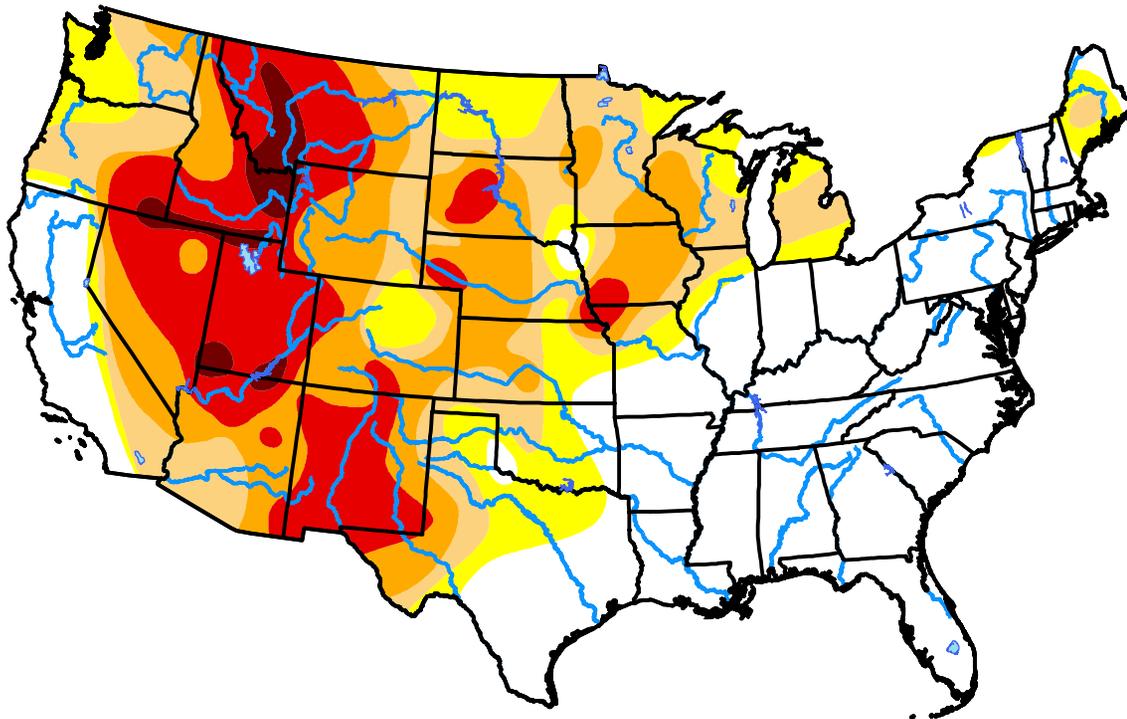


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Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.61	62.38	50.26	34.44	17.18	2.19
Last Week <i>09-09-2003</i>	35.34	64.65	54.27	37.67	18.06	2.21
3 Months Ago <i>06-17-2003</i>	48.61	51.38	35.40	22.00	10.92	1.00
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>09-17-2002</i>	28.57	71.42	53.50	37.09	19.92	3.88

Intensity:



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