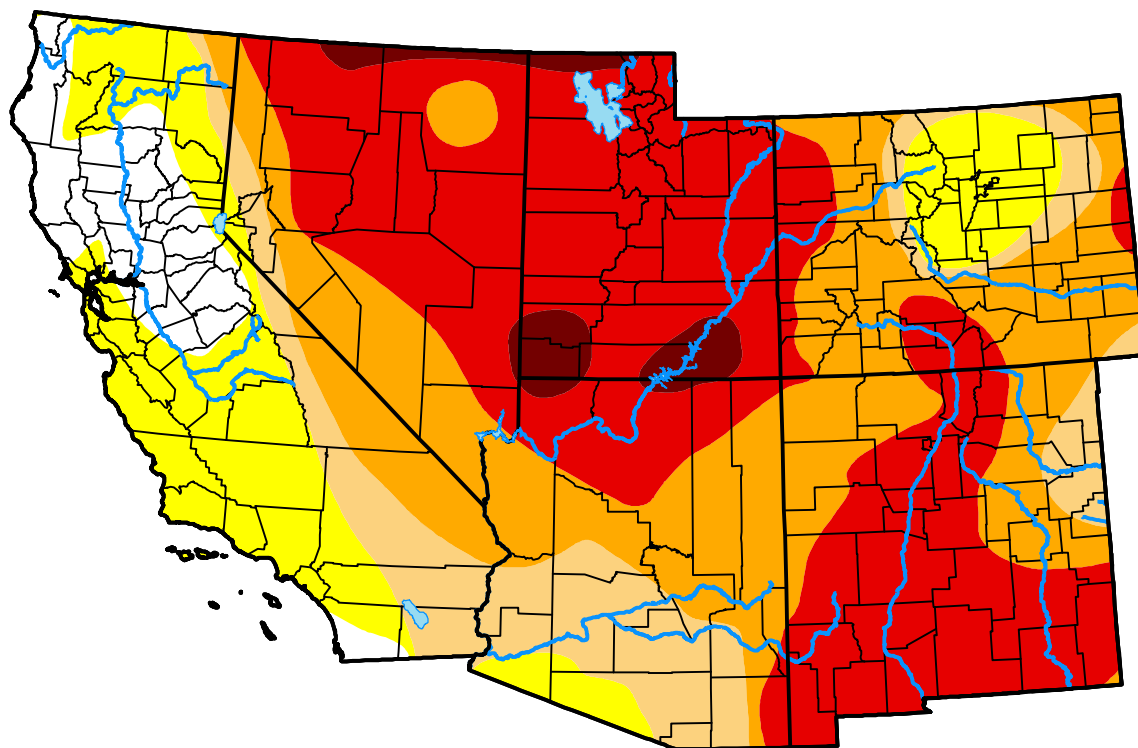


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.11	93.89	78.88	66.85	40.06	2.60
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	6.44	93.56	77.67	66.30	41.71	2.79
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	14.36	85.64	80.07	66.55	42.47	3.60
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>10-22-2002</i>	0.00	100.00	93.46	62.12	36.17	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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