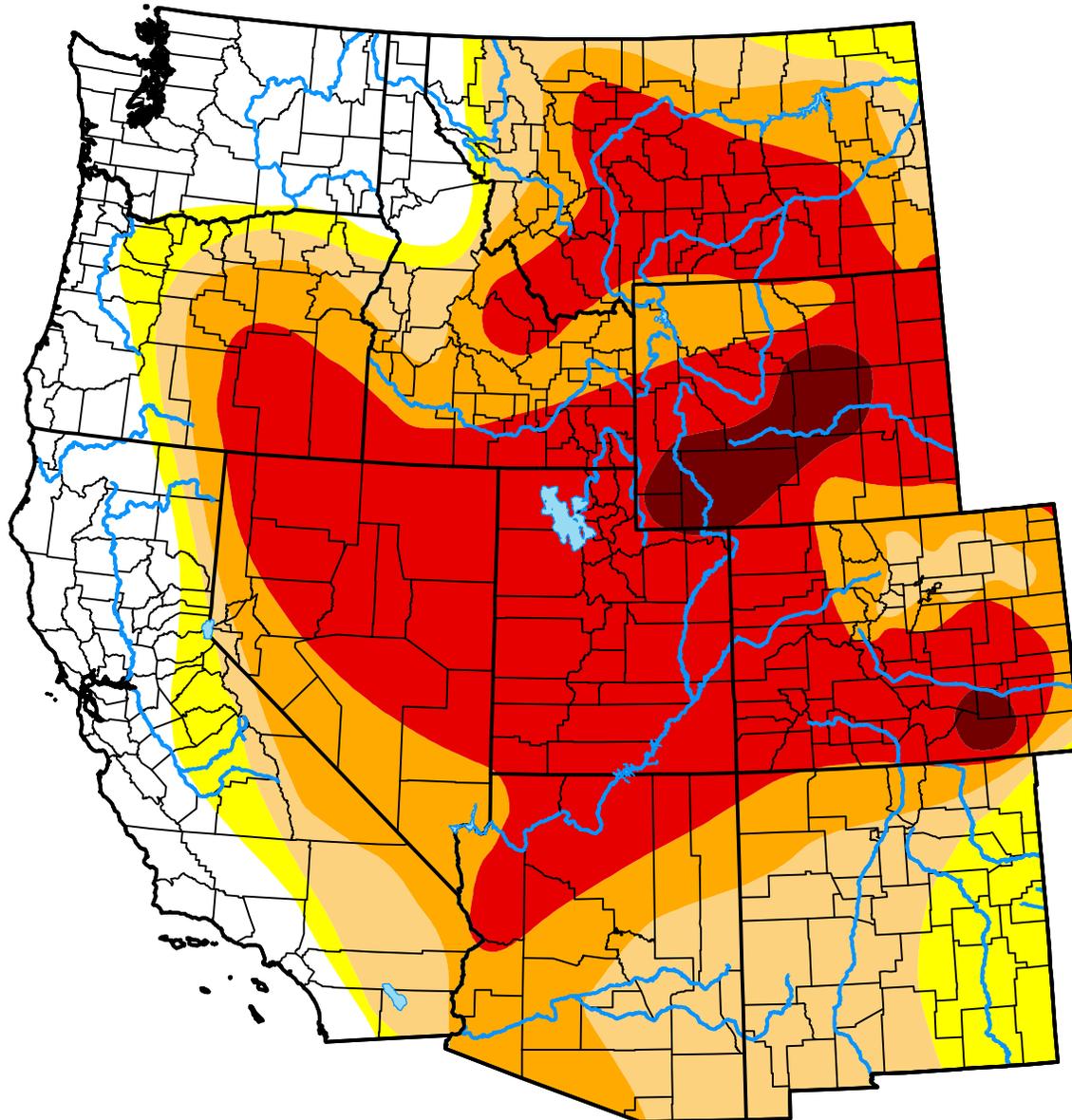


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	16.48	83.52	75.53	58.94	37.42	2.61
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-18-2003</i>	16.43	83.57	75.80	60.27	39.57	3.49
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	10.00	90.00	78.77	64.37	29.35	2.94
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	87.38	76.33	62.90	29.50	2.93
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	94.82	77.75	59.82	35.39	6.23
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-26-2002</i>	19.17	80.83	62.18	31.34	7.57	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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