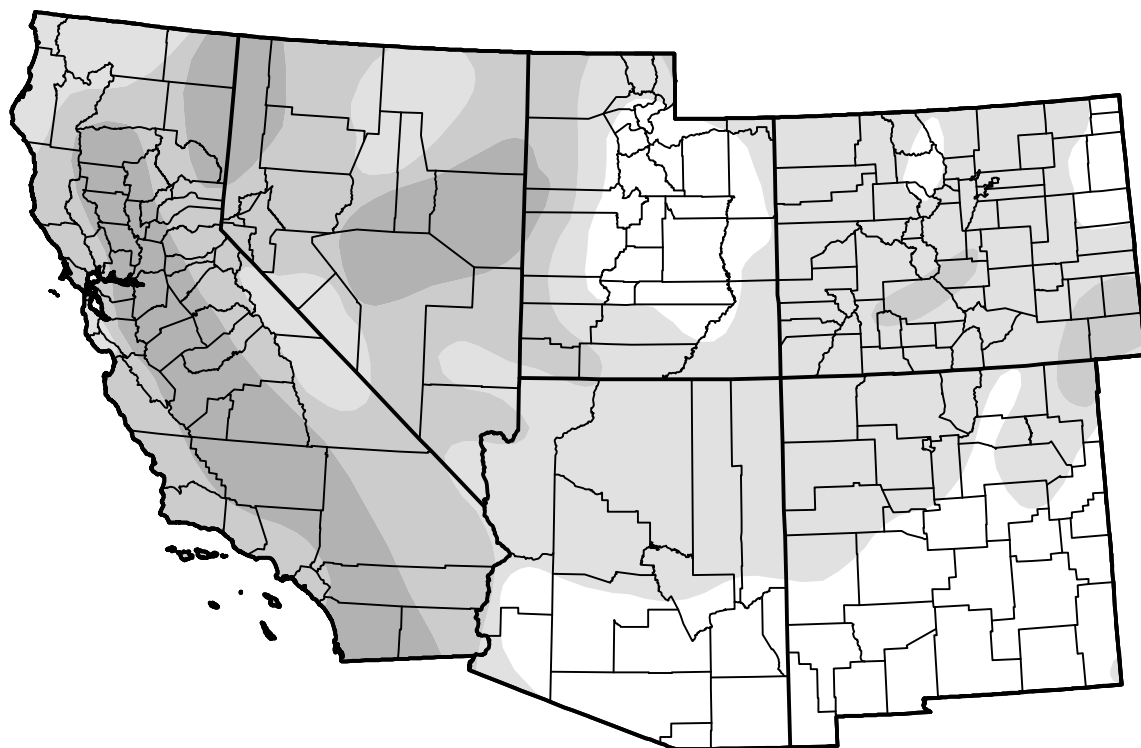


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 23.65 | 76.35 | 36.71 | 13.96 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-25-2008</i>              | 26.71 | 73.29 | 36.11 | 13.96 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-02-2008</i>           | 39.75 | 60.25 | 40.34 | 14.05 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 26.18 | 73.82 | 54.67 | 38.93 | 4.68  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 39.88 | 60.12 | 38.53 | 16.42 | 0.47  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-04-2007</i>           | 21.83 | 78.17 | 55.55 | 38.93 | 4.67  | 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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