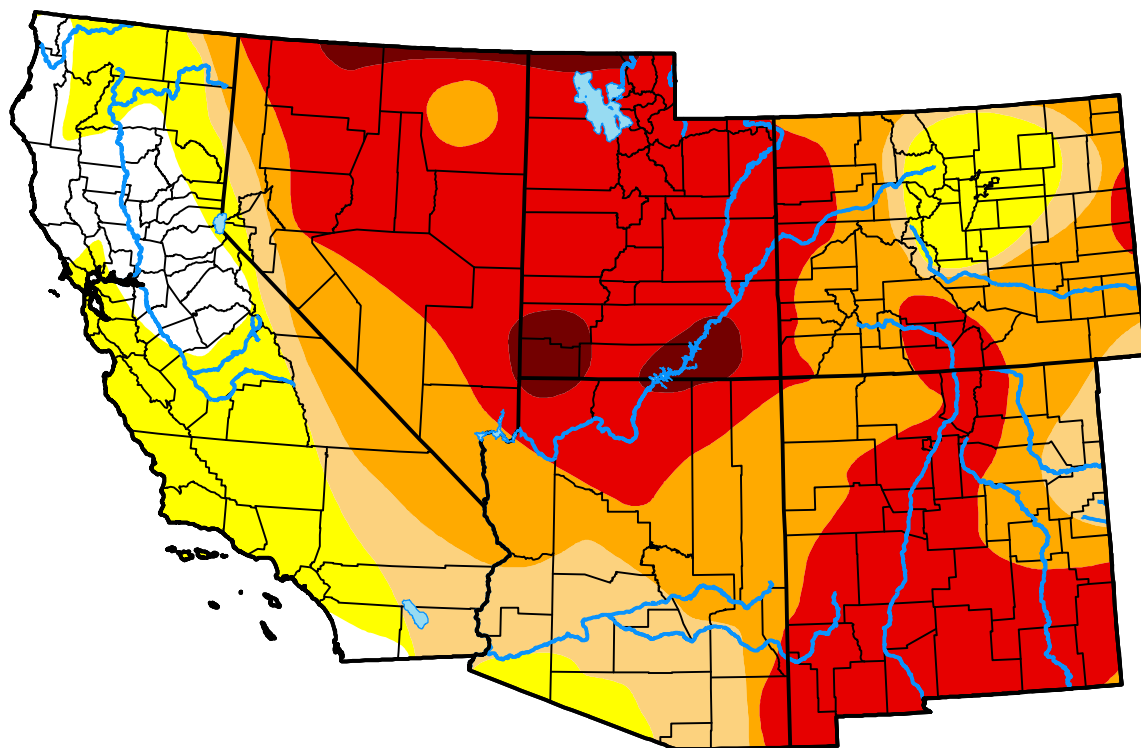


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 6.11  | 15.02 | 12.03 | 26.78 | 37.47 | 2.60 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-14-2003</i>                  | 6.44  | 15.88 | 11.37 | 24.59 | 38.92 | 2.79 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-22-2003</i>               | 14.36 | 5.57  | 13.52 | 24.08 | 38.87 | 3.60 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 14.98 | 6.37  | 13.73 | 35.31 | 26.51 | 3.10 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 15.51 | 6.66  | 12.05 | 25.42 | 37.34 | 3.02 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-22-2002</i>               | 0.00  | 6.54  | 31.34 | 25.95 | 32.40 | 3.77 |

## 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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