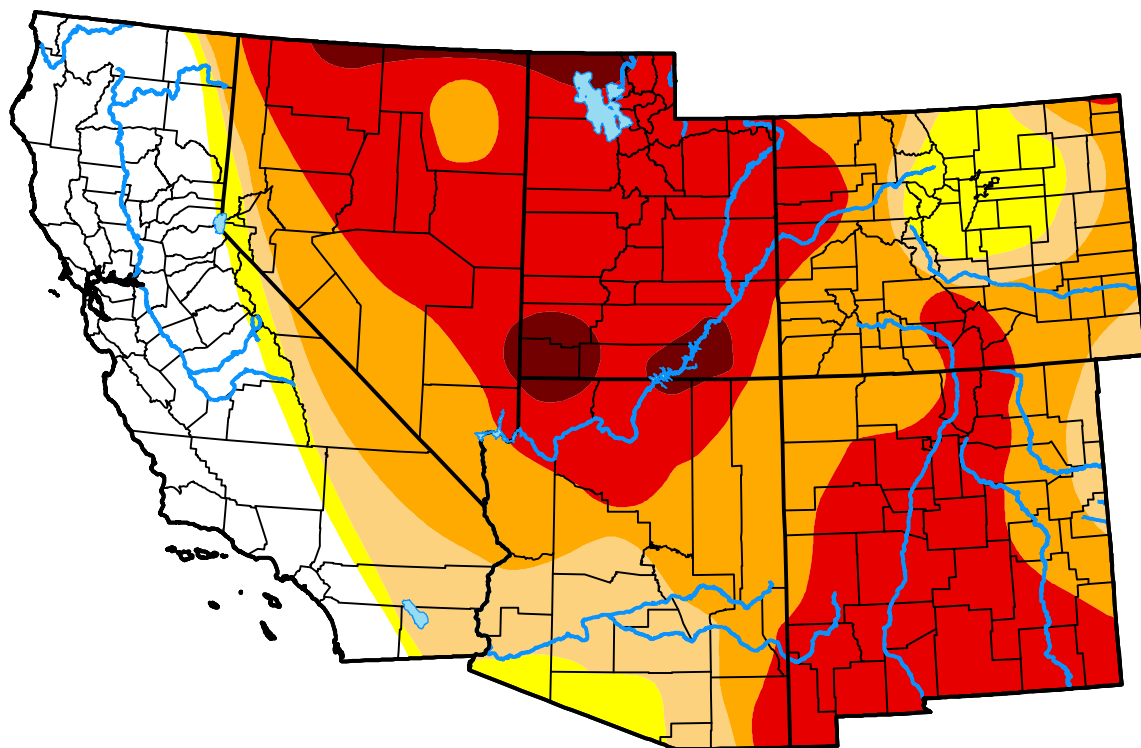


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.26	84.74	78.24	66.78	39.14	2.81
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	15.51	84.49	77.83	65.78	40.36	3.02
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	17.62	82.38	75.20	63.38	37.43	2.14
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>09-30-2003</i>	15.51	84.49	77.83	65.78	40.36	3.02
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	0.00	100.00	93.21	62.12	35.56	3.80

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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