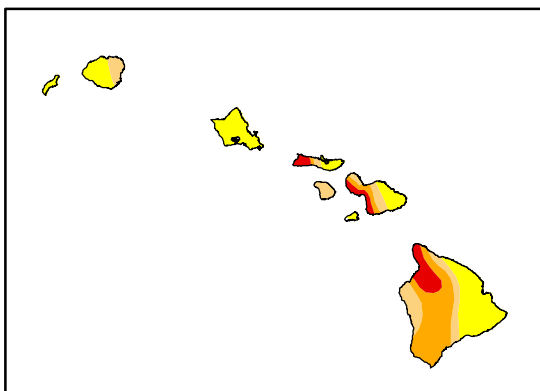
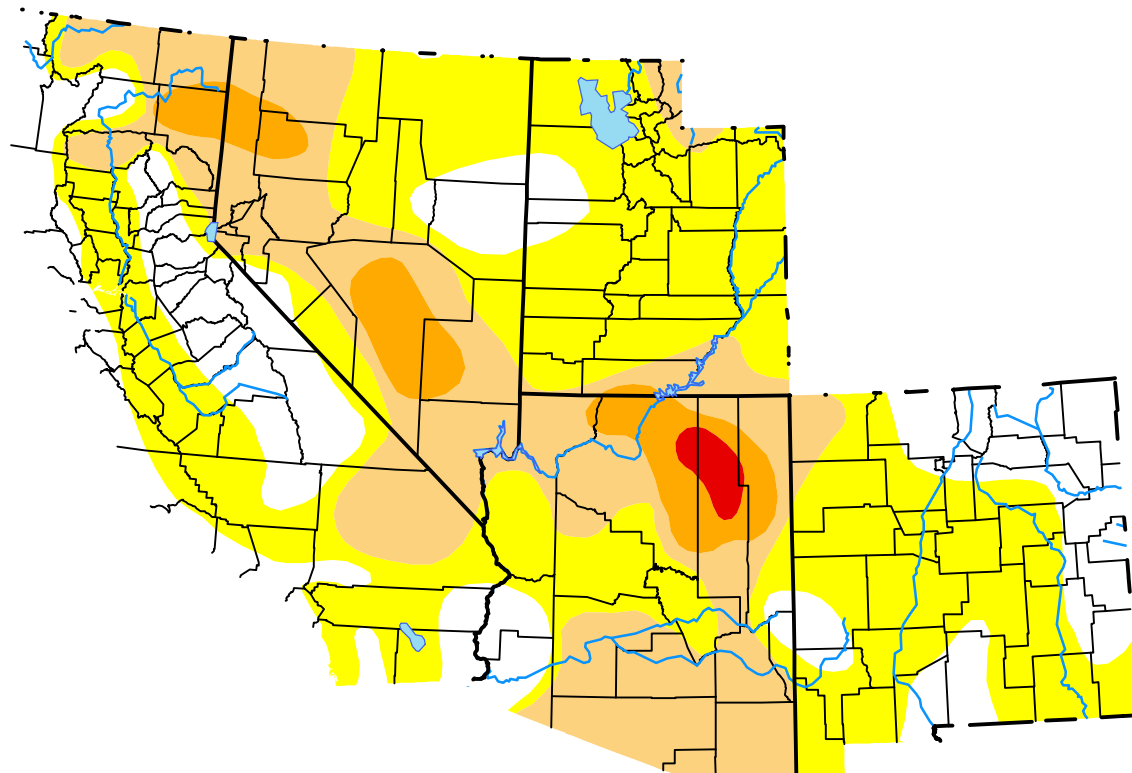


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.83	45.67	24.93	5.80	0.77	0.00
Last Week 01-21-2010	10.61	36.36	26.26	24.83	1.94	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-29-2009	33.47	24.89	24.51	17.05	0.07	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2009	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago 01-29-2009	33.62	24.57	22.74	14.78	4.29	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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