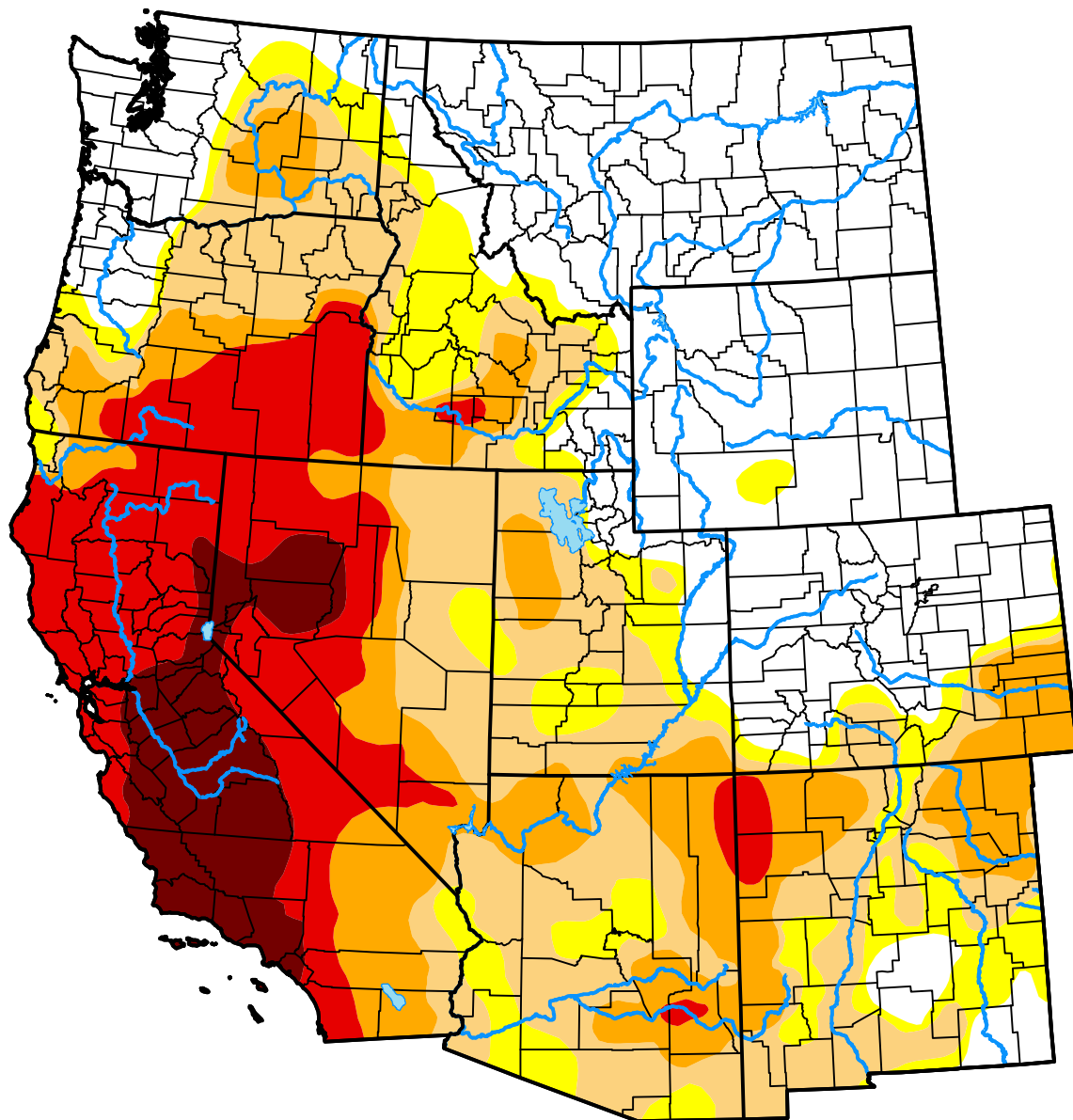


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

**January 6, 2015**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 34.82 | 65.18 | 54.24 | 33.31 | 18.57 | 5.40 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-30-2014</i>              | 34.76 | 65.24 | 54.48 | 33.50 | 18.68 | 5.40 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-07-2014</i>           | 31.51 | 68.49 | 55.52 | 35.65 | 19.95 | 8.90 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2014</i> | 34.76 | 65.24 | 54.48 | 33.50 | 18.68 | 5.40 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 31.48 | 68.52 | 55.57 | 35.65 | 19.95 | 8.90 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-07-2014</i>           | 18.66 | 81.34 | 57.47 | 32.31 | 8.20  | 0.63 |

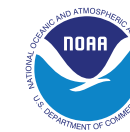
**Intensity:**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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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