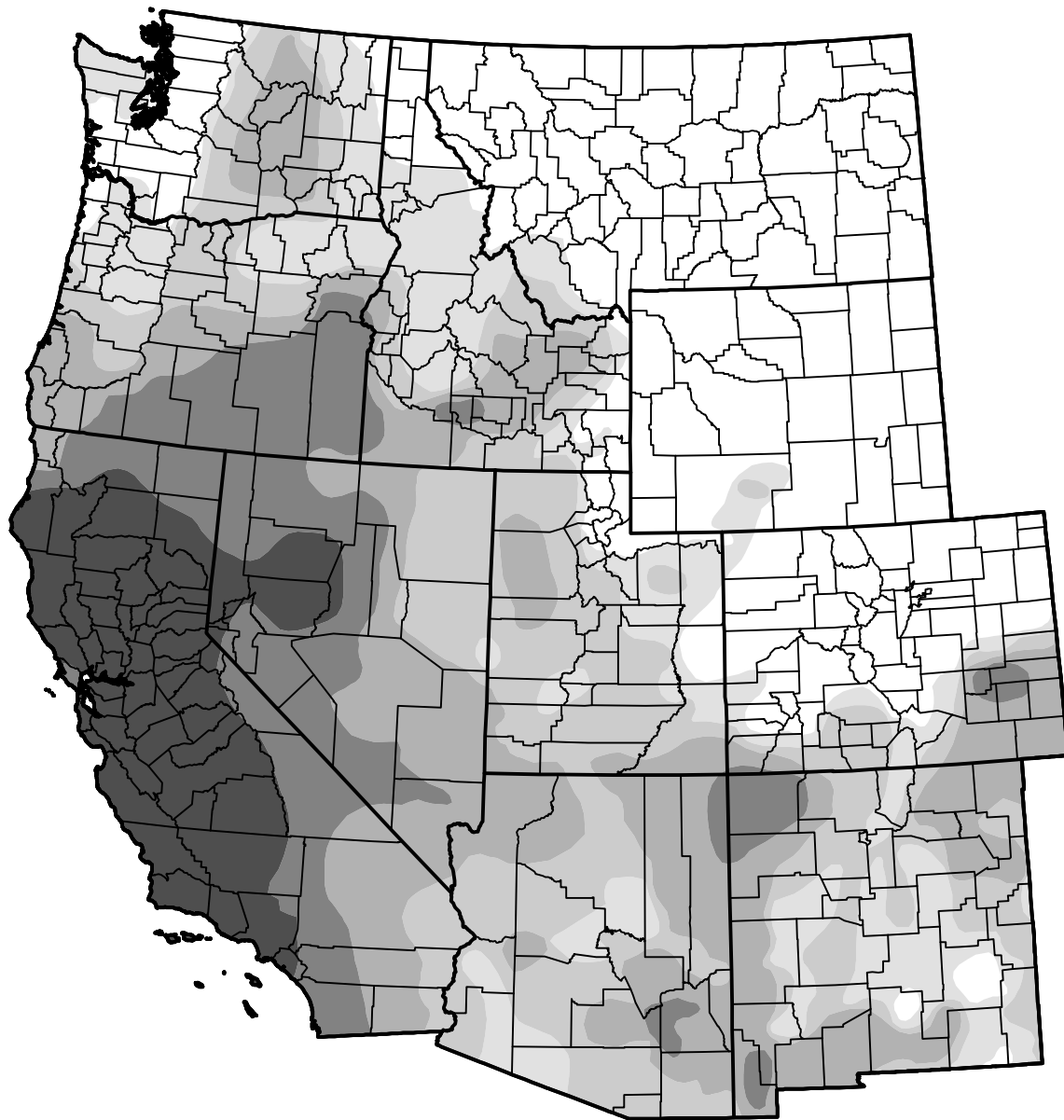


# U.S. Drought Monitor Western U.S.

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	29.74	70.26	57.24	38.69	19.88	8.90
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-09-2014</i>	28.38	71.62	57.36	39.26	19.83	8.90
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-17-2014</i>	30.39	69.61	60.26	47.14	20.35	5.64
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2013</i>	22.20	77.80	51.44	31.11	7.75	0.63
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2013</i>	25.25	74.75	58.96	34.18	5.57	0.63
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-17-2013</i>	18.13	81.87	68.36	40.05	8.00	0.63

***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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