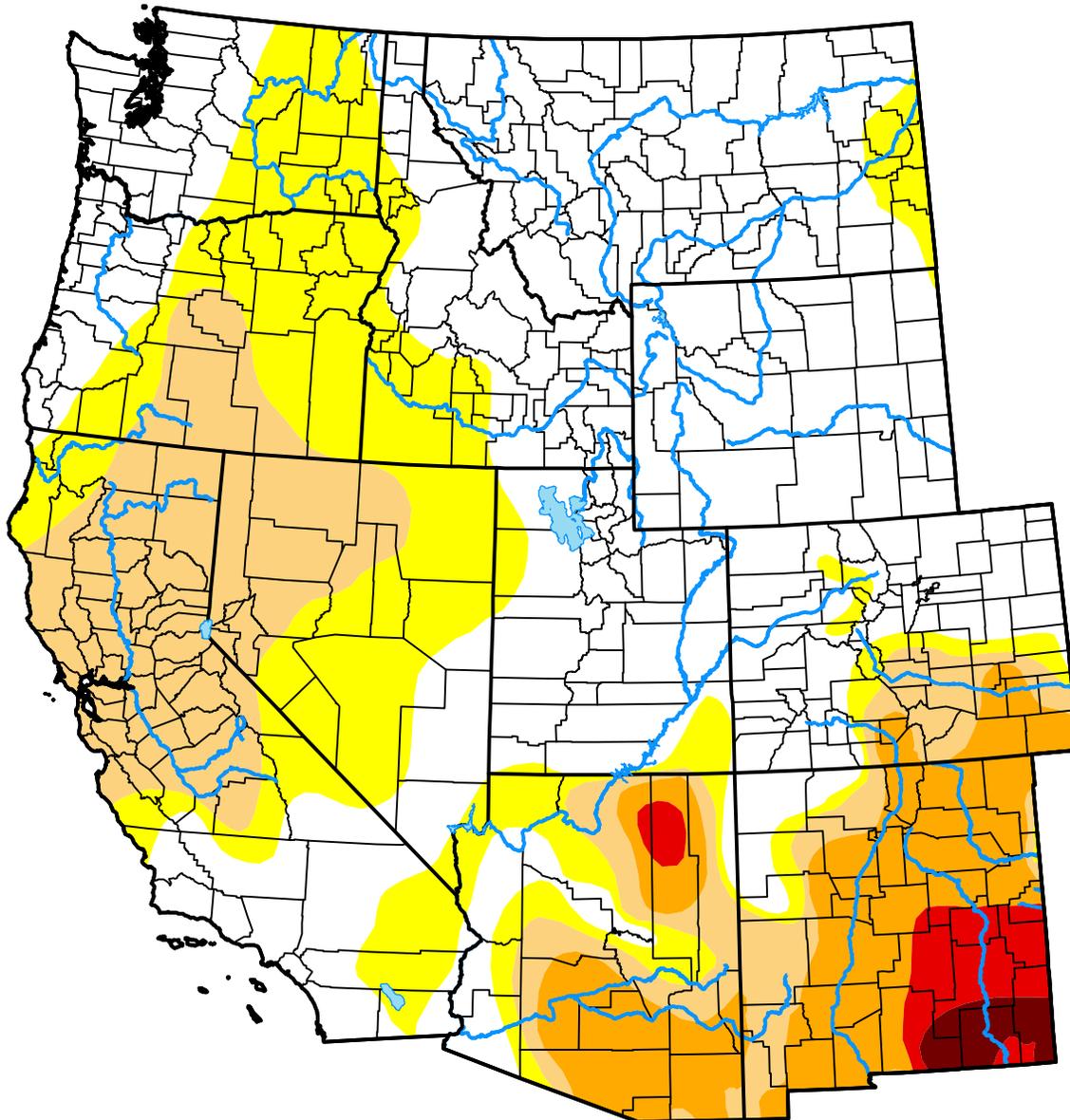


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	50.20	49.80	28.05	11.84	2.67	0.78
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-27-2011</i>	48.49	51.51	20.05	12.22	2.67	0.78
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-04-2011</i>	66.39	33.61	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.90
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.20	49.80	28.05	11.84	2.67	0.78
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	74.72	25.28	11.69	0.89	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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