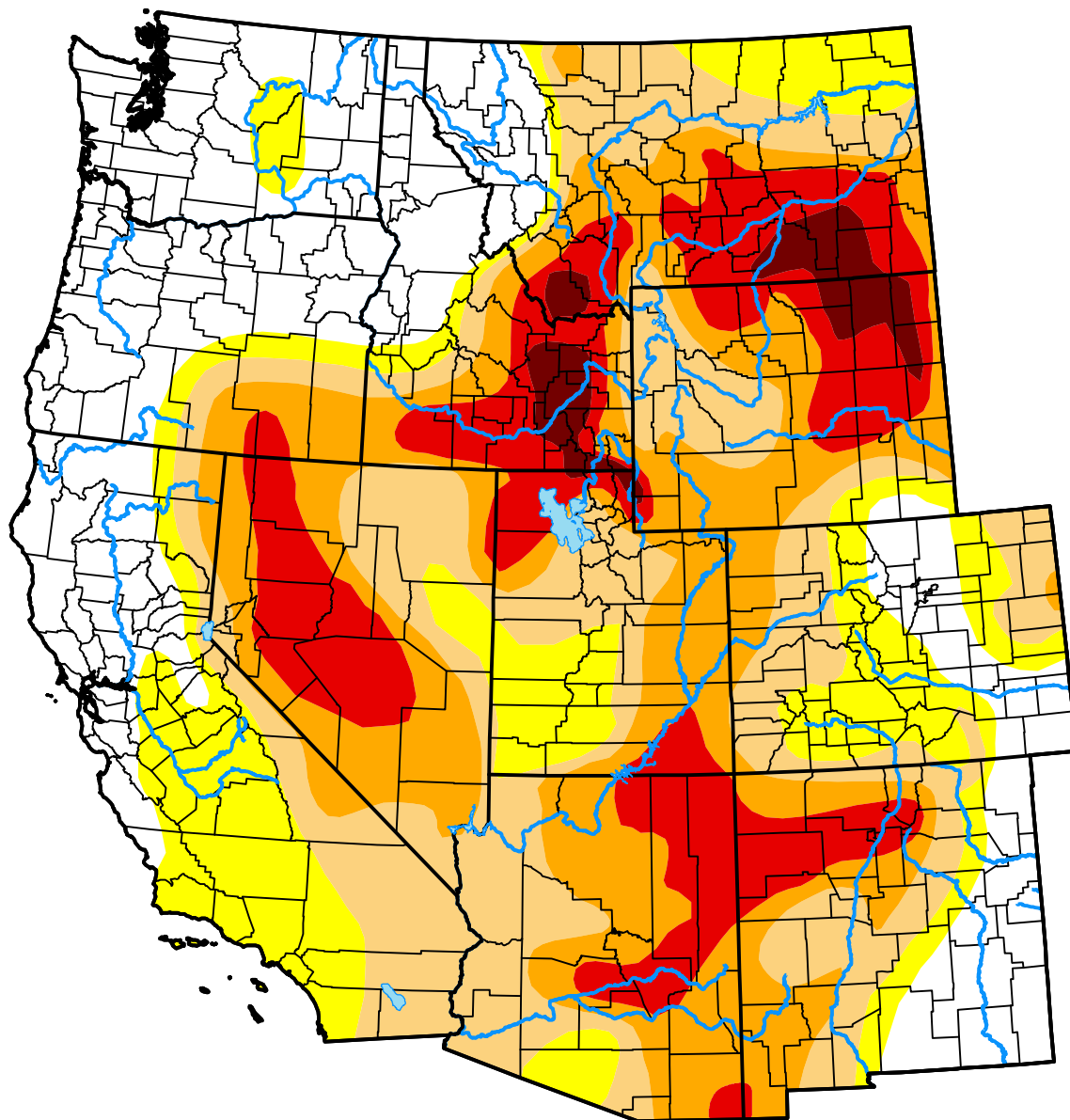


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.84	75.16	59.46	36.72	15.86	2.27
Last Week <i>12-07-2004</i>	21.78	78.22	59.86	37.73	16.46	2.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-14-2004</i>	17.25	82.75	69.36	51.07	25.66	2.44
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	14.51	85.49	78.10	64.14	32.80	8.62
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	18.76	81.24	68.03	50.40	24.23	2.36
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.90	88.10	81.13	66.19	37.56	8.55

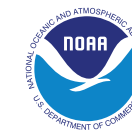
Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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