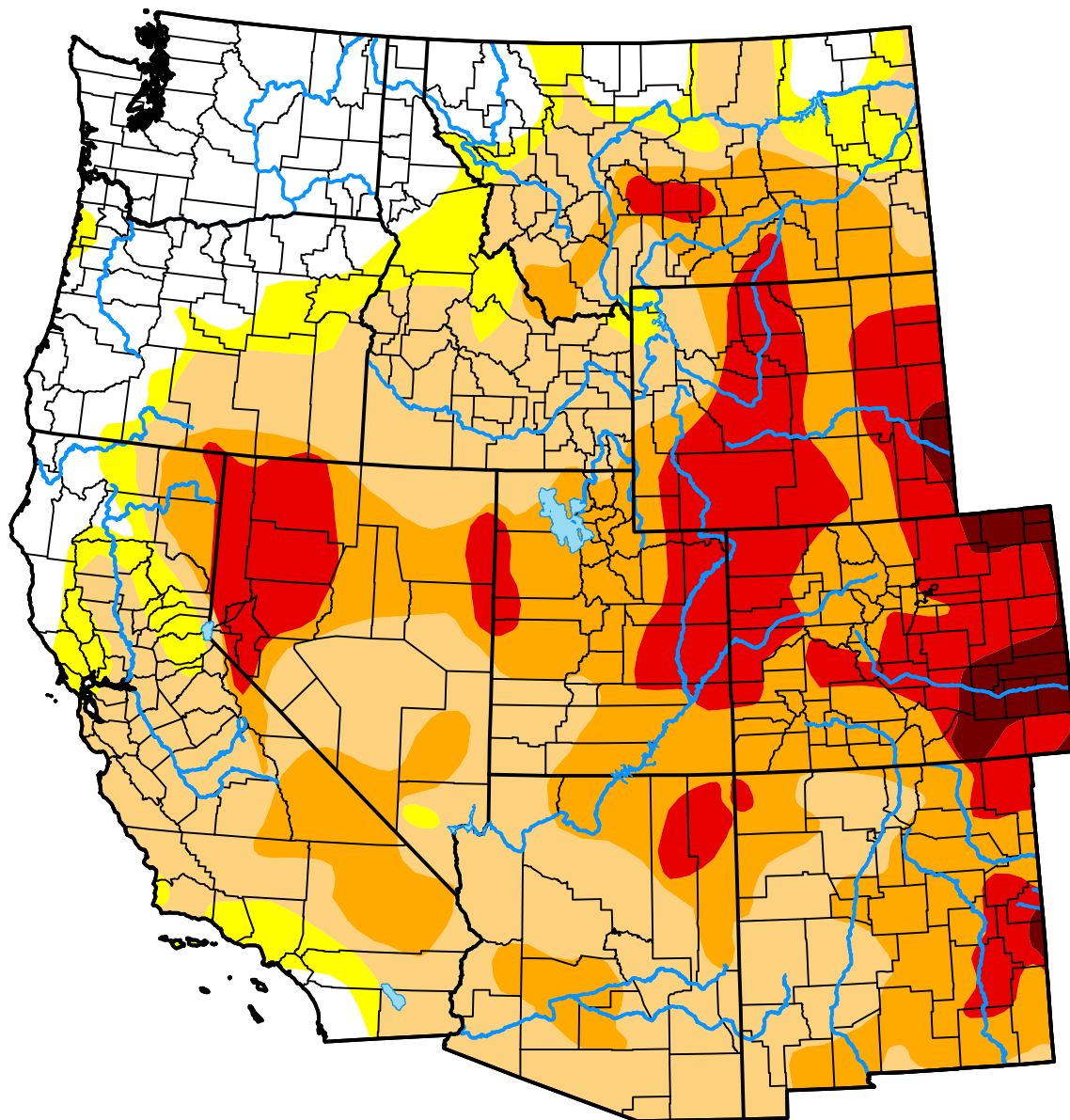


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.12 | 7.73  | 33.50 | 26.79 | 15.08 | 1.77 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-18-2012</i>              | 15.26 | 7.85  | 33.26 | 26.78 | 15.08 | 1.77 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-26-2012</i>           | 24.49 | 12.82 | 17.30 | 32.94 | 12.44 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.20 | 21.75 | 16.21 | 9.17  | 1.89  | 0.78 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 66.72 | 14.24 | 4.05  | 5.69  | 5.49  | 3.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>           | 66.72 | 14.24 | 4.05  | 5.69  | 5.49  | 3.81 |

## 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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