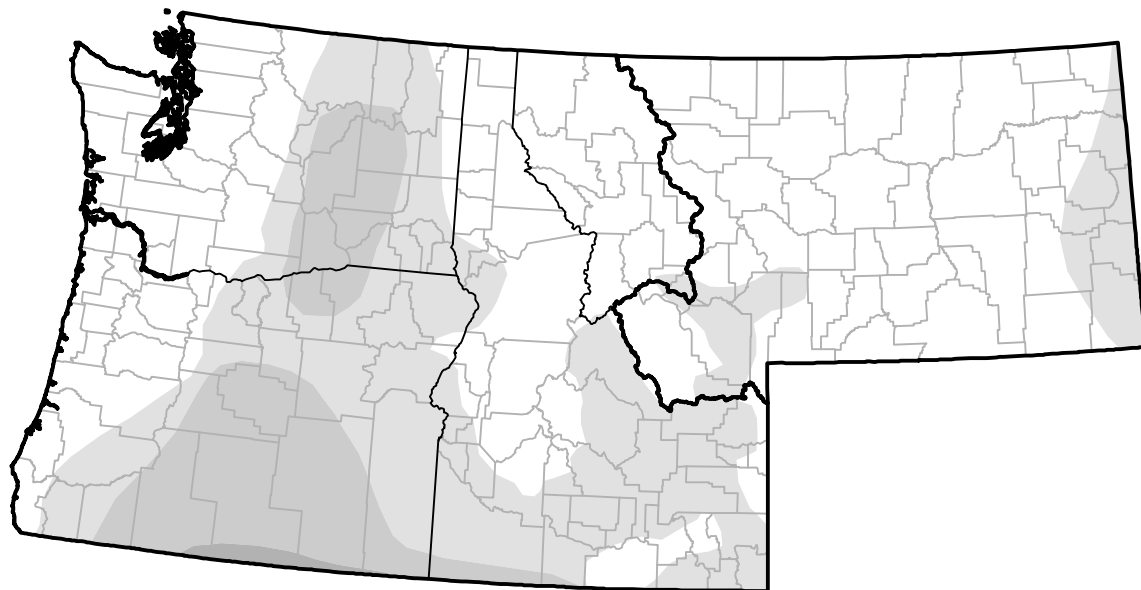


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Pacific Northwest RDEWS

**March 13, 2012**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.20 | 36.01 | 18.03 | 0.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-08-2012</i>              | 45.22 | 36.00 | 18.03 | 0.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2011</i>           | 85.02 | 14.98 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 53.17 | 39.00 | 7.83  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 89.07 | 10.93 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-17-2011</i>           | 96.88 | 3.12  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 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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