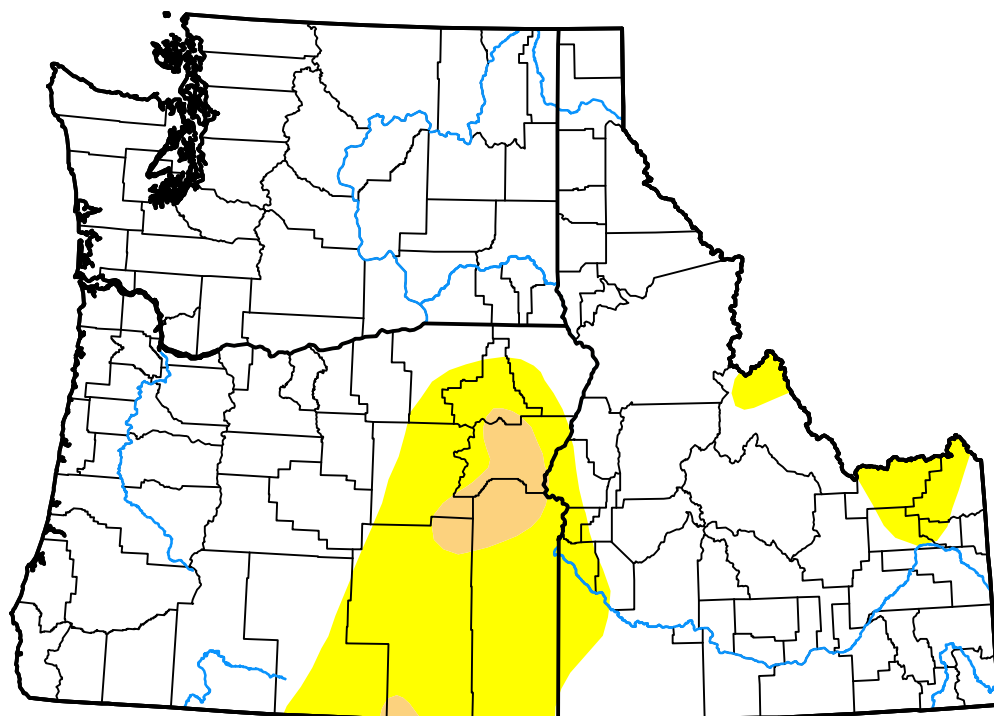


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Northwest Climate Hub

**December 27, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 88.69 | 10.69 | 0.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-22-2016</i>              | 87.13 | 10.05 | 2.51 | 0.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-29-2016</i>           | 70.76 | 21.67 | 6.13 | 1.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 70.69 | 11.39 | 7.62 | 5.56 | 4.73 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2016</i>    | 70.76 | 21.67 | 6.13 | 1.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i>           | 70.69 | 11.39 | 7.62 | 5.56 | 4.73 | 0.00 |

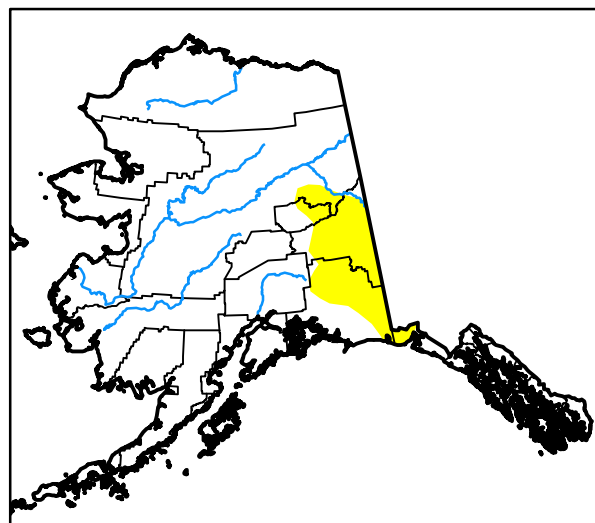
**Intensity:**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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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