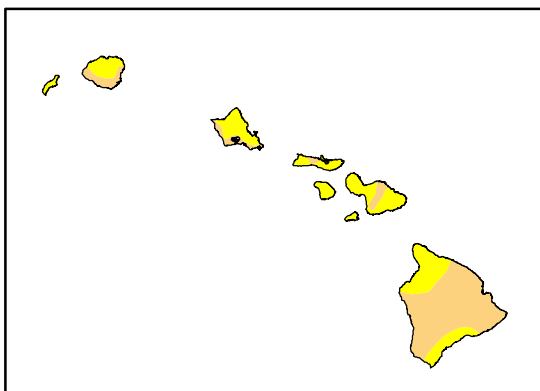
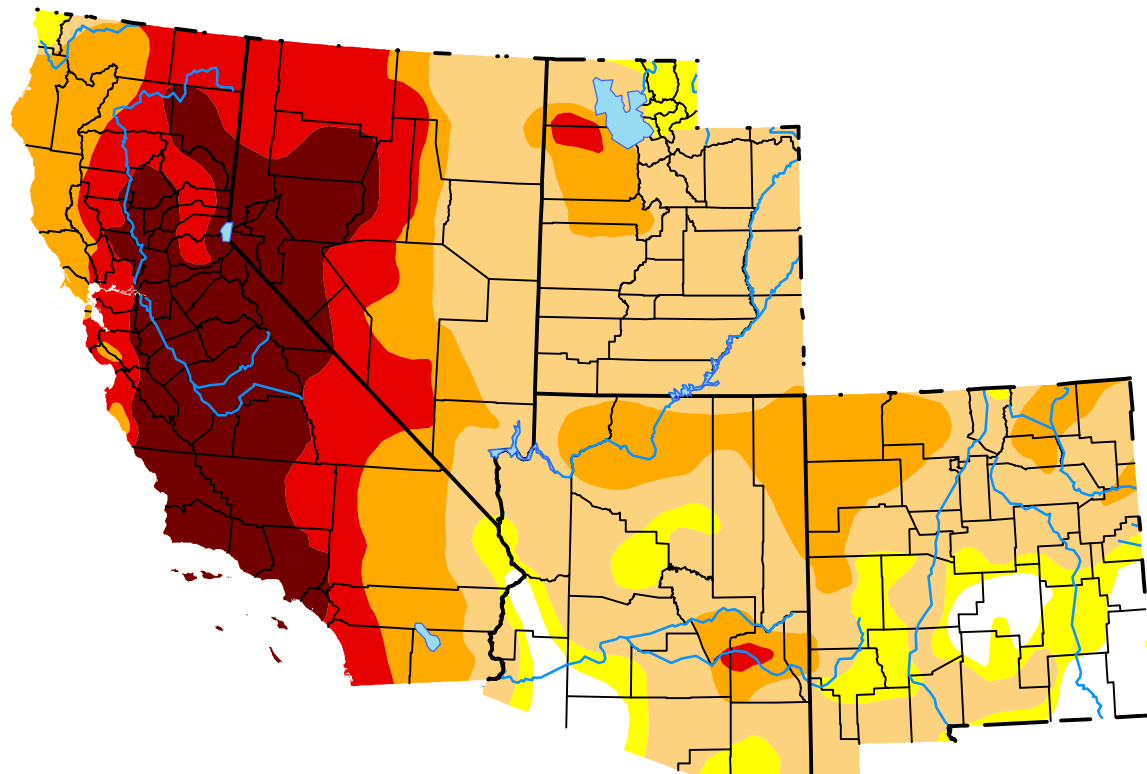


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.02	8.08	40.80	19.83	13.26	14.02
Last Week <i>02-26-2015</i>	4.23	7.61	38.32	21.05	14.77	14.02
3 Months Ago <i>12-04-2014</i>	6.17	11.38	30.15	20.67	14.80	16.84
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2014</i>	5.87	12.38	29.47	21.11	20.41	10.76
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2014</i>	6.10	11.87	28.57	20.35	15.39	17.72
One Year Ago <i>03-06-2014</i>	1.73	12.18	22.71	33.93	22.52	6.94

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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