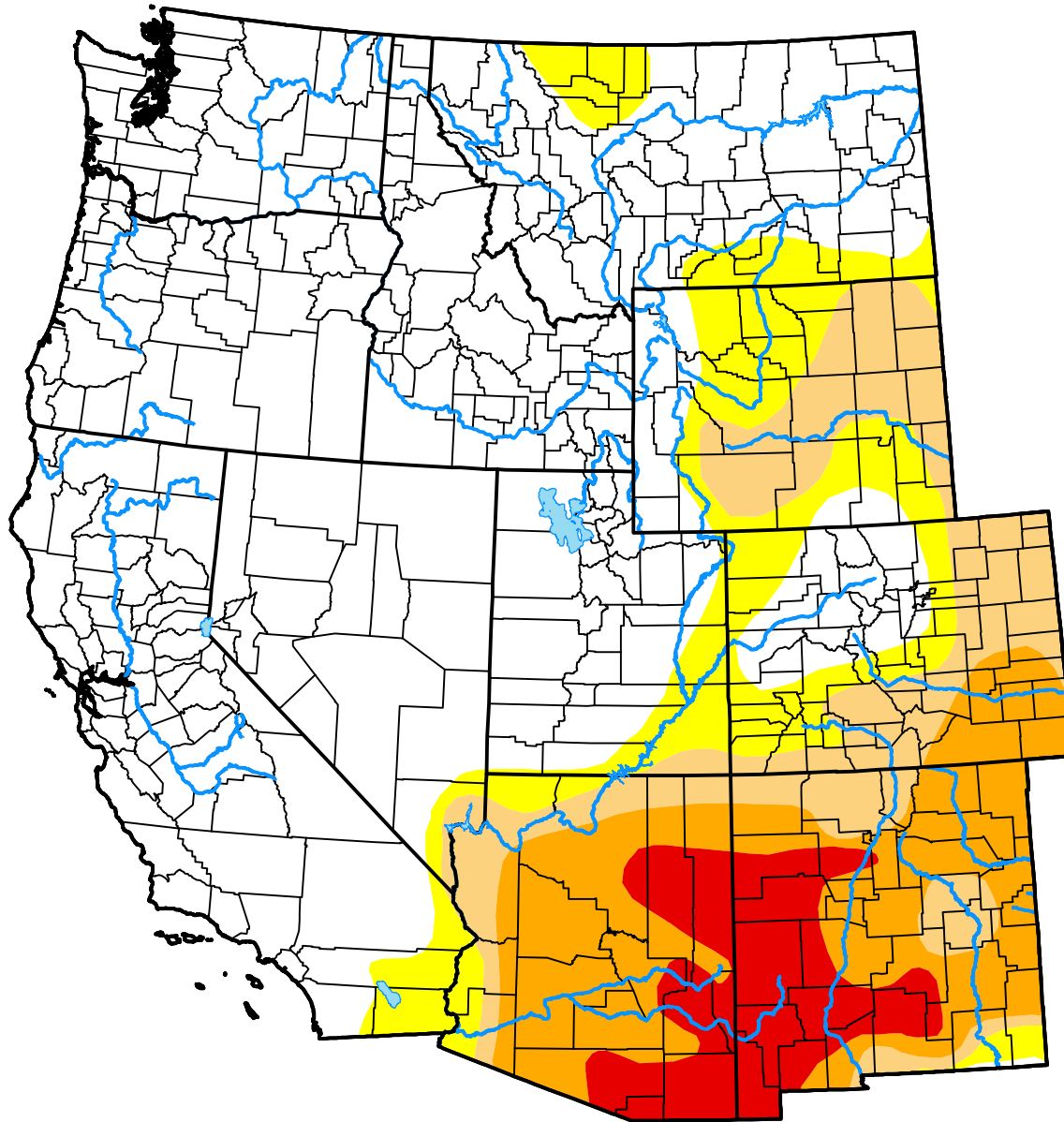


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.70	37.30	26.78	16.75	5.81	0.00
Last Week <i>04-11-2006</i>	62.86	37.14	26.55	15.94	4.96	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2006</i>	61.20	38.80	18.61	2.19	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	42.41	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	54.27	30.88	11.63	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-19-2005</i>	38.71	61.29	46.41	30.44	13.72	3.64

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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