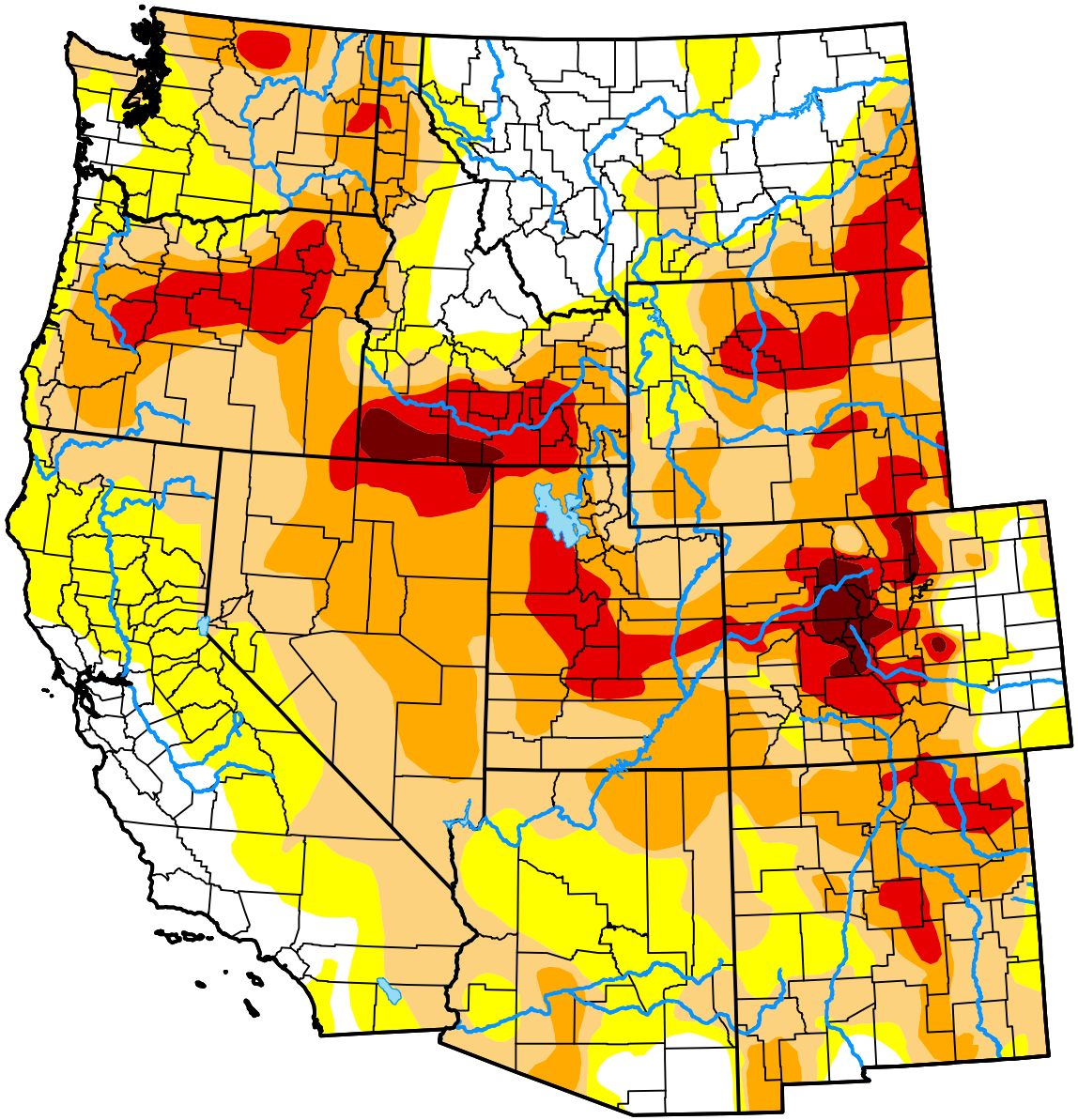
U.S. Drought Monitor

West



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.32	21.28	26.86	25.12	10.13	1.29
Last Week *10-06-2026*	13.32	21.36	27.00	25.40	11.64	1.29
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	9.02	18.64	21.85	30.62	17.98	1.89
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.61	23.13	21.90	13.20	1.10	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	18.15	17.03	20.70	32.12	11.32	0.69
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	20.06	18.52	22.96	29.55	8.48	0.42

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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