

# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

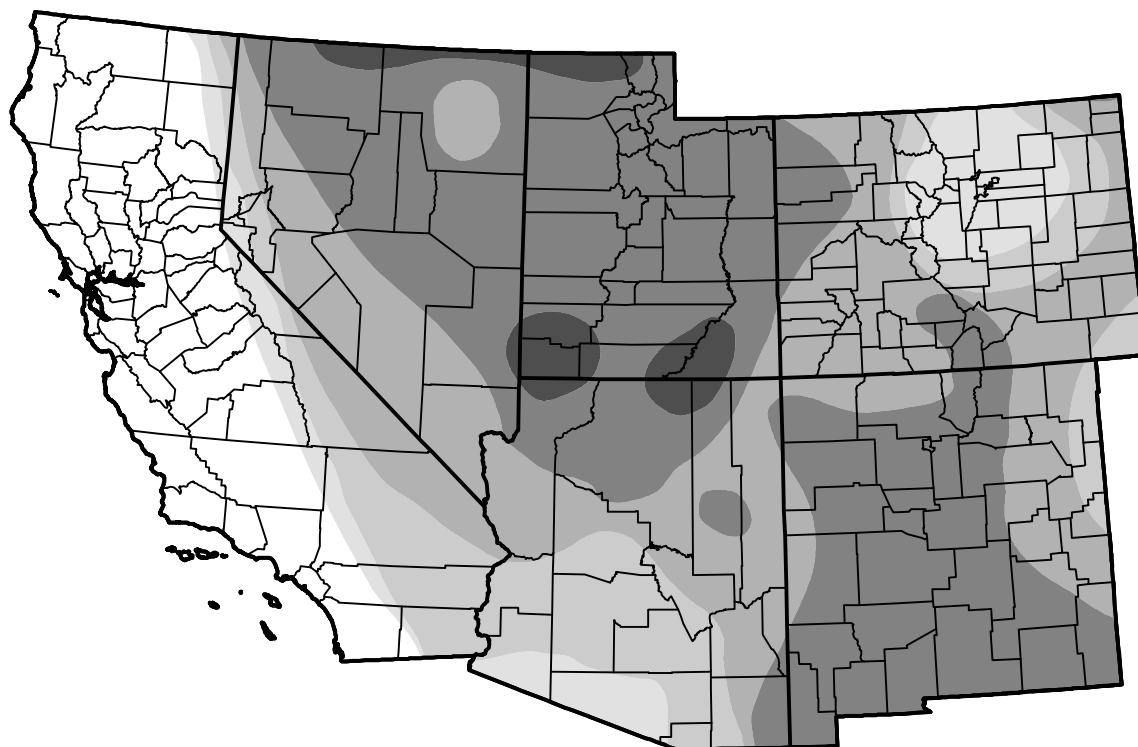
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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0   | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.51 | 6.66 | 12.05 | 25.42 | 37.34 | 3.02 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-23-2003</i>              | 15.26 | 5.12 | 12.23 | 26.62 | 37.81 | 2.96 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-01-2003</i>           | 18.64 | 6.31 | 11.94 | 26.64 | 34.45 | 2.03 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 14.98 | 6.37 | 13.73 | 35.31 | 26.51 | 3.10 |
| <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>10-01-2002</i>           | 1.40  | 9.81 | 21.62 | 27.23 | 32.28 | 7.67 |



## 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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