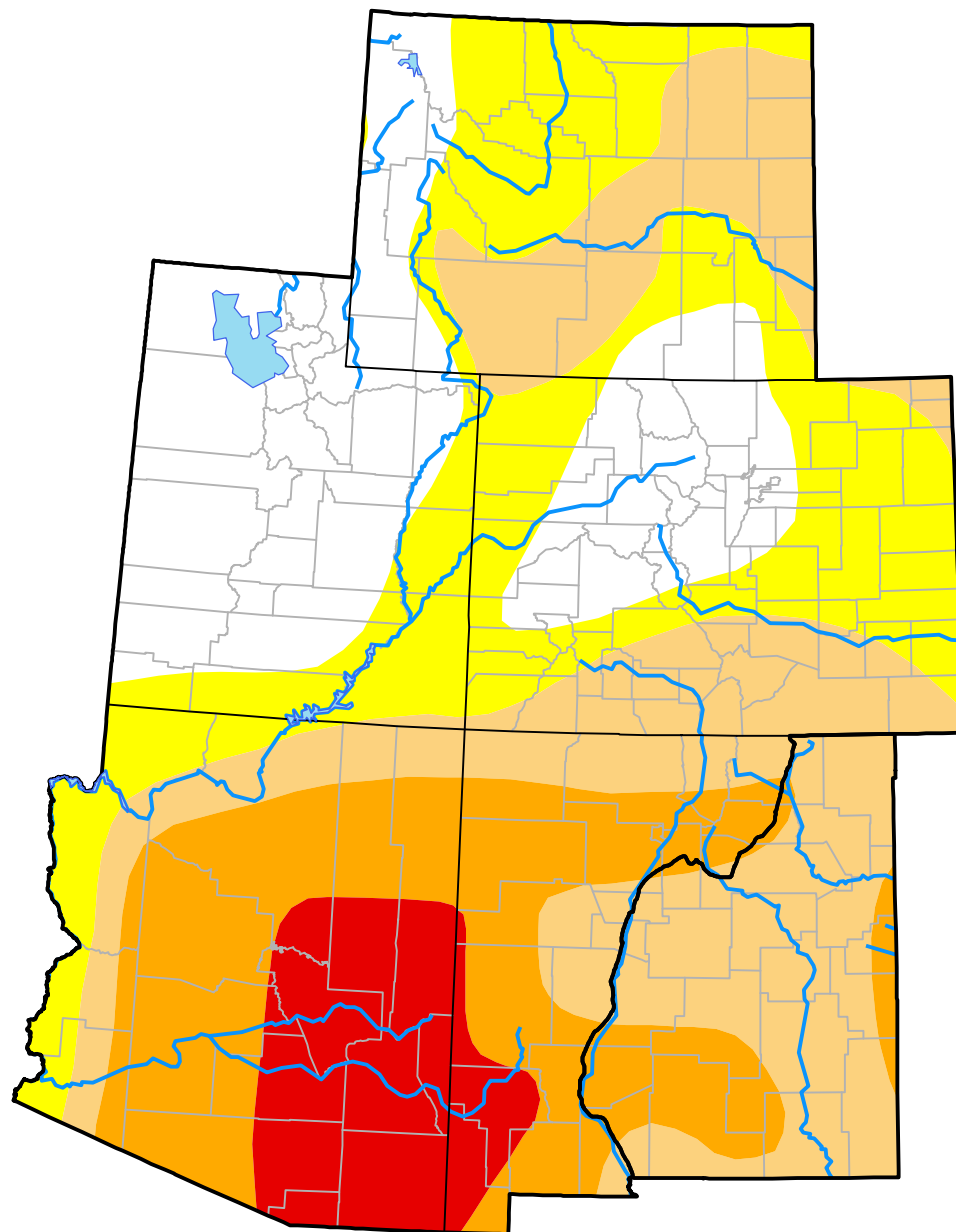


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**February 21, 2006**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 22.35 | 23.56 | 27.46 | 18.10 | 8.53 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-16-2006</i>              | 21.86 | 23.61 | 32.81 | 13.19 | 8.53 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-24-2005</i>           | 43.48 | 38.09 | 18.42 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 29.68 | 46.68 | 23.63 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 47.93 | 27.44 | 18.01 | 6.61  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-24-2005</i>           | 16.62 | 32.25 | 28.24 | 12.07 | 8.23 | 2.61 |

### 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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