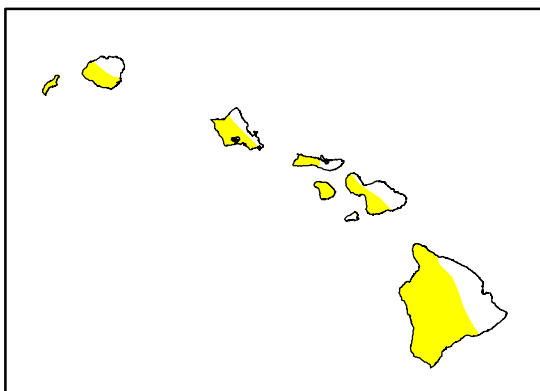
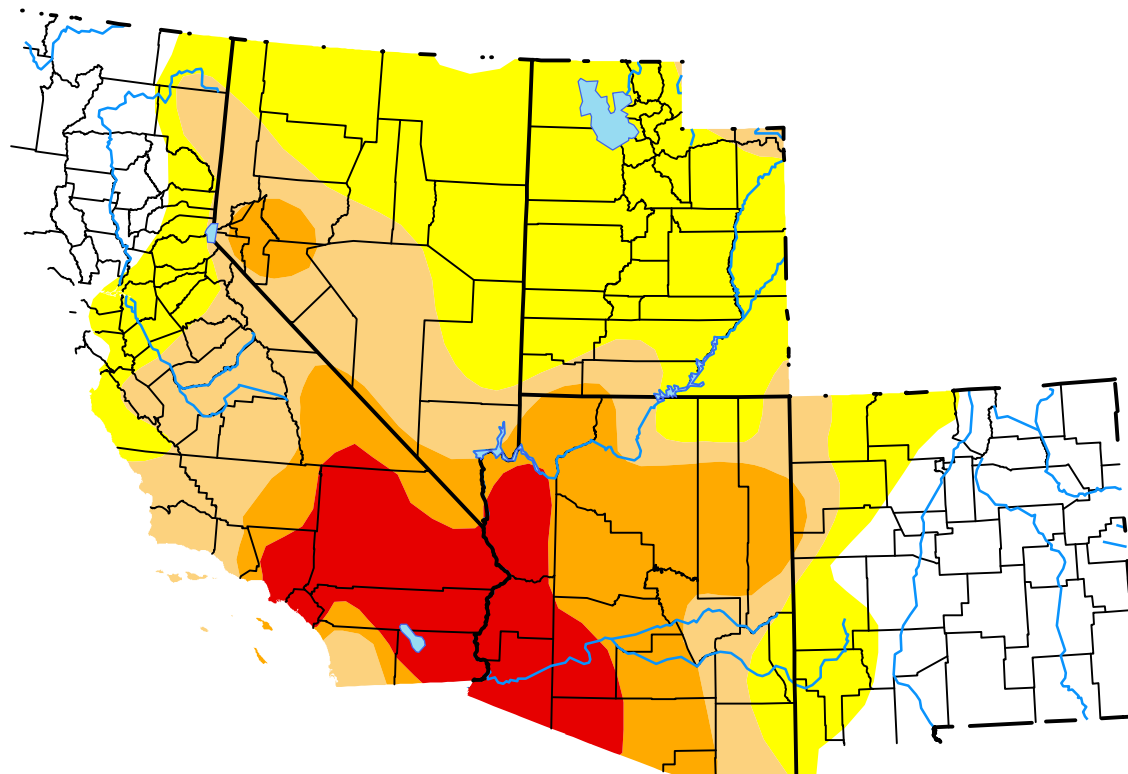


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	22.13	77.87	44.36	24.40	9.81	0.00
Last Week <i>03-15-2007</i>	22.07	77.93	42.99	23.37	9.81	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-21-2006</i>	45.73	54.27	19.61	4.42	0.58	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2007</i>	48.60	51.40	23.83	4.42	0.58	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2006</i>	66.95	33.05	17.13	5.72	1.39	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-23-2006</i>	50.84	49.16	38.30	28.91	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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