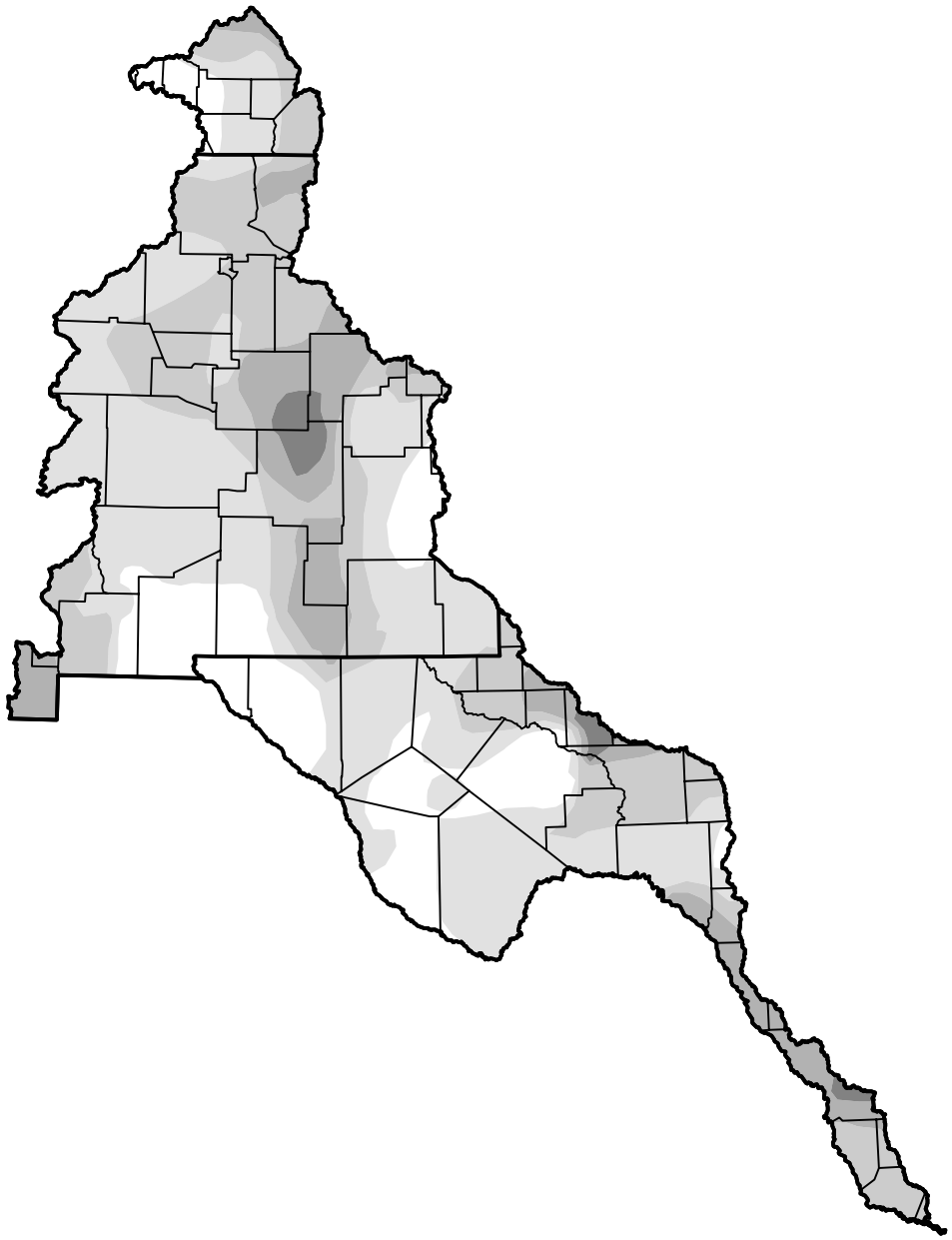
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Rio Grande Watershed



## October 27, 2026

***(Released Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026)***

**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 16.99 | 41.82 | 27.14 | 12.27 | 1.79 | 0.00 |
| **Last Week** *10-20-2026* | 11.93 | 39.61 | 26.56 | 18.72 | 3.17 | 0.00 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-28-2026* | 29.99 | 10.38 | 13.30 | 27.46 | 17.98 | 0.90 |
| **Start of Calendar Year** *01-06-2026* | 2.11 | 23.10 | 28.27 | 41.56 | 4.25 | 0.71 |
| **Start of Water Year** *09-29-2026* | 1.63 | 11.32 | 43.88 | 28.59 | 13.59 | 1.00 |
| **One Year Ago** *10-28-2025* | 7.99 | 20.24 | 31.61 | 33.73 | 6.14 | 0.29 |

*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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