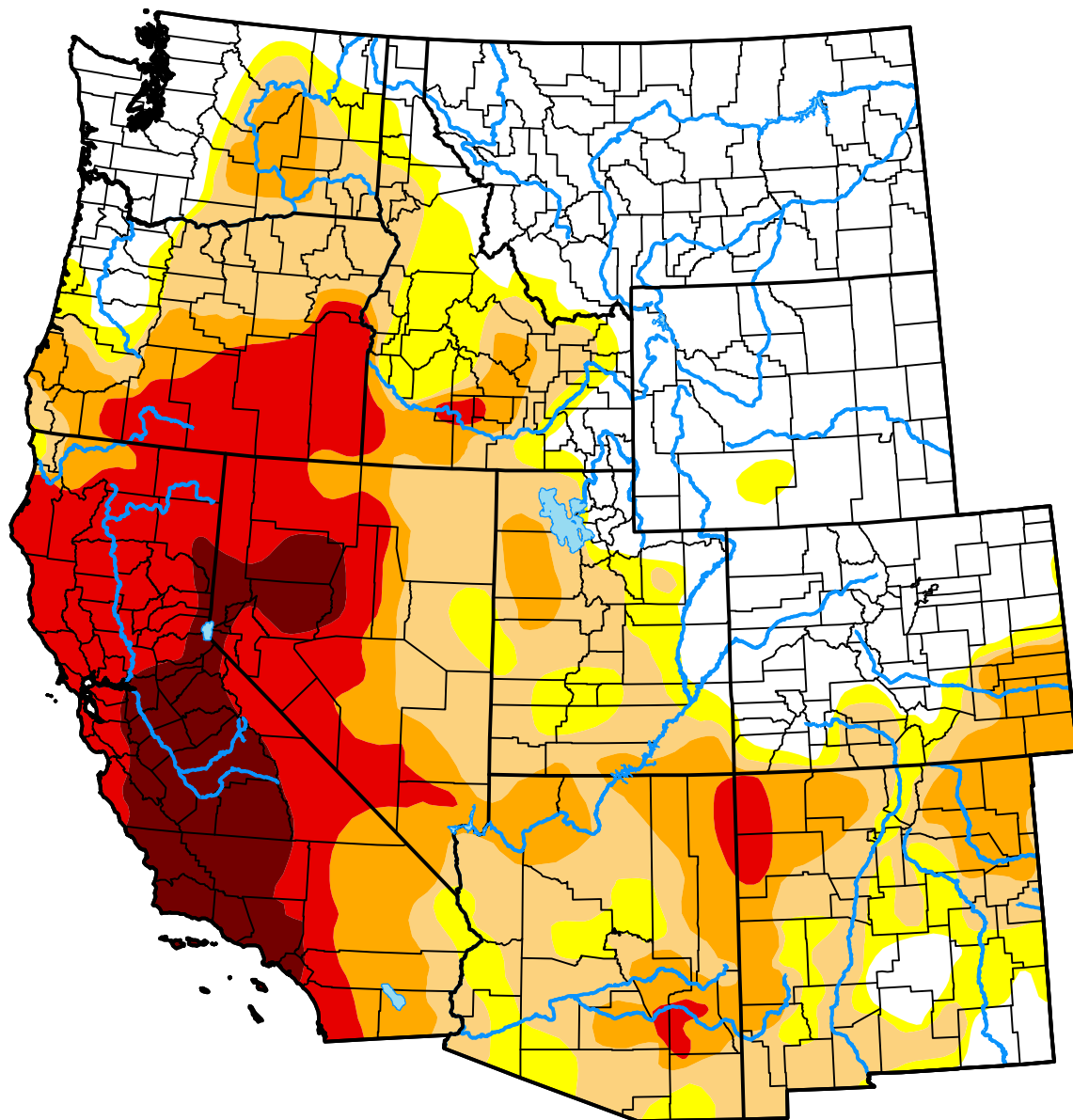


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

**December 23, 2014**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 34.61 | 10.79 | 20.91 | 15.02 | 13.27 | 5.40 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-16-2014</i>              | 34.51 | 10.64 | 20.95 | 15.15 | 13.35 | 5.40 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2014</i>           | 31.18 | 12.40 | 20.46 | 15.96 | 11.10 | 8.90 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 22.20 | 26.36 | 20.33 | 23.37 | 7.12  | 0.63 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 31.48 | 12.95 | 19.92 | 15.70 | 11.06 | 8.90 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2013</i>           | 22.20 | 26.65 | 20.40 | 23.13 | 6.99  | 0.63 |

**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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