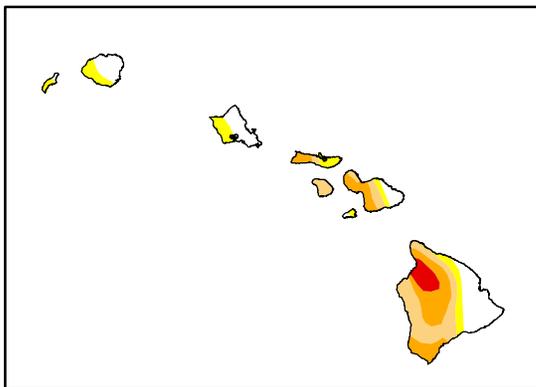
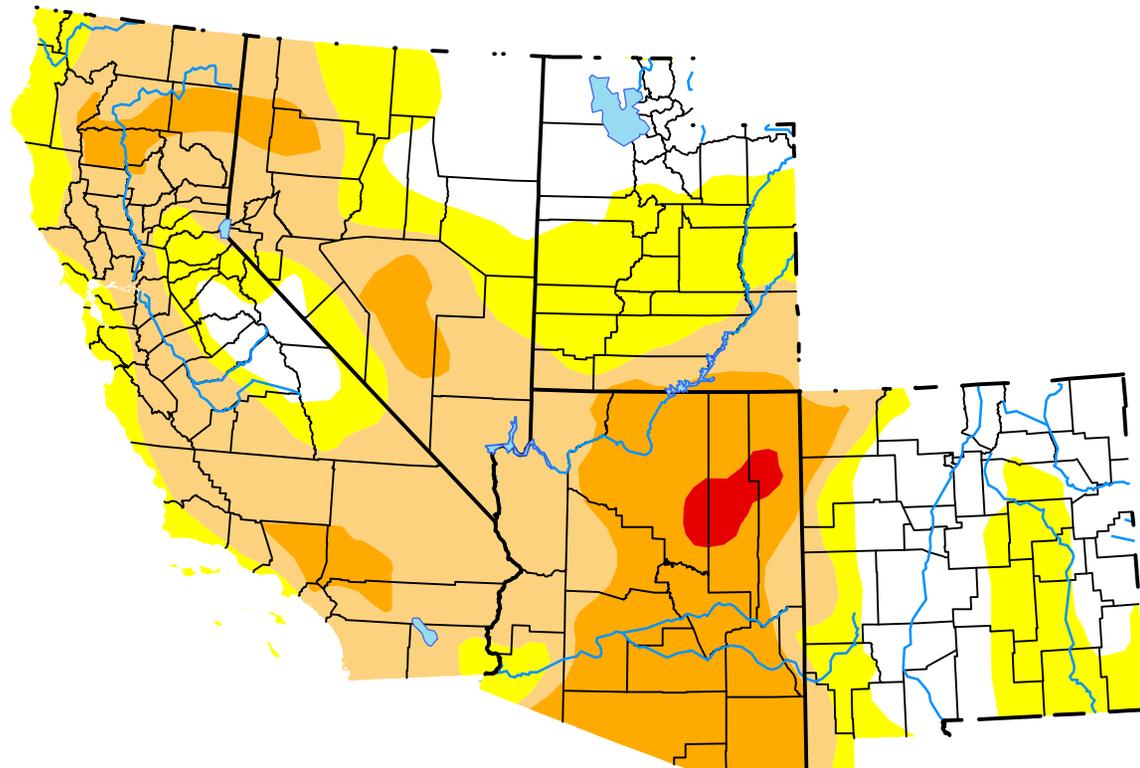


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

December 29, 2009
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 22.37 | 77.63 | 52.83 | 19.14 | 1.03 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>12-24-2009</i> | 22.38 | 77.62 | 52.83 | 19.14 | 1.03 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2009</i> | 30.31 | 69.69 | 38.16 | 14.12 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i> | 34.00 | 66.00 | 42.31 | 17.71 | 0.86 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i> | 30.31 | 69.69 | 38.16 | 14.12 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>01-01-2009</i> | 34.00 | 66.00 | 42.31 | 17.71 | 0.86 | 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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