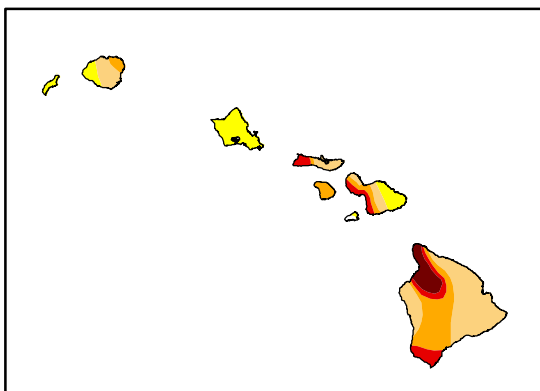
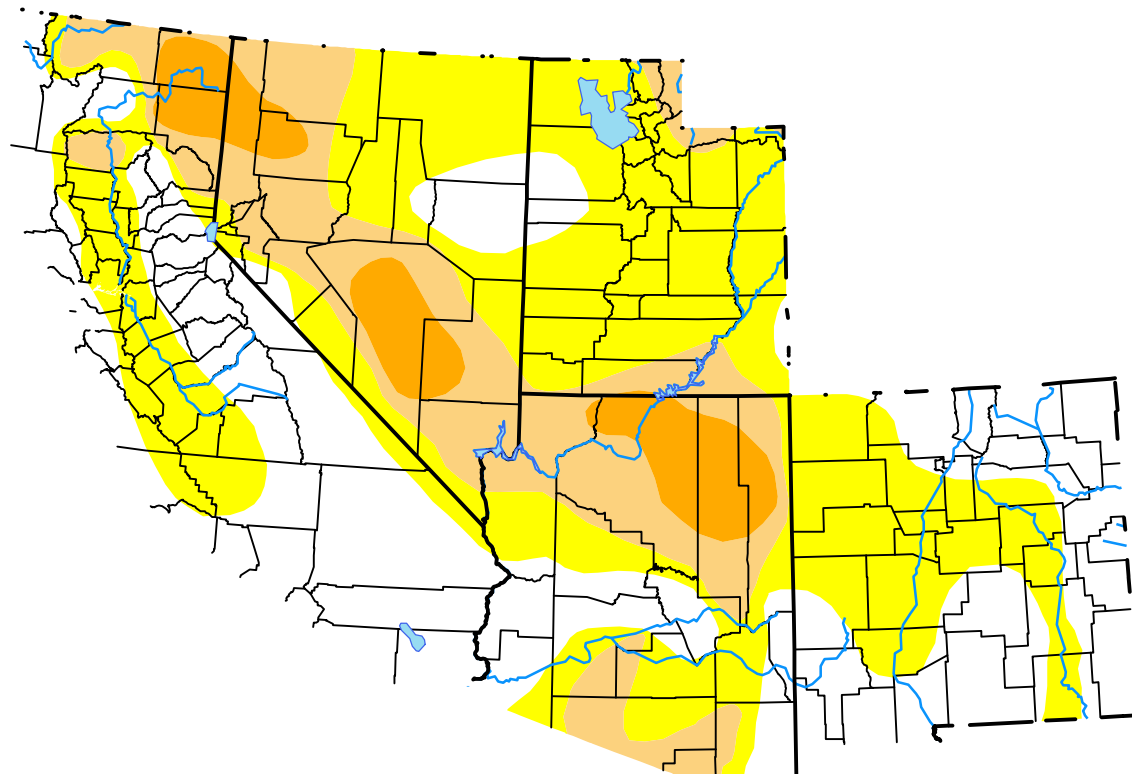


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	36.19	39.61	17.26	6.76	0.11	0.07
Last Week 02-25-2010	34.57	40.28	18.21	6.80	0.14	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-03-2009	22.69	23.98	30.82	21.37	1.15	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 03-05-2009	32.55	31.48	20.49	14.28	1.20	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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