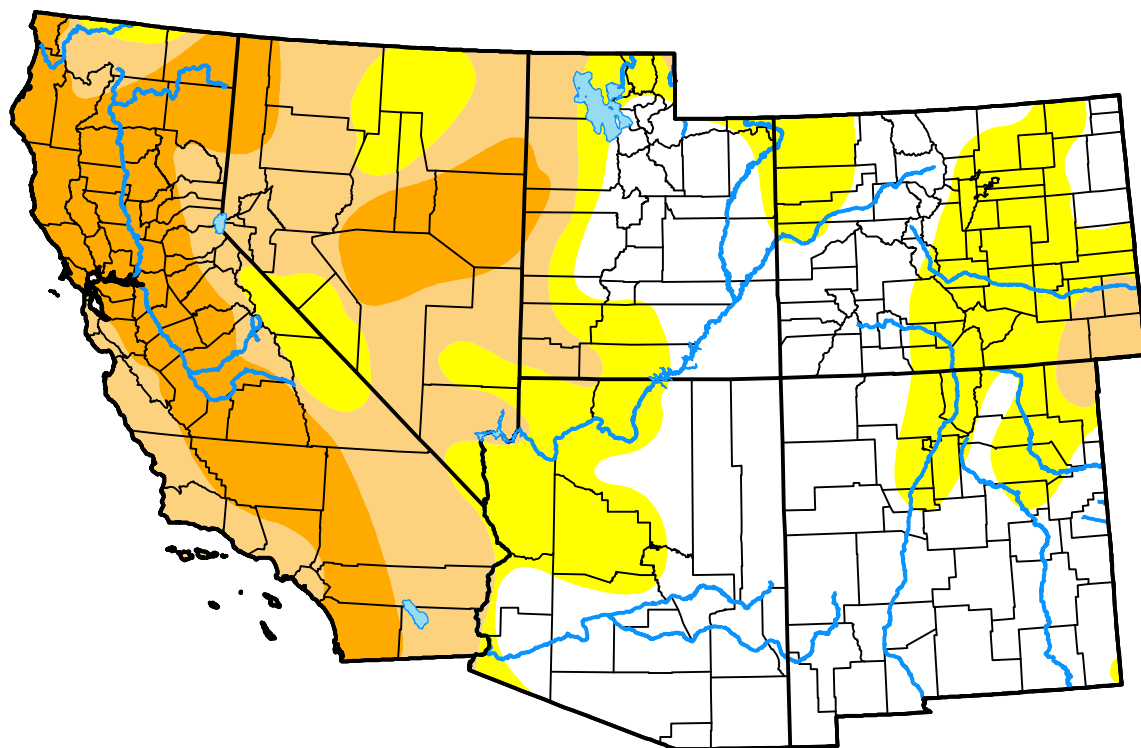


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.33	23.85	20.82	17.01	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-14-2008</i>	41.68	21.74	20.66	15.92	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2008</i>	34.50	25.90	31.43	7.44	0.61	0.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	26.18	19.15	15.73	34.26	4.68	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	39.88	21.58	22.11	15.96	0.47	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2007</i>	29.66	13.03	13.42	30.14	13.75	0.00

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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