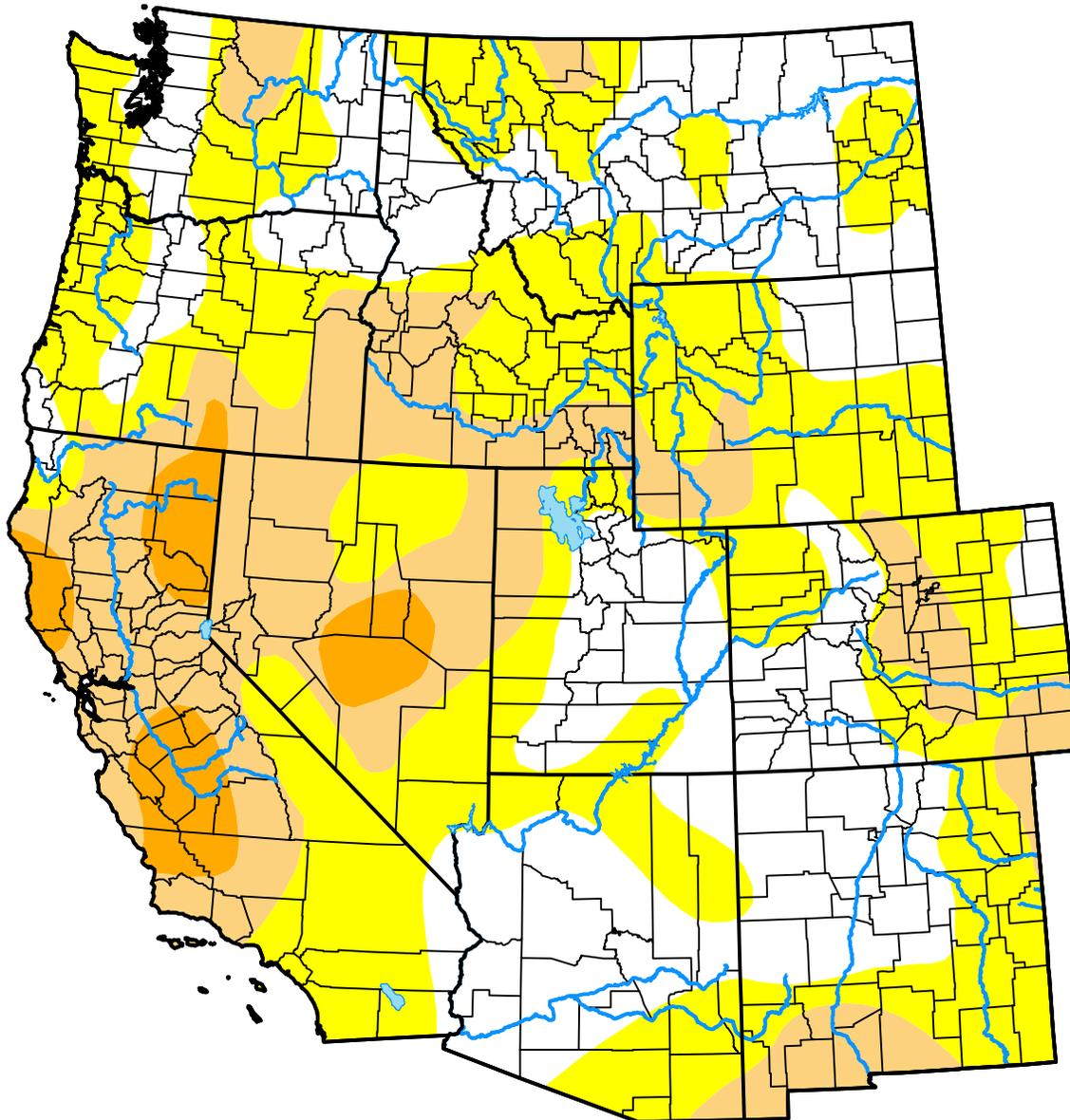


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	33.36	40.81	21.61	4.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-10-2009</i>	33.71	41.17	20.90	4.22	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2008</i>	27.46	41.53	20.97	9.25	0.78	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	35.35	35.75	19.90	8.63	0.37	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	40.52	30.31	18.75	10.02	0.40	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-18-2008</i>	42.32	21.44	20.25	16.00	0.00	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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