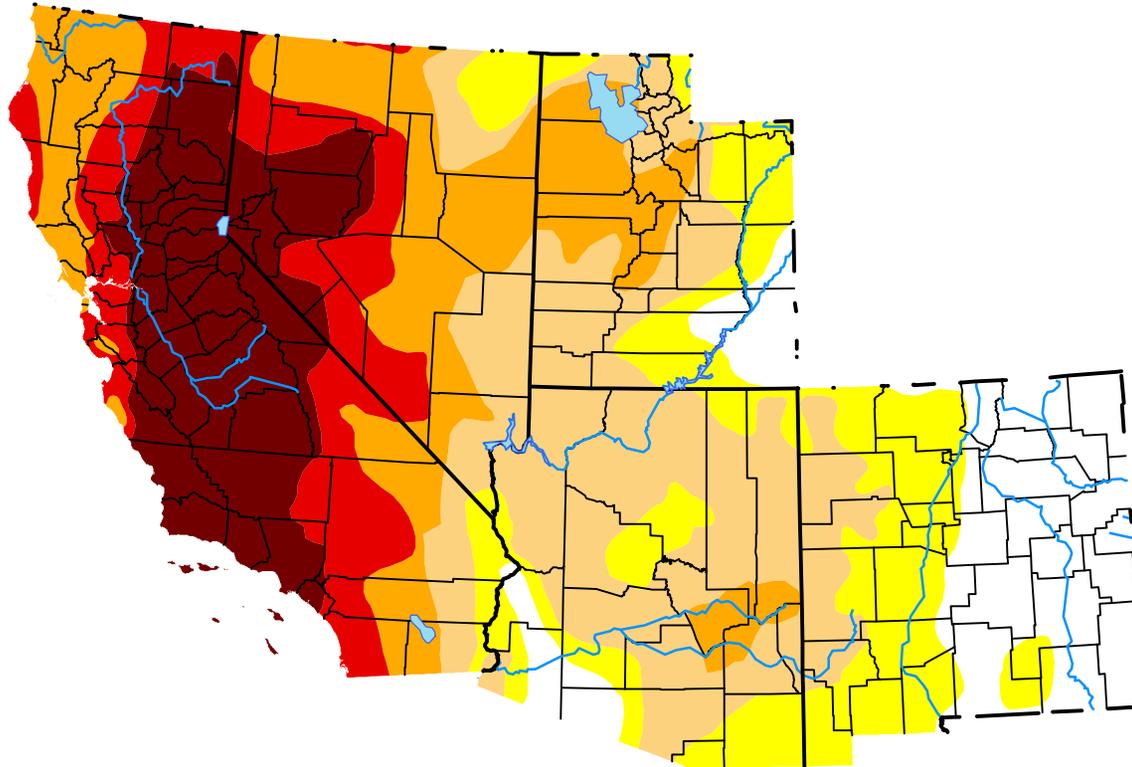


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	13.57	17.48	25.38	17.73	10.67	15.17
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-13-2015</i>	13.57	15.41	26.63	18.55	10.67	15.17
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-21-2015</i>	8.15	10.00	27.46	26.19	12.36	15.83
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2014</i>	6.10	11.87	28.57	20.35	15.39	17.72
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-21-2014</i>	2.91	7.99	21.94	31.64	17.79	17.72

**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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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