

# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 80.44 | 11.88 | 7.06  | 0.60 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-14-2017</i>              | 83.68 | 9.00  | 6.76  | 0.53 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2016</i>           | 44.00 | 30.40 | 15.78 | 4.27 | 2.92 | 2.63 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 54.19 | 24.30 | 12.98 | 3.42 | 2.67 | 2.44 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 27.78 | 41.27 | 17.50 | 7.68 | 2.97 | 2.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-22-2016</i>           | 32.38 | 33.52 | 18.70 | 5.86 | 4.80 | 4.74 |

## 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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