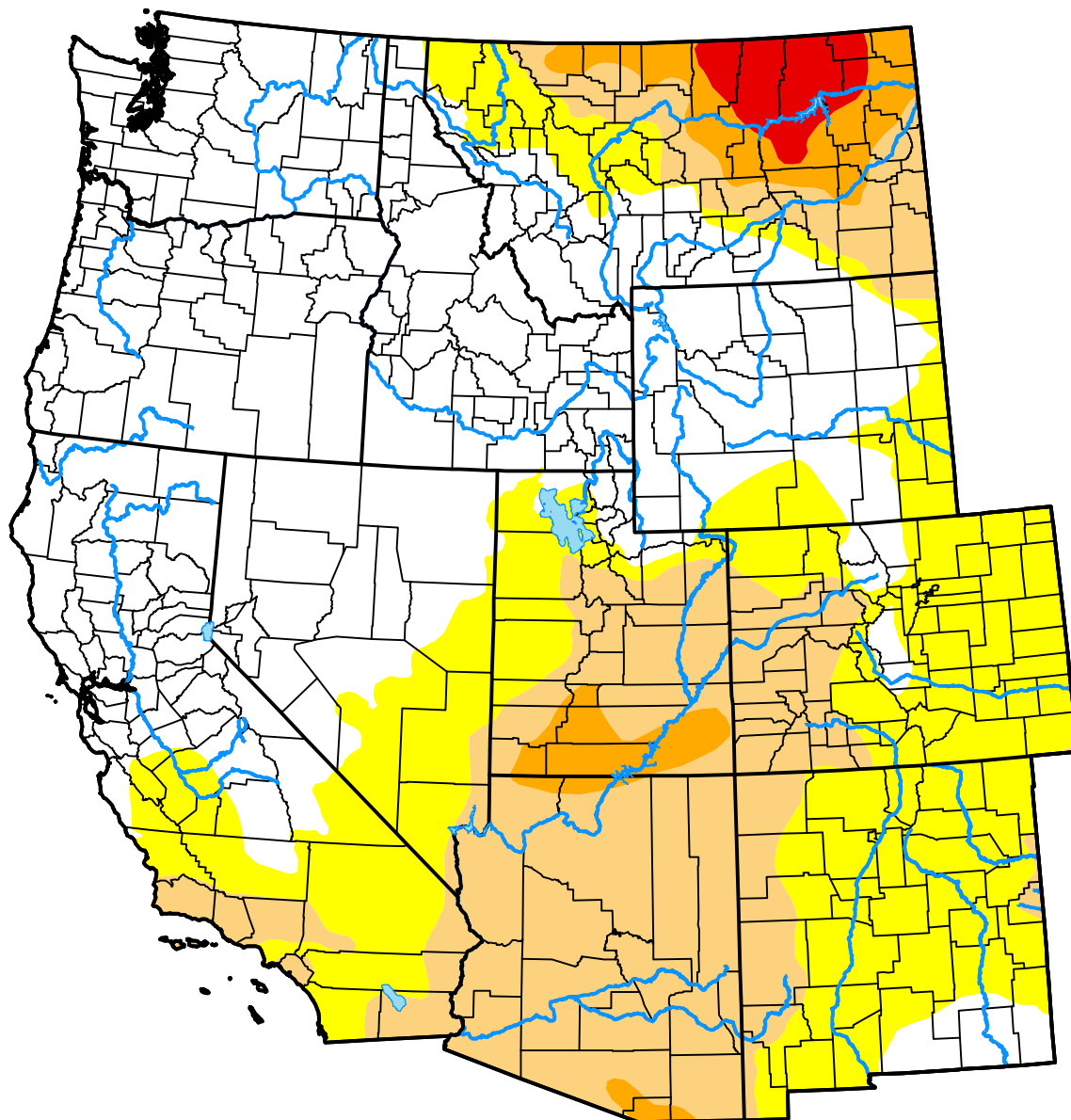


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

**December 19, 2017**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 46.80 | 26.31 | 21.58 | 3.80 | 1.52 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-12-2017</i>              | 48.48 | 26.35 | 21.23 | 2.42 | 1.52 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-19-2017</i>           | 53.90 | 24.60 | 12.60 | 3.60 | 3.13 | 2.17 |
| <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>12-20-2016</i>           | 44.00 | 30.40 | 15.78 | 4.27 | 2.92 | 2.63 |

## 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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