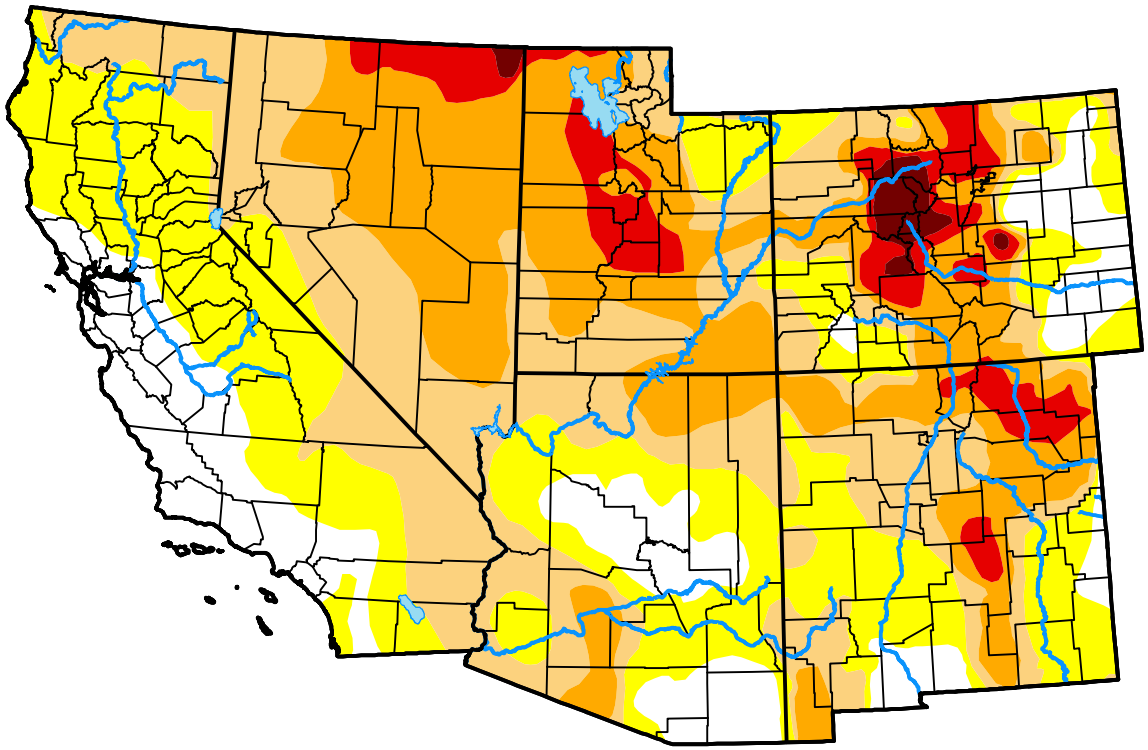
U.S. Drought Monitor

Southwest



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.04	85.96	58.29	29.62	6.76	1.01
Last Week *10-13-2026*	10.72	89.28	65.10	35.17	9.27	1.39
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	10.69	89.31	70.26	55.08	21.39	2.22
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.64	59.36	42.53	19.34	1.68	0.10
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	9.57	90.43	71.31	41.33	12.60	1.62
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	24.56	75.44	58.76	33.46	5.48	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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