

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**May 1, 2012**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 12.66 | 87.34 | 68.53 | 40.36 | 9.90  | 2.06 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-26-2012</i>              | 12.66 | 87.34 | 65.05 | 40.50 | 9.90  | 2.06 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-02-2012</i>           | 27.29 | 72.71 | 50.70 | 24.92 | 6.40  | 1.89 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 51.79 | 48.21 | 38.59 | 26.88 | 6.05  | 1.76 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 45.58 | 54.42 | 43.23 | 34.04 | 21.12 | 8.65 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-05-2011</i>           | 45.34 | 54.66 | 45.58 | 35.33 | 18.25 | 3.17 |

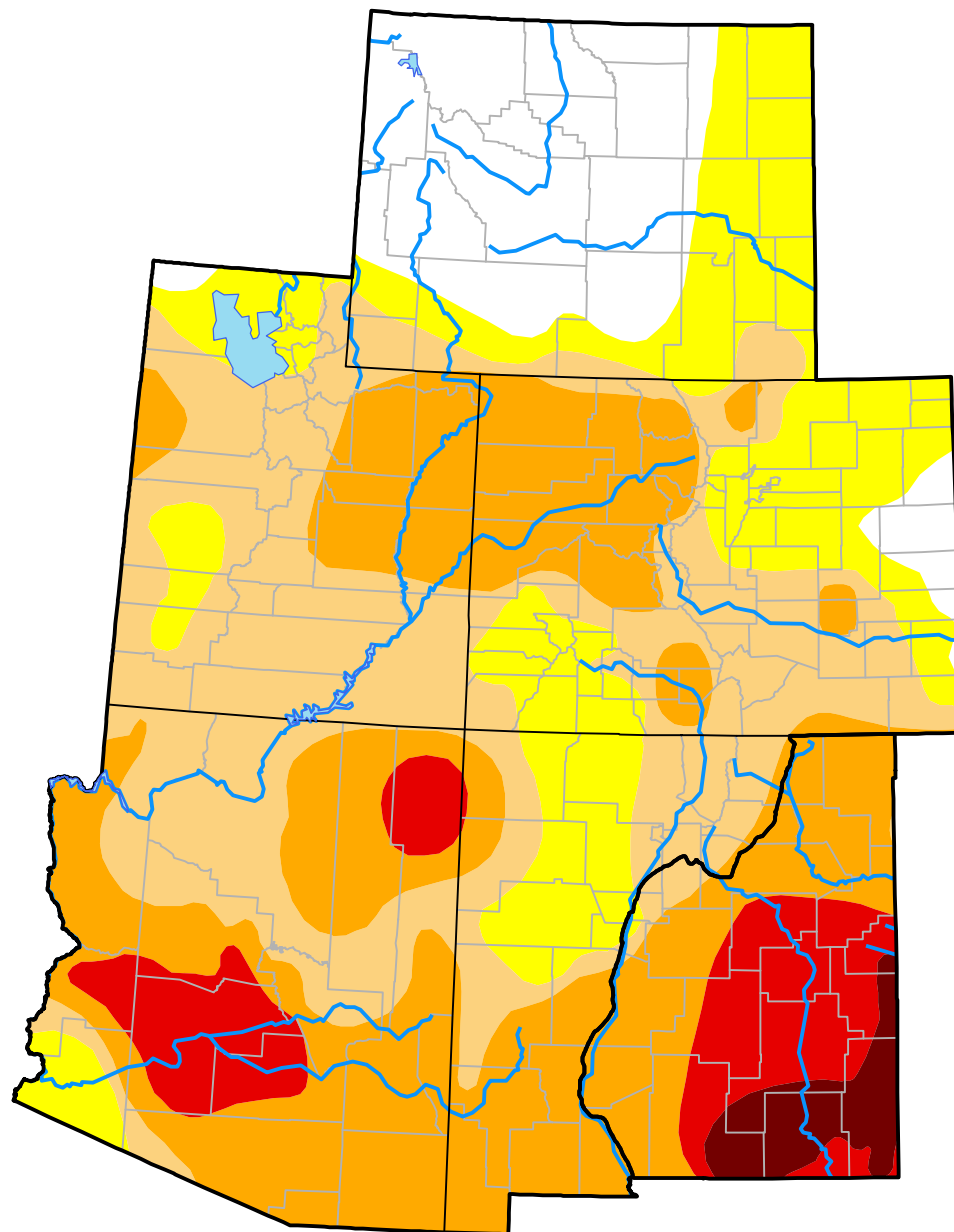
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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