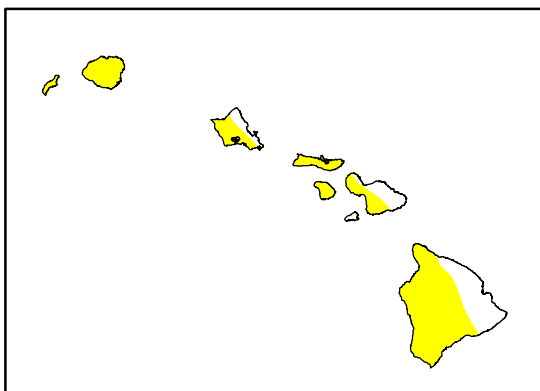
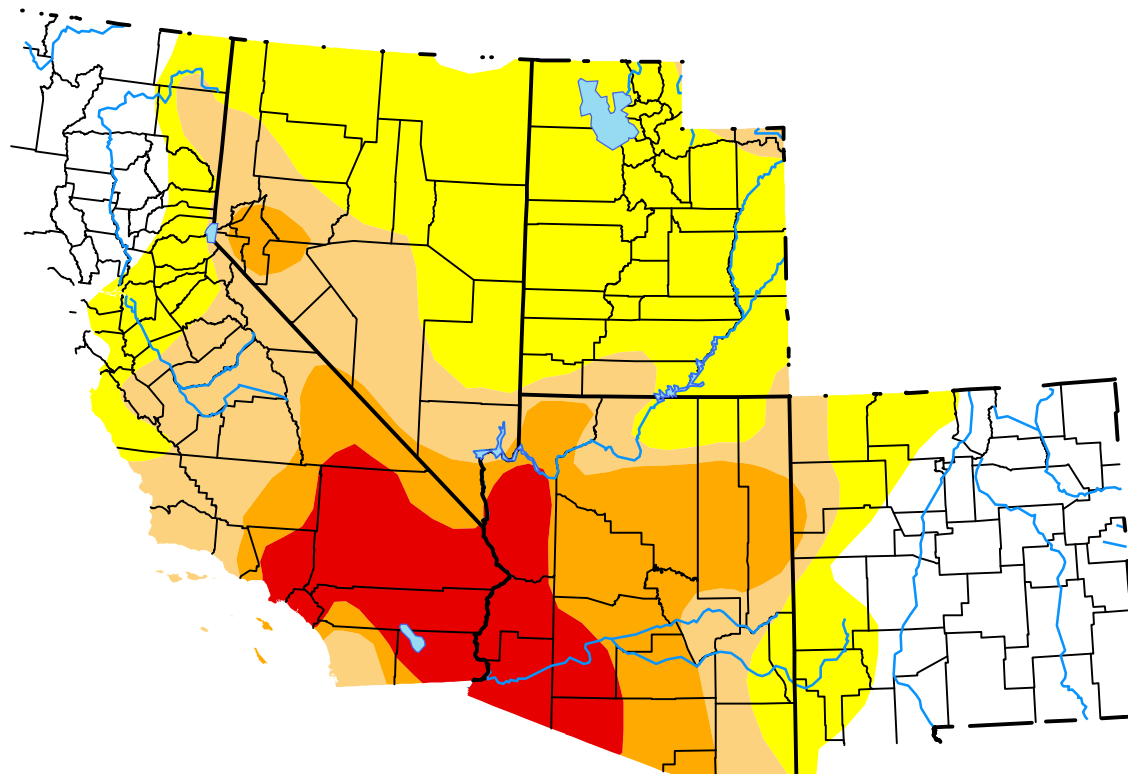


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.07	34.94	19.62	13.56	9.81	0.00
Last Week <i>03-08-2007</i>	25.23	37.26	19.81	17.70	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2006</i>	53.75	29.60	12.22	3.84	0.58	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2007</i>	48.60	27.57	19.41	3.84	0.58	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	15.92	11.41	4.33	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-16-2006</i>	50.57	10.95	9.10	19.42	9.96	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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