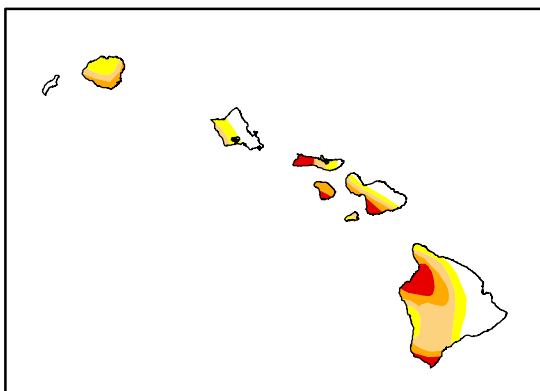
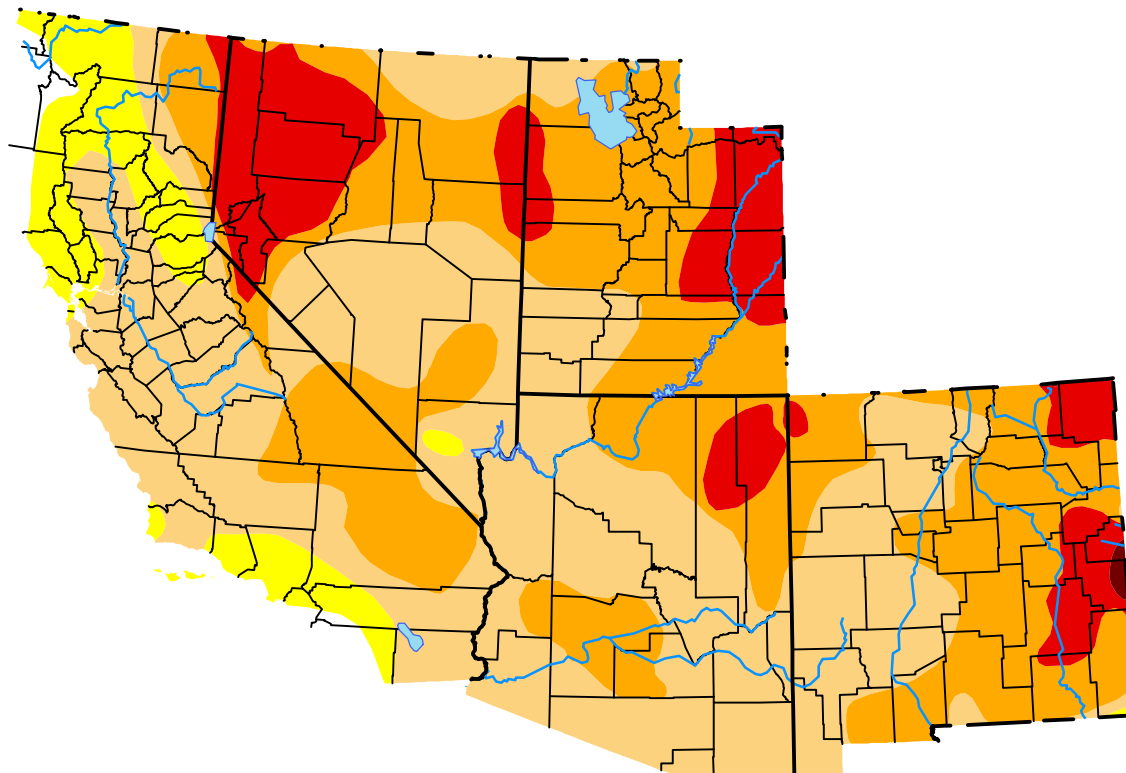


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.06	6.71	44.12	34.79	12.18	0.14
Last Week <i>10-04-2012</i>	3.47	5.37	44.05	34.92	12.06	0.14
3 Months Ago <i>07-12-2012</i>	4.45	8.78	21.17	48.45	17.15	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	22.20	26.39	16.71	3.78	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
One Year Ago <i>10-13-2011</i>	54.40	12.75	6.68	10.38	10.17	5.62

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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