

# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

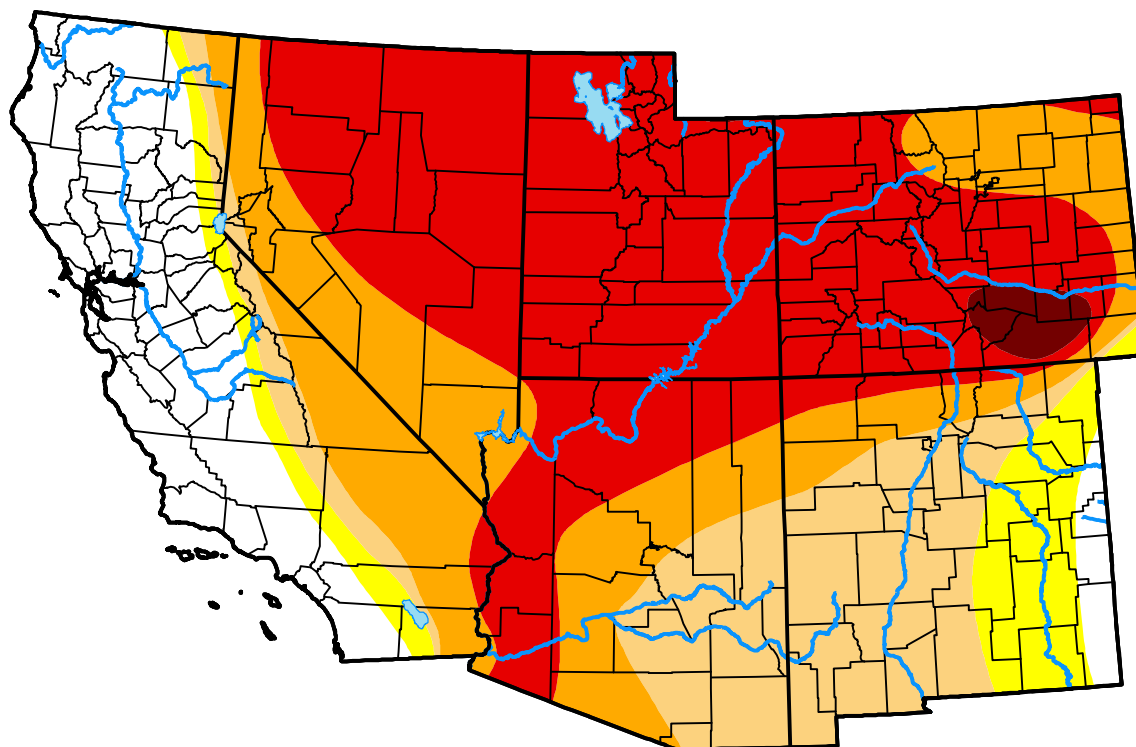
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 14.94 | 85.06 | 78.46 | 62.08 | 40.93 | 1.14 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-25-2003</i>              | 14.44 | 85.56 | 79.44 | 64.95 | 46.45 | 2.32 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-03-2002</i>           | 1.29  | 98.71 | 80.57 | 54.15 | 29.24 | 2.95 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 14.98 | 85.02 | 78.64 | 64.91 | 29.60 | 3.10 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 1.40  | 98.60 | 88.79 | 67.17 | 39.95 | 7.67 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-05-2002</i>           | 12.43 | 87.57 | 43.36 | 3.91  | 0.00  | 0.00 |



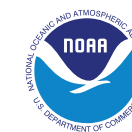
## Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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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