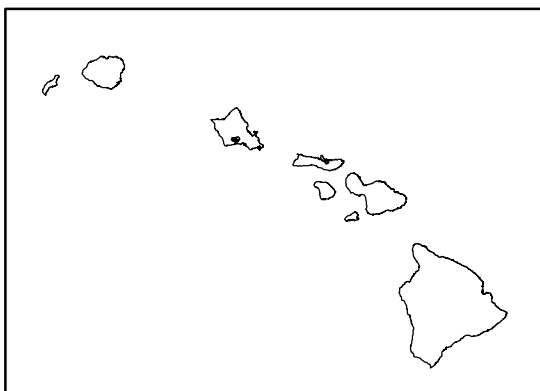
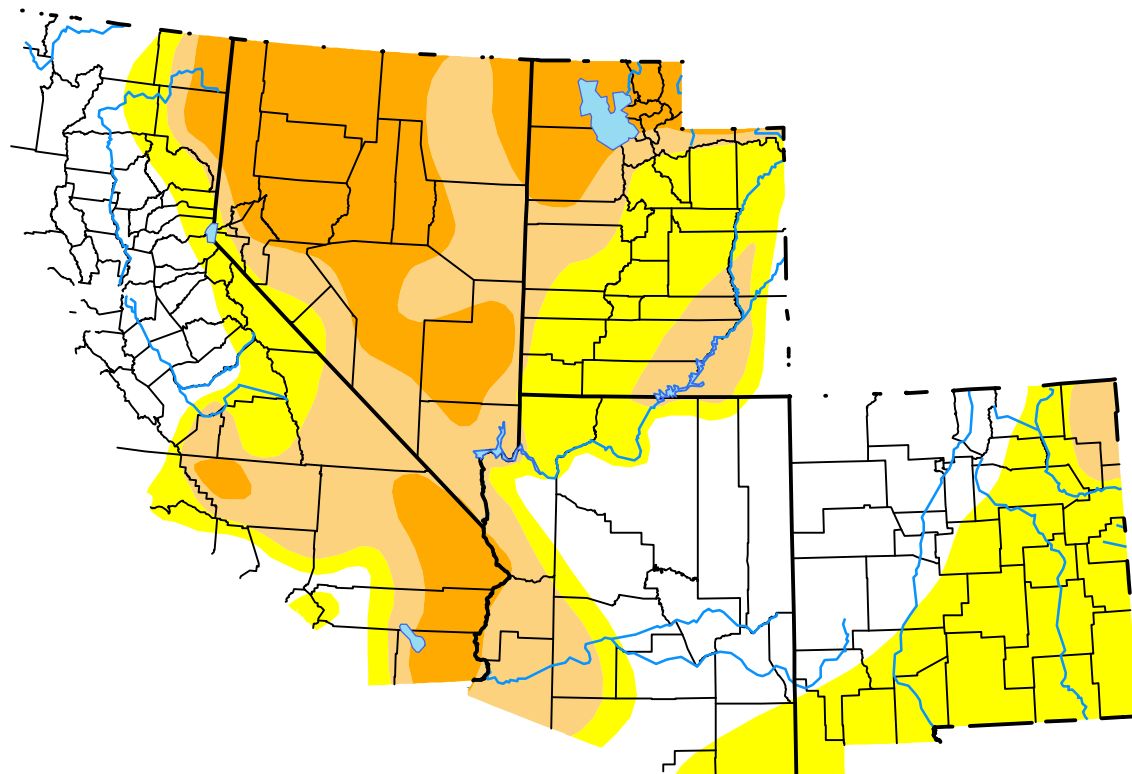


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 26, 2008**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 33.35 | 66.65 | 38.17 | 17.62 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2008</i>              | 26.38 | 73.62 | 39.23 | 17.94 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2007</i>           | 18.13 | 81.87 | 70.05 | 48.55 | 15.80 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2008</i> | 20.86 | 79.14 | 63.29 | 45.33 | 5.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2007</i>    | 21.09 | 78.91 | 69.70 | 51.22 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2007</i>           | 24.95 | 75.05 | 36.53 | 17.70 | 0.00  | 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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