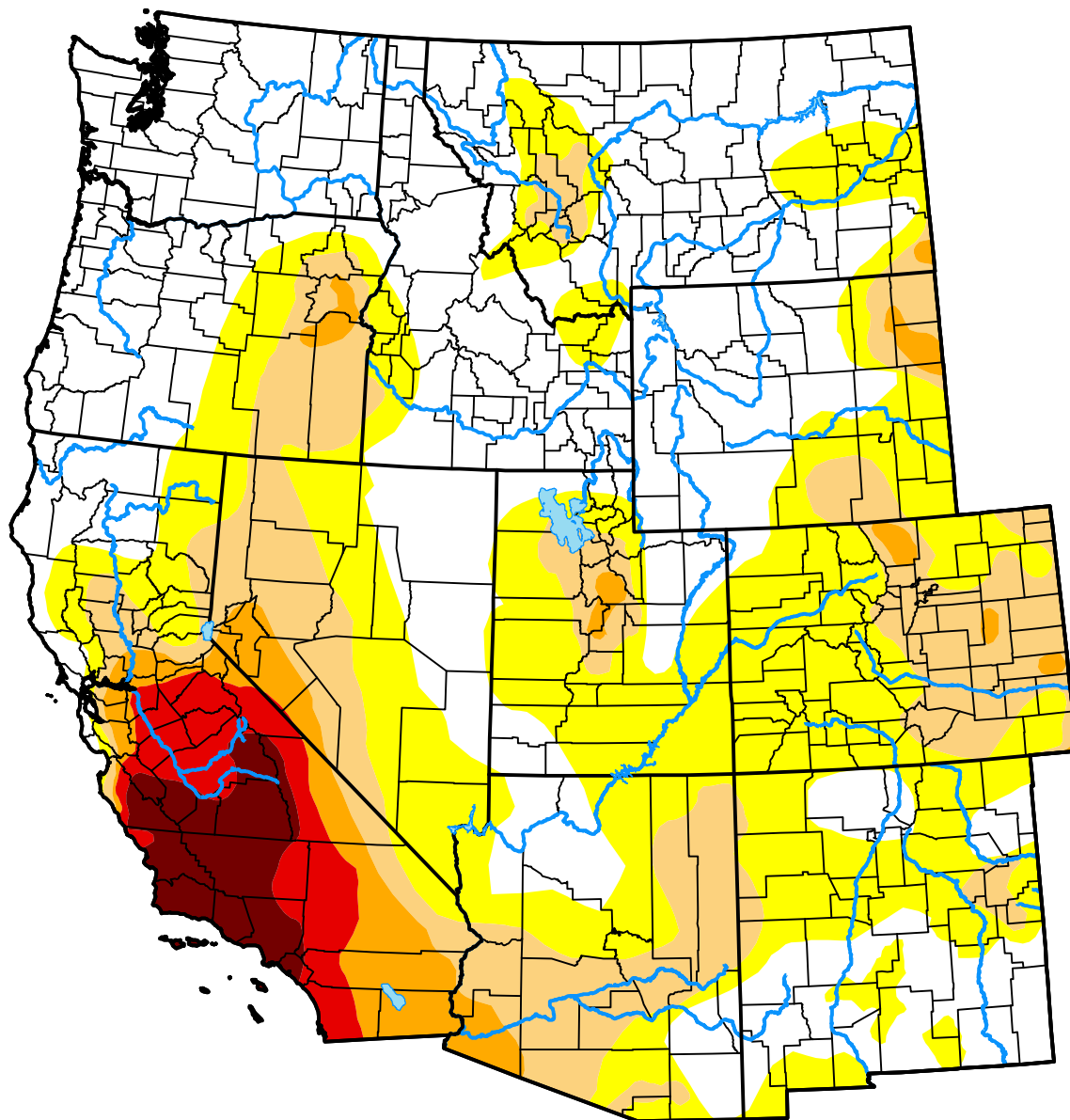


U.S. Drought Monitor West

December 20, 2016
(Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.00	30.40	15.78	4.27	2.92	2.63
Last Week <i>12-13-2016</i>	43.15	30.87	15.96	4.30	2.93	2.81
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2016</i>	23.39	44.34	18.60	7.90	2.97	2.81
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i>	33.17	21.75	15.77	13.38	9.07	6.85
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	27.78	41.27	17.50	7.68	2.97	2.81
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2015</i>	31.80	21.85	14.27	15.37	9.86	6.85

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>

Author:

Brad Rippey
U.S. Department of Agriculture



droughtmonitor.unl.edu