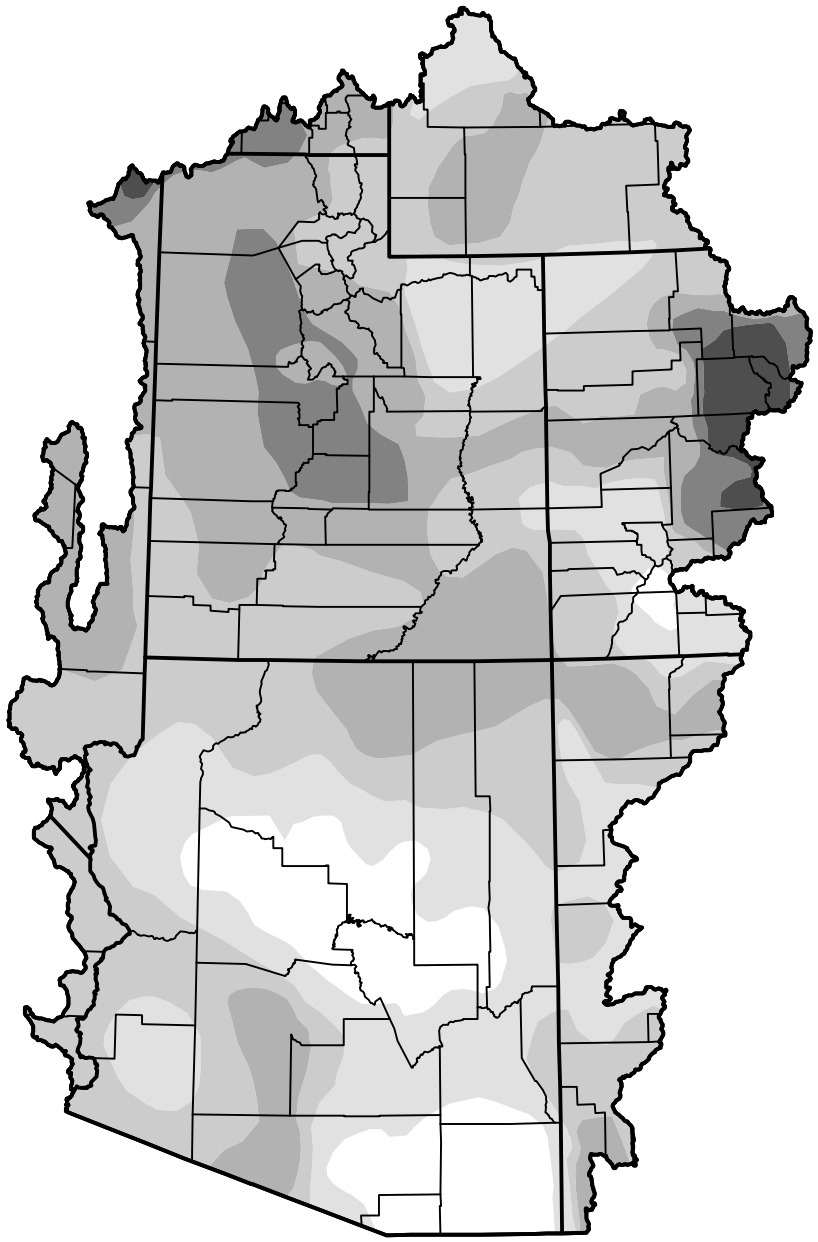
U.S. Drought Monitor

Colorado Basin RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.31	90.69	68.71	33.77	7.29	1.60
Last Week *10-13-2026*	3.63	96.37	76.84	42.37	11.48	1.88
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	1.40	98.60	95.18	78.19	24.29	2.89
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	12.87	87.13	68.47	31.97	3.39	0.22
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	3.63	96.37	84.98	52.96	14.00	2.03
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	1.49	98.51	91.97	57.35	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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