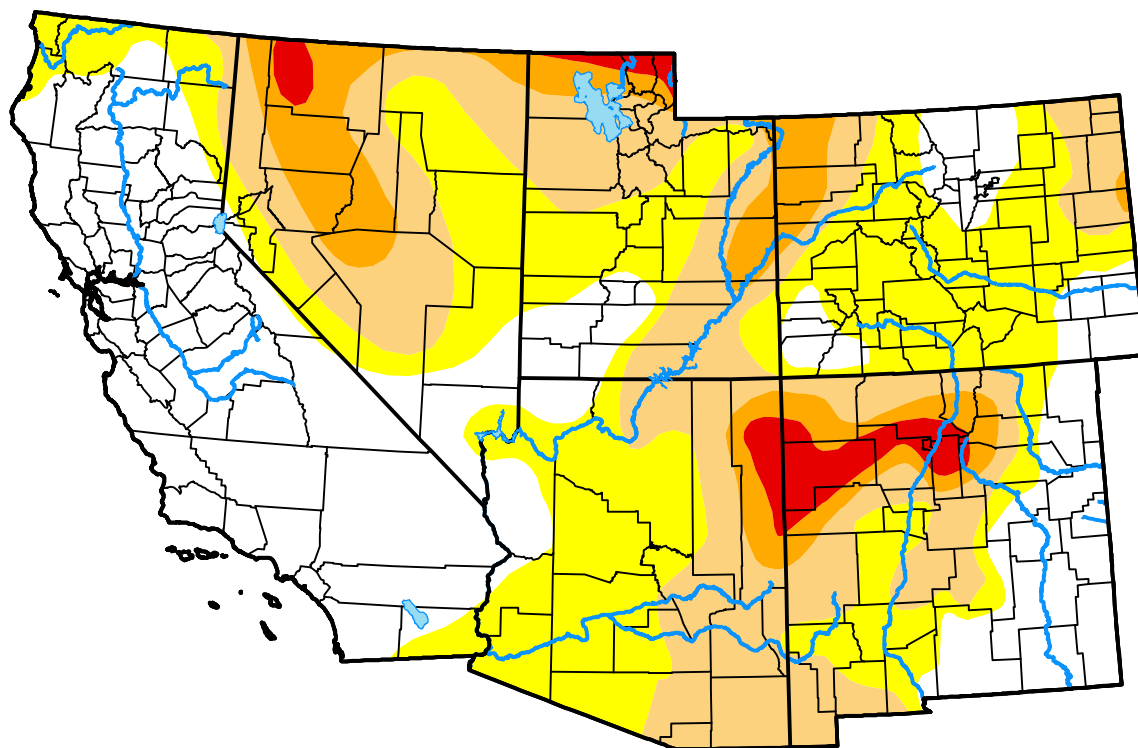


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	34.32	30.98	23.93	8.14	2.62	0.01
Last Week <i>02-15-2005</i>	34.68	29.71	23.80	9.19	2.62	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>11-23-2004</i>	14.41	17.14	27.74	22.90	17.73	0.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	24.71	18.44	27.42	19.34	10.00	0.09
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>02-24-2004</i>	16.31	8.89	9.59	27.41	29.36	8.44

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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