

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 52.24 | 47.76 | 36.81 | 24.25 | 11.15 | 0.29 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-10-2011</i>                  | 51.49 | 48.51 | 38.11 | 26.43 | 10.18 | 0.21 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-15-2011</i>               | 52.28 | 47.72 | 27.71 | 8.38  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 51.20 | 48.80 | 24.78 | 2.30  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 42.46 | 57.54 | 9.43  | 0.80  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-18-2010</i>               | 64.29 | 35.71 | 11.51 | 3.96  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

### 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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