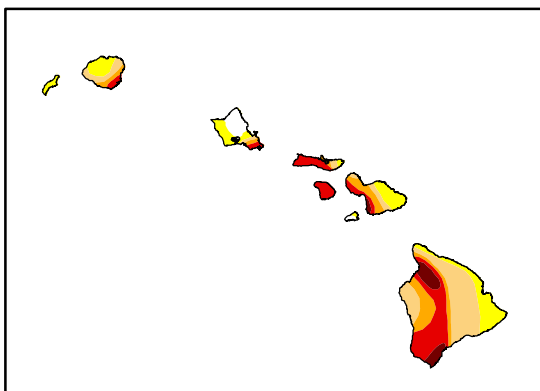
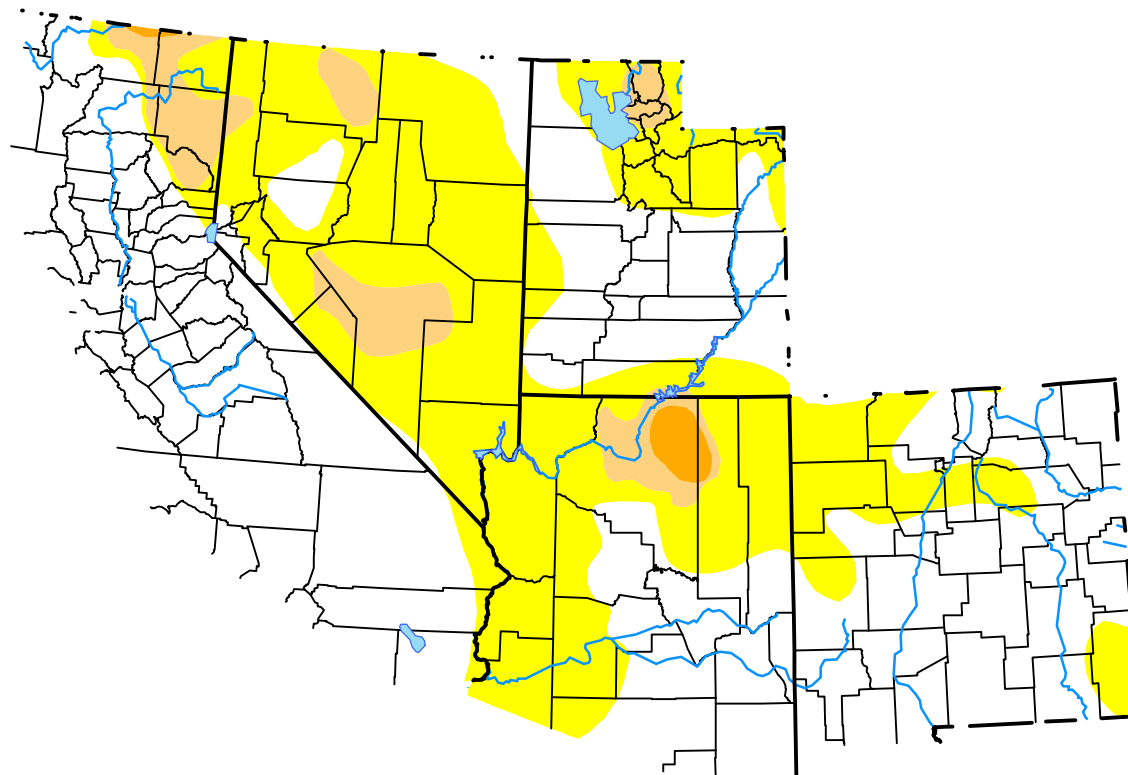


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	57.30	35.94	5.61	0.84	0.25	0.06
Last Week <i>10-07-2010</i>	55.52	32.14	11.20	0.84	0.25	0.06
3 Months Ago <i>07-15-2010</i>	59.21	25.91	13.53	1.02	0.27	0.06
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>09-30-2010</i>	55.50	32.14	11.18	0.84	0.28	0.06
One Year Ago <i>10-15-2009</i>	28.93	26.04	19.92	25.04	0.07	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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