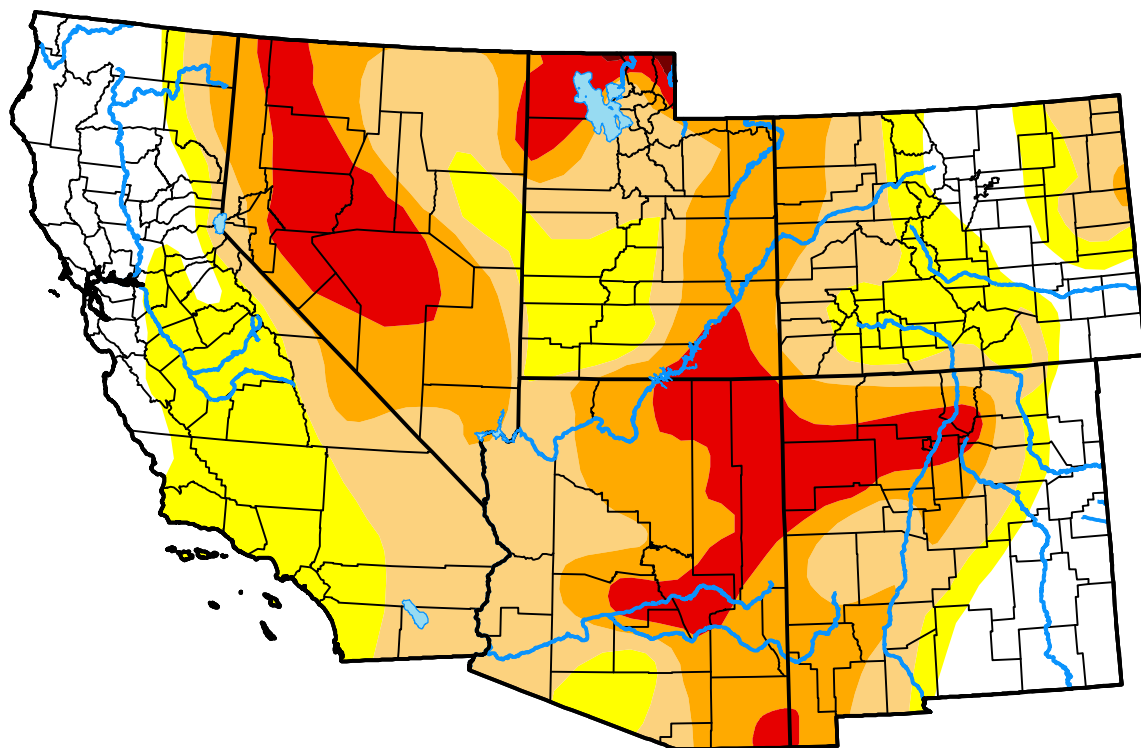


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.31	20.28	28.09	22.80	12.43	0.09
Last Week <i>12-07-2004</i>	15.03	21.34	27.67	23.41	12.46	0.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-14-2004</i>	6.31	16.08	22.36	28.75	26.32	0.18
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>12-16-2003</i>	11.16	10.26	14.03	22.74	36.45	5.37

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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