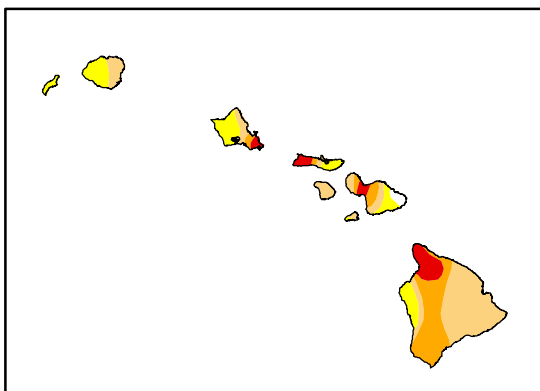
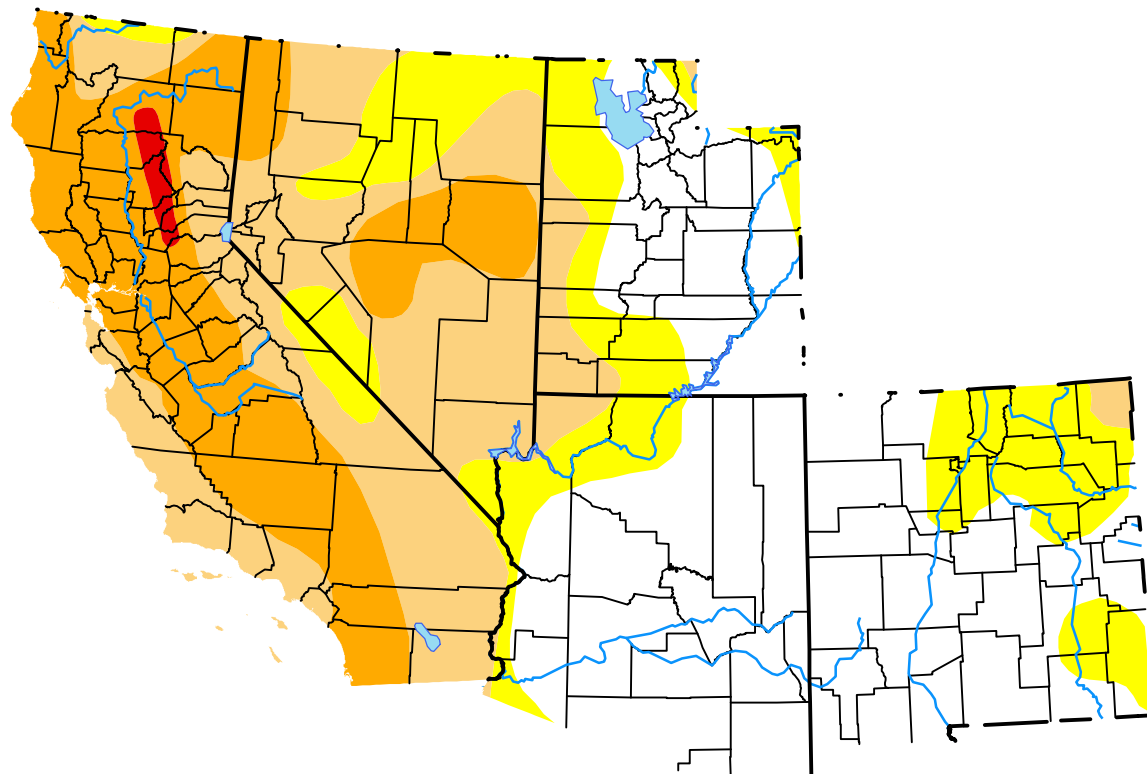


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 38.93 | 61.07 | 43.48 | 18.91 | 0.65  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>09-18-2008              | 38.93 | 61.07 | 42.58 | 17.19 | 0.10  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>06-26-2008           | 22.06 | 77.94 | 57.00 | 15.56 | 3.13  | 0.05 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2008 | 20.86 | 79.14 | 63.29 | 45.33 | 5.44  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2007    | 21.09 | 78.91 | 69.70 | 51.22 | 16.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>09-27-2007           | 21.09 | 78.91 | 69.70 | 51.22 | 16.01 | 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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