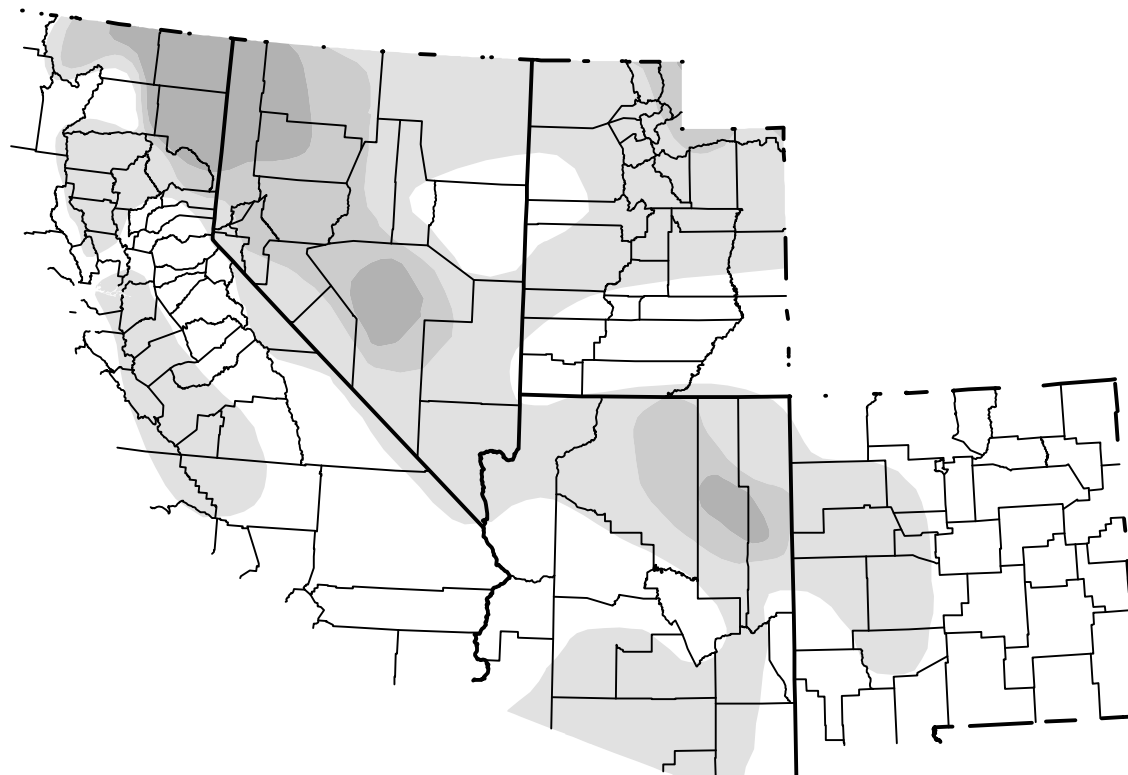


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.06	52.94	14.08	5.35	0.26	0.03
Last Week <i>04-01-2010</i>	46.98	53.02	14.27	5.38	0.30	0.04
3 Months Ago <i>01-07-2010</i>	21.59	78.41	53.36	19.15	1.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-09-2009</i>	28.59	71.41	37.85	13.92	0.04	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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