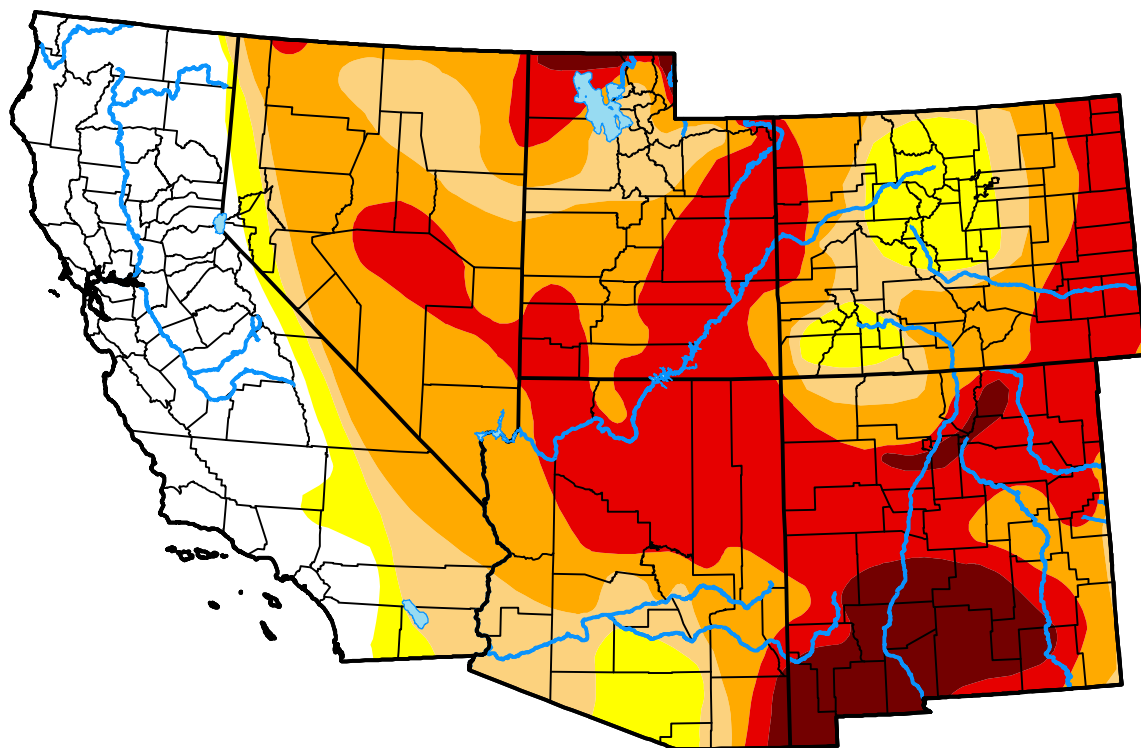


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.09	8.05	13.62	28.40	26.99	5.85
Last Week <i>03-09-2004</i>	17.09	8.05	13.53	28.47	27.01	5.85
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.16	10.26	14.03	22.74	36.45	5.37
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	15.48	9.47	8.77	29.56	29.89	6.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	15.51	6.66	12.05	25.42	37.34	3.02
One Year Ago <i>03-18-2003</i>	11.75	9.04	19.67	20.78	37.65	1.12

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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