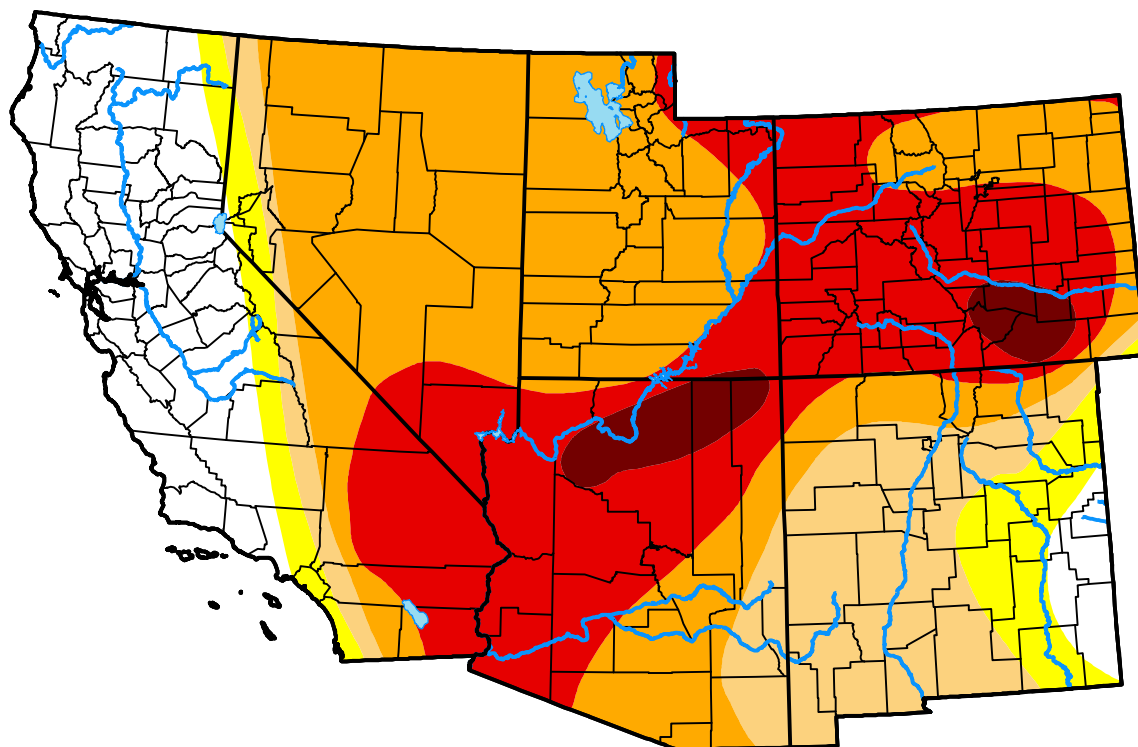


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.98	85.02	78.64	64.91	29.60	3.10
Last Week <i>12-24-2002</i>	14.14	85.86	79.96	66.20	29.81	3.10
3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	98.60	88.79	67.17	39.95	7.67
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	45.05	54.95	29.45	11.89	4.04	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	98.60	88.79	67.17	39.95	7.67
One Year Ago <i>01-01-2002</i>	45.05	54.95	29.45	11.89	4.04	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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