

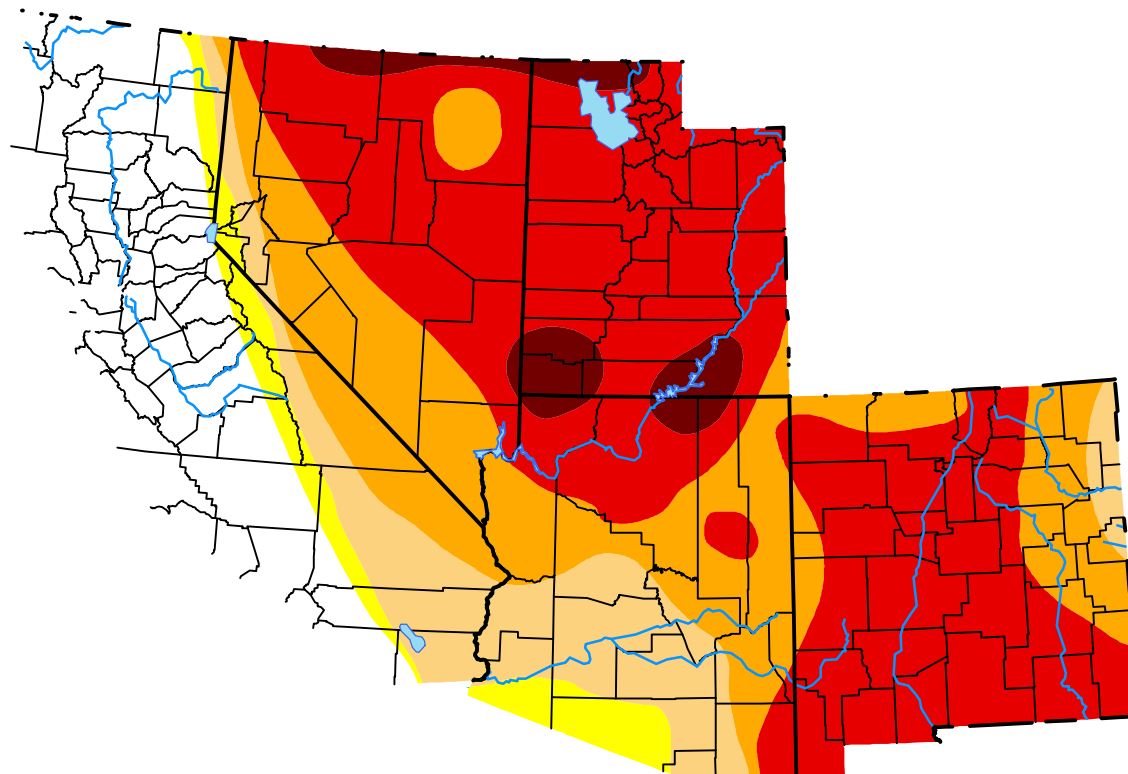
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
Last Week <i>09-25-2003</i>	18.18	81.82	79.49	68.03	45.01	3.44
3 Months Ago <i>07-03-2003</i>	17.10	82.90	77.02	64.46	36.89	2.23
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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