

U.S. Drought Monitor

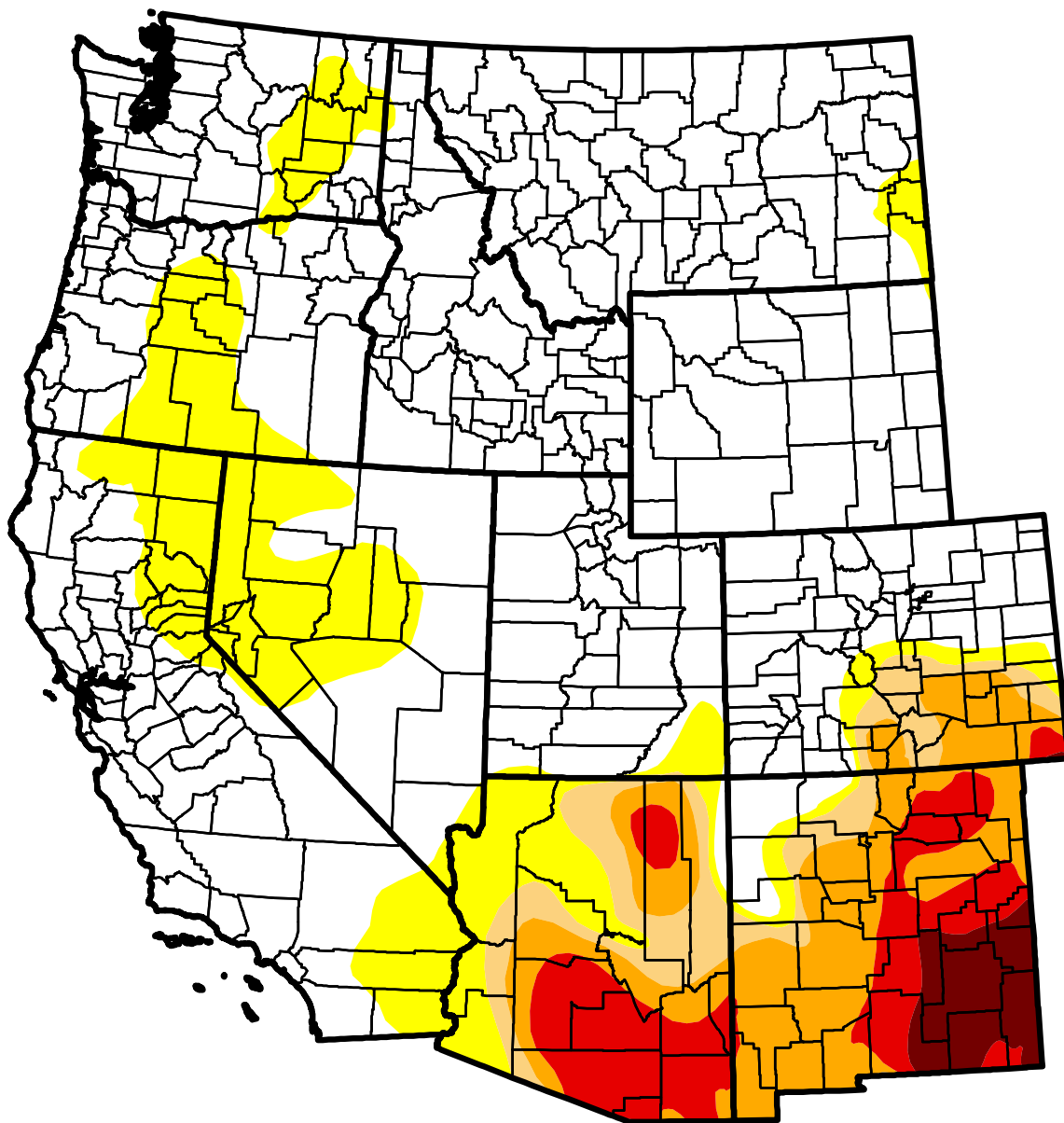
West

December 13, 2011
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.66	15.28	3.70	7.41	5.10	1.85
Last Week <i>12/6/2011</i>	70.25	11.62	3.56	5.56	7.08	1.94
3 Months Ago <i>9/13/2011</i>	69.61	10.55	4.26	5.58	5.87	4.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2011</i>	74.72	13.59	10.80	0.89	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/27/2011</i>	66.72	14.24	4.05	5.69	5.49	3.81
One Year Ago <i>12/14/2010</i>	81.99	13.27	3.62	0.83	0.29	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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