

# 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>                                     | 36.17 | 63.83 | 29.46 | 11.40 | 2.68  | 0.77 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-10-2012</i>              | 41.89 | 58.11 | 29.50 | 12.26 | 2.67  | 0.77 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-18-2011</i>           | 74.71 | 25.29 | 18.32 | 14.67 | 8.48  | 2.87 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.20 | 49.80 | 28.05 | 11.84 | 2.67  | 0.78 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 66.72 | 33.28 | 19.04 | 14.99 | 9.30  | 3.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-18-2011</i>           | 76.96 | 23.04 | 11.88 | 0.89  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

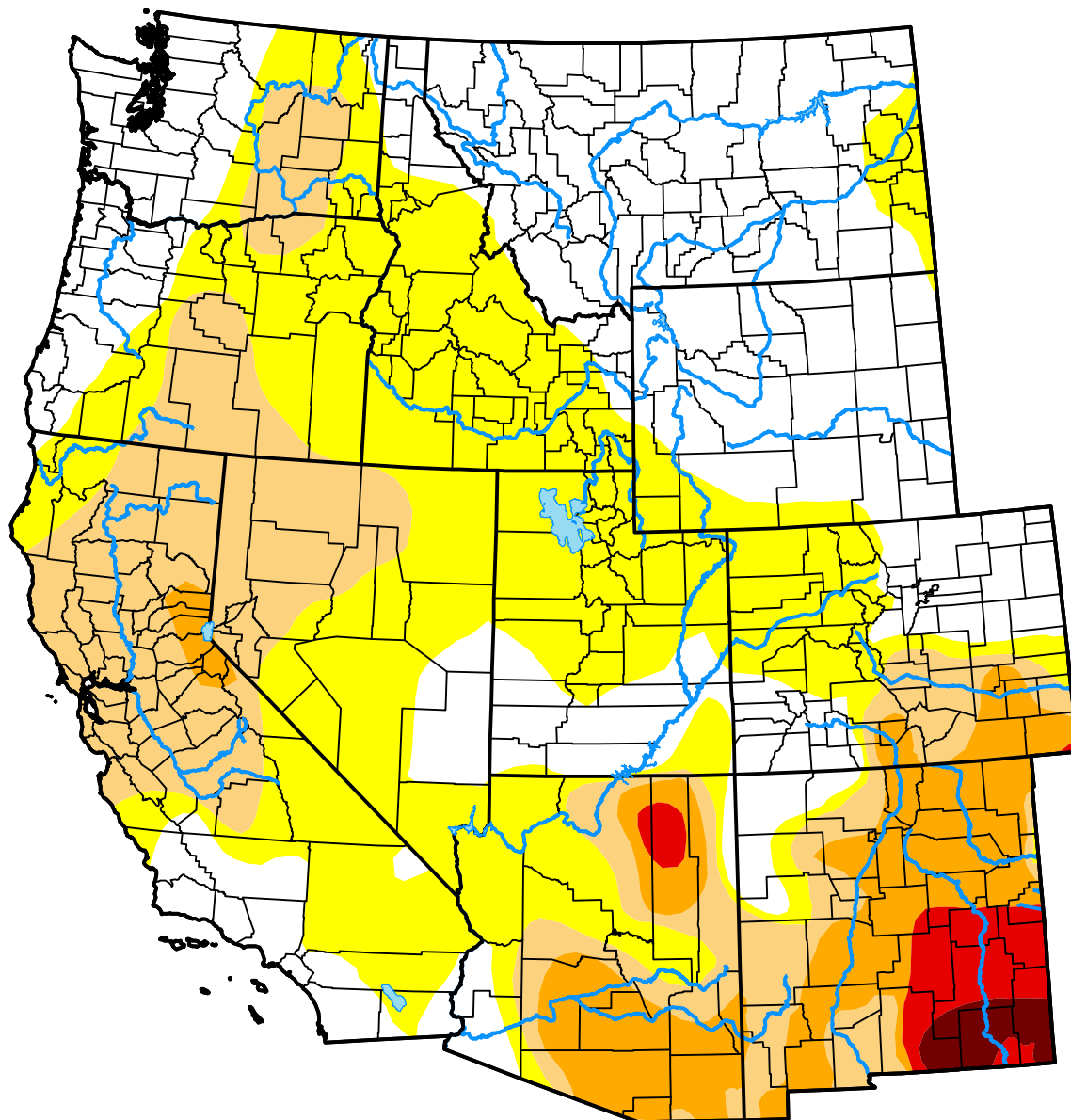
## Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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