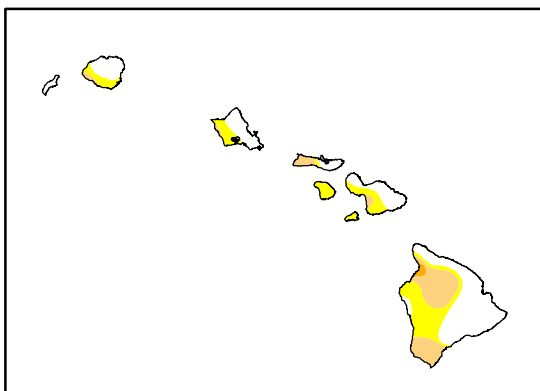
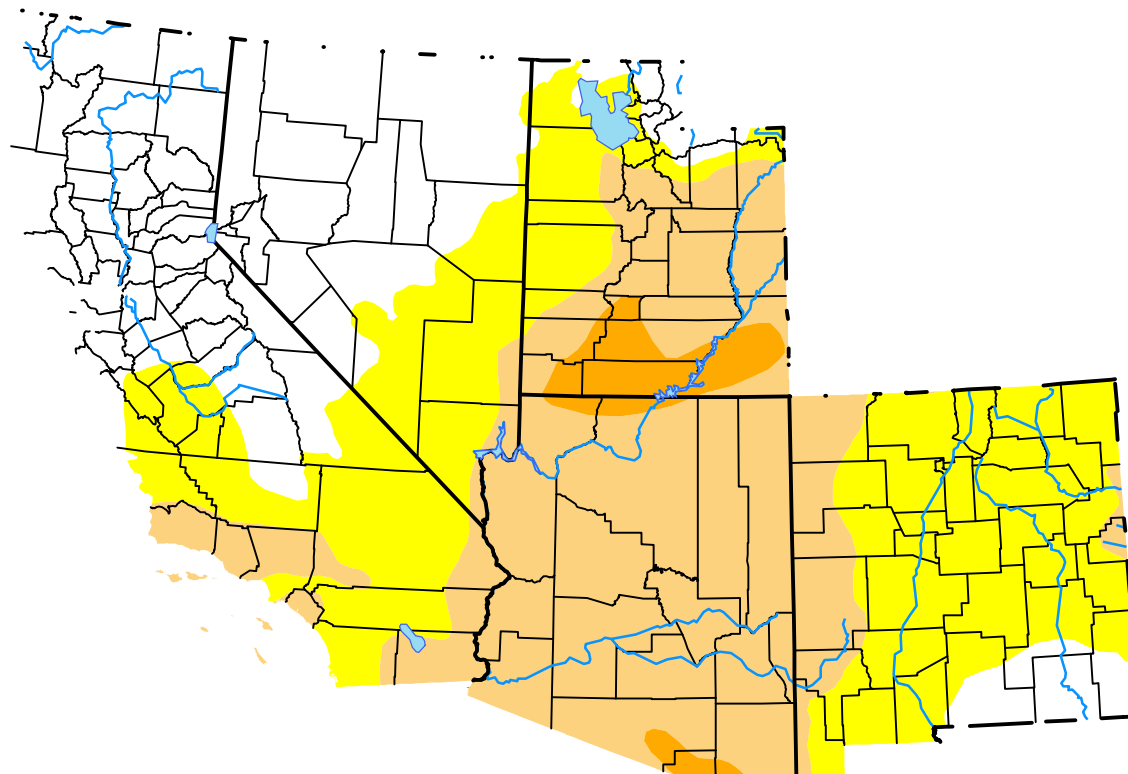


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 19, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 31.51 | 68.49 | 35.68 | 3.14  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-14-2017              | 32.53 | 67.47 | 34.17 | 0.40  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-21-2017           | 78.97 | 21.03 | 6.02  | 0.17  | 0.03  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2017 | 40.36 | 59.64 | 31.73 | 16.38 | 10.17 | 4.86 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-28-2017    | 72.26 | 27.74 | 6.03  | 0.16  | 0.03  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-22-2016           | 27.54 | 72.46 | 36.61 | 18.15 | 11.07 | 5.24 |

## 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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