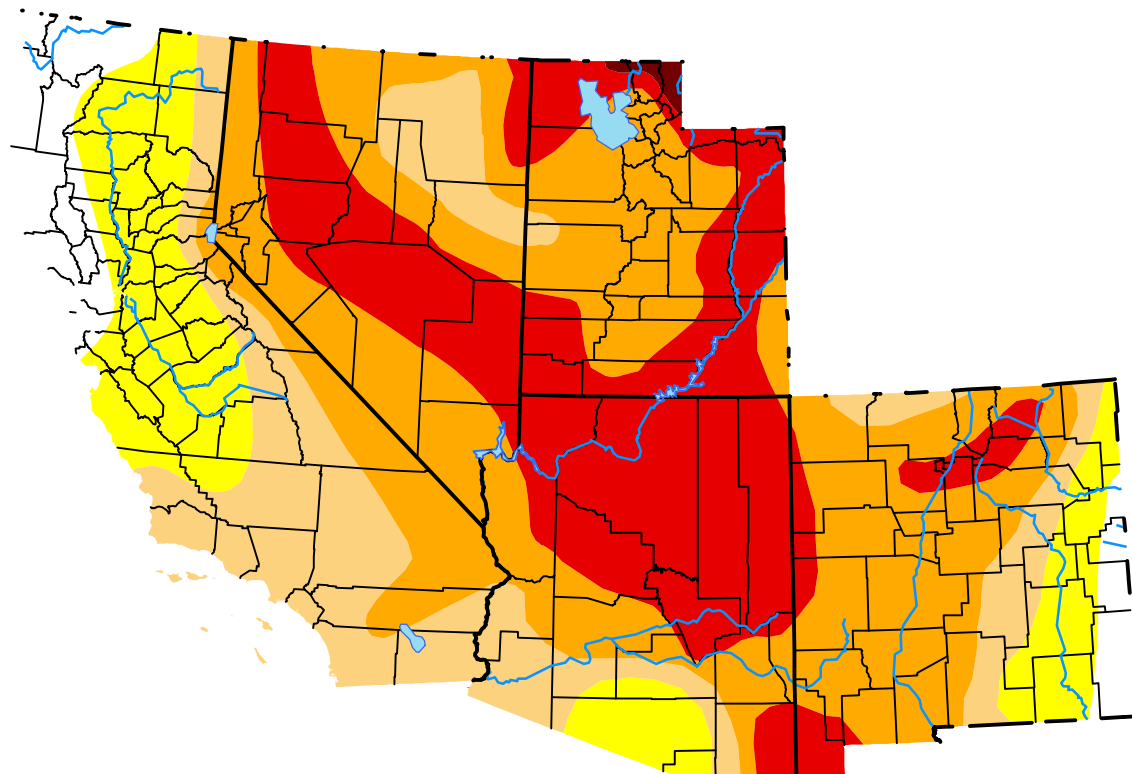


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.52	93.48	79.87	62.04	26.71	0.28
Last Week 07-29-2004	6.47	93.53	79.76	61.51	26.71	0.28
3 Months Ago 05-06-2004	5.79	94.21	77.08	54.63	22.06	0.28
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago 08-07-2003	17.23	82.77	79.70	66.36	40.92	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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