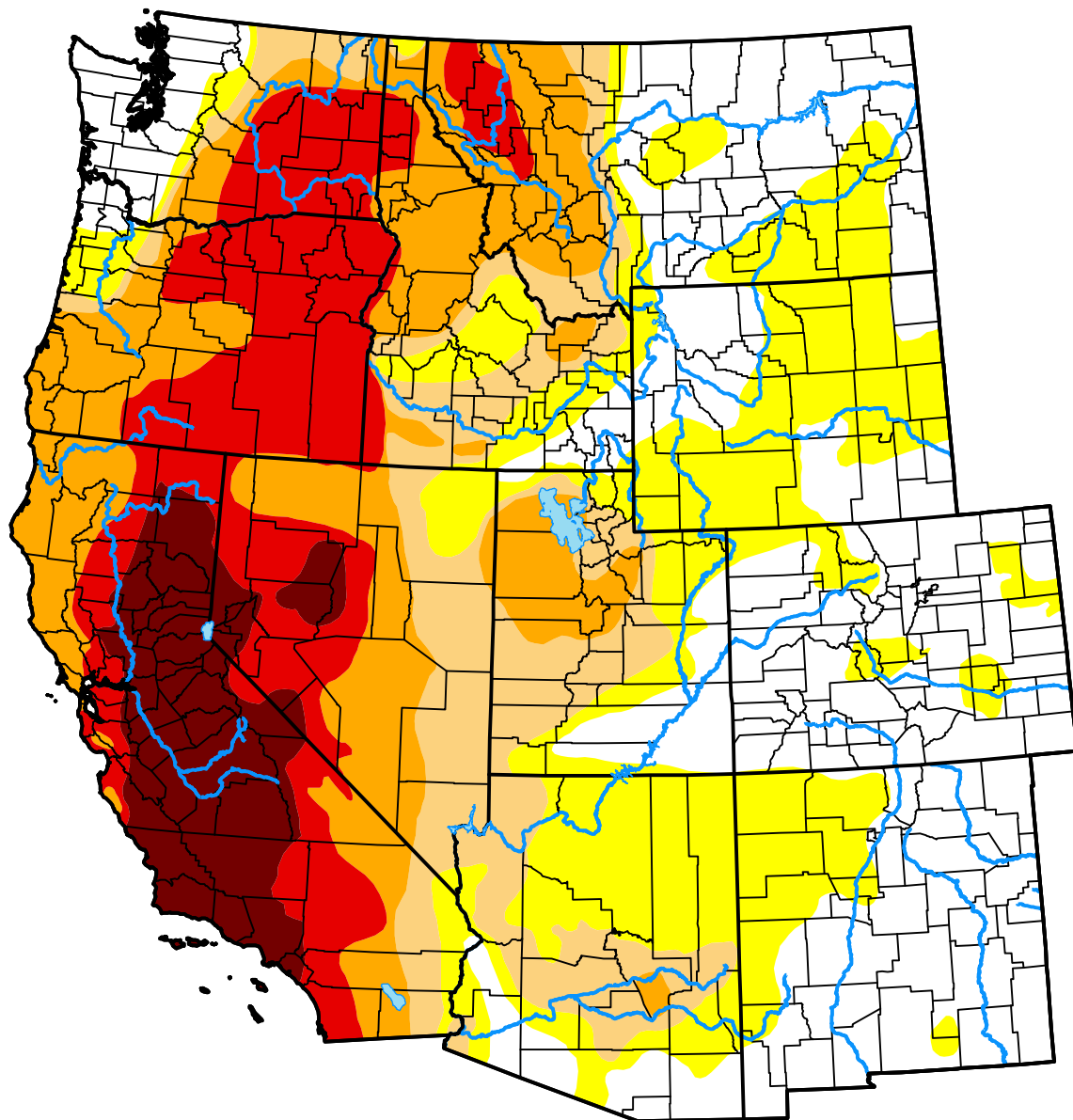


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 29.56 | 70.44 | 48.18 | 36.37 | 20.22 | 6.85 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-01-2015</i>              | 28.98 | 71.02 | 48.88 | 37.23 | 21.16 | 6.85 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-08-2015</i>           | 24.68 | 75.32 | 59.67 | 42.69 | 26.73 | 7.62 |
| <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>09-29-2015</i>    | 22.77 | 77.23 | 57.81 | 42.42 | 26.50 | 7.62 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-09-2014</i>           | 34.32 | 65.68 | 55.16 | 34.01 | 18.98 | 8.45 |

**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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