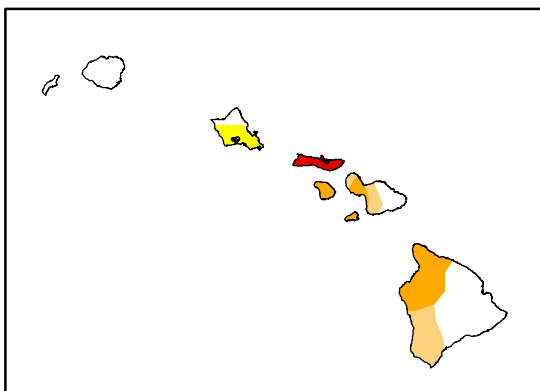
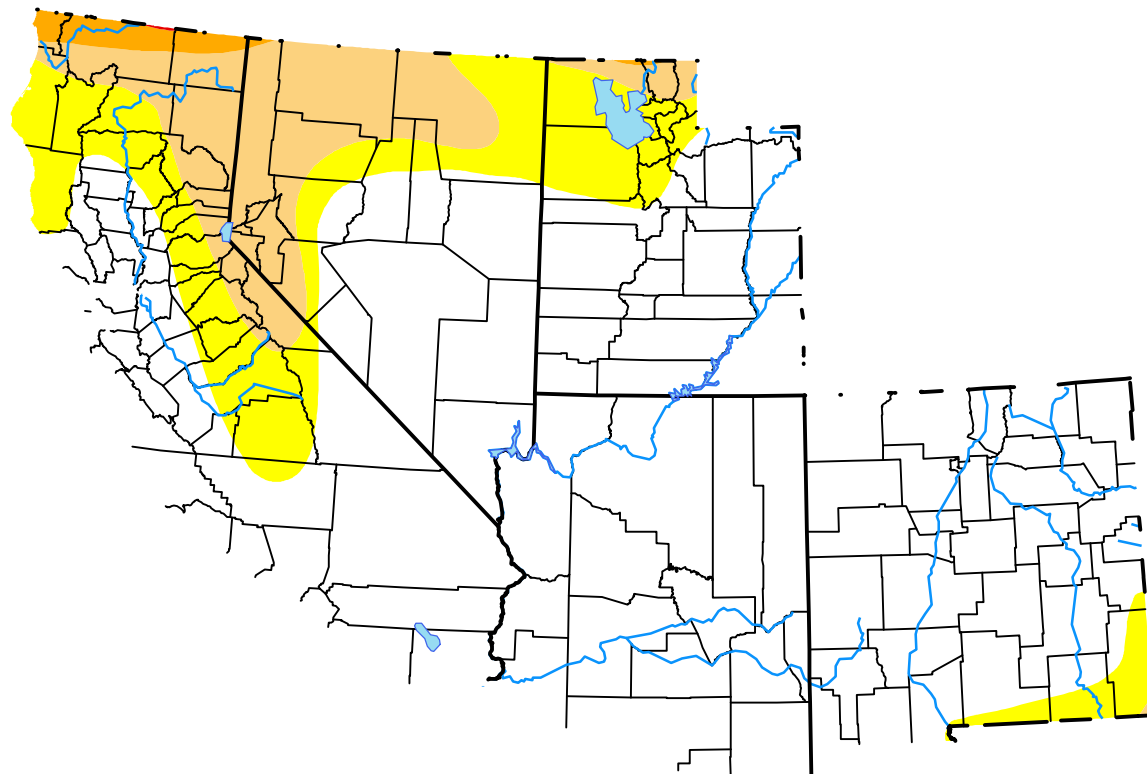


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.43	13.06	10.25	1.20	0.06	0.00
Last Week <i>05-10-2001</i>	74.46	14.94	9.53	1.01	0.06	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-15-2001</i>	79.12	19.01	1.58	0.28	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2001</i>	83.72	14.98	1.30	0.00	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 <i>05-18-2000</i>	66.98	12.53	11.49	9.00	0.00	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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