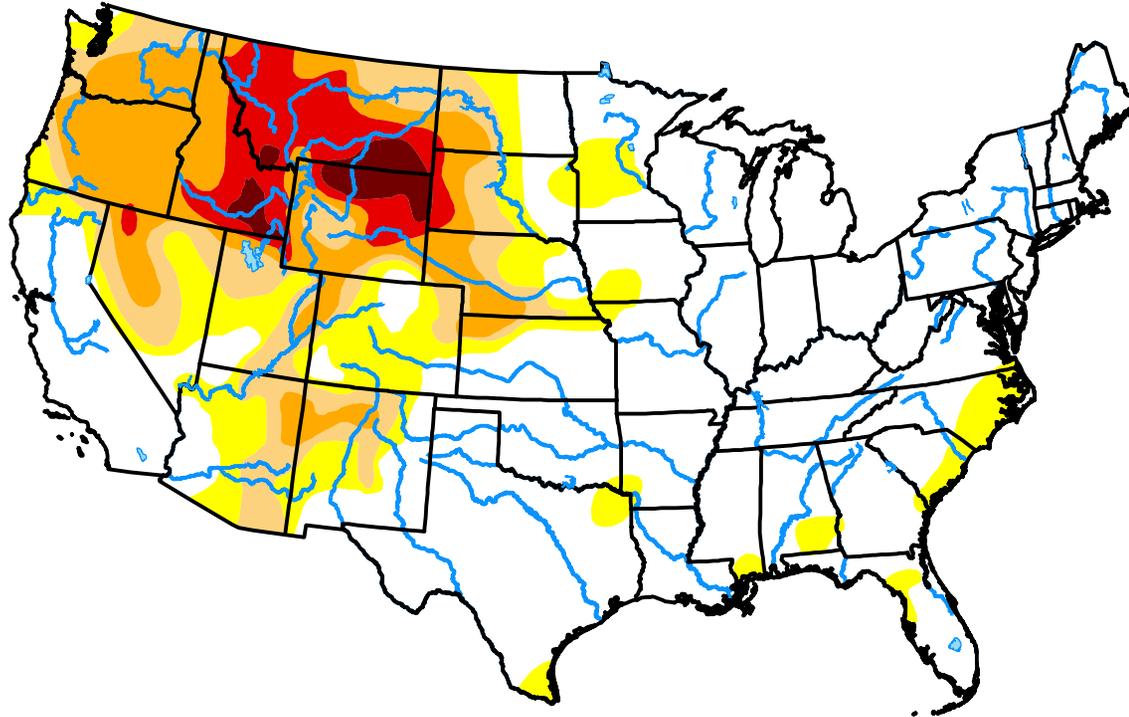


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U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.27	33.72	22.41	14.68	5.59	1.31
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	66.48	33.51	22.36	14.03	4.64	1.11
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	67.12	32.87	22.45	13.44	5.23	0.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	69.08	30.91	21.42	12.86	4.94	0.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	60.74	39.25	25.49	18.23	8.10	0.78
One Year Ago <i>03-16-2004</i>	55.58	44.40	31.50	22.61	10.31	1.61

Intensity:



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