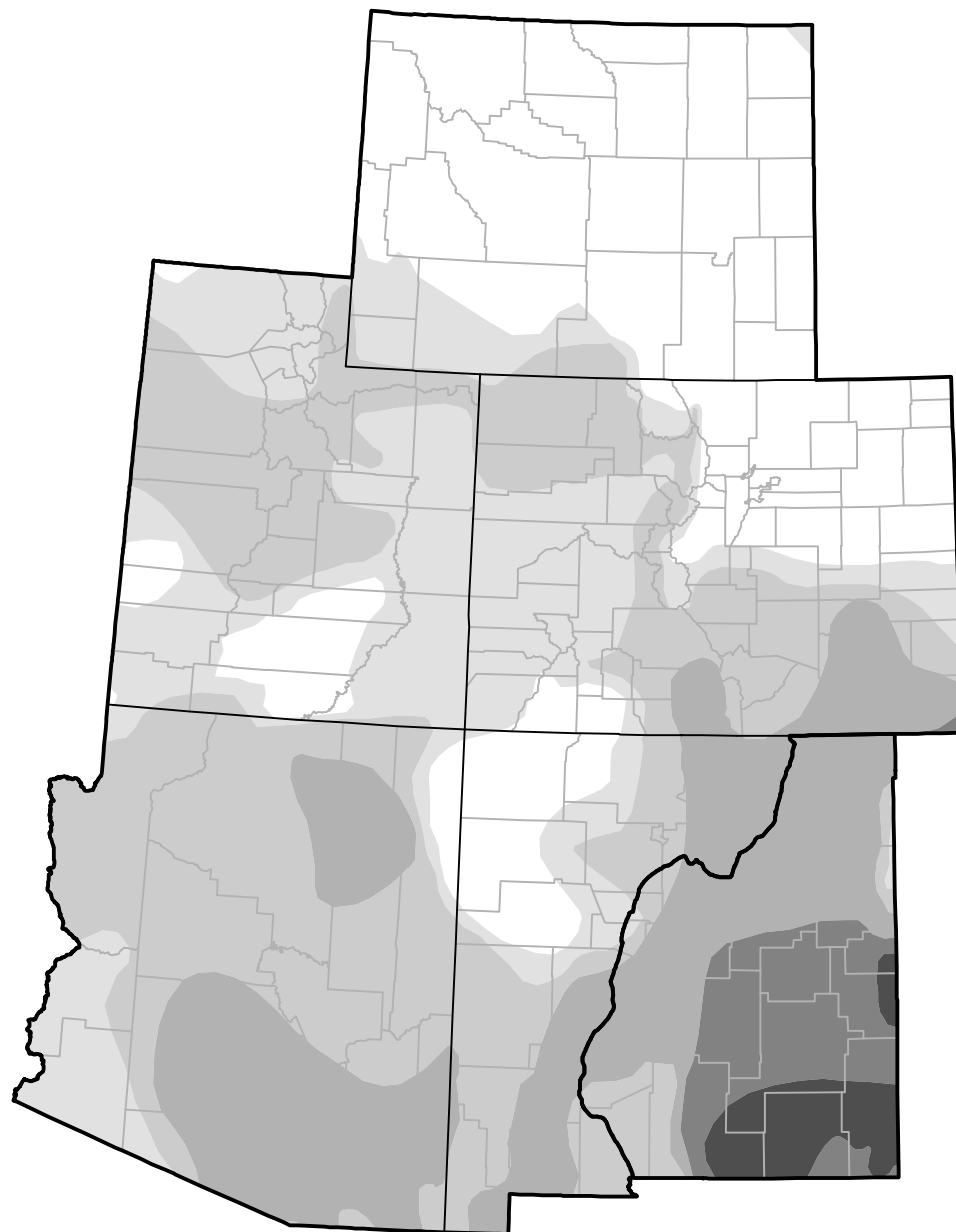


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**February 21, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 27.61 | 72.39 | 52.63 | 23.26 | 5.81  | 1.89 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-16-2012</i>              | 27.63 | 72.37 | 50.84 | 23.26 | 5.81  | 1.89 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-23-2011</i>           | 48.72 | 51.28 | 42.16 | 34.05 | 21.59 | 6.47 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 51.79 | 48.21 | 38.59 | 26.88 | 6.05  | 1.76 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 45.58 | 54.42 | 43.23 | 34.04 | 21.12 | 8.65 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-24-2011</i>           | 45.95 | 54.05 | 34.10 | 12.28 | 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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