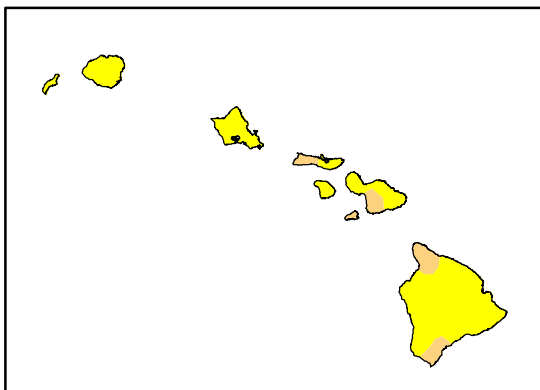
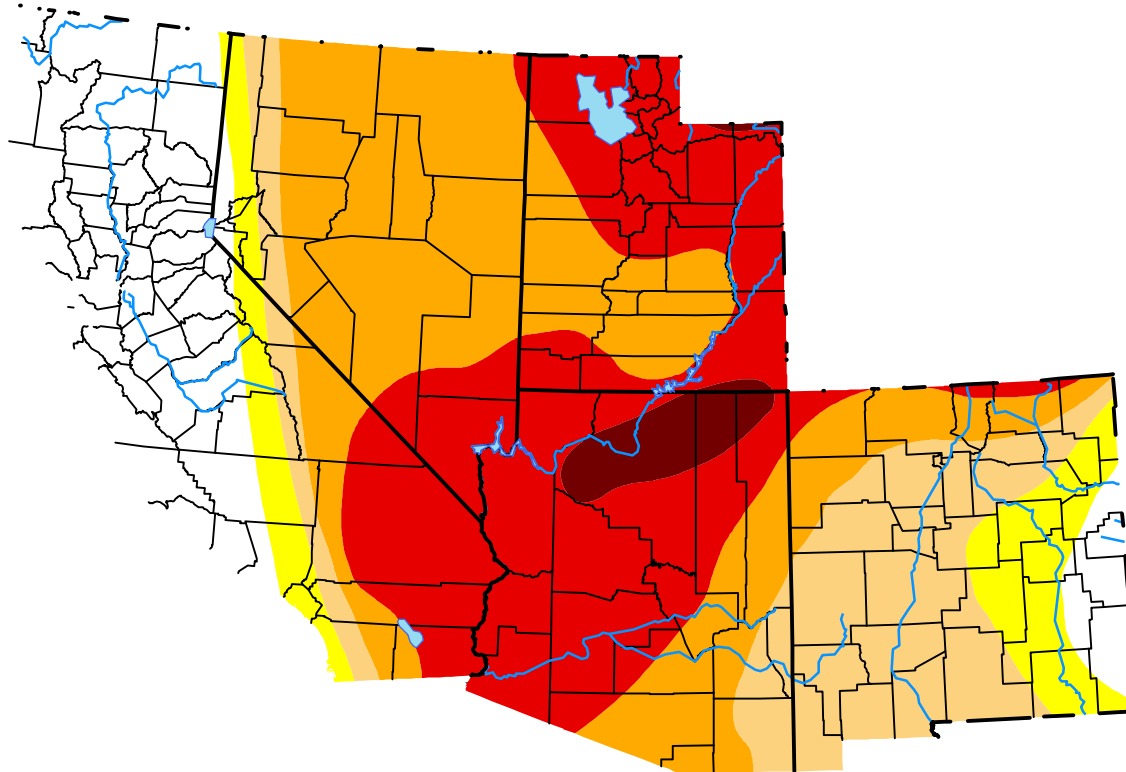


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.36	8.08	15.21	28.07	27.84	2.44
Last Week <i>01-09-2003</i>	17.25	7.91	16.84	31.25	24.33	2.42
3 Months Ago <i>10-17-2002</i>	0.94	8.09	36.42	25.89	25.61	3.05
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>01-17-2002</i>	39.64	33.96	18.38	7.70	0.32	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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