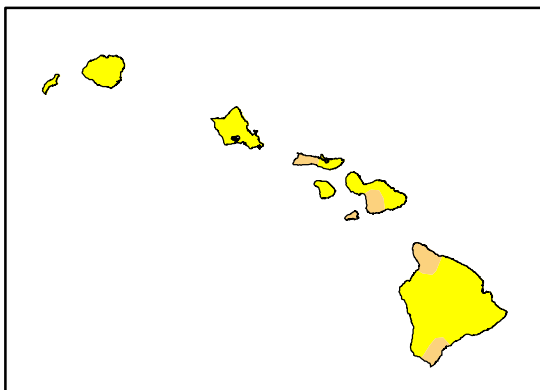
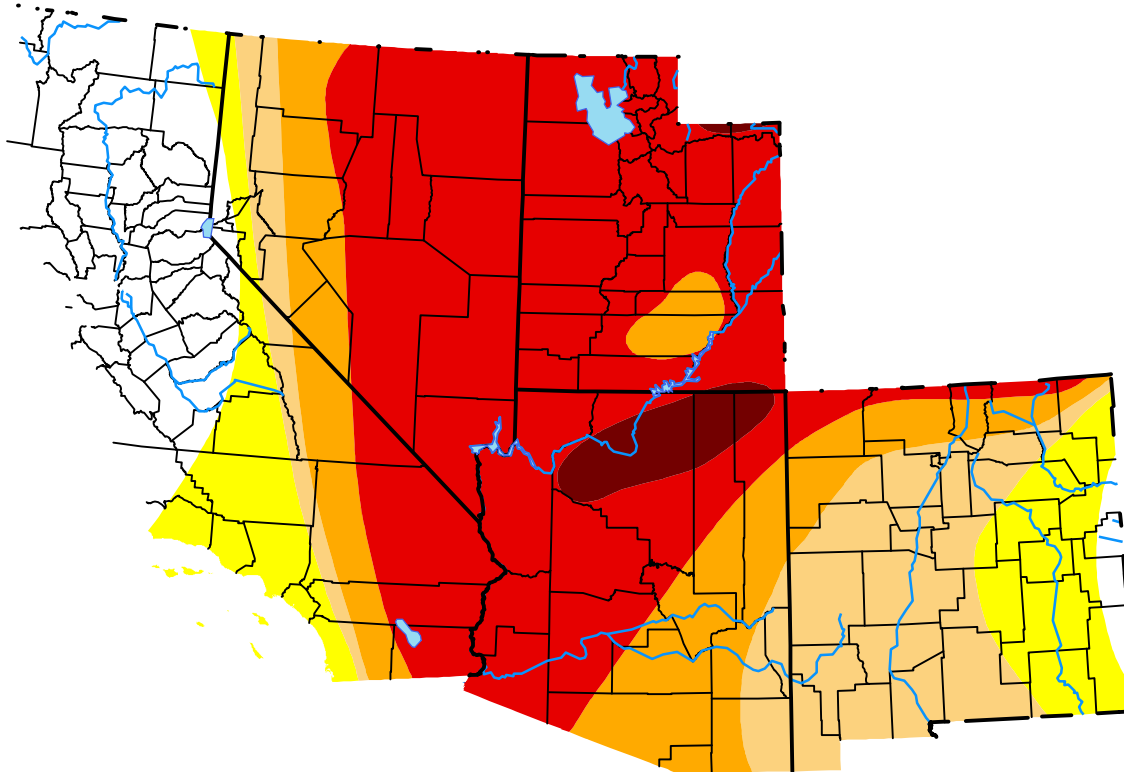


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.88	11.96	14.96	15.01	40.73	2.47
Last Week <i>01-23-2003</i>	18.65	8.07	15.67	16.76	38.67	2.19
3 Months Ago <i>10-31-2002</i>	1.04	8.08	37.37	24.87	25.42	3.21
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>01-31-2002</i>	36.58	37.48	18.46	7.14	0.35	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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