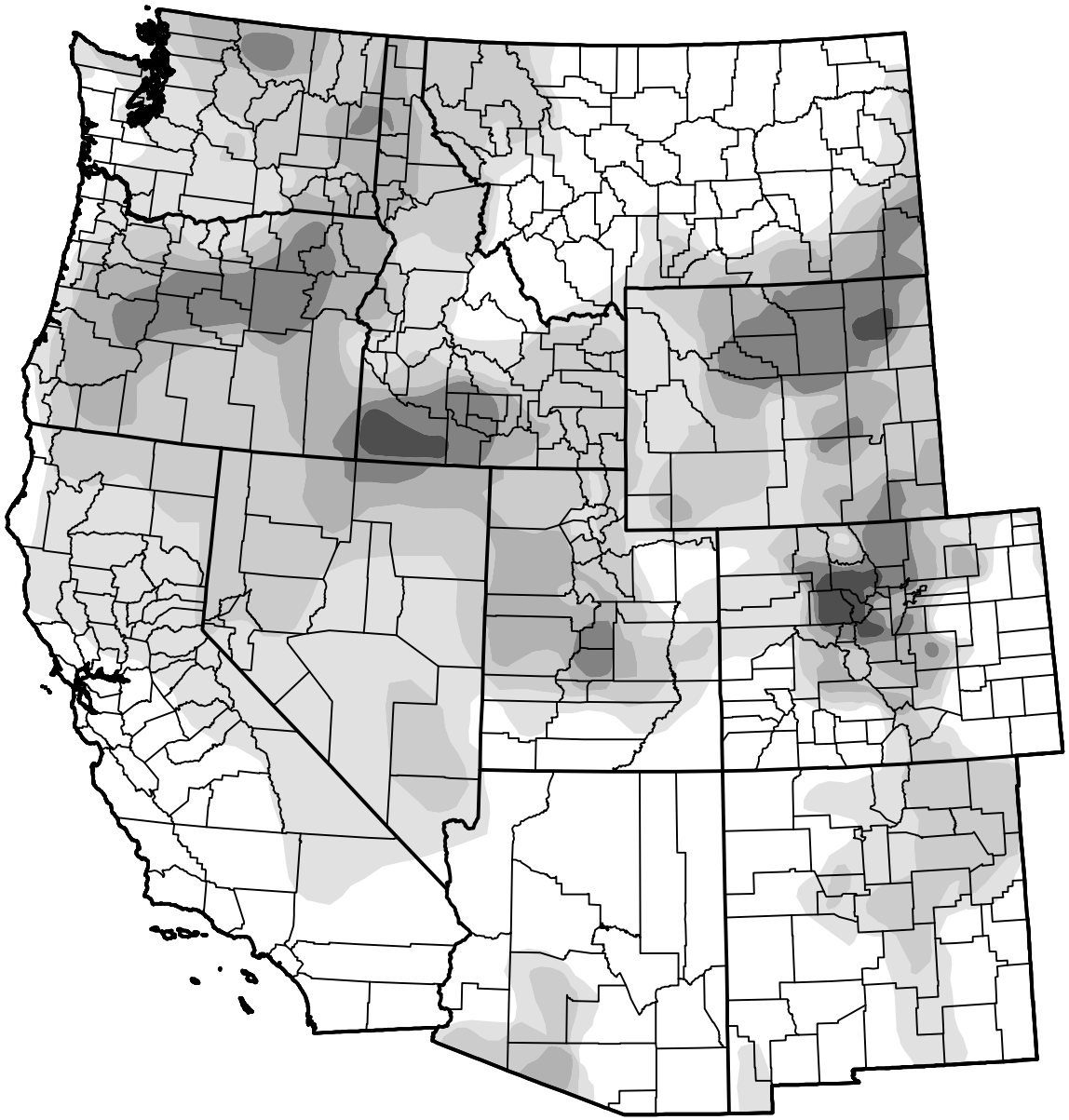
U.S. Drought Monitor

Western U.S.



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	36.00	23.05	22.90	11.51	5.76	0.77
Last Week *11-10-2026*	27.05	31.02	22.01	13.73	5.54	0.66
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	7.00	18.68	24.96	30.12	16.86	2.38
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	40.61	23.13	21.90	13.20	1.10	0.06
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	11.88	18.66	28.88	26.56	12.60	1.42
One Year Ago *11-18-2025*	28.37	17.01	27.18	23.38	4.06	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

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