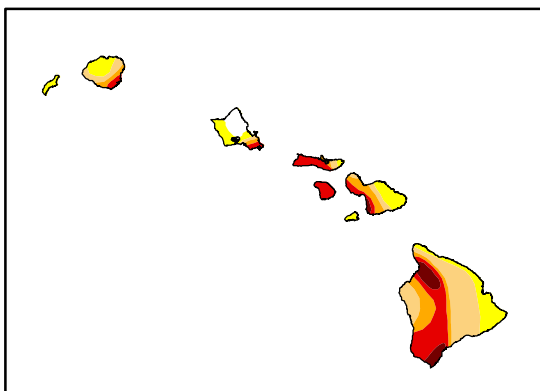
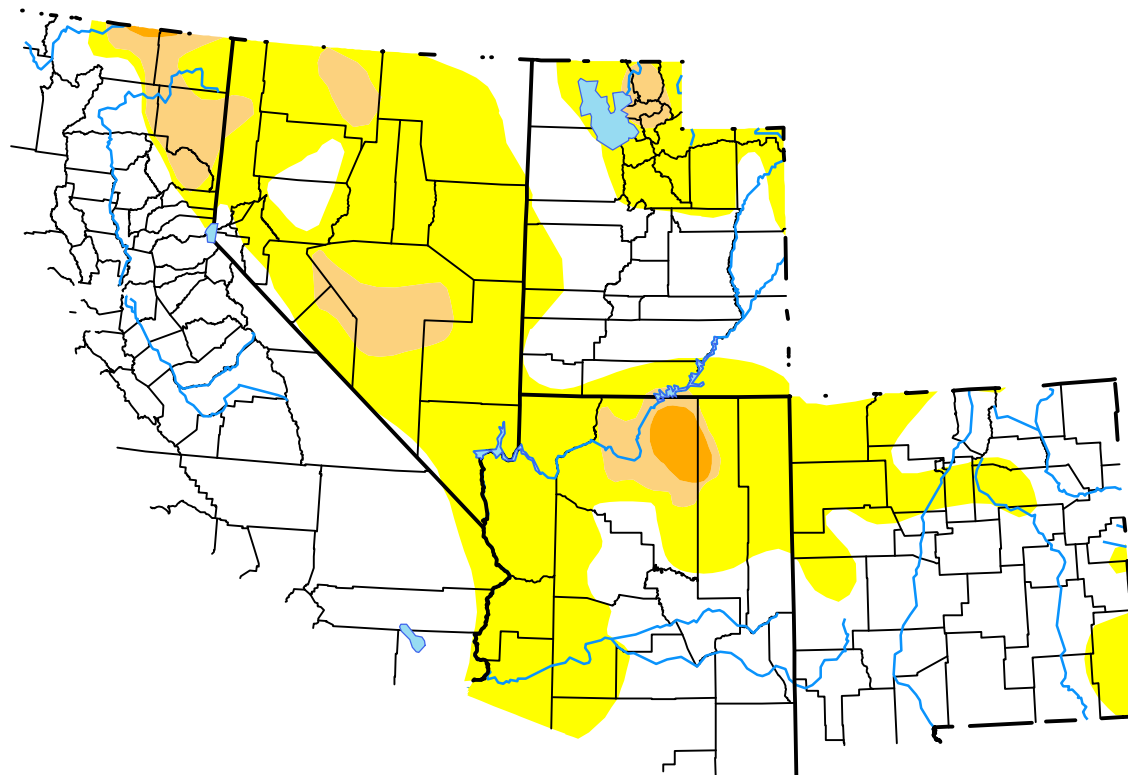


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	57.19	36.05	5.61	0.84	0.25	0.06
Last Week 10-14-2010	57.30	35.94	5.61	0.84	0.25	0.06
3 Months Ago 07-22-2010	54.74	27.96	15.94	1.05	0.25	0.06
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2010	55.50	32.14	11.18	0.84	0.28	0.06
One Year Ago 10-22-2009	30.52	28.42	23.79	17.20	0.07	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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