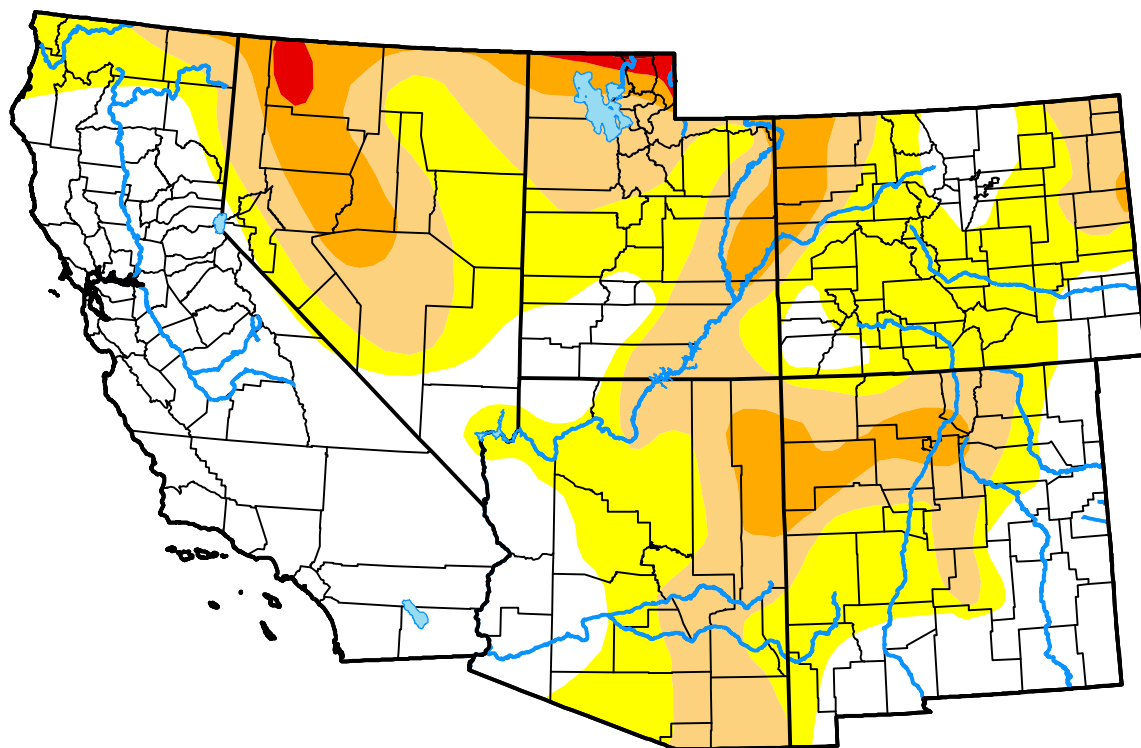


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.36	61.64	31.52	9.01	0.68	0.03
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	38.85	61.15	31.30	9.41	1.08	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	16.31	83.69	63.41	35.32	12.52	0.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	24.71	75.29	56.86	29.43	10.09	0.09
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>03-16-2004</i>	17.09	82.91	74.86	61.24	32.84	5.85

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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