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MEMORANDUM

TO: Josh Pike, Bill Hudson
FROM: Justin O. Ramsey, PE
CC: Andrew Connor, Cyndi Foster, Justin Stone, Renee Lewis, Kyle Tjelmeland
DATE: September 28, 2026
RE: Drought Update

Below is the PAWSD Drought Stage Trigger worksheet.

Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District
Drought Stage Trigger Points
Data Entry Sheet

Today's Date	:	9/28/2026
Hatcher Reservoir		
Level	:	7,736.40 Feet
San Juan River Flow	:	339.0 CFS
CO Drought Monitor	:	D1
Drought Stage	=	NA

The San Juan River flow is rising and is currently flowing at 339 cfs. The state has partially rescinded the Four-Mile diversion curtailment. Hatcher Reservoir is again receiving inflows and rising modestly. The current Hatcher Reservoir level coupled with the San Juan River flows will take the District out of mandatory Drought Restrictions per the 2026 Drought Management Plan. There will be no more required drought stage rate multipliers for water use.

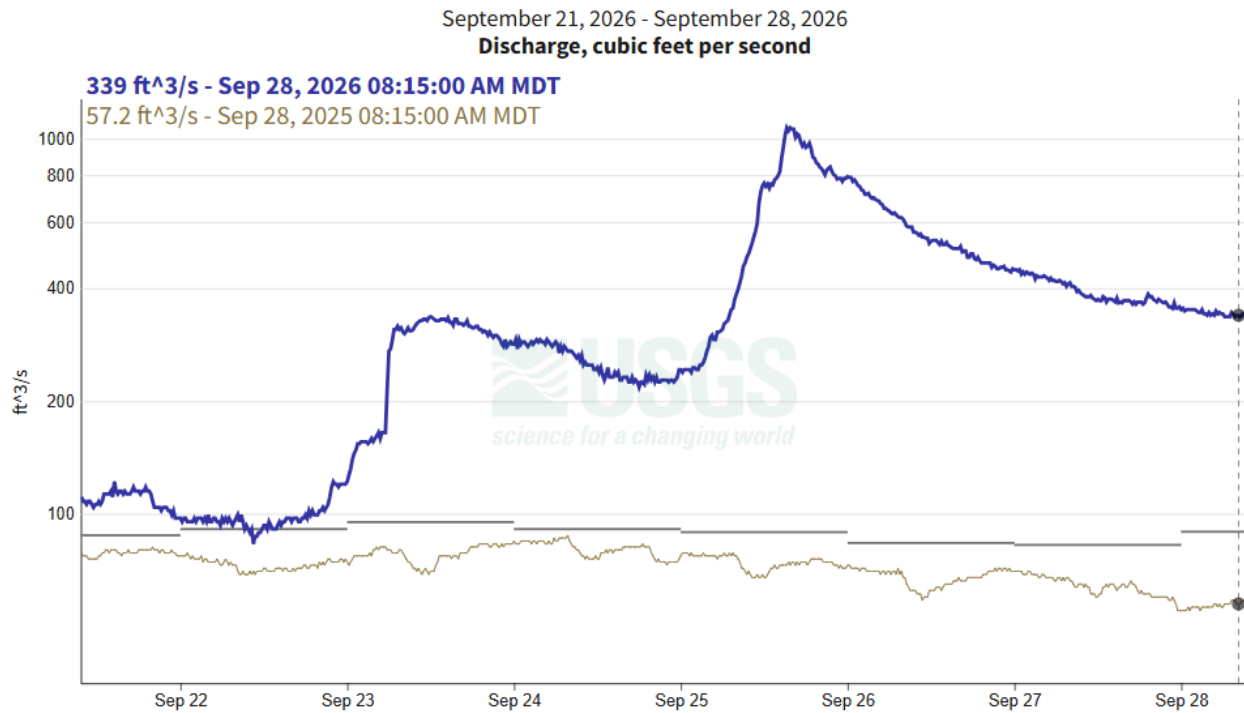
Median San Juan River flows for today are 89.5 cfs, last years flow was 57.2 cfs. The National Integrated Drought Information System has downgraded the entire county of Archuleta from Extreme Drought to Severe Drought.

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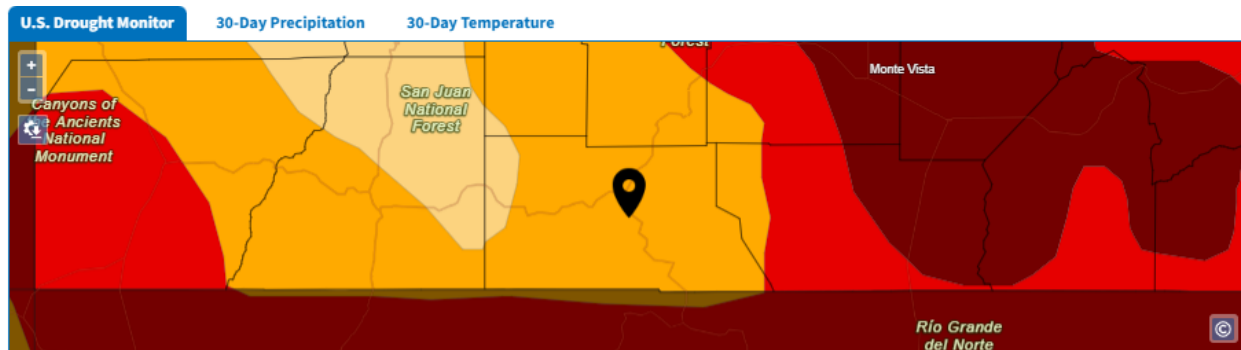
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San Juan River Flows as measured at the USGS San Juan River gage (USGS-09342500)



US Drought Monitor Current Conditions for Archuleta County



The U.S. Drought Monitor depicts the location and intensity of drought across the country using 5 classifications: Abnormally Dry (D0), showing areas that may be going into or are coming out of drought, and four levels of drought (D1–D4).

The U.S. Drought Monitor is a joint effort of the National Drought Mitigation Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Source(s): [NDMC](#), [NOAA](#), [USDA](#)

Legend

Drought & Dryness Categories

	D0 - Abnormally Dry
	D1 - Moderate Drought
	D2 - Severe Drought
	D3 - Extreme Drought
	D4 - Exceptional Drought
	Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)

% of Archuleta County

D0 - Abnormally Dry	0%
D1 - Moderate Drought	7.64%
D2 - Severe Drought	92.30%
D3 - Extreme Drought	0.06%
D4 - Exceptional Drought	0%
Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)	100.00%

September has been a very productive month in terms of precipitation, producing 272% on normal September precipitation.

The District greatly appreciates everyone's continued diligence in conserving water. If you have any questions regarding the current Drought Management Plan, it can be found on the website at <https://www.pawsd.org/water-service/water-conservation/>