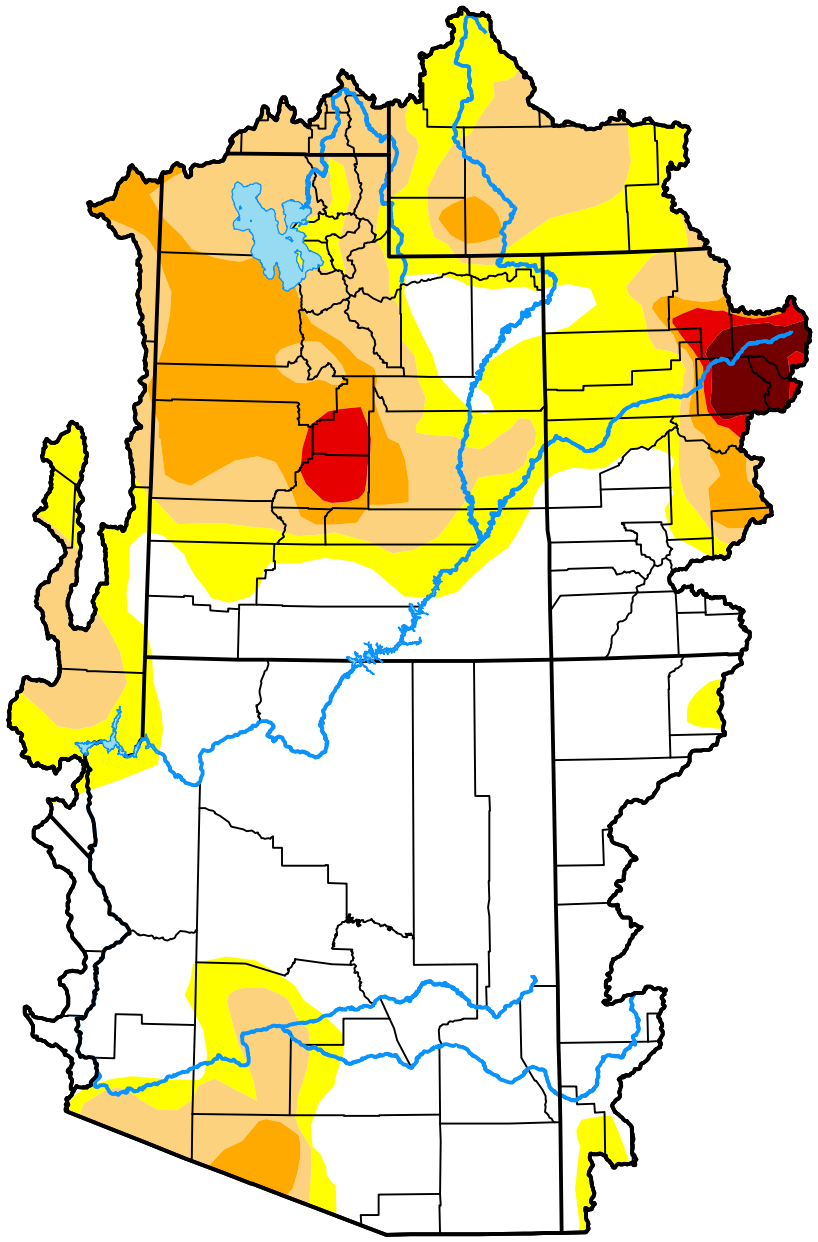
U.S. Drought Monitor

Colorado Basin RFC



November 17, 2026

(Released Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.02	18.65	18.54	8.28	1.40	1.12
Last Week *11-10-2026*	32.47	34.63	20.69	9.32	1.78	1.12
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	2.08	2.40	25.58	49.19	17.87	2.88
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	12.87	18.66	36.50	28.58	3.17	0.22
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	3.63	11.40	32.01	38.96	11.97	2.03
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	1.48	7.27	36.60	45.04	9.60	0.00

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