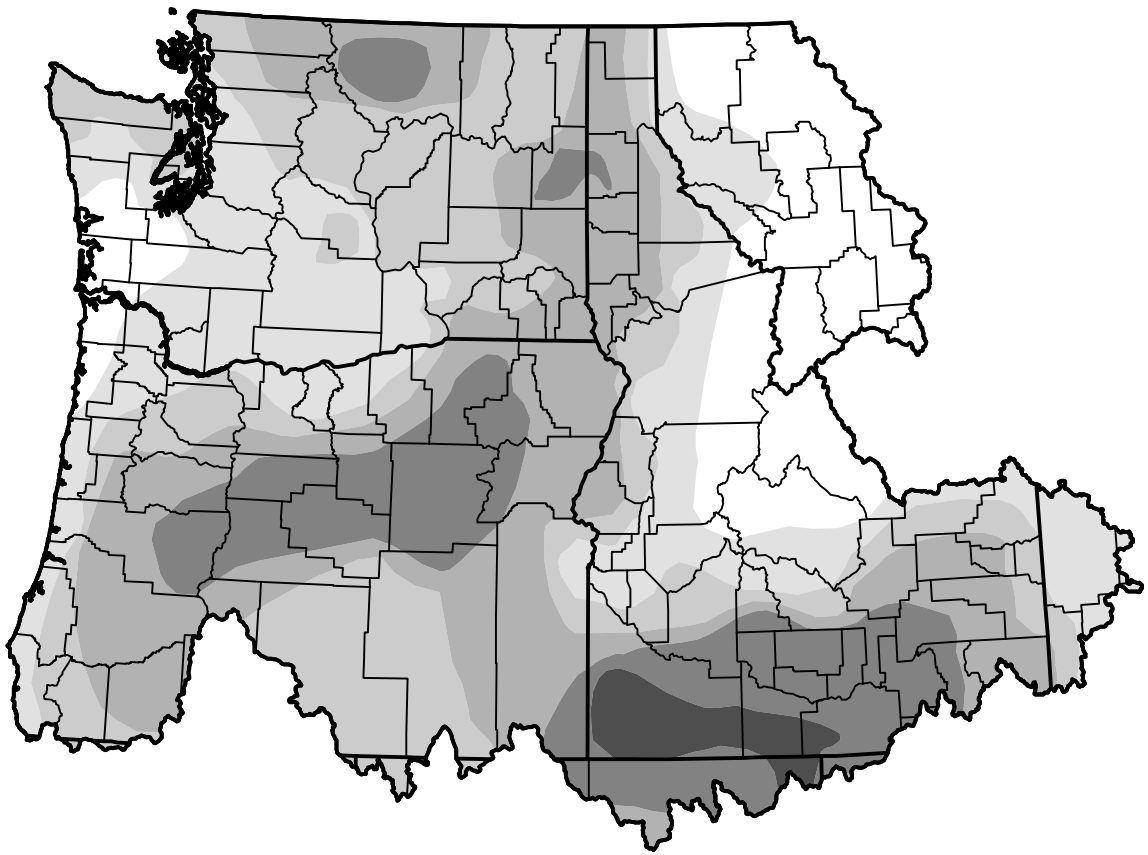
U.S. Drought Monitor

Northwest RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.40	85.60	65.28	41.44	17.37	2.24
Last Week *10-13-2026*	14.40	85.60	66.36	41.85	17.37	2.24
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	14.03	85.97	71.53	40.33	19.97	3.56
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.20	61.80	28.61	2.90	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.85	87.15	67.34	43.20	19.85	2.24
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	16.85	83.15	73.83	49.08	10.70	1.21

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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