov.

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December 1, 2020
(Released Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	95.07	90.11	68.56
Last Week	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.20	87.11	46.10

Drought Webinars

Drought webinars are held on a regular basis to collect feedback on weather conditions around the state. The webinars are hosted by a committee headed by the Division of Water Resources and the Department of Agriculture and Food. For more information on drought webinars, email drought@utah.gov.

Webinar Schedule

The next webinar is scheduled for December 15, 2020. (Webinars are typically scheduled on Tuesdays and are held every two weeks.)


Past Utah Drought Webinar Presentations

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Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network

You can also participate in the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. This group is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation. CoCoRaHS is run by the Utah Climate Center. For more information visit www.cocorahs.org

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A photograph of a person sitting on a large rock by a river, looking out over the water. The river is wide and has a brownish tint. There are trees and bushes on the banks. The person is wearing a dark tank top and is seen from the back. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

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