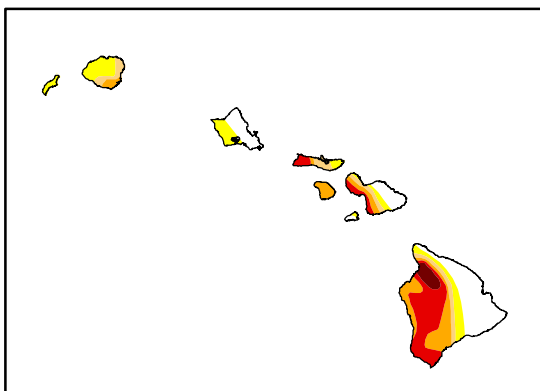
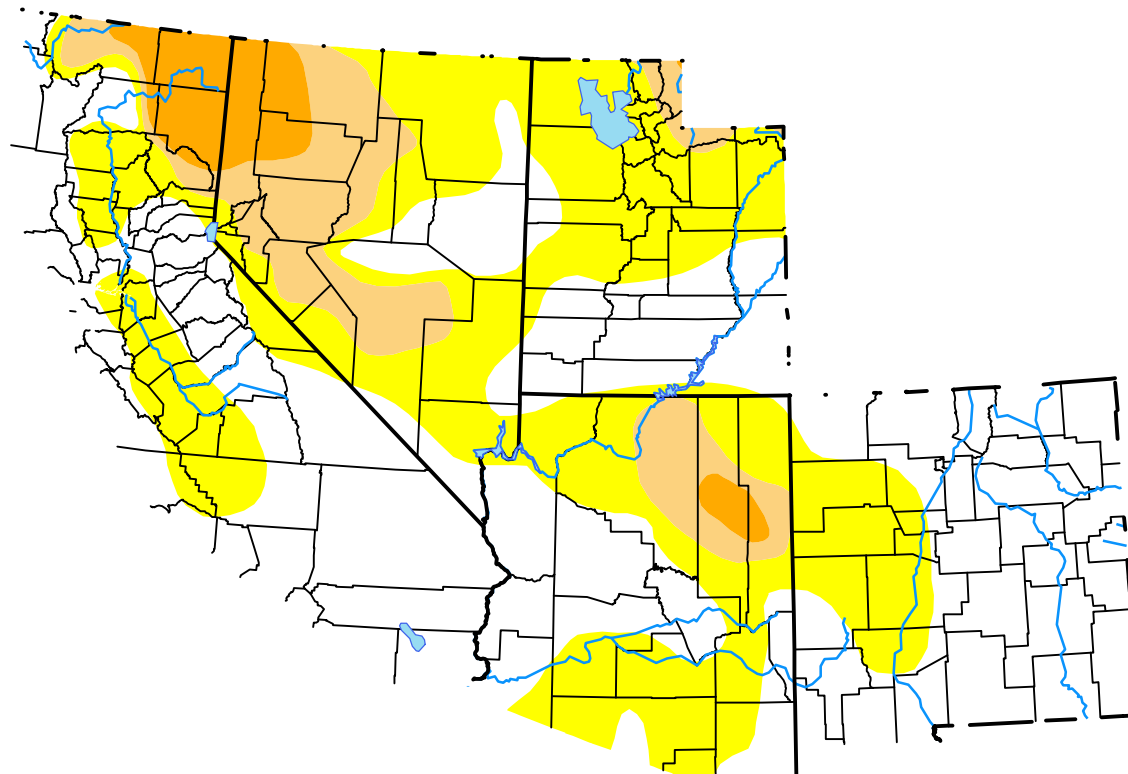


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.49	34.72	9.26	4.27	0.22	0.03
Last Week <i>04-08-2010</i>	47.06	38.86	8.73	5.09	0.22	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2010</i>	10.24	35.08	25.98	26.75	1.94	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>04-16-2009</i>	23.79	39.34	22.96	13.87	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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