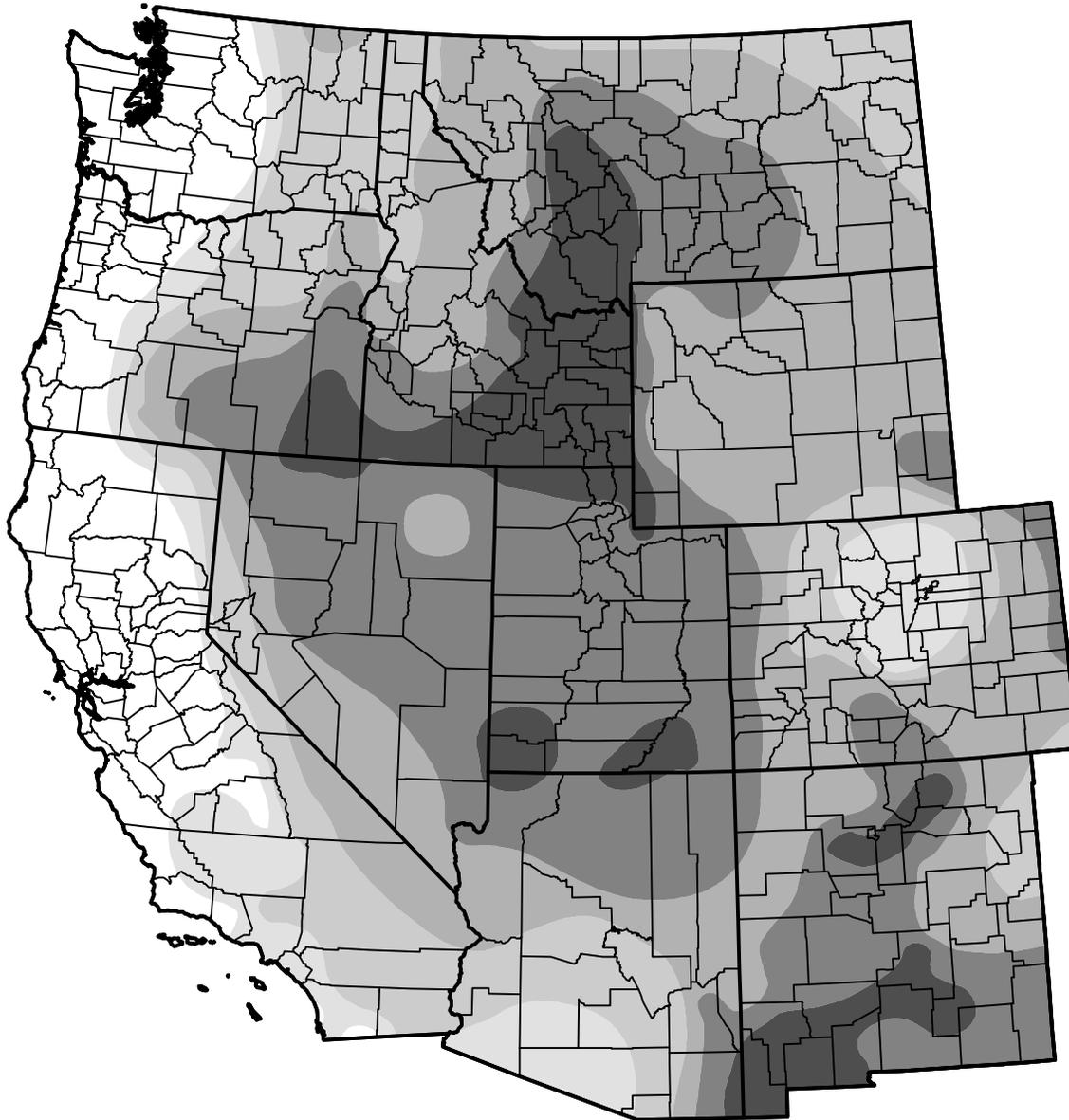


U.S. Drought Monitor

West

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.89	88.11	81.27	66.59	37.75	9.44
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.90	88.10	81.13	66.19	37.56	8.55
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	9.11	90.89	83.35	65.95	39.49	5.26
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	87.38	76.33	62.90	29.50	2.93
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	9.28	90.72	82.26	64.88	39.35	5.31
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2002</i>	10.00	90.00	78.77	64.37	29.35	2.94

Intensity:



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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