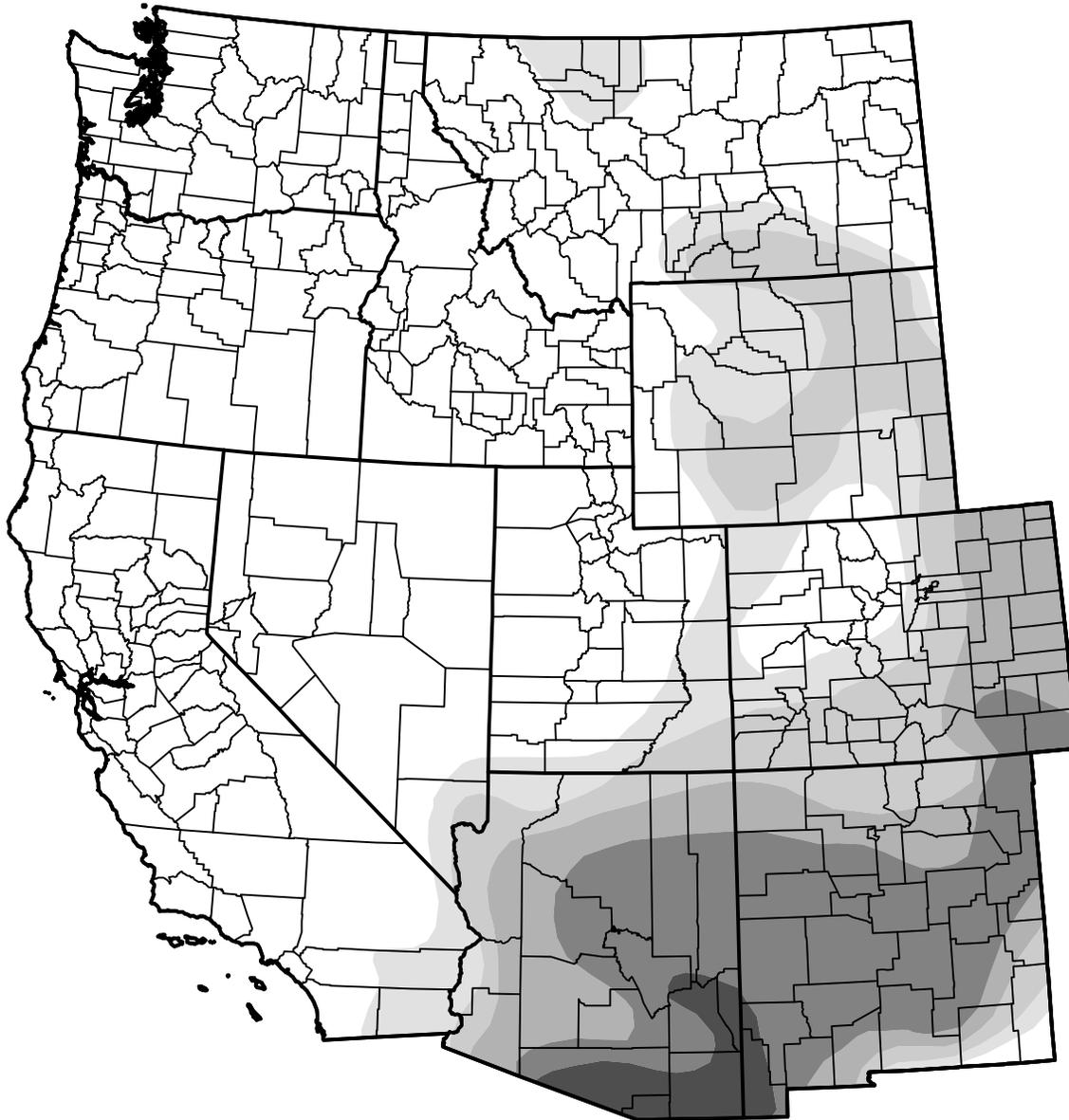


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	61.48	38.52	28.86	19.05	11.86	1.68
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-16-2006</i>	61.81	38.19	28.02	18.60	11.29	1.68
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-21-2006</i>	59.04	40.96	24.70	11.73	3.76	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	42.41	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	54.27	30.88	11.63	0.96	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-24-2005</i>	47.84	52.16	40.02	22.88	4.73	0.00

***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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