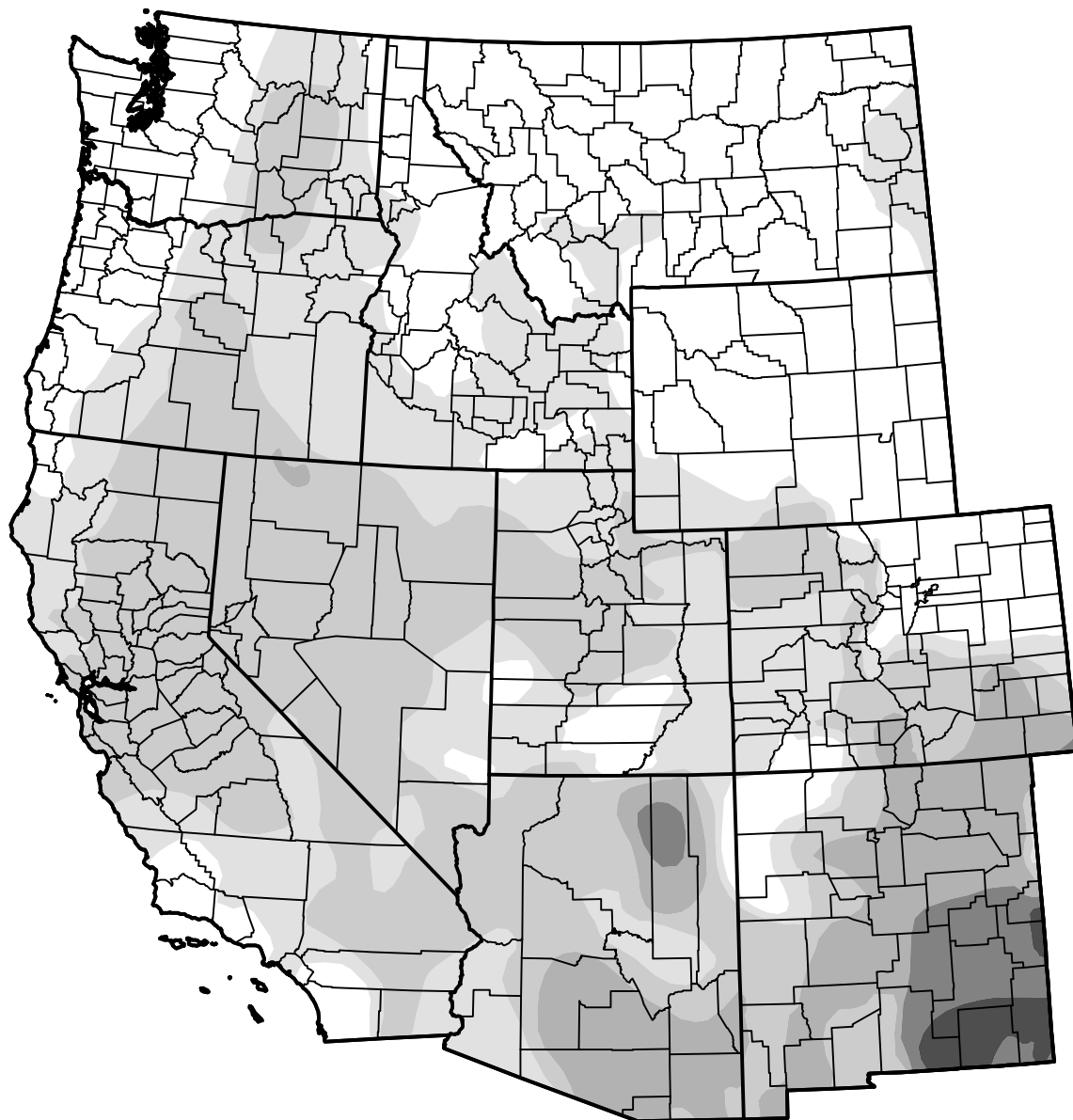


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 32.79 | 25.67 | 30.48 | 8.23 | 1.99 | 0.83 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-31-2012</i>              | 33.02 | 26.30 | 29.71 | 8.16 | 1.99 | 0.83 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-08-2011</i>           | 73.00 | 8.45  | 3.59  | 5.46 | 6.62 | 2.88 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.20 | 21.75 | 16.21 | 9.17 | 1.89 | 0.78 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 66.72 | 14.24 | 4.05  | 5.69 | 5.49 | 3.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-08-2011</i>           | 72.75 | 13.46 | 9.34  | 4.44 | 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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