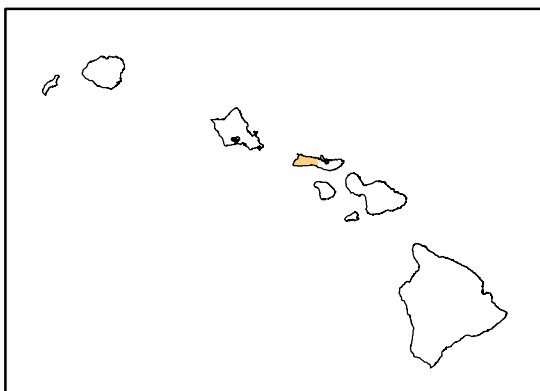
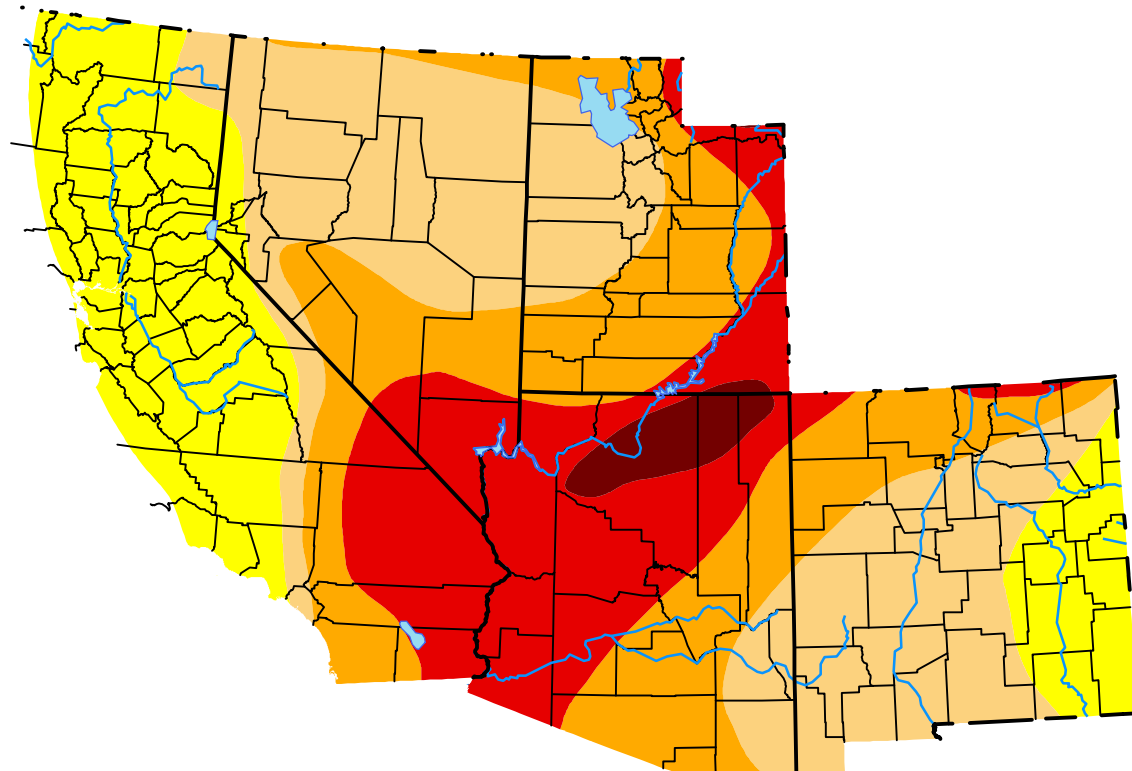


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Valid 7 a.m. EST



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 2.54  | 21.06 | 30.68 | 24.25 | 19.33 | 2.13 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>11-27-2002              | 2.35  | 20.76 | 31.15 | 23.00 | 20.51 | 2.22 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-05-2002           | 2.41  | 12.02 | 19.39 | 28.13 | 28.32 | 9.73 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2002 | 45.56 | 22.67 | 17.91 | 9.16  | 4.71  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-03-2002    | 2.56  | 11.55 | 25.16 | 28.26 | 27.95 | 4.53 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-06-2001           | 37.86 | 24.28 | 19.04 | 10.08 | 8.73  | 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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