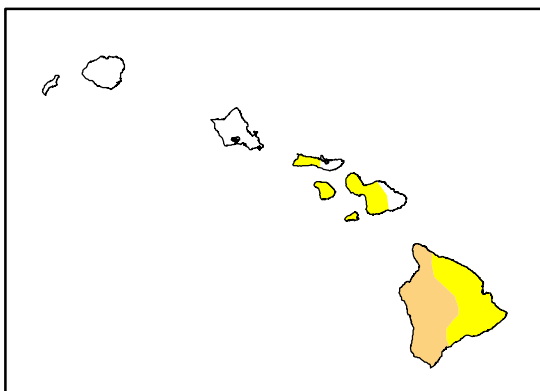
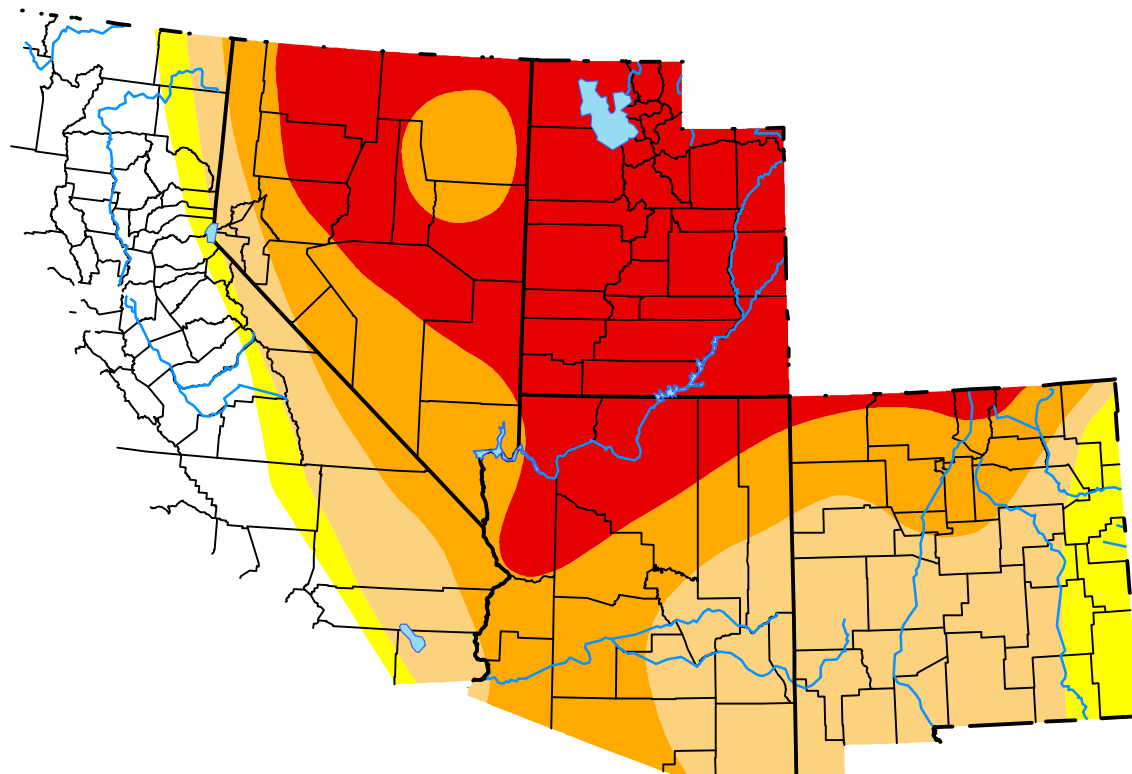


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.02	6.66	24.18	24.00	29.15	0.00
Last Week 04-24-2003	16.11	8.91	23.84	19.25	31.89	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-30-2003	14.88	11.96	14.96	15.01	40.73	2.47
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year 10-03-2002	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago 05-02-2002	15.96	12.52	14.53	41.38	15.62	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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