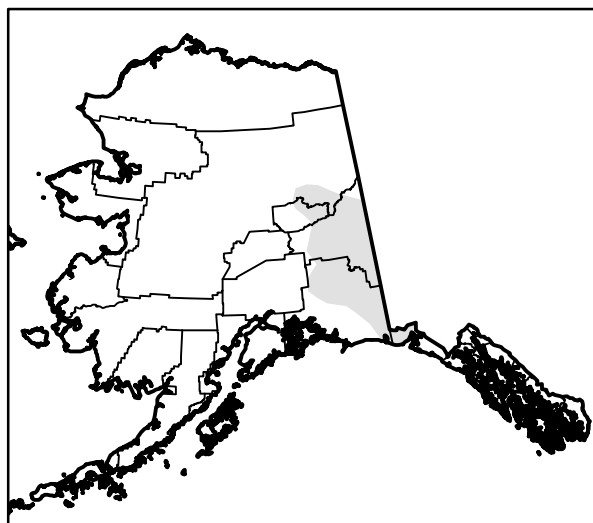
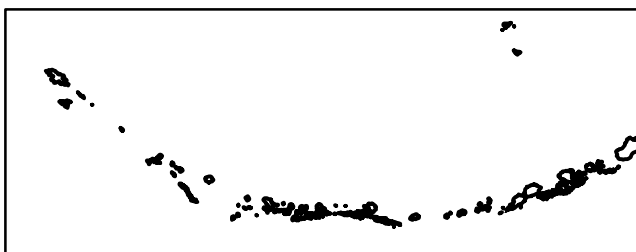
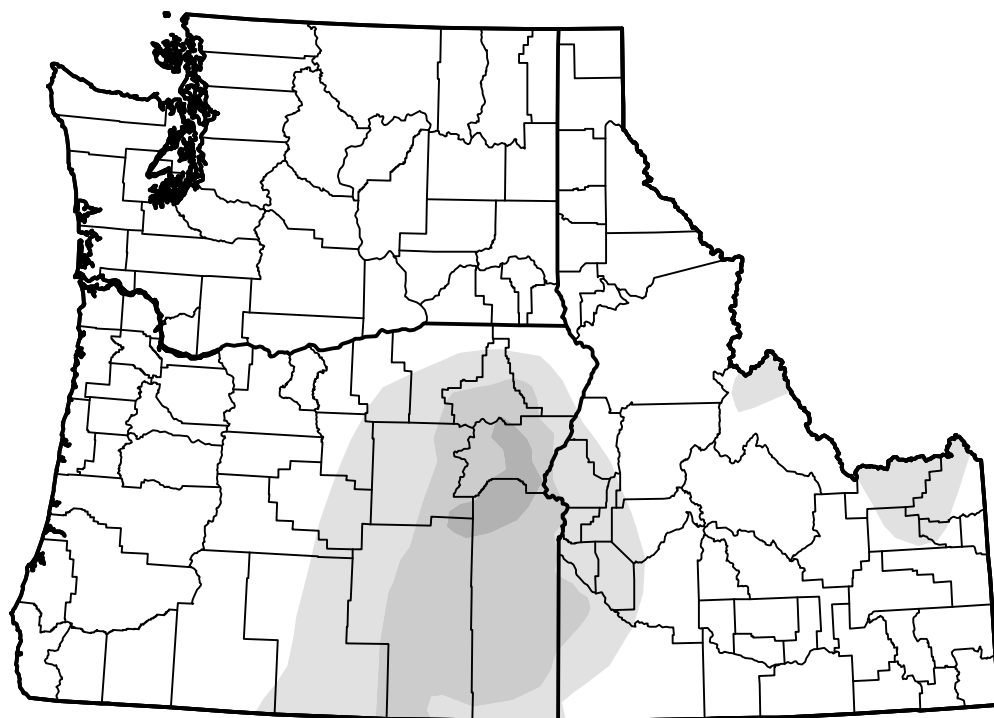


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Northwest Climate Hub

**December 20, 2016**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 87.13 | 12.87 | 2.81  | 0.31  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-15-2016              | 86.92 | 13.08 | 2.81  | 0.31  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-22-2016           | 70.76 | 29.24 | 8.21  | 1.44  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2015 | 70.69 | 29.31 | 17.92 | 10.29 | 4.73  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2016    | 70.76 | 29.24 | 7.57  | 1.44  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-24-2015           | 68.97 | 31.03 | 19.74 | 13.67 | 5.85  | 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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