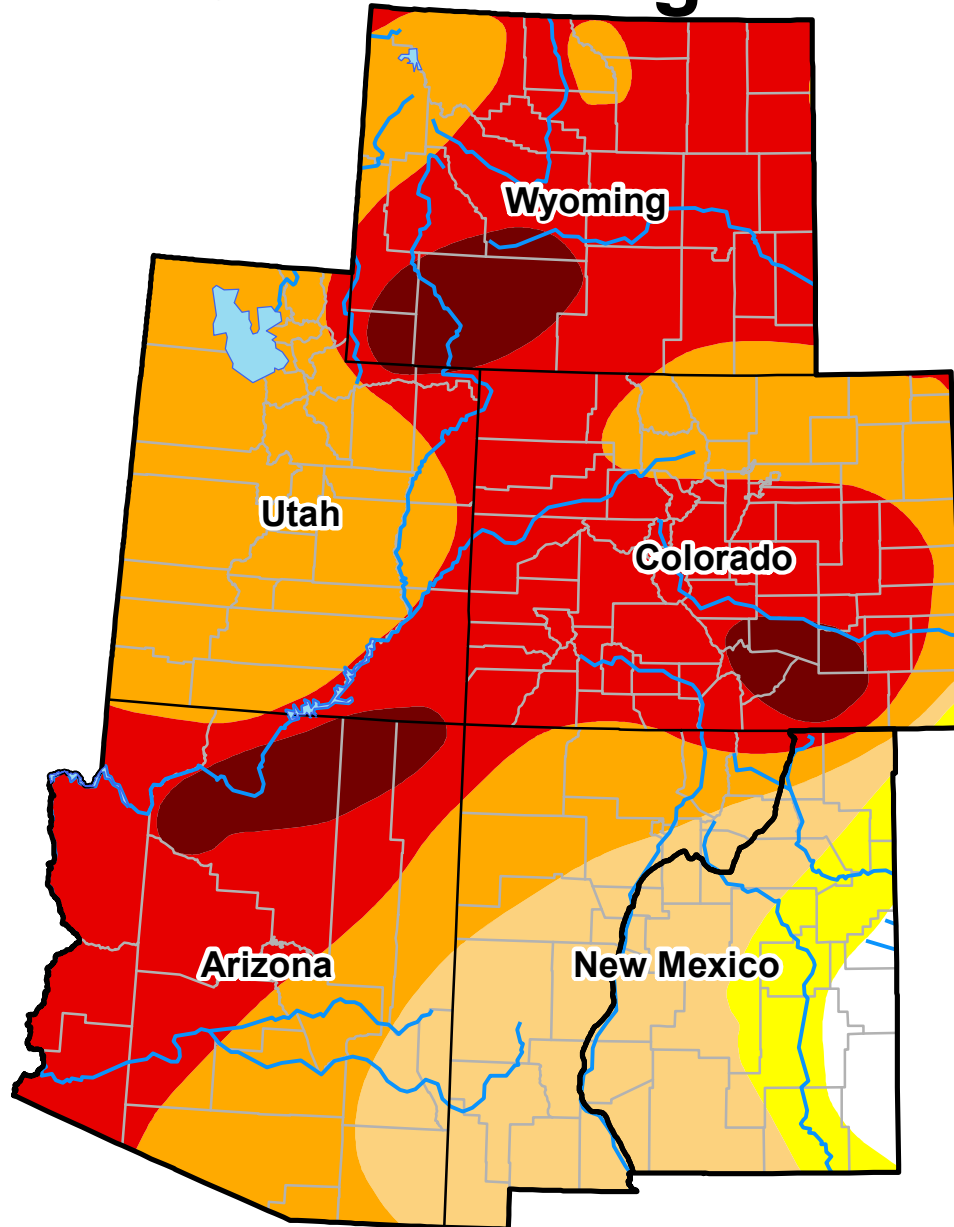


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.61	98.39	94.60	79.59	46.99	6.55
Last Week <i>12-03-2002</i>	0.00	100.00	94.53	74.86	46.68	5.64
3 Months Ago <i>09-10-2002</i>	0.00	100.00	99.91	87.99	63.08	21.60
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	35.30	64.70	34.13	14.11	5.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	0.00	100.00	100.00	82.26	58.81	14.16
One Year Ago <i>12-11-2001</i>	36.65	63.35	32.31	14.28	6.54	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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