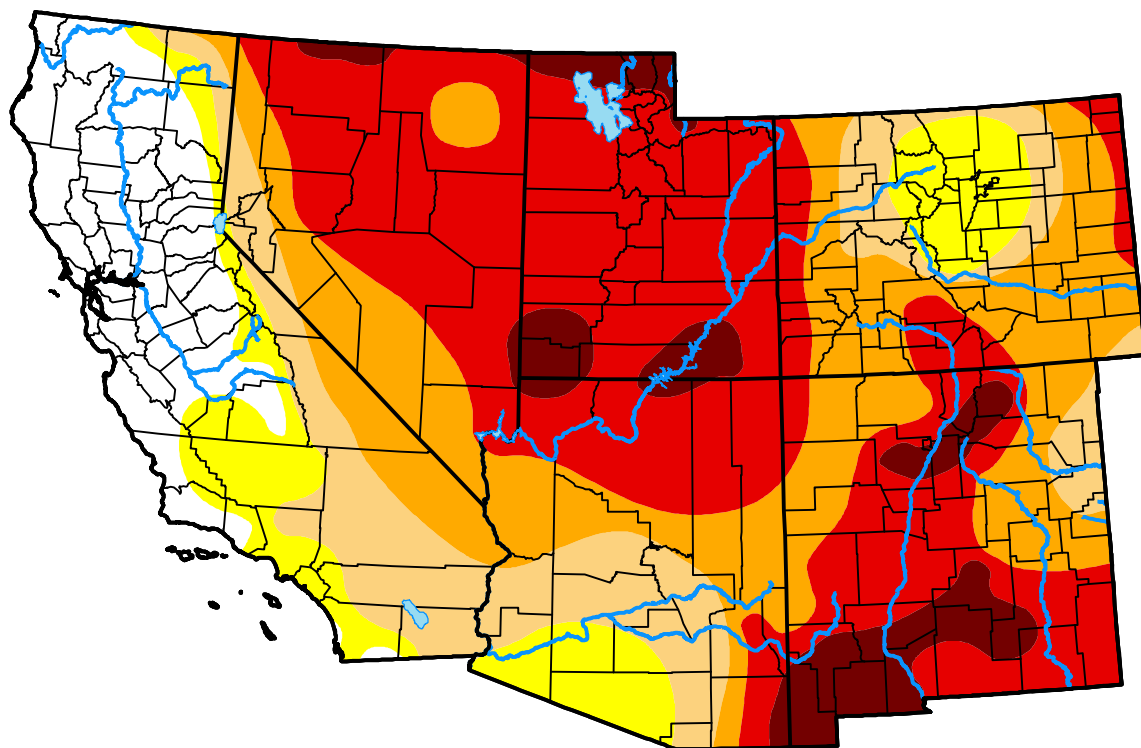


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.91	89.09	79.29	65.64	42.69	7.11
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.16	88.84	78.58	64.56	41.82	5.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	15.26	84.74	79.61	67.38	40.77	2.96
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>12-24-2002</i>	14.14	85.86	79.96	66.20	29.81	3.10

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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