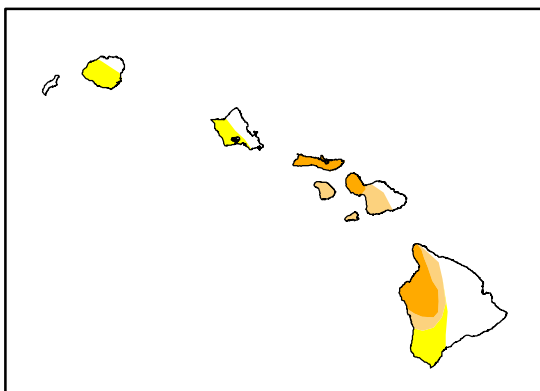
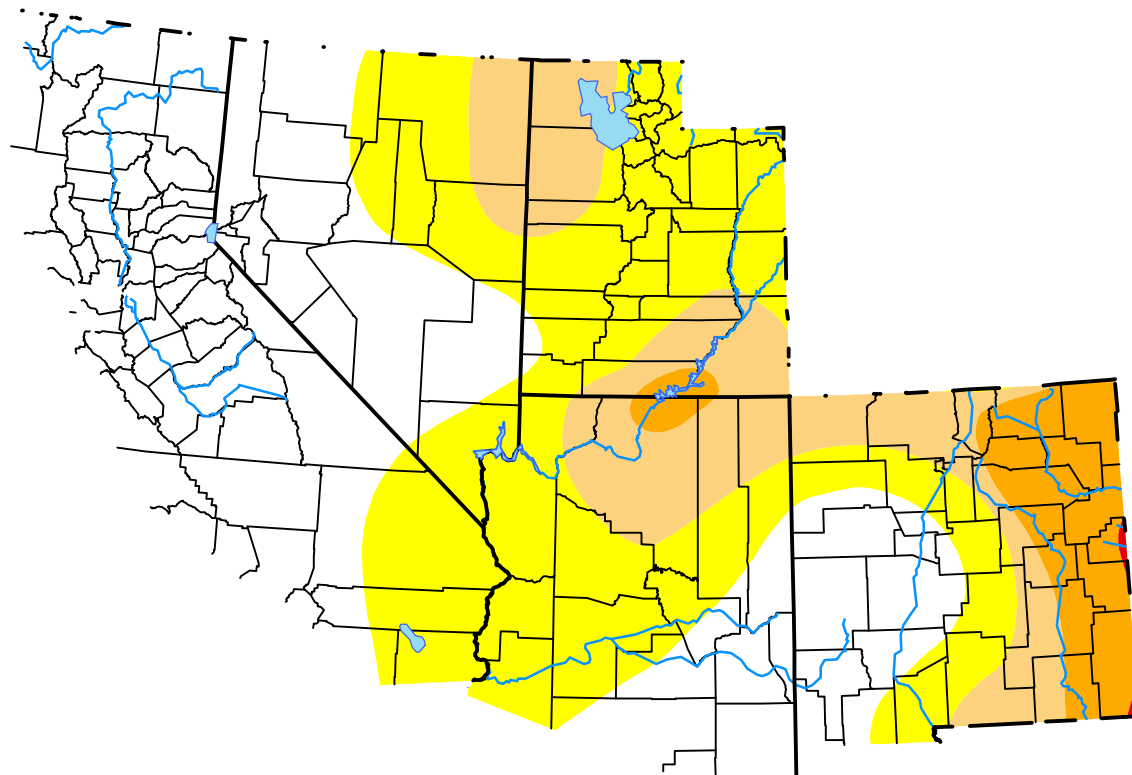


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.61	32.96	14.86	6.48	0.08	0.00
Last Week <i>10-12-2000</i>	32.08	36.01	22.94	8.82	0.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-20-2000</i>	47.87	46.47	5.06	0.40	0.19	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2000</i>	61.20	37.83	0.94	0.02	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2000</i>	38.83	35.34	18.71	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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