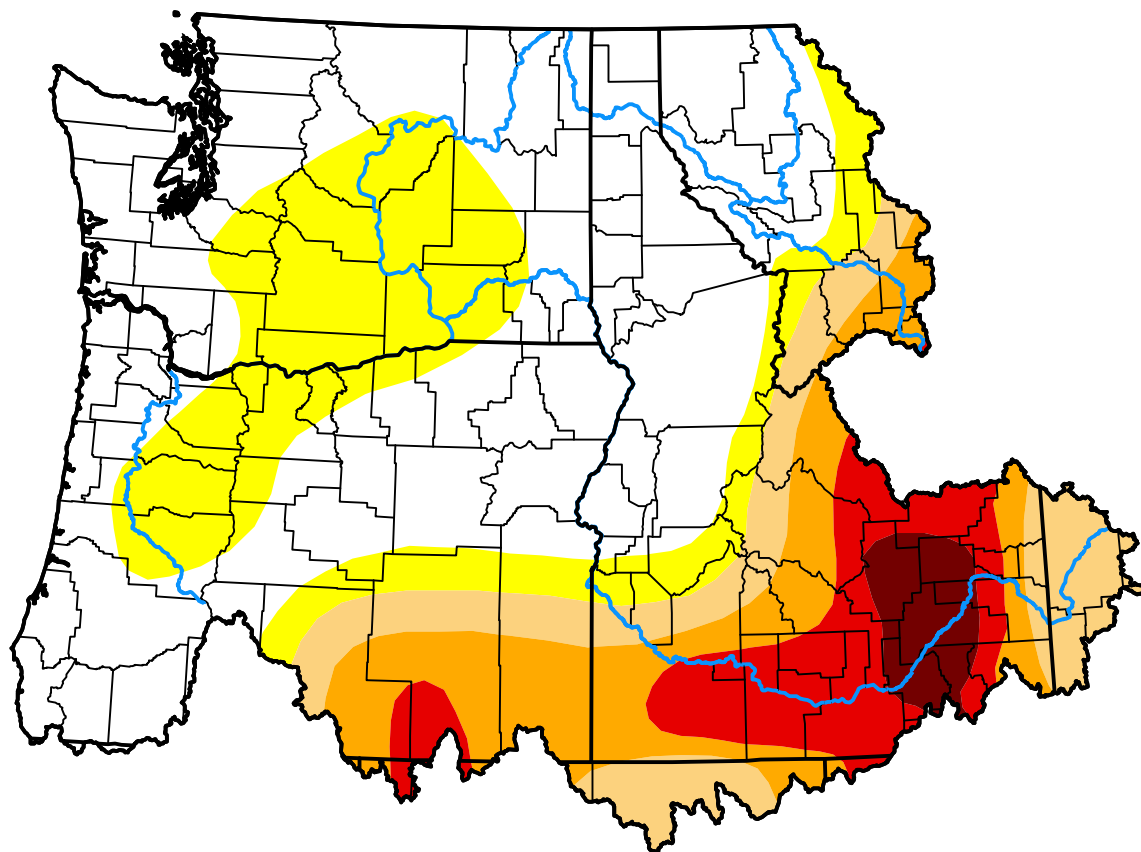


# U.S. Drought Monitor Pacific Northwest Watershed

**December 28, 2004**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 48.88 | 51.12 | 30.74 | 20.99 | 10.30 | 2.56  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-23-2004              | 54.91 | 45.09 | 30.74 | 20.98 | 10.30 | 2.56  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-30-2004           | 59.46 | 40.54 | 31.46 | 24.43 | 12.87 | 2.26  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2003 | 23.49 | 76.51 | 70.90 | 40.83 | 25.04 | 12.46 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-30-2004    | 59.46 | 40.54 | 31.46 | 24.43 | 12.87 | 2.26  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-31-2003           | 23.49 | 76.51 | 70.90 | 40.83 | 25.04 | 12.46 |

**Intensity:**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate 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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