

# U.S. Drought Monitor

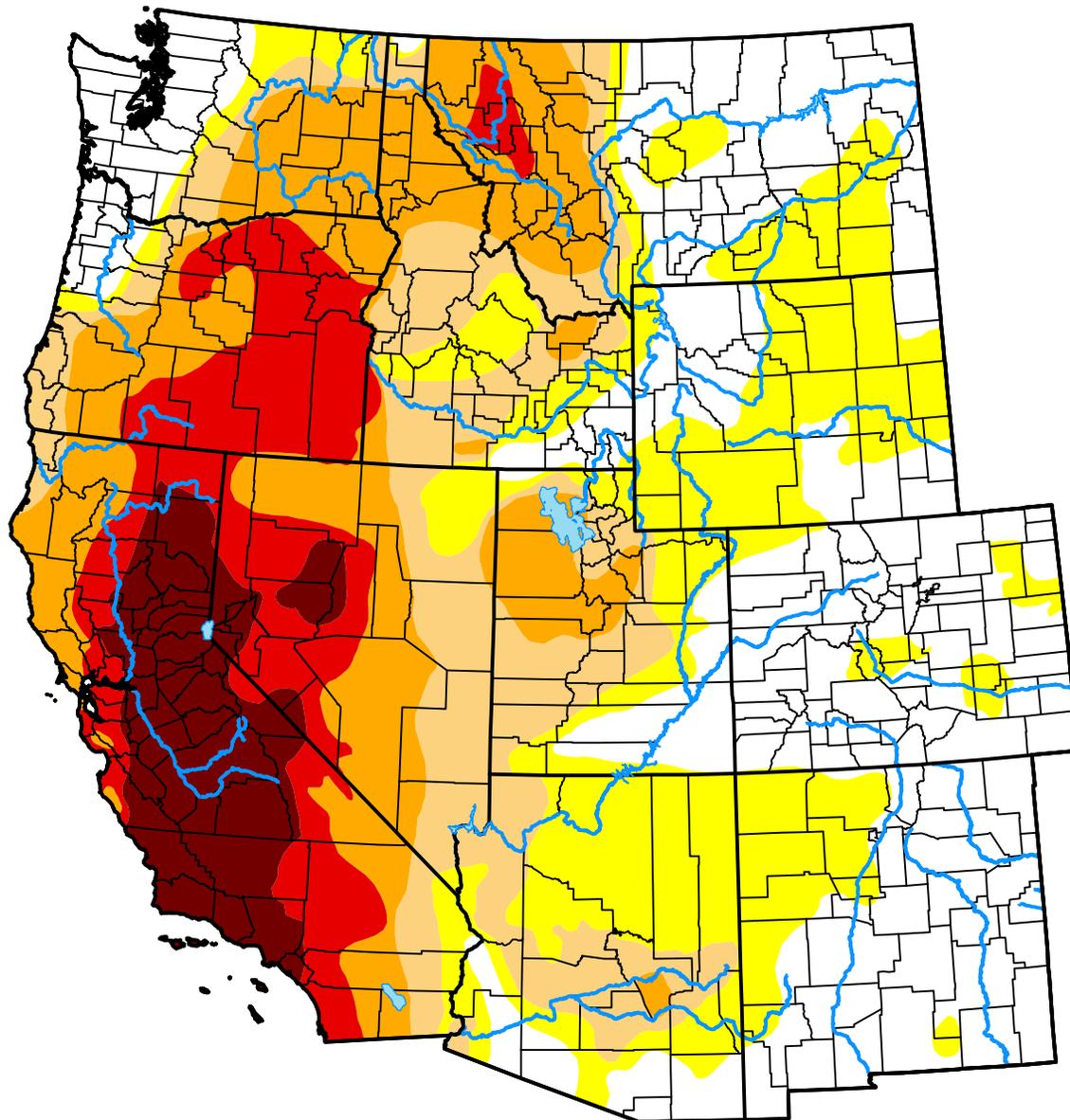
## West

**December 15, 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>	30.80	69.20	47.25	33.26	16.71	6.85
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-08-2015</i>	29.56	70.44	48.18	36.37	20.22	6.85
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-15-2015</i>	24.68	75.32	59.66	42.69	26.73	7.62
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	34.76	65.24	54.48	33.50	18.68	5.40
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	22.77	77.23	57.81	42.42	26.50	7.62
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-16-2014</i>	34.51	65.49	54.85	33.90	18.75	5.40



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D2 Severe Drought
- 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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