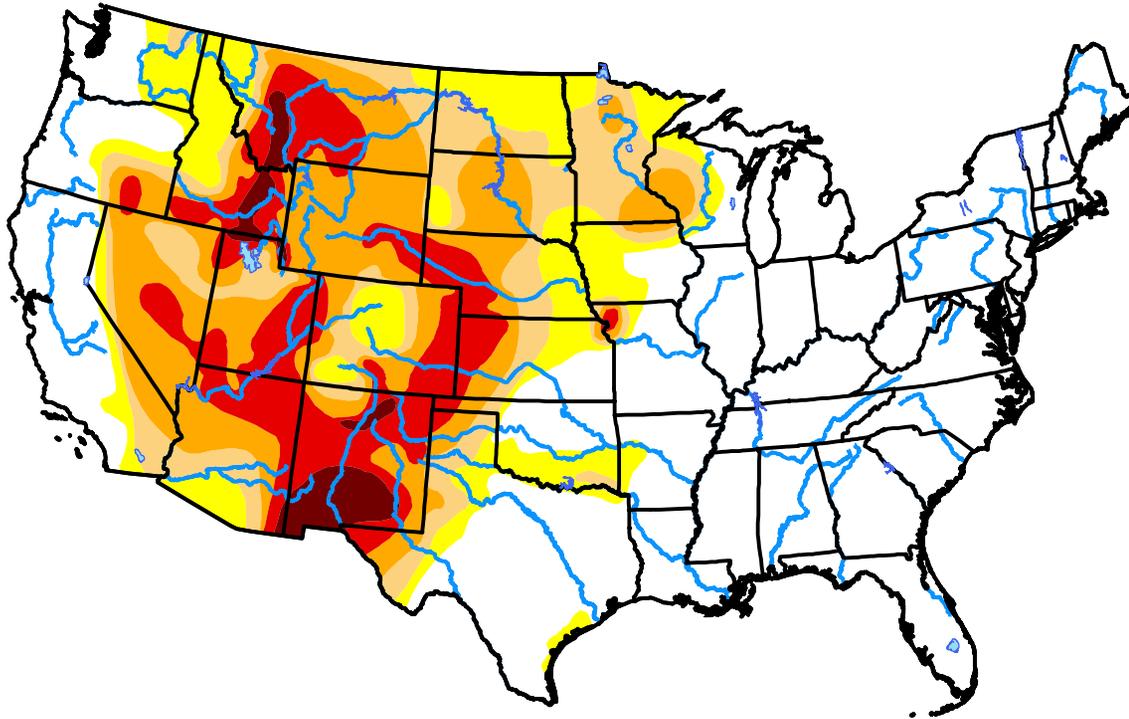


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.59	51.40	39.18	28.26	12.54	2.08
Last Week <i>02-24-2004</i>	47.71	52.28	40.97	30.75	14.71	2.83
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2003</i>	42.03	57.96	47.75	33.57	17.27	3.35
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	43.82	56.17	45.80	33.78	15.99	3.40
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
One Year Ago <i>03-04-2003</i>	38.81	61.18	44.75	32.53	19.90	2.00

Intensity:



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