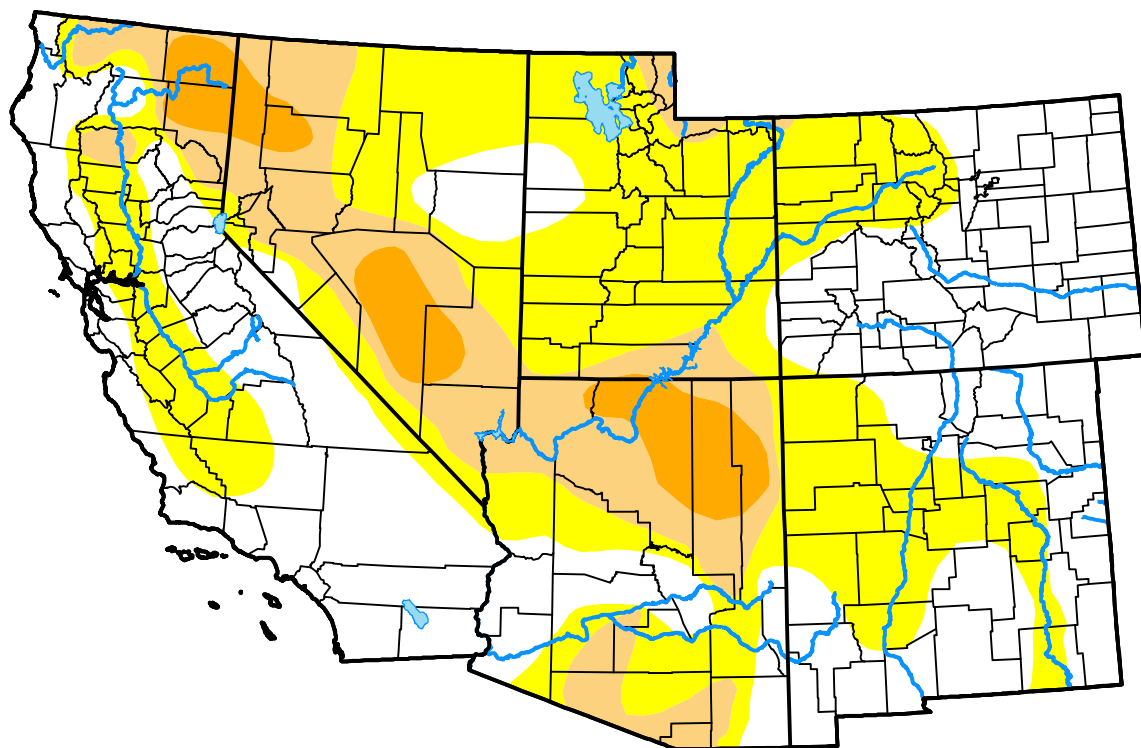


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 42.62 | 57.38 | 20.06 | 5.58  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-23-2010</i>              | 41.22 | 58.78 | 20.88 | 5.58  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-01-2009</i>           | 29.88 | 70.12 | 46.44 | 19.07 | 0.94  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2009</i> | 29.34 | 70.66 | 46.01 | 16.18 | 0.83  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 36.21 | 63.79 | 32.82 | 11.82 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-03-2009</i>           | 33.08 | 66.92 | 32.74 | 13.01 | 1.00  | 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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