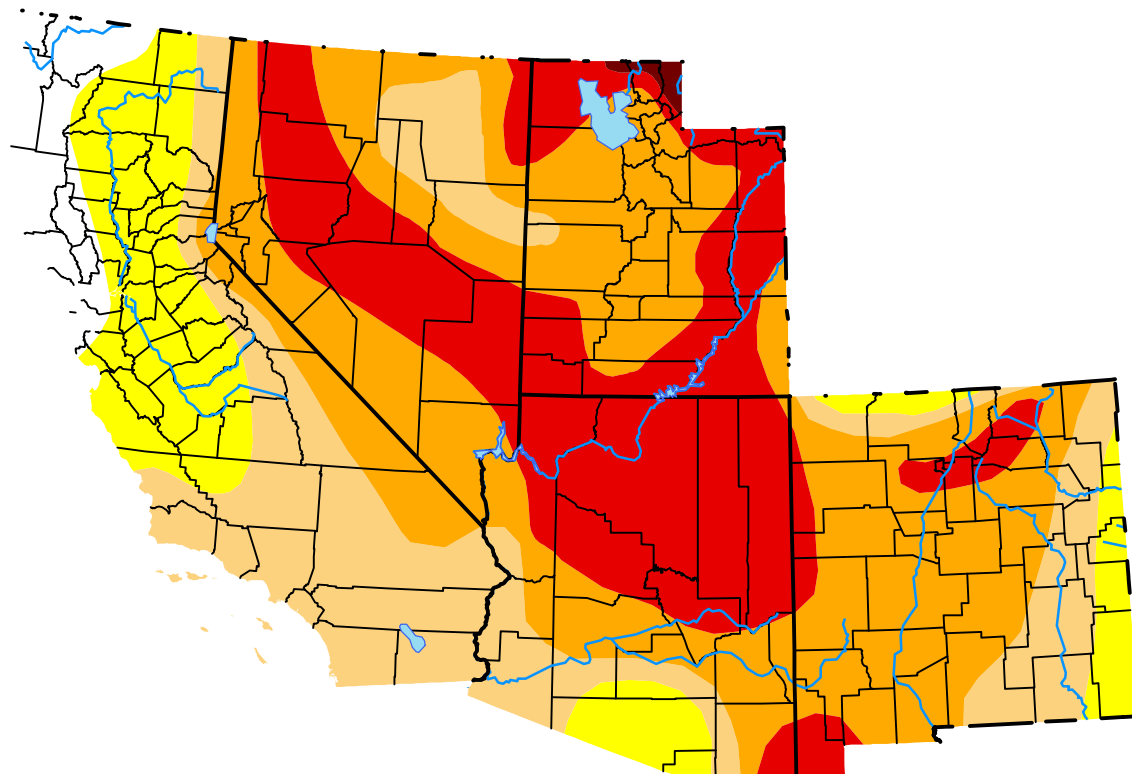


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.99	12.68	21.09	35.21	25.74	0.28
Last Week 07-15-2004	4.99	12.69	21.77	34.52	25.74	0.28
3 Months Ago 04-22-2004	9.51	19.63	17.64	31.27	21.66	0.28
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago 07-24-2003	16.82	4.58	11.87	23.67	38.99	4.07

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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