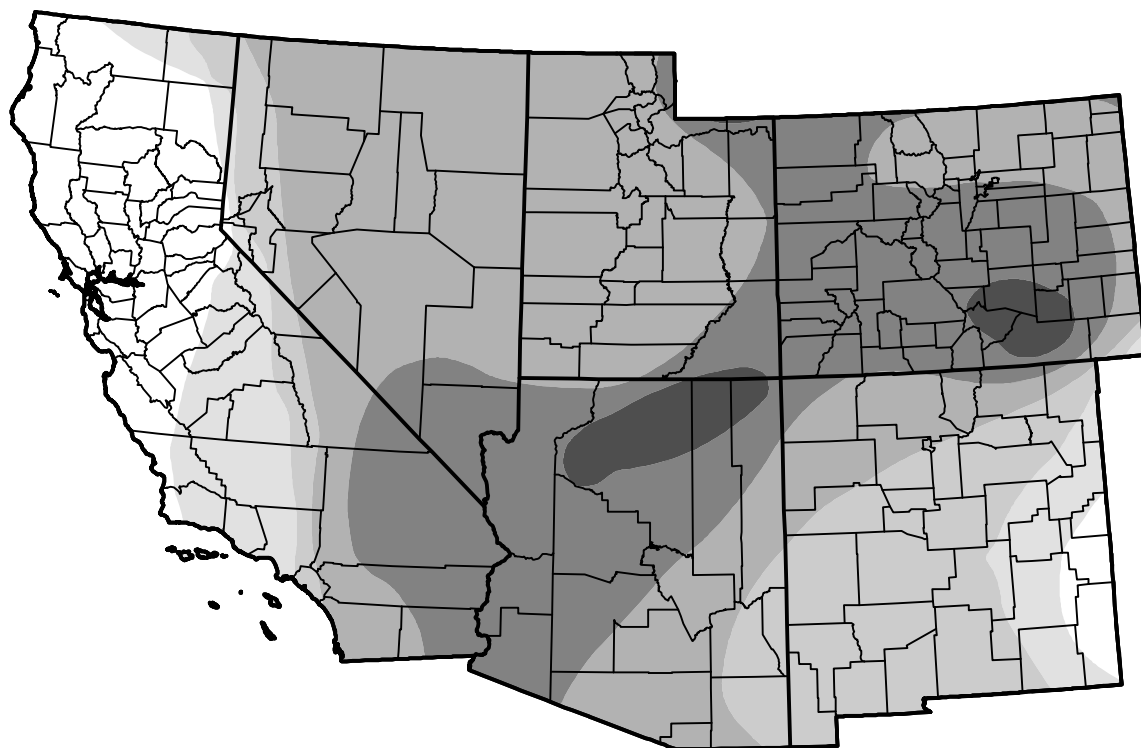


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.82	8.11	14.20	37.05	26.76	3.06
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	1.21	13.87	17.10	38.35	26.44	3.03
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	1.32	8.81	18.77	28.57	31.50	11.02
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	45.05	25.51	17.55	7.85	4.04	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	9.81	21.62	27.23	32.28	7.67
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	40.18	26.09	18.81	9.04	5.88	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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