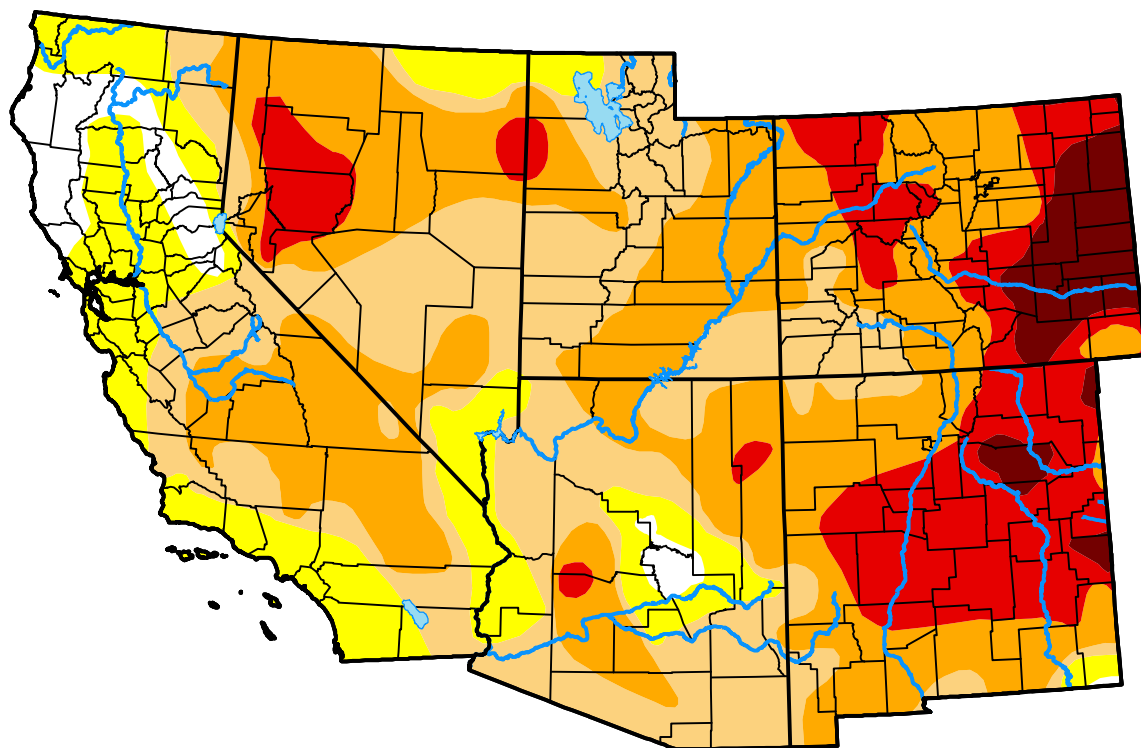


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	3.47	96.53	82.45	54.05	18.45	3.93
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-12-2013</i>	4.11	95.89	81.97	54.05	18.44	3.93
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-18-2012</i>	7.06	92.94	88.52	61.68	21.70	2.20
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2013</i>	7.24	92.76	88.32	60.18	20.29	2.20
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	2.72	97.28	92.90	55.44	19.65	2.65
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-20-2012</i>	8.61	91.39	76.41	38.72	5.81	1.60

**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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