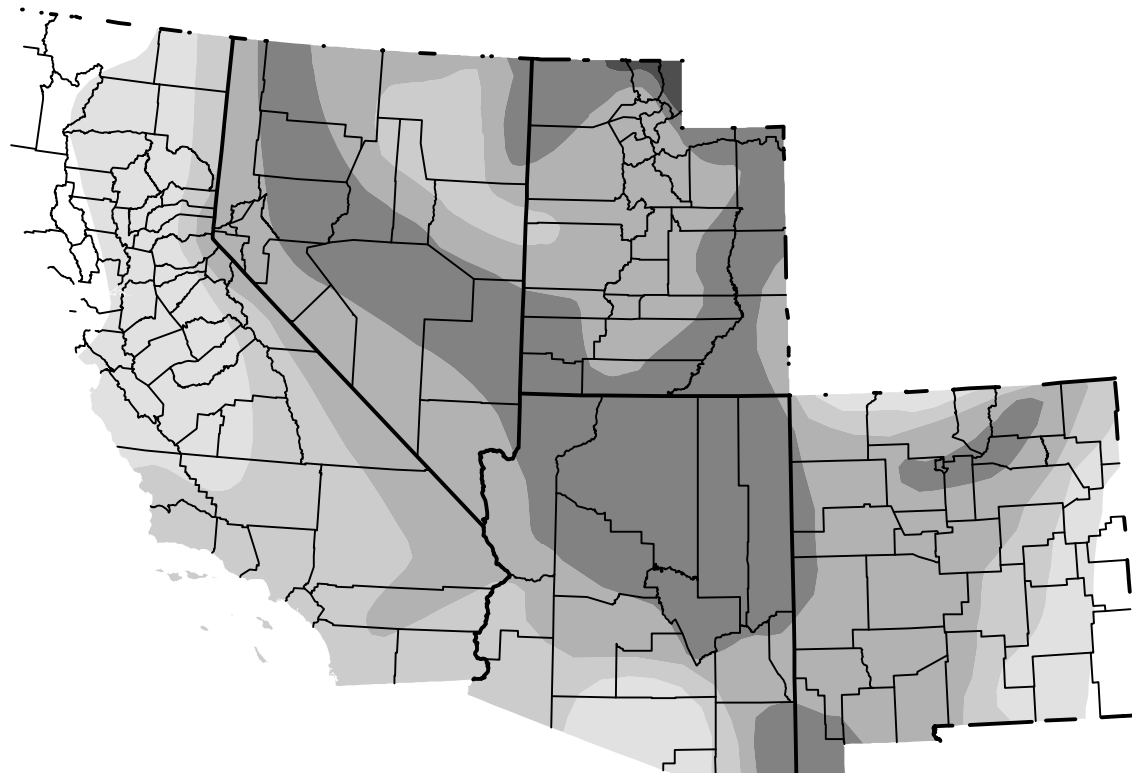


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.47	13.76	18.26	34.79	26.44	0.28
Last Week 07-22-2004	4.99	12.68	21.09	35.21	25.74	0.28
3 Months Ago 04-29-2004	9.09	20.04	16.71	32.21	21.66	0.28
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago 07-31-2003	17.07	3.54	13.62	23.61	37.12	5.04

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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