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## U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION DROUGHT PROGRAMS

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### 2002 Drought

- Drought Monitor - map
- Extreme to Exceptional Drought Conditions in much of the West

### Reclamation Drought Assistance

- Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-250, amended by 106-566)

- Title I Authorities
  - o Technical and financial assistance to Federal, State, and tribal entities with 17 Reclamation States and Hawaii
  - o Construction of temporary facilities
  - o Construction of wells
  - o Purchase (lease) water
  - o Participate in water banking (Columbia River, Pecos River, Klamath)
  - o Loans to water users
  - o Operational changes (Reclamation wide)

- o Water for instream flows (Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon)
- Other Reclamation Drought Assistance
  - o Forbearance agreements
  - o Water Conservation Activities (lining canals, education and training, demonstration projects)
- Title II - Drought Contingency Planning Assistance
  - o Technical assistance to 50 states and U.S. territories
  - o Financial assistance to Reclamation States and Hawaii
  - o Precipitation management Technology Transfer Program (50/50 cost share)