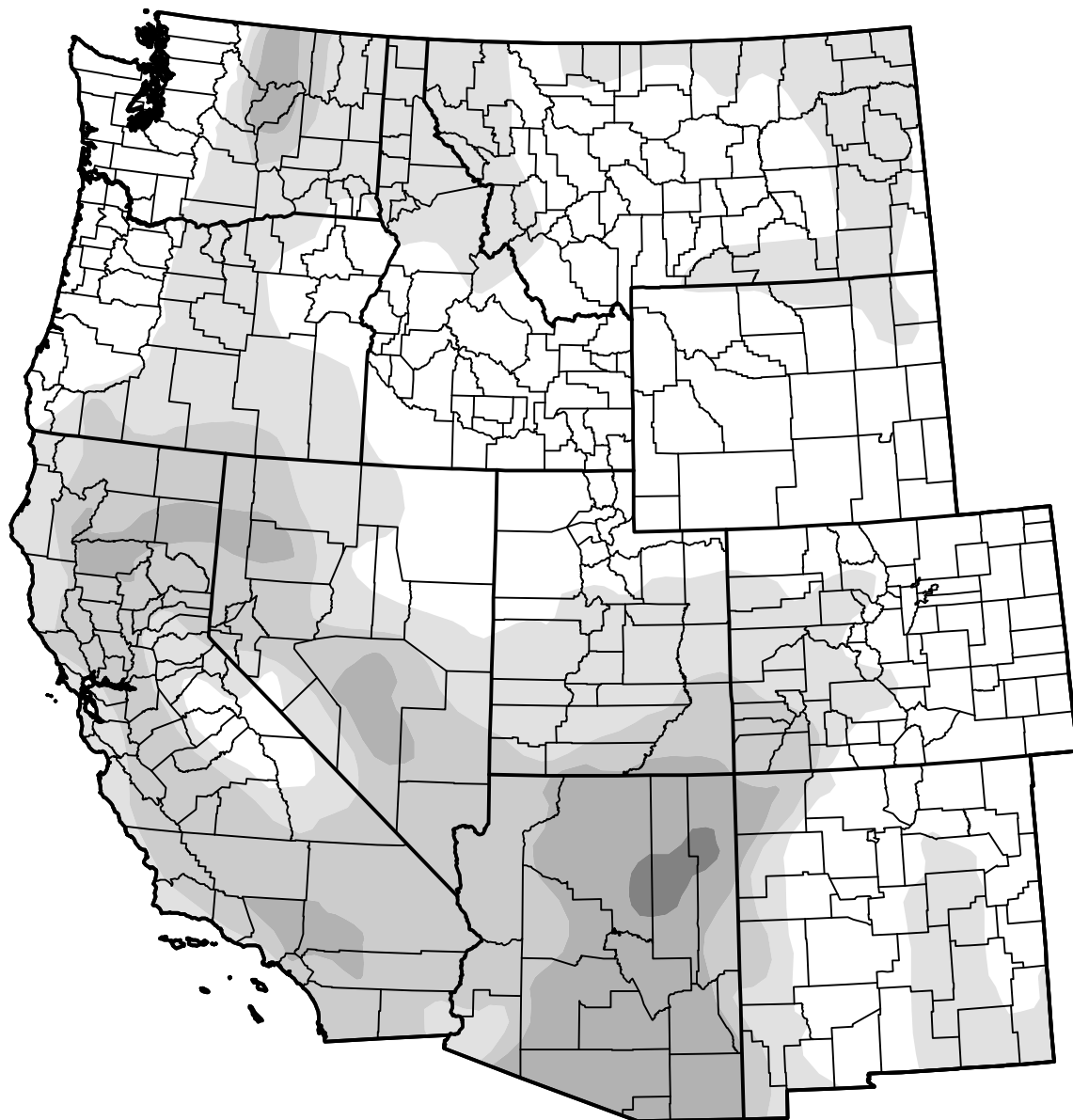


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.02	56.98	28.43	9.90	0.49	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2009</i>	43.02	56.98	28.43	9.90	0.49	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2009</i>	52.85	47.15	22.39	7.46	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	35.35	64.65	28.90	9.00	0.37	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	40.73	59.27	22.81	7.46	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2008</i>	31.54	68.46	30.10	9.00	0.37	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate 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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