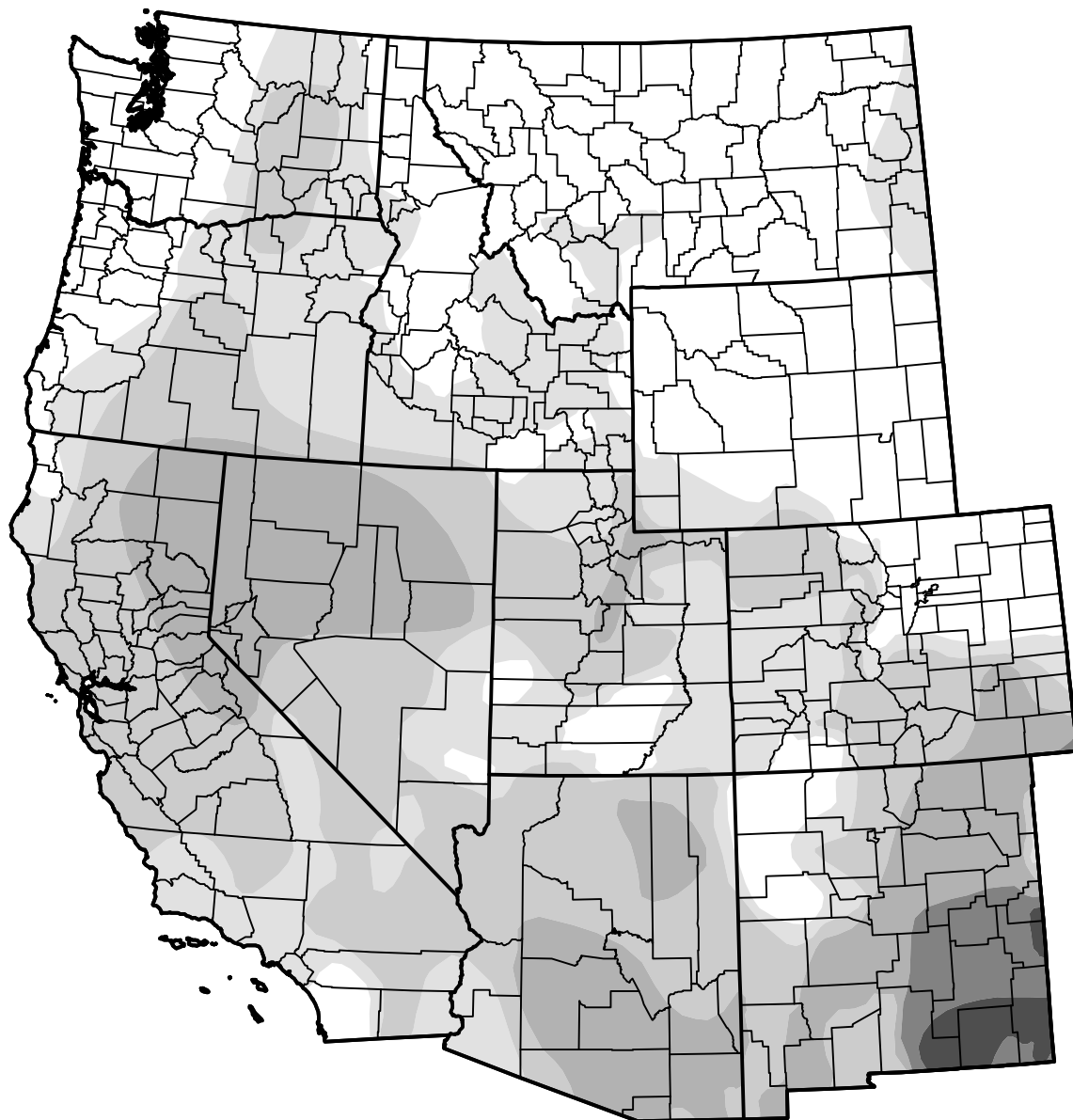


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 31.91 | 68.09 | 45.30 | 17.63 | 2.56  | 0.83 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2012</i>              | 32.32 | 67.68 | 42.87 | 11.59 | 2.56  | 0.83 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2011</i>           | 72.29 | 27.71 | 18.55 | 14.99 | 9.48  | 1.96 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.20 | 49.80 | 28.05 | 11.84 | 2.67  | 0.78 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 66.72 | 33.28 | 19.04 | 14.99 | 9.30  | 3.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2011</i>           | 76.15 | 23.85 | 15.15 | 7.72  | 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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