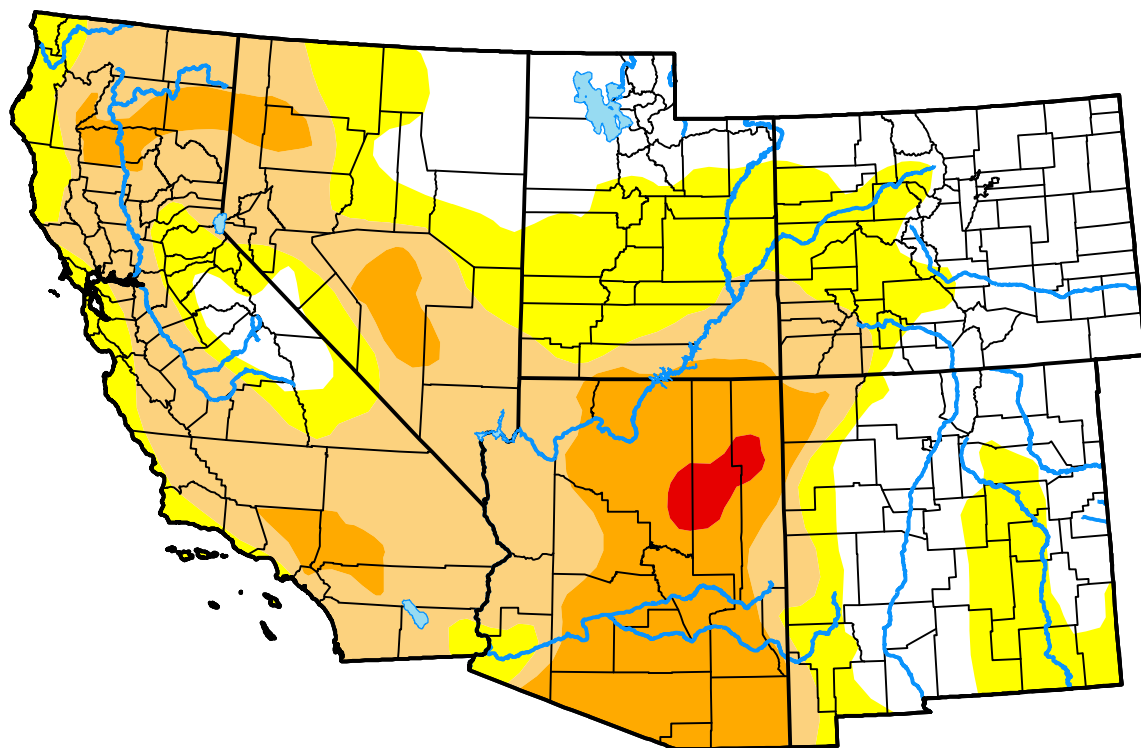


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.35	70.65	46.01	16.18	0.83	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	29.88	70.12	46.44	19.07	0.94	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	30.38	69.62	34.20	11.82	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	32.49	67.51	36.58	14.72	0.63	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	36.21	63.79	32.82	11.82	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	23.65	76.35	38.52	16.48	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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