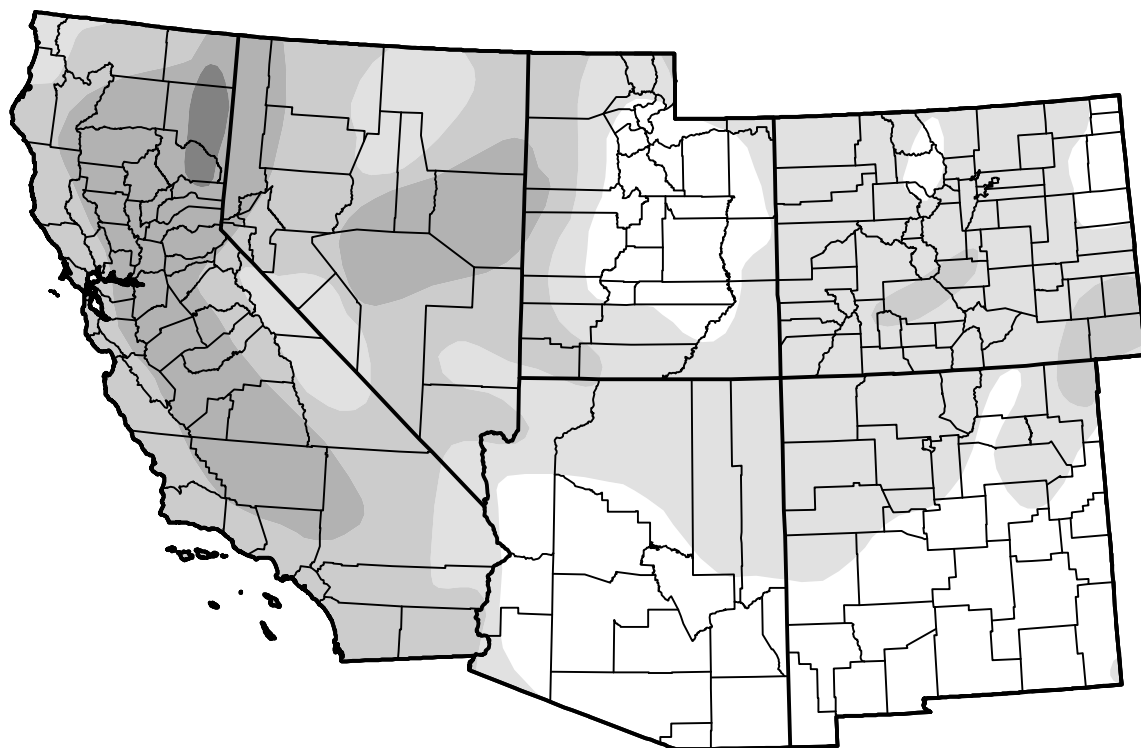


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	26.83	73.17	37.31	14.72	0.63	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2008</i>	23.65	76.35	38.52	16.48	1.33	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2008</i>	39.88	60.12	38.53	16.42	0.47	0.00
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>12-25-2007</i>	26.18	73.82	54.67	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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