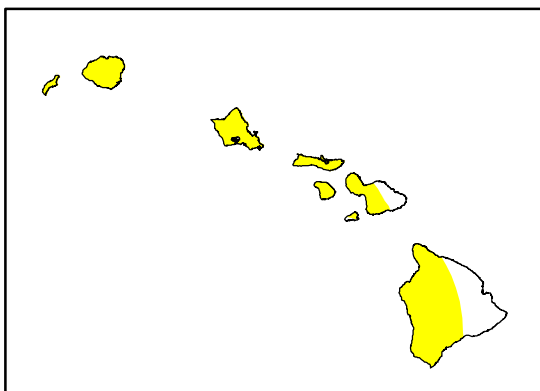
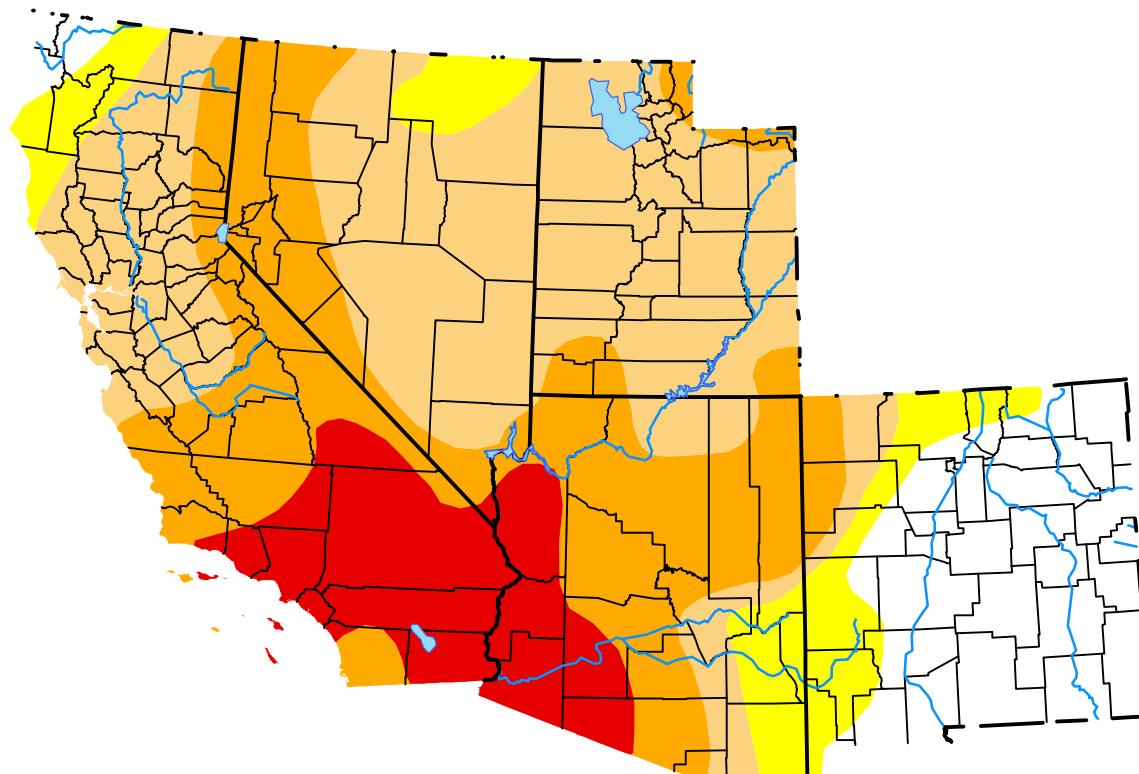


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.81	9.77	35.94	26.59	11.89	0.00
Last Week <i>05-10-2007</i>	16.93	10.62	37.29	23.27	11.89	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-15-2007</i>	24.52	38.48	19.06	17.95	0.00	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>05-18-2006</i>	54.51	7.25	6.54	9.49	18.86	3.36

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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