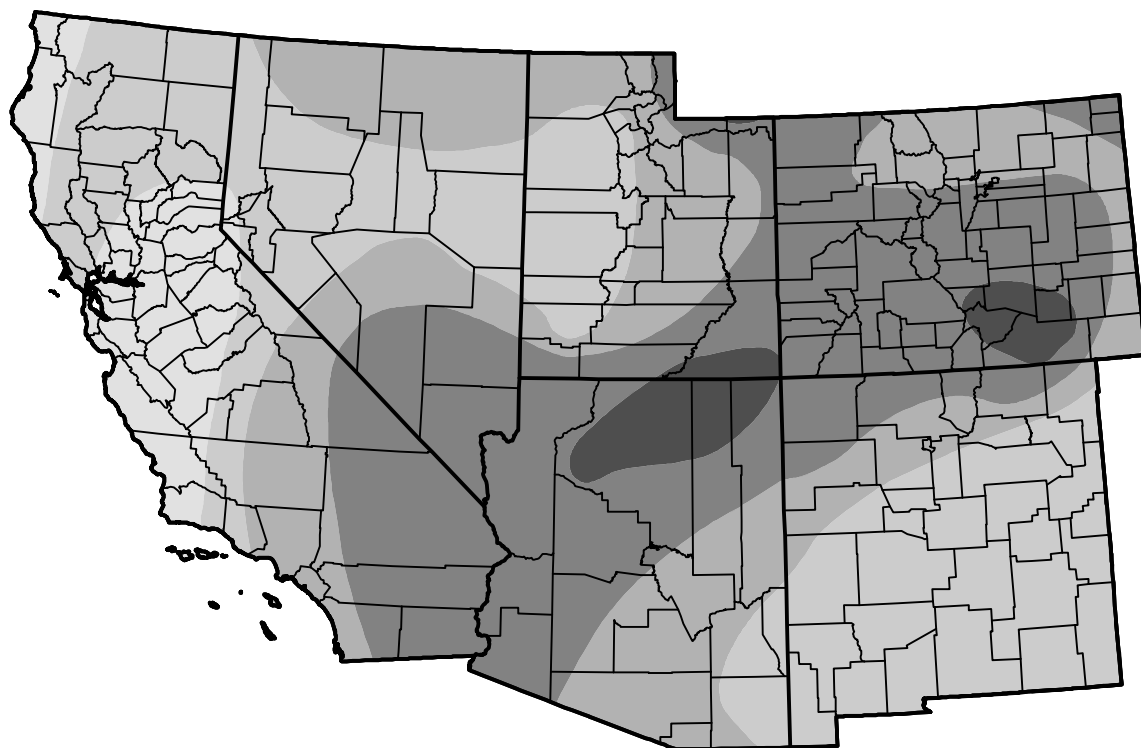


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.00  | 6.86  | 31.27 | 25.94 | 32.17 | 3.76  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-08-2002</i>              | 0.00  | 6.79  | 31.09 | 26.56 | 31.76 | 3.80  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-16-2002</i>           | 1.52  | 9.53  | 18.09 | 13.97 | 37.79 | 19.10 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 45.05 | 25.51 | 17.55 | 7.85  | 4.04  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 1.40  | 9.81  | 21.62 | 27.23 | 32.28 | 7.67  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-16-2001</i>           | 45.15 | 21.50 | 13.84 | 8.18  | 11.32 | 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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