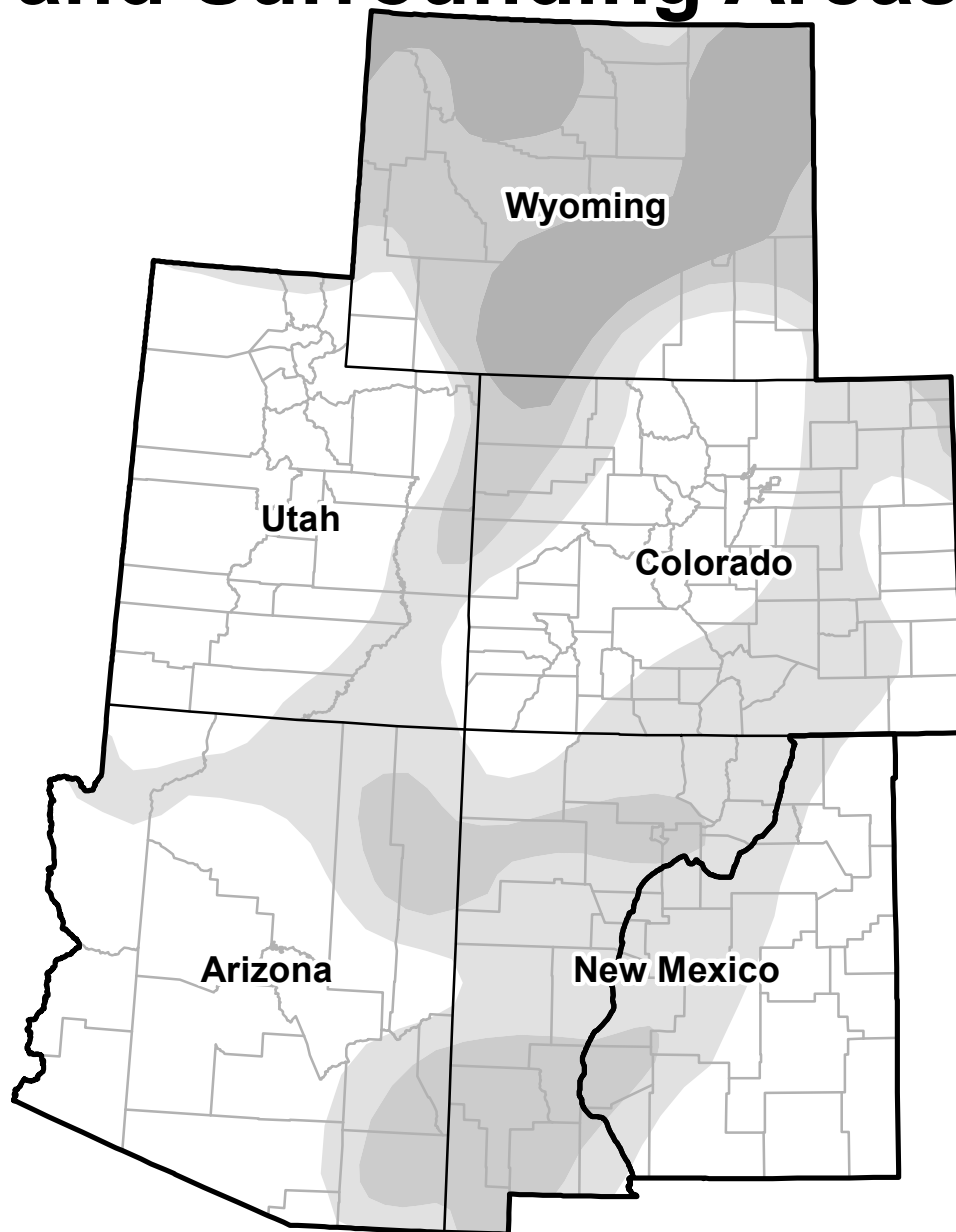


Intermountain West RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.76	52.24	24.83	7.96	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2005</i>	43.58	56.42	28.32	8.80	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2005</i>	52.04	47.96	25.38	11.55	2.10	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	12.27	87.73	71.82	40.59	15.58	1.57
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	8.24	91.76	80.76	63.60	28.04	1.74
One Year Ago <i>08-24-2004</i>	7.12	92.88	82.72	65.84	34.03	1.75

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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