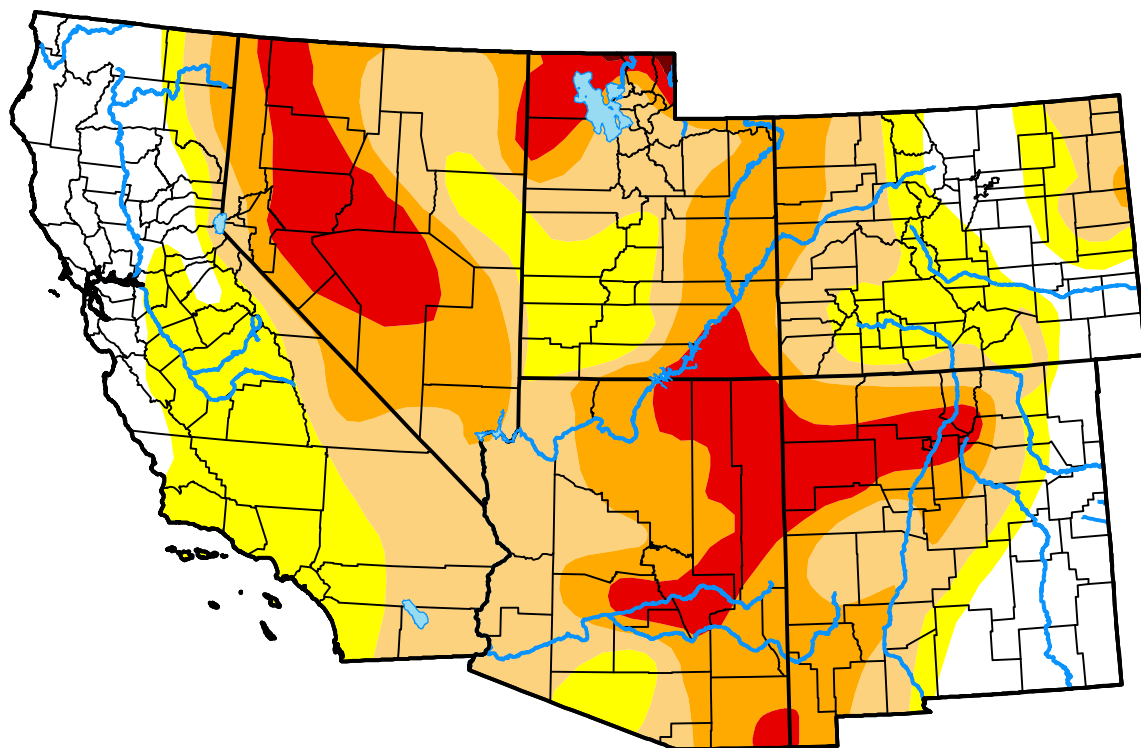


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.31	20.38	28.10	22.71	12.41	0.09
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	16.31	20.28	28.09	22.80	12.43	0.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	6.33	16.30	22.12	31.19	23.87	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>12-23-2003</i>	10.91	9.80	13.65	22.95	35.58	7.11

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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