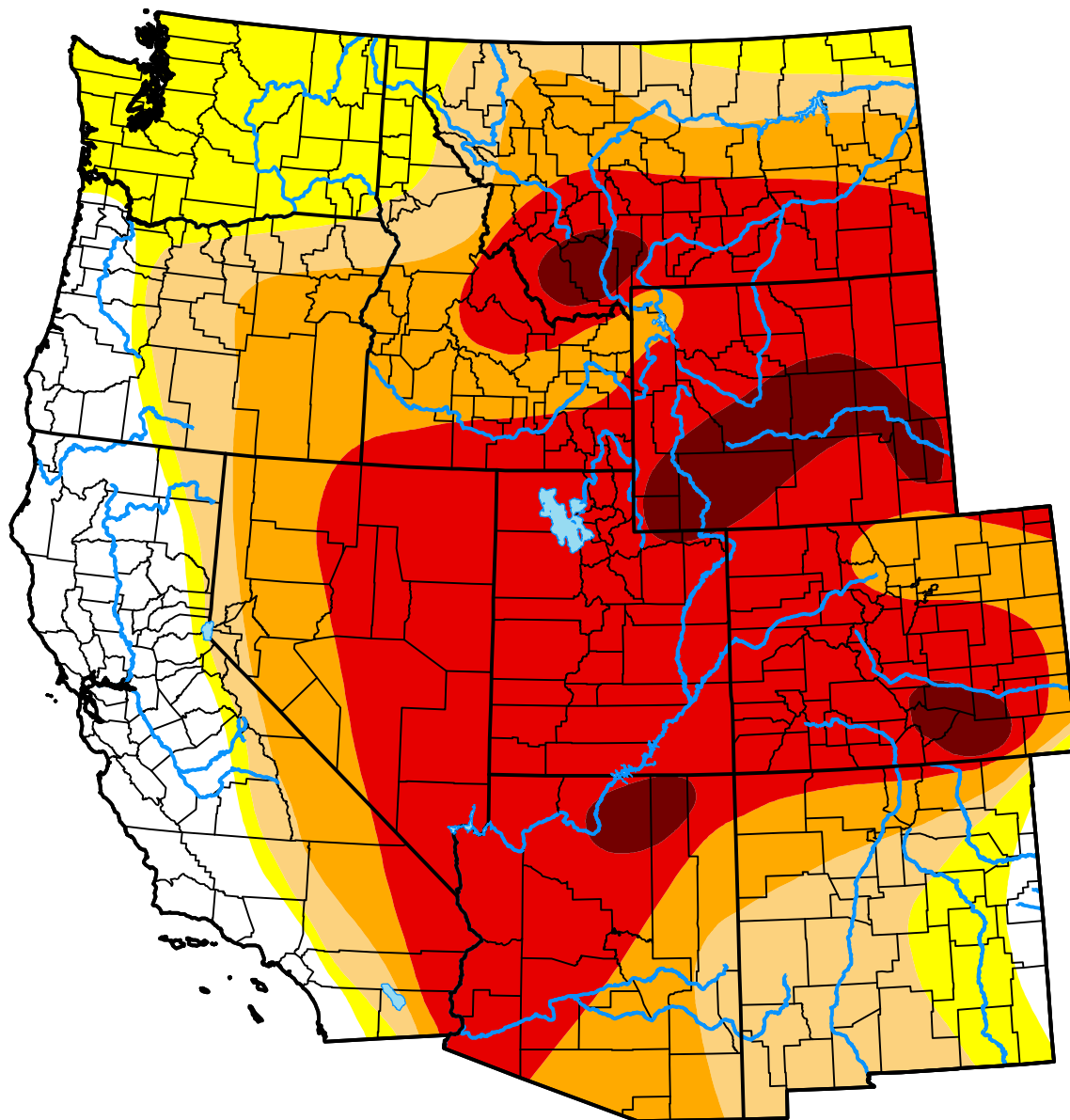


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.49	11.92	14.29	20.77	37.58	4.96
Last Week <i>02-11-2003</i>	8.58	13.15	13.95	20.47	38.30	5.55
3 Months Ago <i>11-19-2002</i>	1.17	20.02	22.81	26.60	26.81	2.60
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	11.05	13.43	33.40	26.57	2.93
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>02-19-2002</i>	18.59	27.99	31.28	14.56	7.58	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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