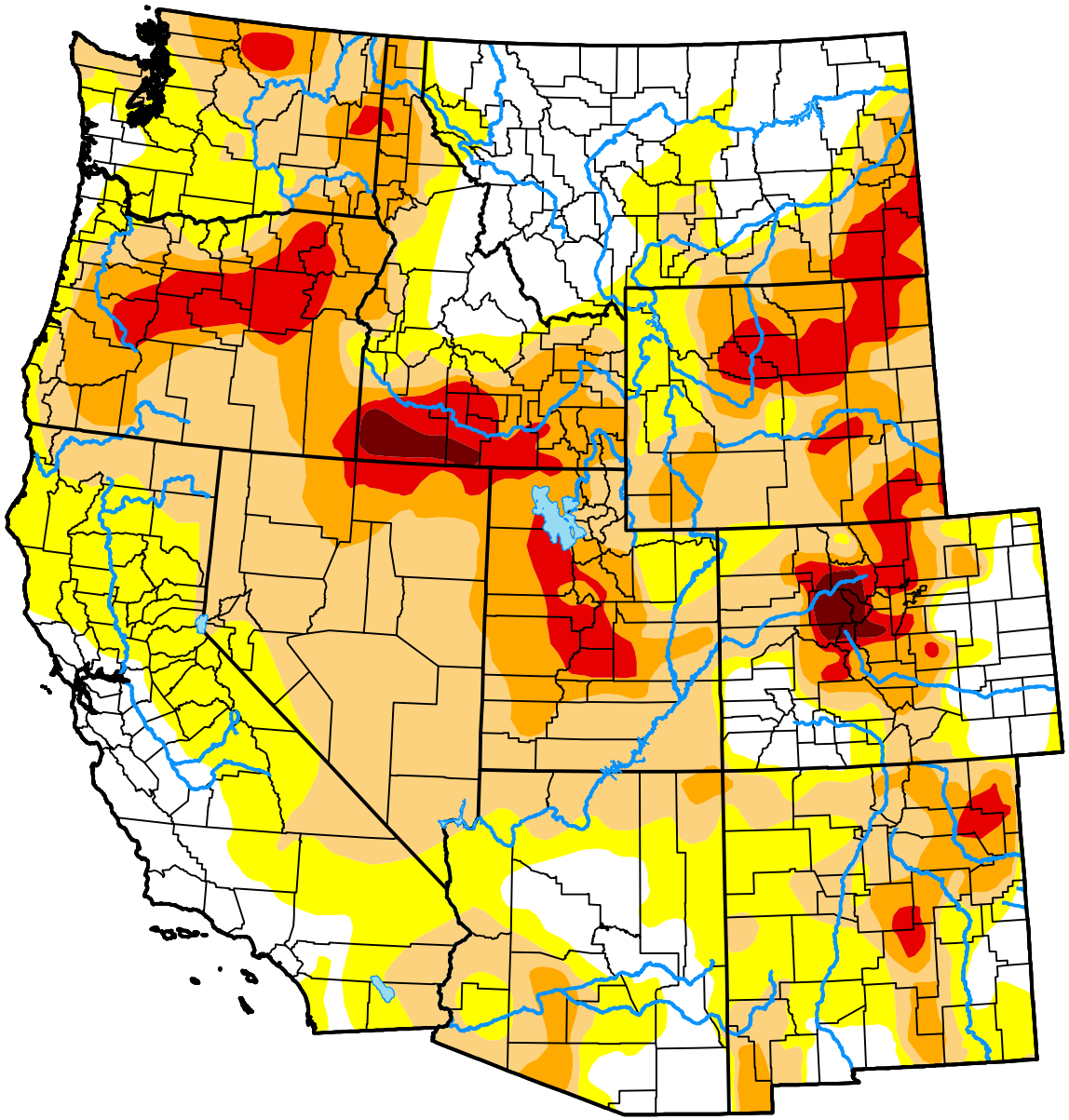
U.S. Drought Monitor

Western U.S.



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.25	79.75	55.44	25.47	8.11	0.77
Last Week *10-20-2026*	17.26	82.74	59.02	32.50	9.79	1.07
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	10.16	89.84	71.49	48.68	19.73	1.77
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.61	59.39	36.26	14.36	1.16	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	11.88	88.12	69.46	40.58	14.02	1.42
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	26.30	73.70	58.03	32.56	5.64	0.22

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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