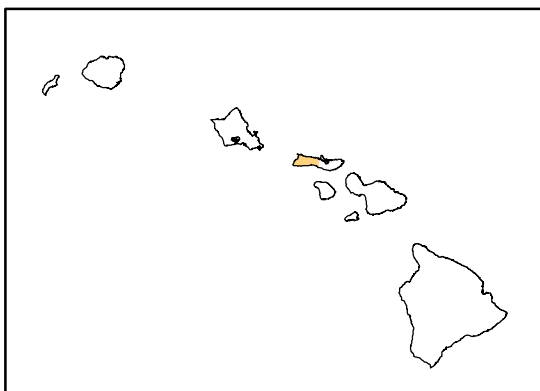
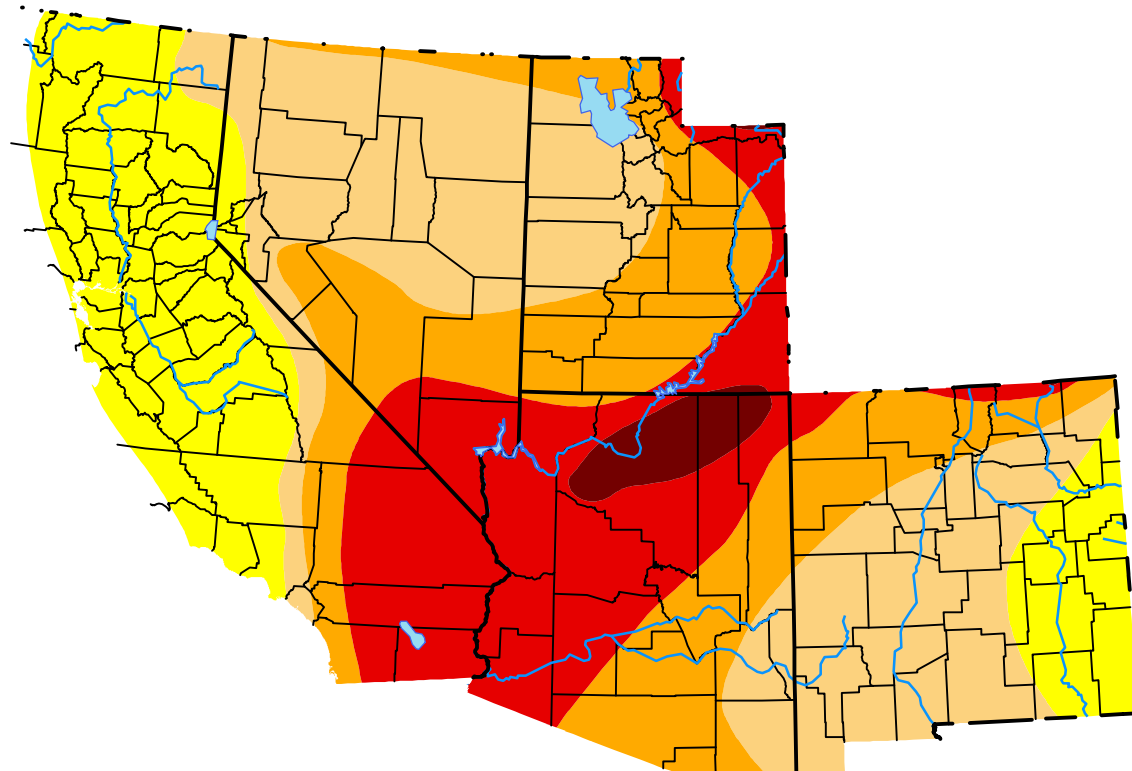


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.44	97.56	76.45	45.88	22.47	2.20
Last Week <i>11-07-2002</i>	1.04	98.96	90.18	59.01	28.43	3.11
3 Months Ago <i>08-15-2002</i>	2.33	97.67	86.47	61.65	37.80	9.82
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>11-15-2001</i>	31.82	68.18	44.91	24.07	13.67	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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