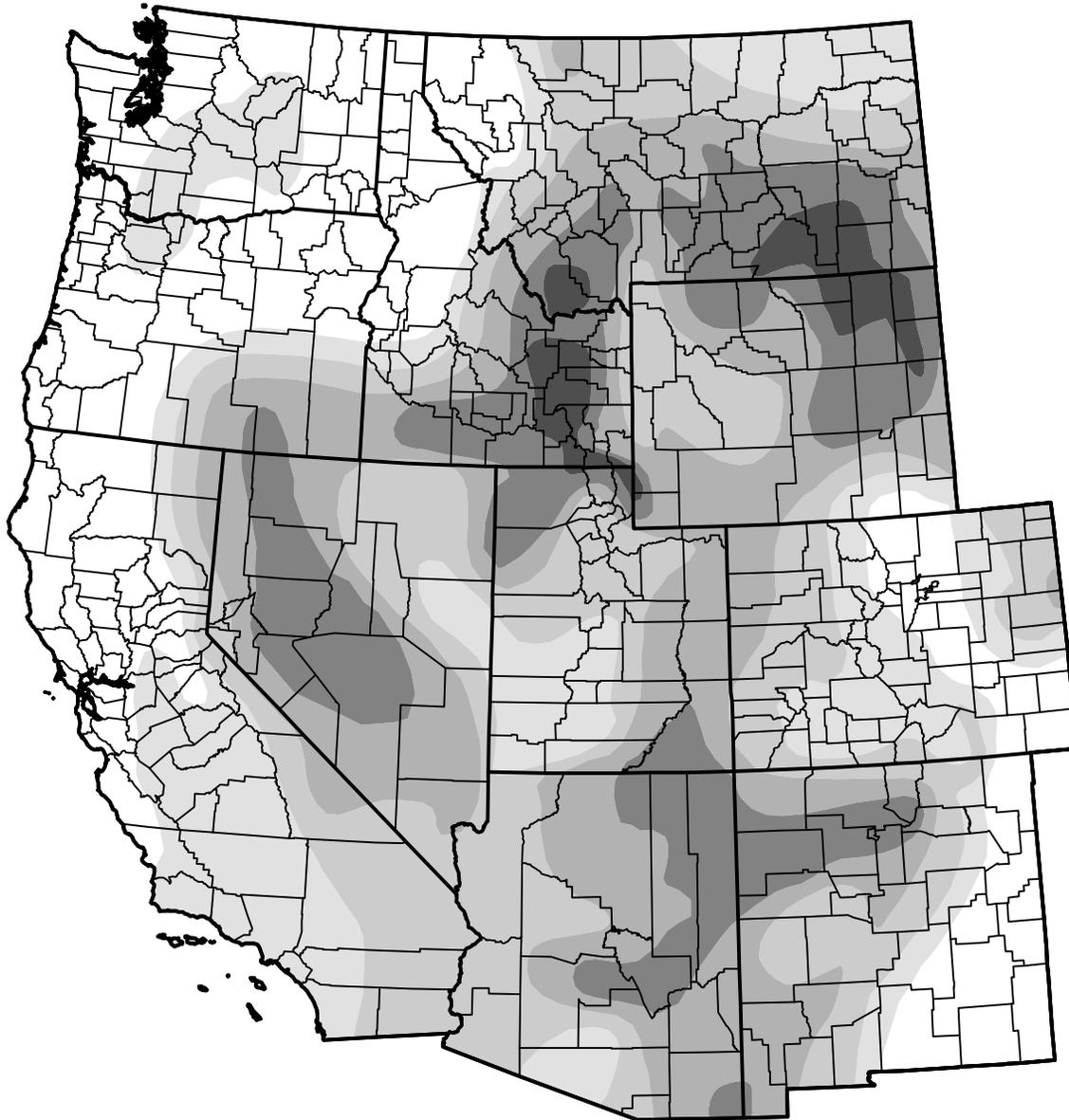


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	22.66	77.34	59.95	37.53	16.20	2.34
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-14-2004</i>	24.84	75.16	59.46	36.72	15.86	2.27
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-21-2004</i>	17.56	82.44	68.57	50.59	24.23	2.36
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	14.51	85.49	78.10	64.14	32.80	8.62
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	18.76	81.24	68.03	50.40	24.23	2.36
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2003</i>	11.89	88.11	81.27	66.59	37.75	9.44

***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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