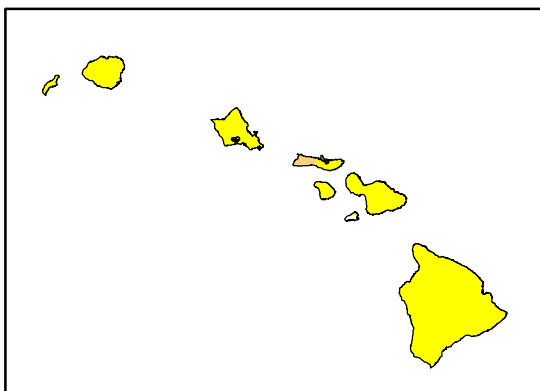
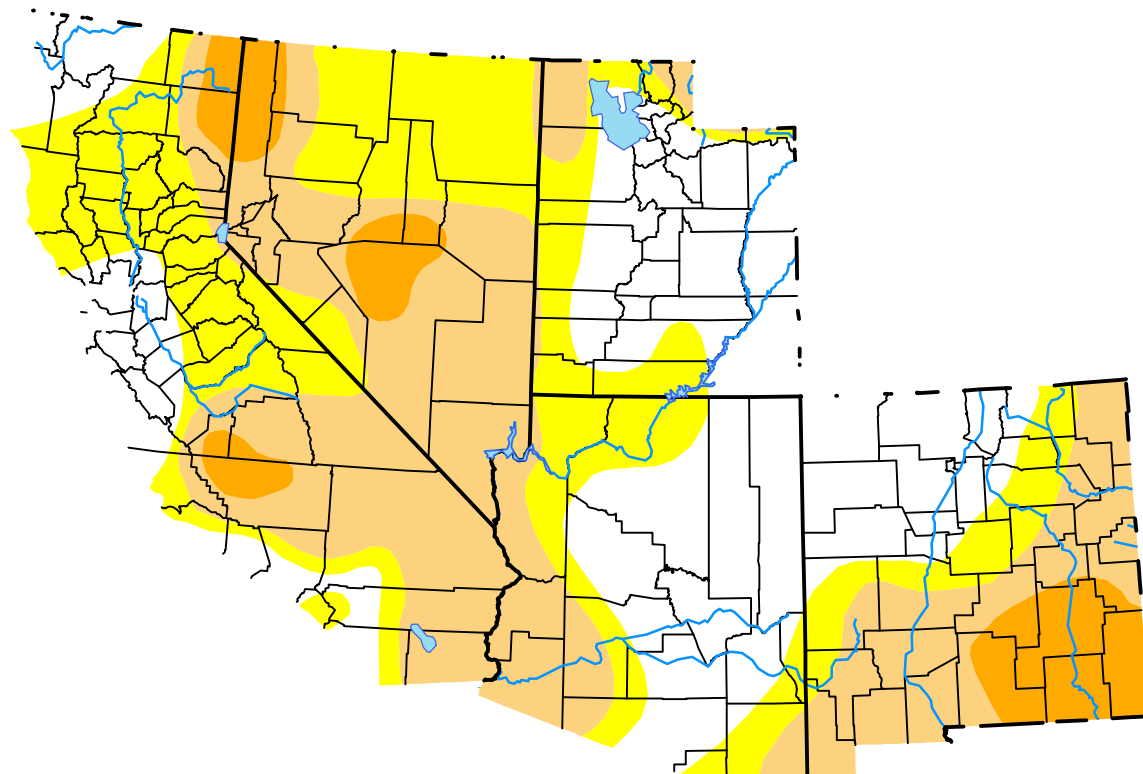


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	32.59	28.58	31.50	7.33	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-17-2008</i>	32.59	28.59	30.96	7.86	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-24-2008</i>	22.16	16.99	26.49	34.36	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2007</i>	21.09	9.20	18.48	35.21	16.01	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-26-2007</i>	16.99	10.64	37.35	23.13	11.89	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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