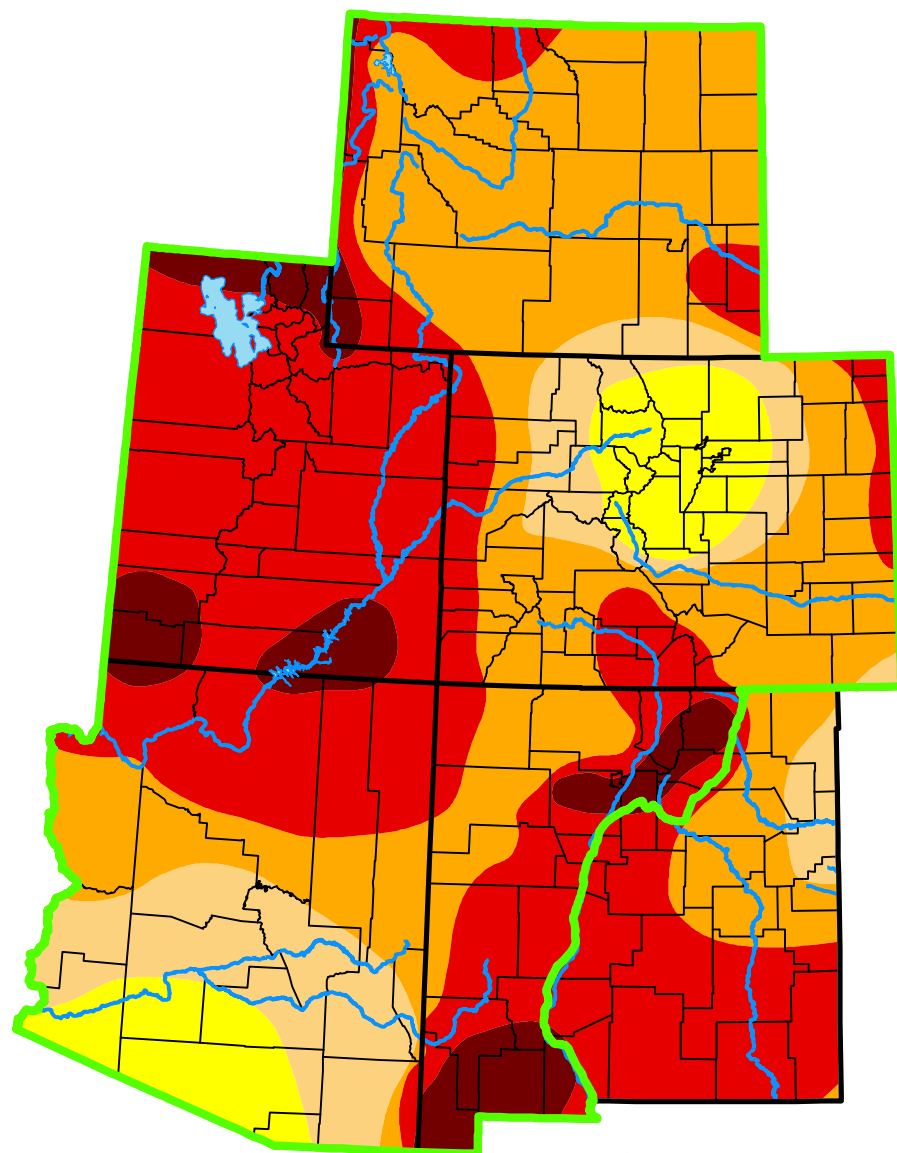


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West DEWS

and Surrounding Areas



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	8.36	12.33	36.10	35.23	7.98
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	0.00	8.40	12.65	36.66	34.36	7.93
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	0.00	5.18	16.52	35.44	39.07	3.80
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	0.00	0.08	11.83	33.71	46.82	7.57
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.00	7.25	16.26	33.71	38.83	3.95
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	0.00	0.06	9.70	35.75	46.85	7.64

(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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