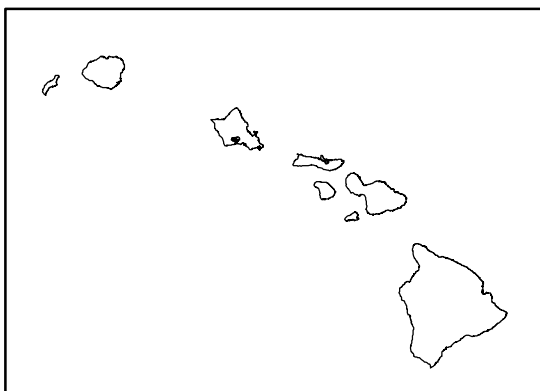
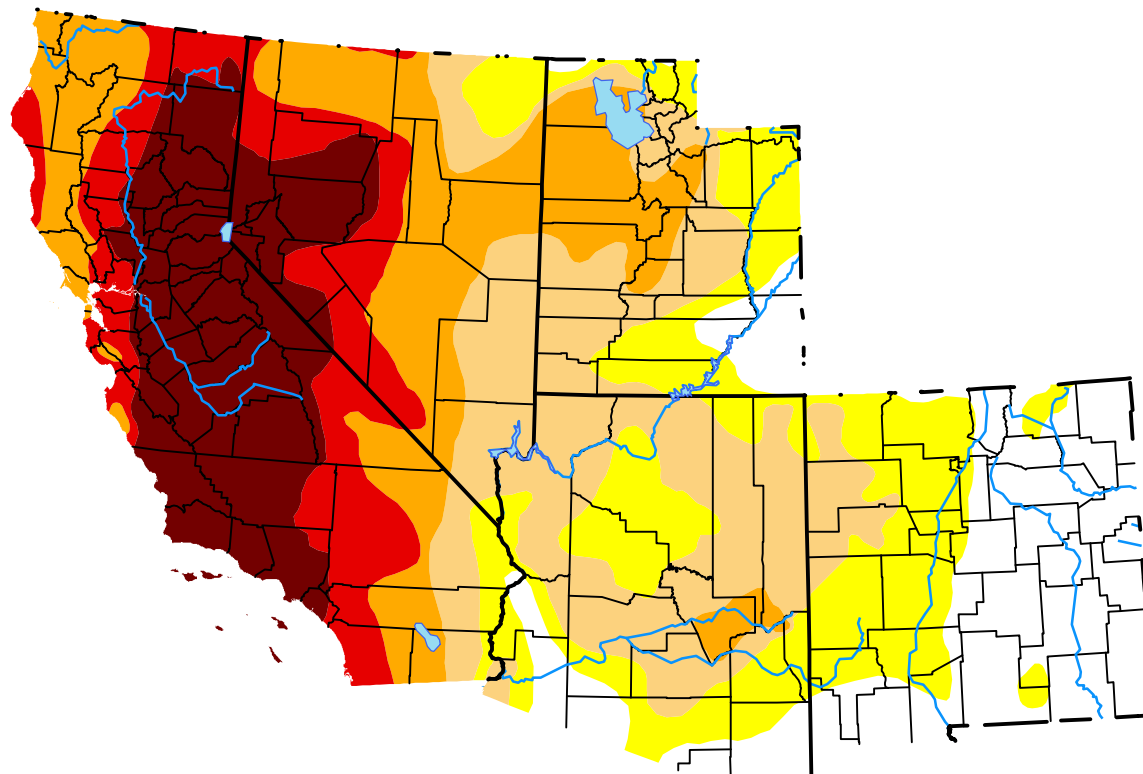


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.31	18.81	21.43	17.04	10.24	15.17
Last Week <i>10-15-2015</i>	16.95	17.29	22.69	17.23	10.67	15.17
3 Months Ago <i>07-23-2015</i>	13.54	14.81	26.66	17.29	13.42	14.27
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>10-01-2015</i>	16.35	17.62	22.93	17.26	10.67	15.17
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2014</i>	7.13	10.85	29.05	21.20	14.05	17.72

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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