

U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

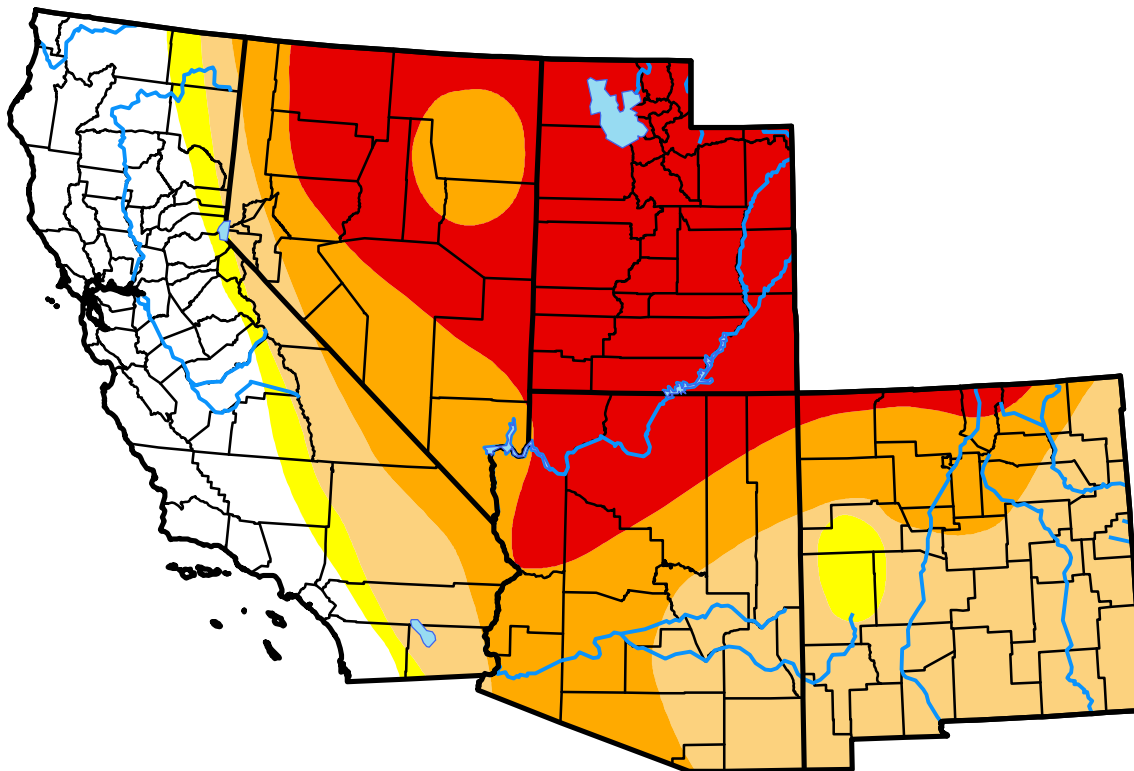
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.76	84.24	80.16	54.19	29.72	0.01
Last Week <i>04-29-2003</i>	15.94	84.06	77.78	53.71	29.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-04-2003</i>	13.55	86.45	74.82	59.19	43.44	2.48
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	17.63	82.37	74.93	58.89	21.98	2.40
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.64	98.36	86.81	61.38	32.82	4.58
One Year Ago <i>05-07-2002</i>	15.18	84.82	72.47	57.62	15.84	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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