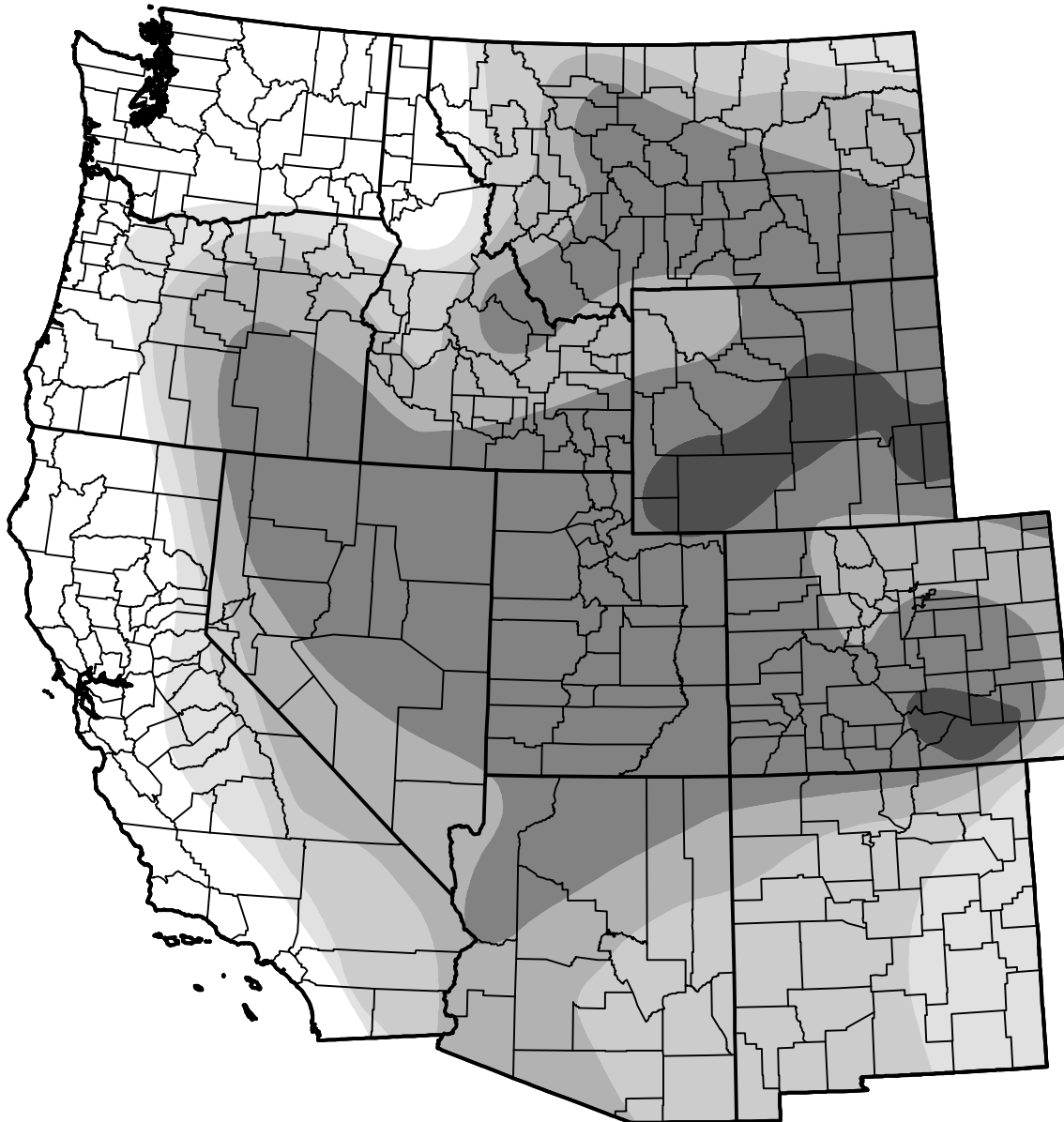


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.43	83.57	75.80	60.27	39.57	3.49
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	9.83	90.17	75.90	61.86	39.89	3.51
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	8.10	91.90	79.26	64.65	29.27	2.96
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	12.62	87.38	76.33	62.90	29.50	2.93
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	5.18	94.82	77.75	59.82	35.39	6.23
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i>	19.44	80.56	61.06	23.65	7.99	0.00

Intensity:



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