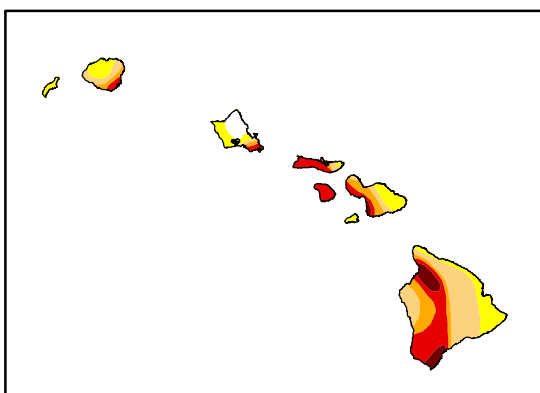
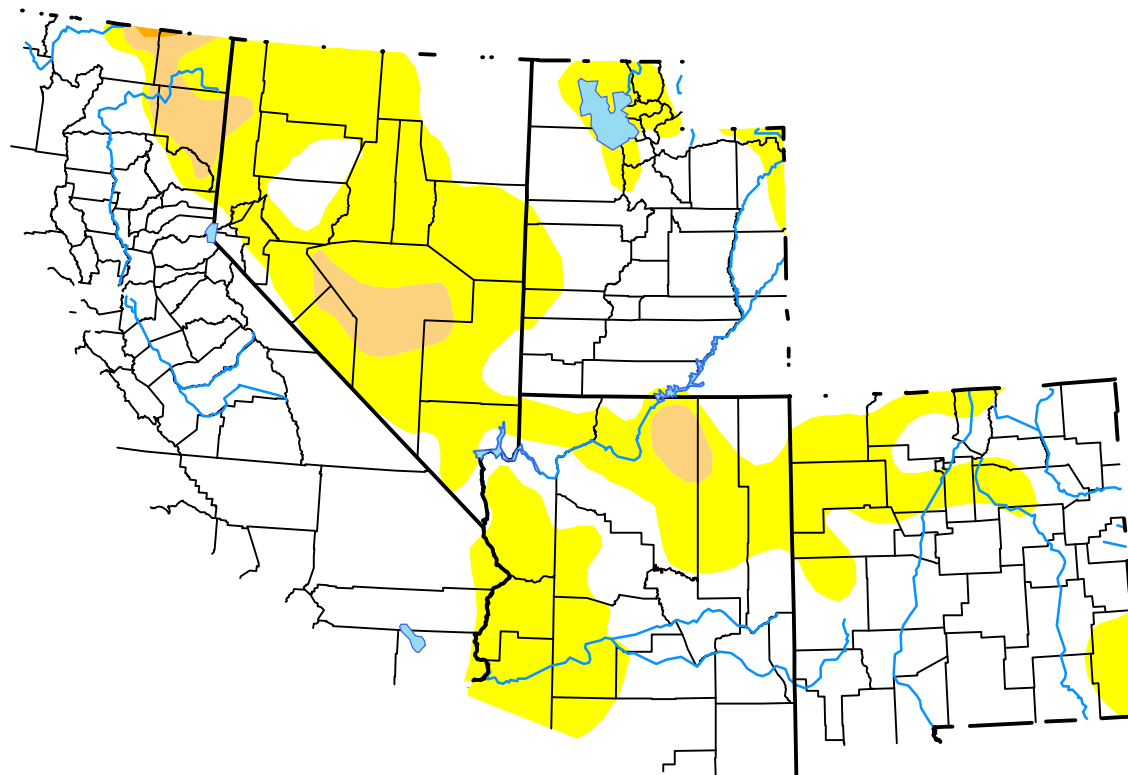


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.52	34.48	4.28	0.51	0.31	0.06
Last Week 10-21-2010	57.19	42.81	6.75	1.14	0.31	0.06
3 Months Ago 07-29-2010	56.68	43.32	16.43	1.51	0.31	0.06
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2010	55.50	44.50	12.36	1.18	0.34	0.06
One Year Ago 10-29-2009	33.47	66.53	41.64	17.13	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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