

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**December 22, 2009**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.76	51.24	32.01	18.86	1.26	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	48.76	51.24	32.01	18.86	1.26	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	61.44	38.56	14.53	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	43.39	56.61	9.25	0.38	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	61.44	38.56	15.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	35.62	64.38	10.14	0.38	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

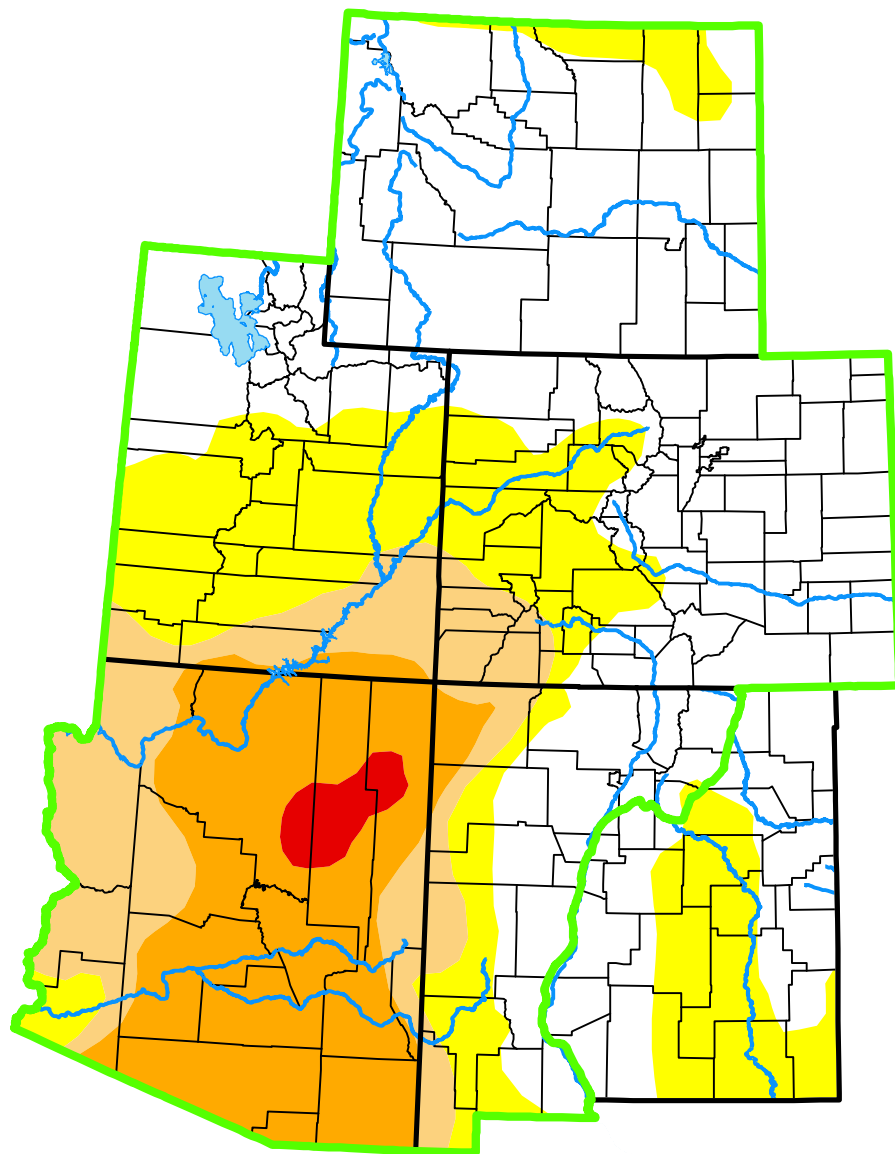
Intensity:

 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>*

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