

# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 31.74 | 21.78 | 28.11 | 15.80 | 1.64 | 0.94 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-28-2012</i>              | 31.91 | 22.79 | 27.67 | 15.07 | 1.73 | 0.83 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2011</i>           | 70.25 | 11.62 | 3.56  | 5.56  | 7.08 | 1.94 |
| <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>03-08-2011</i>           | 74.46 | 10.58 | 7.24  | 7.16  | 0.56 | 0.00 |

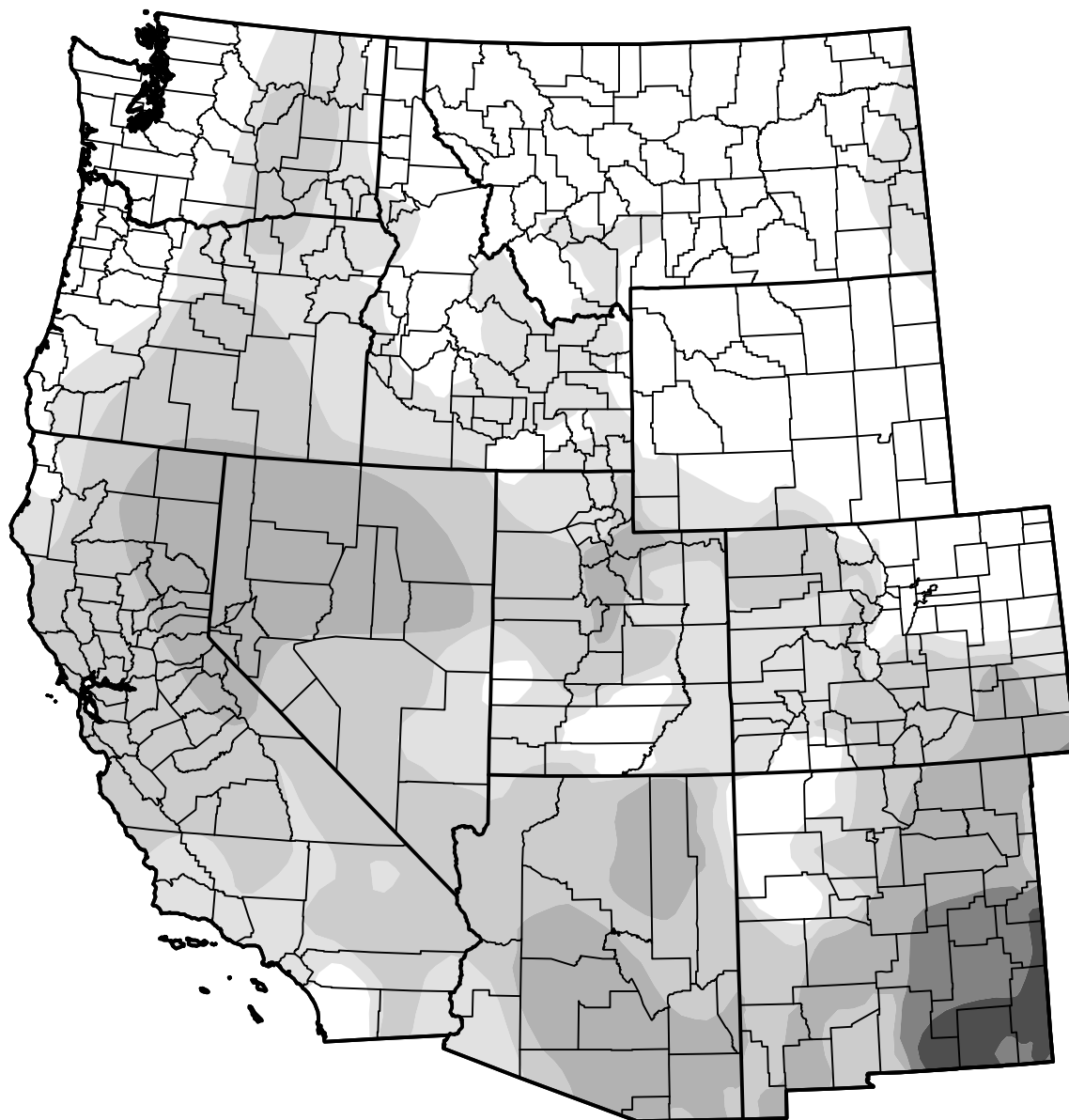
## Intensity:

|                                                                                       |                     |                                                                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|    | 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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