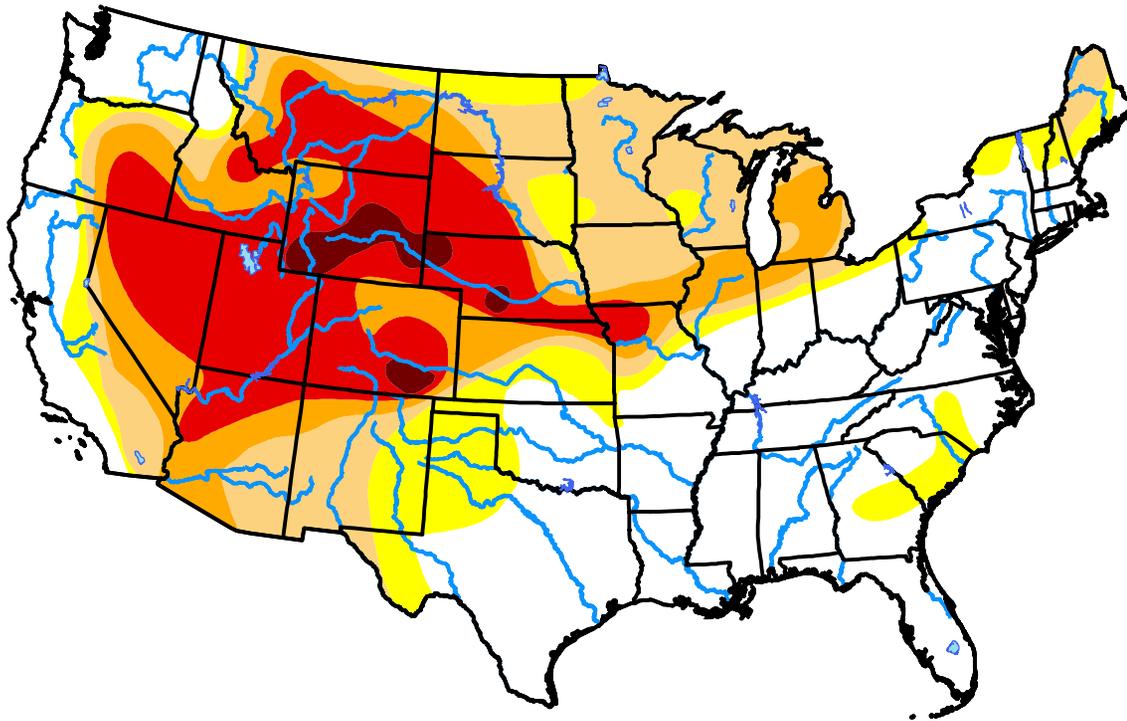


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Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.33	60.66	48.46	31.68	19.18	1.69
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	36.71	63.29	44.74	32.36	19.31	1.69
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	42.27	57.72	42.57	30.77	13.90	1.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	1.28
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.08	70.92	48.59	33.38	17.84	3.14
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i>	34.51	65.48	40.78	20.08	6.61	0.00

Intensity:



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