

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                        | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                         | 30.68 | 69.32 | 48.74 | 22.32 | 2.16  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-06-2012</i>                  | 30.88 | 69.12 | 48.09 | 17.84 | 0.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2011</i>               | 56.56 | 43.44 | 32.89 | 23.36 | 8.34  | 0.04 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 58.92 | 41.08 | 30.19 | 17.07 | 0.70  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 51.86 | 48.14 | 35.42 | 25.06 | 12.29 | 2.48 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-15-2011</i>               | 53.91 | 46.09 | 30.36 | 14.37 | 3.62  | 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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