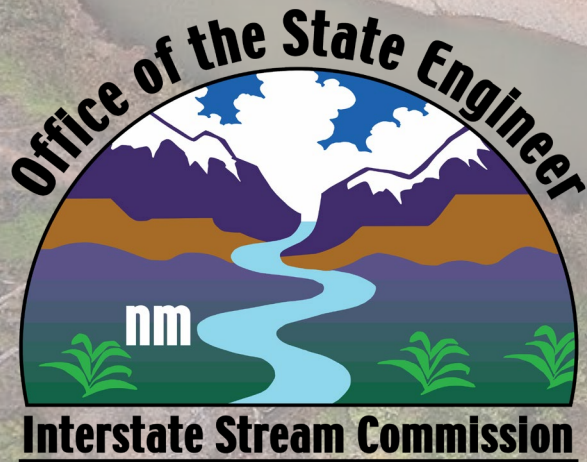


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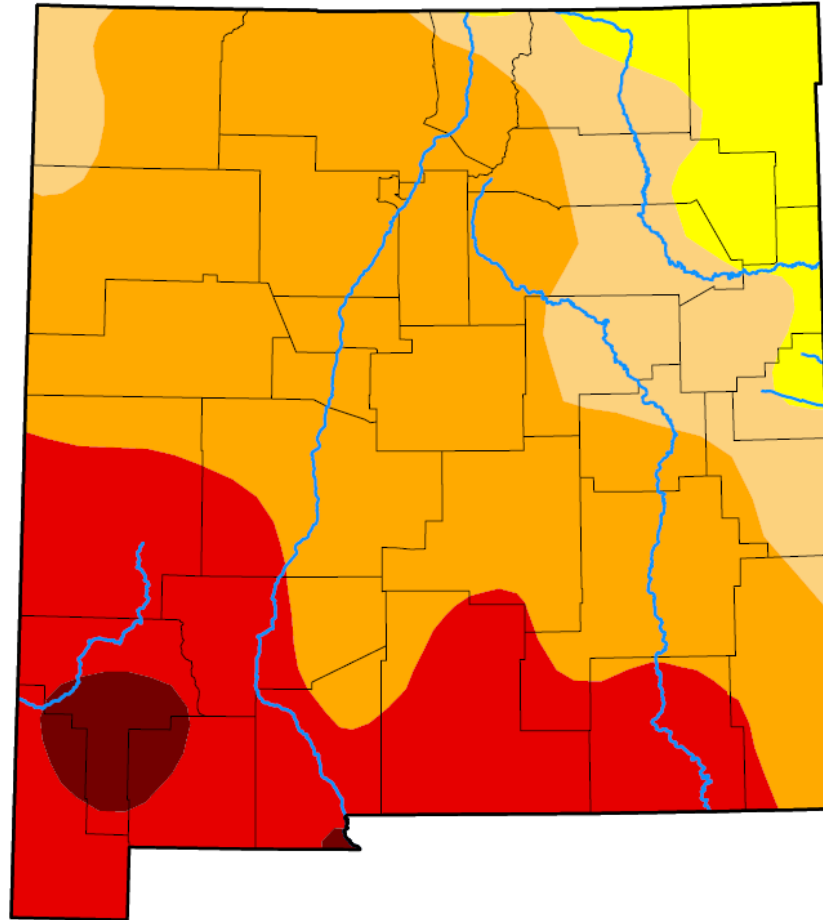
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# Current State of Drought in New Mexico

## U.S. Drought Monitor New Mexico



**April 1, 2025**

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	92.94	78.82	27.69	2.50
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-25-2025</i>	0.00	100.00	88.47	67.42	27.63	2.50
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-31-2024</i>	43.74	56.26	29.19	16.25	5.19	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-07-2025</i>	43.30	56.70	35.22	19.69	5.37	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2024</i>	28.35	71.65	34.73	17.54	2.80	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-02-2024</i>	1.76	98.24	76.24	37.77	16.72	3.51

### Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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>*

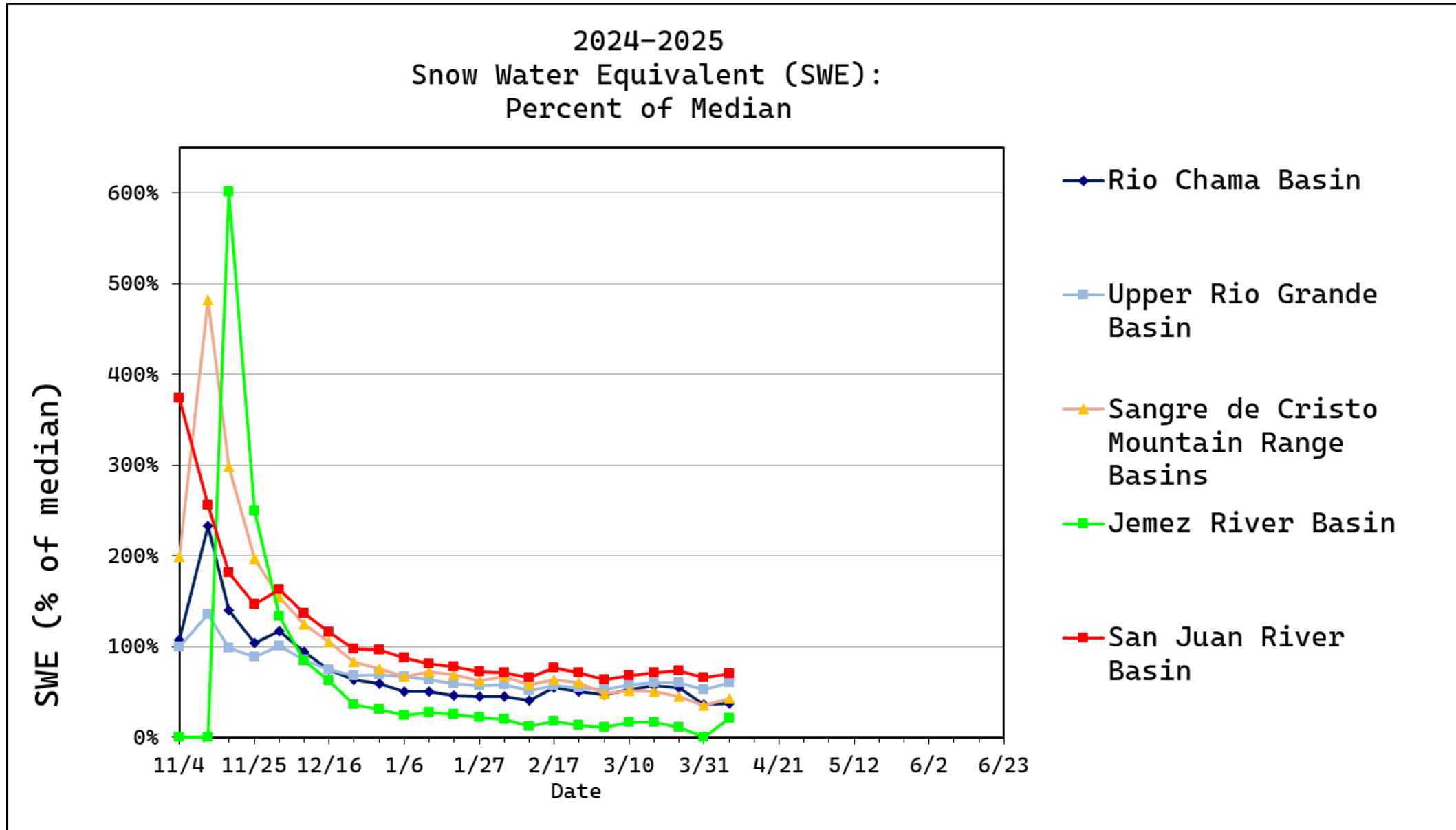
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# Current State of Snowpack in New Mexico



# Addressing Challenges to Water Management



# New Tools to Build on Ongoing Efforts

- **2022 Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force**
- **Modernize OSE/ISC Water Management**
  - Implementing the Water Data Act
  - Broader investments in local capacity building and the water workforce
- **Prioritize Rio Grande Actions – Invest in the Rio Grande**
  - Holistic management of the Rio Grande Basin in a manner that addresses urgent challenges
  - Coordination on operations and maintenance
- **Plan for New Mexico's Water Future**
  - Water Security Planning Act of 2023
  - Indian Water Right Settlements resolve outstanding claims and secure water supplies for multiple communities

