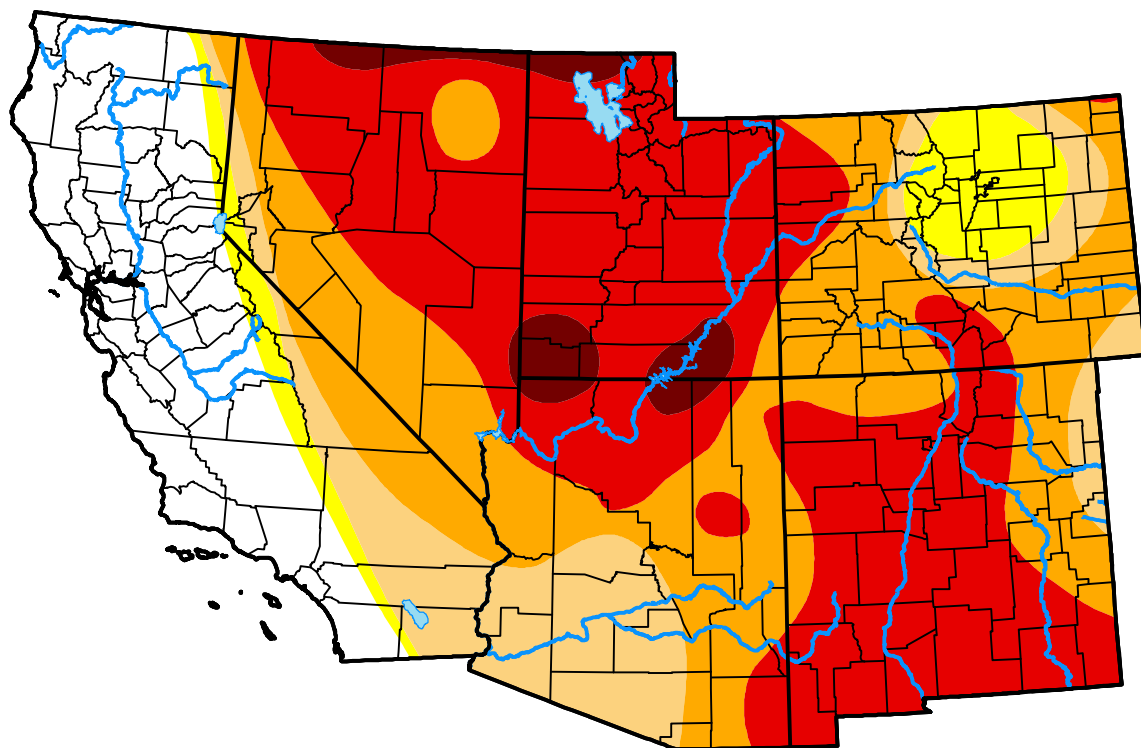


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.26	5.12	12.23	26.62	37.81	2.96
Last Week <i>09-16-2003</i>	15.34	5.24	12.19	26.51	37.76	2.96
3 Months Ago <i>06-24-2003</i>	18.71	5.18	14.39	25.08	34.56	2.08
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	14.98	6.37	13.73	35.31	26.51	3.10
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	9.81	21.62	27.23	32.28	7.67
One Year Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	1.25	8.75	20.13	28.43	32.86	8.58

Intensity:

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