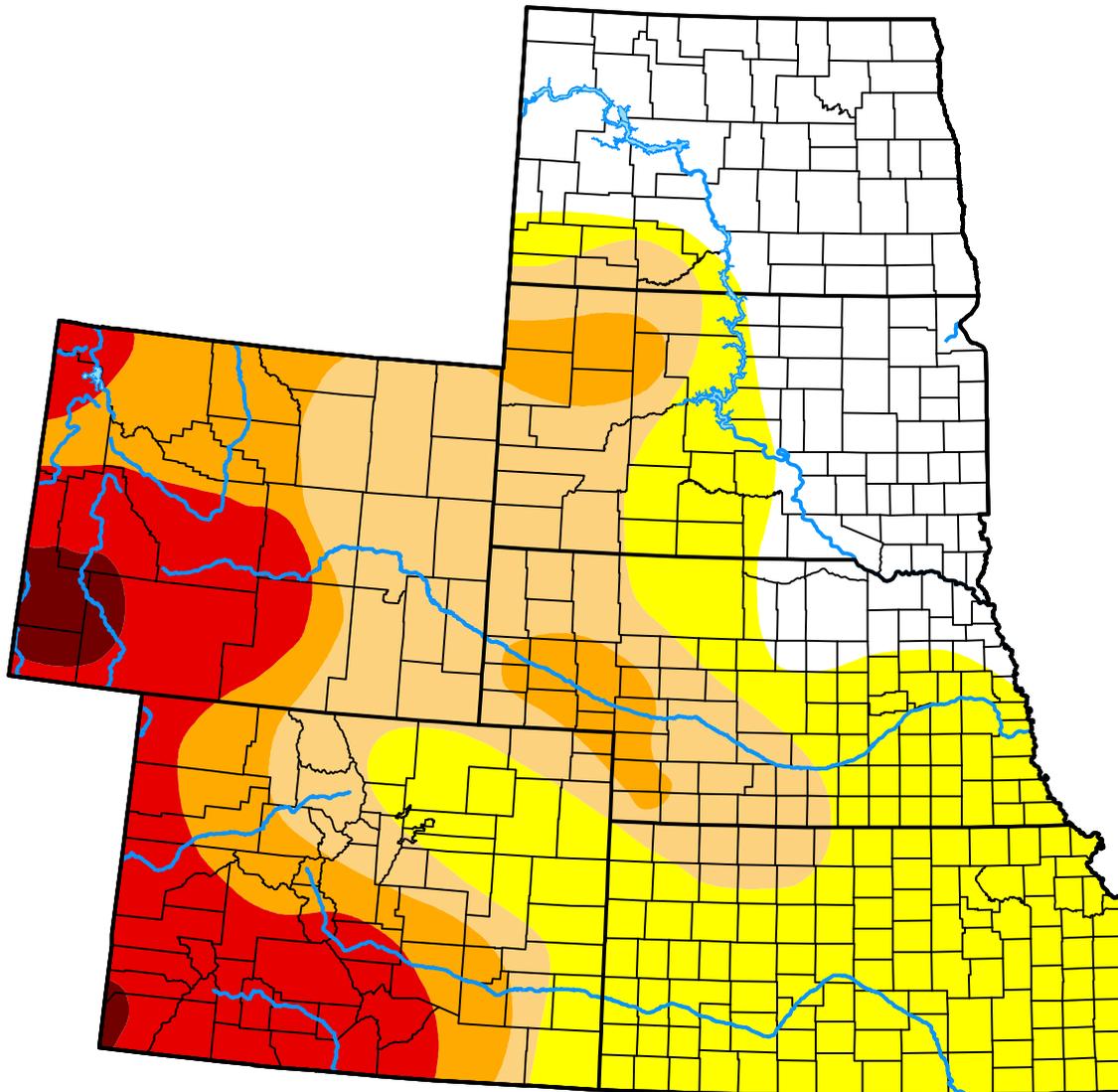


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.76	30.08	21.24	12.35	13.11	1.48
Last Week <i>07-08-2003</i>	38.22	24.86	11.43	12.20	12.03	1.26
3 Months Ago <i>04-15-2003</i>	6.57	10.35	22.53	30.04	29.16	1.35
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	11.95	9.99	20.96	40.89	4.79
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	16.41	10.23	8.24	16.00	37.64	11.49
One Year Ago <i>07-16-2002</i>	16.36	10.61	12.24	23.22	26.50	11.08



Intensity:

	None		D2 Severe Drought
	D0 Abnormally Dry		D3 Extreme Drought
	D1 Moderate Drought		D4 Exceptional Drought

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