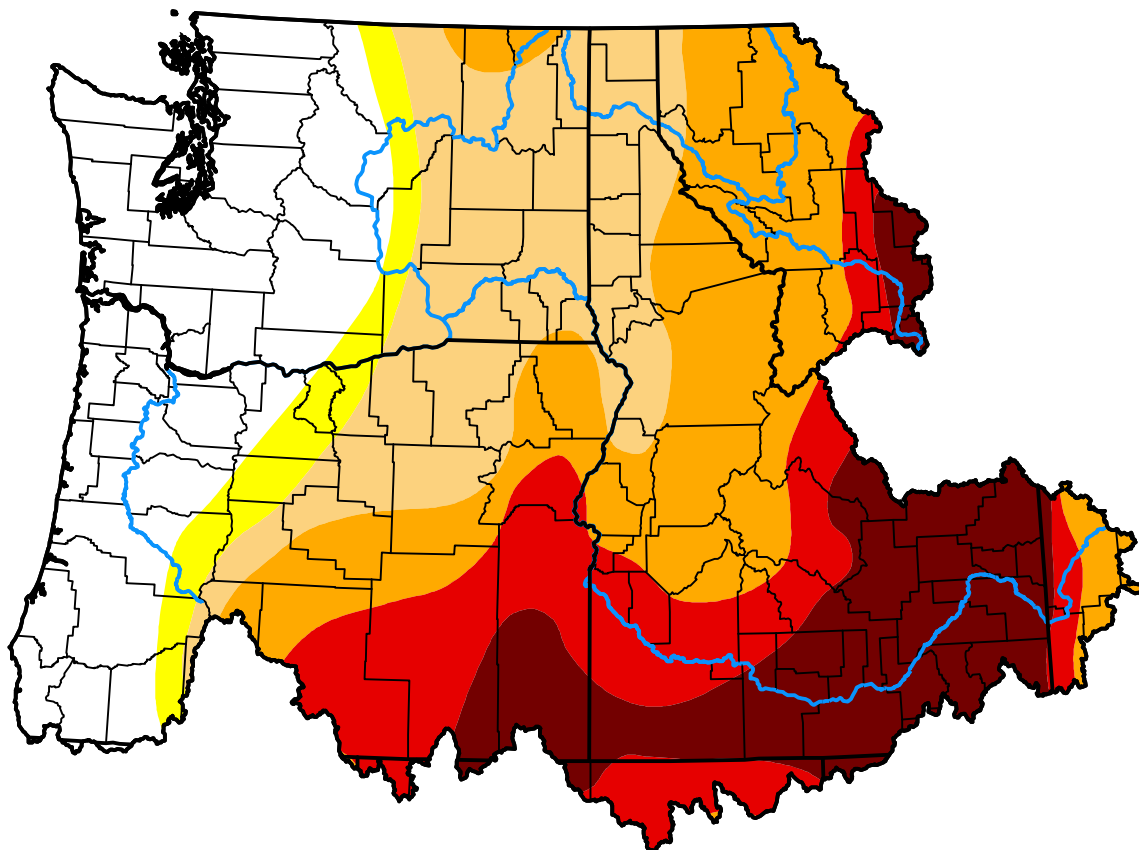


U.S. Drought Monitor

Pacific Northwest Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	23.86	4.62	18.98	22.34	15.14	15.05
Last Week <i>12-18-2003</i>	23.27	4.11	19.78	22.18	15.33	15.33
3 Months Ago <i>09-25-2003</i>	0.50	16.48	26.81	16.02	31.46	8.73
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	14.88	25.35	13.76	42.11	3.89	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	0.56	16.71	26.84	15.54	31.56	8.78
One Year Ago <i>12-26-2002</i>	7.57	22.56	19.81	44.85	5.21	0.00

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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