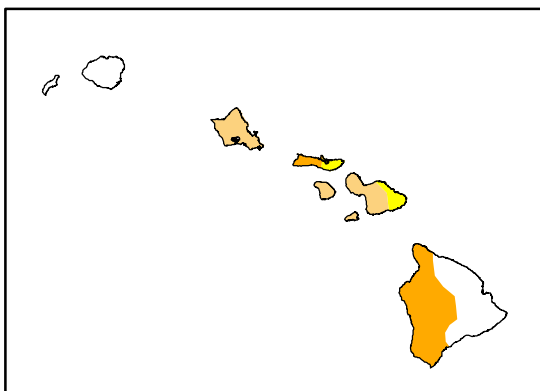
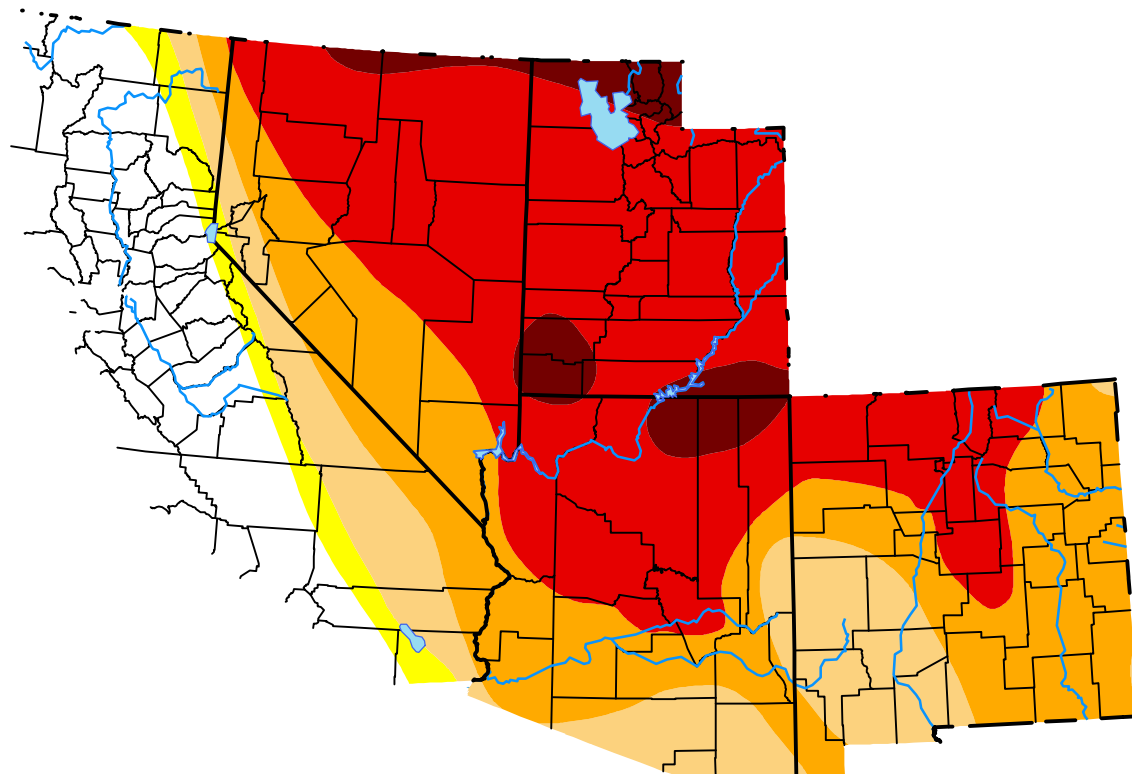


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.23	3.07	13.34	25.44	36.45	4.47
Last Week <i>07-31-2003</i>	17.07	3.54	13.62	23.61	37.12	5.04
3 Months Ago <i>05-08-2003</i>	15.84	4.49	26.06	24.21	29.40	0.01
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>08-08-2002</i>	2.39	11.31	24.93	23.79	27.86	9.71

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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