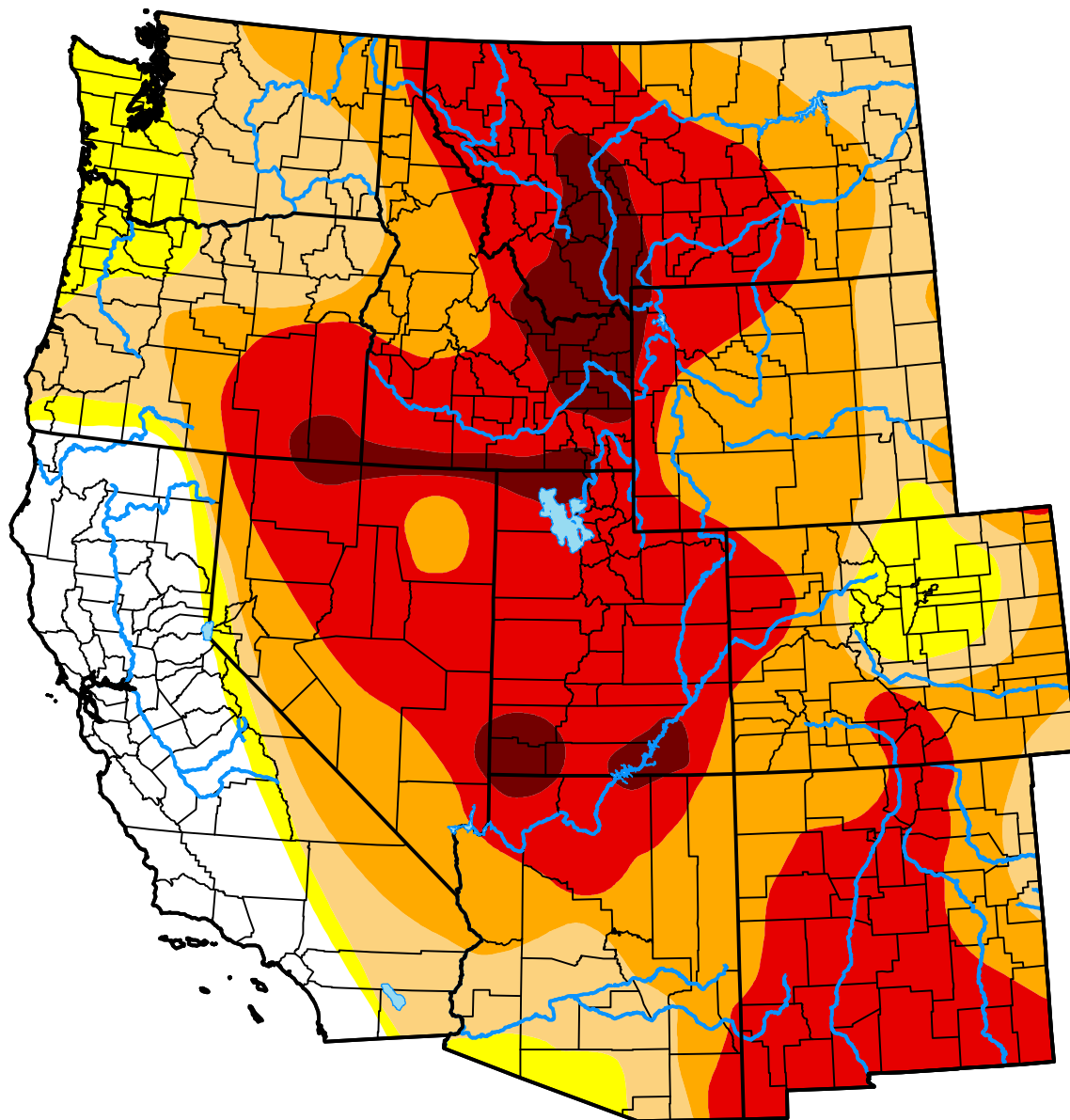


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.11	6.77	17.60	27.84	33.43	5.25
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	9.28	8.46	17.38	25.53	34.04	5.31
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	13.68	19.70	12.81	24.75	26.99	2.06
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	11.05	13.43	33.40	26.57	2.93
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	9.28	8.46	17.38	25.53	34.04	5.31
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	3.07	15.04	23.76	25.71	29.40	3.01

Intensity:

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

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