

# U.S. Drought Monitor

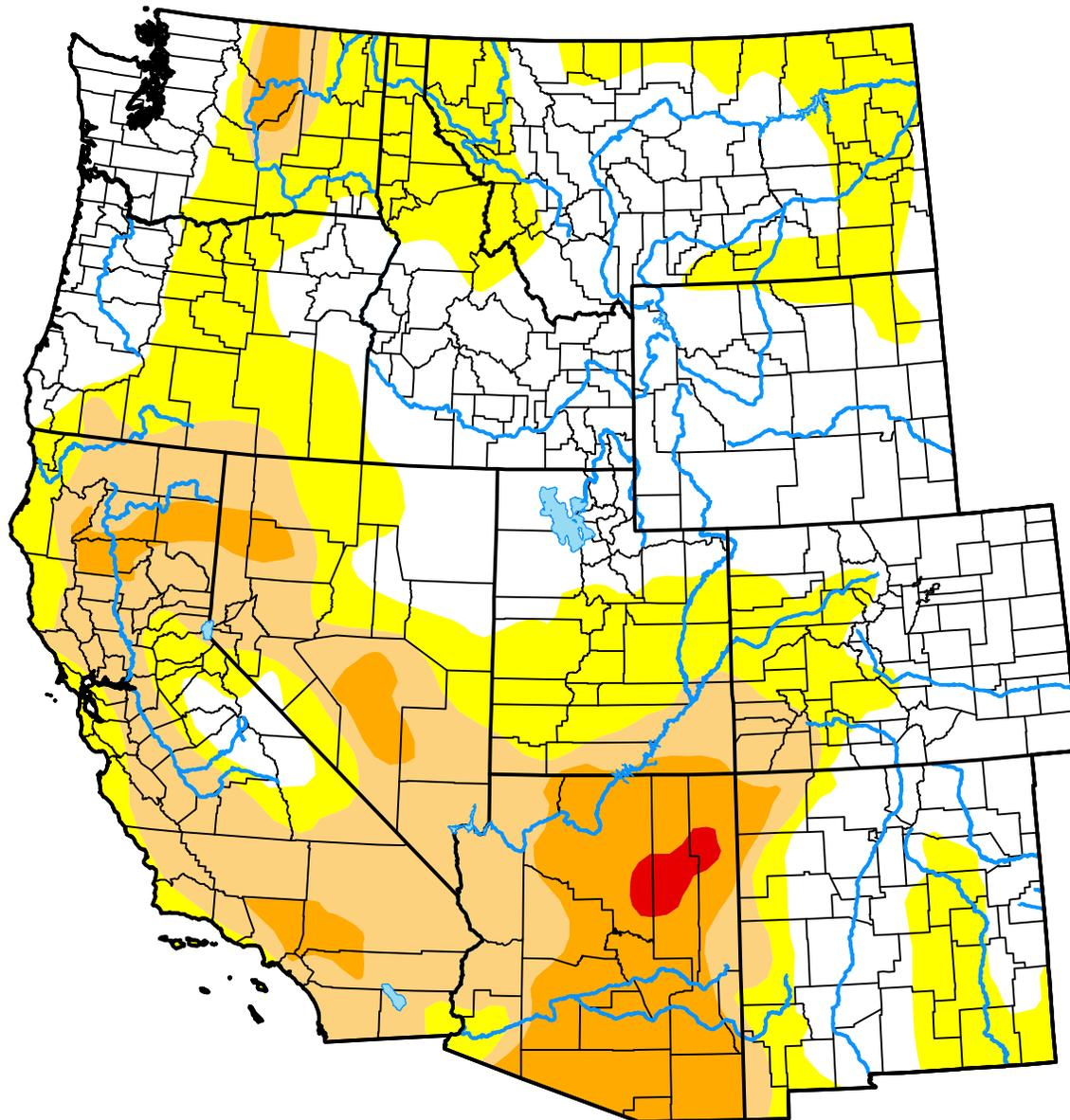
## West

**December 22, 2009**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	43.02	28.55	18.53	9.41	0.49	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	43.02	28.55	18.53	9.41	0.49	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	52.85	24.77	14.93	7.46	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	35.35	35.75	19.90	8.63	0.37	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	40.73	36.46	15.35	7.46	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	31.54	38.36	21.10	8.63	0.37	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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