

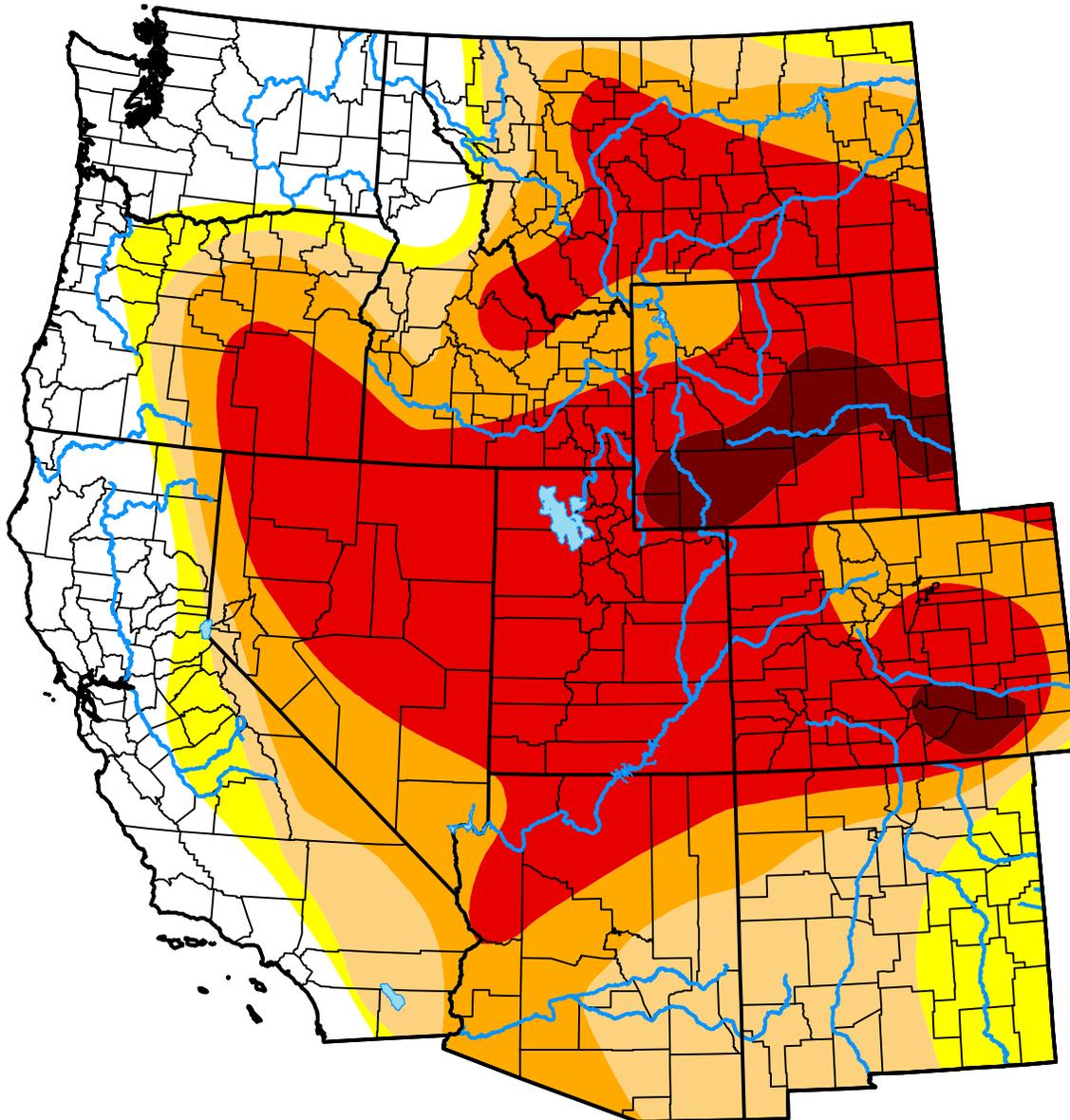
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

**March 18, 2003**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 20, 2003)  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	16.43	7.78	15.53	20.70	36.08	3.49
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	9.83	14.27	14.04	21.97	36.38	3.51
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	8.10	12.64	14.62	35.38	26.31	2.96
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	11.05	13.43	33.40	26.57	2.93
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	17.07	17.94	24.43	29.15	6.23
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	19.44	19.50	37.42	15.65	7.99	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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