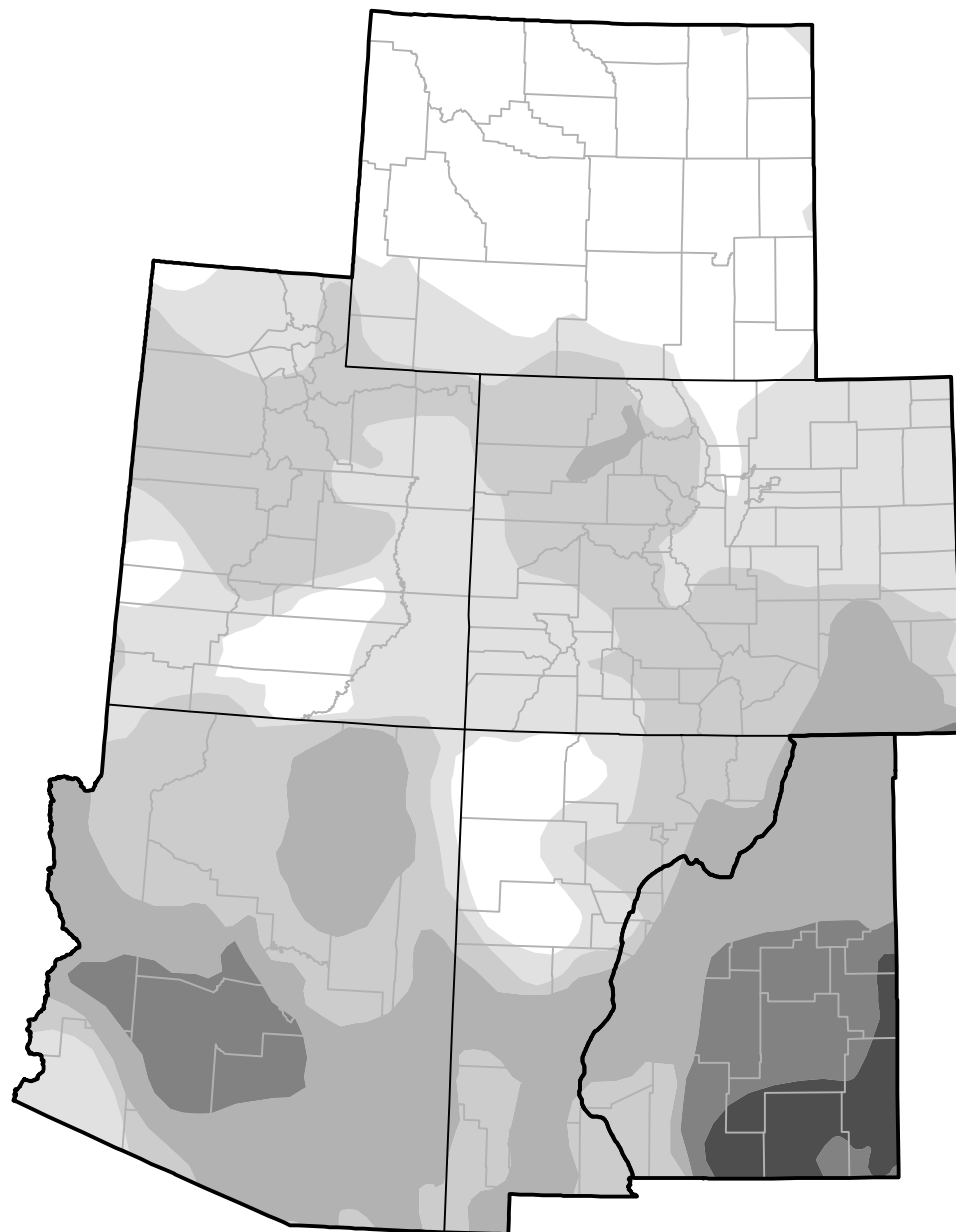


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**March 27, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 29, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 21.29 | 78.71 | 56.68 | 29.23 | 8.58  | 2.12 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-22-2012</i>              | 27.10 | 72.90 | 54.99 | 29.03 | 7.71  | 2.12 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>           | 52.89 | 47.11 | 38.59 | 27.75 | 6.05  | 1.76 |
| <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>03-31-2011</i>           | 45.71 | 54.29 | 42.15 | 29.79 | 4.82  | 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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