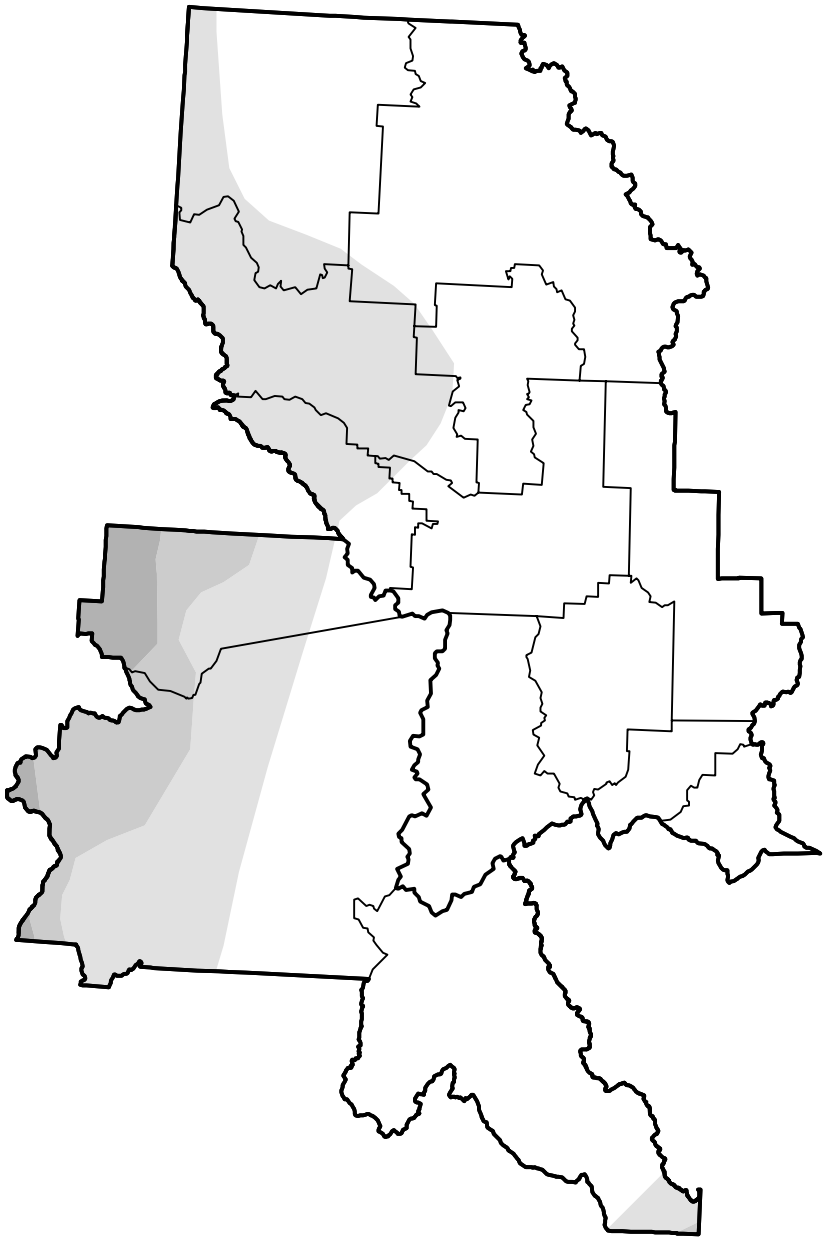
U.S. Drought Monitor

Missoula, MT WFO



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.57	28.43	7.05	1.77	0.00	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	71.57	28.43	7.05	1.77	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	57.36	42.64	15.78	4.71	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	31.93	68.07	16.49	0.06	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	61.79	38.21	7.97	1.77	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	0.00	100.00	100.00	81.06	15.55	1.25

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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