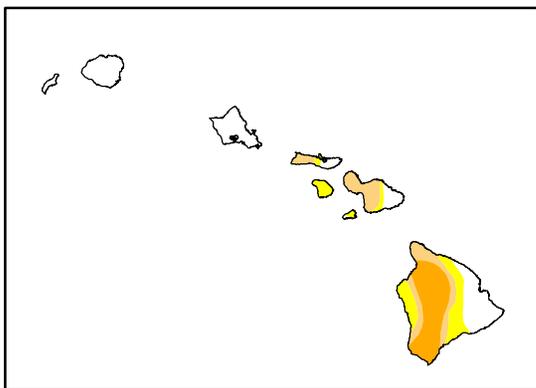
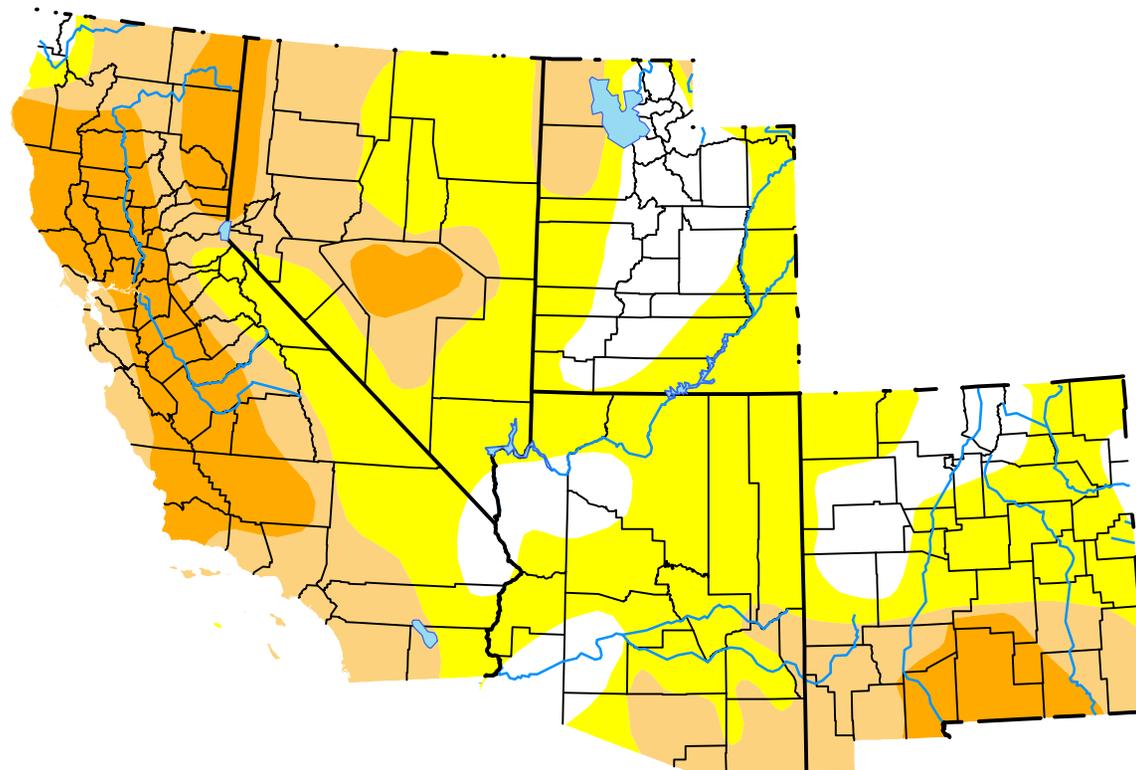


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.70	44.48	24.69	15.13	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-16-2009</i>	23.79	39.34	22.96	13.87	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-22-2009</i>	34.46	23.73	22.74	15.57	3.50	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-24-2008</i>	32.59	28.58	31.50	7.33	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



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

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