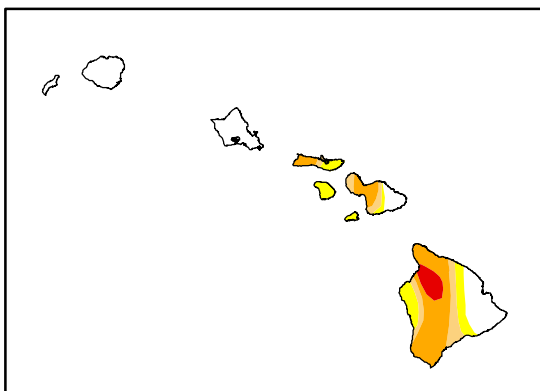
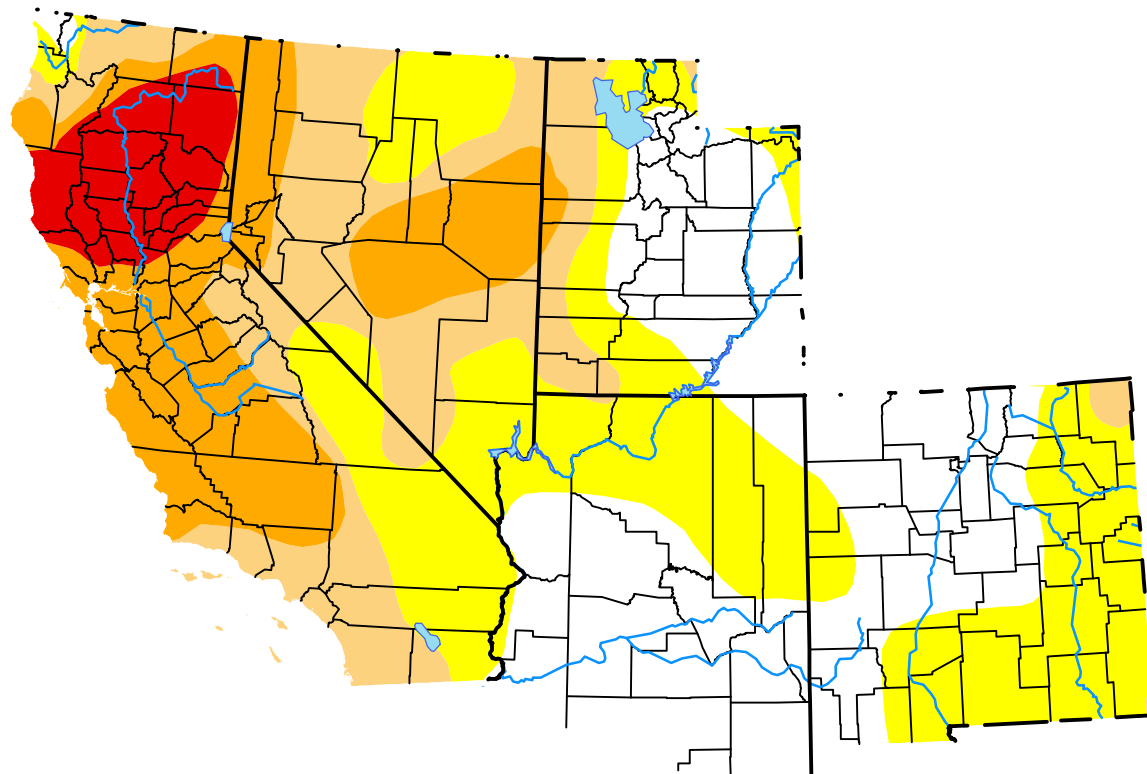


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	30.79	69.21	38.38	20.85	5.10	0.00
Last Week <i>02-05-2009</i>	33.15	66.85	42.16	20.84	5.09	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-13-2008</i>	38.08	61.92	41.84	16.63	0.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-14-2008</i>	26.38	73.62	39.20	17.94	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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