

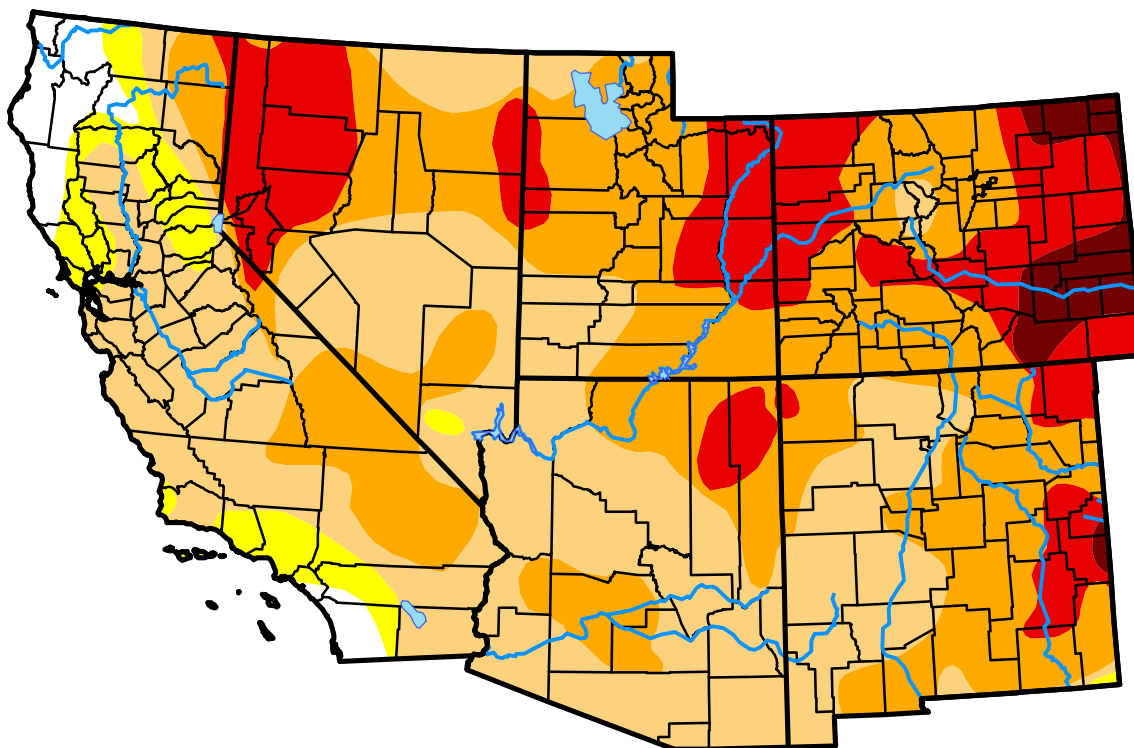
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	2.72	97.28	92.85	54.93	18.71	2.58
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	2.72	97.28	92.90	55.44	19.65	2.65
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-03-2012</i>	3.62	96.38	89.04	71.78	24.51	0.83
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	34.66	65.34	44.90	20.25	4.56	1.33
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	2.72	97.28	92.90	55.44	19.65	2.65
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-04-2011</i>	55.20	44.80	32.58	25.65	15.92	6.68



**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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