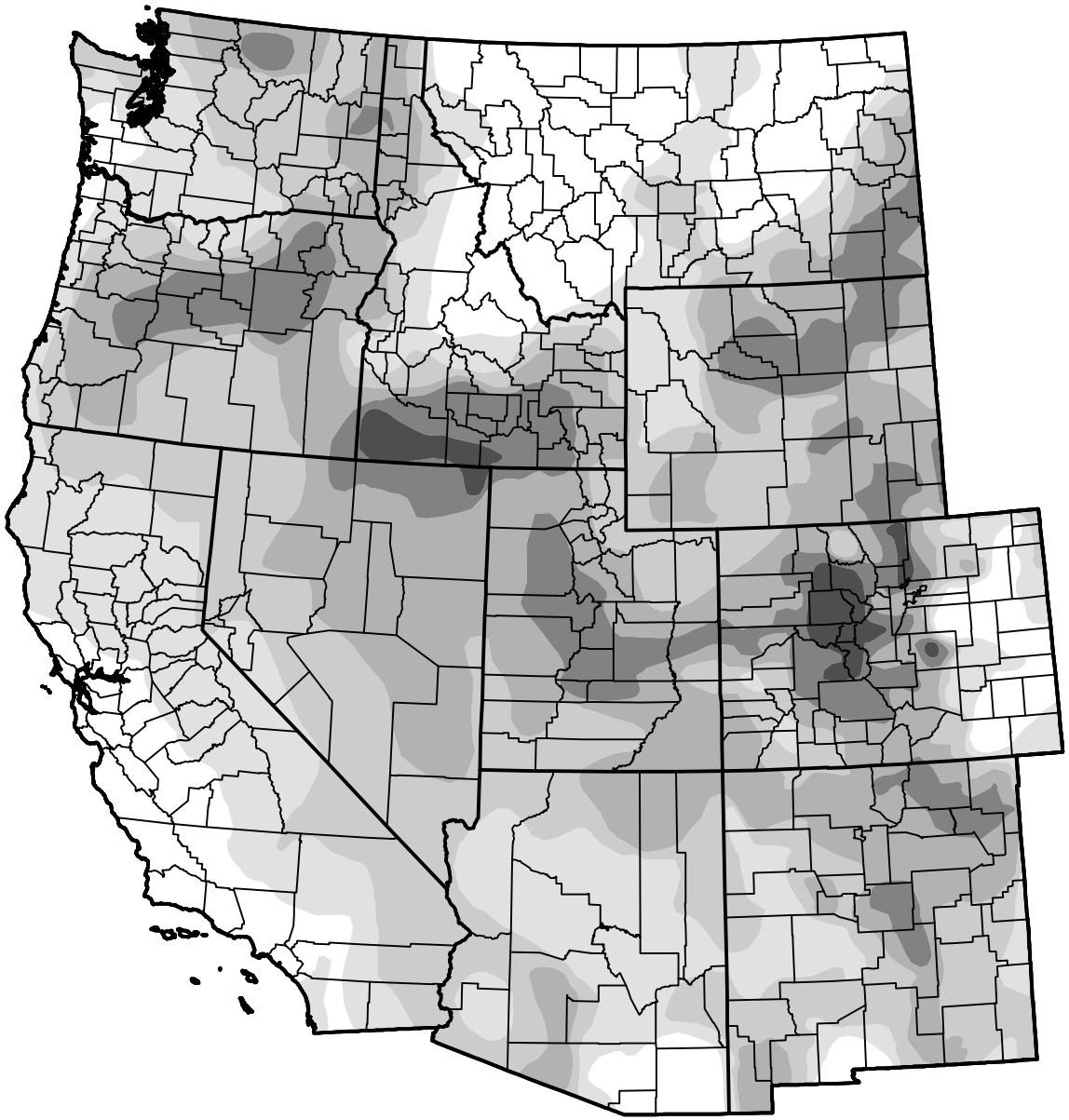
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Western U.S.



## October 13, 2026

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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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