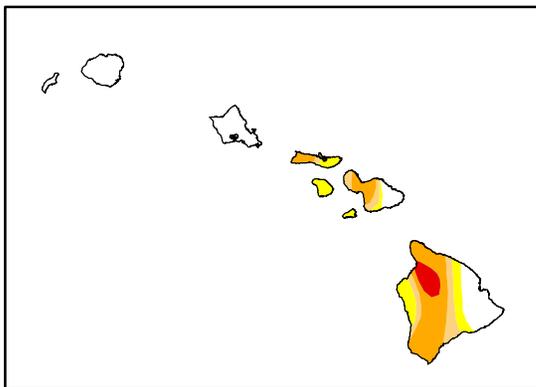
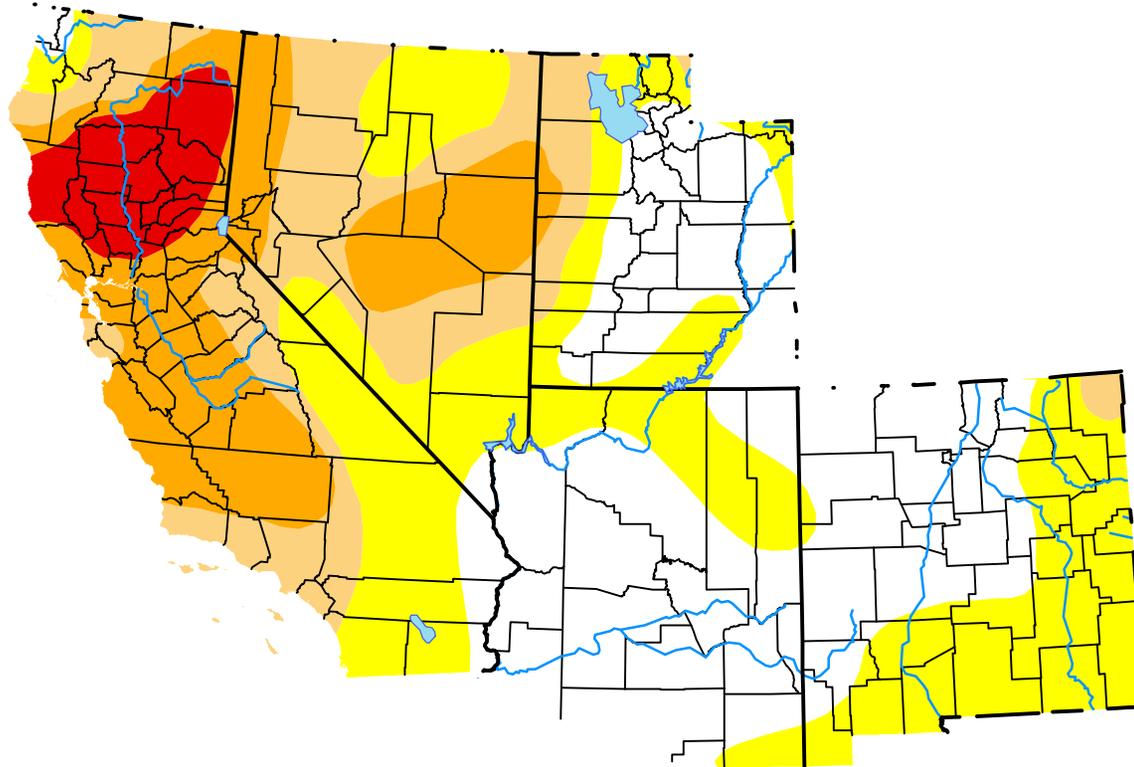


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 17, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	35.15	30.48	14.75	15.13	4.49	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-12-2009</i>	30.79	30.83	17.52	15.75	5.10	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-20-2008</i>	27.18	31.00	25.20	16.49	0.13	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-21-2008</i>	26.38	34.40	21.29	17.94	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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