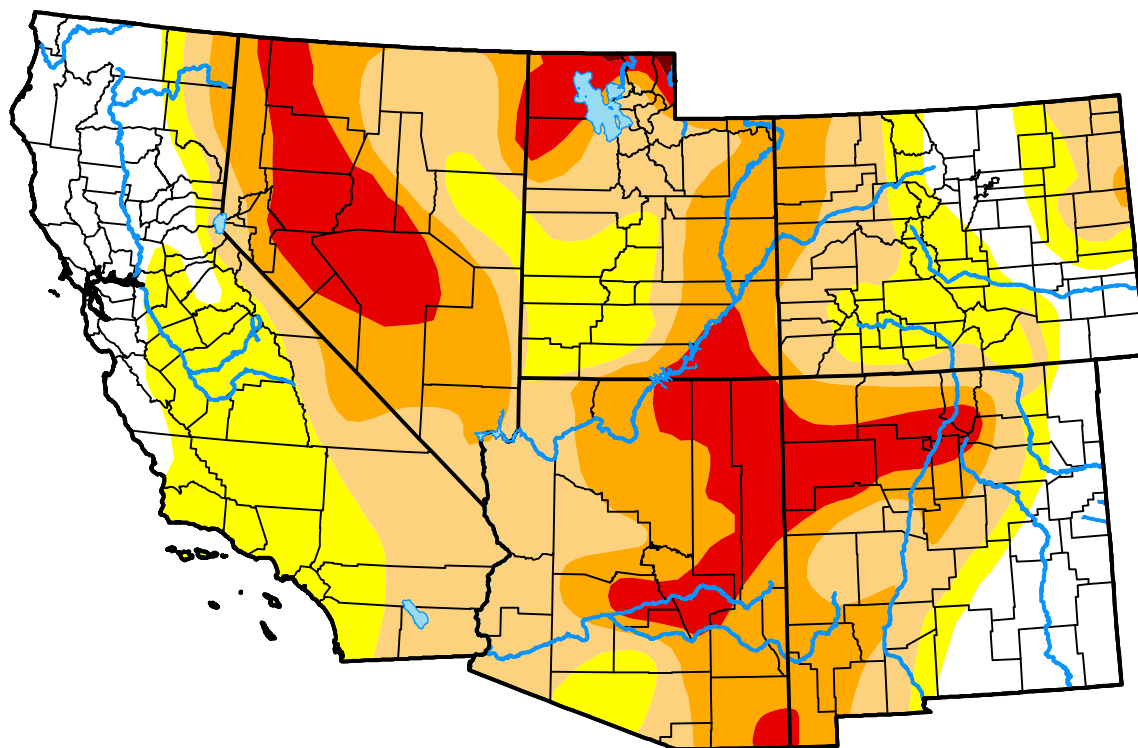


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.31	83.69	63.31	35.21	12.50	0.09
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	16.31	83.69	63.41	35.32	12.52	0.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	6.33	93.67	77.37	55.25	24.06	0.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	15.48	84.52	75.05	66.28	36.72	6.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	7.43	92.57	77.08	55.25	24.06	0.18
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	10.91	89.09	79.29	65.64	42.69	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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