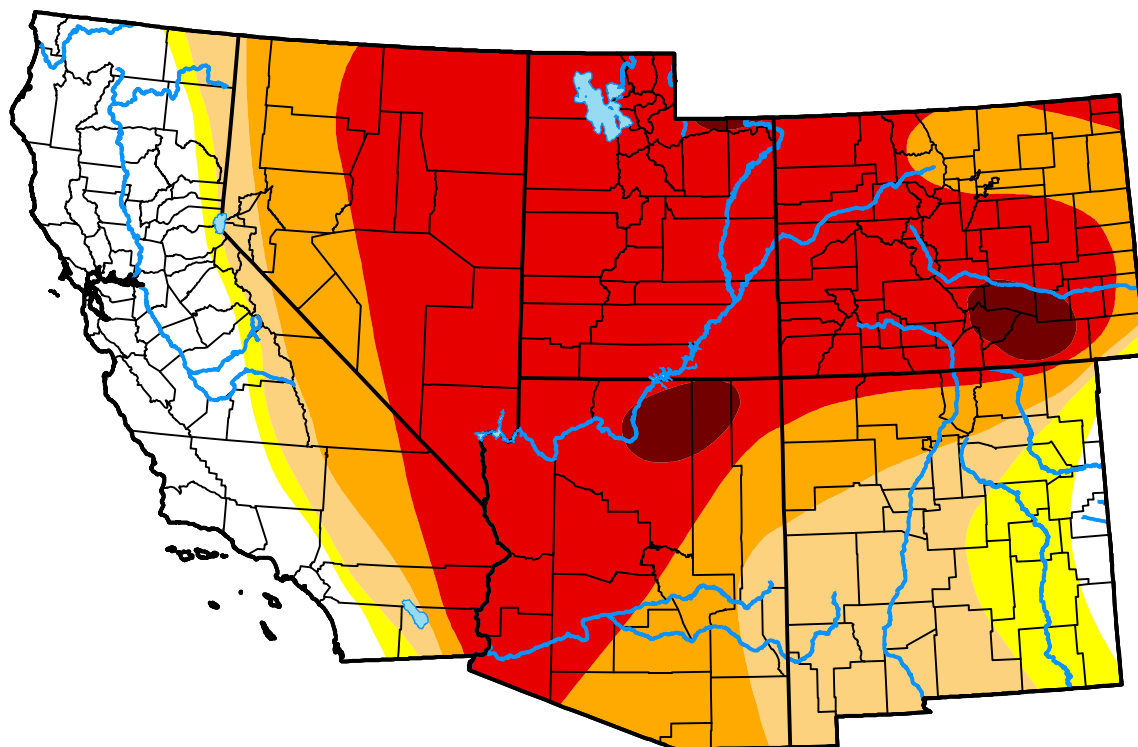


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.25	5.90	13.85	19.32	44.38	2.30
Last Week <i>02-11-2003</i>	11.04	8.28	12.96	18.73	45.83	3.16
3 Months Ago <i>11-19-2002</i>	1.27	17.87	26.66	23.84	27.28	3.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	14.98	6.37	13.73	35.31	26.51	3.10
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	9.81	21.62	27.23	32.28	7.67
One Year Ago <i>02-19-2002</i>	15.50	41.17	38.94	4.40	0.00	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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