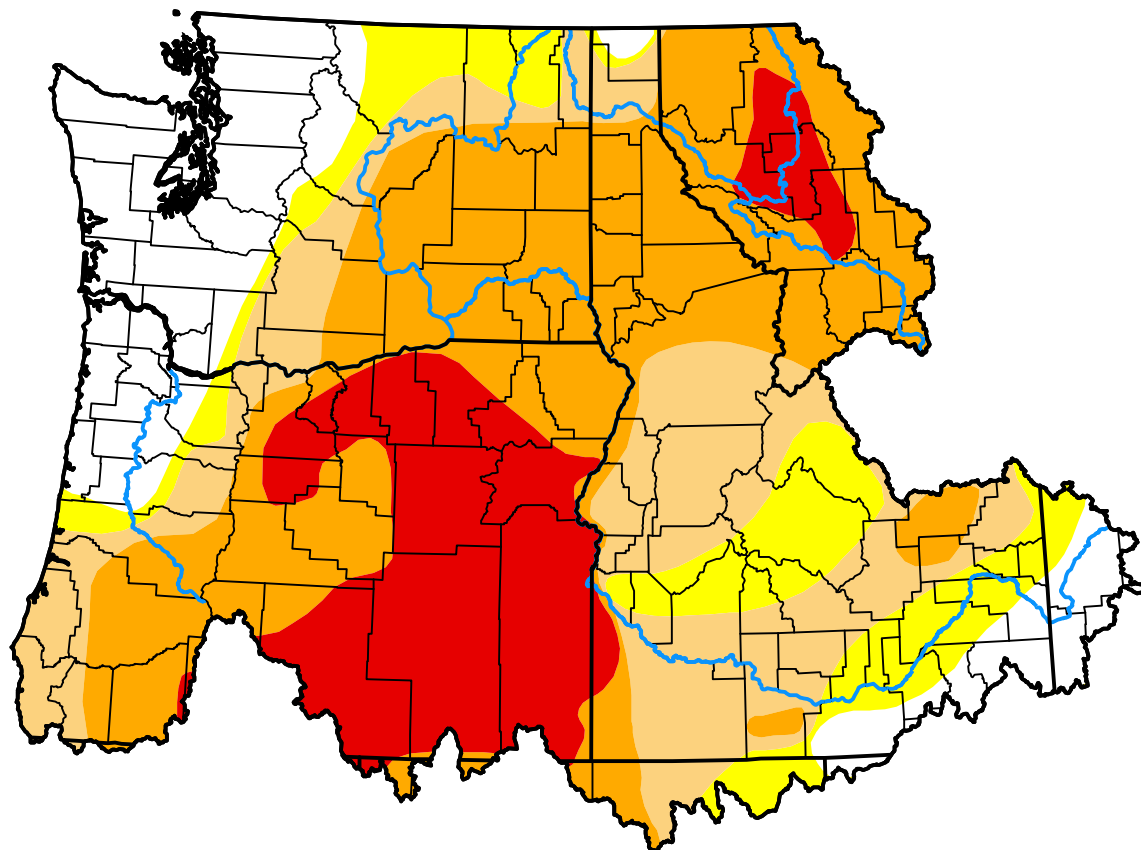


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Pacific Northwest Watershed

**December 15, 2015**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 16.69 | 83.31 | 71.44 | 50.91 | 17.45 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-10-2015</i>              | 12.82 | 87.18 | 75.47 | 63.44 | 32.66 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-17-2015</i>           | 0.03  | 99.97 | 96.12 | 82.07 | 55.22 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2014</i> | 34.96 | 65.04 | 49.90 | 25.00 | 11.14 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 0.03  | 99.97 | 94.08 | 81.91 | 55.22 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2014</i>           | 33.89 | 66.11 | 51.29 | 26.69 | 11.45 | 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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