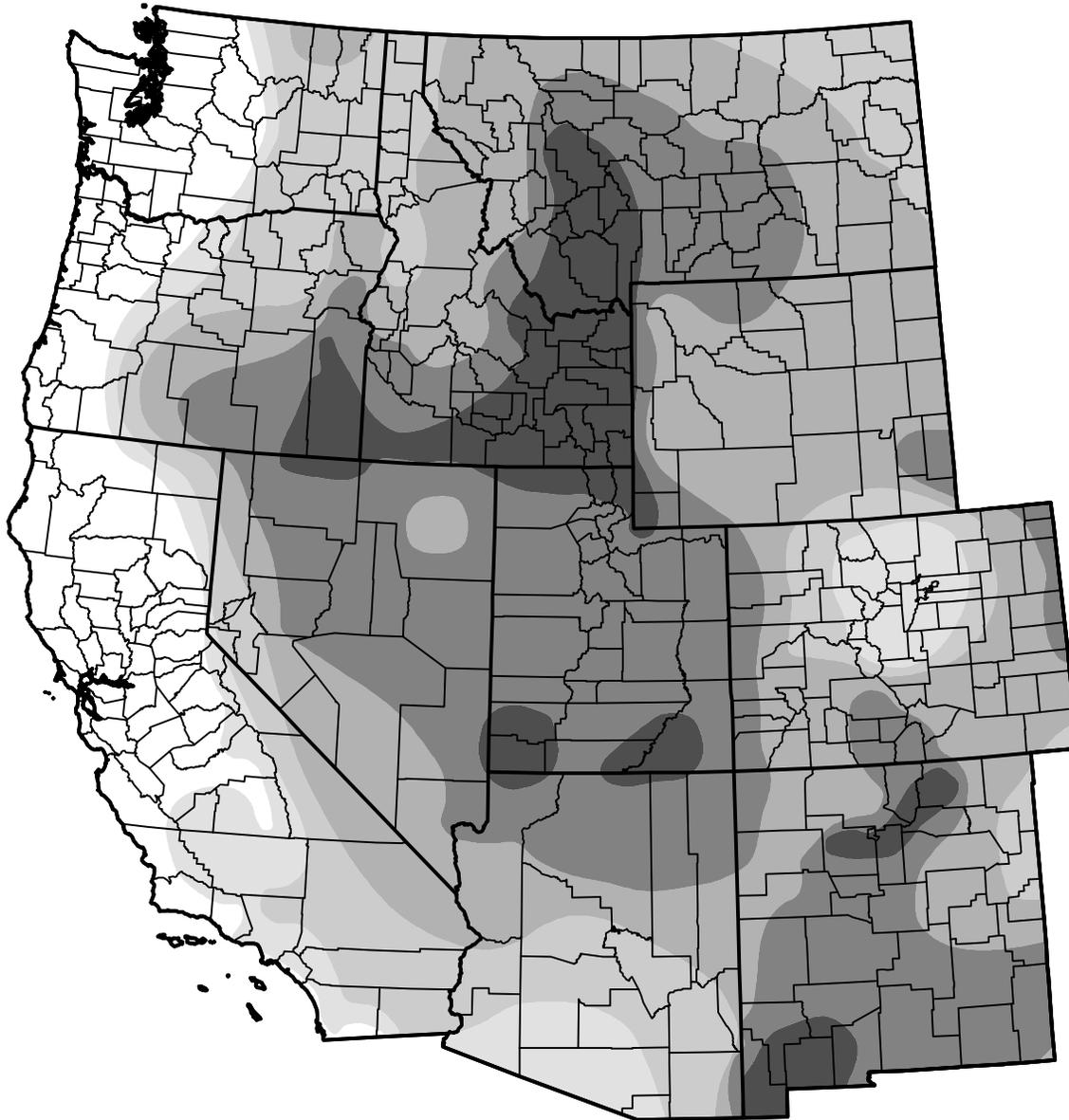


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

**December 16, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003)*  
**Valid 7 a.m. EST**



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	11.90	88.10	81.13	66.19	37.56	8.55
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2003</i>	10.99	89.01	81.28	66.26	36.48	8.38
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2003</i>	9.17	90.83	83.19	66.06	40.12	5.56
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	87.38	76.33	62.90	29.50	2.93
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	9.28	90.72	82.26	64.88	39.35	5.31
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	8.10	91.90	79.26	64.65	29.27	2.96

***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>*

***Author:***

David Miskus  
 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

