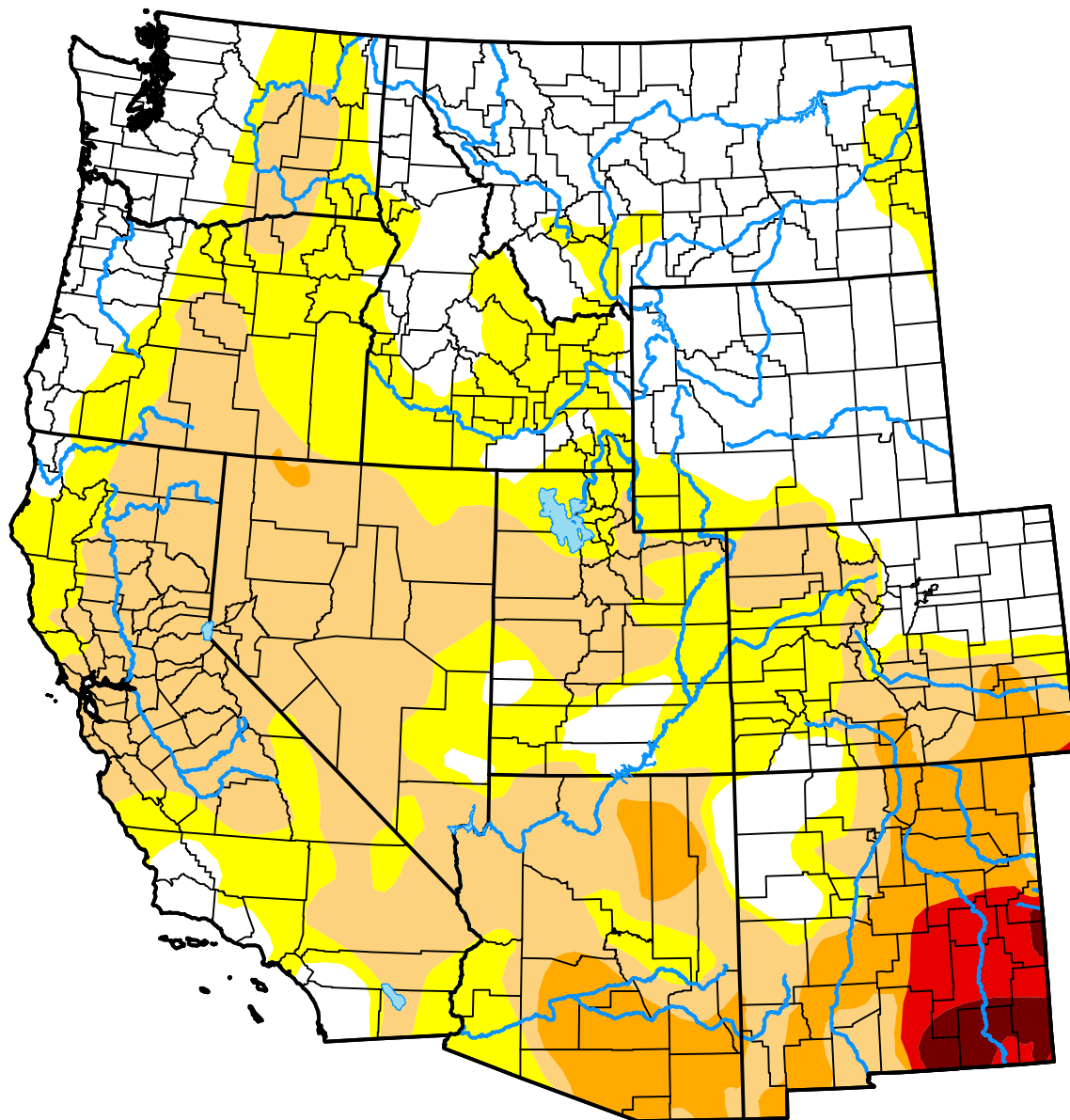


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 33.22 | 66.78 | 40.87 | 10.32 | 2.56  | 0.83 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-07-2012</i>              | 32.79 | 67.21 | 41.53 | 11.06 | 2.83  | 0.83 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-15-2011</i>           | 72.72 | 27.28 | 18.57 | 15.00 | 9.51  | 2.85 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.20 | 49.80 | 28.05 | 11.84 | 2.67  | 0.78 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 66.72 | 33.28 | 19.04 | 14.99 | 9.30  | 3.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-15-2011</i>           | 72.99 | 27.01 | 13.79 | 4.34  | 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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