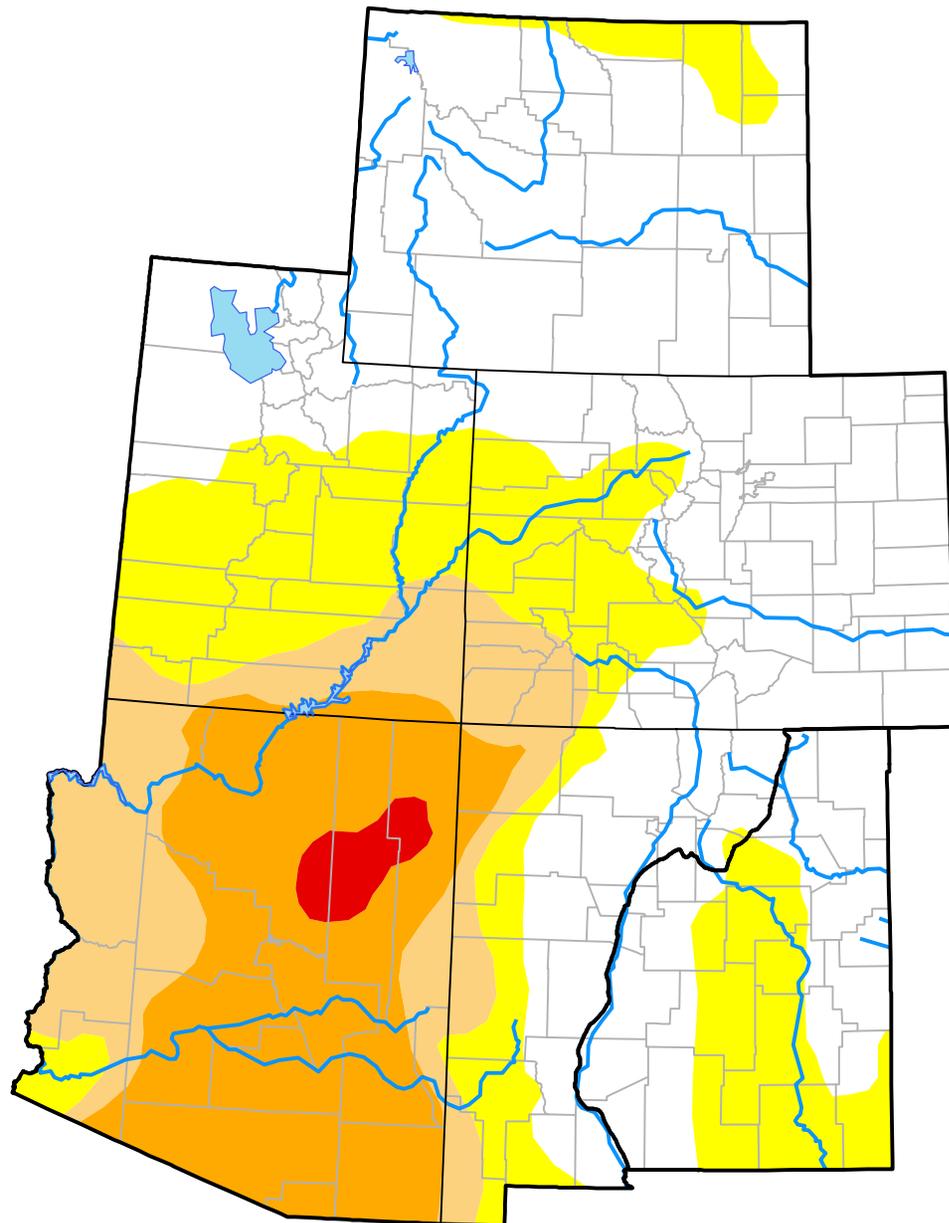


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West RDEWS

**December 15, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	50.04	49.96	28.14	16.58	1.11	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2009</i>	50.46	49.54	28.14	17.72	1.24	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2009</i>	53.99	46.01	15.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2009</i>	47.80	52.20	8.47	0.33	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2009</i>	61.73	38.27	13.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2008</i>	36.57	63.43	9.30	0.33	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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