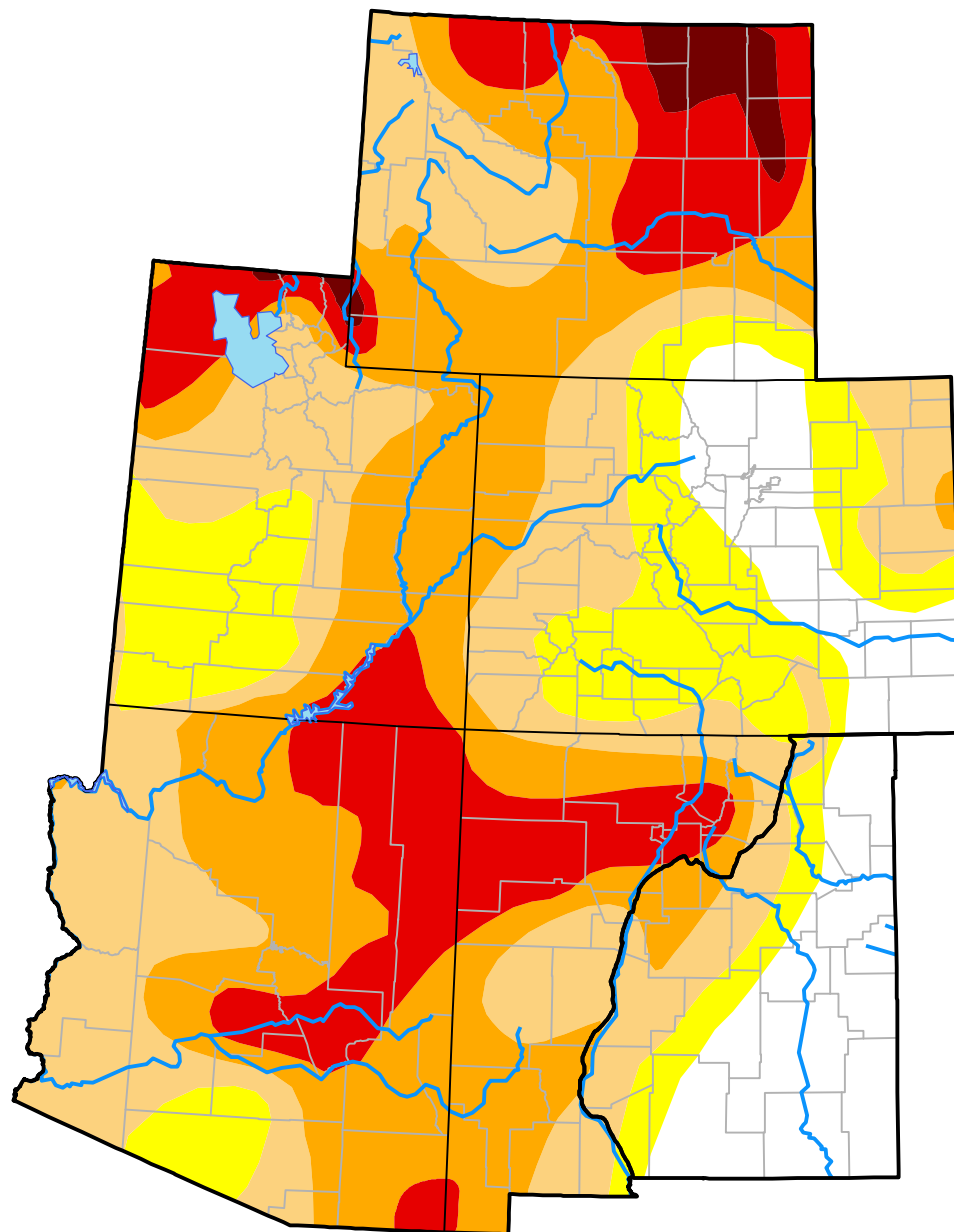


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**December 21, 2004**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4  | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 12.27 | 87.73  | 72.60 | 44.05 | 16.71 | 1.57 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-16-2004</i>              | 12.27 | 87.73  | 72.65 | 44.03 | 16.40 | 1.55 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2004</i>           | 6.81  | 93.19  | 81.15 | 63.61 | 28.04 | 1.74 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 0.00  | 100.00 | 92.11 | 83.59 | 44.97 | 8.87 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2004</i>    | 8.24  | 91.76  | 80.76 | 63.60 | 28.04 | 1.74 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2003</i>           | 0.00  | 100.00 | 93.13 | 82.14 | 46.31 | 9.38 |

### 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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