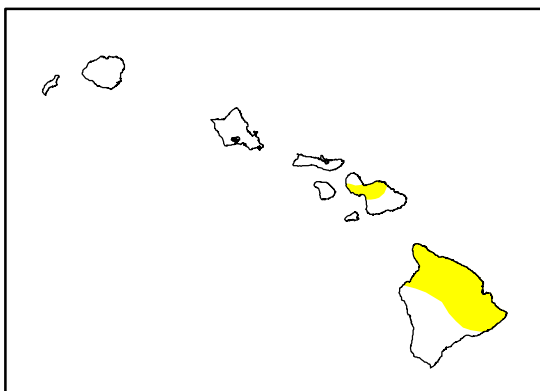
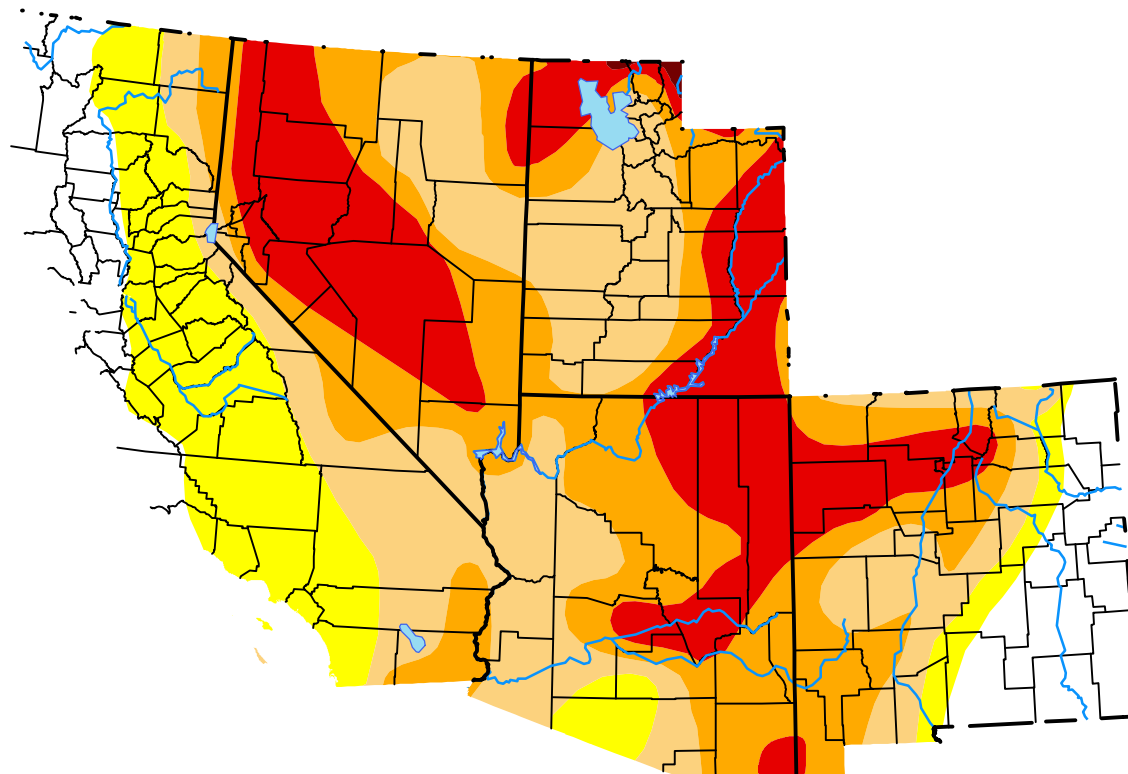


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.44	15.10	26.11	24.89	20.35	0.11
Last Week <i>11-11-2004</i>	11.33	17.03	24.76	26.17	20.60	0.11
3 Months Ago <i>08-19-2004</i>	6.93	12.75	18.67	31.00	30.38	0.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago <i>11-20-2003</i>	12.30	9.35	13.82	19.54	39.28	5.71

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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