

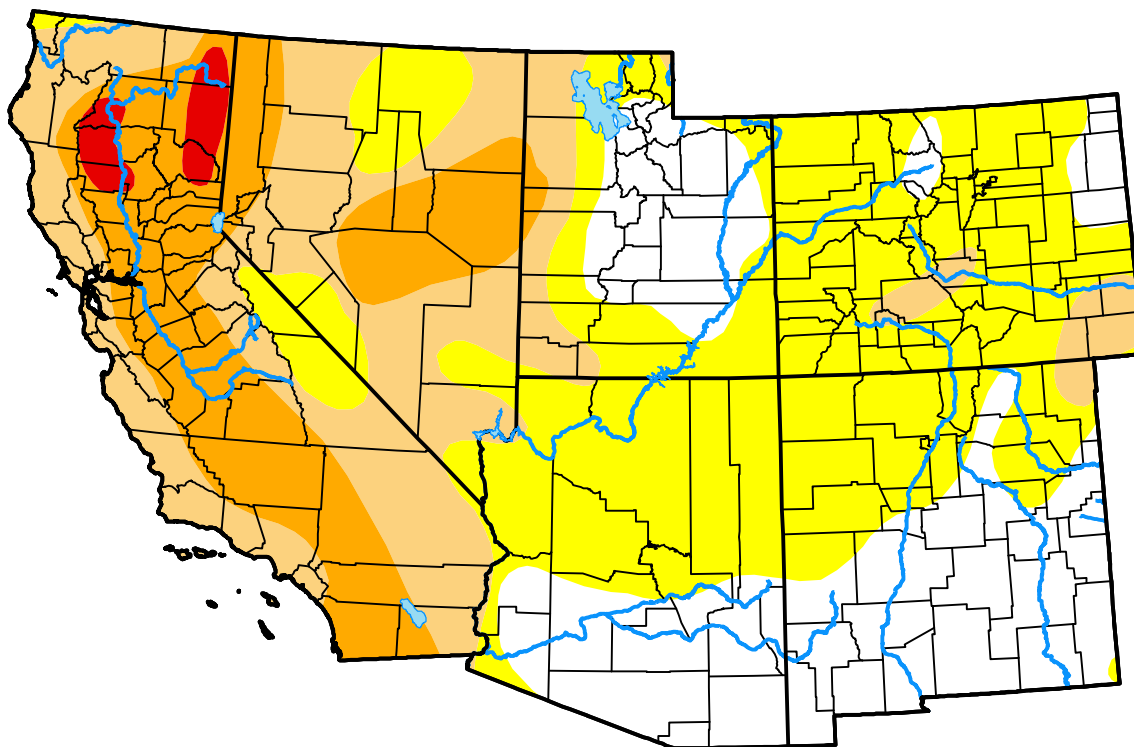
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**December 16, 2008**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	23.65	37.83	22.04	15.15	1.33	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2008</i>	23.65	39.33	20.90	15.40	0.73	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2008</i>	39.88	22.33	22.92	14.86	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	26.18	19.15	15.73	34.26	4.68	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	39.88	21.58	22.11	15.96	0.47	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2007</i>	26.18	19.15	15.73	34.26	4.67	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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