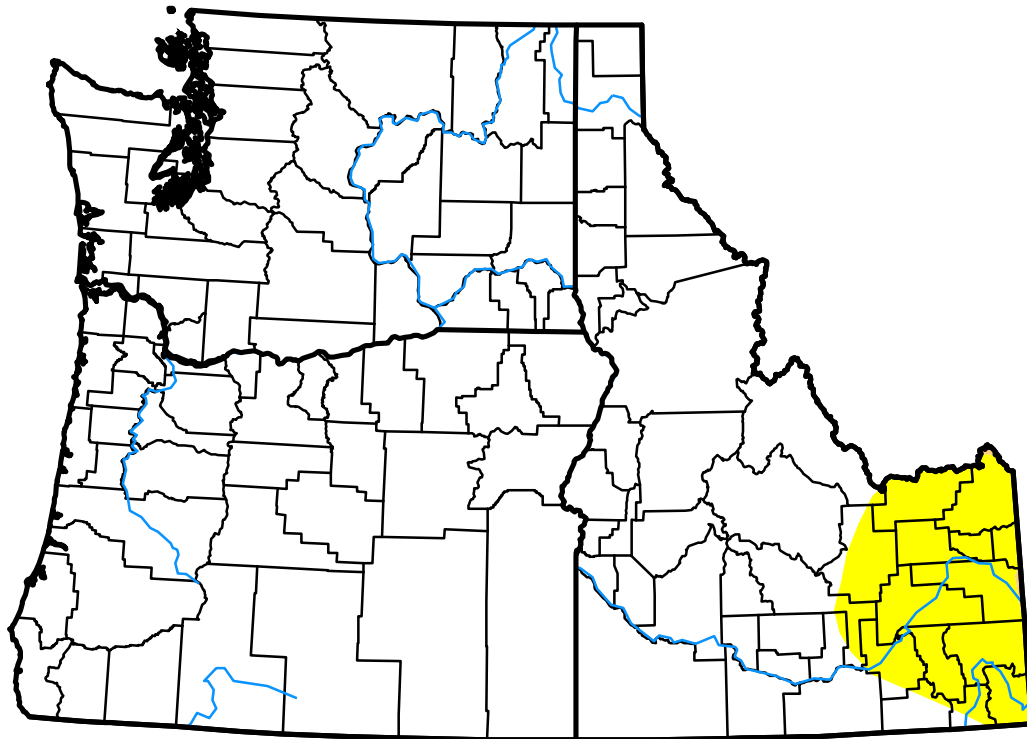


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	97.83	2.15	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	97.48	2.43	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	86.22	11.53	2.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	83.95	12.46	3.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	84.35	13.42	2.19	0.04	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	71.68	17.68	9.17	1.47	0.00	0.00

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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