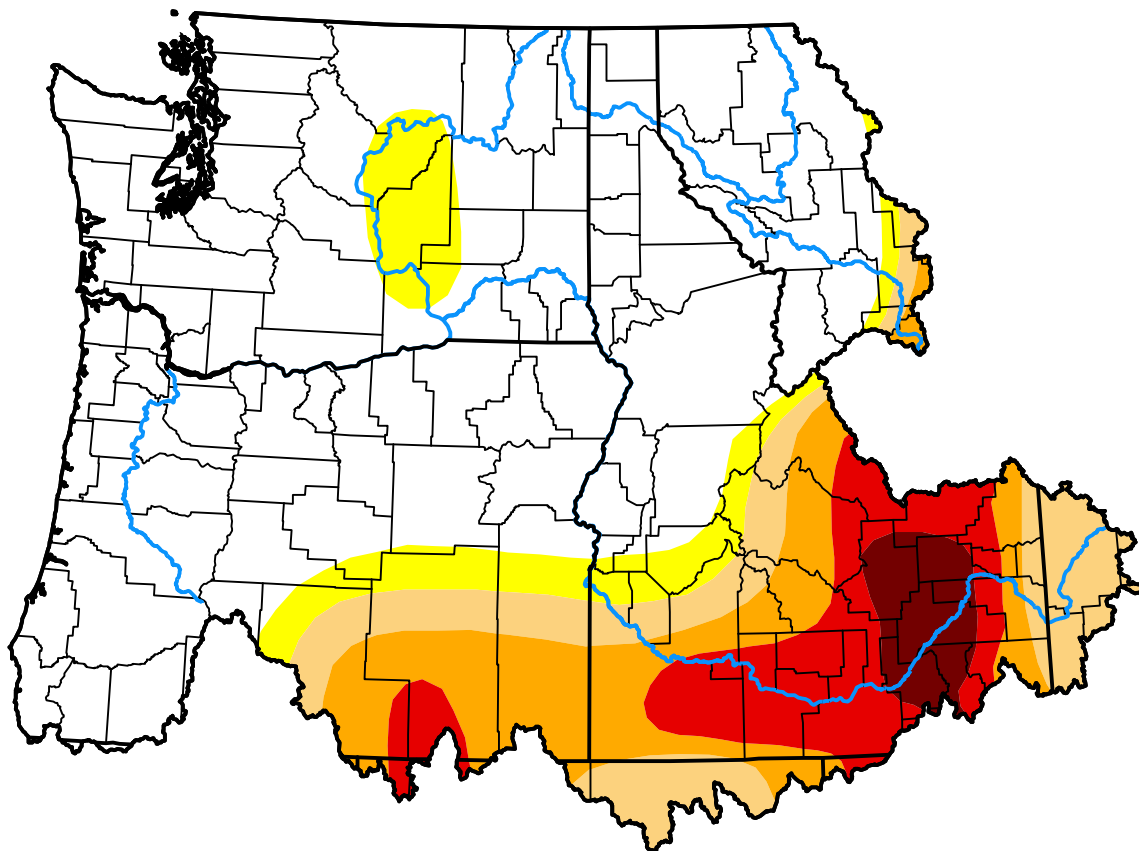


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	64.16	35.84	28.85	20.10	10.28	2.56
Last Week <i>12-09-2004</i>	54.83	45.17	31.34	23.19	12.84	2.96
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2004</i>	55.91	44.09	34.38	25.38	12.87	2.26
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	23.49	76.51	70.90	40.83	25.04	12.46
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	59.46	40.54	31.46	24.43	12.87	2.26
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2003</i>	23.27	76.73	72.63	52.85	30.66	15.33

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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