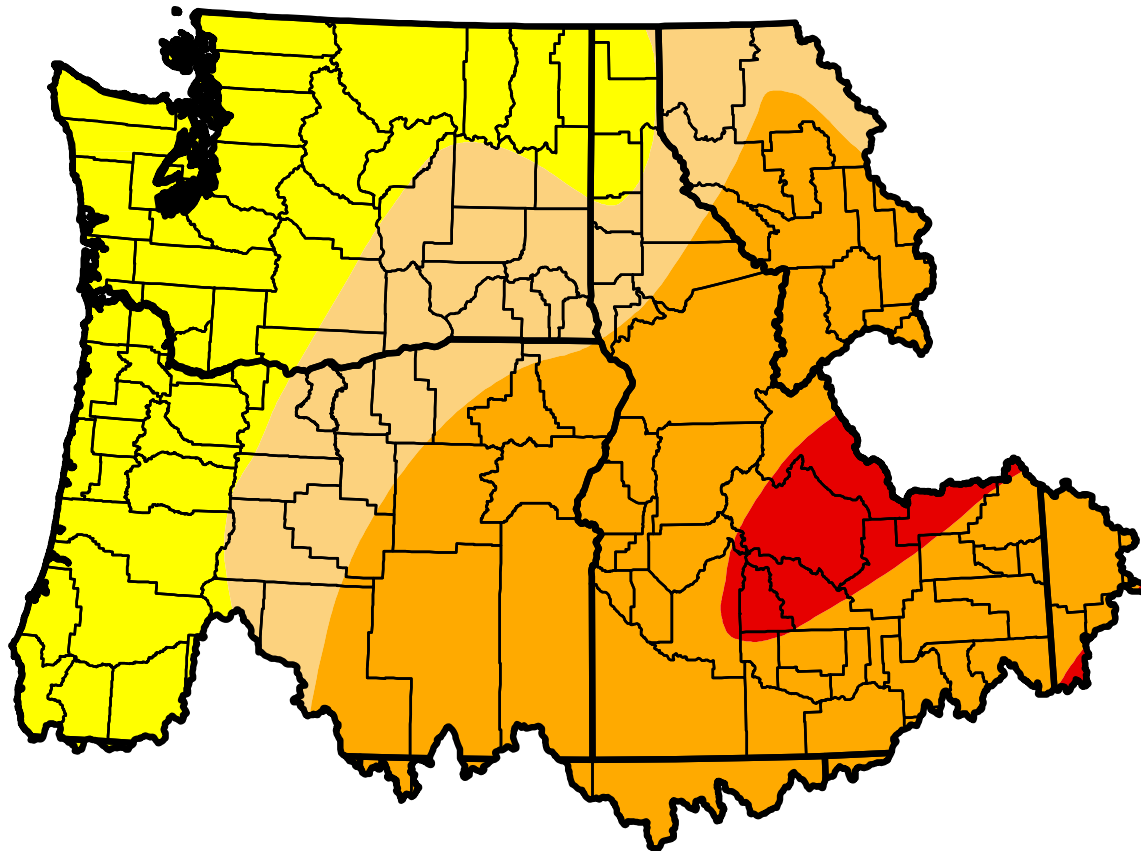


U.S. Drought Monitor

Pacific Northwest Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	69.07	49.32	4.87	0.00
Last Week <i>12/3/2002</i>	1.91	98.09	68.59	46.28	4.94	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>9/10/2002</i>	26.80	73.20	49.40	38.86	6.67	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/1/2002</i>	10.82	89.18	81.86	73.22	23.08	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10/1/2002</i>	17.72	82.28	46.74	36.02	6.52	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12/11/2001</i>	5.58	94.42	85.05	75.16	29.16	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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