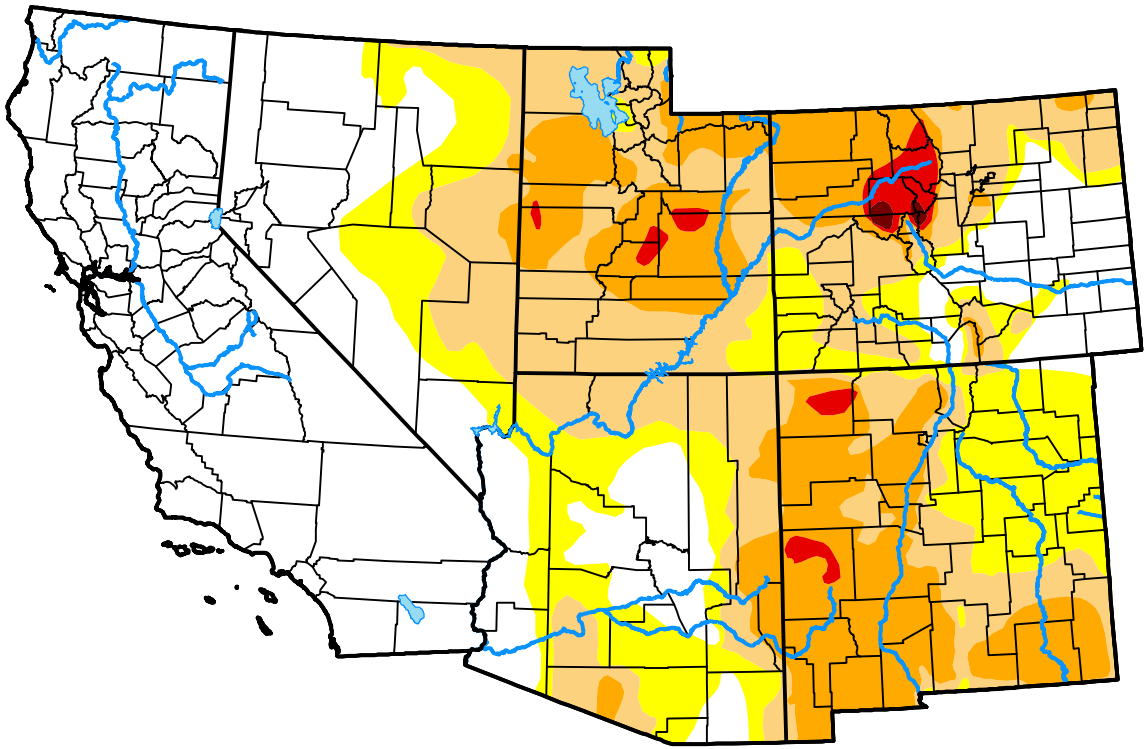
U.S. Drought Monitor

Southwest



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.59	58.41	40.84	18.53	1.46	0.12
Last Week *01-20-2026*	41.09	58.91	41.28	17.73	1.46	0.12
3 Months Ago *10-28-2025*	25.27	74.73	58.69	33.46	5.48	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.64	59.36	42.53	19.34	1.68	0.10
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	17.03	82.97	68.81	47.58	12.19	0.67
One Year Ago *01-28-2025*	25.23	74.77	48.65	28.38	8.97	0.00

Intensity:

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