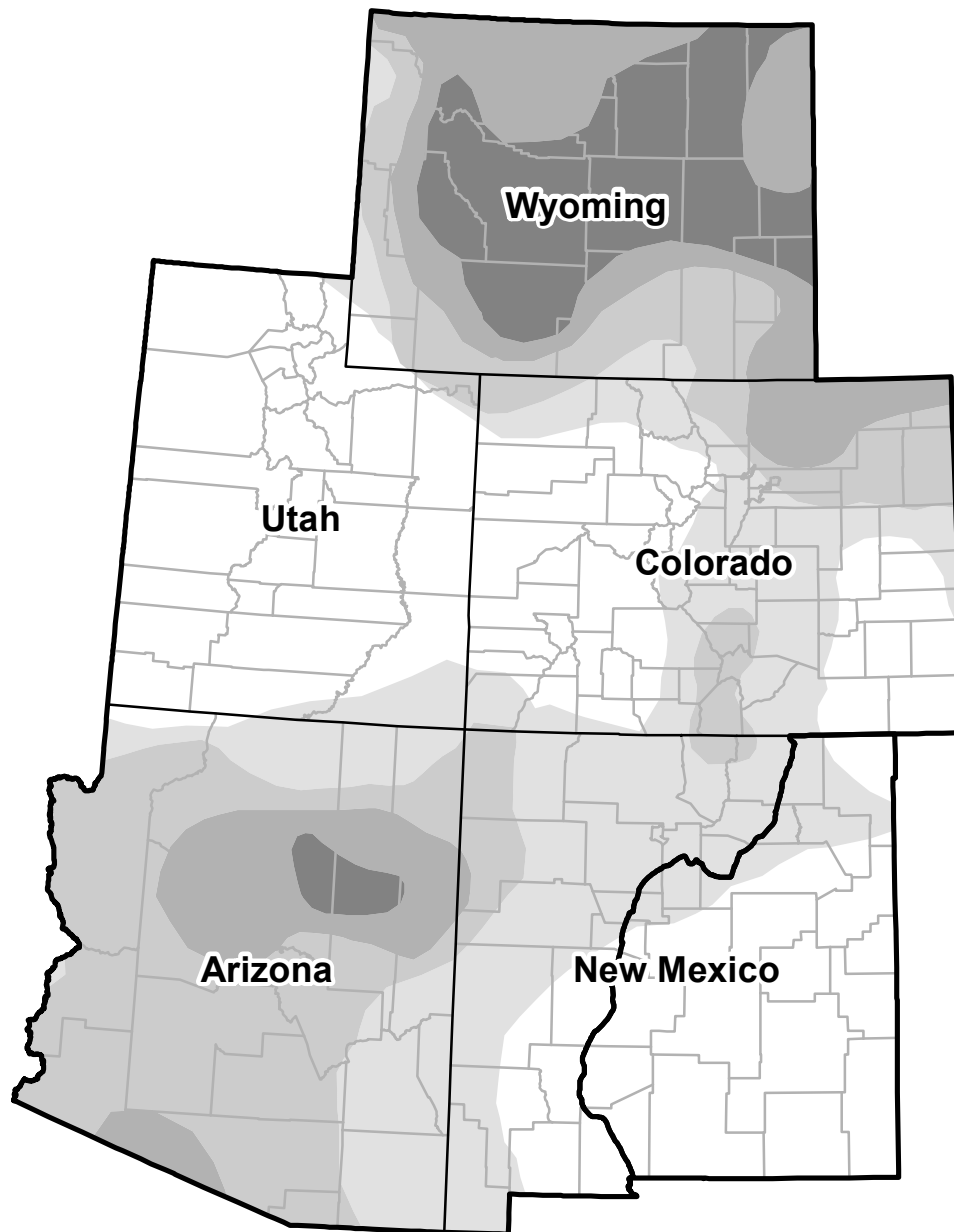


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	31.07	22.96	22.57	13.64	9.77	0.00
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	35.02	20.50	21.08	13.64	9.77	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	18.70	20.39	32.26	14.66	13.99	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	33.36	42.39	24.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	21.59	29.52	25.99	11.42	11.49	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	40.11	39.73	20.16	0.00	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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