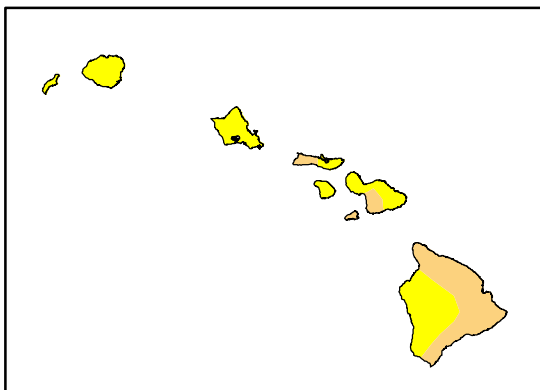
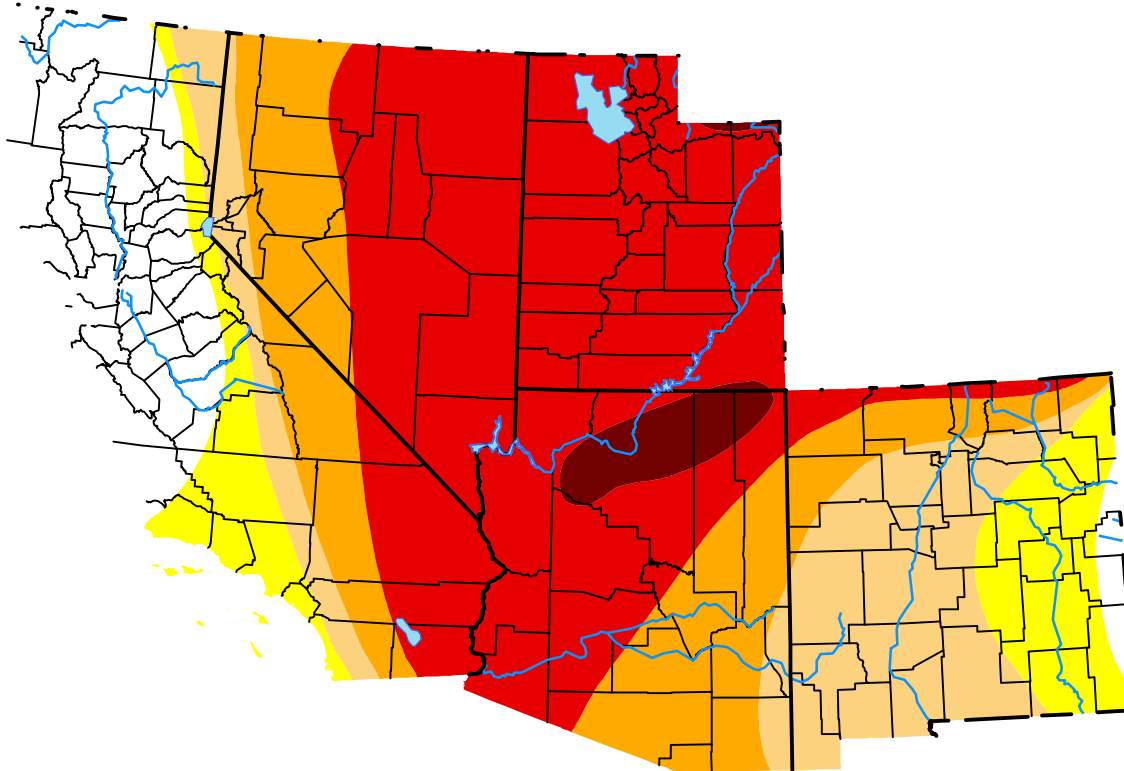


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.85	10.17	15.48	17.65	41.42	2.43
Last Week <i>02-06-2003</i>	13.40	12.12	15.91	15.58	40.53	2.45
3 Months Ago <i>11-14-2002</i>	2.44	21.11	30.57	23.41	20.27	2.20
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>02-14-2002</i>	18.67	46.66	29.30	5.37	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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