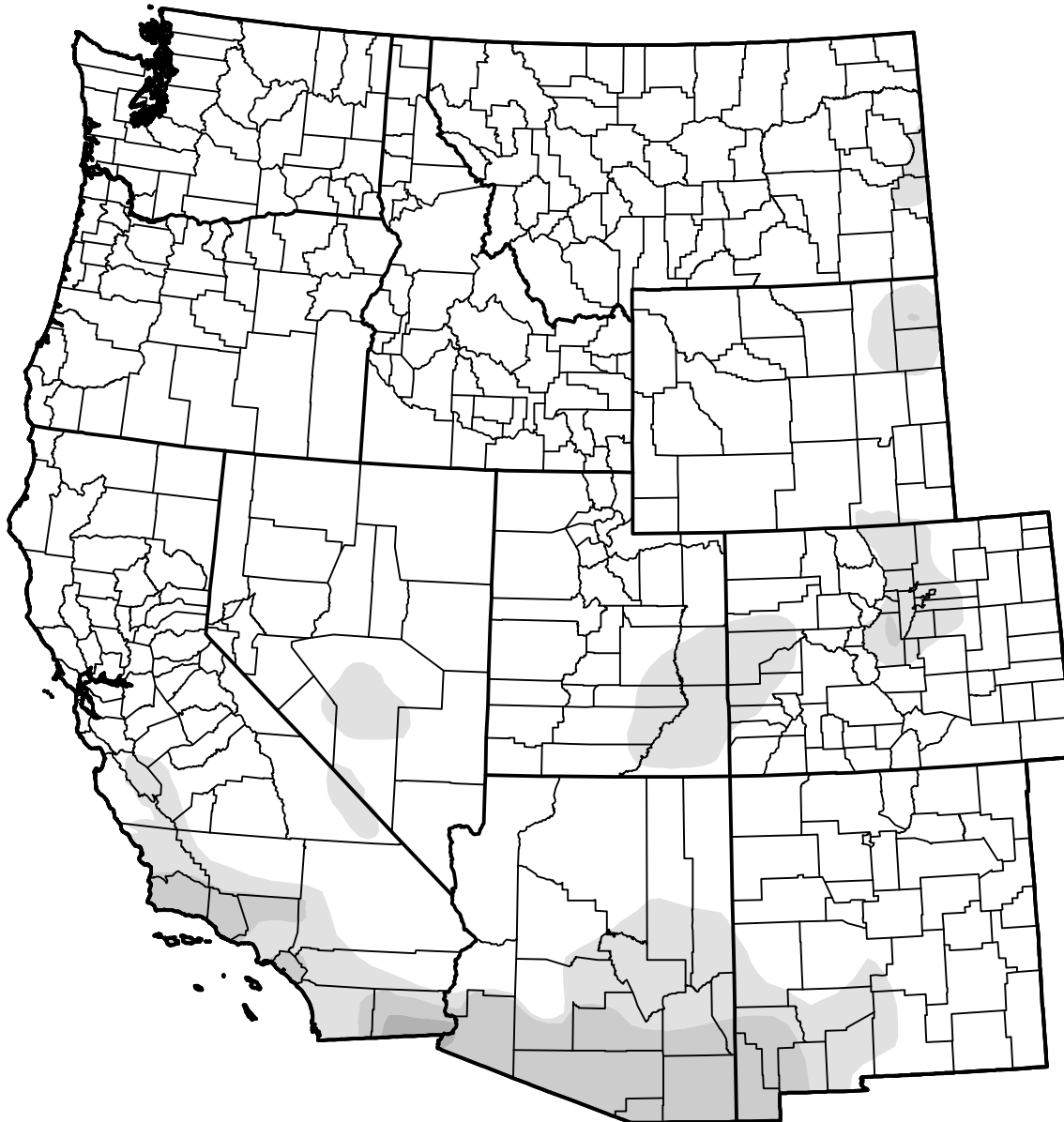


# U.S. Drought Monitor Western U.S.

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	86.06	9.44	4.33	0.16	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-09-2017</i>	86.87	8.61	4.36	0.16	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-14-2017</i>	73.57	16.74	8.57	1.01	0.10	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	54.19	24.30	12.98	3.42	2.67	2.44
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	27.78	41.27	17.50	7.68	2.97	2.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-17-2016</i>	45.83	22.98	19.05	5.90	3.43	2.81

***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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