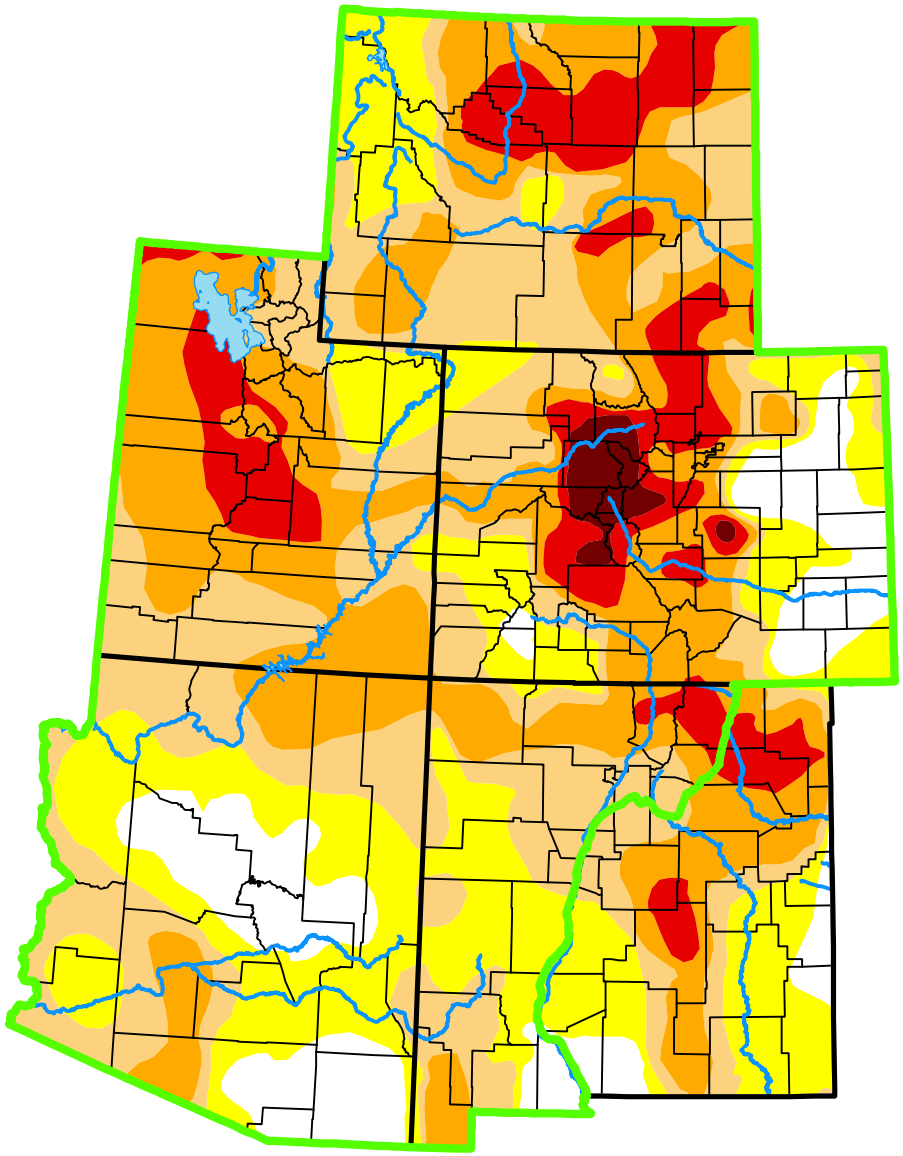
U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.19	89.81	66.08	37.88	10.97	1.19
Last Week *10-13-2026*	5.79	94.21	75.46	46.82	14.67	1.69
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	2.20	97.80	94.24	78.92	33.69	2.47
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	17.84	82.16	57.32	28.23	2.18	0.13
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	4.27	95.73	83.98	53.41	19.25	2.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	22.34	77.66	64.86	40.27	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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