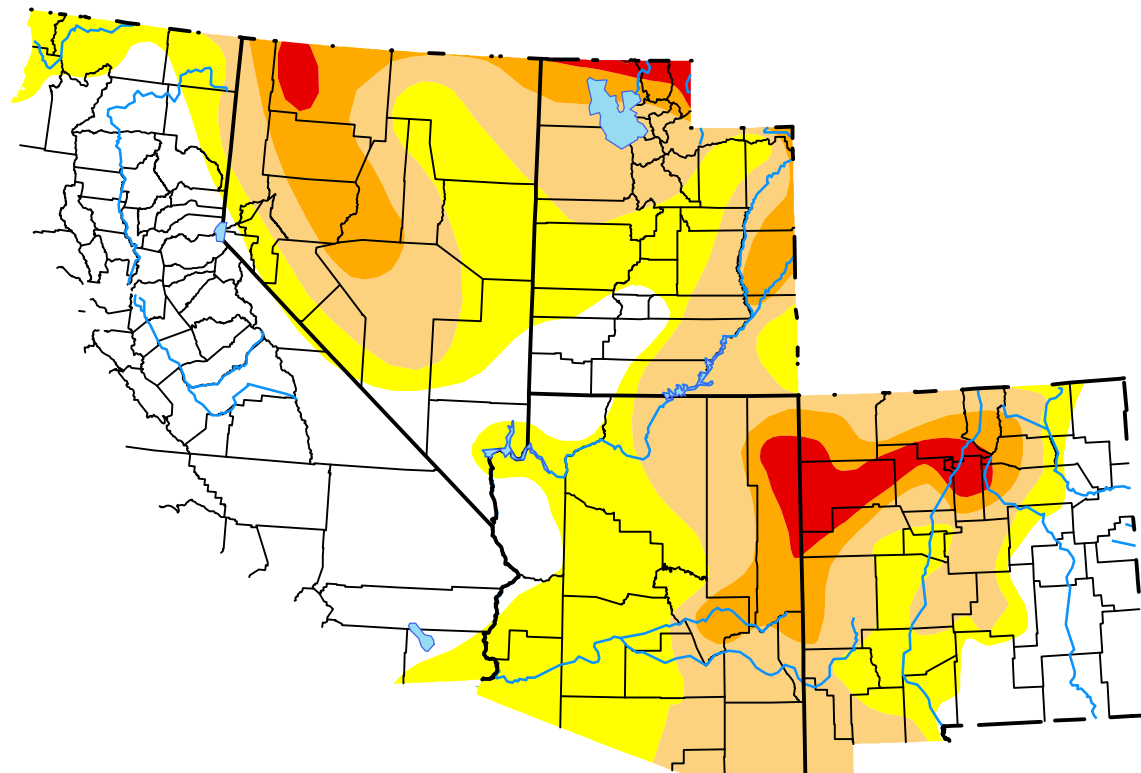


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.01	25.18	25.29	9.47	3.04	0.01
Last Week 02-10-2005	35.55	15.56	30.24	14.38	4.26	0.01
3 Months Ago 11-18-2004	13.44	15.10	26.11	24.89	20.35	0.11
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2005	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago 02-19-2004	19.03	8.06	6.51	27.40	29.17	9.82

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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