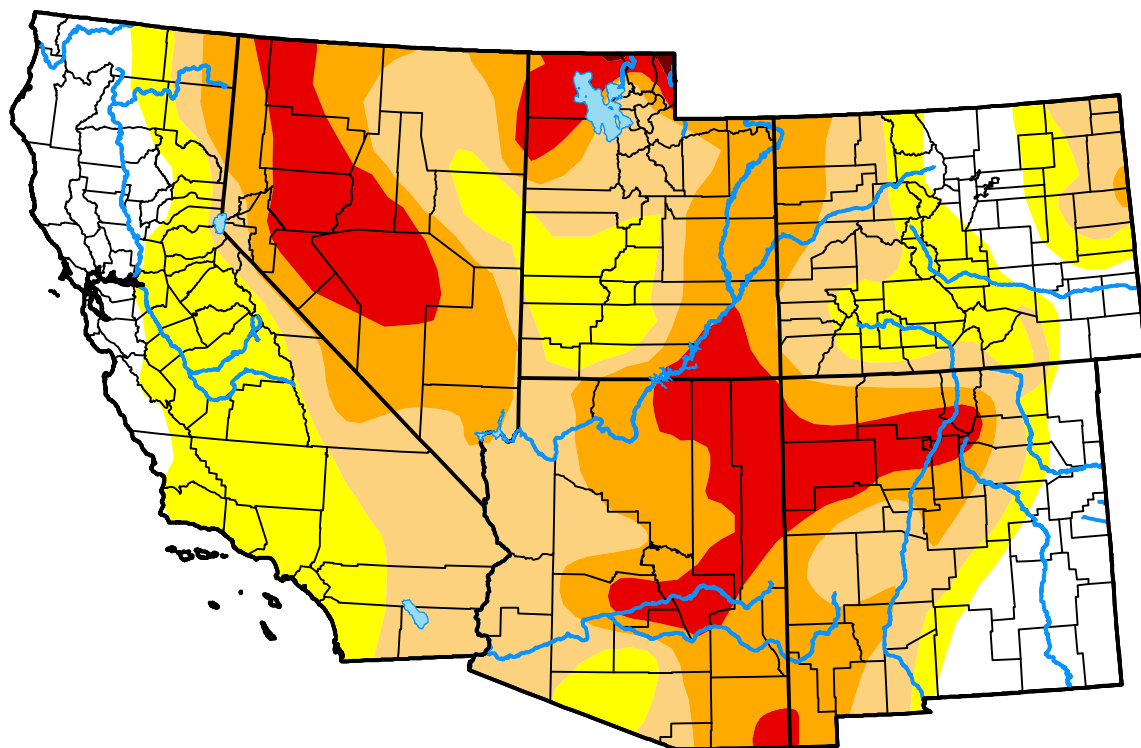


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.03	21.34	27.67	23.41	12.46	0.09
Last Week <i>11-30-2004</i>	14.99	21.21	26.87	24.38	12.46	0.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-07-2004</i>	6.65	15.81	22.06	28.98	26.30	0.20
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>12-09-2003</i>	10.83	10.89	14.58	22.60	35.82	5.28

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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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