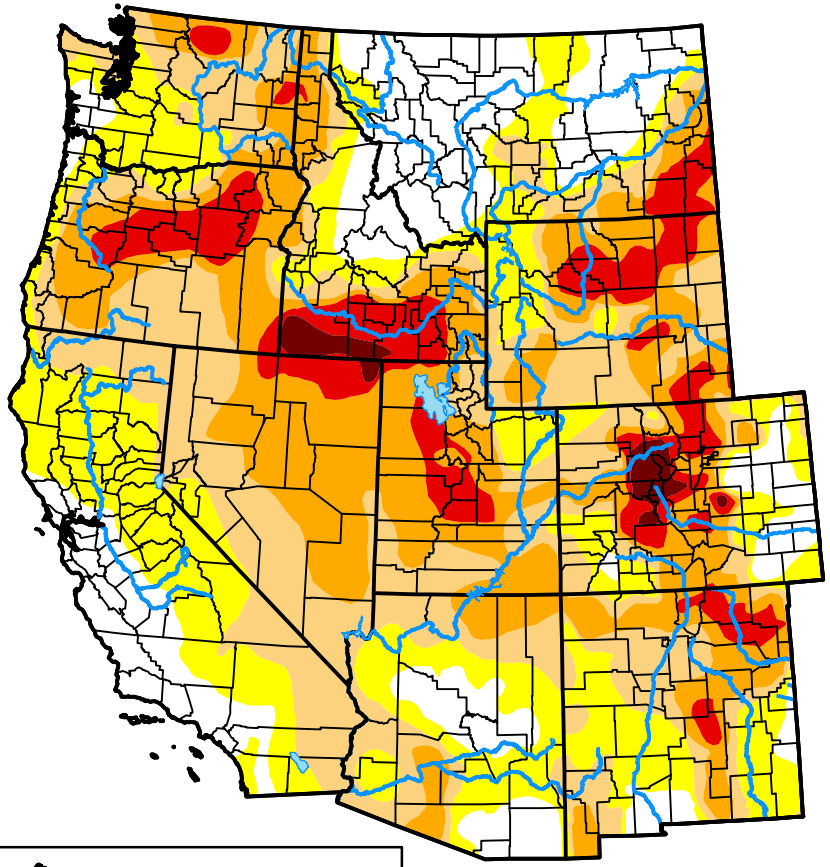
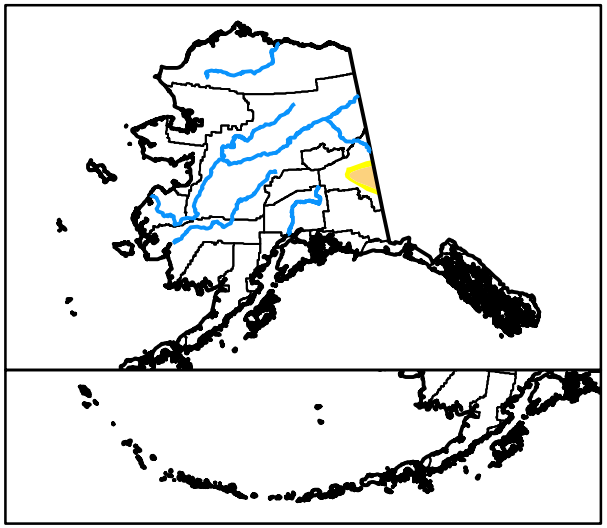
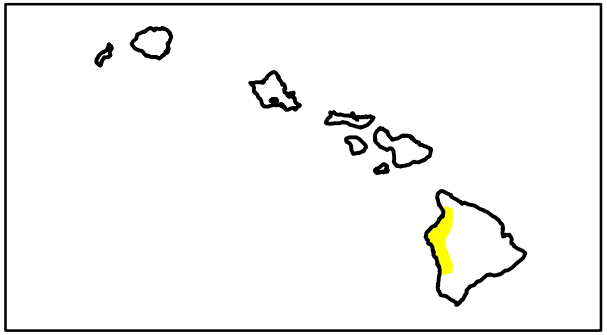
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# West Climate Region







## October 20, 2026

***(Released Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026)***

**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 44.24 | 55.76 | 39.68 | 21.72 | 6.54 | 0.71 |
| **Last Week** *10-13-2026* | 42.29 | 57.71 | 42.61 | 24.42 | 7.63 | 0.86 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-21-2026* | 39.55 | 60.45 | 47.64 | 33.89 | 13.72 | 1.26 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 56.94 | 43.06 | 24.48 | 9.69 | 0.79 | 0.04 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 39.30 | 60.70 | 46.66 | 27.12 | 9.37 | 0.95 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-21-2025* | 50.00 | 50.00 | 39.11 | 22.71 | 4.38 | 0.19 |

*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*

*Author:*

Lindsay Johnson
High Plains Regional Climate Center

**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**