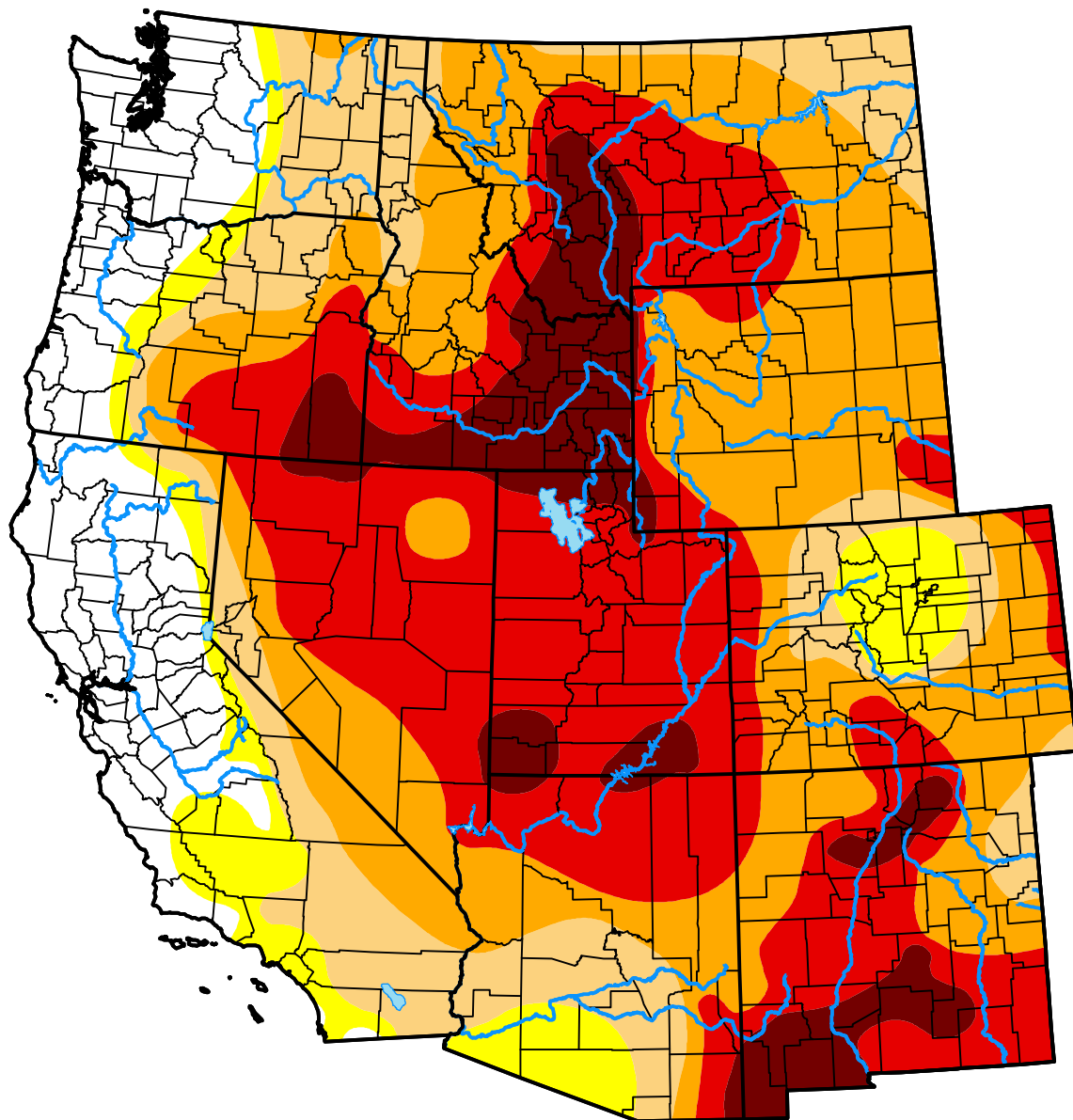


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.89	6.84	14.68	28.84	28.31	9.44
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.90	6.98	14.94	28.63	29.01	8.55
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	9.11	7.54	17.40	26.46	34.24	5.26
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>12-24-2002</i>	10.00	11.23	14.39	35.03	26.41	2.94

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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