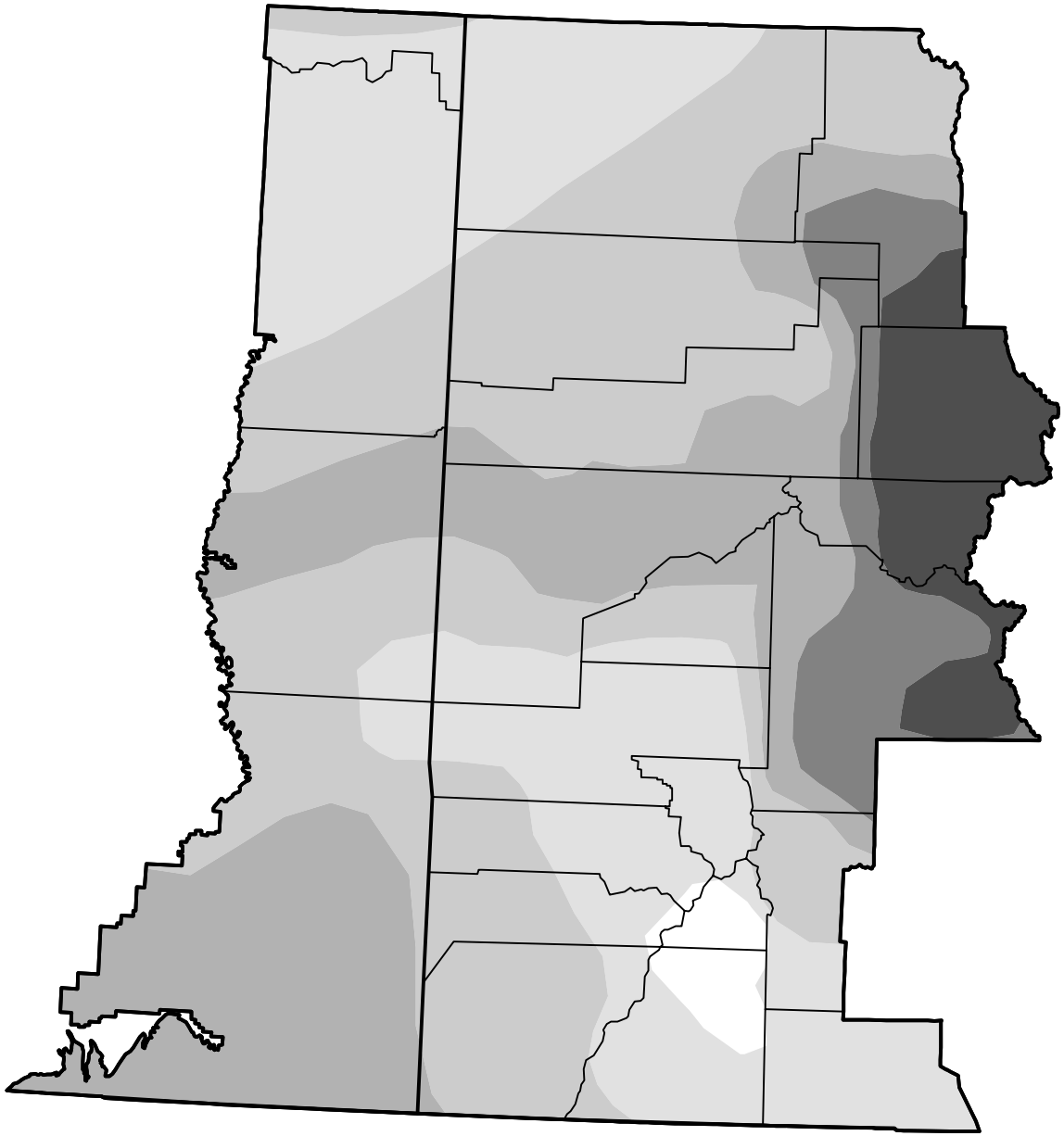
U.S. Drought Monitor

Grand Junction, CO WFO



October 20, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.77	27.08	35.26	24.01	5.73	6.16
Last Week *10-13-2026*	0.00	2.57	28.31	44.63	16.86	7.62
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.93	28.95	13.11
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.00	31.08	41.67	23.77	2.35	1.13
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	0.00	1.26	24.18	45.50	21.39	7.67
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	7.43	20.66	40.96	26.60	4.36	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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