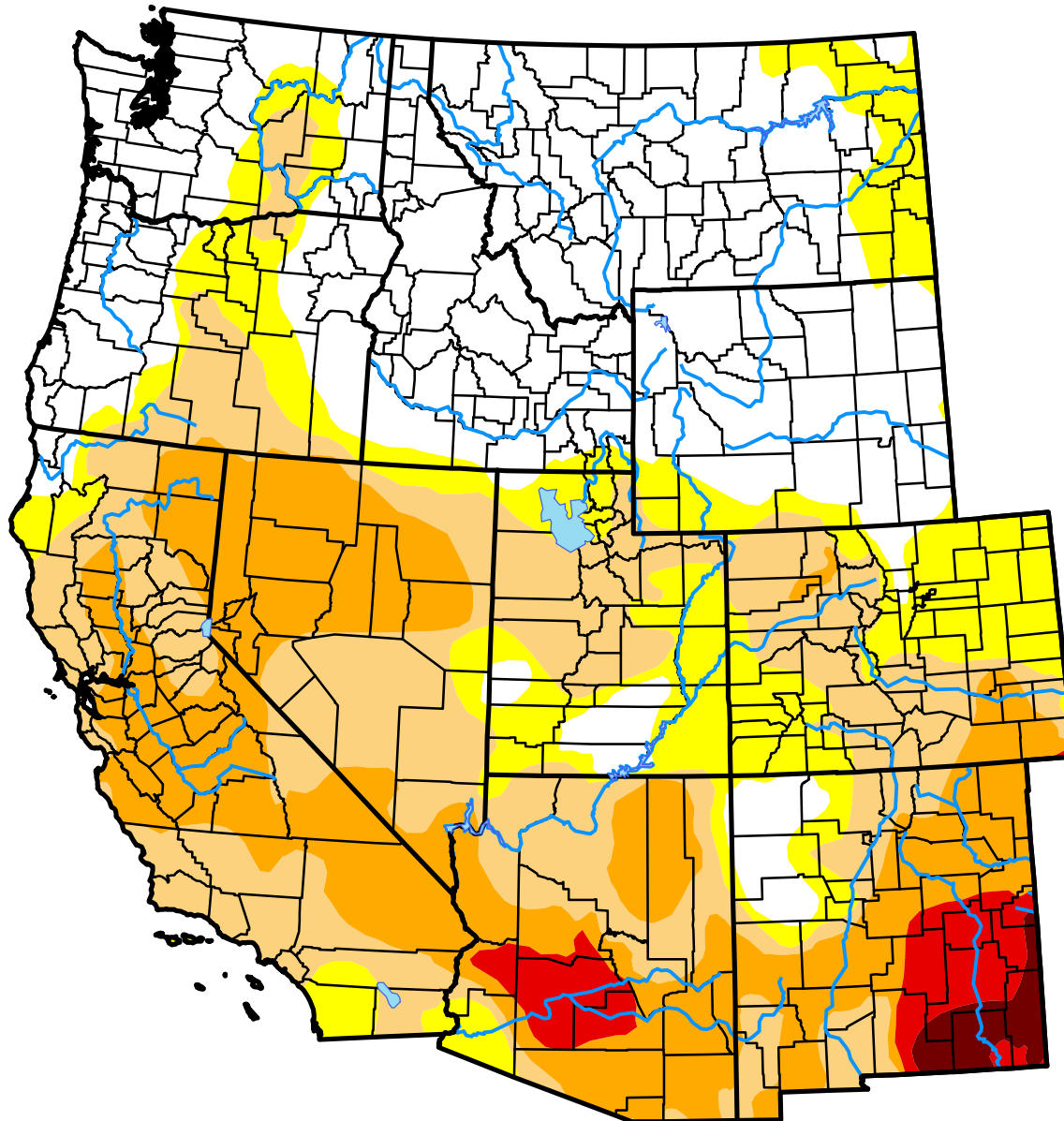


U.S. Drought Monitor

West

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.56	64.44	47.91	23.86	3.78	0.94
Last Week <i>03-20-2012</i>	38.04	61.96	47.33	22.70	3.39	0.94
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	48.49	51.51	20.05	12.22	2.67	0.78
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.20	49.80	28.05	11.84	2.67	0.78
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
One Year Ago <i>03-29-2011</i>	76.08	23.92	18.56	13.12	2.12	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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