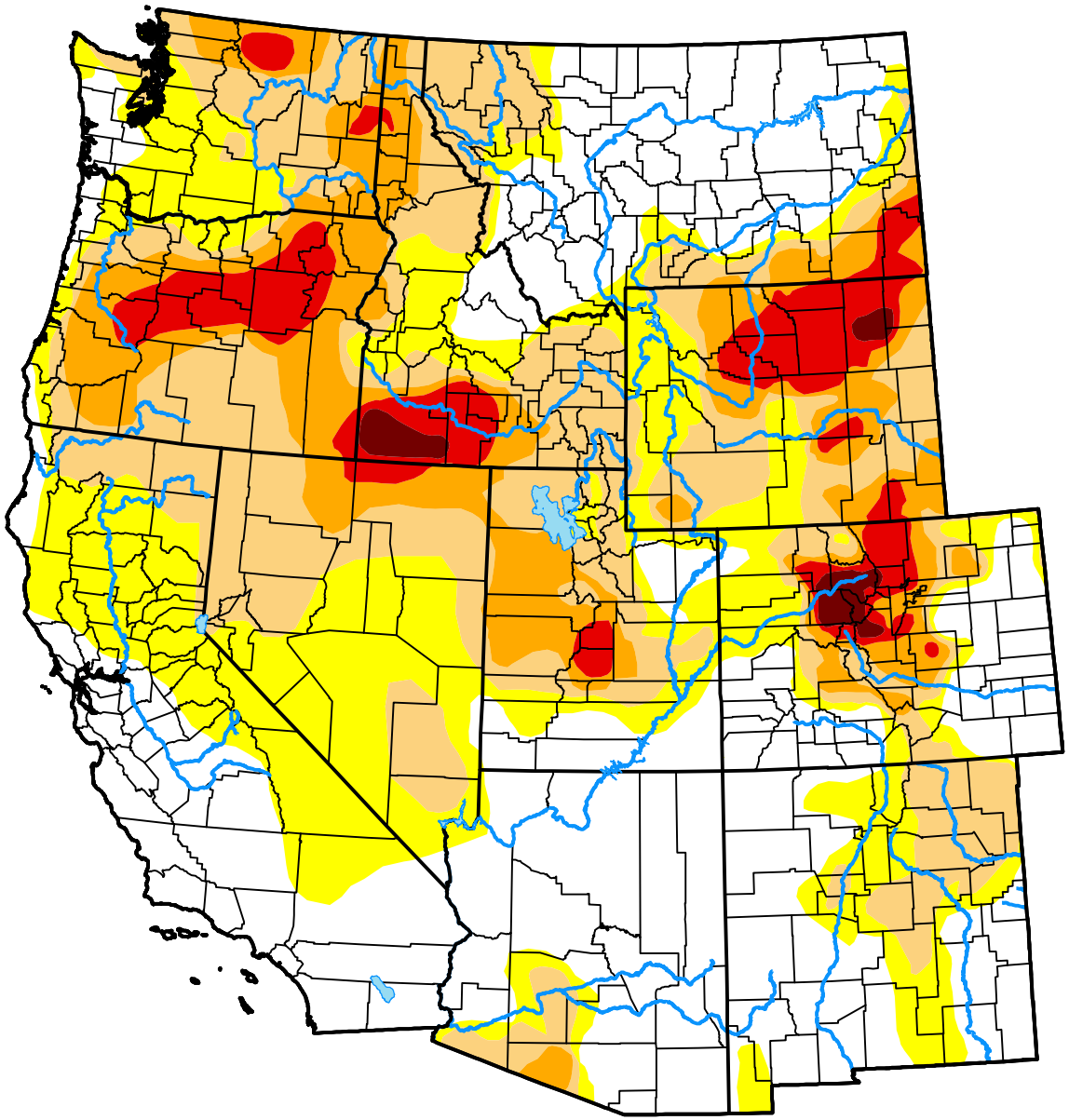
U.S. Drought Monitor

Western U.S.



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	36.00	64.00	40.95	18.05	6.54	0.77
Last Week *11-10-2026*	27.05	72.95	41.93	19.93	6.20	0.66
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	7.00	93.00	74.32	49.36	19.24	2.38
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 *11-18-2025*	28.37	71.63	54.62	27.45	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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