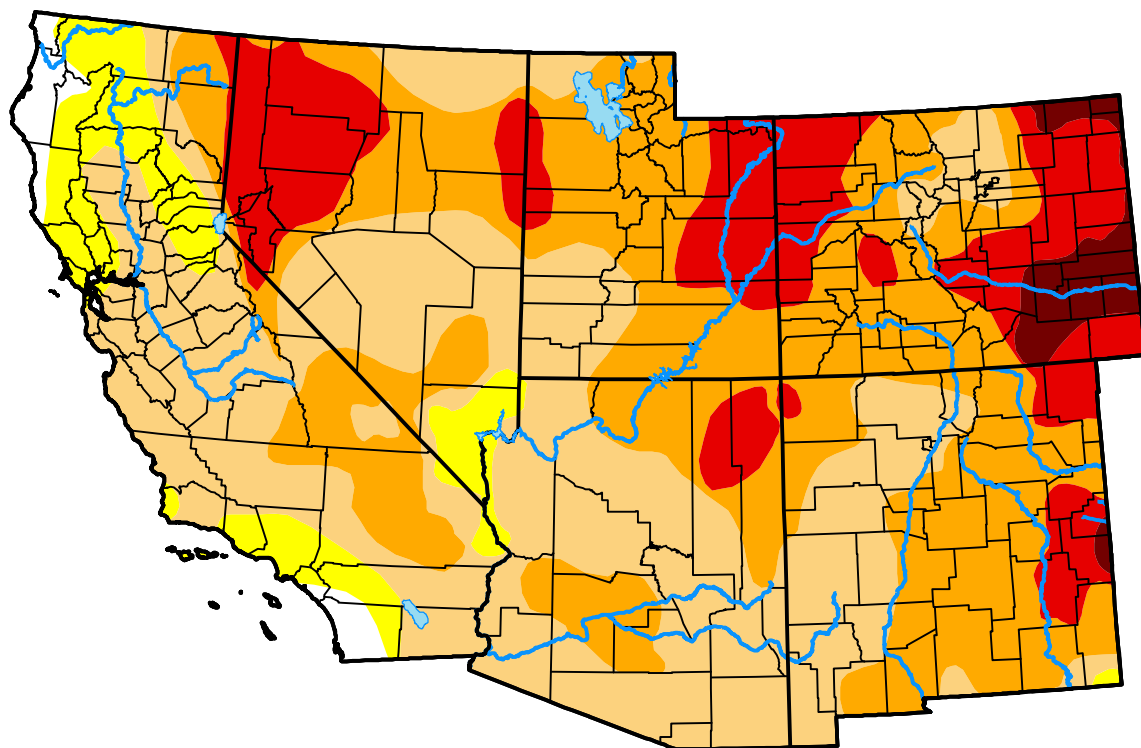


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.51	98.49	91.61	53.47	18.00	2.22
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	1.52	98.48	92.91	54.03	18.45	2.23
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	3.62	96.38	90.55	71.11	25.24	0.27
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	34.66	65.34	44.90	20.25	4.56	1.33
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	2.72	97.28	92.90	55.44	19.65	2.65
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	57.04	42.96	31.34	25.11	14.51	4.91

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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