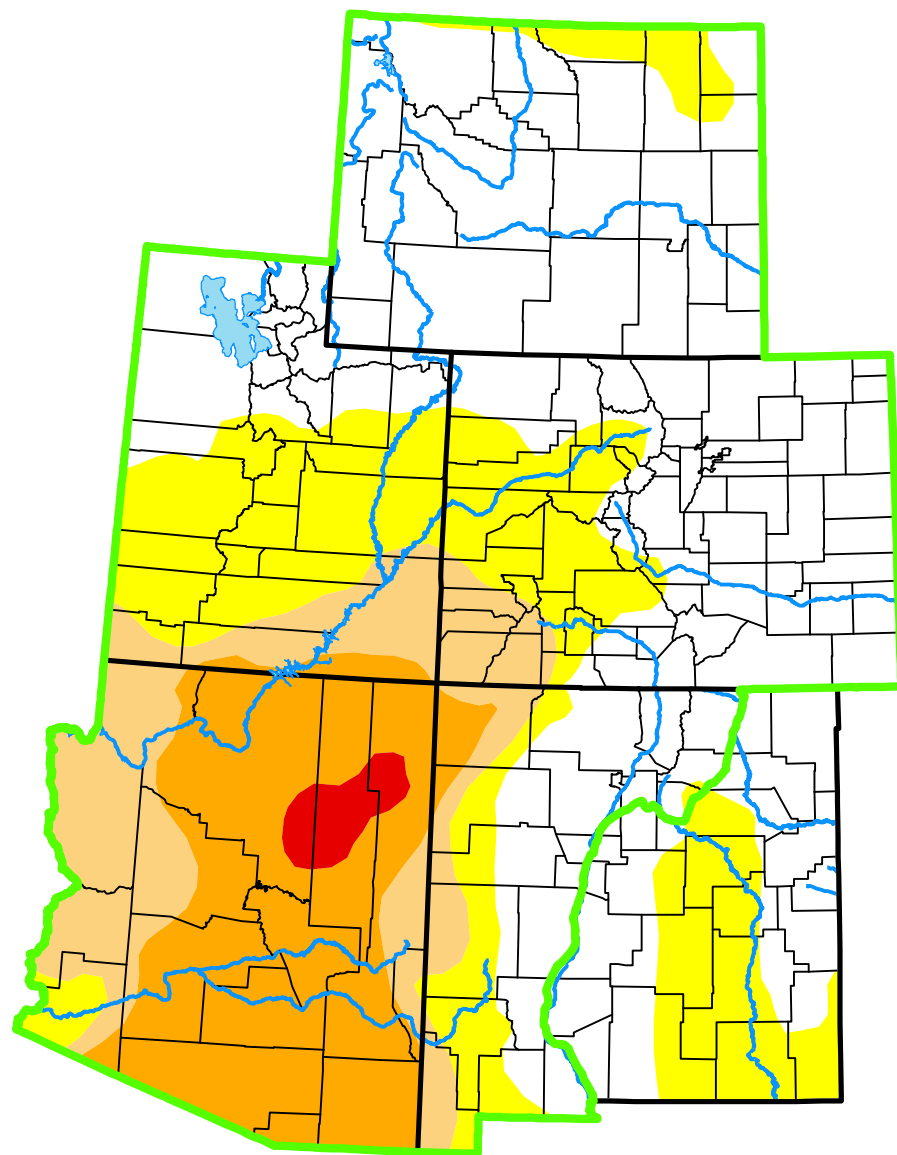


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 15, 2009

(Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009)

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	48.76	19.23	13.15	17.61	1.26	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	49.24	18.75	11.85	18.75	1.41	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	55.73	28.86	15.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	43.39	47.37	8.87	0.38	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	61.44	22.94	15.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	30.83	58.98	9.81	0.38	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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>

Author:

Michael Brewer
NCEI/NOAA



droughtmonitor.unl.edu