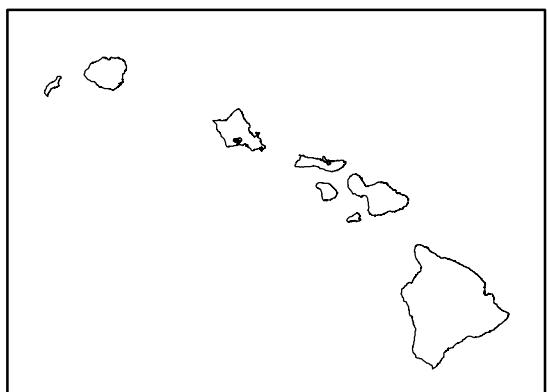
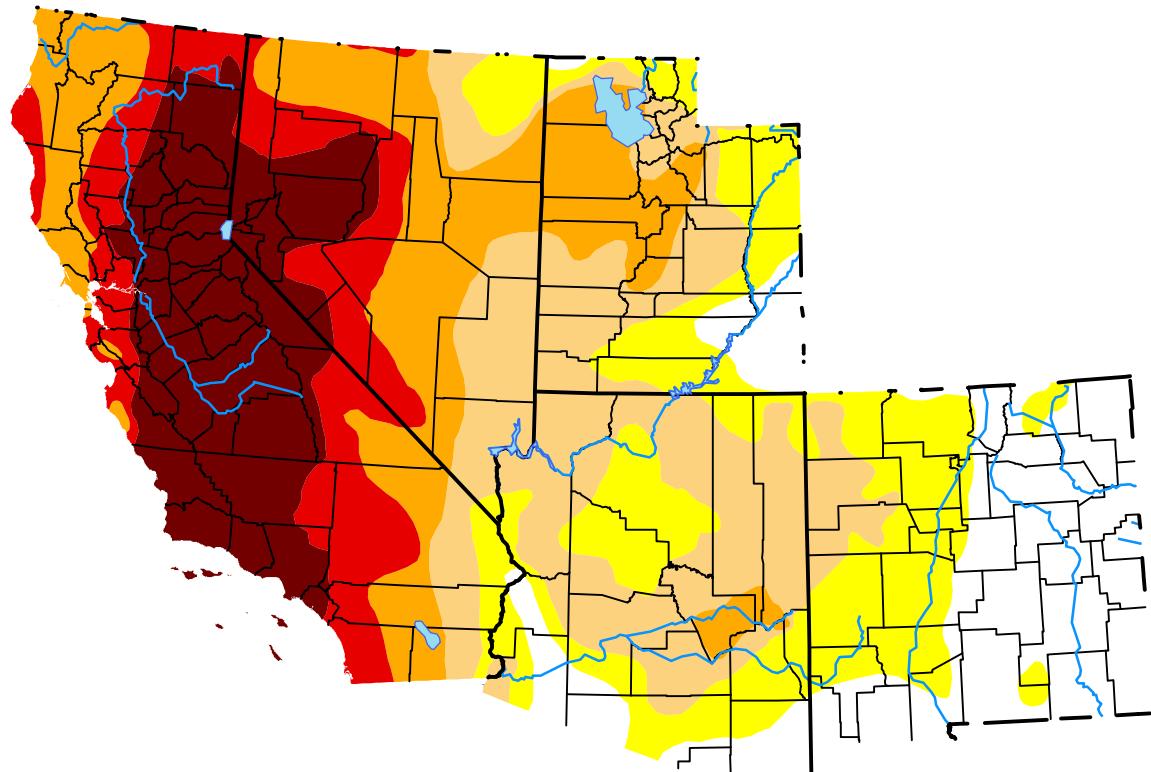


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.31	82.69	63.88	42.45	25.41	15.17
Last Week 10-15-2015	16.95	83.05	65.76	43.07	25.84	15.17
3 Months Ago 07-23-2015	13.54	86.46	71.65	44.98	27.70	14.27
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2014	5.87	94.13	81.75	52.28	31.17	10.76
Start of Water Year 10-01-2015	16.35	83.65	66.03	43.10	25.84	15.17
One Year Ago 10-23-2014	7.13	92.87	82.02	52.97	31.77	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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