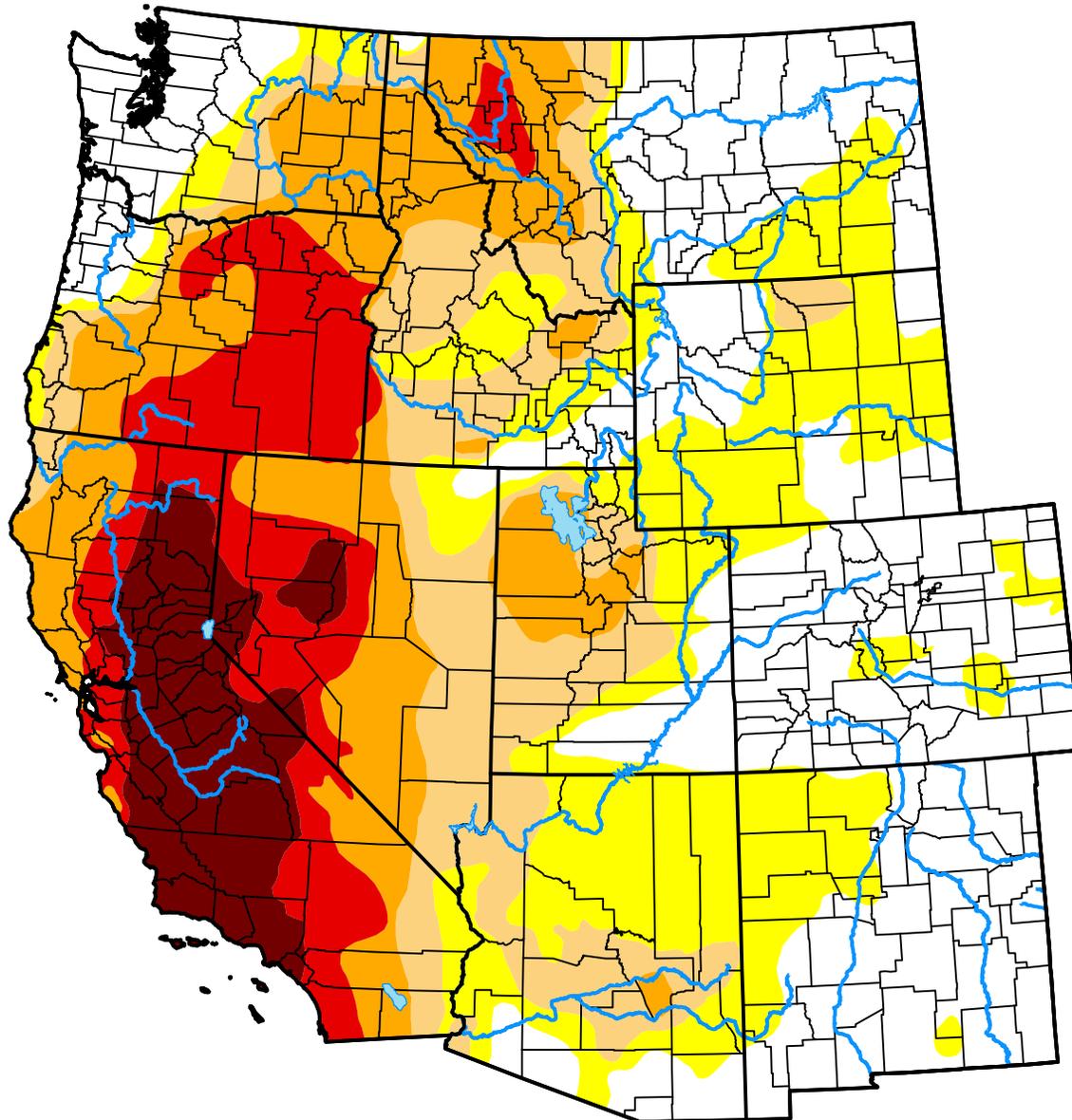


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

**December 22, 2015**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	31.80	21.85	14.27	15.37	9.86	6.85
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2015</i>	30.80	21.95	13.99	16.55	9.86	6.85
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2015</i>	22.79	19.03	15.70	15.75	19.12	7.62
<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>09-29-2015</i>	22.77	19.42	15.40	15.92	18.88	7.62
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2014</i>	34.61	10.79	20.91	15.02	13.27	5.40

***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>*

***Author:***

Richard Heim  
NCEI/NOAA

