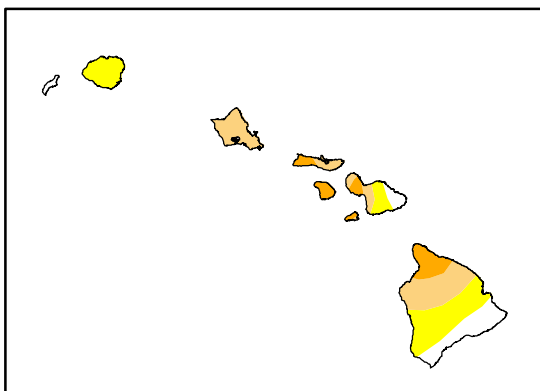
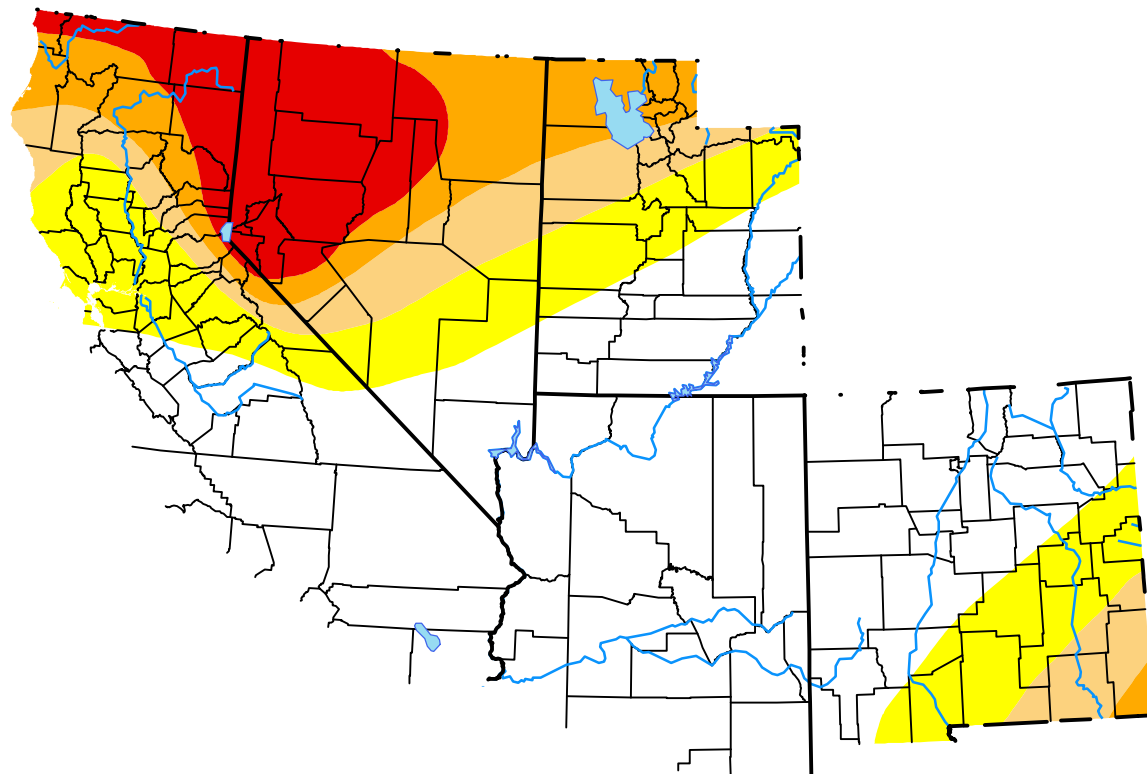


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.68	43.32	26.87	17.96	9.25	0.00
Last Week 07-19-2001	58.36	41.64	26.30	17.86	9.25	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-26-2001	74.46	25.54	10.58	1.07	0.20	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2001	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2000	38.83	61.17	25.82	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-27-2000	40.01	59.99	7.34	0.56	0.15	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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