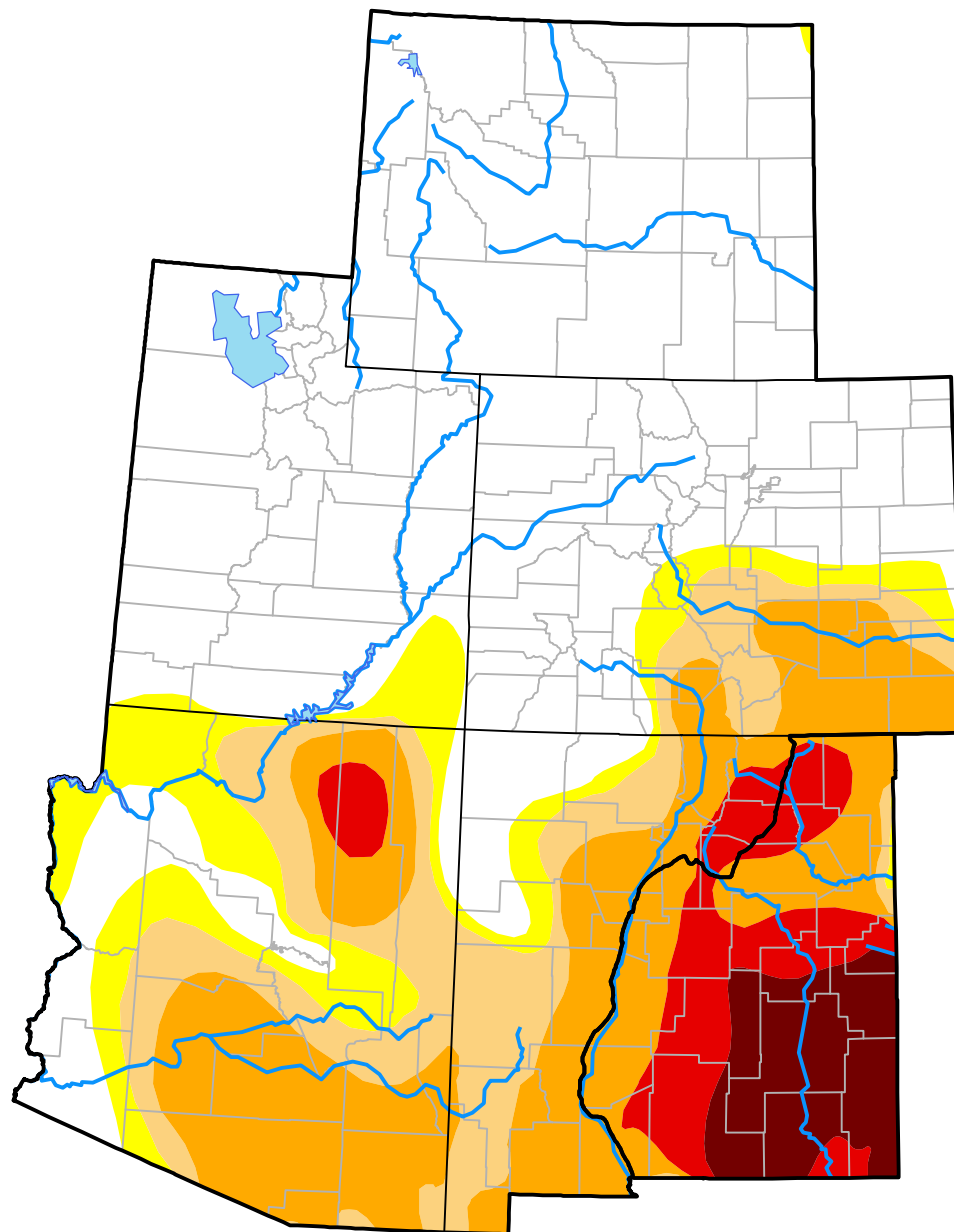


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.03	46.97	38.59	27.75	9.45	4.14
Last Week <i>12-15-2011</i>	49.72	50.28	41.01	32.62	15.79	4.20
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2011</i>	45.58	54.42	43.23	34.04	21.12	8.65
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	45.79	54.21	26.55	2.02	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	45.58	54.42	43.23	34.04	21.12	8.65
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2010</i>	36.81	63.19	27.80	2.02	0.00	0.00

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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