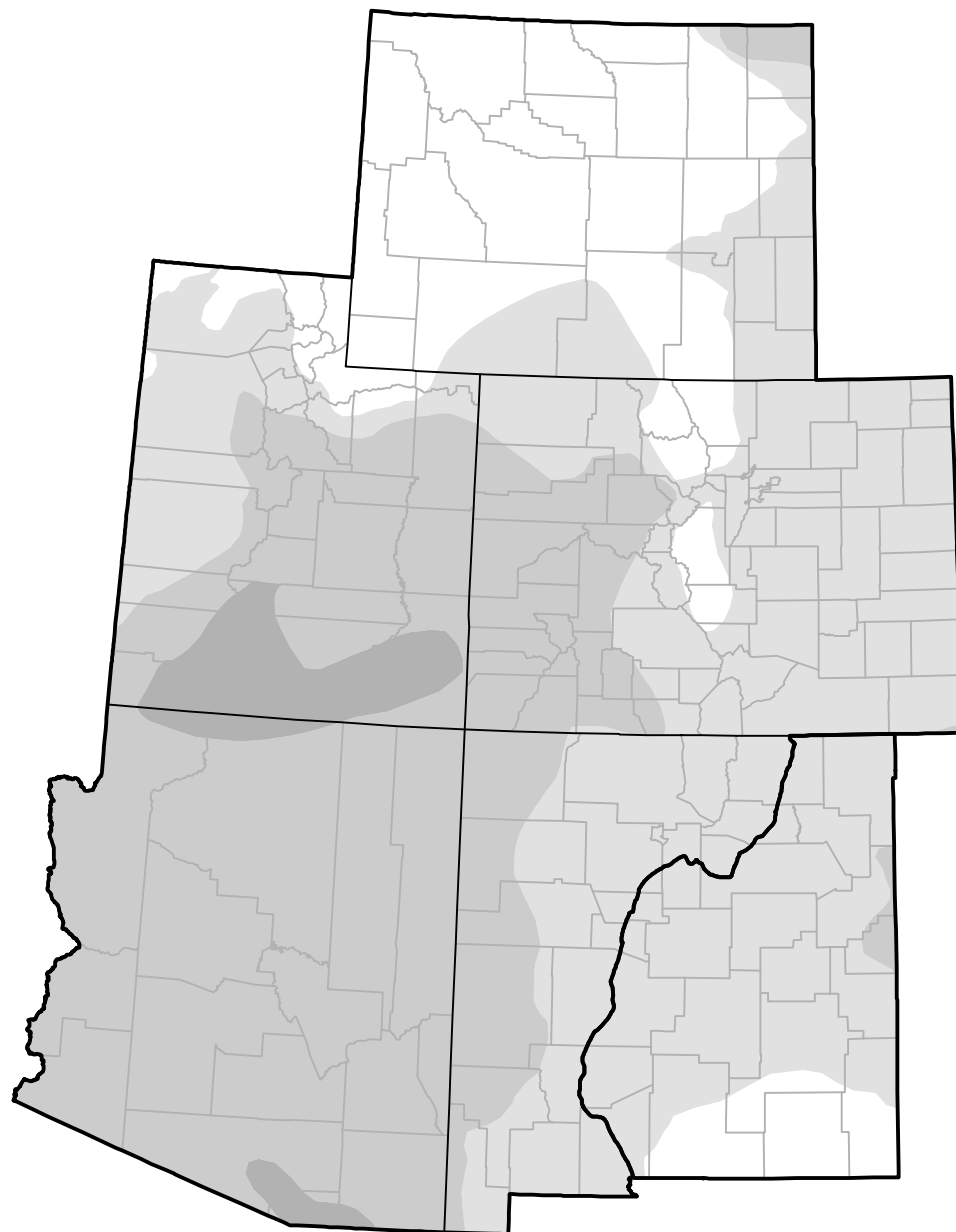


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS



**December 19, 2017**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 19.50 | 38.89 | 38.04 | 3.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-14-2017</i>              | 23.14 | 38.32 | 38.10 | 0.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-21-2017</i>           | 71.74 | 23.52 | 4.74  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2017</i> | 49.44 | 31.67 | 17.38 | 1.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2017</i>    | 66.55 | 28.71 | 4.74  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-22-2016</i>           | 31.32 | 44.88 | 21.49 | 2.31 | 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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