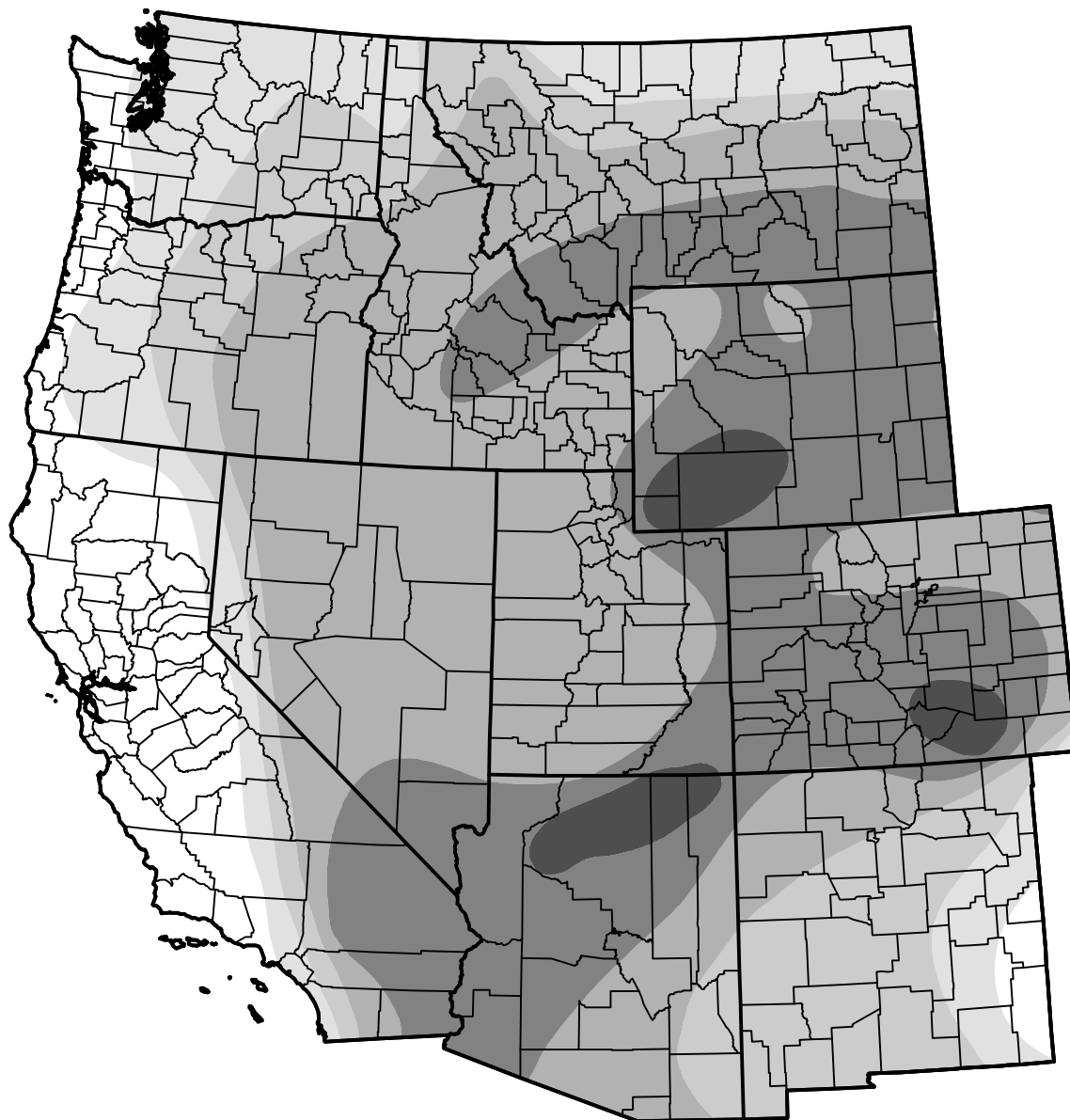


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.00	11.23	14.39	35.03	26.41	2.94
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	8.10	12.64	14.62	35.38	26.31	2.96
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	6.99	13.30	17.34	25.37	30.19	6.81
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.08	18.52	15.51	21.80	15.10	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	17.07	17.94	24.43	29.15	6.23
One Year Ago <i>12-25-2001</i>	28.26	18.31	15.63	22.74	15.06	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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