

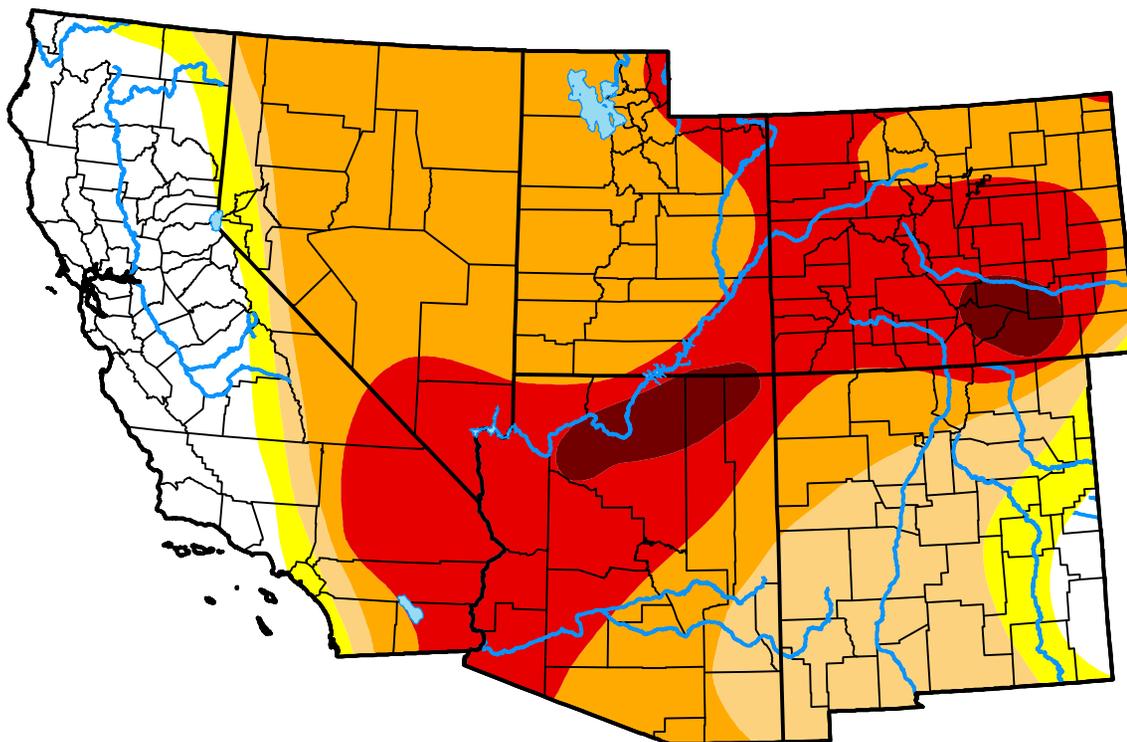
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	14.14	85.86	79.96	66.20	29.81	3.10
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	10.82	89.18	81.07	66.87	29.82	3.06
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-24-2002</i>	1.25	98.75	89.99	69.86	41.44	8.58
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	45.05	54.95	29.45	11.89	4.04	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	98.60	88.79	67.17	39.95	7.67
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-25-2001</i>	43.63	56.37	31.34	13.15	4.52	0.00



***Intensity:***



*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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