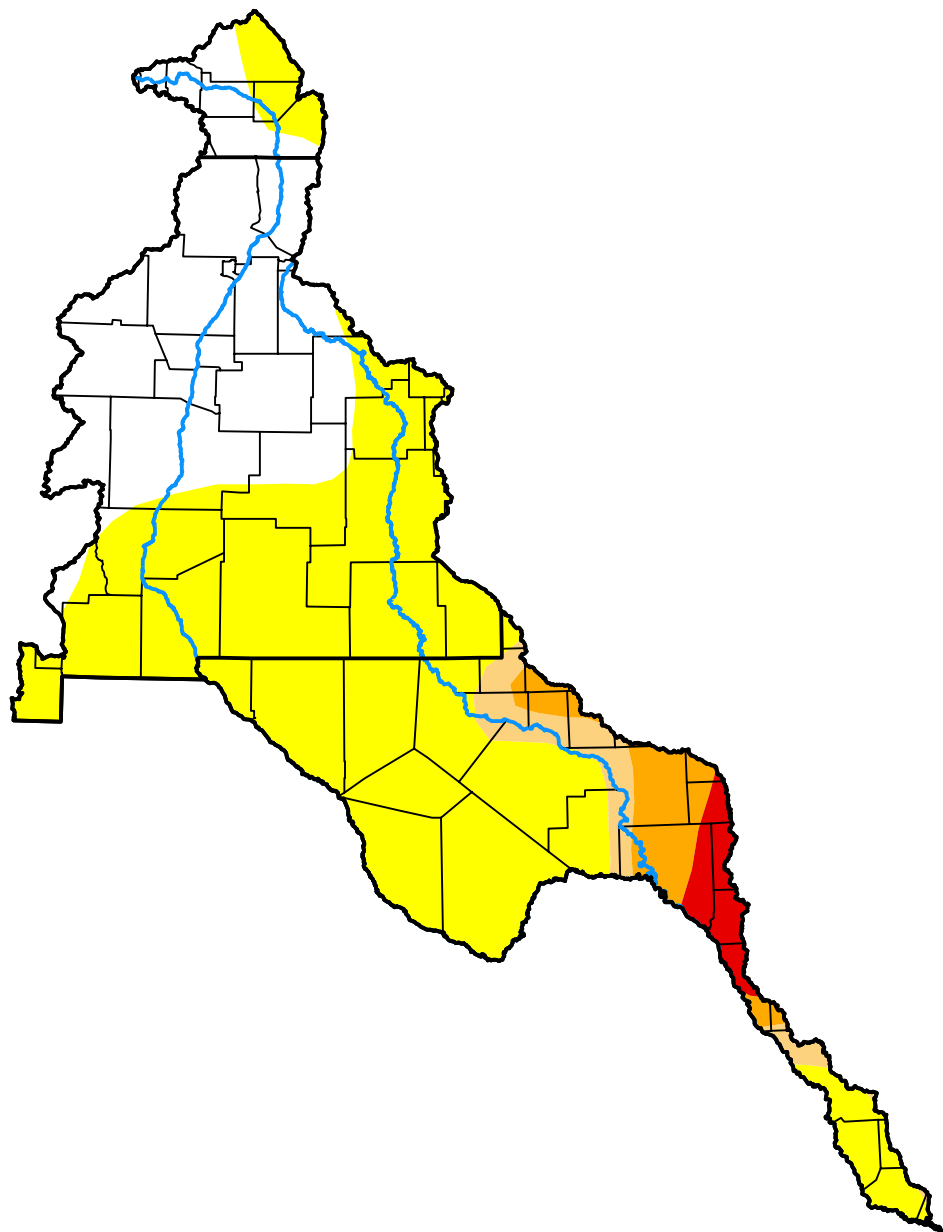


# U.S. Drought Monitor Rio Grande Watershed

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 31.02 | 68.98 | 11.07 | 7.08  | 2.50  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-19-2009</i>              | 31.02 | 68.98 | 11.07 | 7.08  | 2.50  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-26-2008</i>           | 72.23 | 27.77 | 4.74  | 1.37  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 71.45 | 28.55 | 4.74  | 1.37  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 77.02 | 22.98 | 2.72  | 0.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-28-2008</i>           | 32.56 | 67.44 | 13.62 | 9.20  | 1.51  | 0.00 |

**Intensity:**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate Drought | D4 Exceptional Drought |

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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