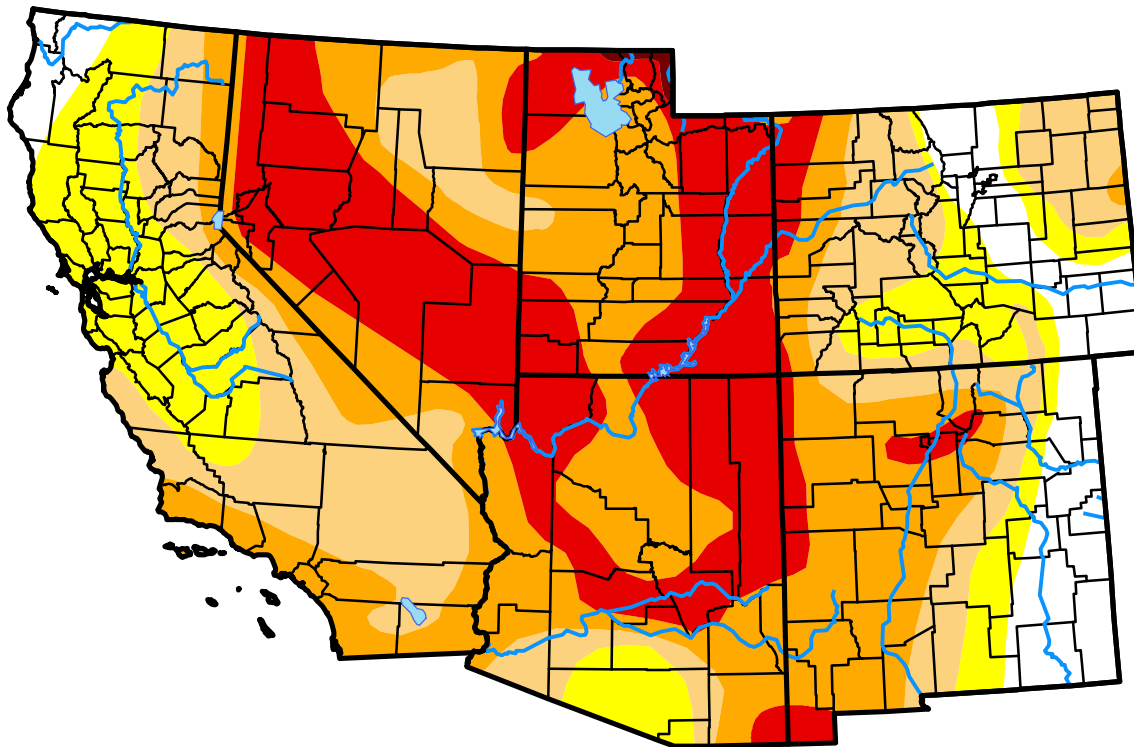


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.47	14.54	21.75	31.18	23.87	0.18
Last Week <i>09-28-2004</i>	7.43	15.49	21.83	31.19	23.87	0.18
3 Months Ago <i>07-06-2004</i>	3.38	14.41	27.29	32.59	22.10	0.24
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	15.48	9.47	8.77	29.56	29.89	6.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	7.43	15.49	21.83	31.19	23.87	0.18
One Year Ago <i>10-07-2003</i>	15.26	6.50	11.46	27.64	36.33	2.81

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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