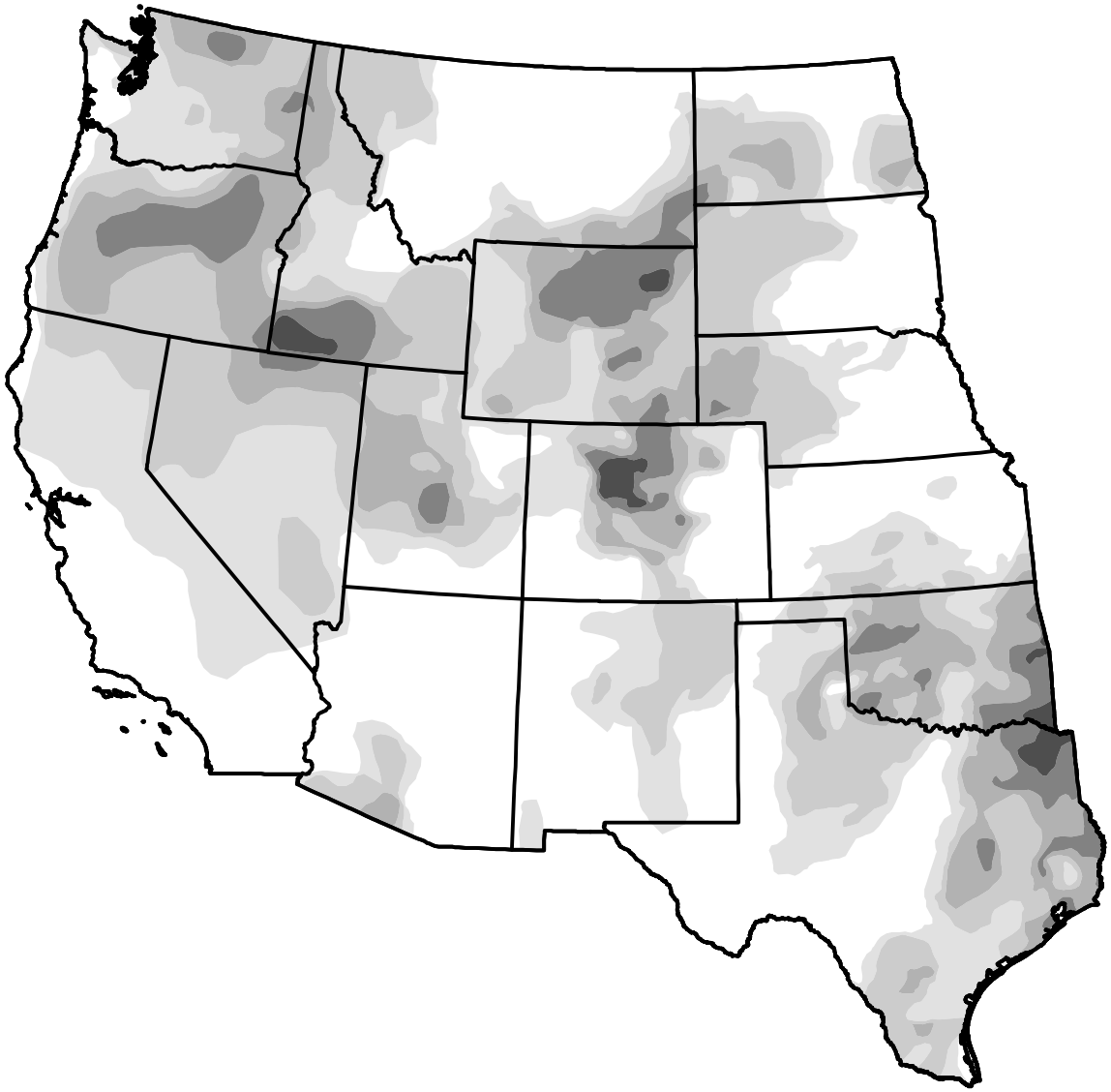
U.S. Drought Monitor

Bureau of Reclamation



November 17, 2026

(Released Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.31	62.69	41.38	17.90	6.00	0.80
Last Week *11-10-2026*	30.65	69.35	43.66	20.14	5.95	0.71
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	10.33	89.67	68.09	41.89	16.20	2.15
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	38.34	61.66	37.32	14.55	2.37	0.09
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	12.19	87.81	71.29	43.41	15.62	2.42
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	33.03	66.97	48.11	22.09	3.66	0.02

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

Author:

Jonathan Case
NASA/MSFC/UAH

droughtmonitor.unl.edu