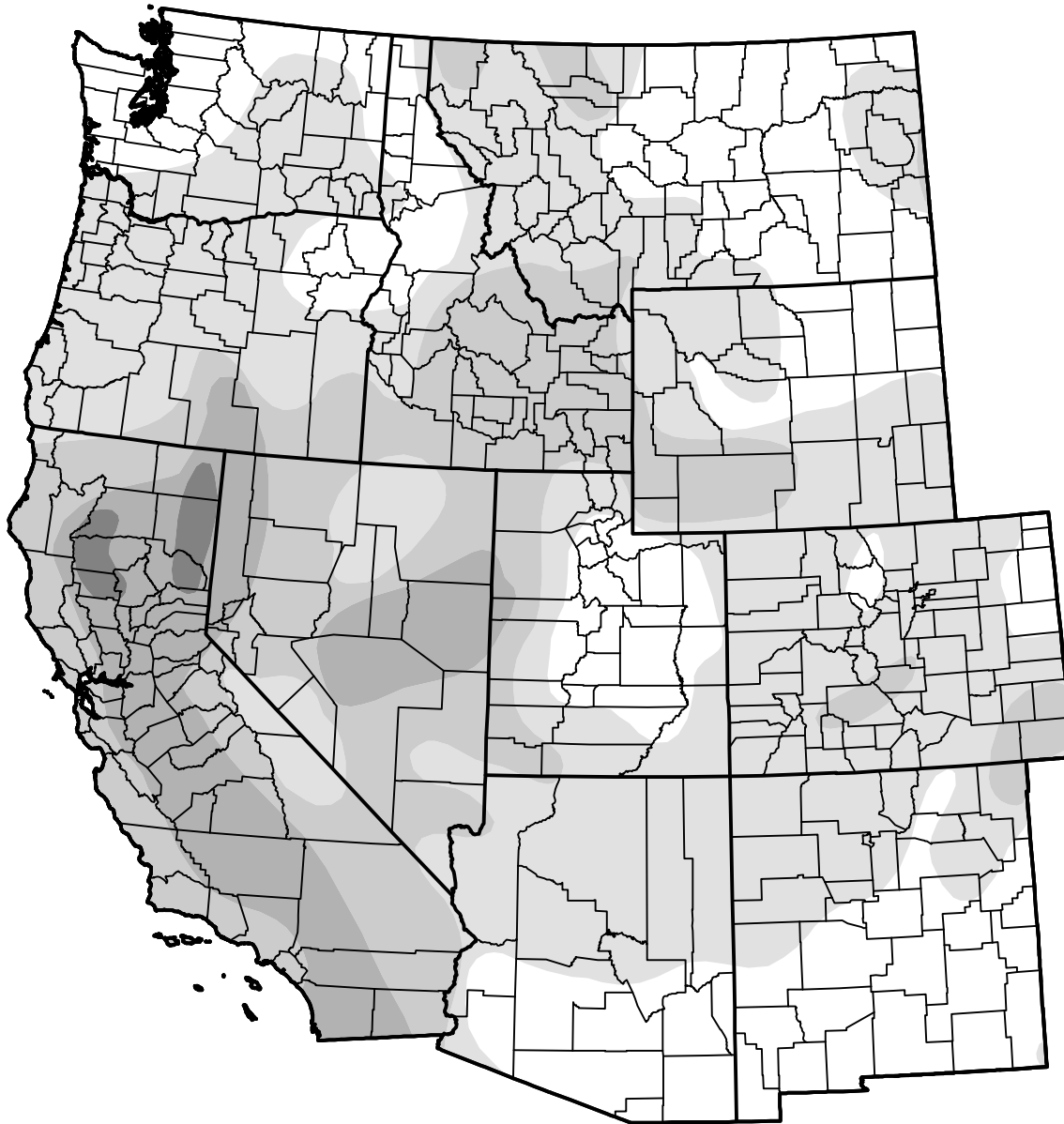


U.S. Drought Monitor Western U.S.

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.46	41.53	20.97	9.25	0.78	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	32.78	37.30	20.10	9.40	0.43	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	34.23	36.09	19.58	9.97	0.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	26.30	19.00	21.65	30.32	2.73	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	40.52	30.31	18.75	10.02	0.40	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	26.30	18.99	21.65	30.32	2.73	0.00

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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