

U.S. Drought Monitor

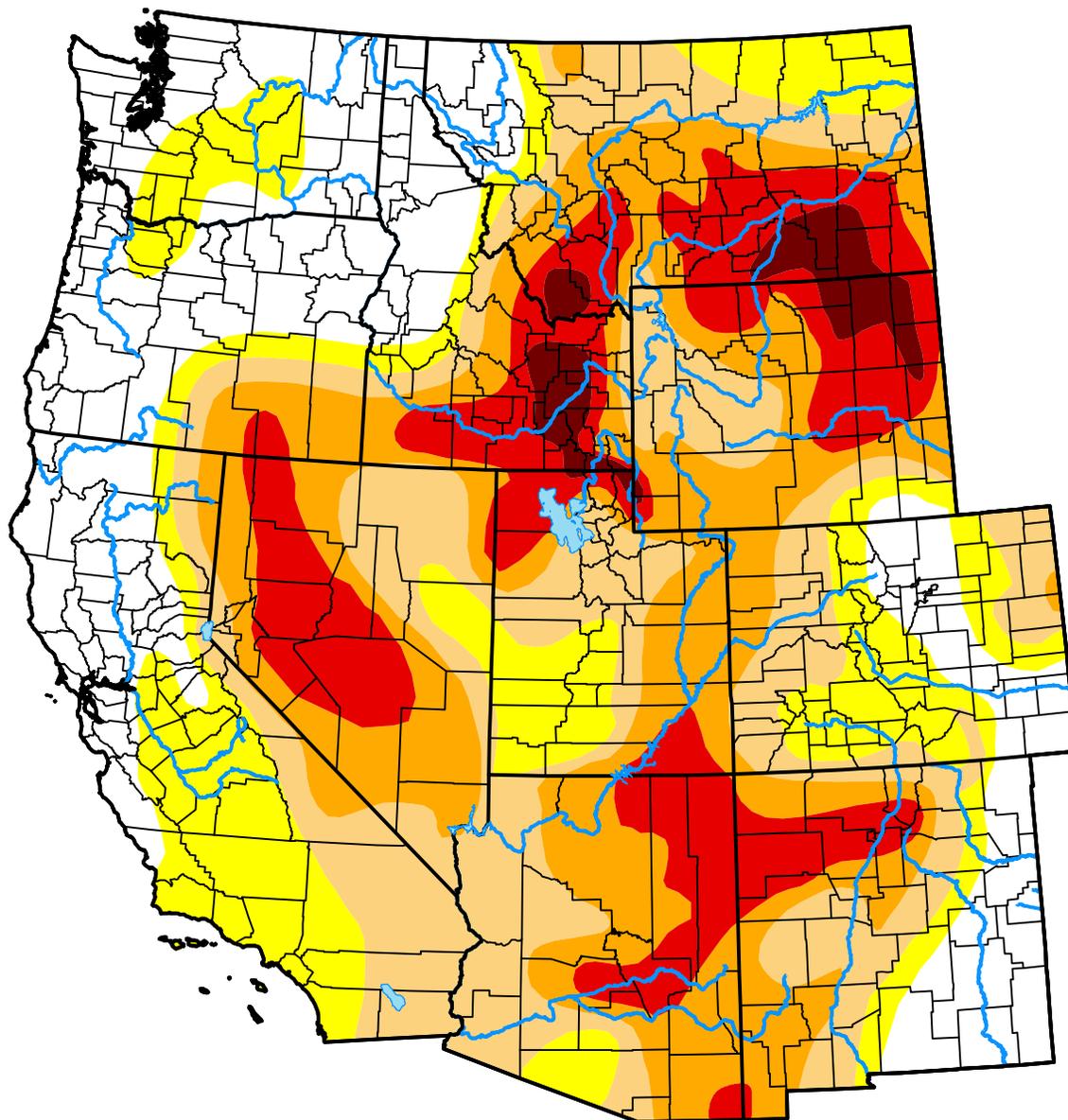
West

December 21, 2004
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.66	17.40	22.42	21.33	13.86	2.34
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	24.84	15.69	22.75	20.86	13.59	2.27
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	17.56	13.86	17.98	26.36	21.87	2.36
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>12-23-2003</i>	11.89	6.84	14.68	28.84	28.31	9.44



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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