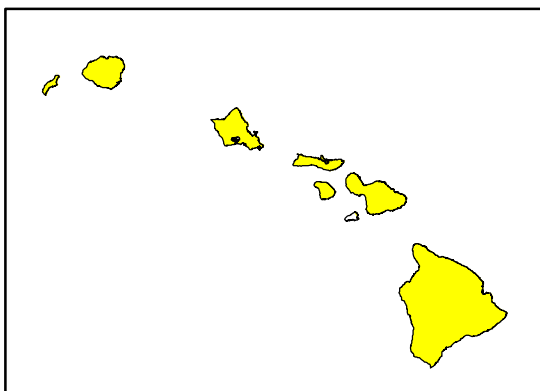
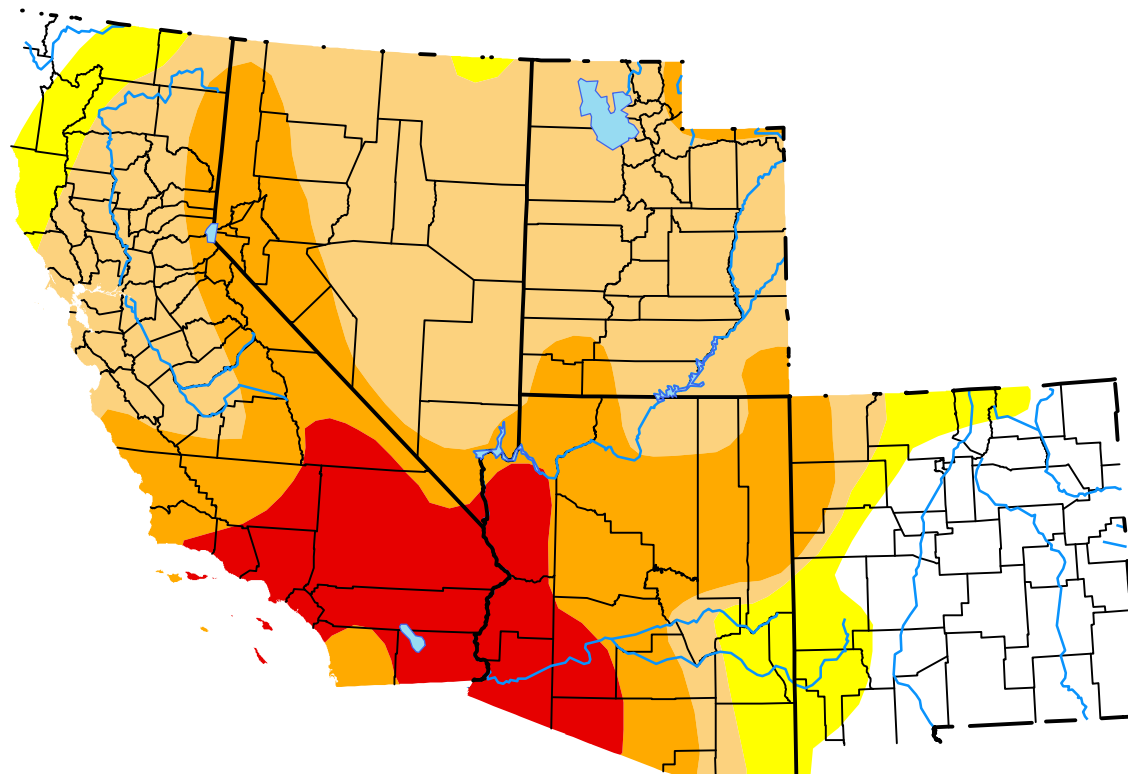


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.68	9.43	38.62	24.38	11.89	0.00
Last Week <i>04-12-2007</i>	16.07	10.63	44.98	18.49	9.83	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-18-2007</i>	44.88	30.67	17.18	6.69	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>04-20-2006</i>	54.97	6.65	7.67	19.13	11.58	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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