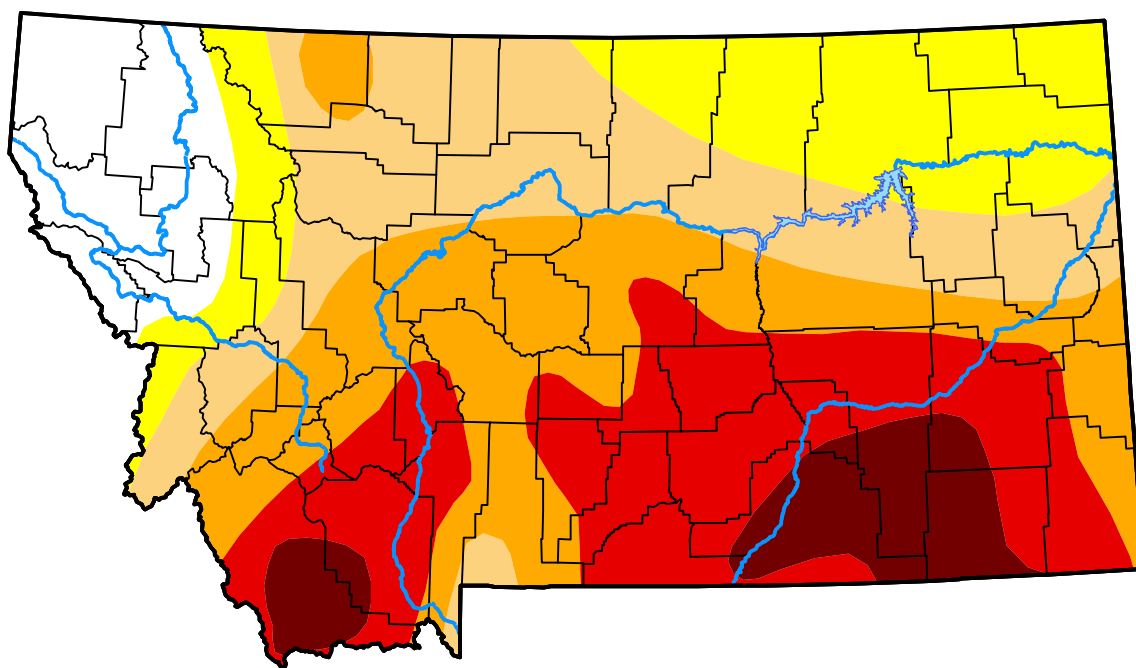


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.71	16.75	21.17	22.54	22.23	7.60
Last Week <i>12-16-2004</i>	15.62	14.79	23.42	17.97	21.08	7.13
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2004</i>	15.79	14.72	17.81	21.08	22.84	7.76
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	0.00	3.04	20.22	36.71	26.82	13.21
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	19.65	13.48	16.68	19.59	22.84	7.76
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2003</i>	0.00	0.00	15.89	42.48	28.59	13.03

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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