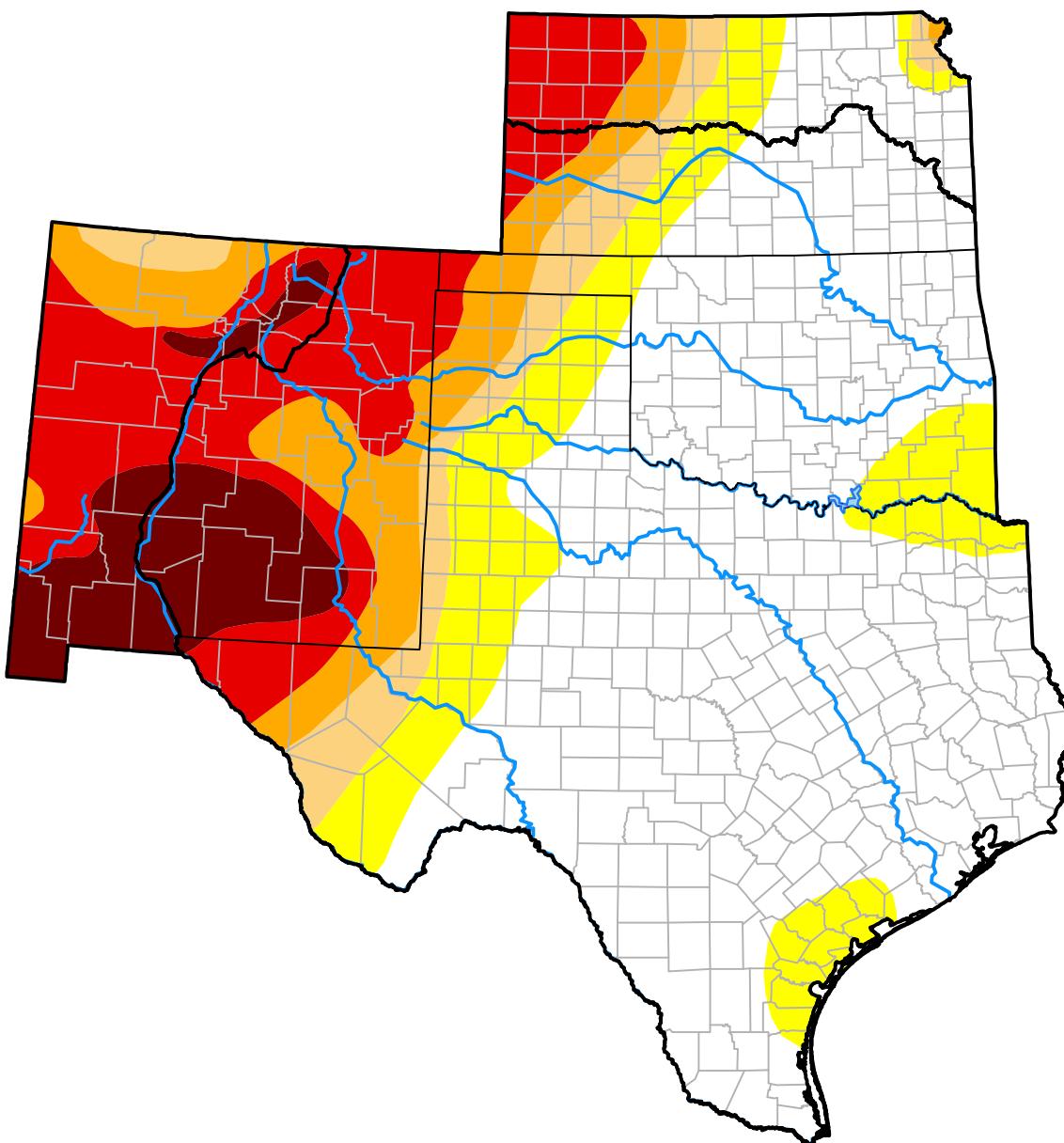


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.21	46.79	34.45	29.84	21.82	8.18
Last Week 03-18-2004	54.17	45.83	34.45	29.84	22.49	8.18
3 Months Ago 12-24-2003	31.13	68.87	52.97	36.83	21.81	5.94
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	31.46	68.54	52.74	40.71	25.50	6.09
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	37.43	62.57	40.59	32.21	21.07	0.00
One Year Ago 03-27-2003	52.35	47.65	19.83	4.49	0.34	0.00

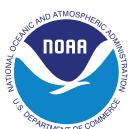
Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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