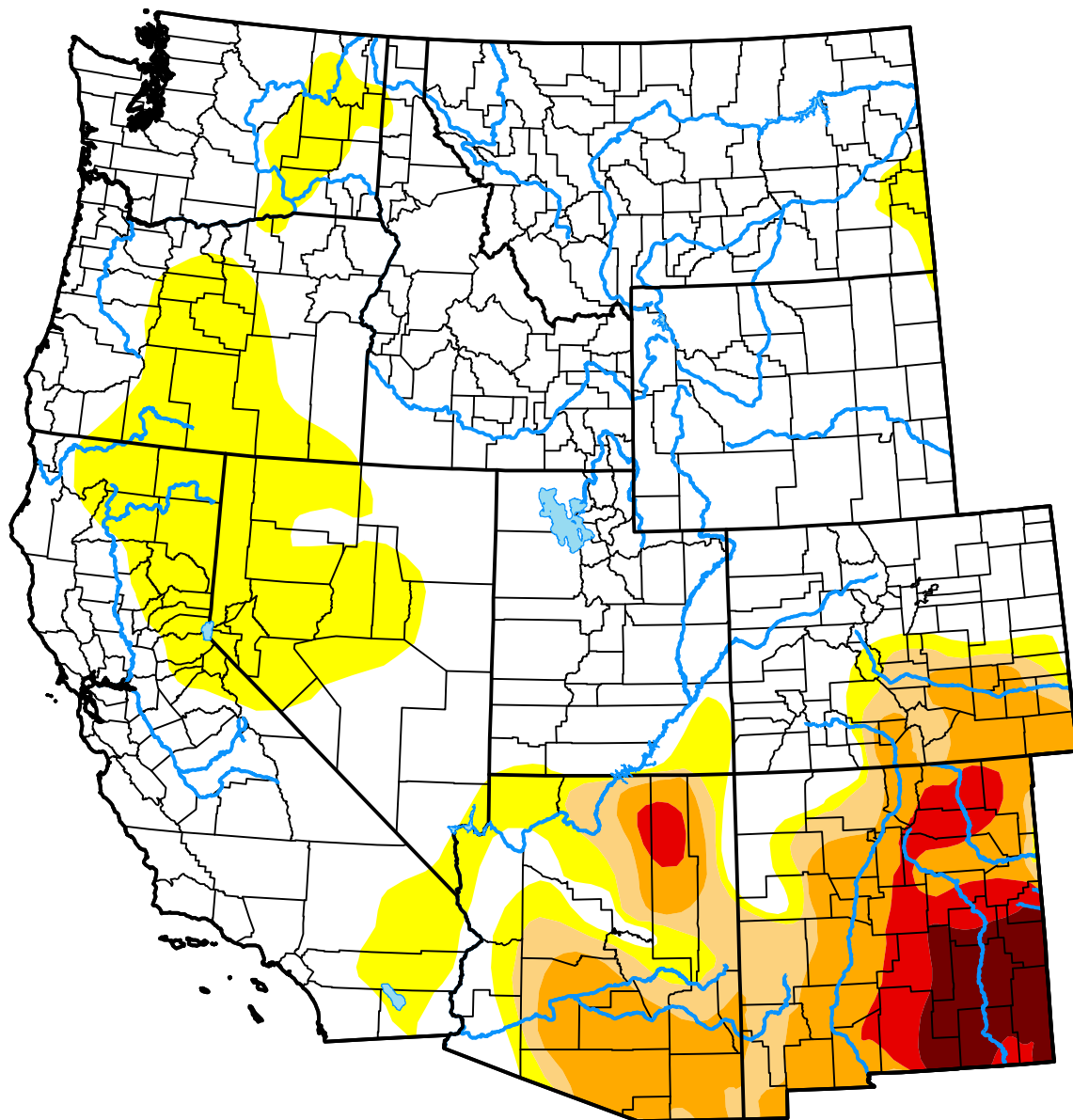


U.S. Drought Monitor West

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.71	16.30	4.77	8.06	2.34	1.82
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	66.66	15.28	3.70	7.41	5.10	1.85
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	73.65	7.31	4.05	5.69	5.49	3.81
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	74.72	13.59	10.80	0.89	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	14.24	4.05	5.69	5.49	3.81
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	68.16	18.84	12.11	0.89	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate 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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