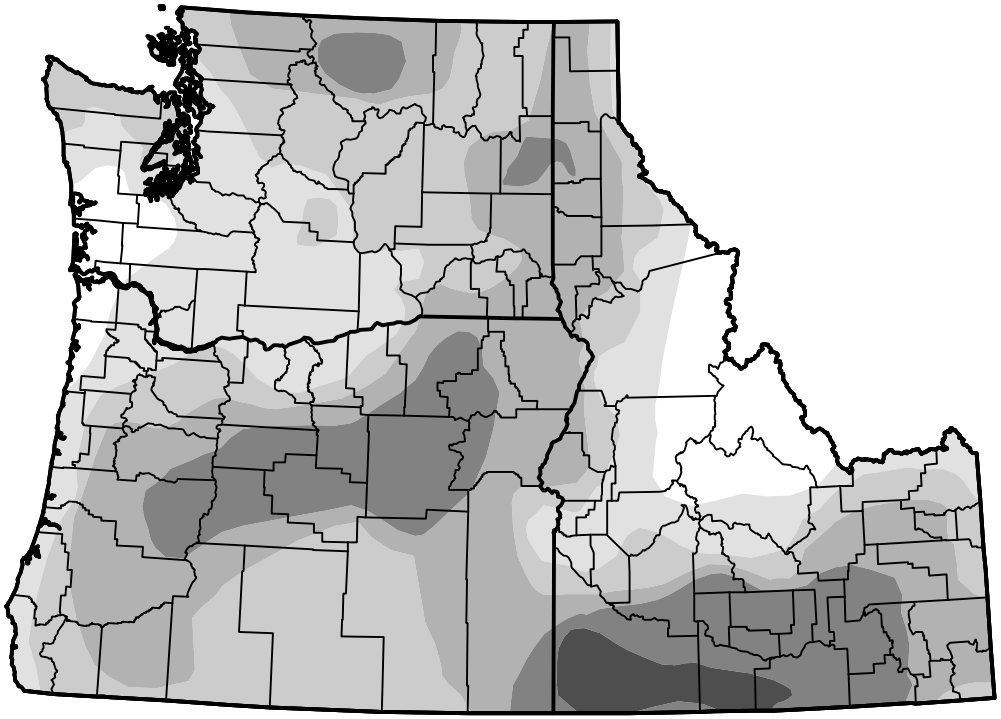
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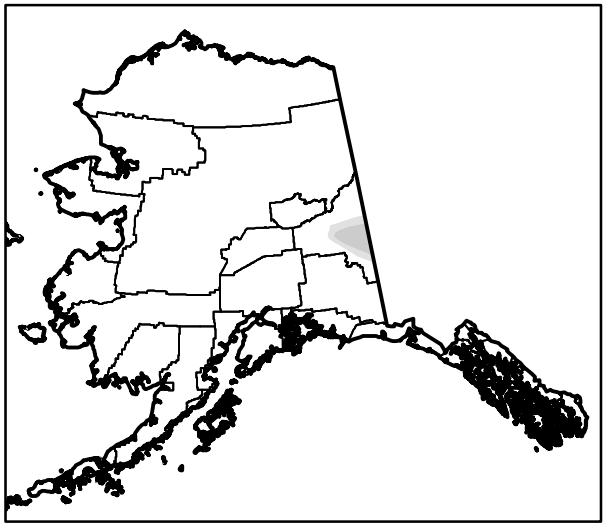
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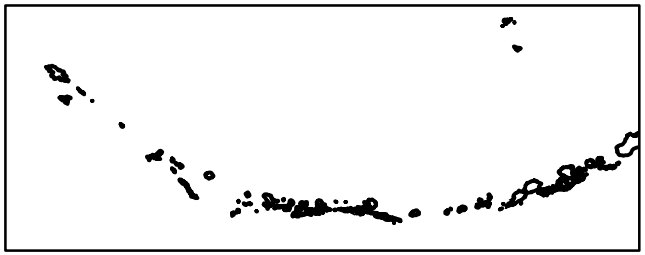
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.49	28.51	22.44	13.56	5.27	0.68
Last Week *10-13-2026*	70.11	29.89	22.79	13.70	5.27	0.68
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	70.91	29.09	23.28	12.84	5.92	0.85
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	74.91	25.09	9.12	0.96	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	68.45	31.55	23.04	14.13	6.11	0.68
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	76.22	23.78	20.89	12.91	3.22	0.40

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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