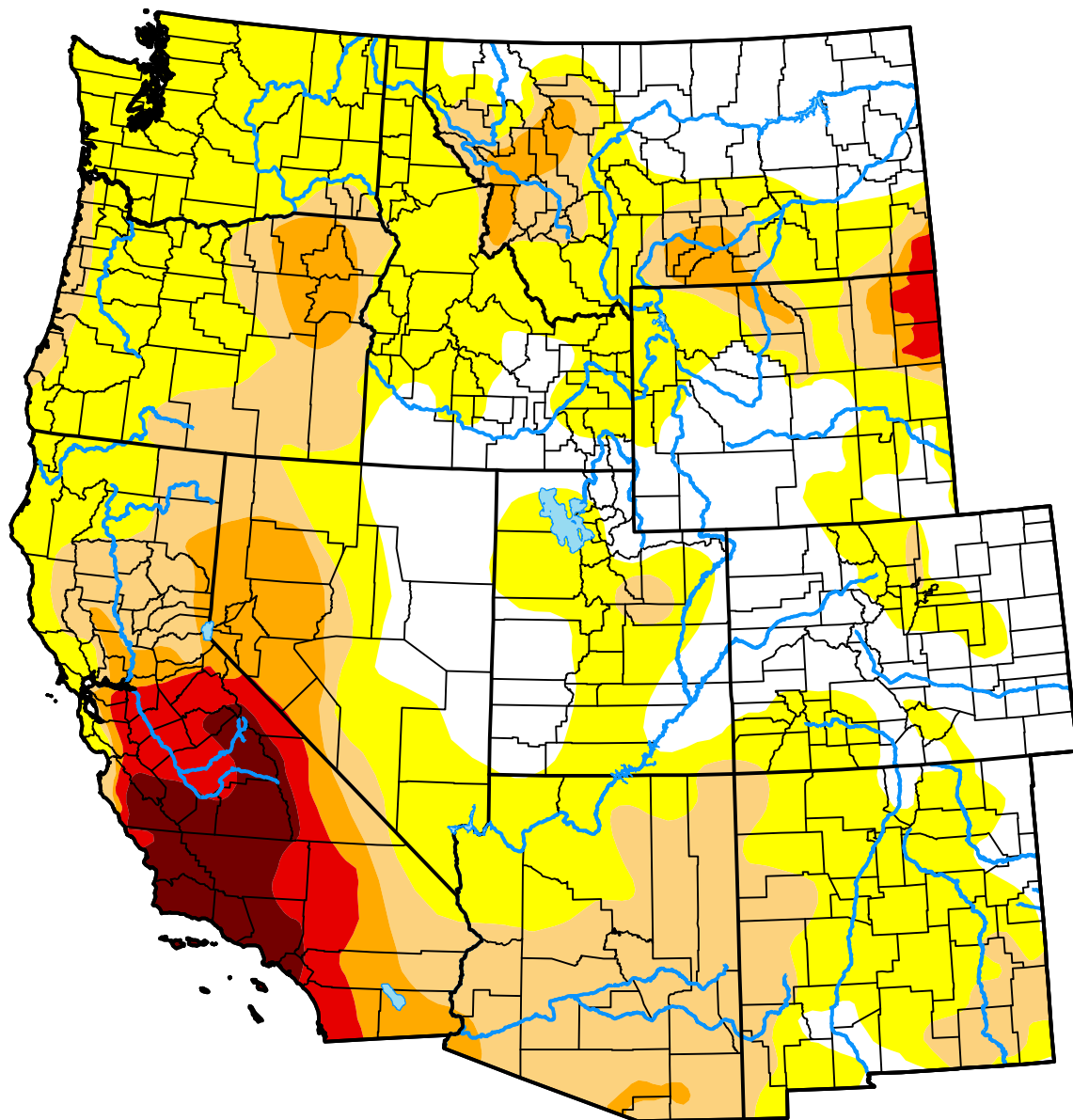


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.80 | 75.20 | 33.54 | 13.10 | 6.12  | 2.81 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-09-2016</i>              | 24.25 | 75.75 | 33.74 | 13.20 | 6.09  | 2.81 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-17-2016</i>           | 45.83 | 54.17 | 31.19 | 12.13 | 6.23  | 2.81 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 33.17 | 66.83 | 45.07 | 29.30 | 15.92 | 6.85 |
| <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>08-18-2015</i>           | 26.53 | 73.47 | 58.91 | 42.01 | 23.69 | 7.62 |

## 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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