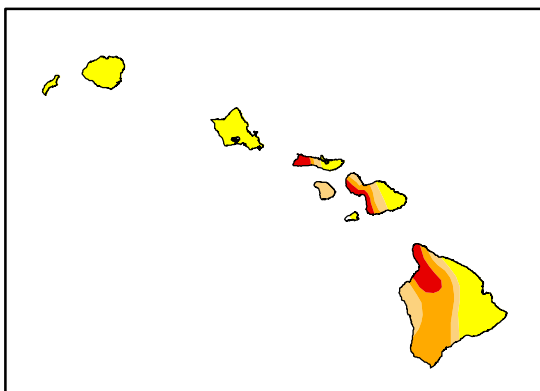
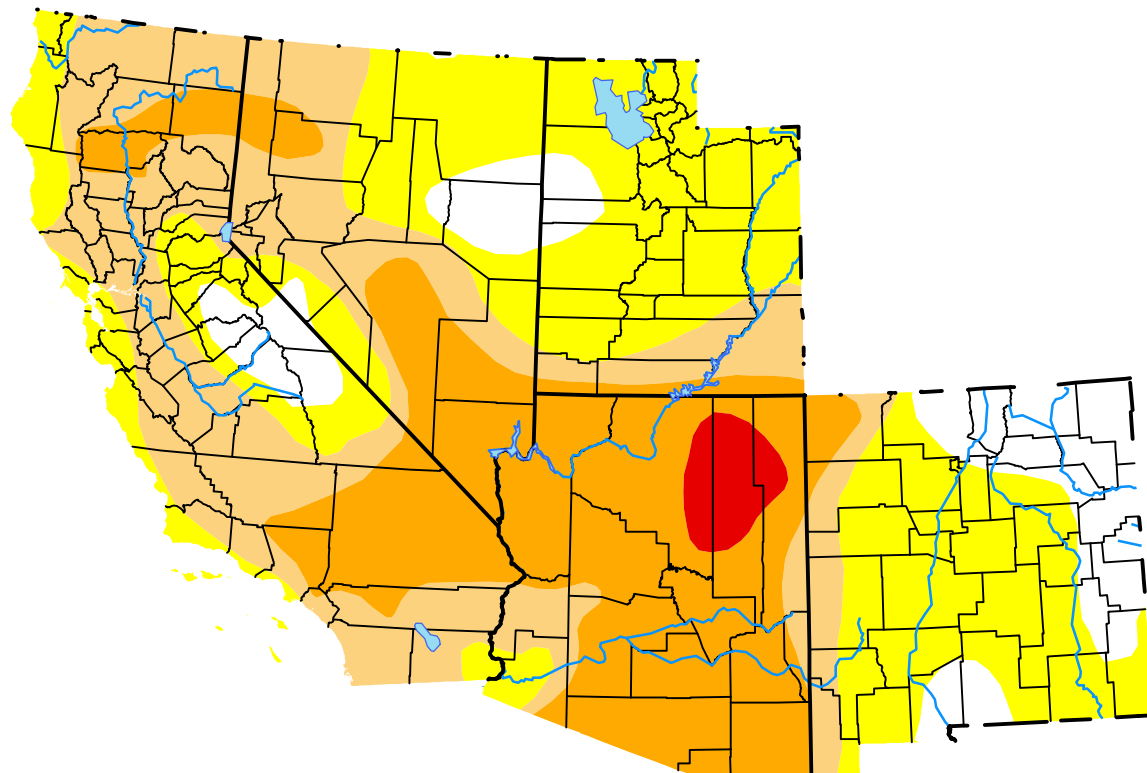


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.24	35.08	25.98	26.75	1.94	0.00
Last Week <i>01-07-2010</i>	21.59	25.05	34.22	18.11	1.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-15-2009</i>	28.93	26.04	19.92	25.04	0.07	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>01-15-2009</i>	34.46	23.71	24.04	16.97	0.82	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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