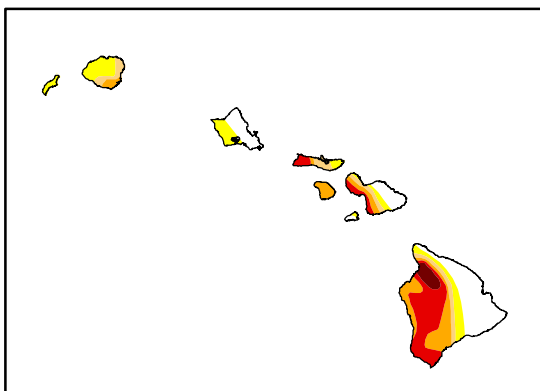
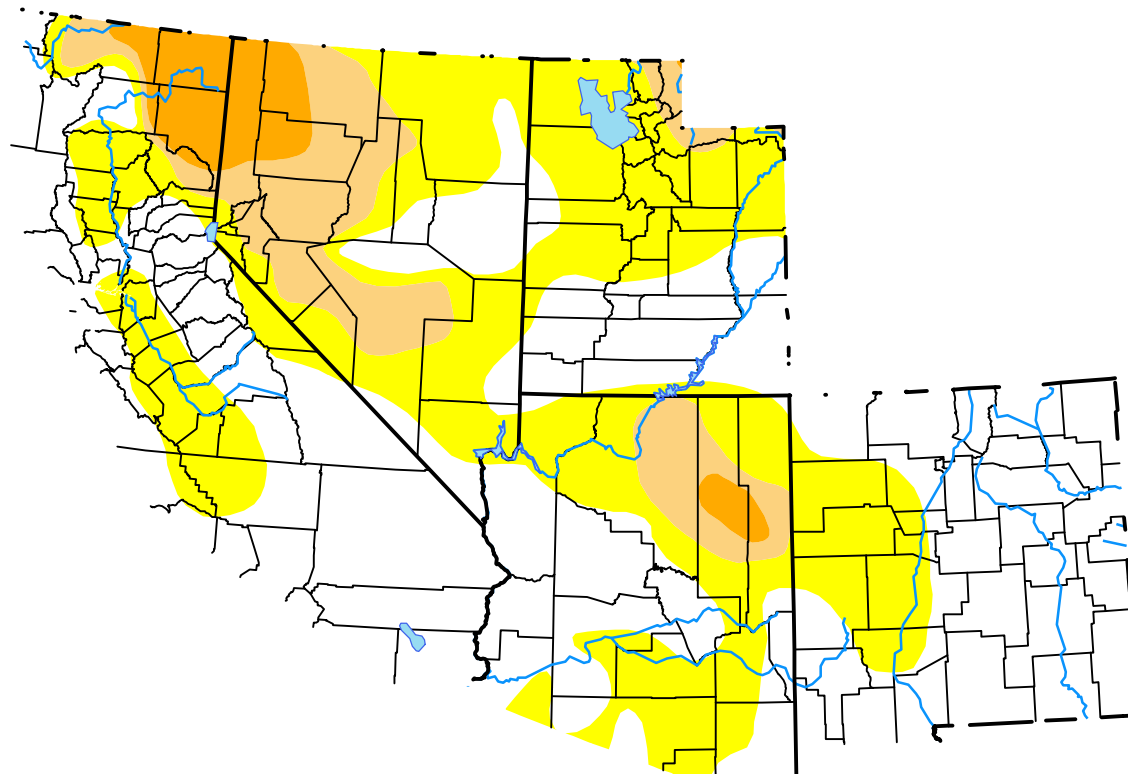


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.27	47.73	13.79	4.53	0.26	0.03
Last Week 04-15-2010	51.49	48.51	13.79	4.53	0.26	0.03
3 Months Ago 01-21-2010	10.61	89.39	53.03	26.78	1.94	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2009	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago 04-23-2009	15.70	84.30	39.82	15.13	0.00	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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