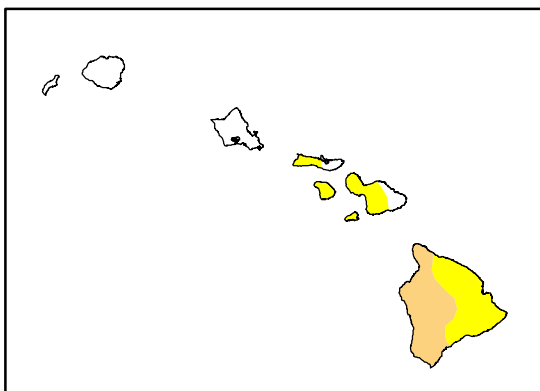
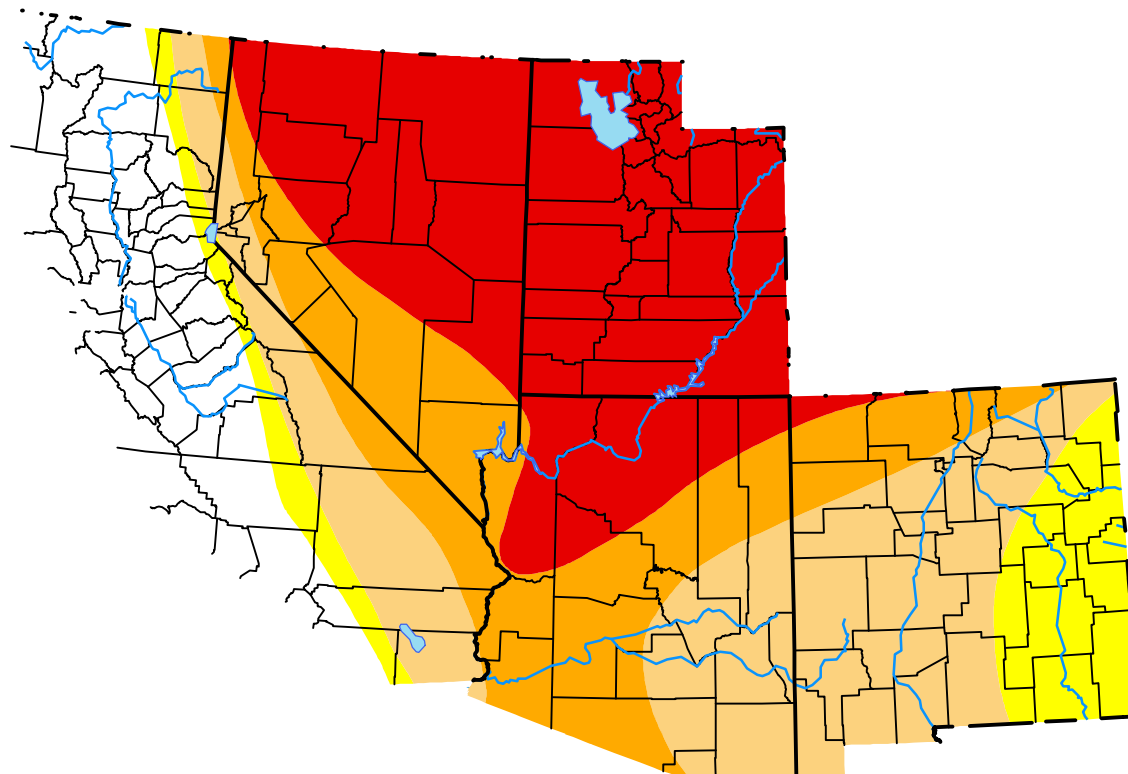


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.11	8.91	23.84	19.25	31.89	0.00
Last Week <i>04-17-2003</i>	15.75	9.53	23.07	19.90	31.76	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-23-2003</i>	18.65	8.07	15.67	16.76	38.67	2.19
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
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>04-25-2002</i>	15.84	12.73	18.85	47.15	5.43	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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