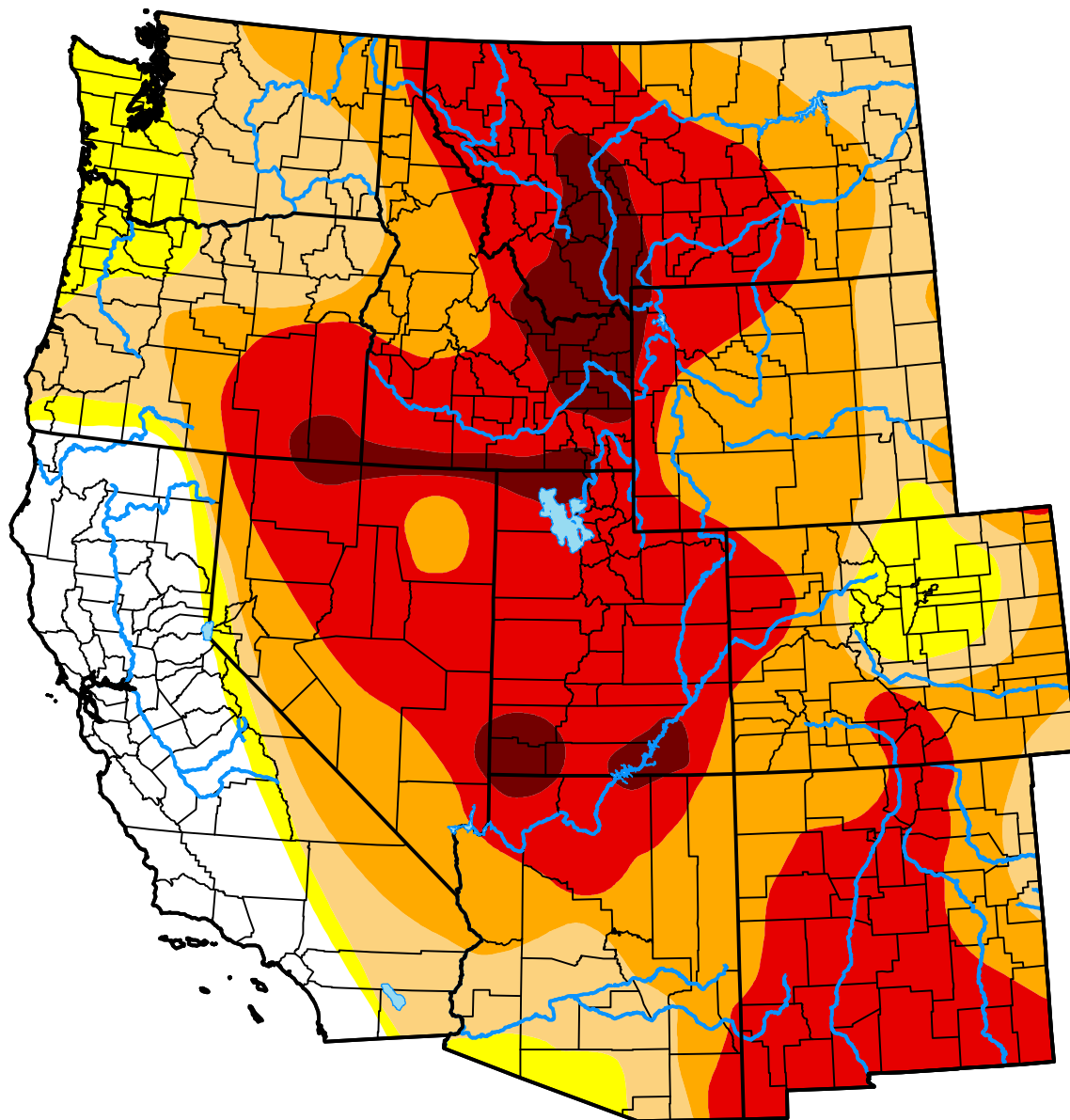


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.11  | 90.89 | 84.12 | 66.52 | 38.68 | 5.25 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>              | 9.28  | 90.72 | 82.26 | 64.88 | 39.35 | 5.31 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-08-2003</i>           | 13.68 | 86.32 | 66.61 | 53.80 | 29.05 | 2.06 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 12.62 | 87.38 | 76.33 | 62.90 | 29.50 | 2.93 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 9.28  | 90.72 | 82.26 | 64.88 | 39.35 | 5.31 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-08-2002</i>           | 3.07  | 96.93 | 81.88 | 58.12 | 32.41 | 3.01 |

## 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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