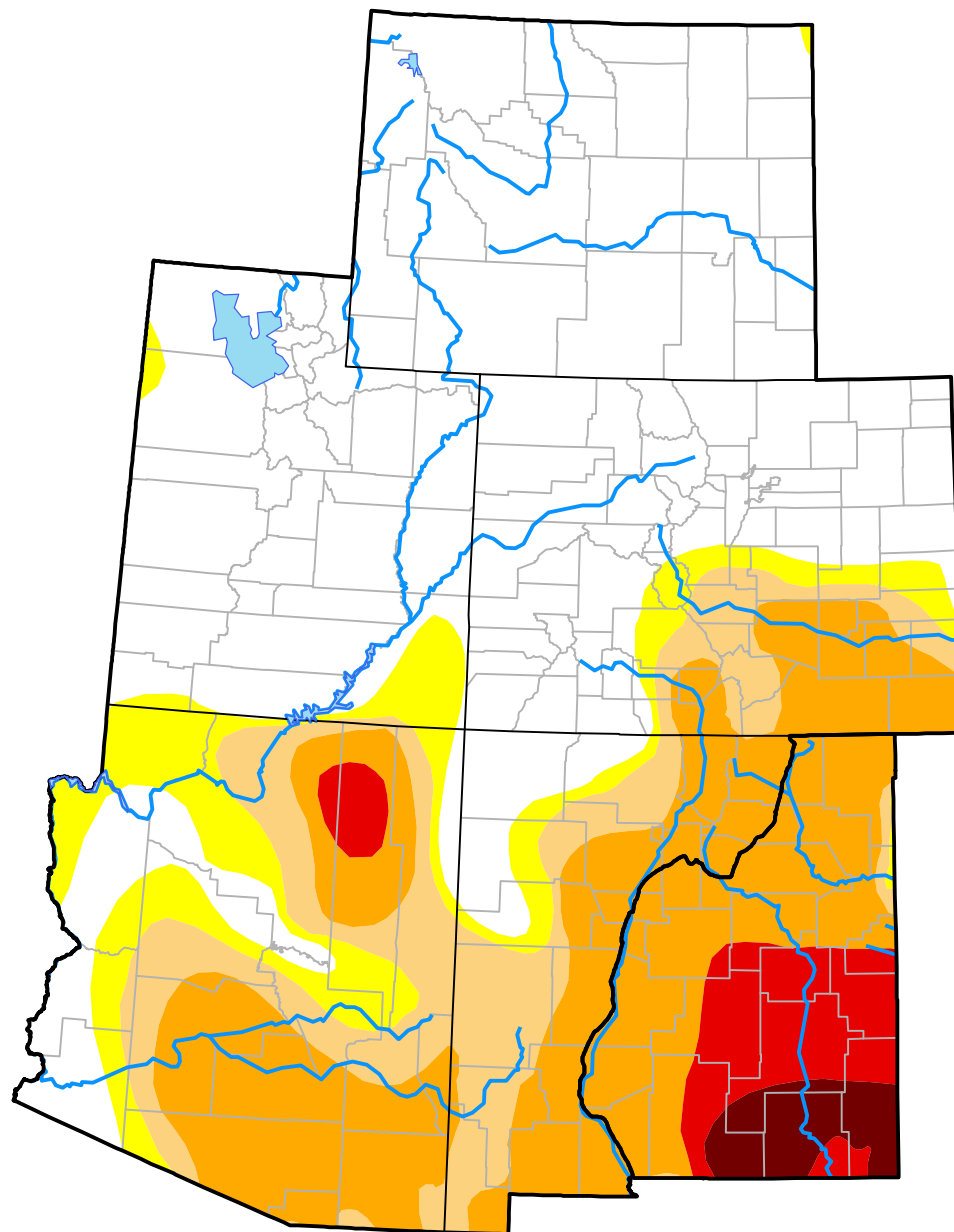


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**December 27, 2011**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 52.89 | 8.52  | 10.84 | 21.70 | 4.29  | 1.76 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-22-2011</i>              | 53.03 | 8.38  | 10.84 | 18.30 | 5.31  | 4.14 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>           | 45.58 | 11.18 | 9.19  | 12.92 | 12.47 | 8.65 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i> | 45.79 | 27.65 | 24.53 | 2.02  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 45.58 | 11.18 | 9.19  | 12.92 | 12.47 | 8.65 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-30-2010</i>           | 43.99 | 28.82 | 25.17 | 2.02  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

### 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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