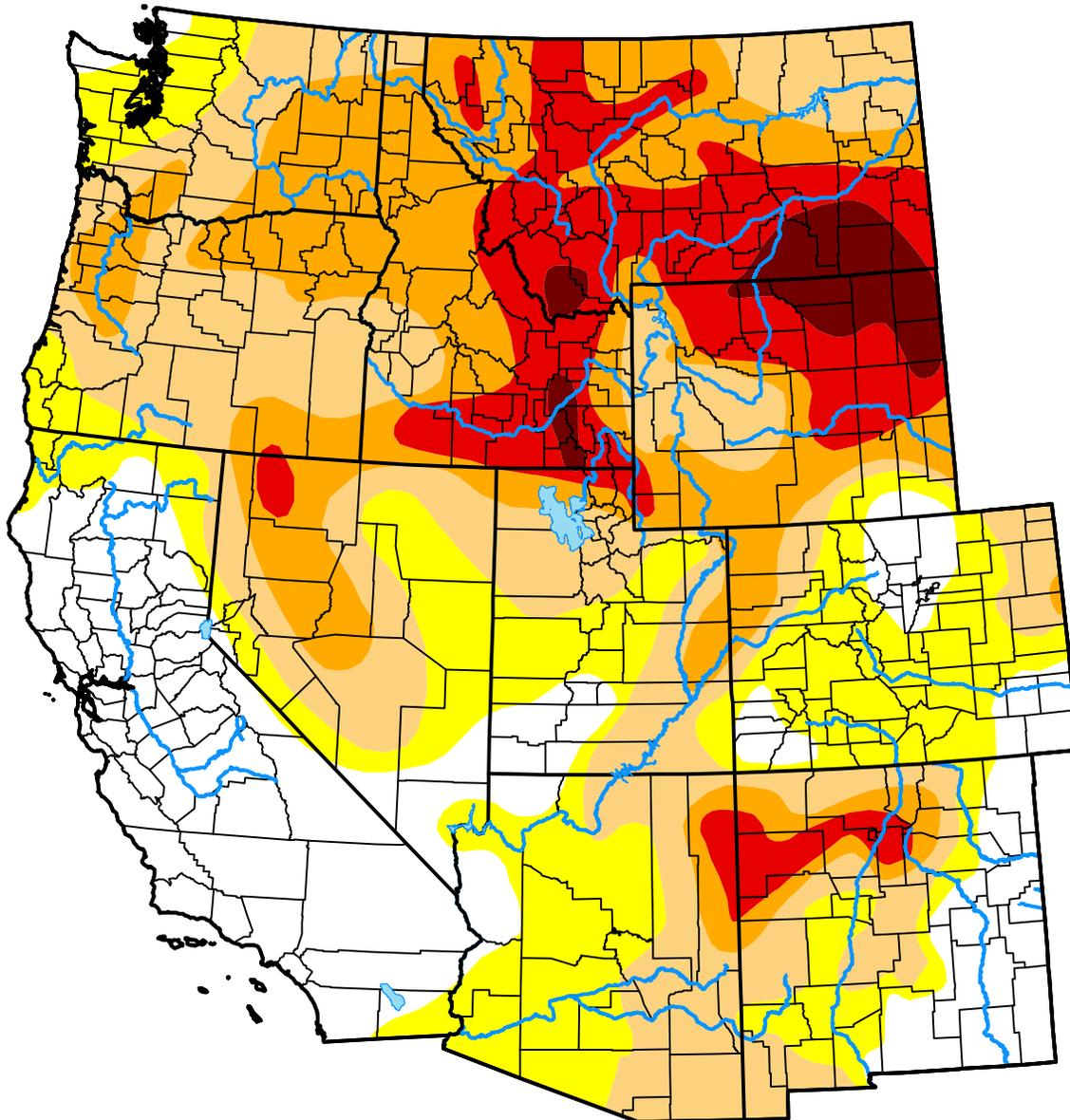


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	20.49	79.51	58.88	33.56	14.13	2.63
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-15-2005</i>	21.25	78.75	59.05	30.50	13.95	2.63
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-23-2004</i>	21.43	78.57	62.81	40.64	20.01	2.37
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2005</i>	26.17	73.83	56.18	34.28	14.97	1.94
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	18.76	81.24	68.03	50.40	24.23	2.36
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-24-2004</i>	17.64	82.36	69.97	60.03	31.39	6.95

***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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