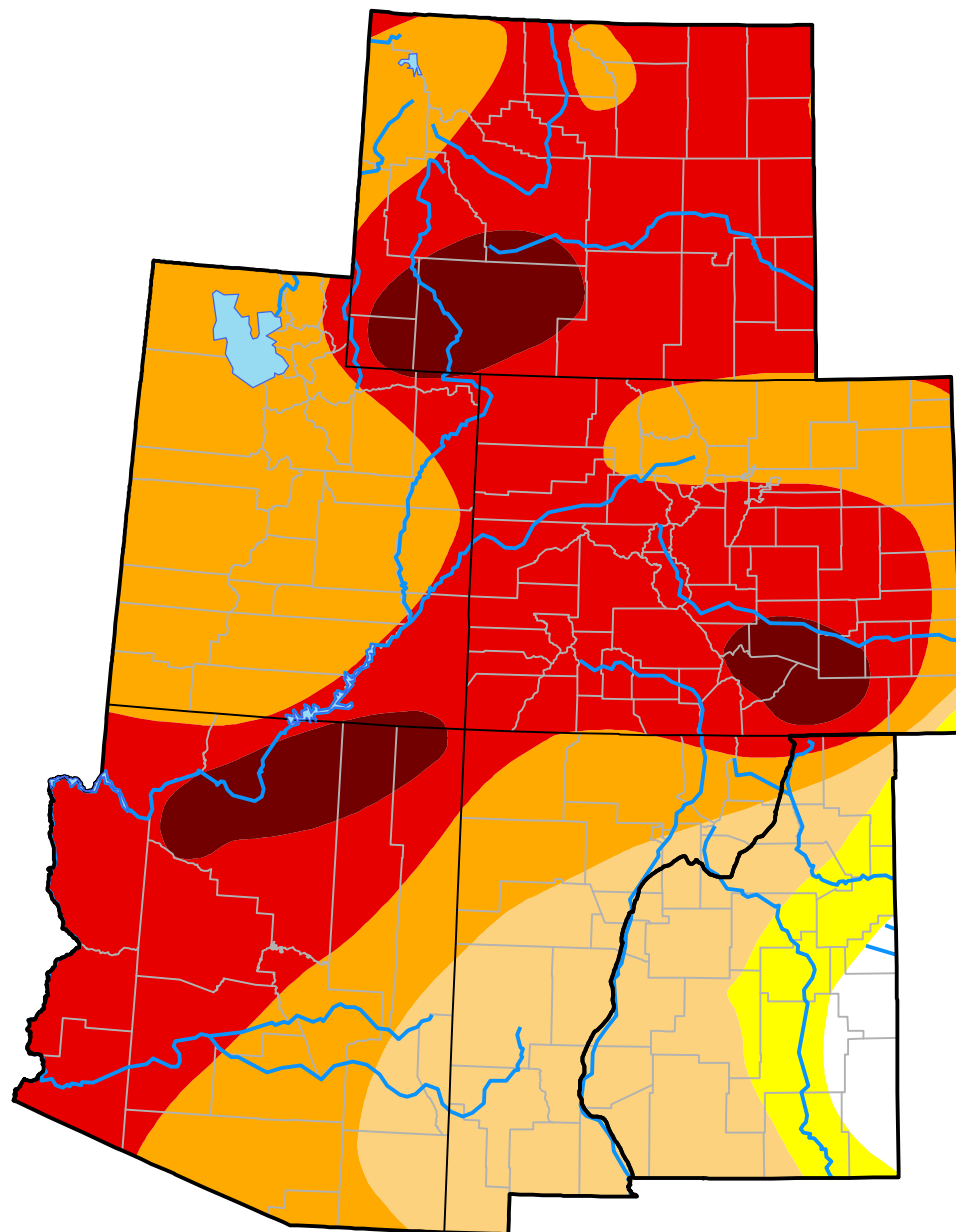


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.55	3.69	15.00	31.77	41.28	6.71
Last Week <i>12-12-2002</i>	1.61	3.79	15.01	32.60	40.44	6.55
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2002</i>	0.00	0.00	14.31	23.54	43.35	18.80
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	35.30	30.57	20.01	8.40	5.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	0.00	0.00	17.74	23.44	44.66	14.16
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2001</i>	36.71	30.09	18.92	7.91	6.36	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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