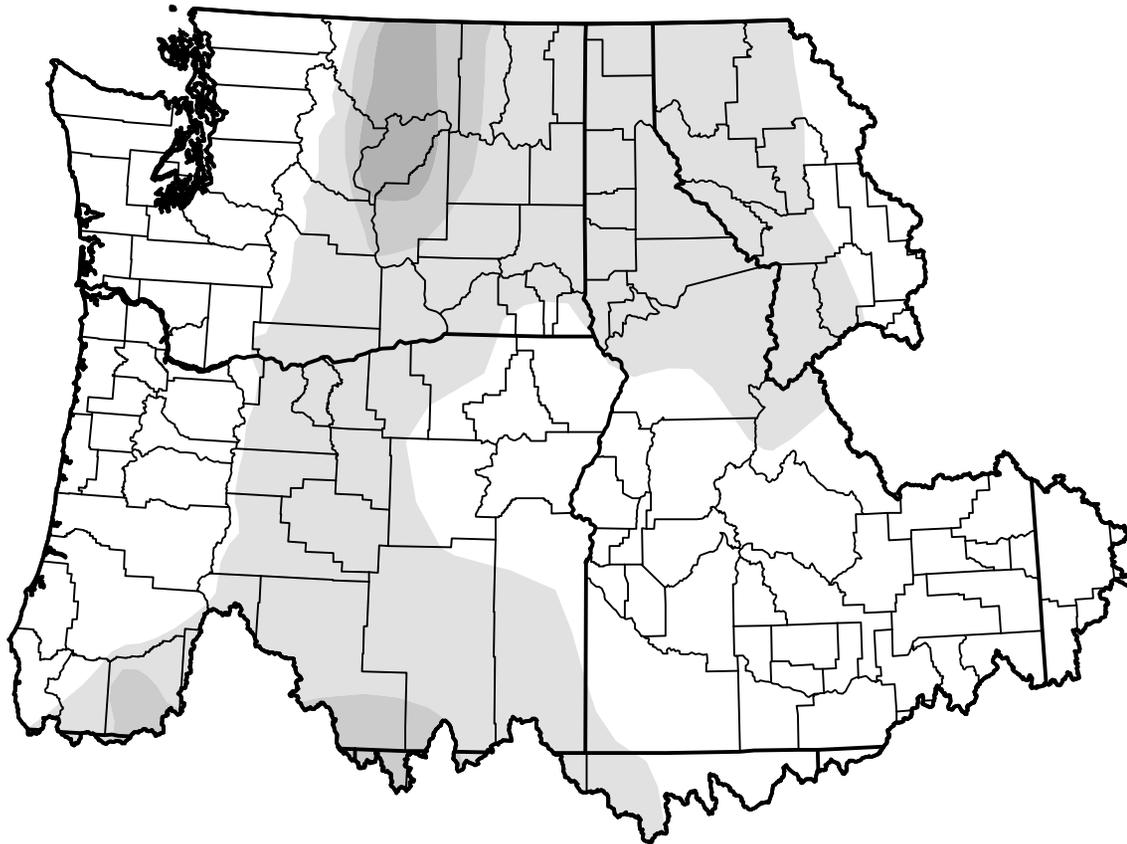


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Pacific Northwest Watershed

**December 15, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 53.94 | 46.06 | 5.94  | 1.93  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-10-2009</i>              | 56.41 | 43.59 | 5.94  | 1.93  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-17-2009</i>           | 61.54 | 38.46 | 13.36 | 2.41  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 34.86 | 65.14 | 23.19 | 1.77  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2009</i>    | 24.96 | 75.04 | 13.21 | 2.38  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2008</i>           | 23.08 | 76.92 | 25.00 | 1.77  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

***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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