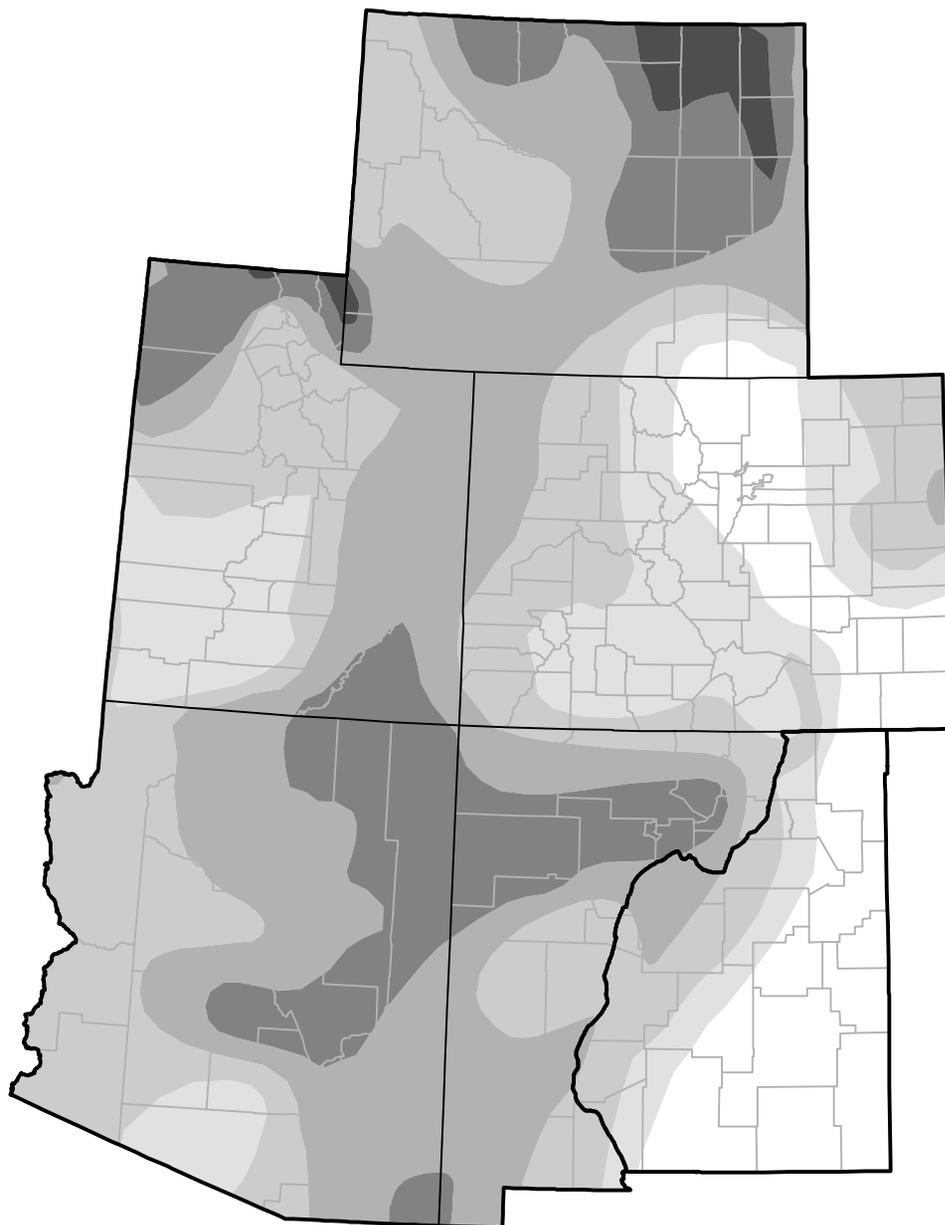


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**December 14, 2004**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	12.27	87.73	72.65	44.03	16.40	1.55
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2004</i>	12.27	87.73	72.85	44.15	16.40	1.55
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2004</i>	6.75	93.25	81.83	63.60	31.29	1.71
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	92.11	83.59	44.97	8.87
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2004</i>	8.24	91.76	80.76	63.60	28.04	1.74
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	92.65	80.84	45.58	7.09

***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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