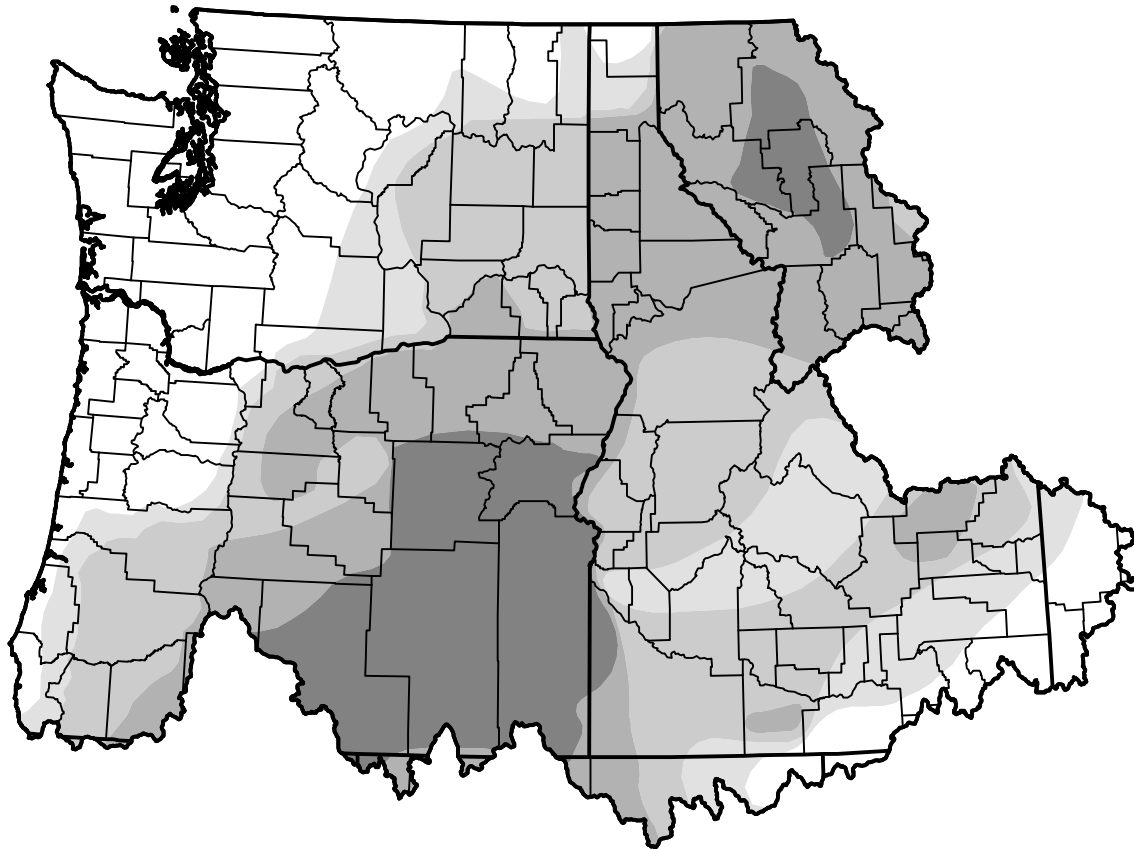


# U.S. Drought Monitor Northwest RFC

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	24.36	75.64	62.17	38.33	14.33	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-24-2015</i>	19.15	80.85	67.70	48.58	17.48	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-01-2015</i>	0.03	99.97	94.09	81.93	55.25	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2014</i>	34.95	65.05	49.92	25.01	11.14	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2015</i>	0.03	99.97	94.09	81.93	55.25	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-31-2014</i>	34.95	65.05	49.92	25.01	11.14	0.00

***Intensity:***



*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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