

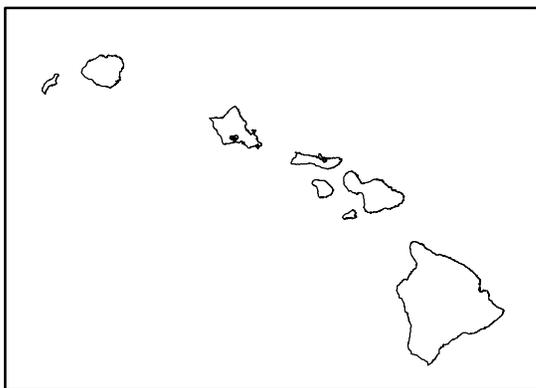
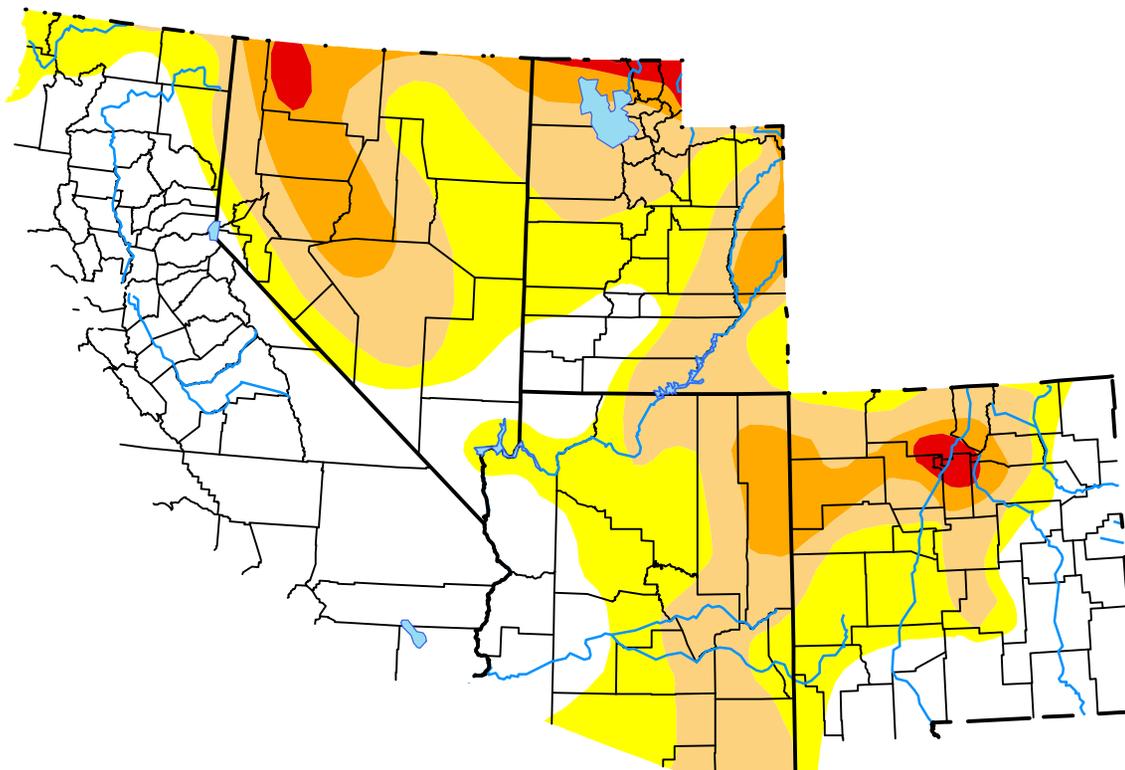
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

March 8, 2005
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.28	57.72	32.81	9.73	1.25	0.01
Last Week <i>03-03-2005</i>	41.59	58.41	32.78	9.73	1.25	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>12-09-2004</i>	14.20	85.80	67.16	40.39	14.61	0.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago <i>03-11-2004</i>	20.96	79.04	73.92	61.55	33.69	6.81



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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