

# U.S. Drought Monitor

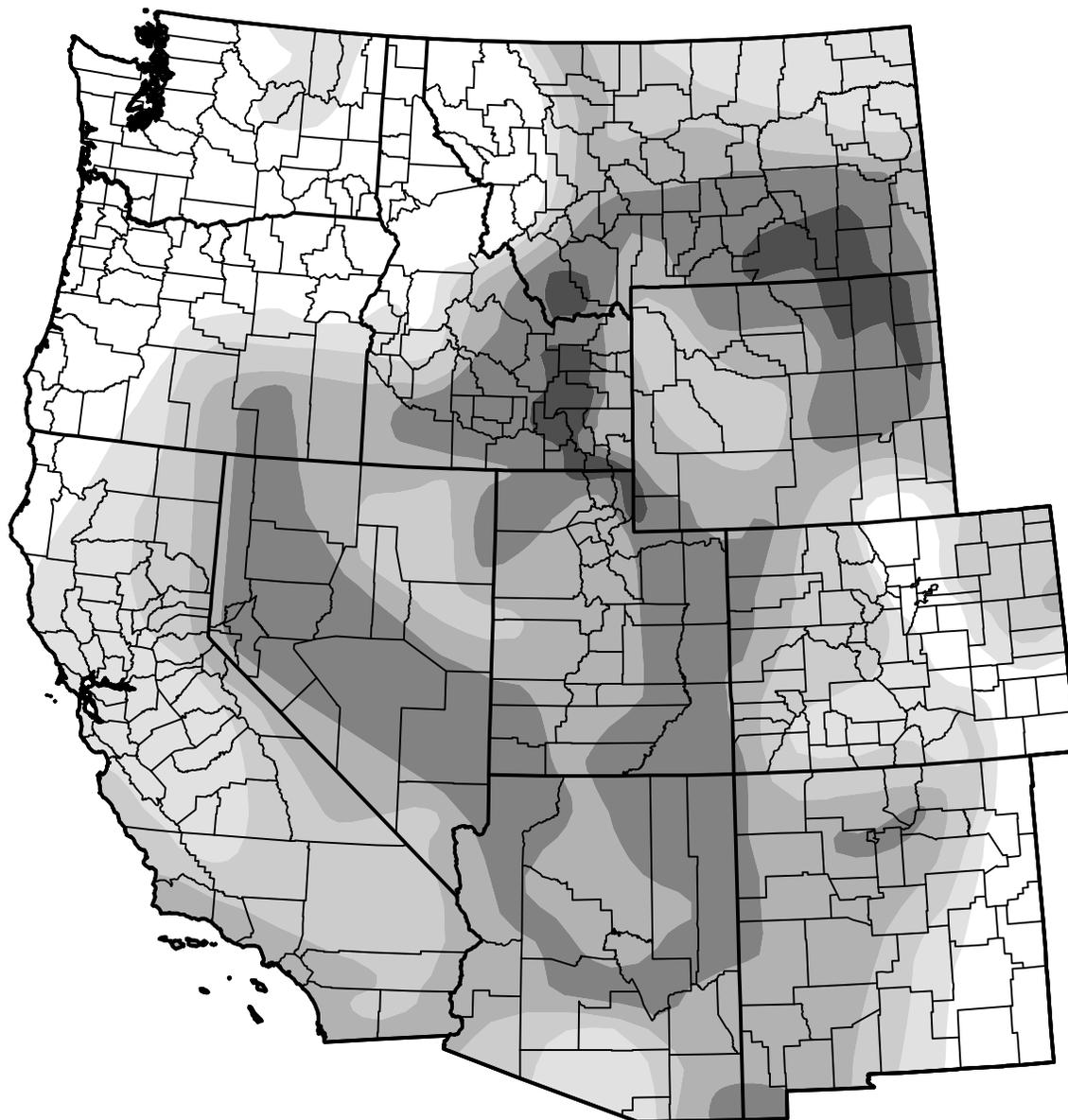
## West

**October 5, 2004**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 18.95 | 81.05 | 67.79 | 49.81 | 23.86 | 2.36 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>              | 18.76 | 81.24 | 68.03 | 50.40 | 24.23 | 2.36 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-06-2004</i>           | 11.47 | 88.53 | 73.47 | 53.25 | 25.29 | 2.81 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 14.51 | 85.49 | 78.10 | 64.14 | 32.80 | 8.62 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 18.76 | 81.24 | 68.03 | 50.40 | 24.23 | 2.36 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-07-2003</i>           | 9.11  | 90.89 | 84.12 | 66.52 | 38.68 | 5.25 |



***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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