

# U.S. Drought Monitor

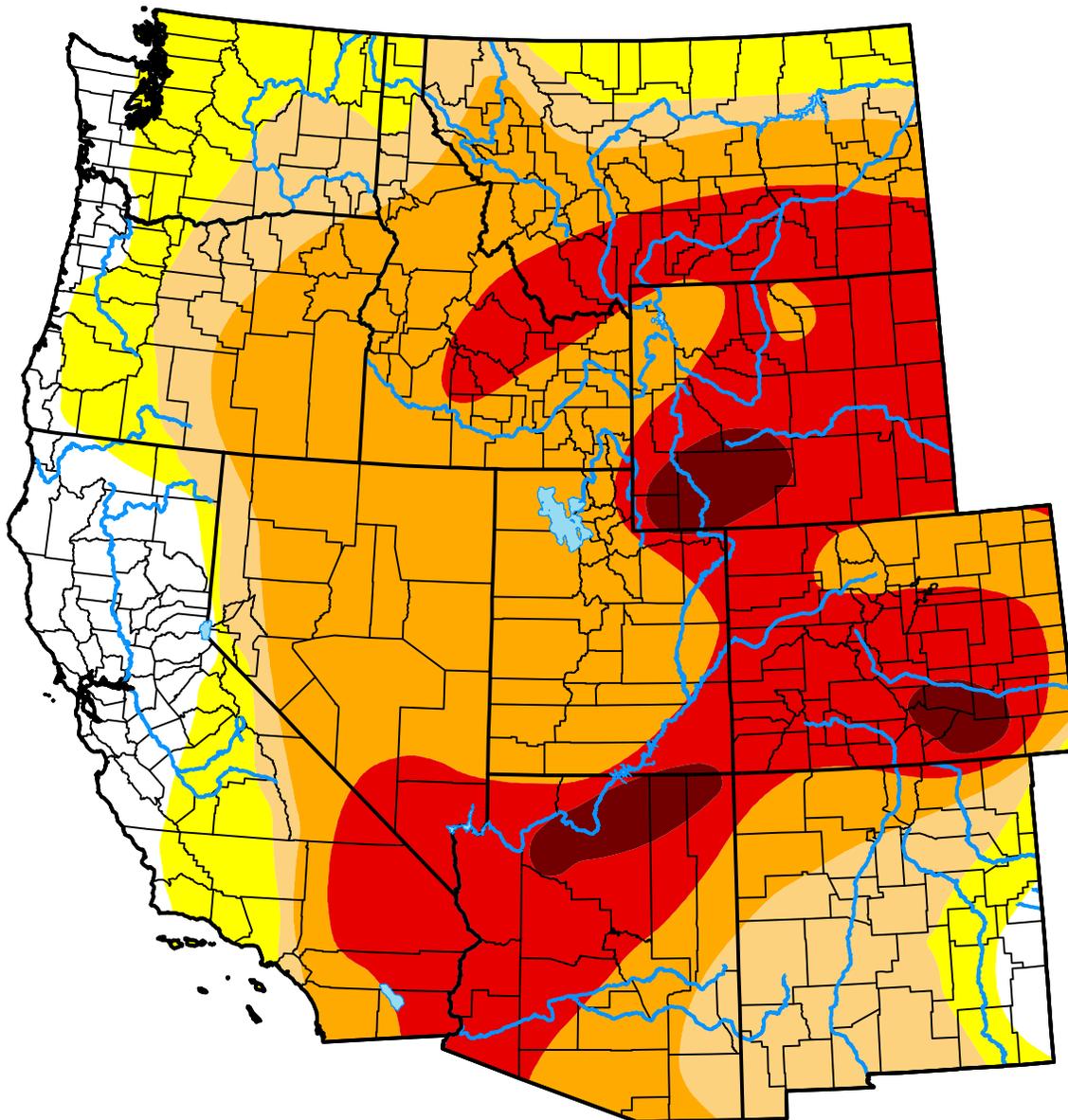
## West

**December 17, 2002**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	8.10	91.90	79.26	64.65	29.27	2.96
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2002</i>	0.71	99.29	81.43	65.12	28.70	2.89
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2002</i>	7.09	92.91	79.64	63.04	37.52	8.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.08	70.92	52.40	36.90	15.10	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	94.82	77.75	59.82	35.39	6.23
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2001</i>	25.85	74.15	55.65	39.10	16.79	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:**

Douglas Le Comte  
 CPC/NOAA



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)