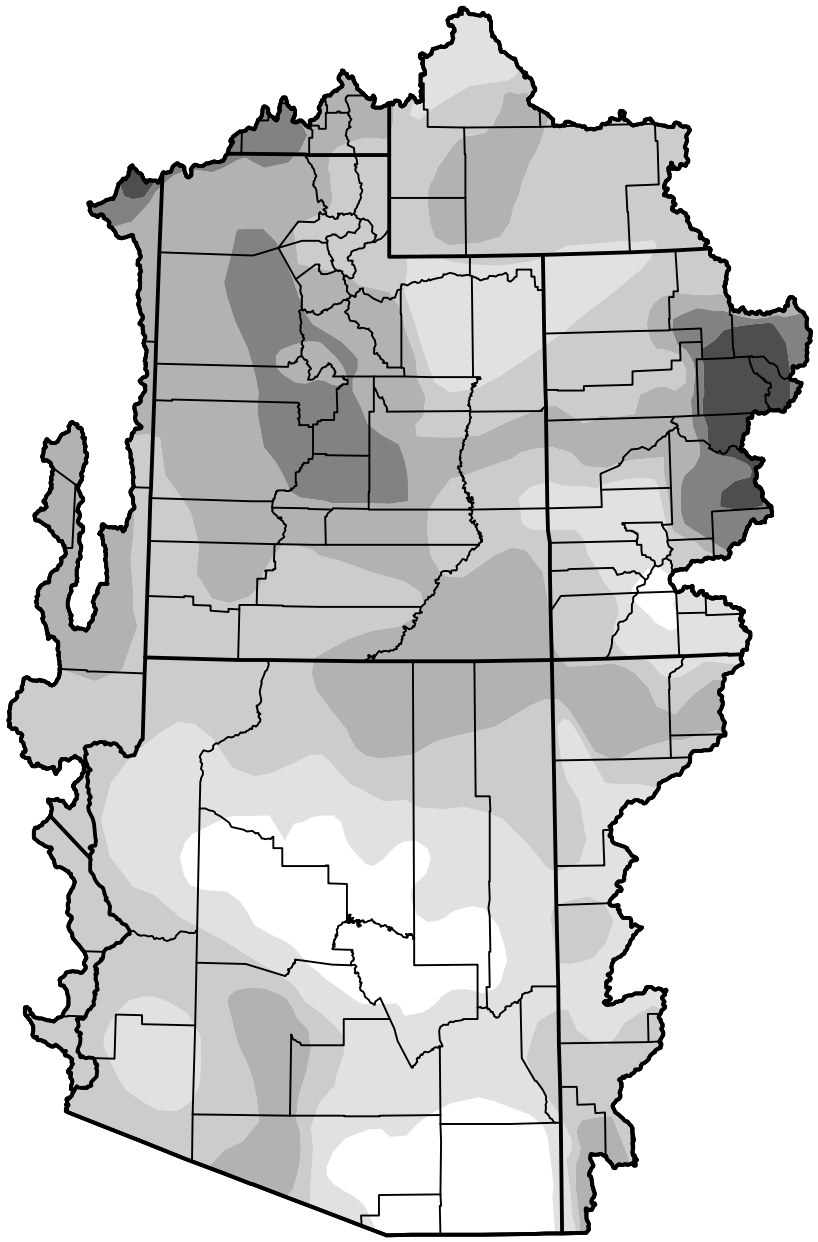
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Colorado Basin RFC



## October 20, 2026

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*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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