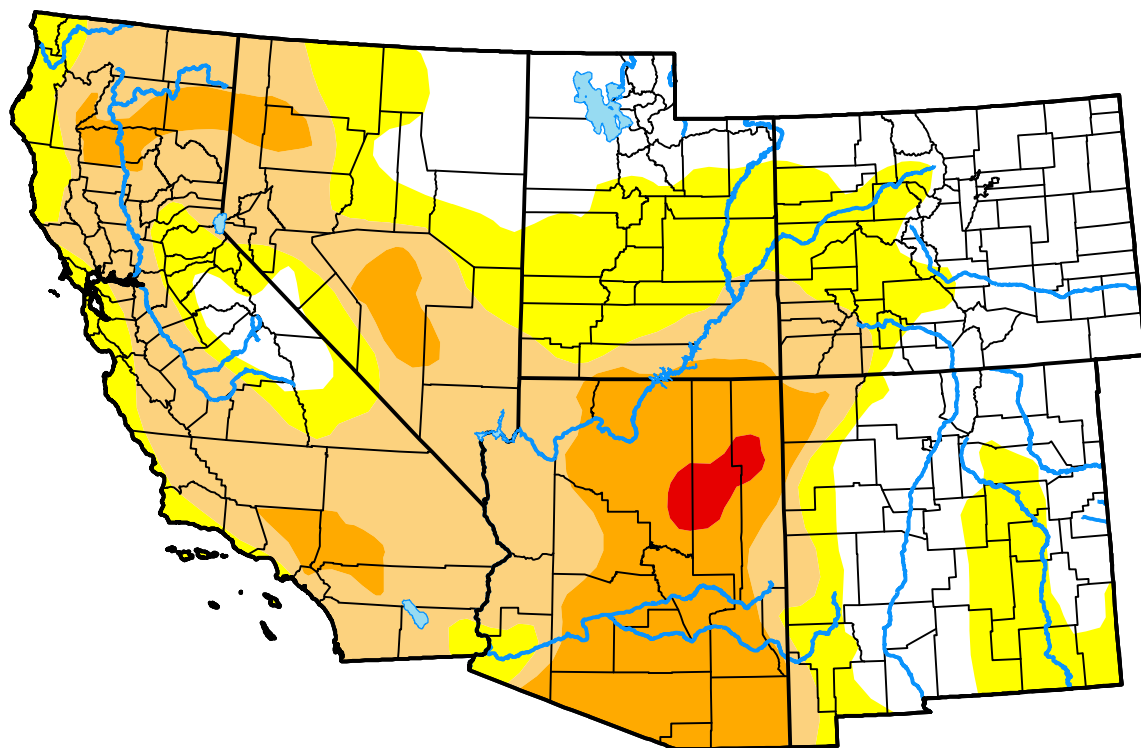


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	29.35	24.64	29.84	15.34	0.83	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	29.88	23.67	27.37	18.13	0.94	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	30.38	35.42	22.38	11.82	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	32.49	30.93	21.86	14.09	0.63	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	36.21	30.96	21.00	11.82	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	23.65	37.83	22.04	15.15	1.33	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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