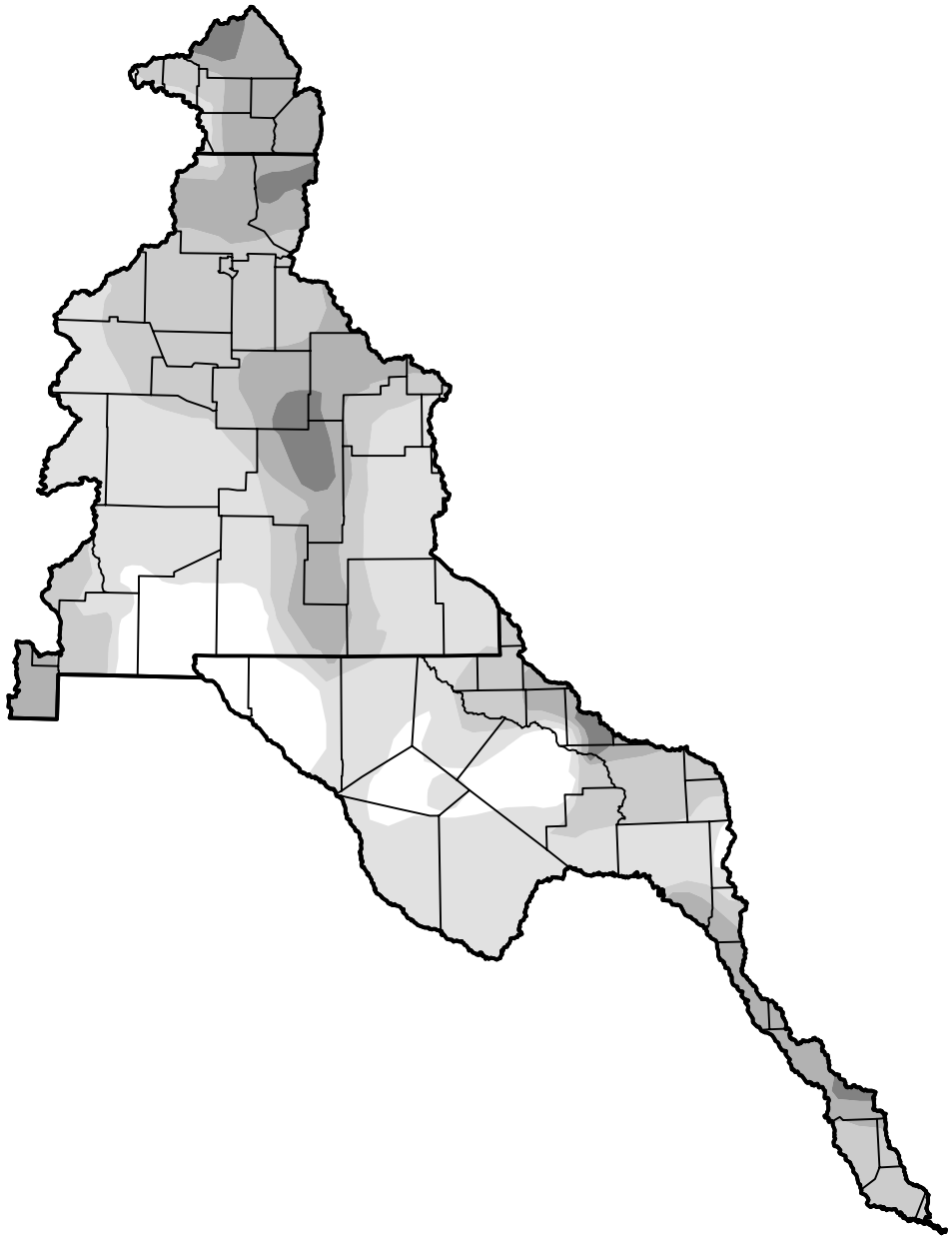
U.S. Drought Monitor

Rio Grande Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.93	39.61	26.56	18.72	3.17	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	7.39	23.02	37.24	26.61	5.74	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	29.99	11.20	12.63	26.96	18.49	0.73
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	2.11	23.10	28.27	41.56	4.25	0.71
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	1.63	11.32	43.88	28.59	13.59	1.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	7.58	19.32	32.43	33.96	6.43	0.29

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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