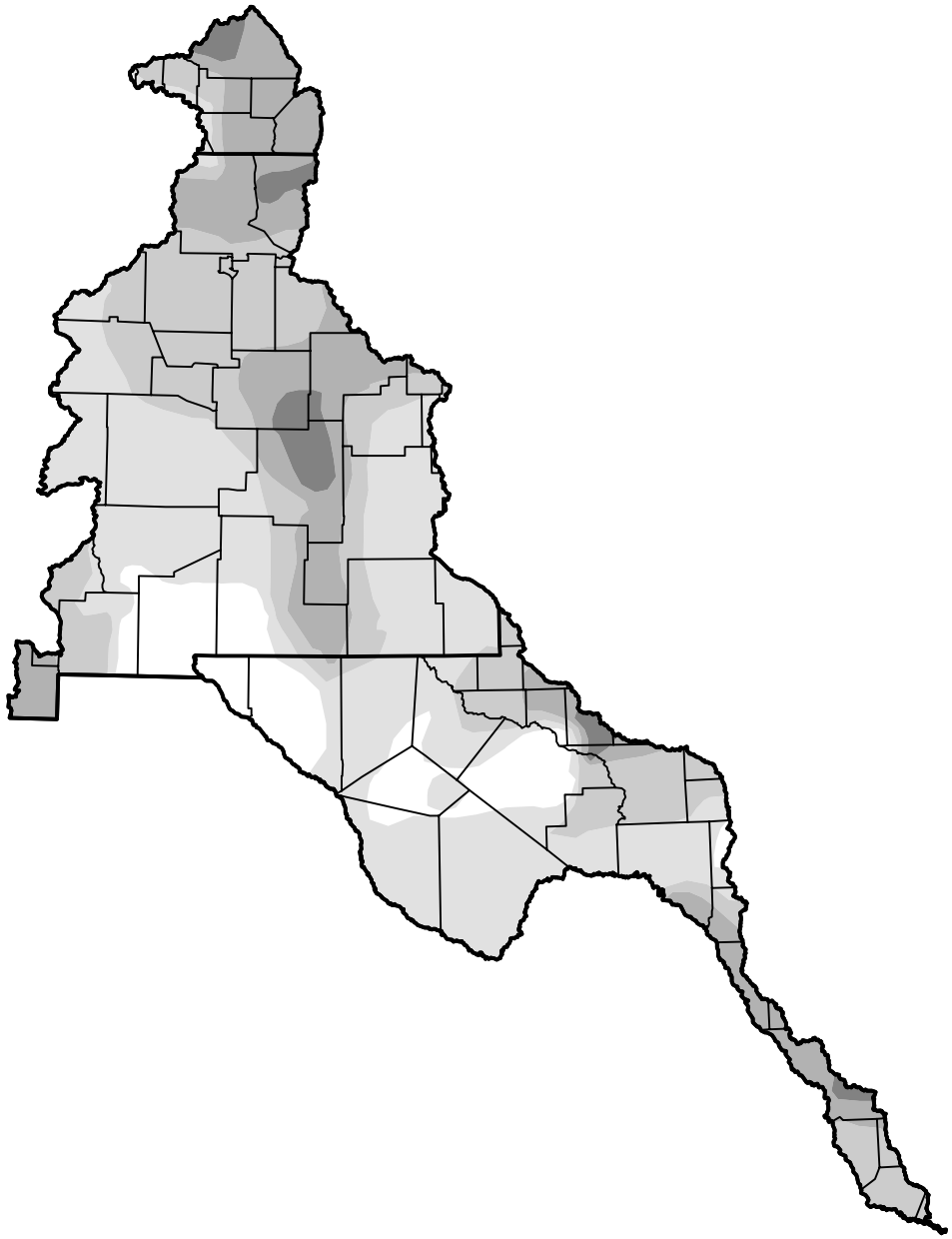
U.S. Drought Monitor

Rio Grande Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.93	88.07	48.46	21.90	3.17	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	7.39	92.61	69.59	32.35	5.74	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	29.99	70.01	58.82	46.18	19.22	0.73
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	2.11	97.89	74.79	46.52	4.97	0.71
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	1.63	98.37	87.06	43.18	14.59	1.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	7.58	92.42	73.10	40.67	6.72	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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