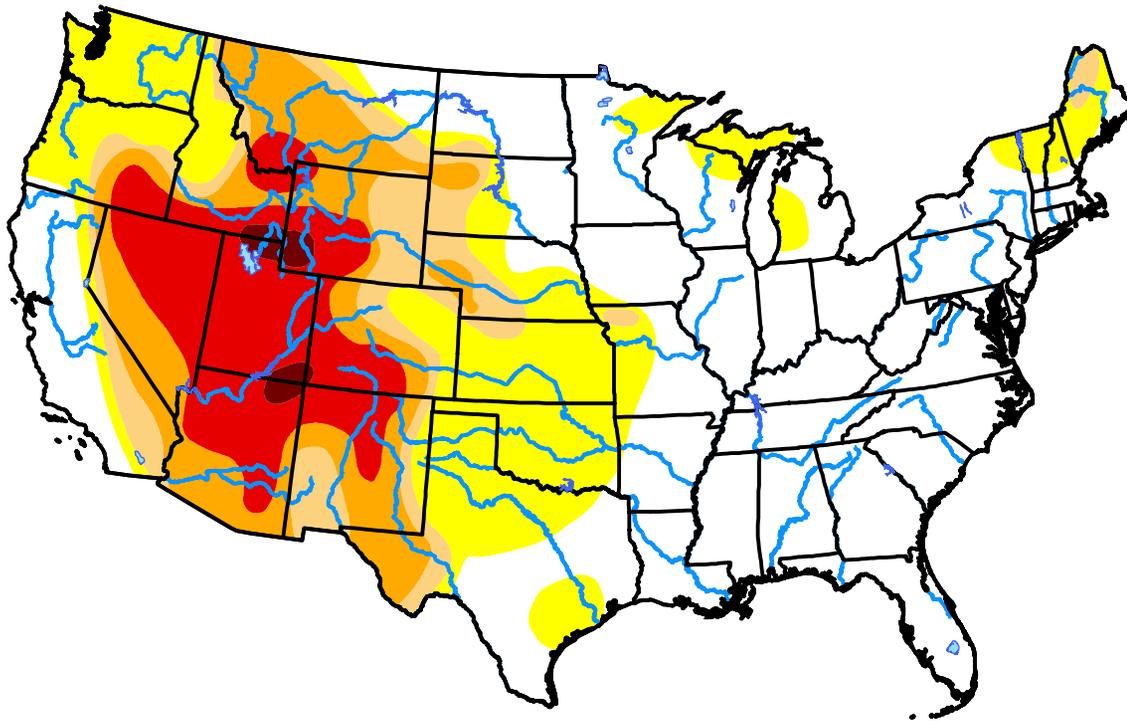


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.27	53.72	31.88	23.75	12.51	0.81
Last Week <i>07-08-2003</i>	53.26	46.74	29.54	22.25	11.46	0.81
3 Months Ago <i>04-15-2003</i>	38.79	61.20	43.33	27.24	14.48	0.23
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>07-16-2002</i>	34.32	65.67	48.53	34.03	21.31	5.52

Intensity:



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