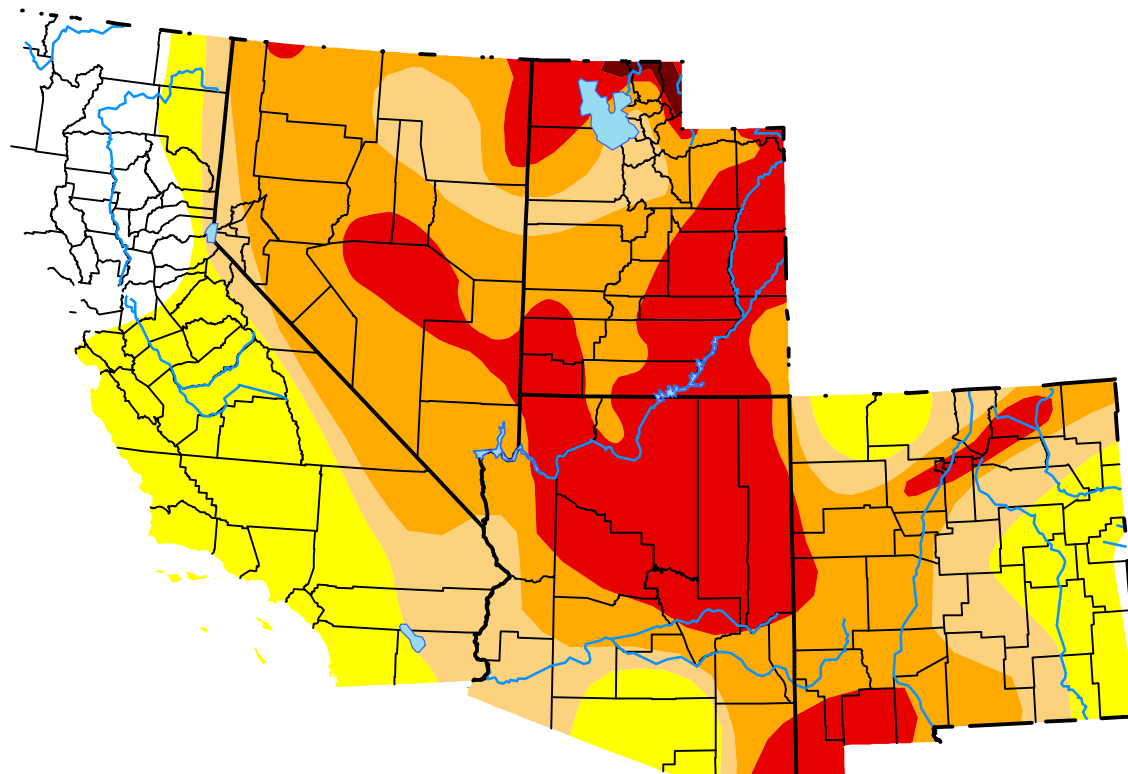


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.09	20.04	16.71	32.21	21.66	0.28
Last Week <i>04-22-2004</i>	9.51	19.63	17.64	31.27	21.66	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>01-29-2004</i>	18.95	8.52	7.41	25.03	30.29	9.80
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago <i>05-01-2003</i>	16.02	6.66	24.18	24.00	29.15	0.00

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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