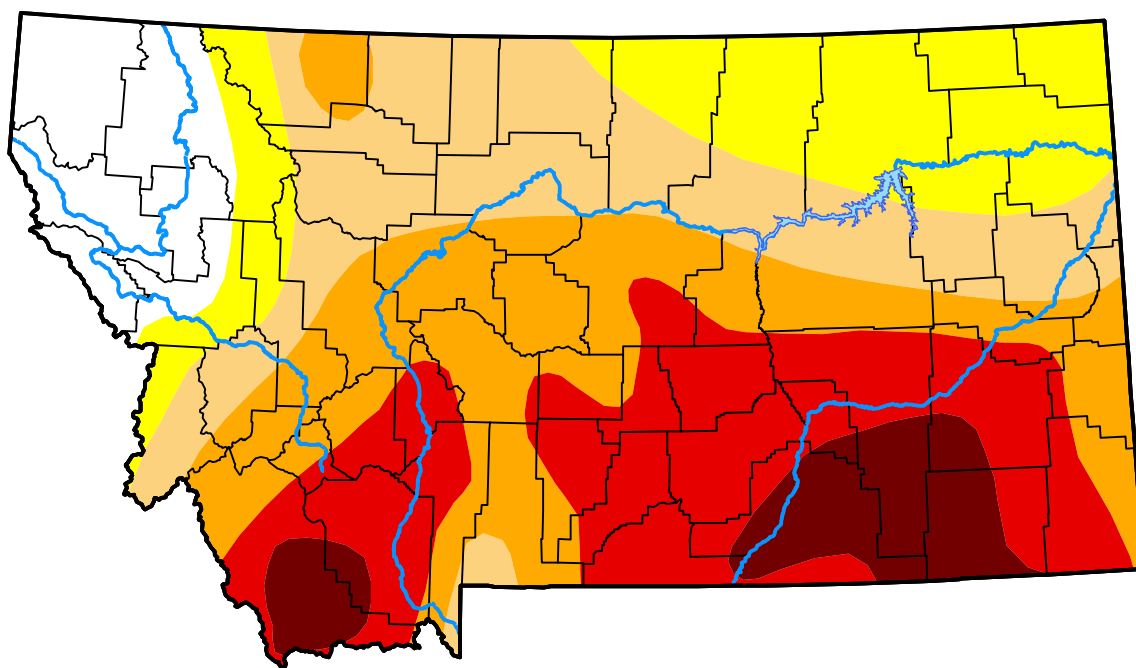


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.71	90.29	73.54	52.37	29.83	7.60
Last Week <i>12-16-2004</i>	15.62	84.38	69.60	46.18	28.21	7.13
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2004</i>	15.79	84.21	69.49	51.68	30.60	7.76
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	96.96	76.74	40.03	13.21
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	19.65	80.35	66.87	50.18	30.60	7.76
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	100.00	84.11	41.63	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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