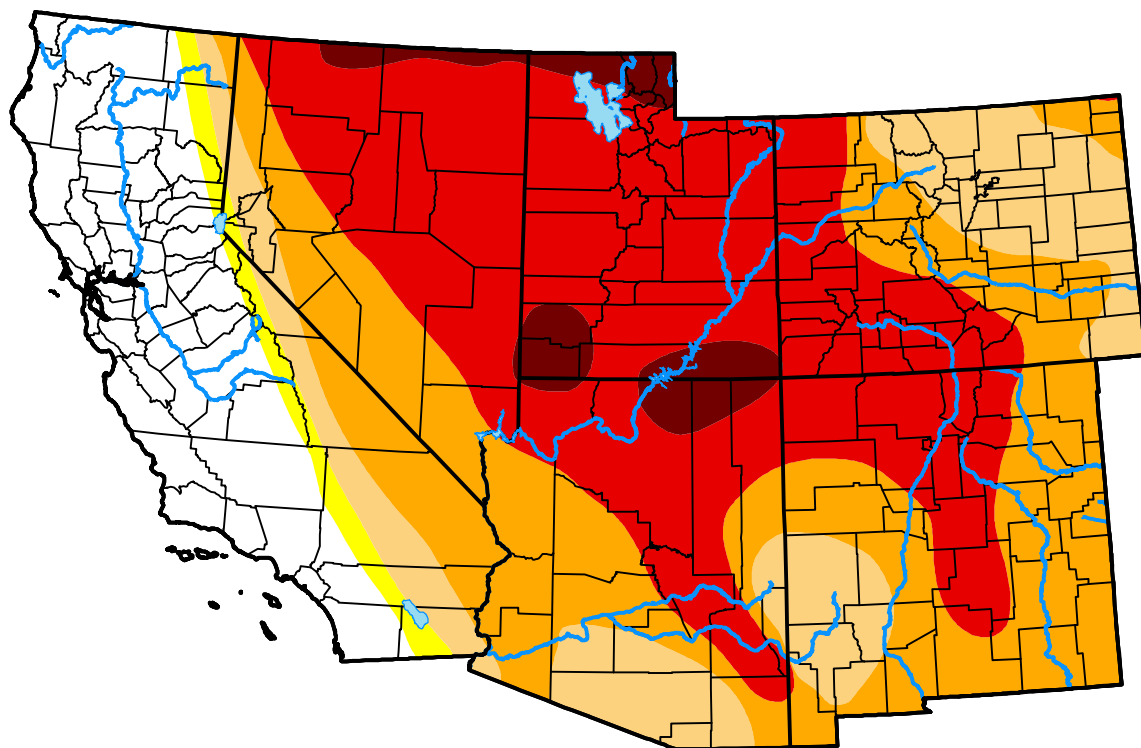


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.24	84.76	82.56	68.26	40.46	3.82
Last Week <i>08-12-2003</i>	14.58	85.42	82.68	67.12	41.17	3.64
3 Months Ago <i>05-20-2003</i>	14.63	85.37	79.35	65.52	34.95	0.64
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	14.98	85.02	78.64	64.91	29.60	3.10
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>08-20-2002</i>	1.14	98.86	88.44	67.87	46.89	11.39

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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