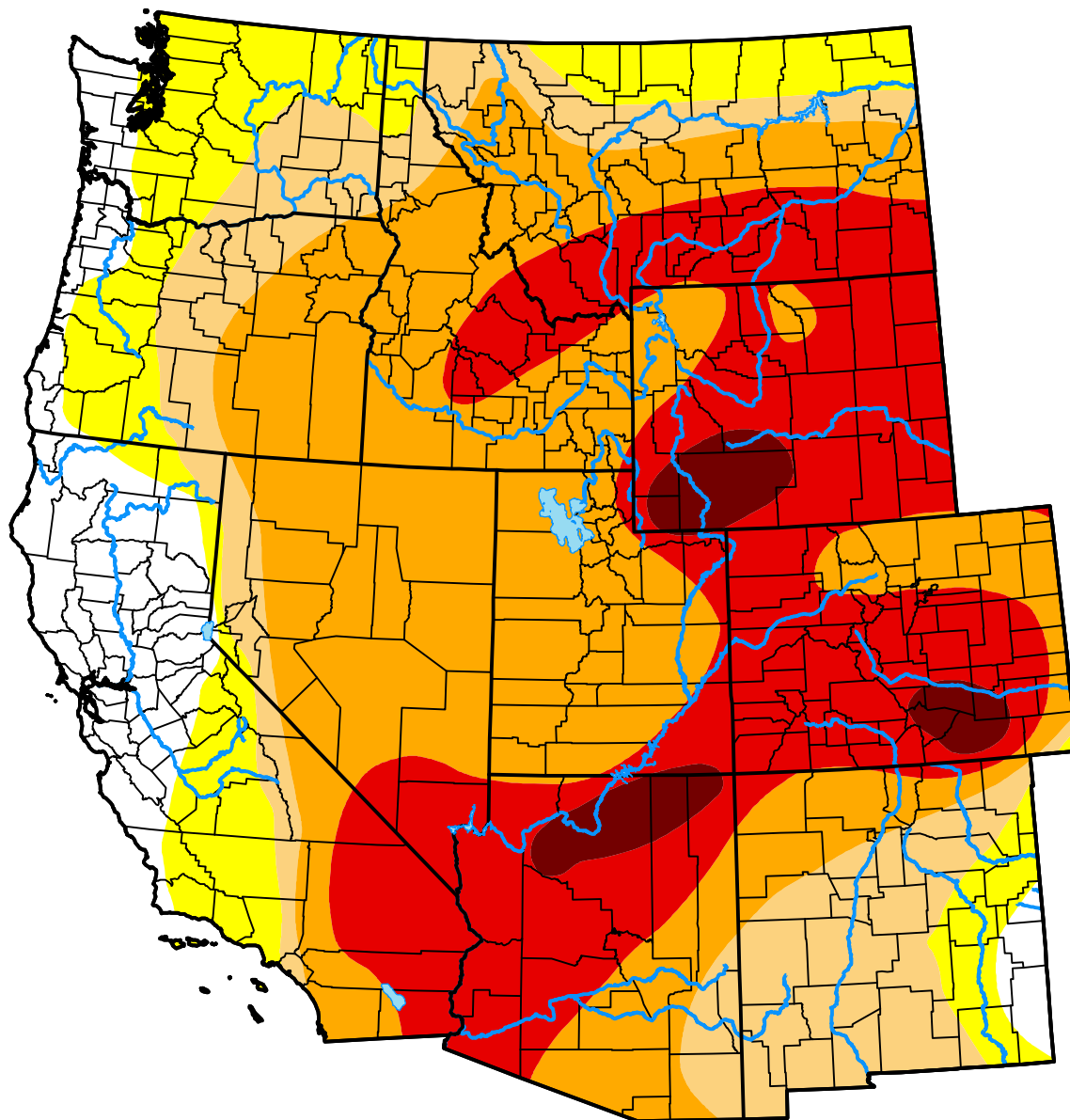


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.10	12.64	14.62	35.38	26.31	2.96
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	0.71	17.86	16.31	36.42	25.82	2.89
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	7.09	13.27	16.60	25.52	29.24	8.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.08	18.52	15.51	21.80	15.10	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	17.07	17.94	24.43	29.15	6.23
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	25.85	18.50	16.55	22.31	16.79	0.00

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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