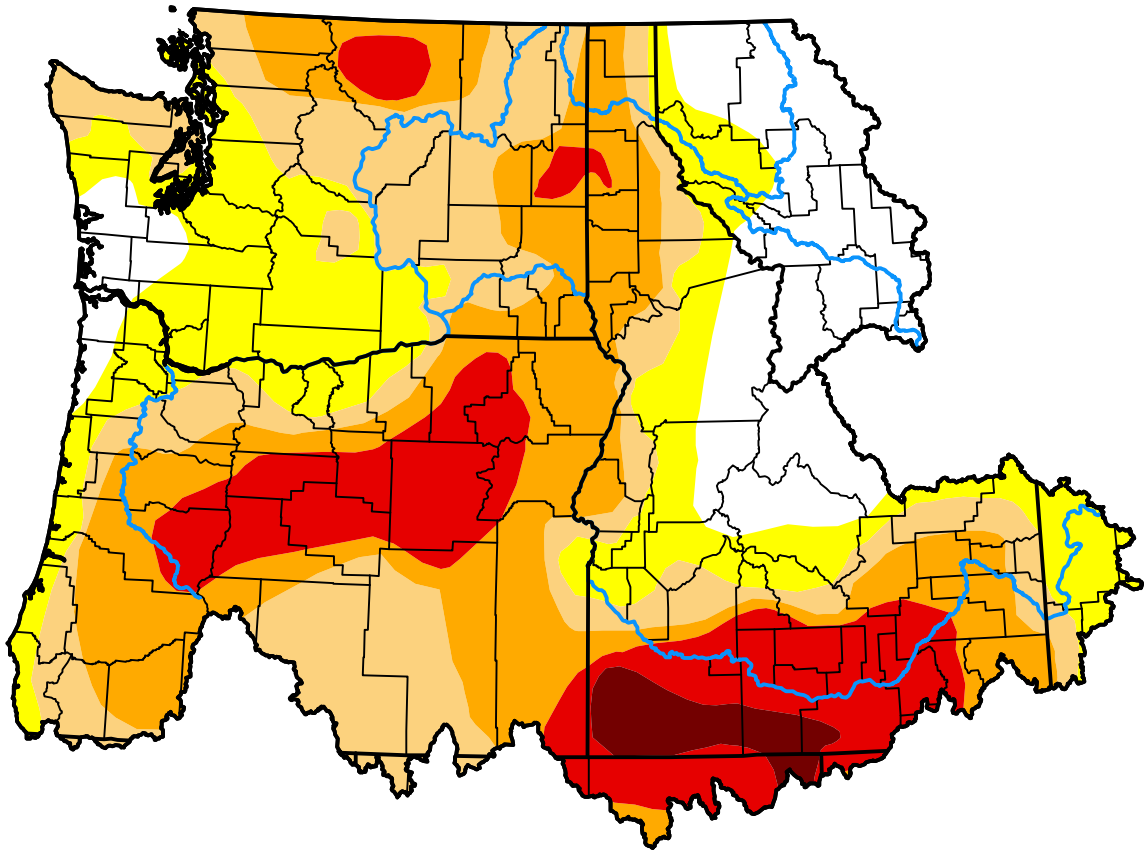
U.S. Drought Monitor

Pacific Northwest Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.42	20.33	23.81	24.08	15.13	2.24
Last Week *10-13-2026*	14.42	19.25	24.48	24.49	15.13	2.24
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	14.04	14.44	31.16	20.39	16.42	3.55
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.17	33.21	25.72	2.90	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.87	19.79	24.13	23.36	17.60	2.24
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	16.85	9.32	24.77	38.36	9.49	1.21

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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