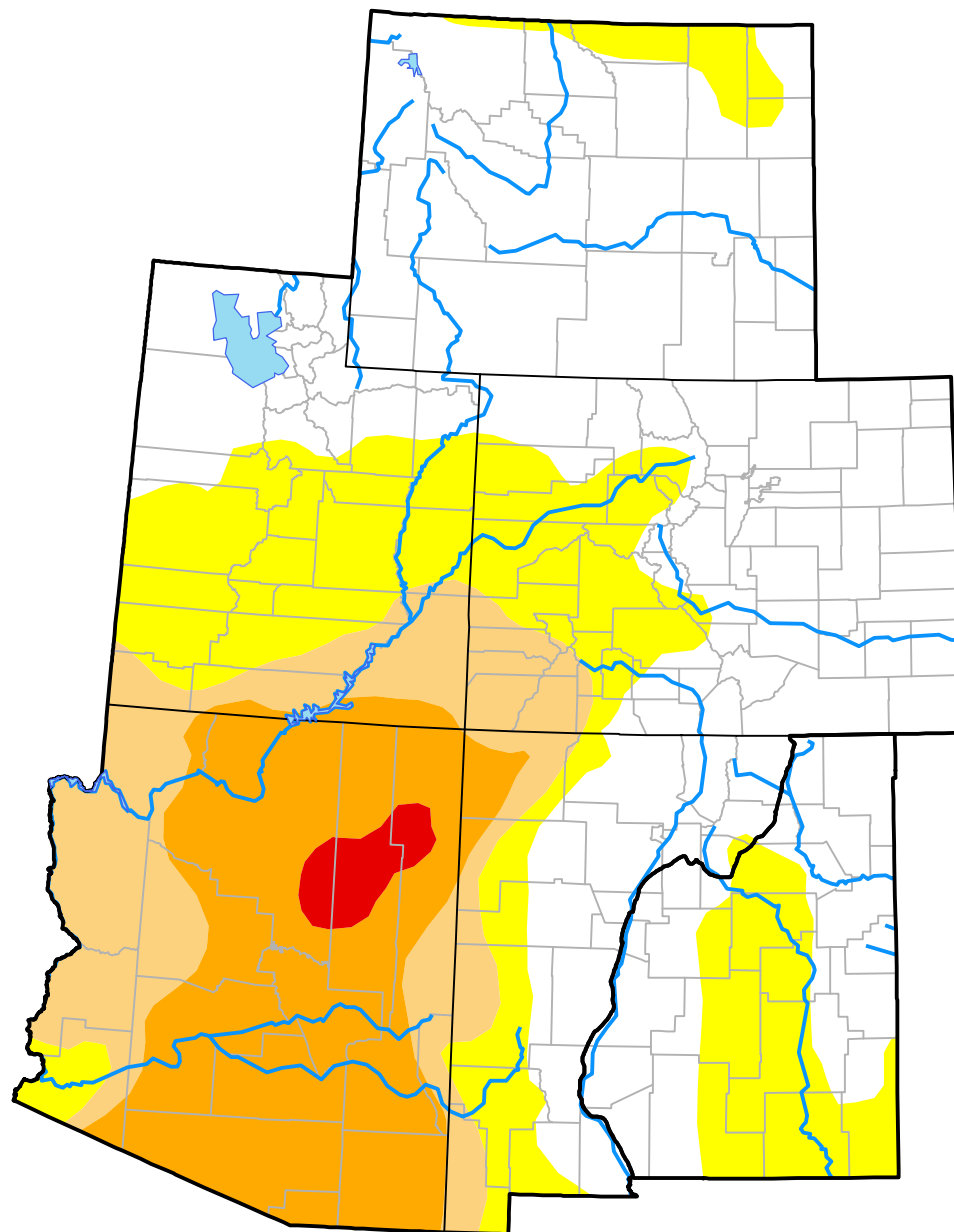


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.04	21.82	11.55	15.48	1.11	0.00
Last Week <i>12-10-2009</i>	50.46	21.40	10.41	16.48	1.24	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2009</i>	53.99	30.46	15.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	47.80	43.73	8.14	0.33	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	61.73	24.55	13.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	36.57	54.12	8.97	0.33	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

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