

# 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>	31.27	68.73	50.07	27.34	4.02	0.07
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-08-2012</i>	31.85	68.15	49.83	26.45	4.36	0.36
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-14-2012</i>	33.22	66.78	40.87	10.32	2.56	0.83
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.20	49.80	28.05	11.84	2.67	0.78
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-17-2011</i>	76.18	23.82	19.58	14.72	8.78	3.28

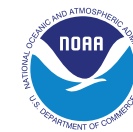
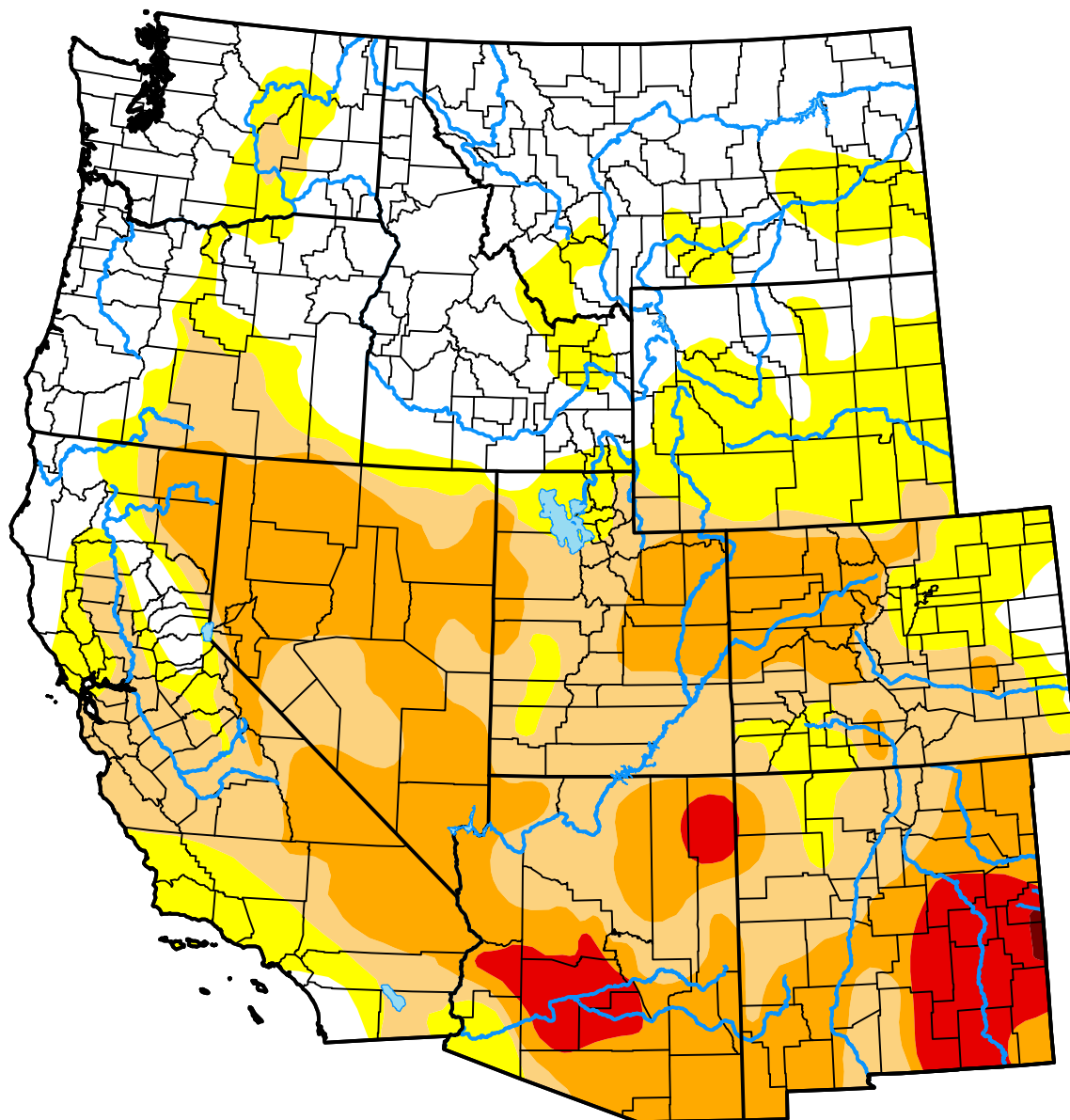
## Intensity:

 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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