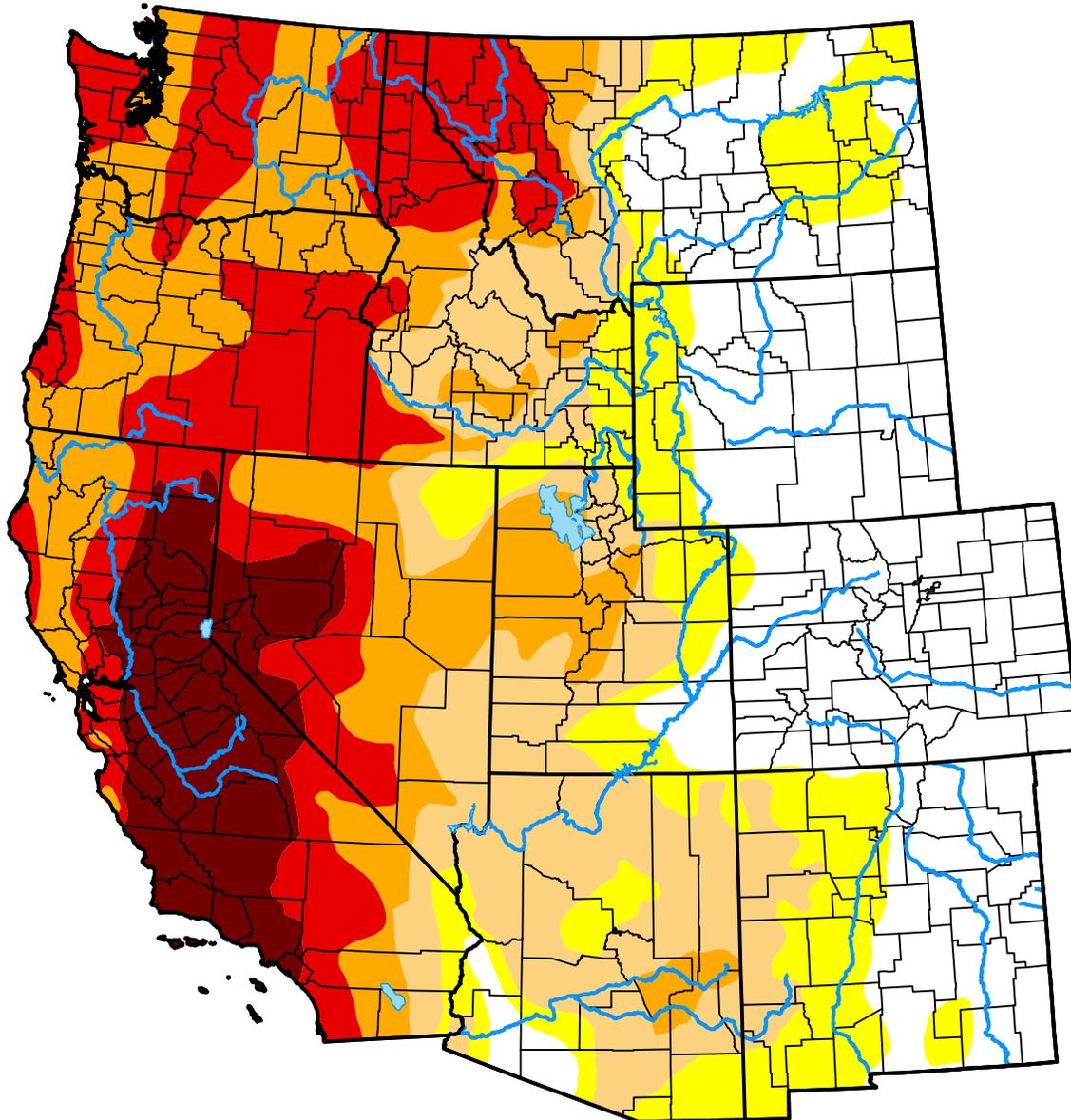


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	26.53	14.56	16.89	18.32	16.07	7.62
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-11-2015</i>	26.53	13.52	17.52	19.21	15.60	7.62
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-19-2015</i>	23.49	15.82	24.12	18.99	9.64	7.95
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	34.76	10.76	20.99	14.82	13.27	5.40
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2014</i>	31.48	12.95	19.92	15.70	11.06	8.90
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-19-2014</i>	27.21	13.52	16.44	21.86	12.08	8.90

***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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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