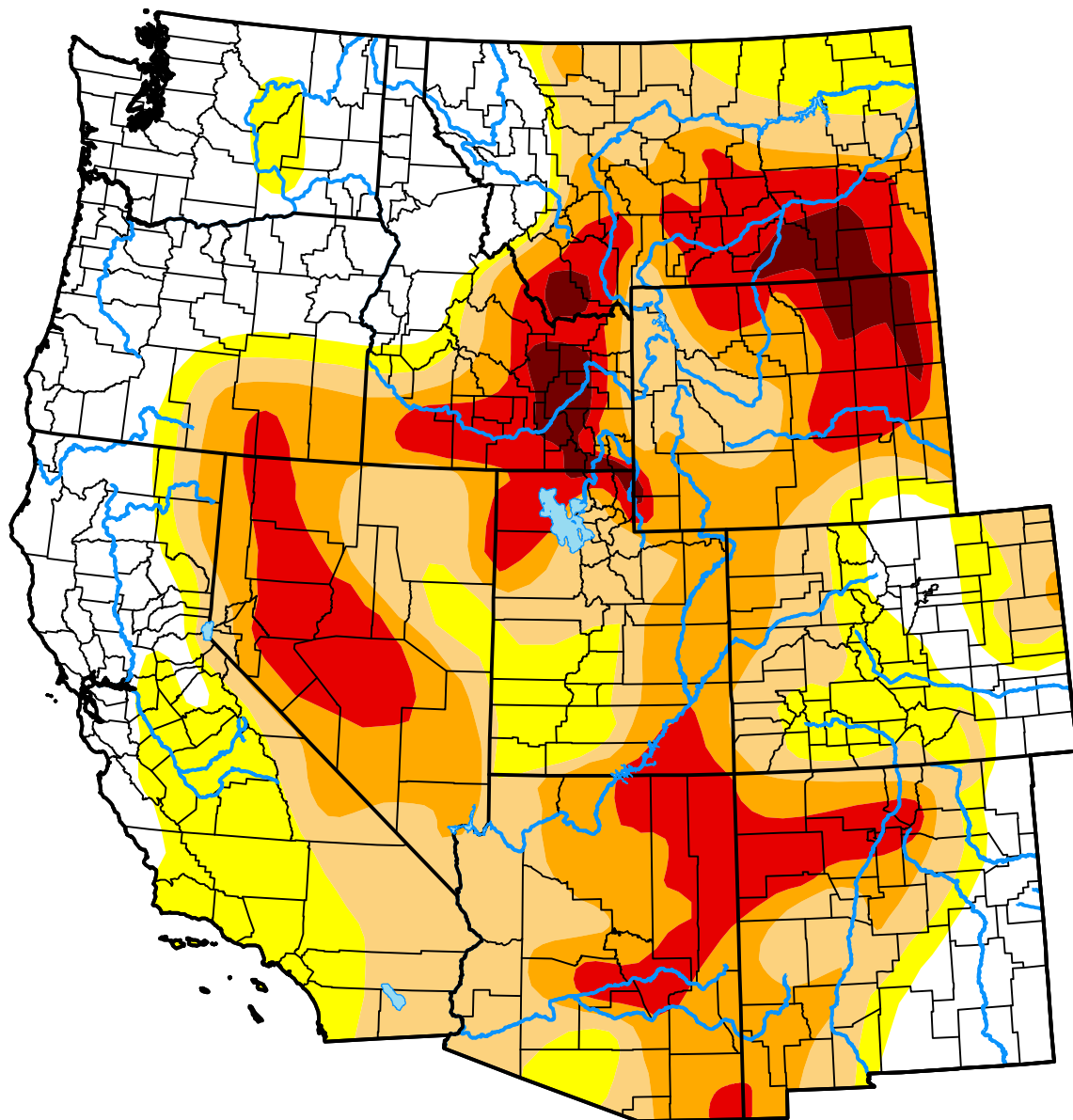


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	24.84	15.69	22.75	20.86	13.59	2.27
Last Week <i>12-07-2004</i>	21.78	18.36	22.12	21.27	14.10	2.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-14-2004</i>	17.25	13.40	18.29	25.41	23.22	2.44
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	14.51	7.39	13.96	31.34	24.17	8.62
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	18.76	13.22	17.63	26.16	21.87	2.36
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.90	6.98	14.94	28.63	29.01	8.55

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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