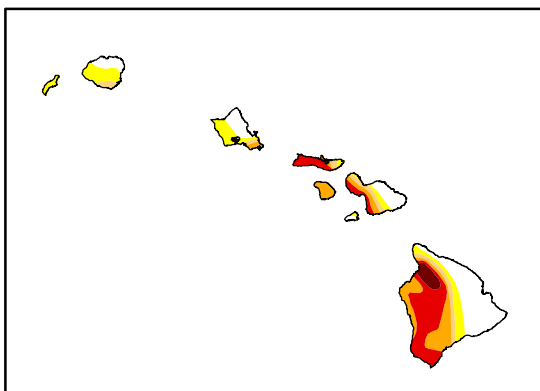
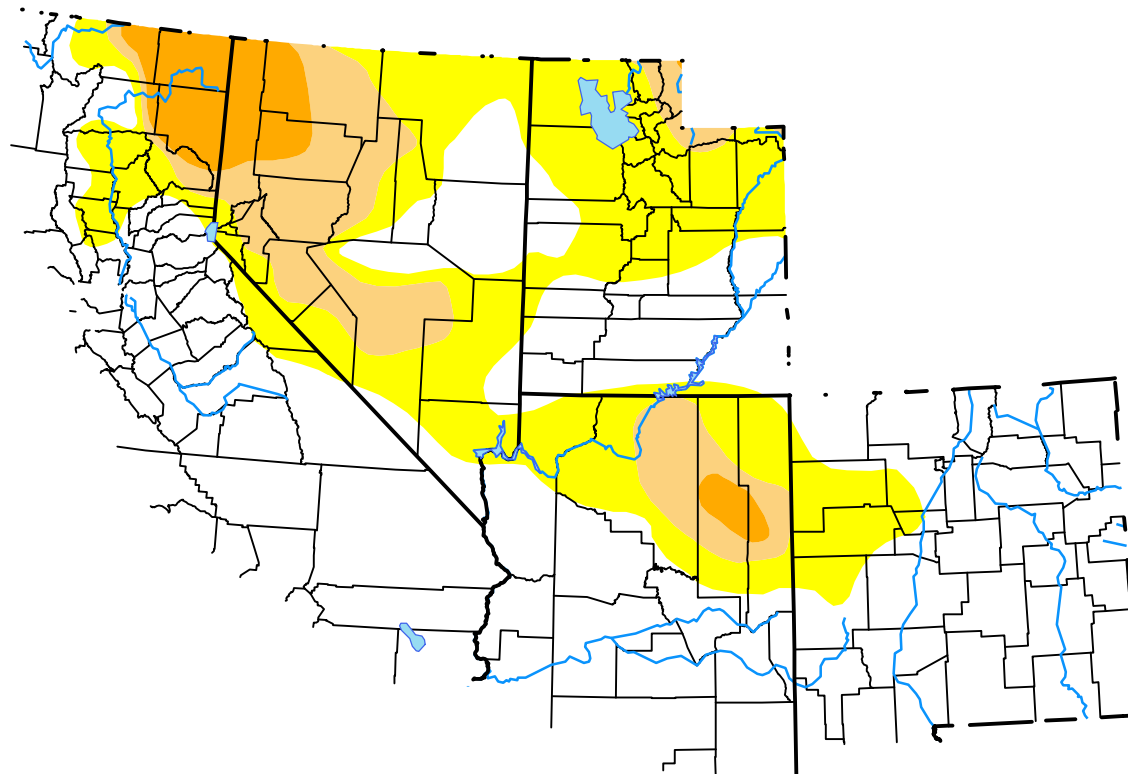


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	62.58	23.99	8.93	4.23	0.24	0.03
Last Week <i>05-13-2010</i>	53.64	32.78	9.04	4.26	0.24	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>02-18-2010</i>	34.21	40.29	18.58	6.78	0.14	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>05-21-2009</i>	20.40	34.60	28.47	16.53	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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