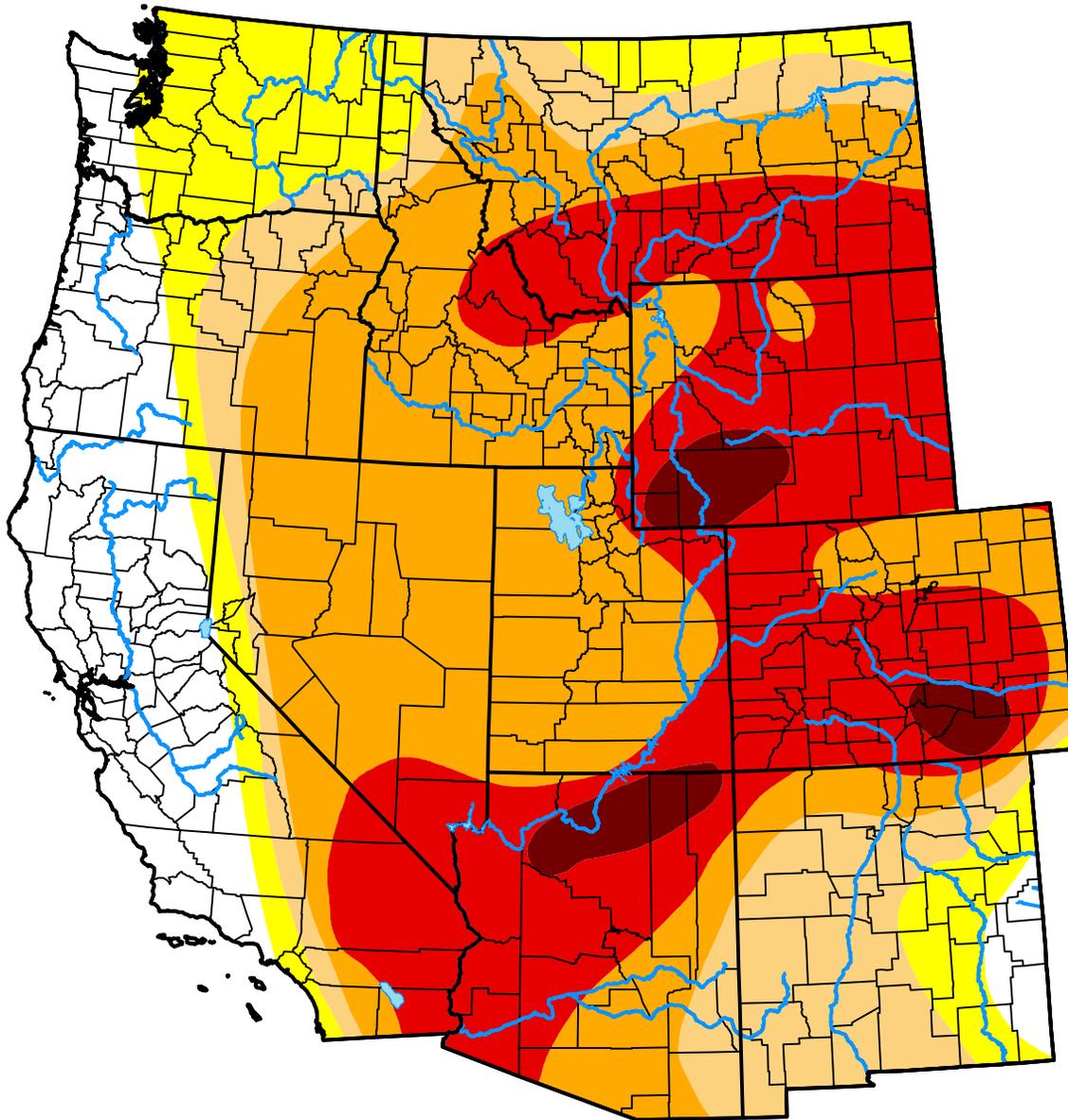


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.62	11.05	13.43	33.40	26.57	2.93
Last Week <i>12-24-2002</i>	10.00	11.23	14.39	35.03	26.41	2.94
3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	17.07	17.94	24.43	29.15	6.23
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>01-01-2002</i>	29.08	18.52	15.51	21.80	15.10	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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