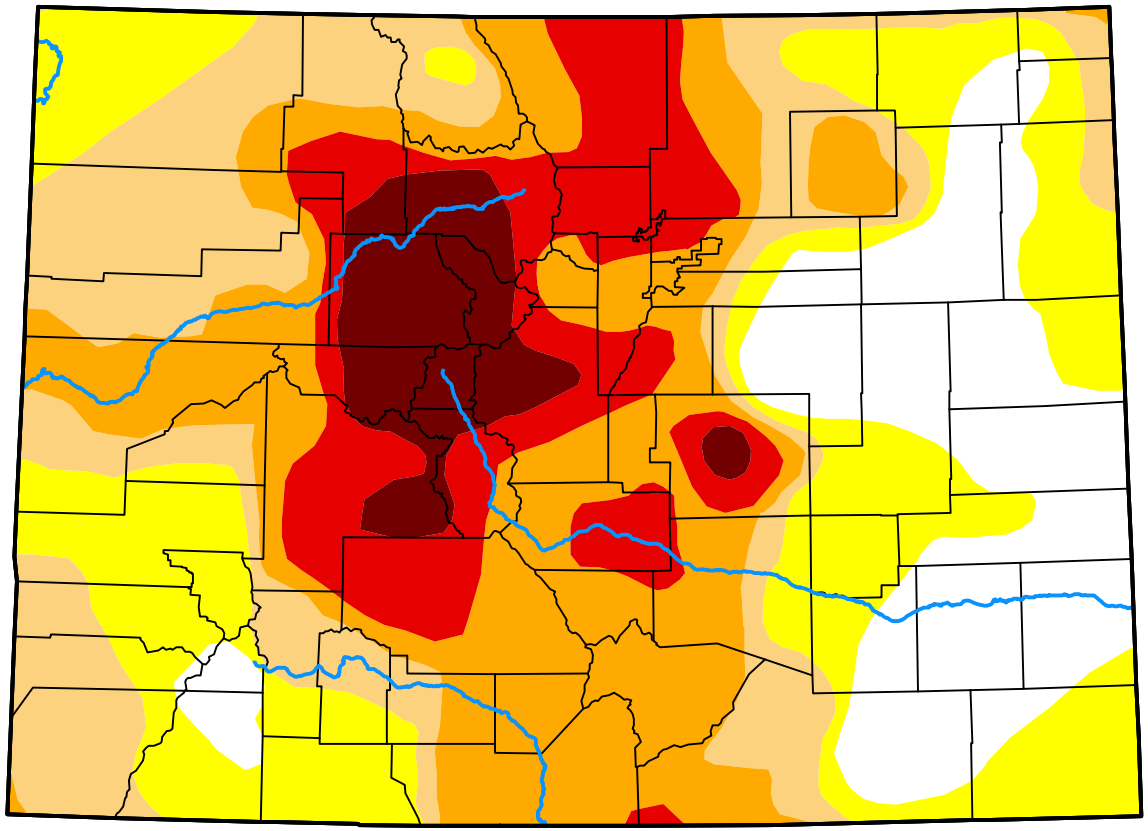
U.S. Drought Monitor

Colorado



October 20, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.50	22.45	20.05	22.64	12.39	5.97
Last Week *10-13-2026*	15.62	13.56	16.77	27.88	17.69	8.47
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	2.86	6.51	9.46	31.83	37.16	12.17
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	25.96	27.81	30.46	11.42	3.68	0.67
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	8.94	8.76	24.10	23.21	24.97	10.01
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	52.59	18.22	15.70	12.19	1.30	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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