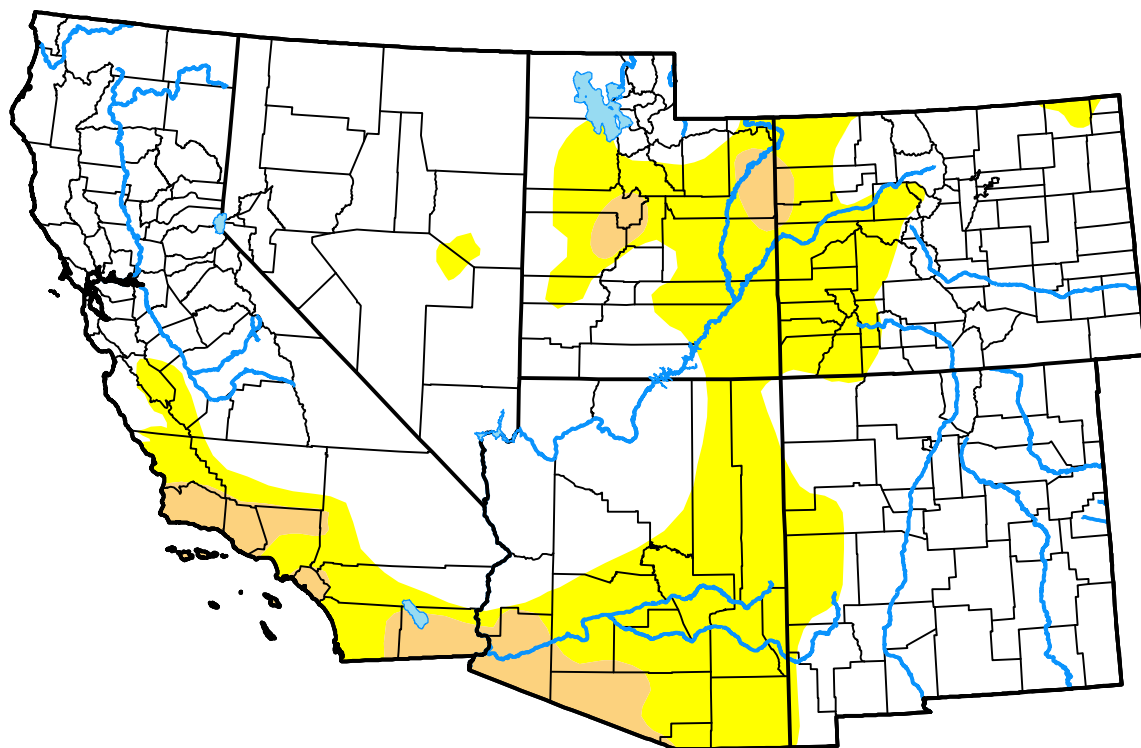


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 72.61 | 27.39 | 4.66  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-10-2017</i>              | 73.89 | 26.11 | 4.66  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-18-2017</i>           | 61.67 | 38.33 | 8.68  | 0.28  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 38.65 | 61.35 | 32.82 | 14.49 | 8.74  | 4.18 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 72.18 | 27.82 | 5.15  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-18-2016</i>           | 31.65 | 68.35 | 34.65 | 18.54 | 9.80  | 4.80 |

## 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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