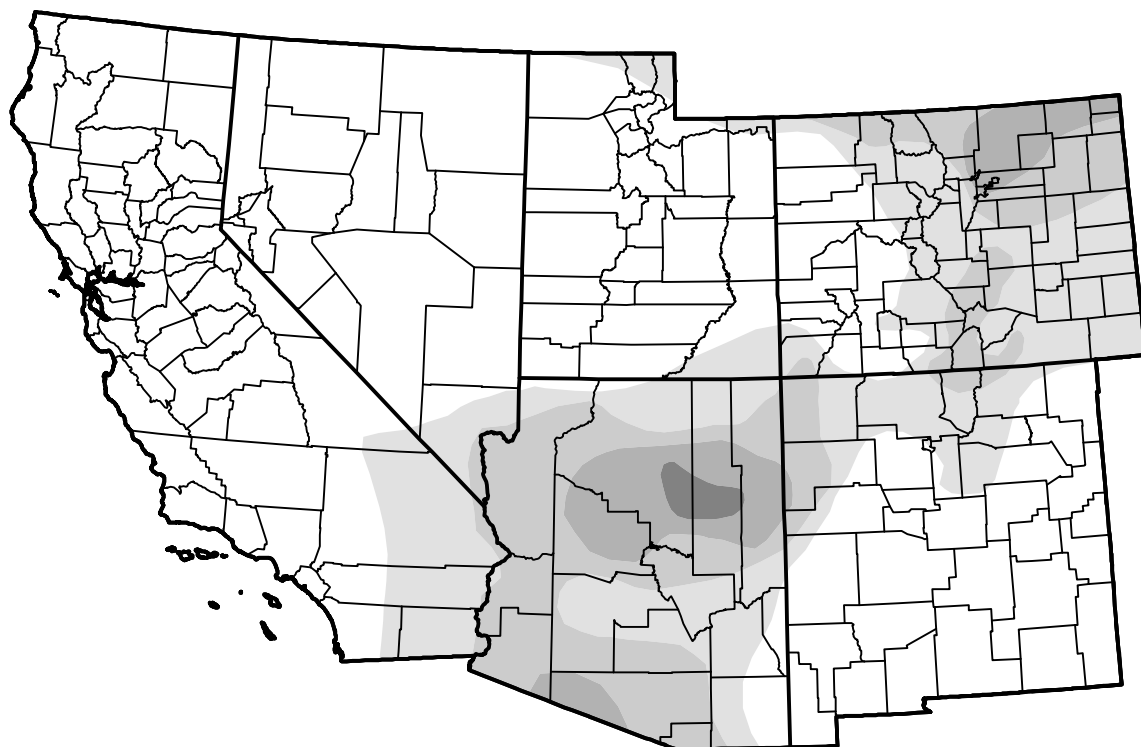


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 63.91 | 18.69 | 12.31 | 4.59  | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-10-2006</i>              | 64.04 | 18.56 | 12.31 | 4.59  | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-18-2006</i>           | 45.85 | 5.97  | 17.99 | 20.77 | 8.34 | 1.08 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.97 | 30.48 | 11.55 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 57.23 | 22.63 | 13.93 | 5.01  | 1.20 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-18-2005</i>           | 73.14 | 21.08 | 5.78  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 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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