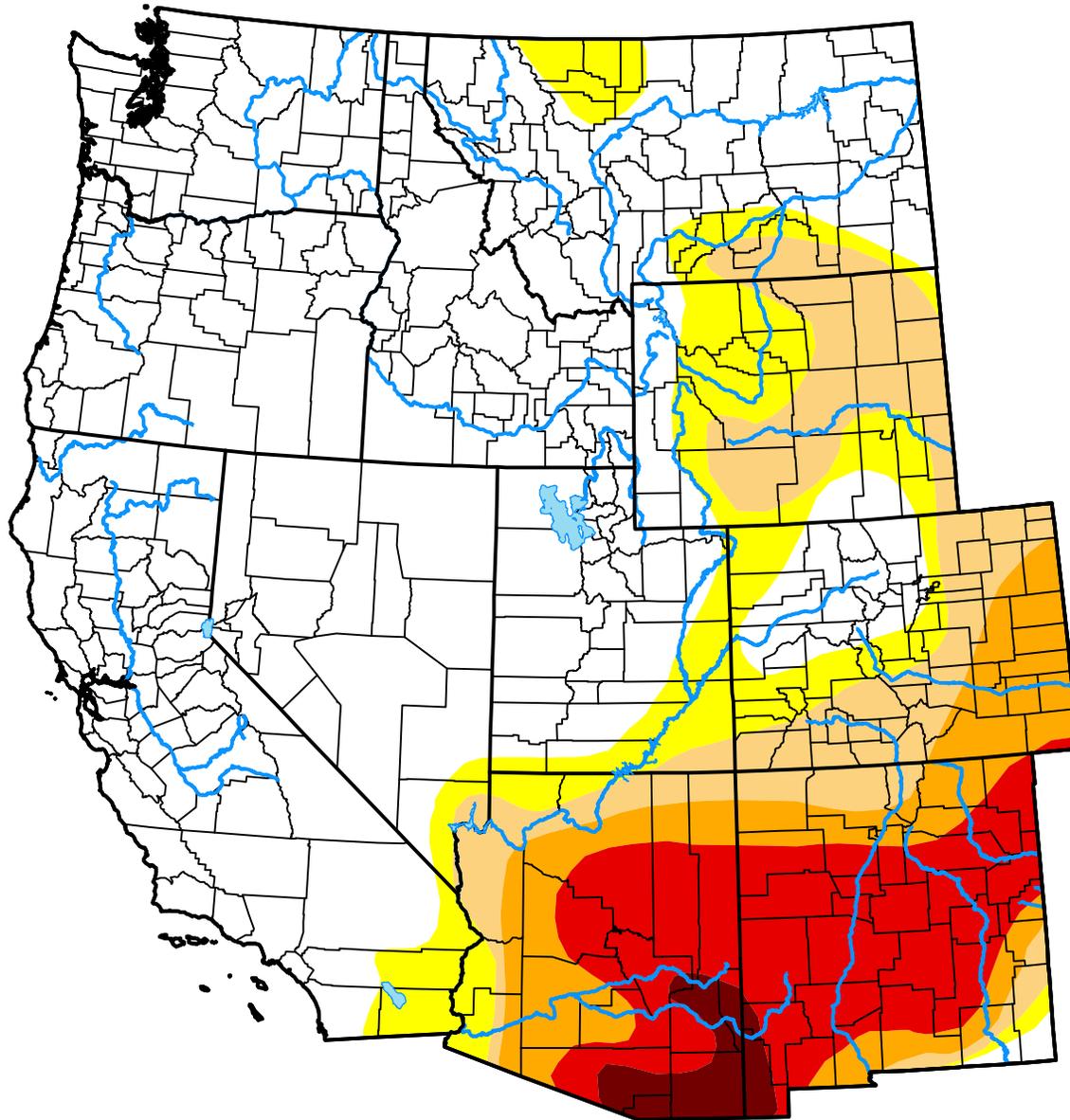


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.79 | 10.25 | 9.80  | 6.94  | 9.73 | 1.48 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-02-2006</i>              | 62.24 | 10.70 | 9.33  | 11.33 | 4.92 | 1.48 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-07-2006</i>           | 59.66 | 15.48 | 15.34 | 5.76  | 3.76 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.59 | 28.01 | 14.39 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 45.73 | 23.39 | 19.25 | 10.67 | 0.96 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-10-2005</i>           | 45.21 | 12.69 | 13.94 | 20.38 | 7.79 | 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>*

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