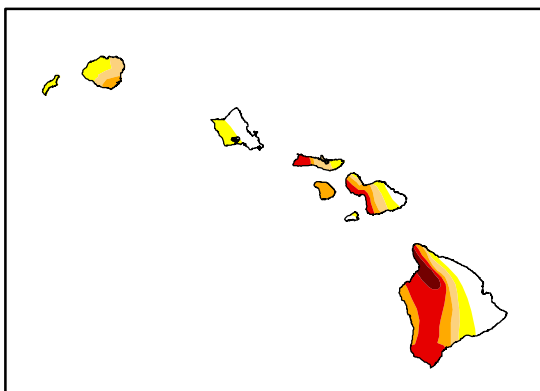
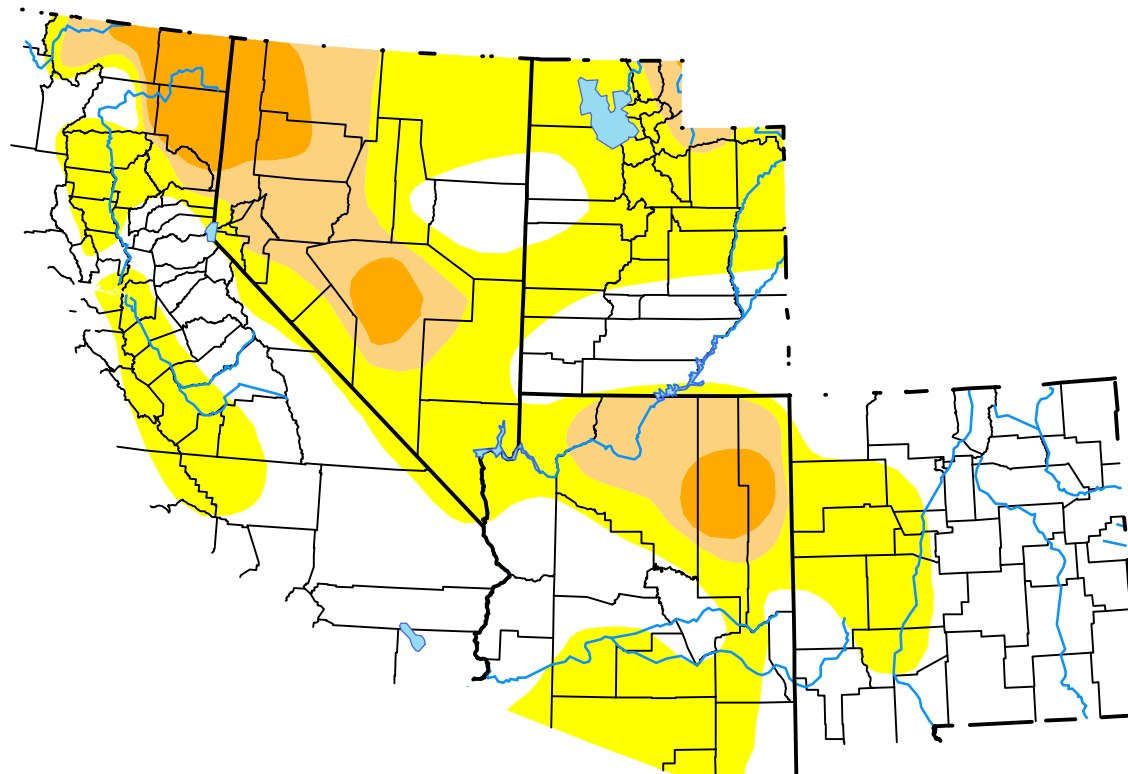


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	46.95	36.81	10.14	5.80	0.26	0.04
Last Week <i>03-18-2010</i>	43.35	39.49	10.64	6.21	0.27	0.04
3 Months Ago <i>12-24-2009</i>	22.38	24.79	33.69	18.12	1.03	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>03-26-2009</i>	28.45	32.86	30.25	8.40	0.04	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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