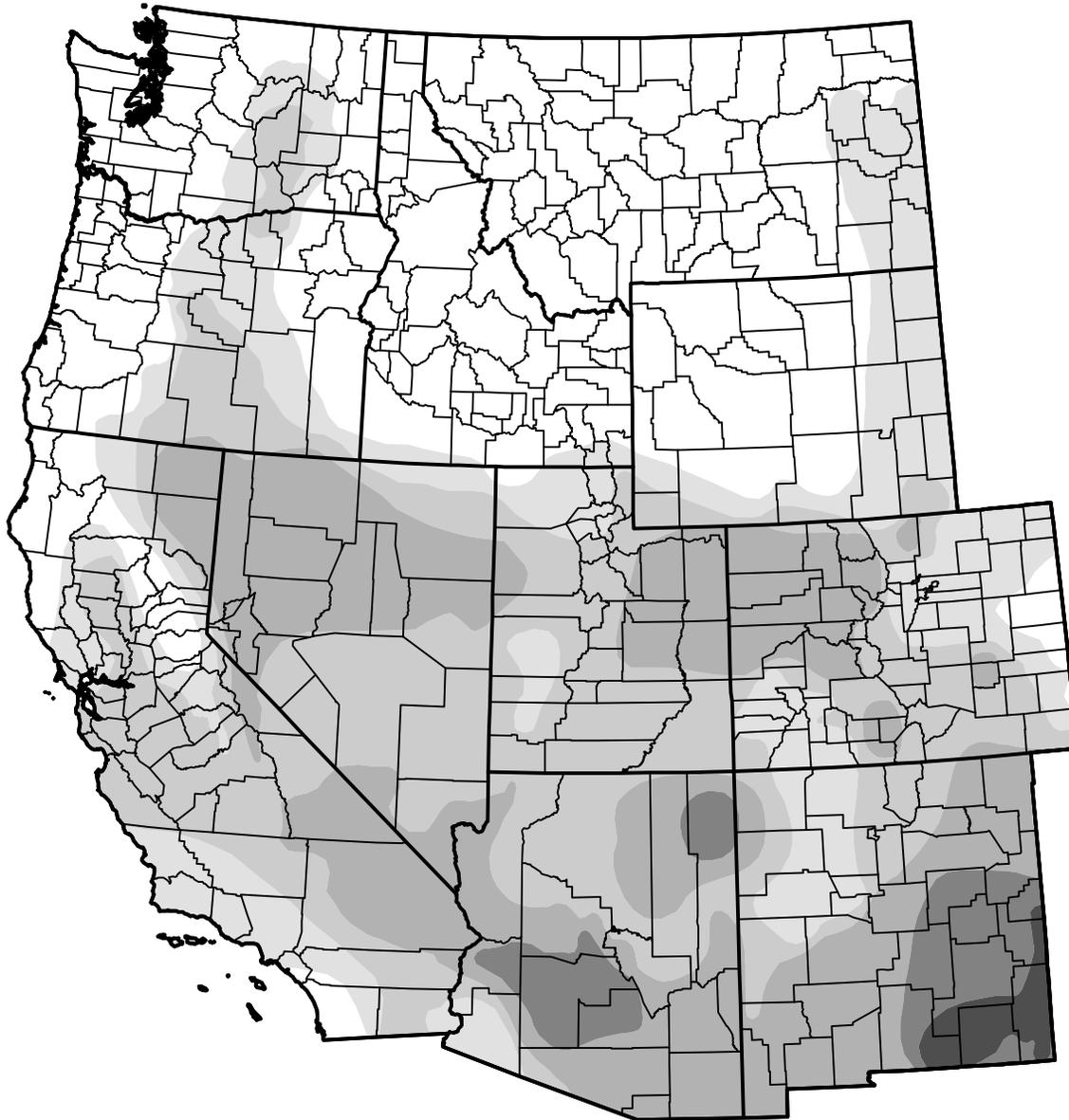


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	34.03	16.69	23.68	21.24	3.45	0.91
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-24-2012</i>	32.83	19.56	21.70	21.55	3.45	0.91
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-31-2012</i>	33.02	26.30	29.71	8.16	1.99	0.83
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.20	21.75	16.21	9.17	1.89	0.78
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	14.24	4.05	5.69	5.49	3.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-03-2011</i>	75.92	4.00	4.51	7.52	6.64	1.40

***Intensity:***



*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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