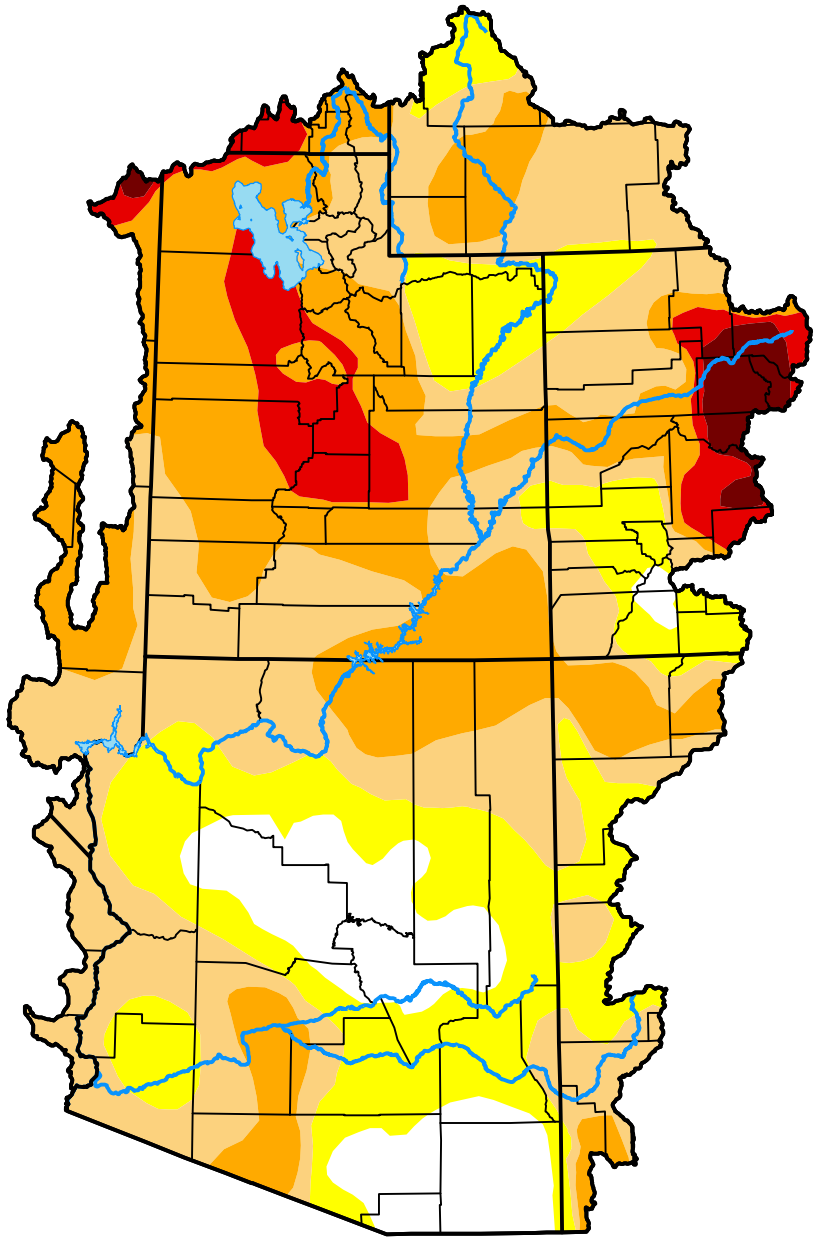
U.S. Drought Monitor

Colorado Basin RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.31	21.98	34.94	26.48	5.69	1.60
Last Week *10-13-2026*	3.63	19.53	34.47	30.89	9.59	1.88
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	1.40	3.42	16.98	53.90	21.40	2.89
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	12.87	18.66	36.50	28.58	3.17	0.22
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	3.63	11.40	32.01	38.96	11.97	2.03
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	1.49	6.54	34.62	46.01	11.34	0.00

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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