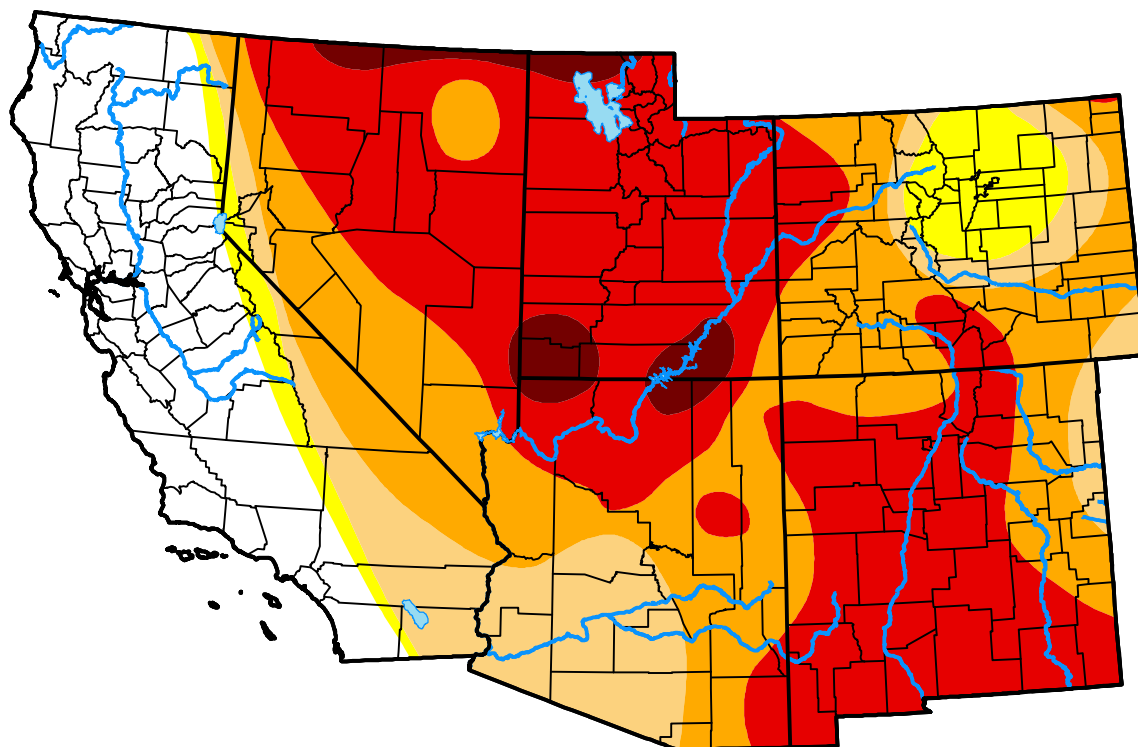


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.26	84.74	79.61	67.38	40.77	2.96
Last Week <i>09-16-2003</i>	15.34	84.66	79.42	67.23	40.72	2.96
3 Months Ago <i>06-24-2003</i>	18.71	81.29	76.11	61.72	36.64	2.08
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>09-24-2002</i>	1.25	98.75	89.99	69.86	41.44	8.58

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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