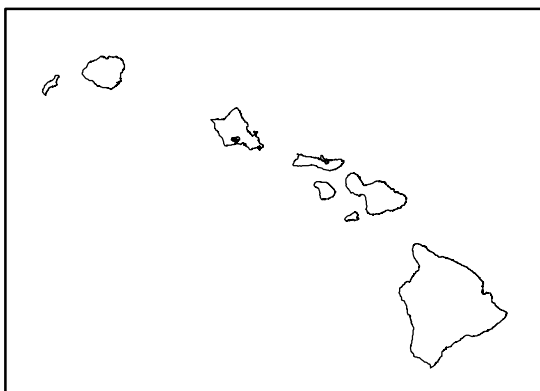
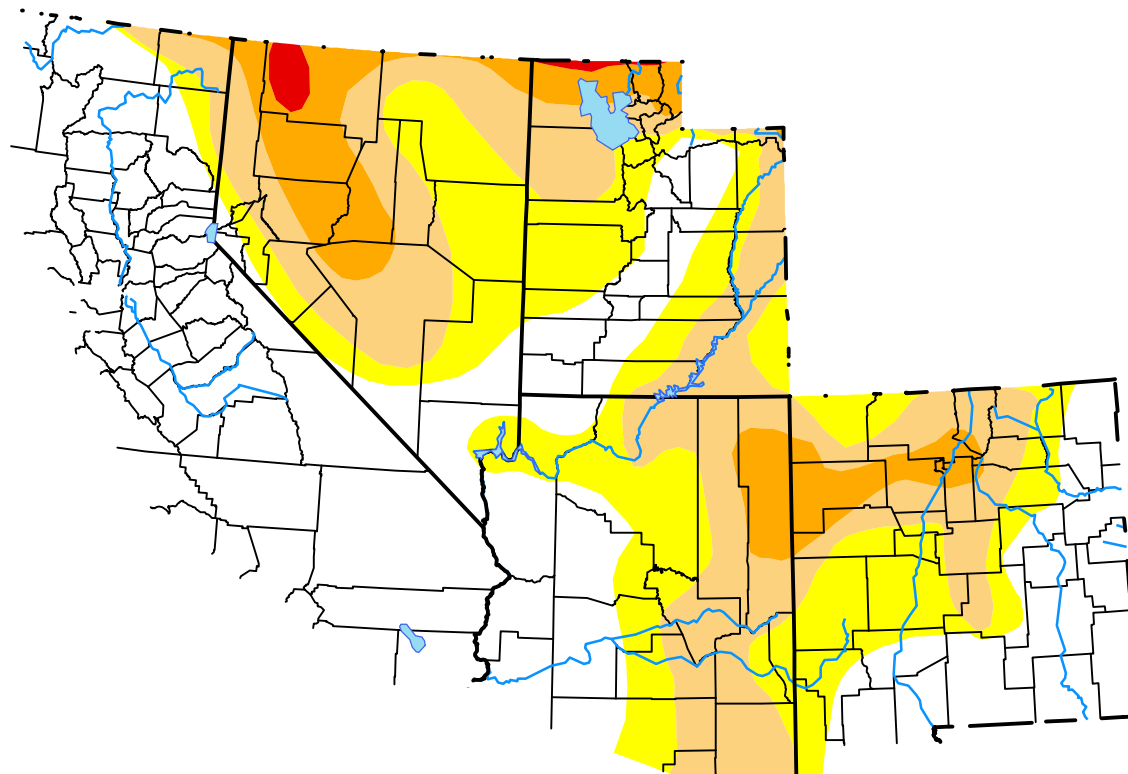


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.74	22.39	21.65	7.68	0.54	0.00
Last Week <i>03-24-2005</i>	42.39	24.55	23.80	8.47	0.75	0.04
3 Months Ago <i>12-30-2004</i>	17.91	15.39	28.24	23.90	14.45	0.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
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>04-01-2004</i>	17.74	8.34	11.88	26.30	28.94	6.81

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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