

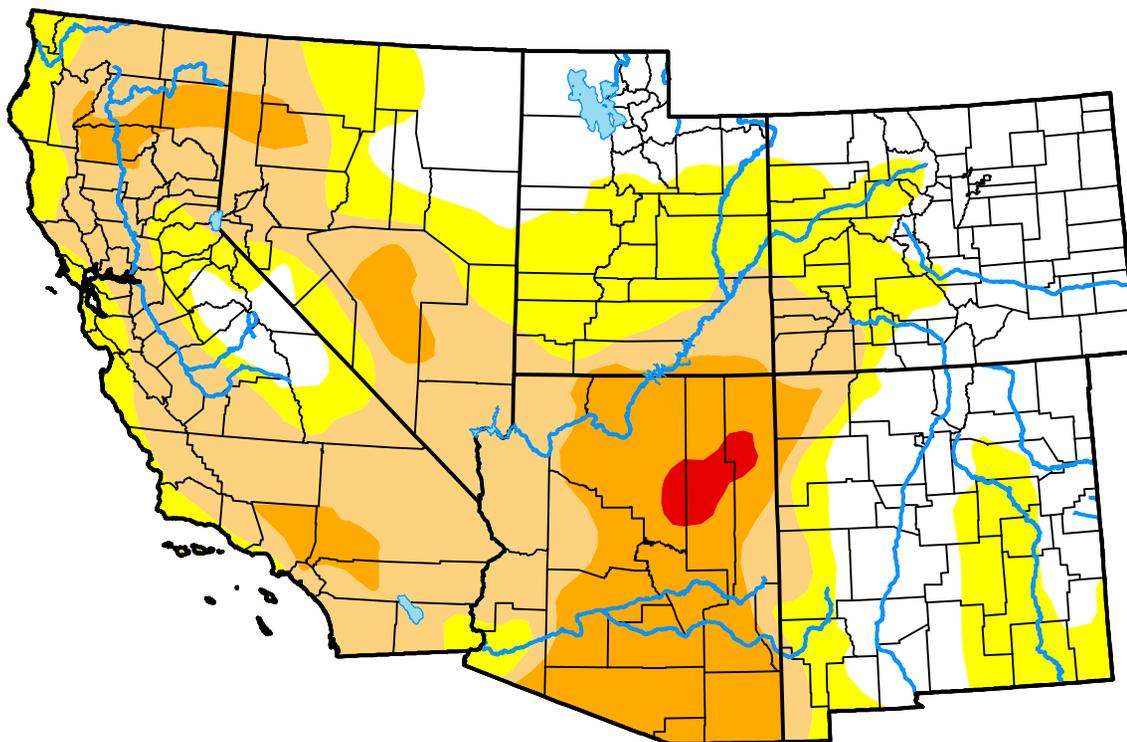
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**December 22, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 29.35 | 70.65 | 46.01 | 16.18 | 0.83  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-15-2009</i>              | 29.35 | 70.65 | 46.01 | 16.18 | 0.83  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-22-2009</i>           | 36.21 | 63.79 | 32.10 | 11.82 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 32.49 | 67.51 | 36.58 | 14.72 | 0.63  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 36.21 | 63.79 | 32.82 | 11.82 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-23-2008</i>           | 26.83 | 73.17 | 37.31 | 14.72 | 0.63  | 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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