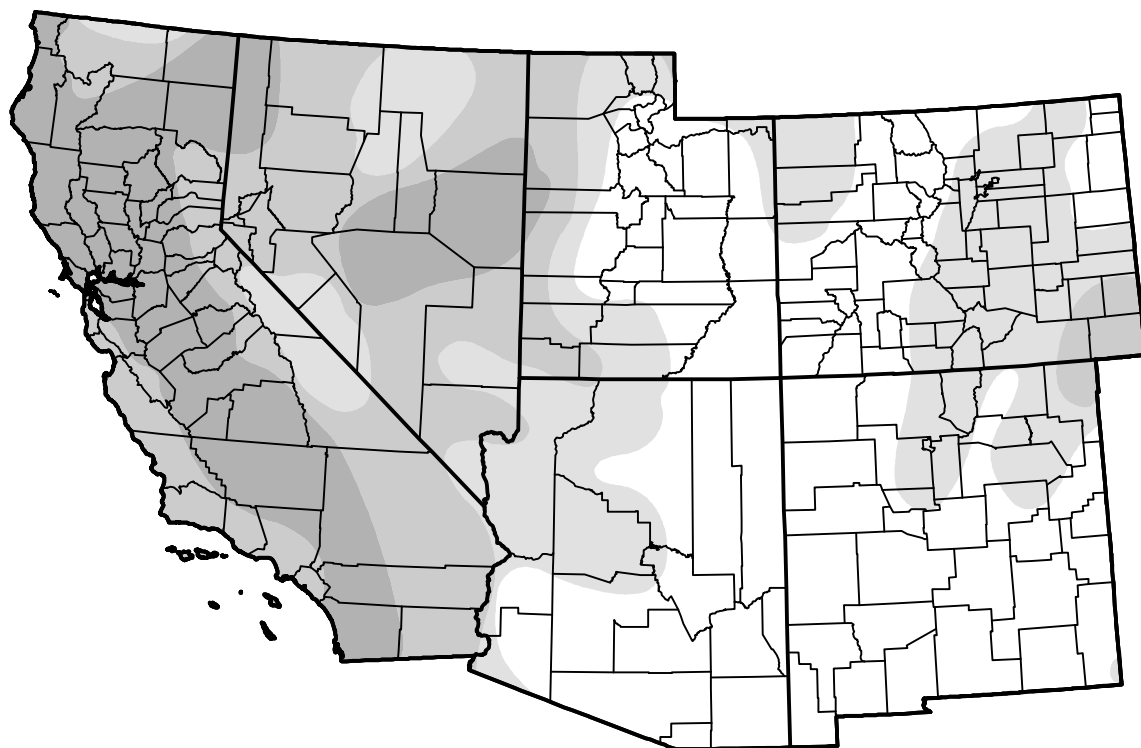


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.33	61.67	37.83	17.01	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-14-2008</i>	41.68	58.32	36.58	15.92	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2008</i>	34.50	65.50	39.60	8.17	0.73	0.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	26.18	73.82	54.67	38.93	4.68	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	39.88	60.12	38.53	16.42	0.47	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2007</i>	29.66	70.34	57.31	43.89	13.75	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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