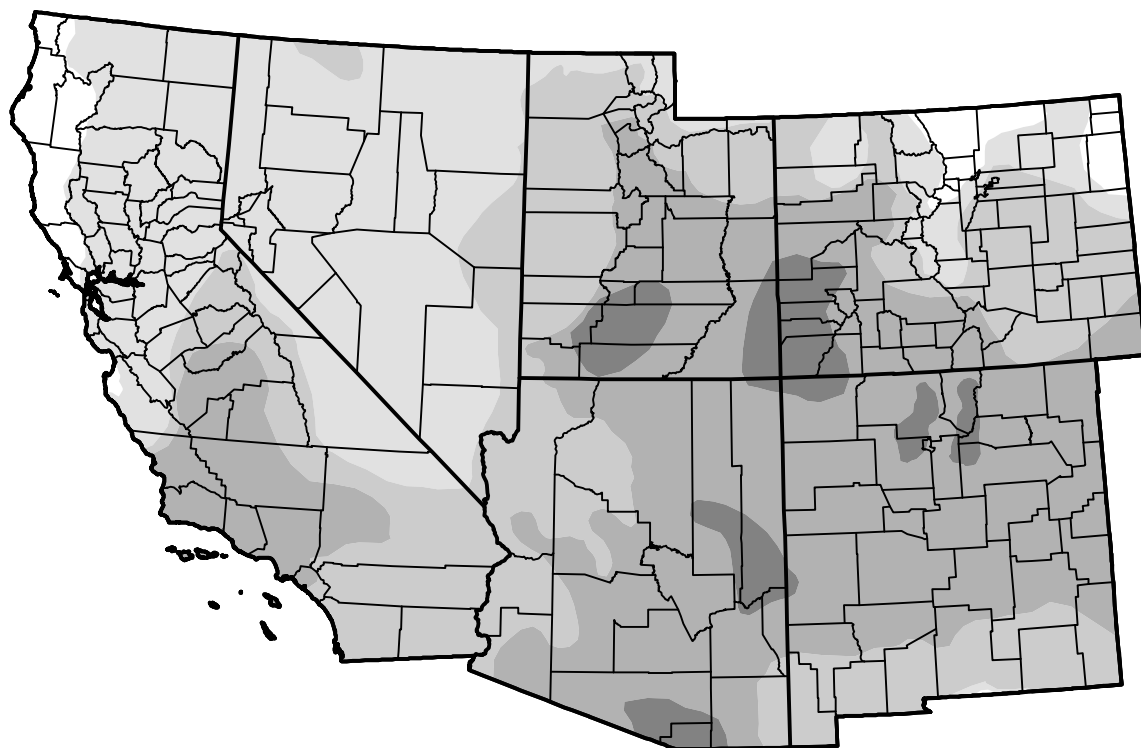


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**February 27, 2018**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 3.47  | 27.56 | 27.34 | 36.49 | 5.14 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-20-2018</i>              | 3.23  | 27.76 | 27.47 | 37.42 | 4.12 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-28-2017</i>           | 49.55 | 25.33 | 24.79 | 0.34  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2018</i> | 26.99 | 32.51 | 31.45 | 9.04  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 72.18 | 22.66 | 5.15  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-28-2017</i>           | 71.08 | 18.52 | 9.12  | 1.28  | 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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