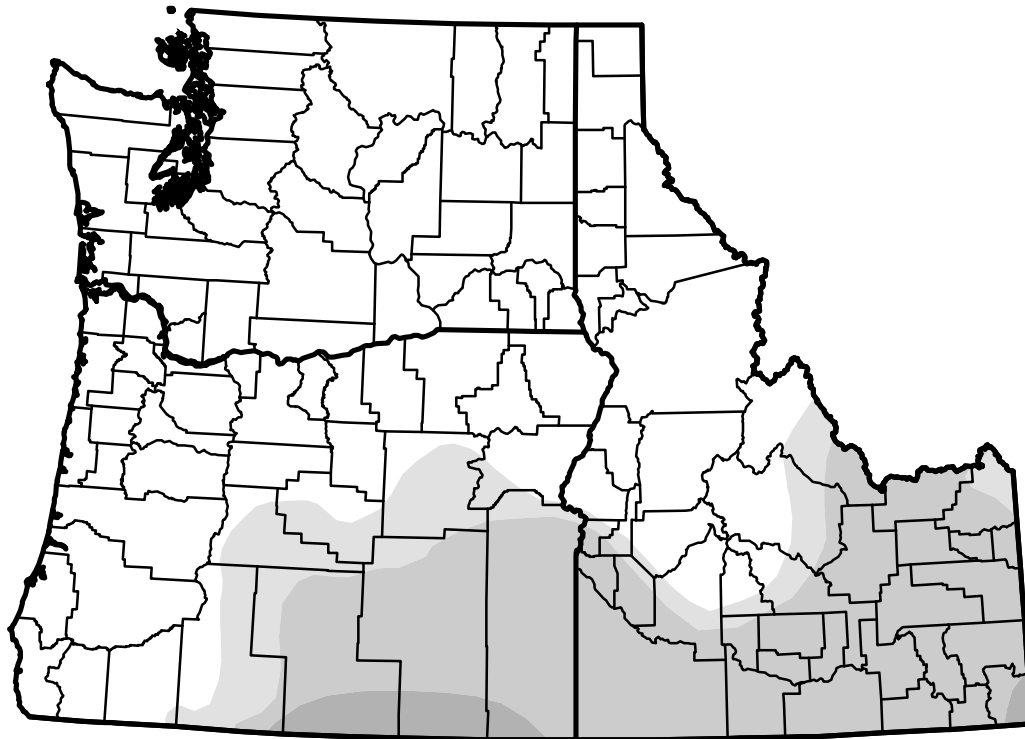


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.93	43.07	7.93	0.62	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	56.93	43.07	7.93	0.62	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	65.63	34.37	10.02	0.61	0.06	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	84.61	15.39	2.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	65.61	34.39	10.03	0.62	0.06	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	93.95	6.05	0.00	0.00	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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