

# U.S. Drought Monitor West

**October 17, 2017**

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 56.81 | 26.68 | 10.49 | 4.18 | 1.85 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-10-2017</i>              | 57.20 | 23.32 | 12.59 | 4.69 | 1.53 | 0.68 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-18-2017</i>           | 63.51 | 25.55 | 6.01  | 2.21 | 2.54 | 0.19 |
| <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>09-26-2017</i>    | 55.72 | 23.28 | 12.29 | 3.42 | 3.13 | 2.17 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-18-2016</i>           | 47.36 | 27.88 | 13.53 | 5.51 | 2.93 | 2.81 |

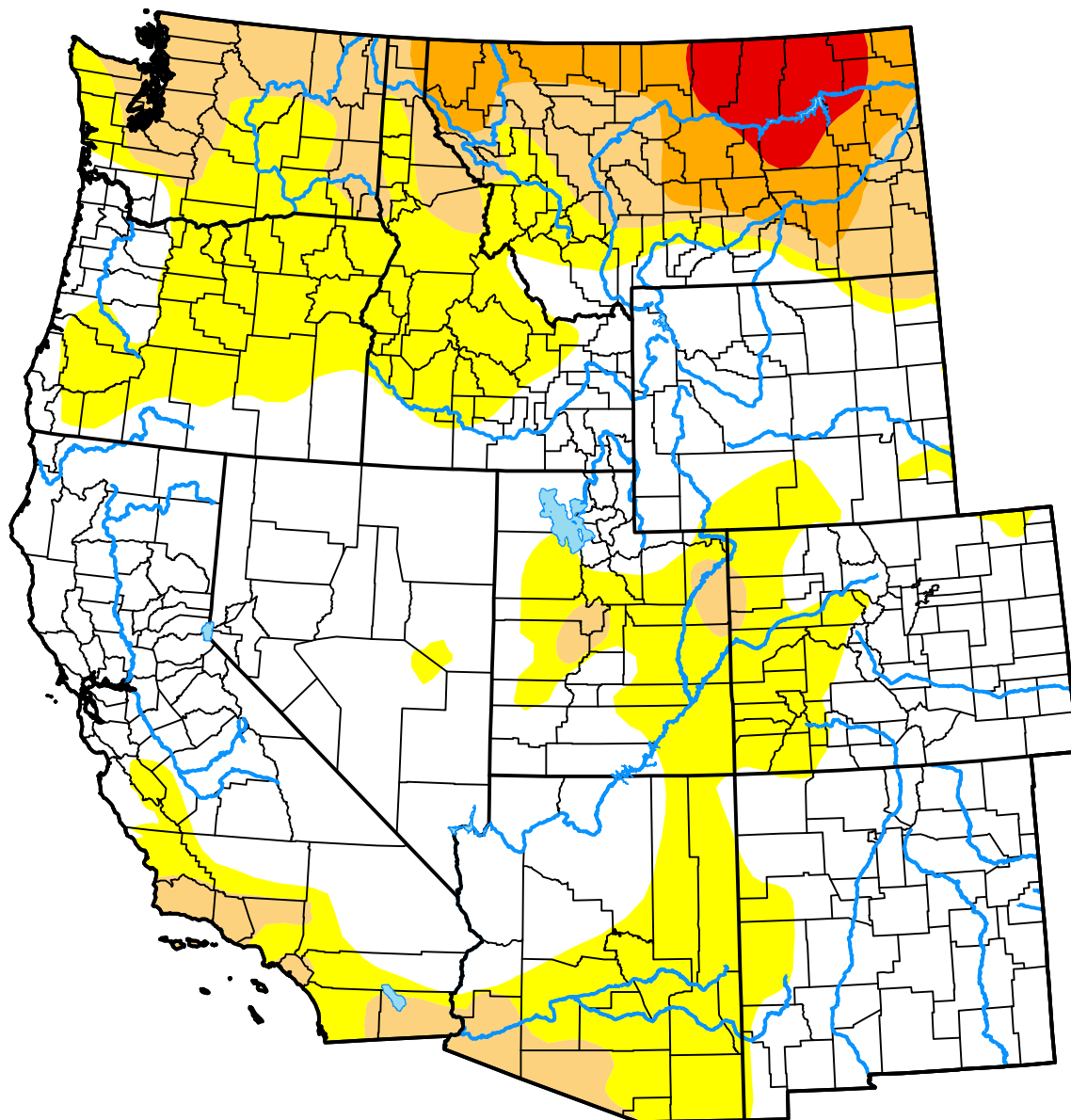
## Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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