

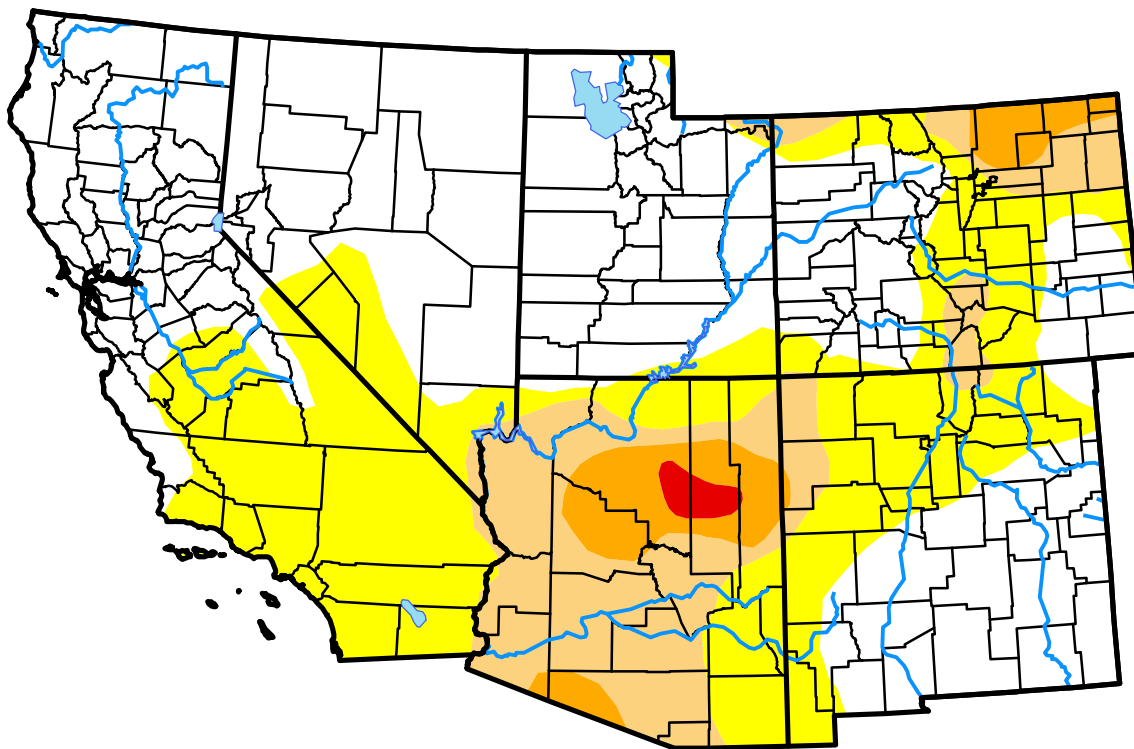
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**December 12, 2006**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 52.65 | 29.80 | 12.69 | 4.36 | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-05-2006</i>              | 55.61 | 27.86 | 11.67 | 4.36 | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-12-2006</i>           | 54.49 | 17.03 | 19.01 | 7.18 | 2.29 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.97 | 30.48 | 11.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 57.23 | 22.63 | 13.93 | 5.01 | 1.20 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2005</i>           | 60.67 | 31.14 | 8.18  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |



### Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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