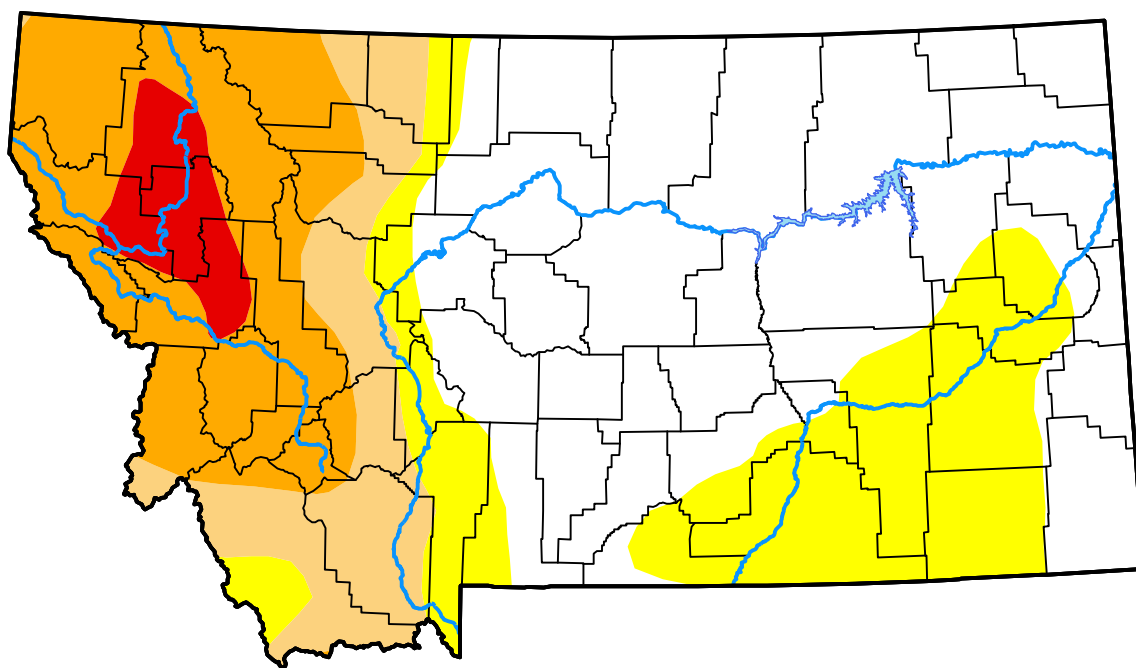


# U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

**December 22, 2015**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 48.55 | 51.45 | 30.93 | 20.95 | 3.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-17-2015</i>              | 43.97 | 56.03 | 33.85 | 25.76 | 3.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-24-2015</i>           | 30.48 | 69.52 | 38.18 | 28.91 | 18.84 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2014</i> | 98.84 | 1.16  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 30.55 | 69.45 | 38.18 | 28.78 | 16.92 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2014</i>           | 98.84 | 1.16  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 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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