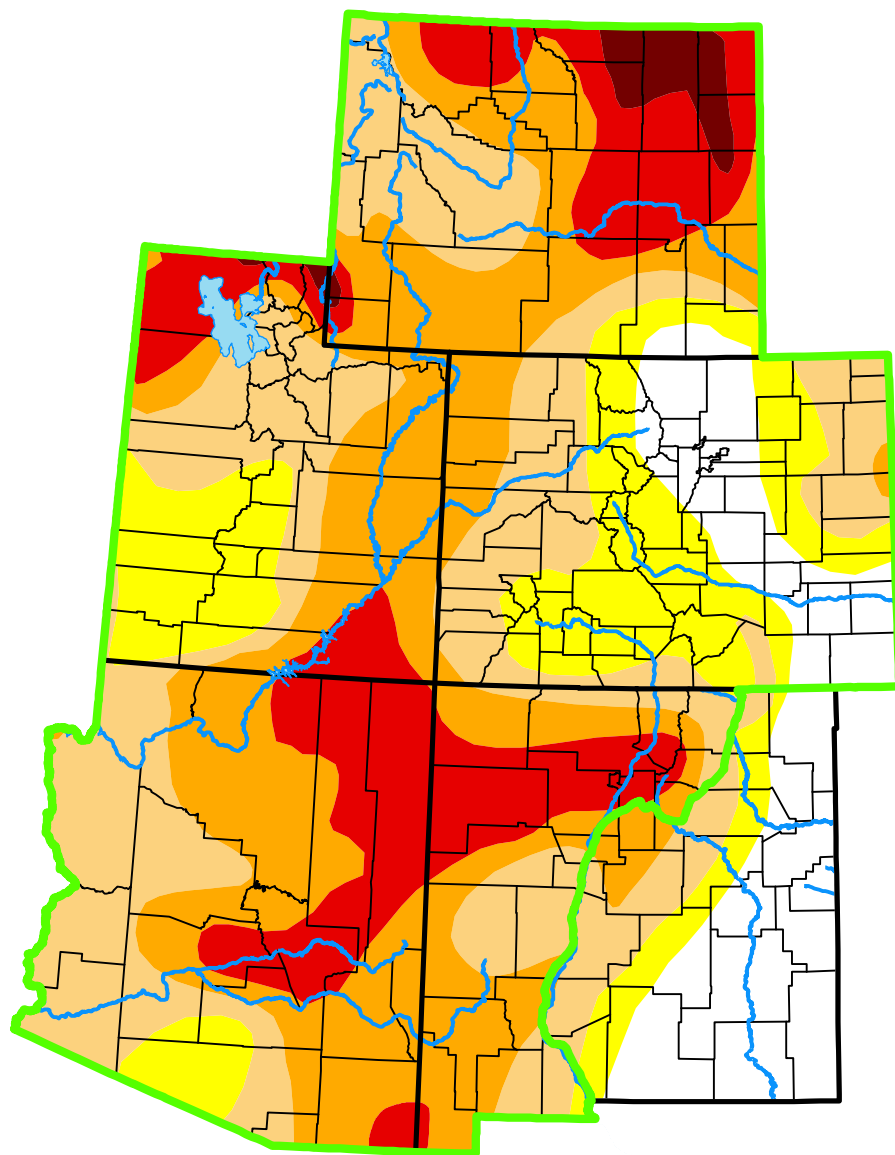


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 21, 2004

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.86	15.12	29.72	30.28	17.22	1.79
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	5.86	15.06	29.81	30.61	16.89	1.77
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	3.59	9.49	16.69	38.34	29.92	1.98
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	8.98	9.69	39.84	33.43	8.07
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	4.67	8.58	16.52	38.34	29.92	1.98
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	0.00	7.81	11.20	36.84	35.57	8.58

(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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