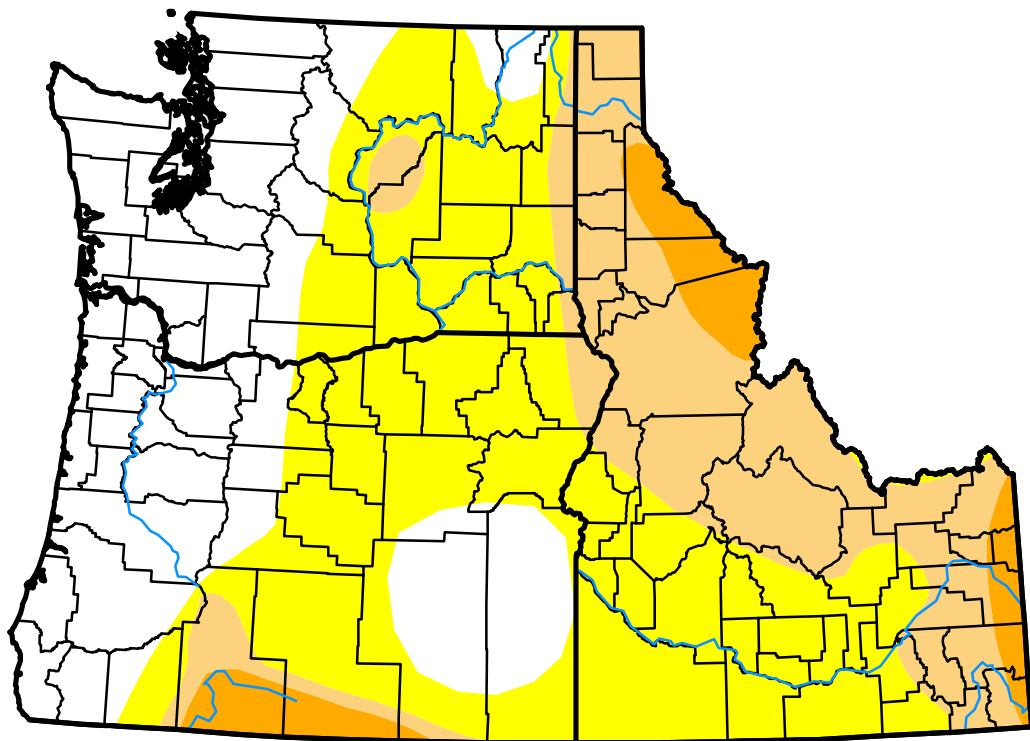


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USDA Northwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.28	47.72	7.69	1.59	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-11-2010</i>	52.23	47.77	7.85	1.61	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-16-2010</i>	47.31	52.69	5.86	0.44	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2009</i>	64.47	35.53	2.19	0.64	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	71.63	28.37	4.65	0.79	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-19-2009</i>	75.11	24.89	5.50	0.05	0.00	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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