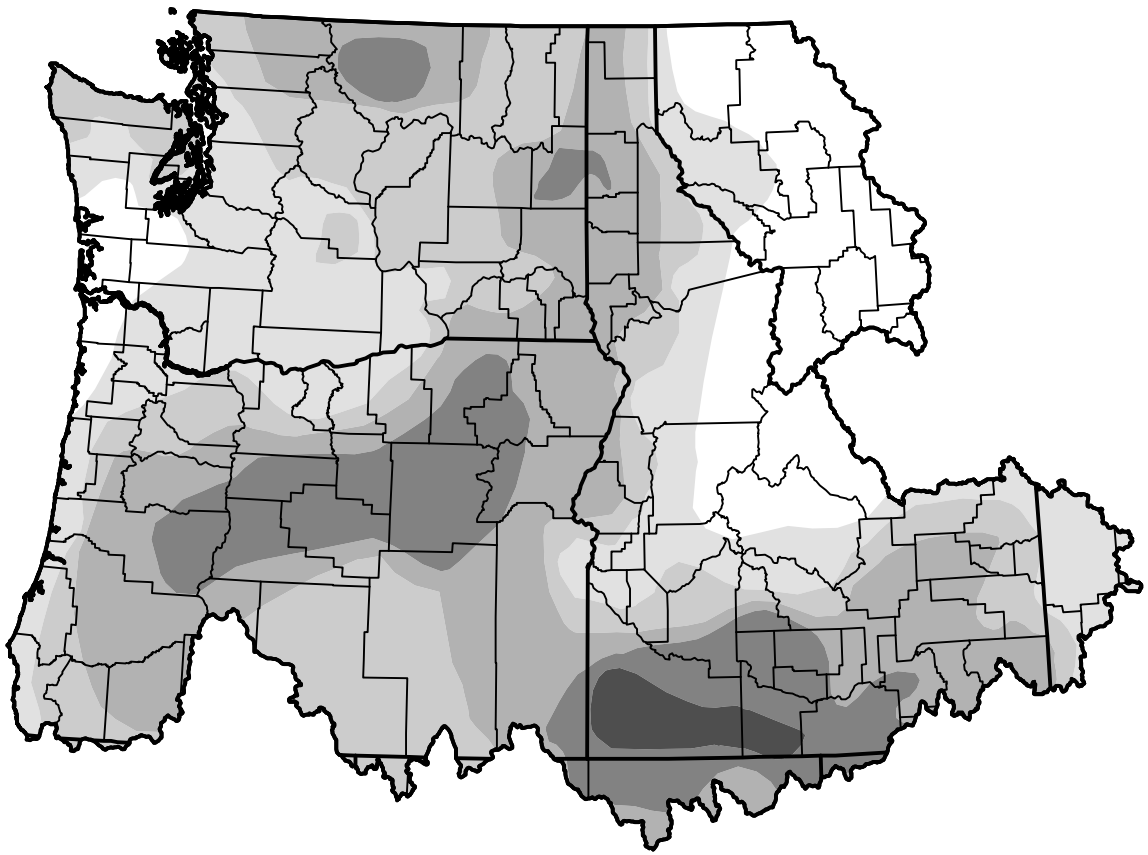
U.S. Drought Monitor

Northwest RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.40	20.46	24.04	25.91	13.50	1.69
Last Week *10-20-2026*	14.40	20.32	23.84	24.07	15.13	2.24
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	12.73	15.74	31.41	20.44	17.30	2.38
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.20	33.20	25.71	2.90	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.85	19.80	24.15	23.35	17.61	2.24
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	17.66	11.79	26.45	37.24	5.90	0.96

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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