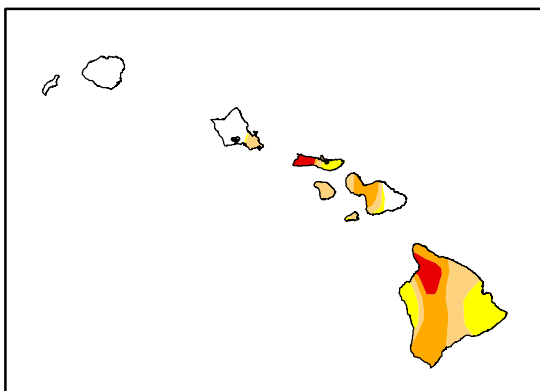
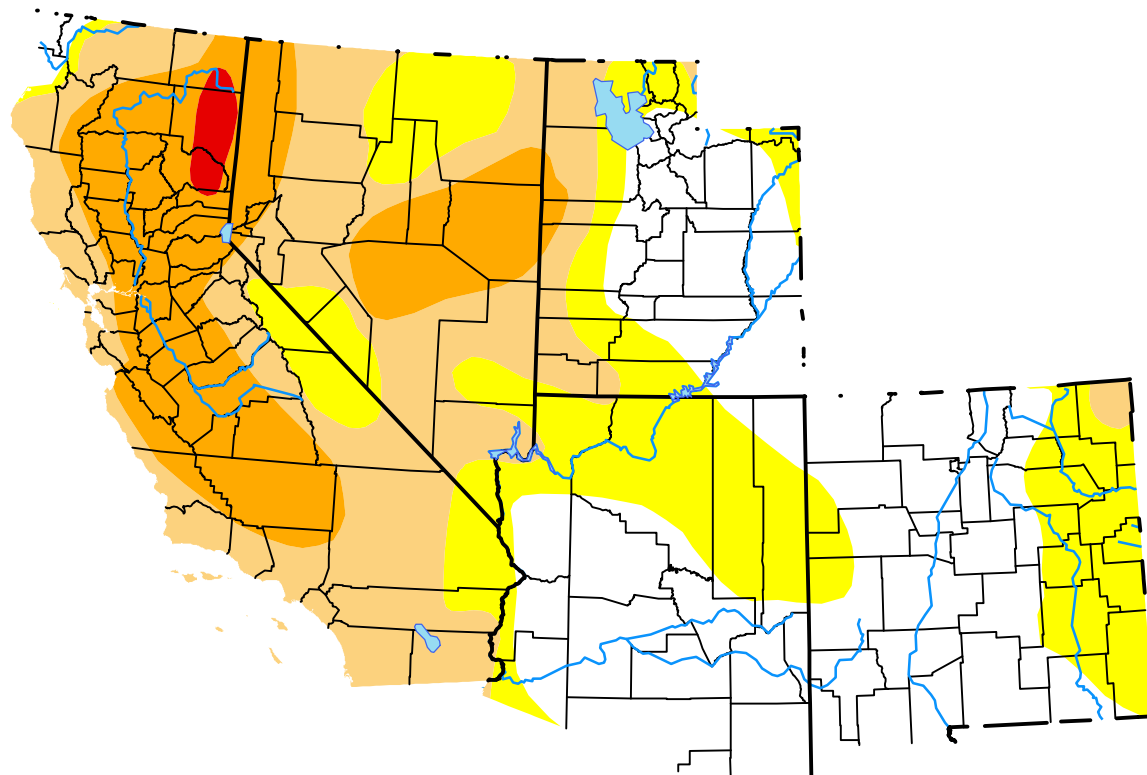


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	34.46	23.71	24.04	16.97	0.82	0.00
Last Week <i>01-08-2009</i>	35.86	21.95	25.15	16.22	0.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-16-2008</i>	40.98	16.67	23.43	18.79	0.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>01-17-2008</i>	22.16	16.97	26.51	34.36	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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