

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**March 15, 2016**

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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>                                         | 34.54 | 65.46 | 15.76 | 2.93  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-08-2016</i>                  | 38.58 | 61.42 | 13.95 | 2.93  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2015</i>               | 42.46 | 57.54 | 17.30 | 4.48  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 42.54 | 57.46 | 18.19 | 4.44  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 37.57 | 62.43 | 29.40 | 5.77  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-17-2015</i>               | 28.02 | 71.98 | 62.78 | 18.01 | 0.59  | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

**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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