

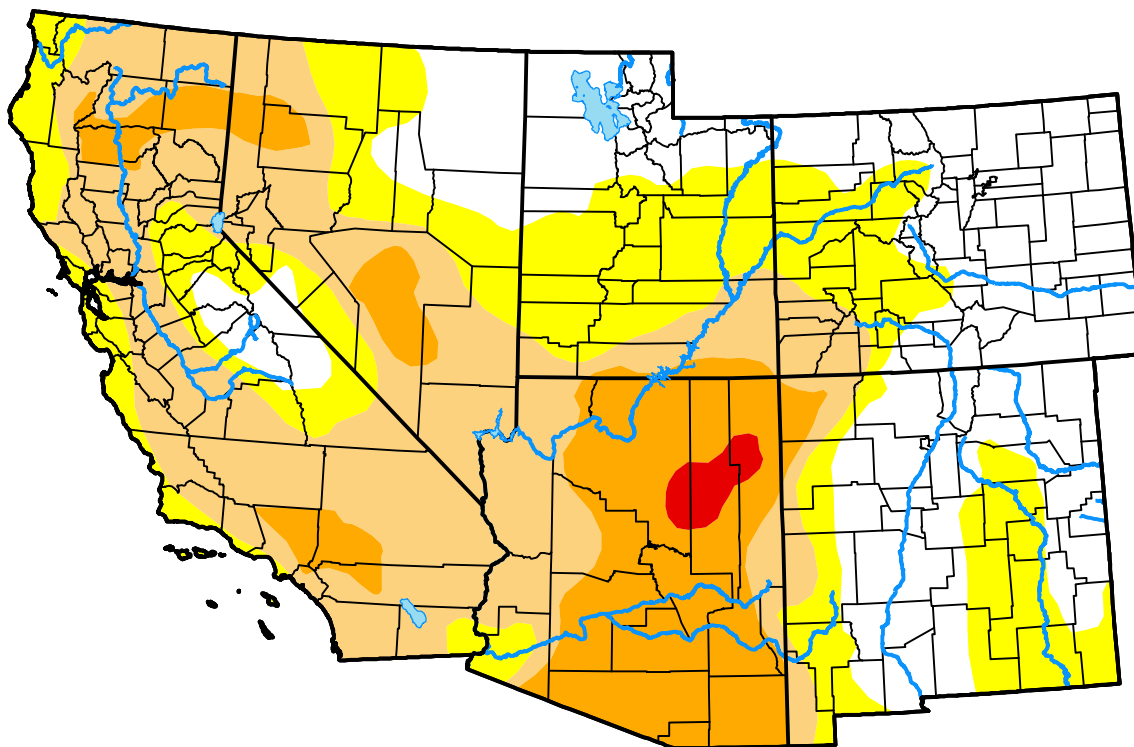
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	29.35	24.64	29.84	15.34	0.83	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	29.35	24.64	29.84	15.34	0.83	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	36.21	31.68	20.28	11.82	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	32.49	30.93	21.86	14.09	0.63	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	36.21	30.96	21.00	11.82	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	26.83	35.86	22.58	14.09	0.63	0.00



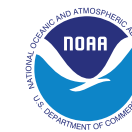
**Intensity:**



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