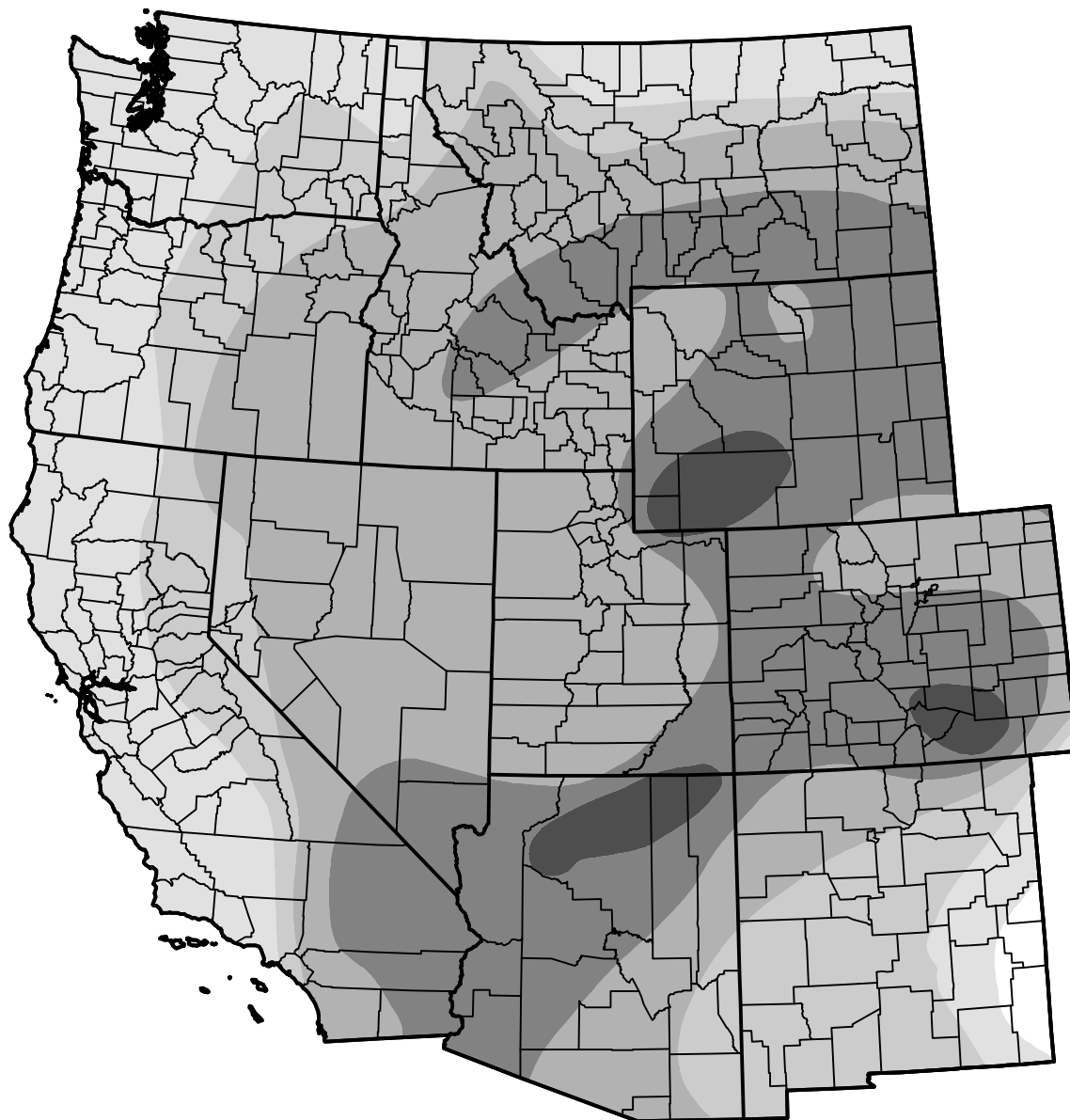


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.71	99.29	81.43	65.12	28.70	2.89
Last Week <i>12-03-2002</i>	1.20	98.80	78.54	56.00	28.59	2.48
3 Months Ago <i>09-10-2002</i>	7.39	92.61	79.77	64.60	37.83	9.51
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.08	70.92	52.40	36.90	15.10	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	94.82	77.75	59.82	35.39	6.23
One Year Ago <i>12-11-2001</i>	24.54	75.46	55.26	39.71	18.61	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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