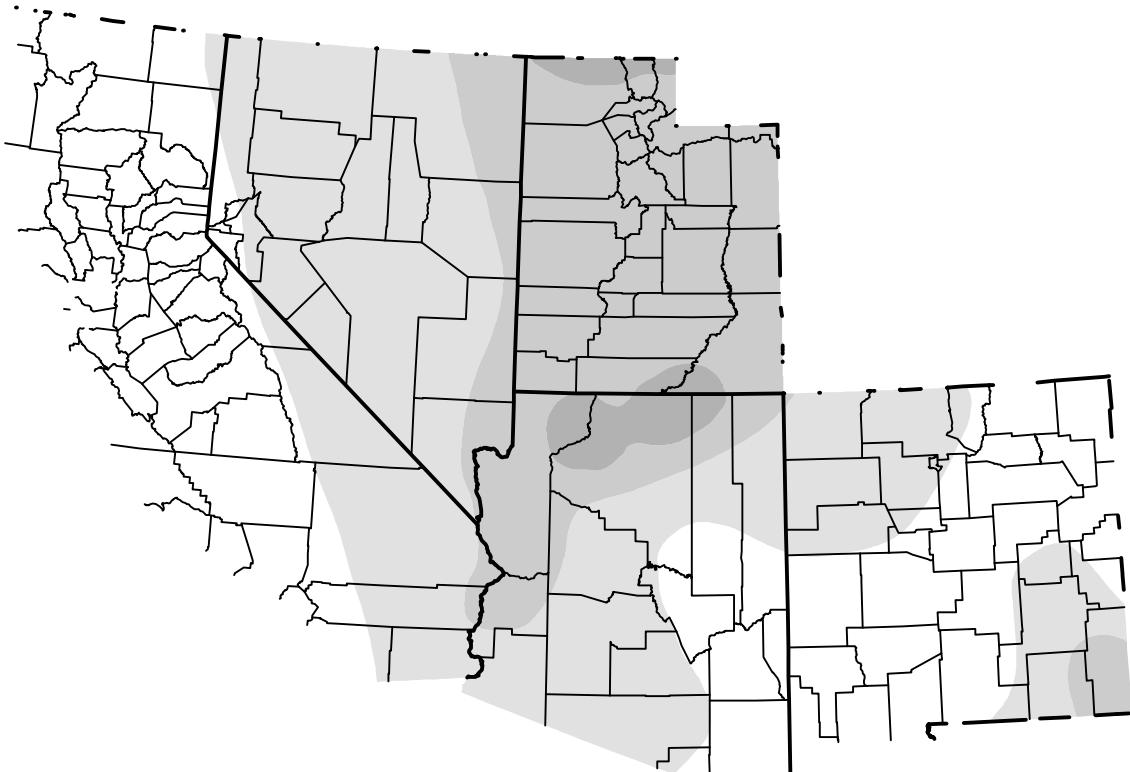


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.27	61.73	24.88	3.02	0.12	0.00
Last Week 08-17-2000	35.38	64.62	23.39	3.21	0.12	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-25-2000	66.87	33.13	20.50	9.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2000	61.20	38.80	0.97	0.02	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
One Year Ago	-	-	-	-	-	-

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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