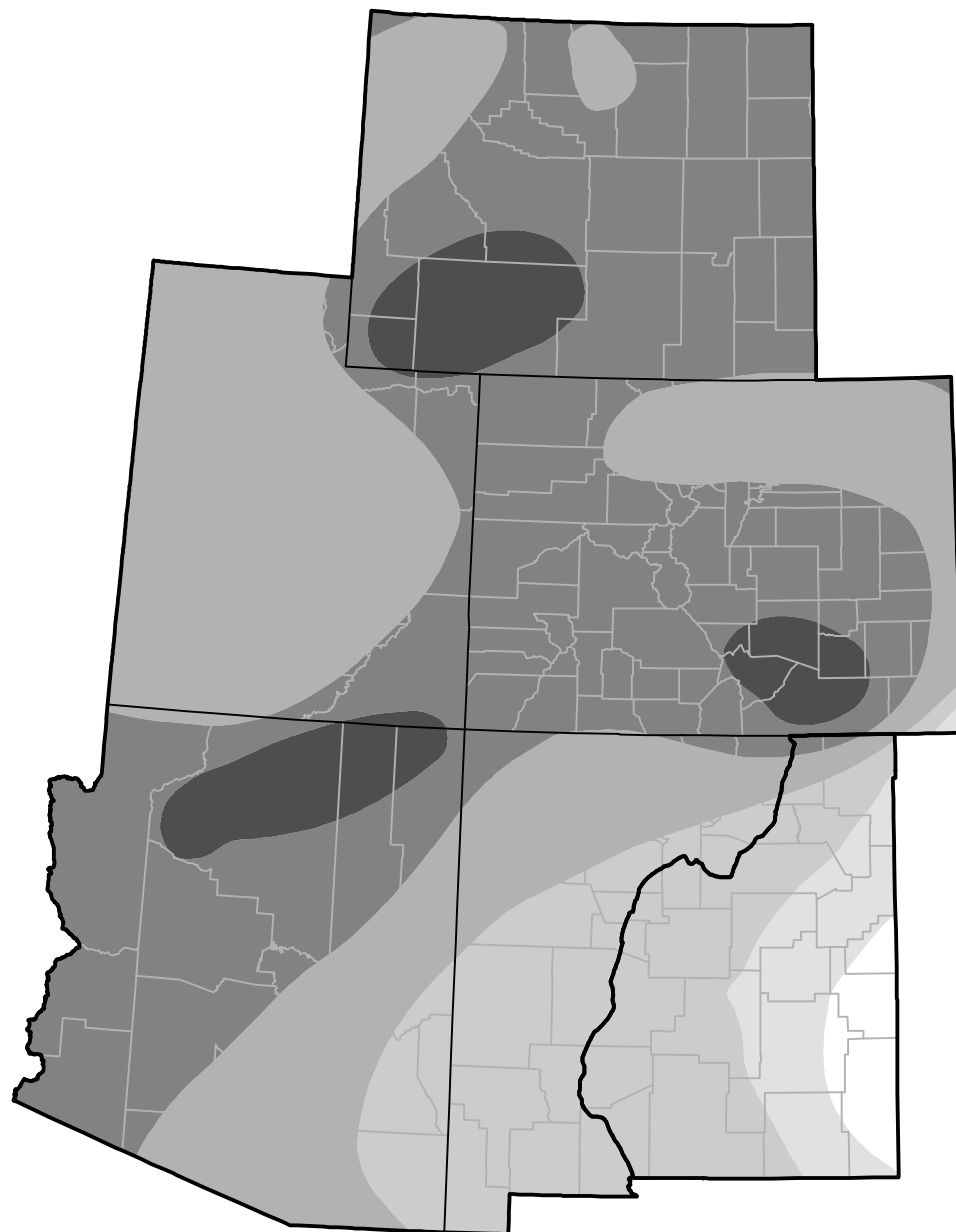


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS



**December 17, 2002**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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

### Author:

Douglas Le Comte  
 CPC/NOAA



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**