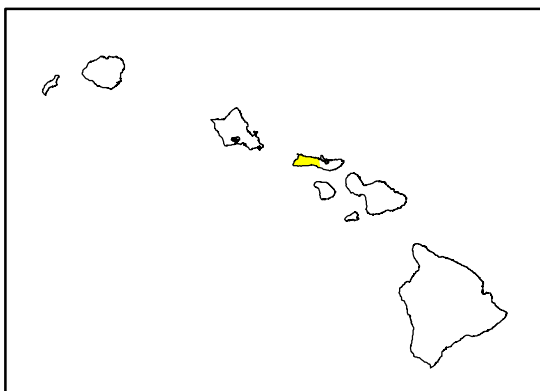
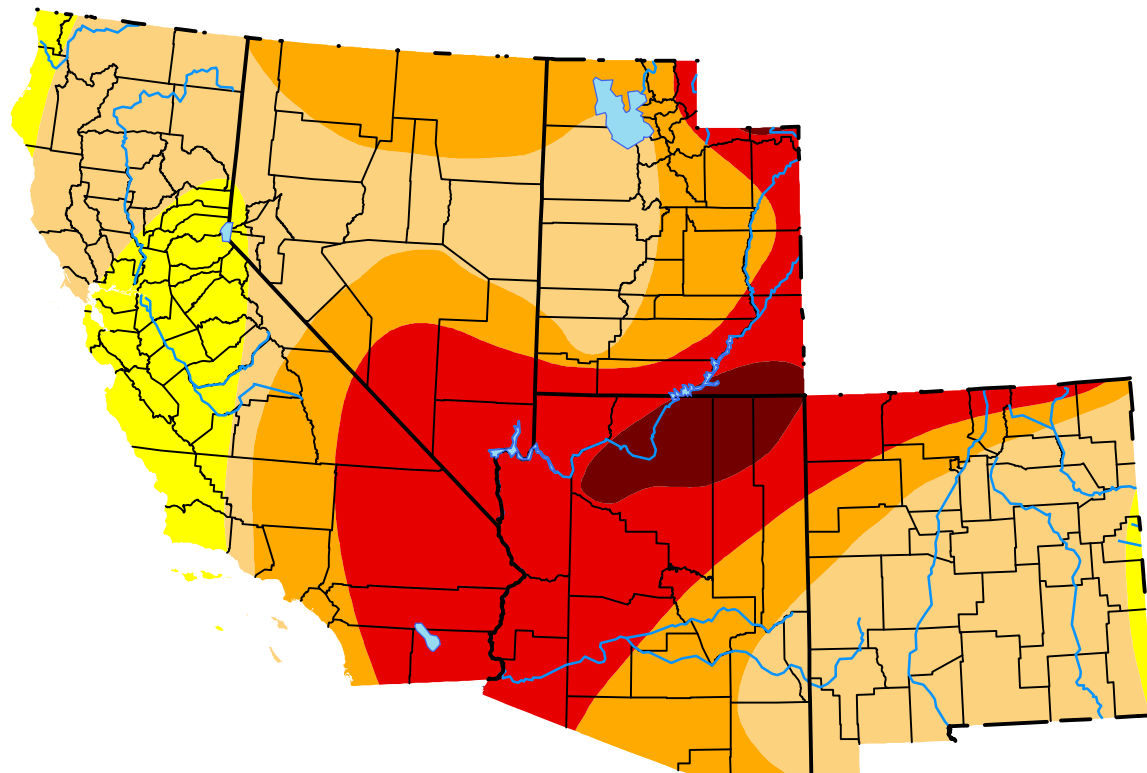


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.04	8.08	37.37	24.87	25.42	3.21
Last Week <i>10-24-2002</i>	1.04	7.64	36.48	26.01	25.74	3.09
3 Months Ago <i>08-01-2002</i>	2.33	10.59	21.67	26.15	27.29	11.98
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>11-01-2001</i>	37.12	20.17	20.16	9.56	12.99	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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