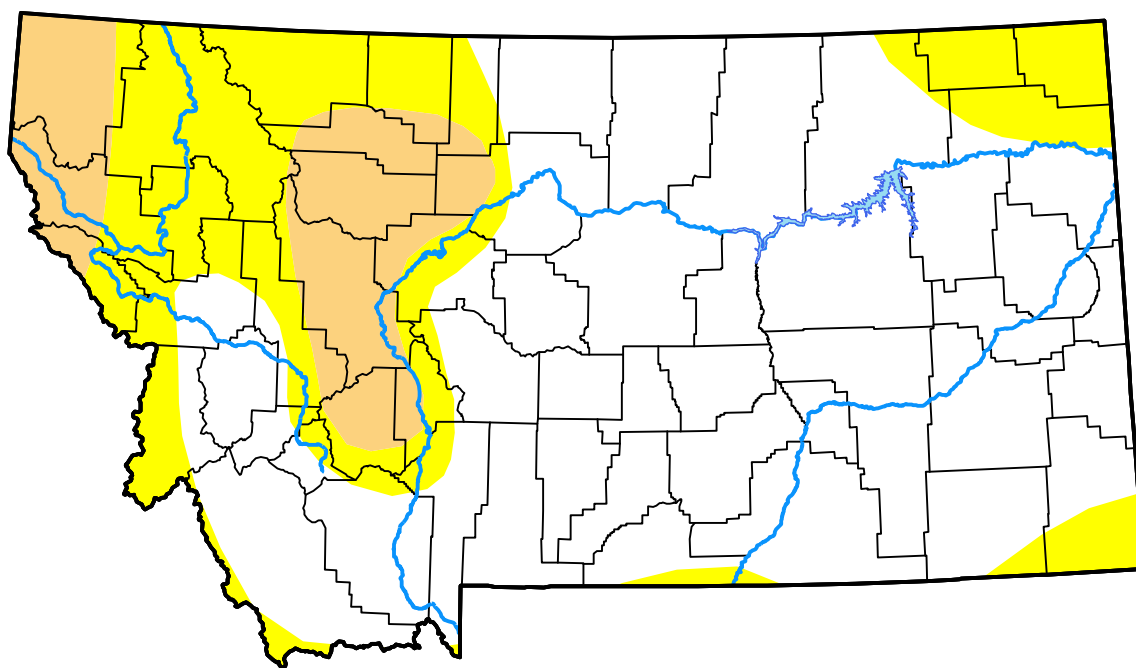


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.52	22.27	11.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i>	78.50	15.28	6.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i>	3.90	53.40	28.76	13.94	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	9.71	16.75	20.63	22.14	23.16	7.60
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	3.90	52.97	30.12	13.02	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2004</i>	9.71	16.75	21.17	22.54	22.23	7.60

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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