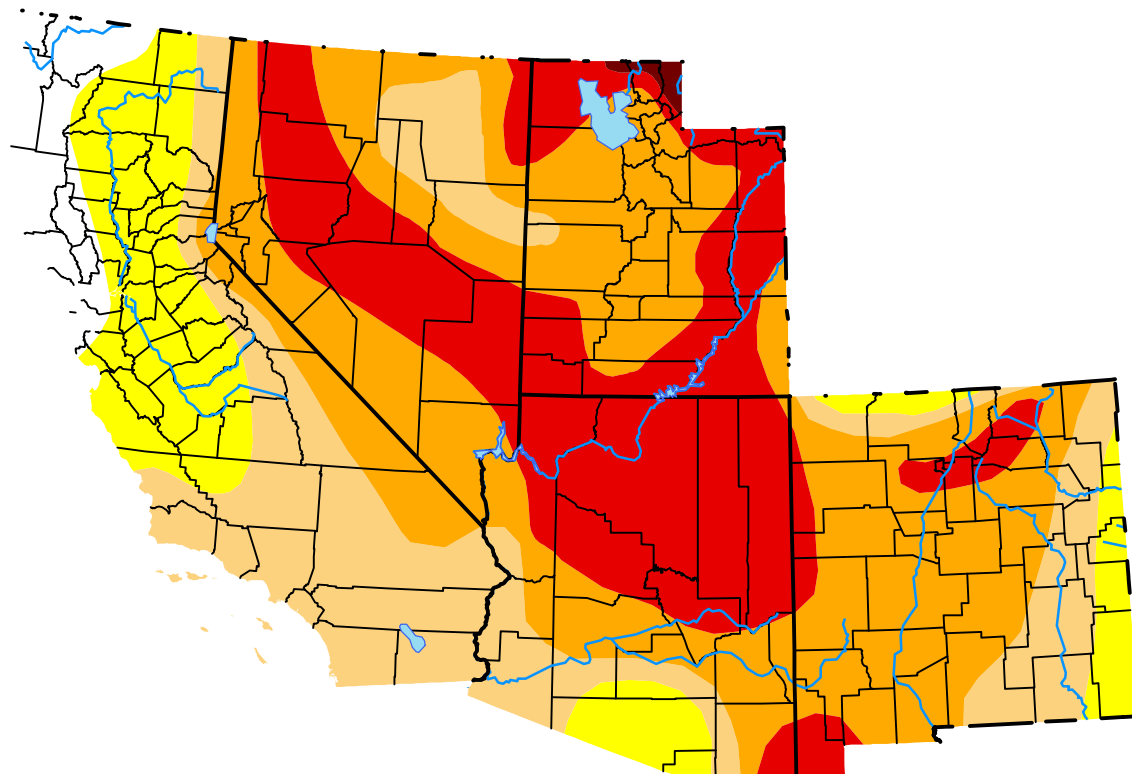


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.99	95.01	82.33	61.23	26.02	0.28
Last Week <i>07-15-2004</i>	4.99	95.01	82.32	60.54	26.02	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>04-22-2004</i>	9.51	90.49	70.86	53.22	21.95	0.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>07-24-2003</i>	16.82	83.18	78.59	66.72	43.05	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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