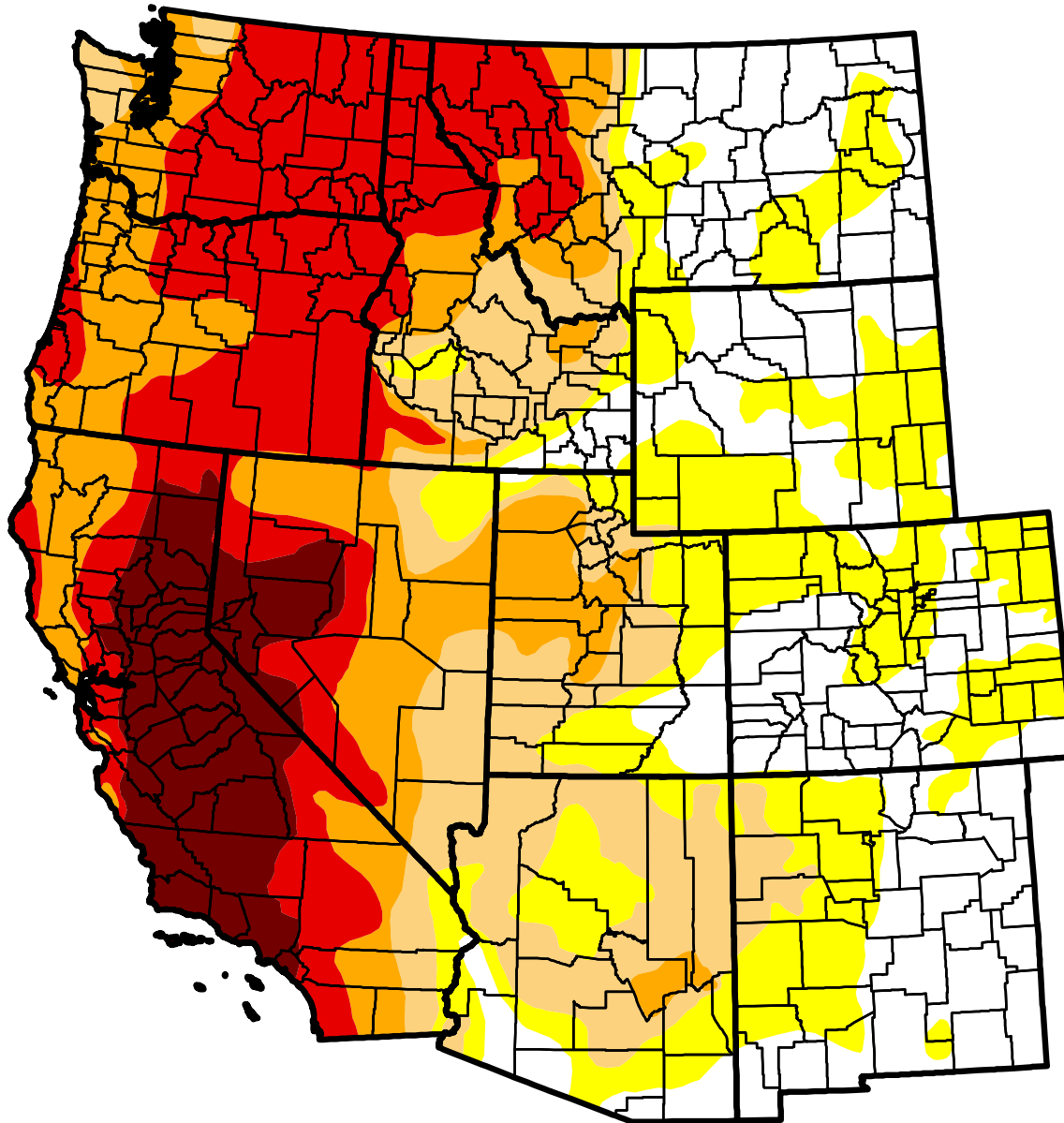


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	22.91	77.09	56.07	41.32	26.23	7.62
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10/13/2015</i>	25.31	74.69	57.06	41.92	26.44	7.62
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>7/21/2015</i>	25.49	74.51	61.04	41.92	18.87	7.17
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12/30/2014</i>	34.76	65.24	54.48	33.50	18.68	5.40
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/29/2015</i>	22.77	77.23	57.81	42.42	26.50	7.62
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10/21/2014</i>	31.95	68.05	55.56	34.82	19.08	8.90

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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