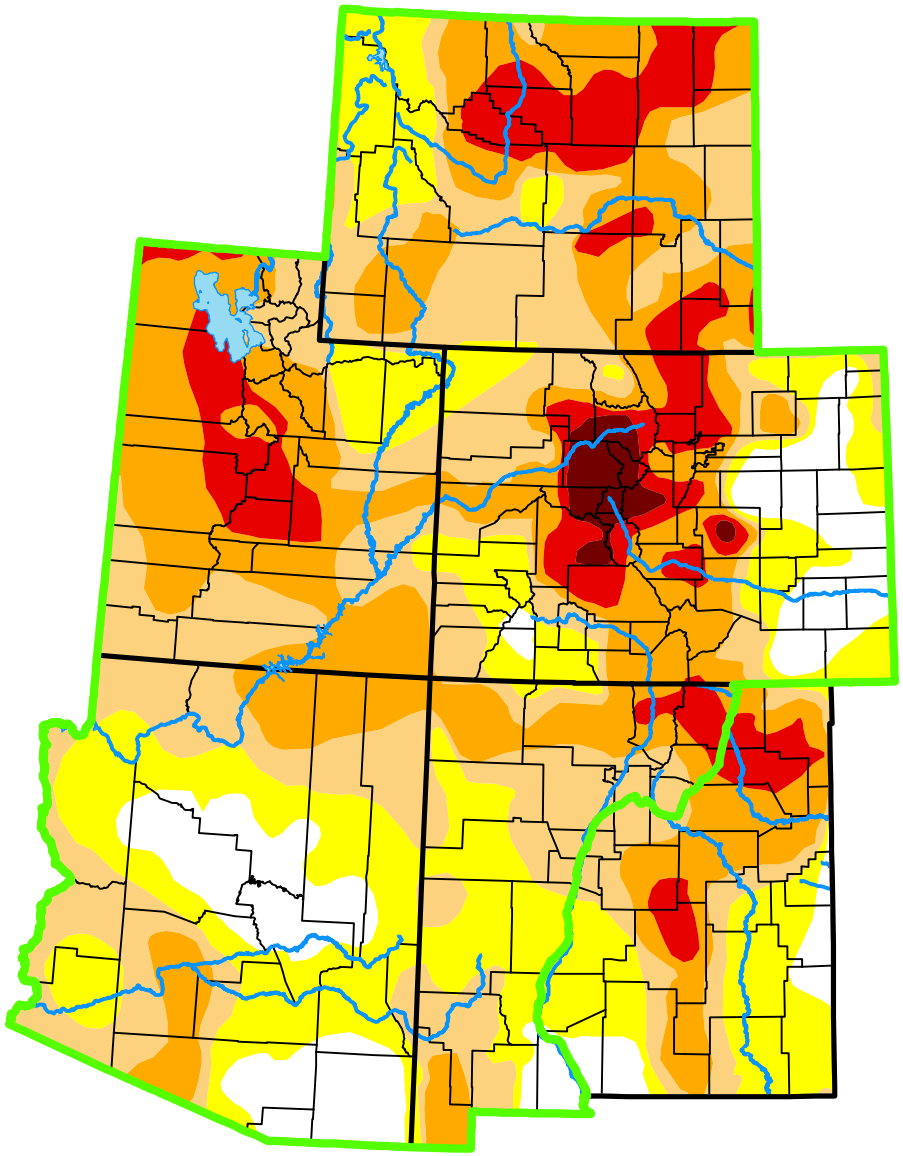
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# Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas



## October 20, 2026

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 10.19 | 23.72 | 28.20 | 26.90 | 9.78 | 1.19 |
| **Last Week** *10-13-2026* | 5.79 | 18.75 | 28.64 | 32.15 | 12.98 | 1.69 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-21-2026* | 2.20 | 3.57 | 15.31 | 45.23 | 31.22 | 2.47 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 17.84 | 24.84 | 29.09 | 26.05 | 2.05 | 0.13 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 4.27 | 11.75 | 30.57 | 34.17 | 17.25 | 2.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-21-2025* | 22.34 | 12.80 | 24.59 | 33.26 | 7.01 | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

*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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