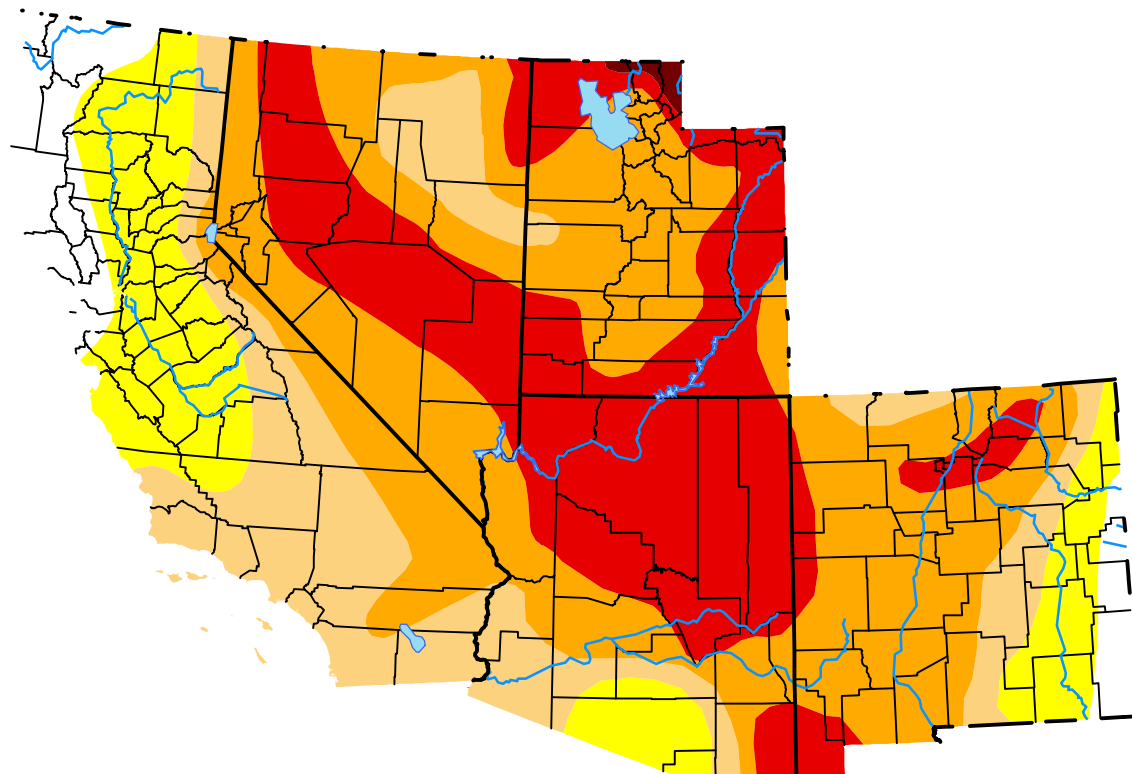


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.52	13.61	17.83	35.33	26.44	0.28
Last Week 07-29-2004	6.47	13.76	18.26	34.79	26.44	0.28
3 Months Ago 05-06-2004	5.79	17.12	22.46	32.57	21.78	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 08-07-2003	17.23	3.07	13.34	25.44	36.45	4.47

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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