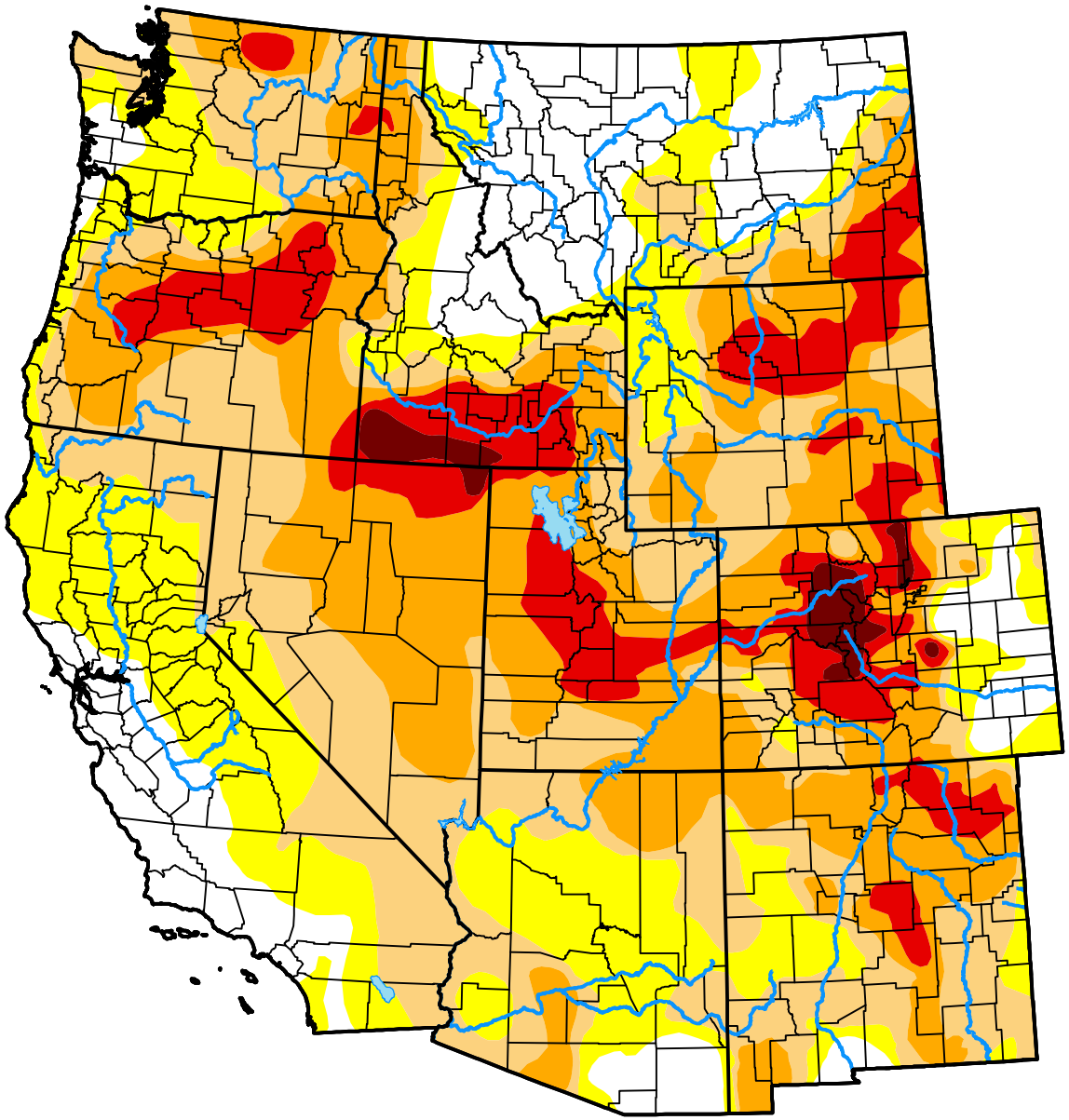
U.S. Drought Monitor
Western U.S.



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.32	84.68	63.40	36.54	11.42	1.29
Last Week *10-06-2026*	13.32	86.68	65.32	38.33	12.93	1.29
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	9.02	90.98	72.35	50.50	19.87	1.89
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.61	59.39	36.26	14.36	1.16	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	18.15	81.85	64.82	44.12	12.00	0.69
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	20.06	79.94	61.42	38.46	8.90	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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