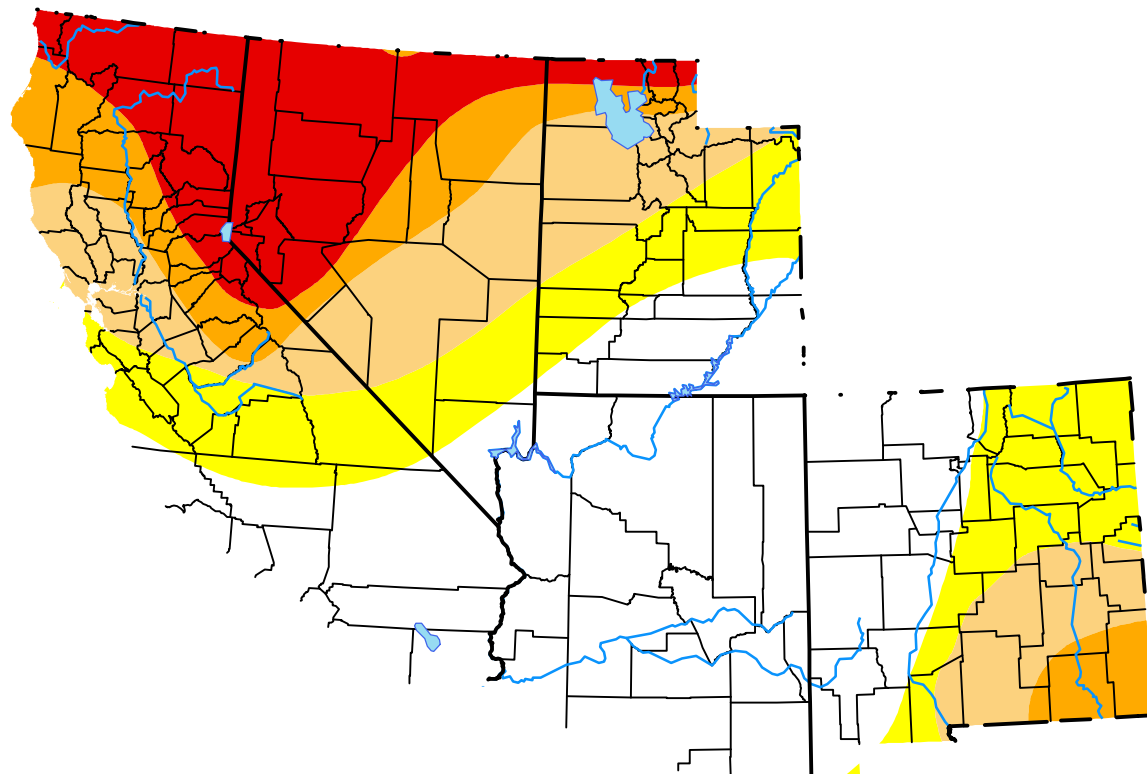


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.01	56.99	39.09	22.33	13.19	0.00
Last Week <i>10-04-2001</i>	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.35	13.19	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-12-2001</i>	60.18	39.82	25.11	16.45	9.25	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2001</i>	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-12-2000</i>	32.08	67.92	31.91	8.97	0.15	0.00

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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