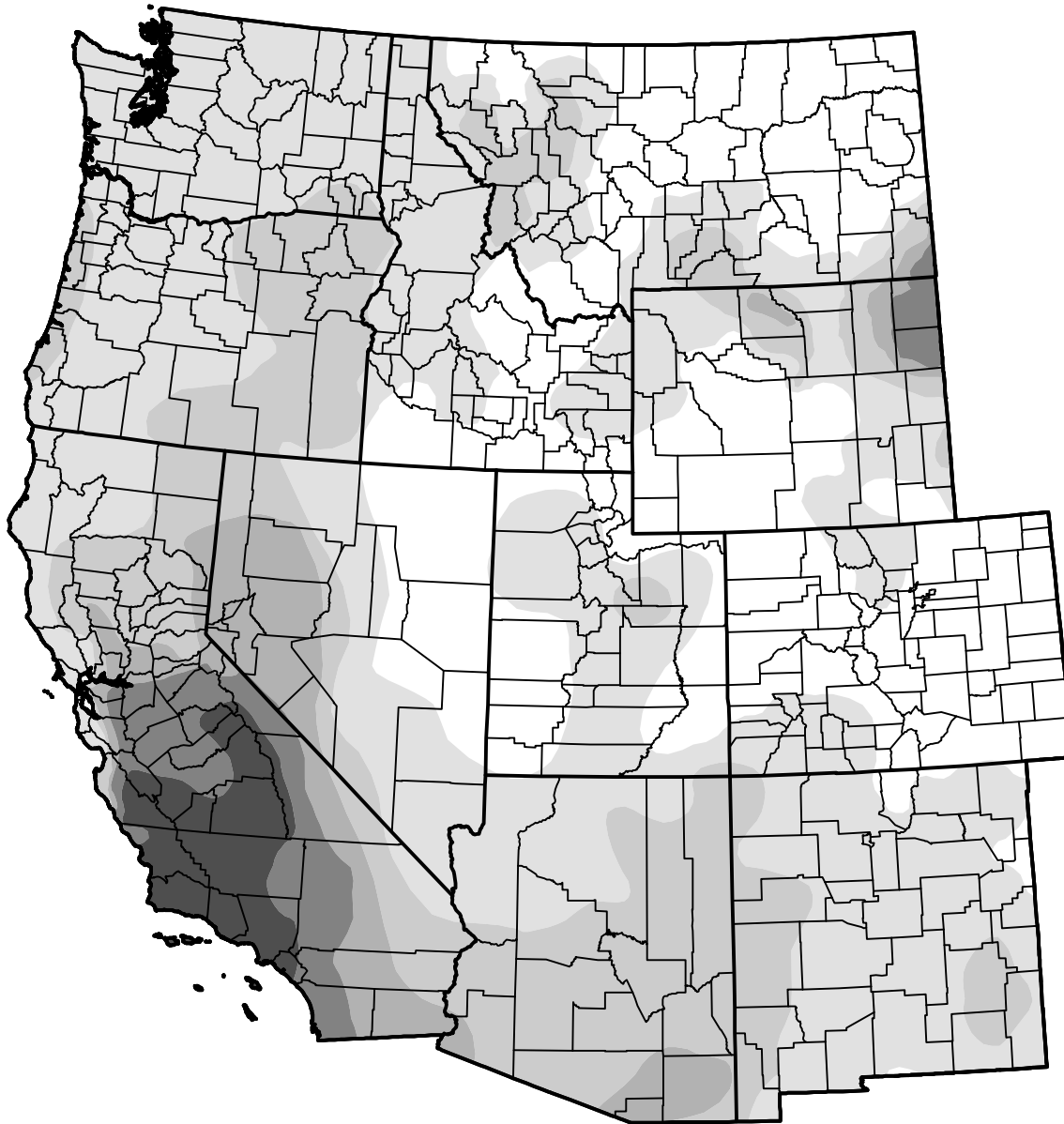


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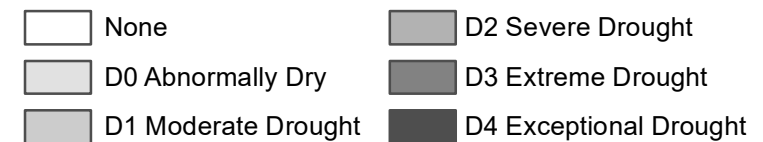
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	27.68	72.32	31.64	11.60	6.18	2.81
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-19-2016</i>	31.17	68.83	29.17	11.44	6.18	2.81
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-26-2016</i>	38.85	61.15	34.76	14.79	8.71	2.81
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	33.17	66.83	45.07	29.30	15.92	6.85
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	22.77	77.23	57.81	42.42	26.50	7.62
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-28-2015</i>	26.53	73.47	60.09	42.99	22.24	7.17

***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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