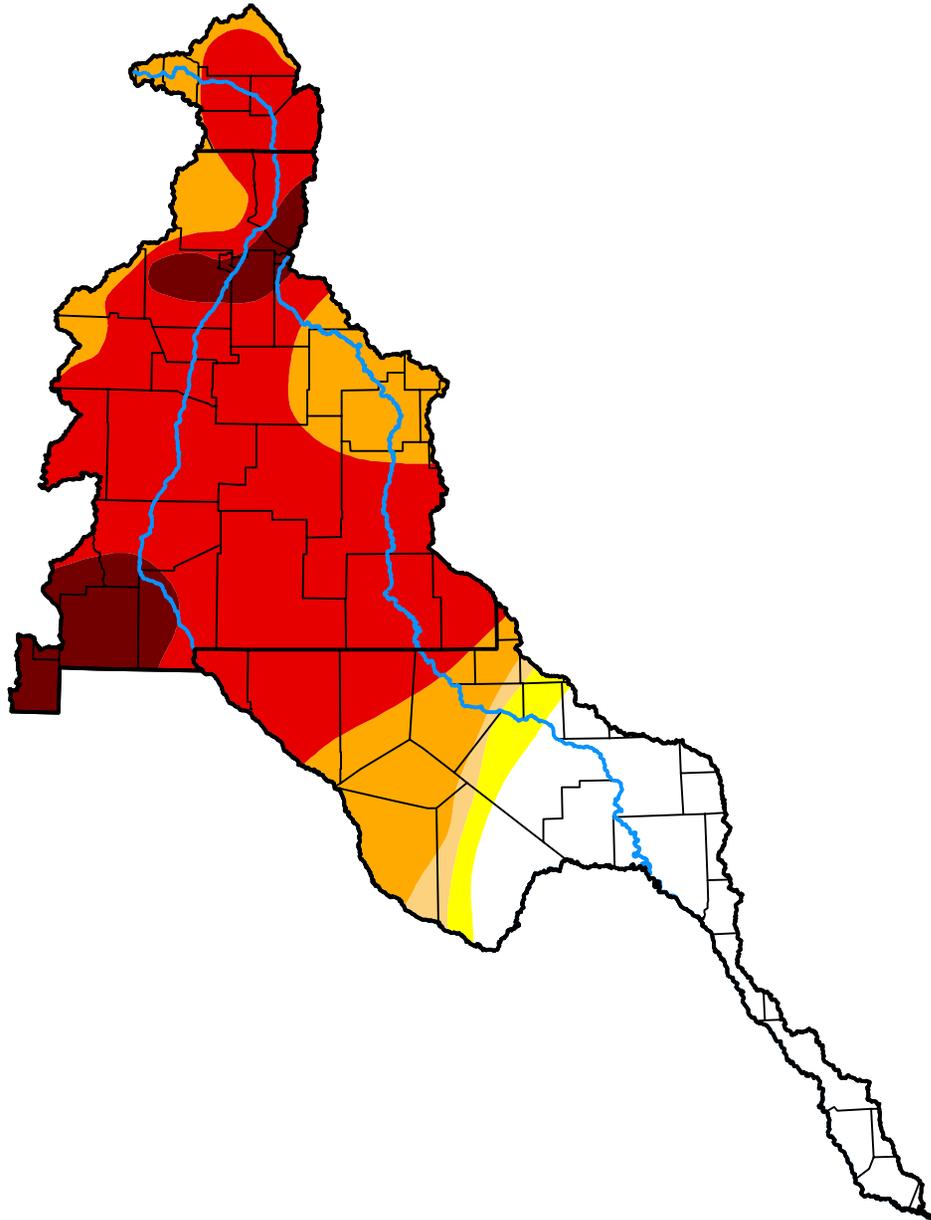


U.S. Drought Monitor

Rio Grande Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.65	82.35	79.45	77.51	57.98	8.54
Last Week <i>12-11-2003</i>	17.48	82.52	79.83	77.57	57.94	8.62
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2003</i>	6.92	93.08	87.85	82.55	59.11	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	15.61	84.39	60.98	9.51	6.08	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	11.45	88.55	83.80	78.03	59.17	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-19-2002</i>	14.10	85.90	66.58	12.93	6.08	0.00

Intensity:

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