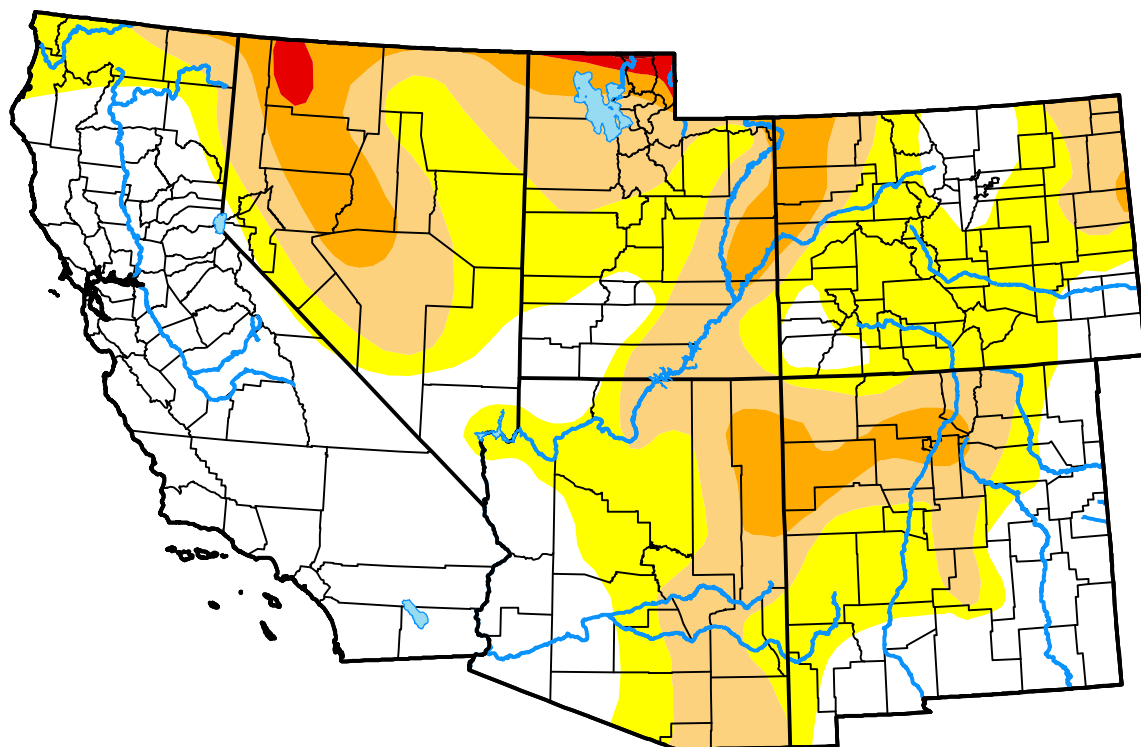


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.95	29.54	22.51	8.33	0.65	0.03
Last Week <i>03-15-2005</i>	38.36	30.12	22.51	8.33	0.65	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	16.31	20.38	28.10	22.71	12.41	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>03-23-2004</i>	17.09	5.20	16.04	28.17	27.65	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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