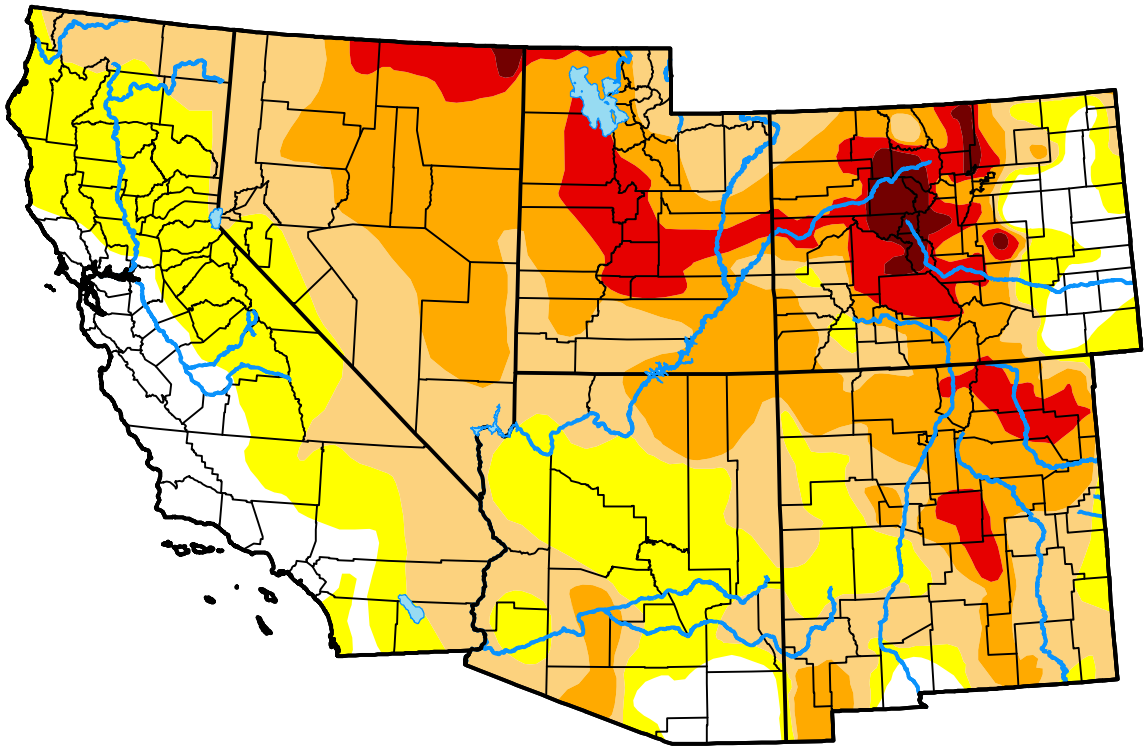
U.S. Drought Monitor

Southwest



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.72	89.28	65.10	35.17	9.27	1.39
Last Week *10-06-2026*	10.72	89.28	66.87	37.43	10.95	1.39
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	10.68	89.32	70.21	54.88	20.79	2.22
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 *10-14-2025*	17.88	82.12	63.61	39.58	6.89	0.21

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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