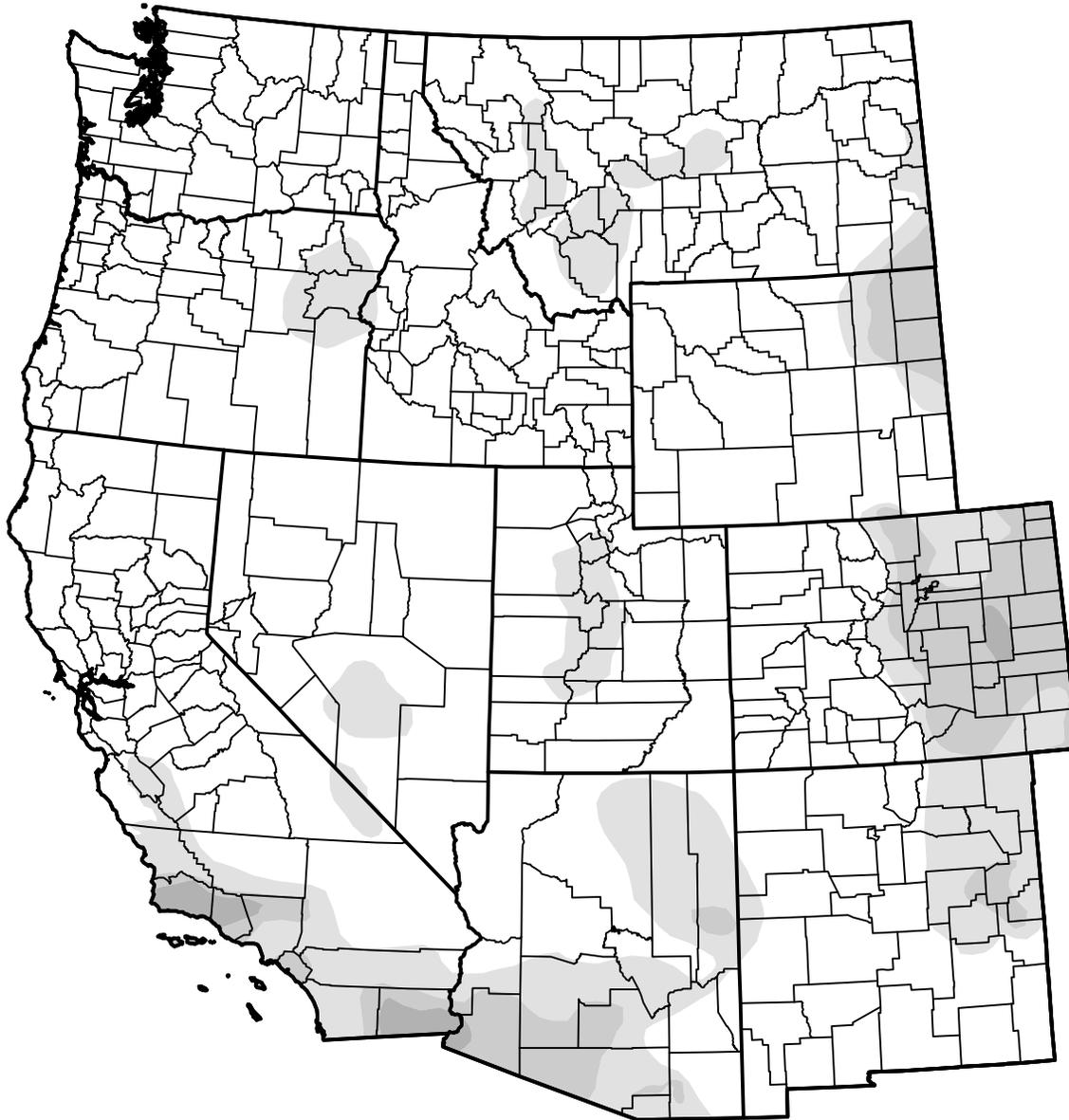


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	79.07	13.95	6.24	0.75	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-21-2017</i>	77.21	14.25	7.78	0.76	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-29-2016</i>	43.28	31.14	15.69	4.17	2.93	2.81
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	54.19	24.30	12.98	3.42	2.67	2.44
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	27.78	41.27	17.50	7.68	2.97	2.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-01-2016</i>	34.49	29.72	16.09	9.42	4.72	5.55

***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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