

U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

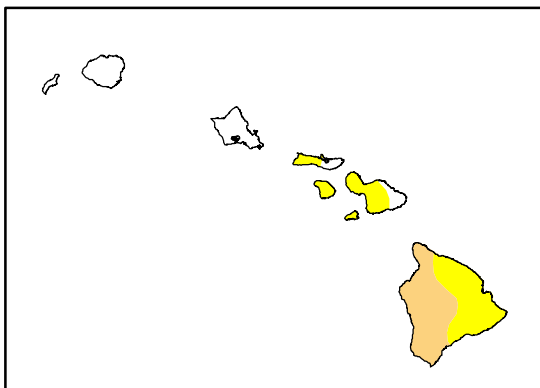
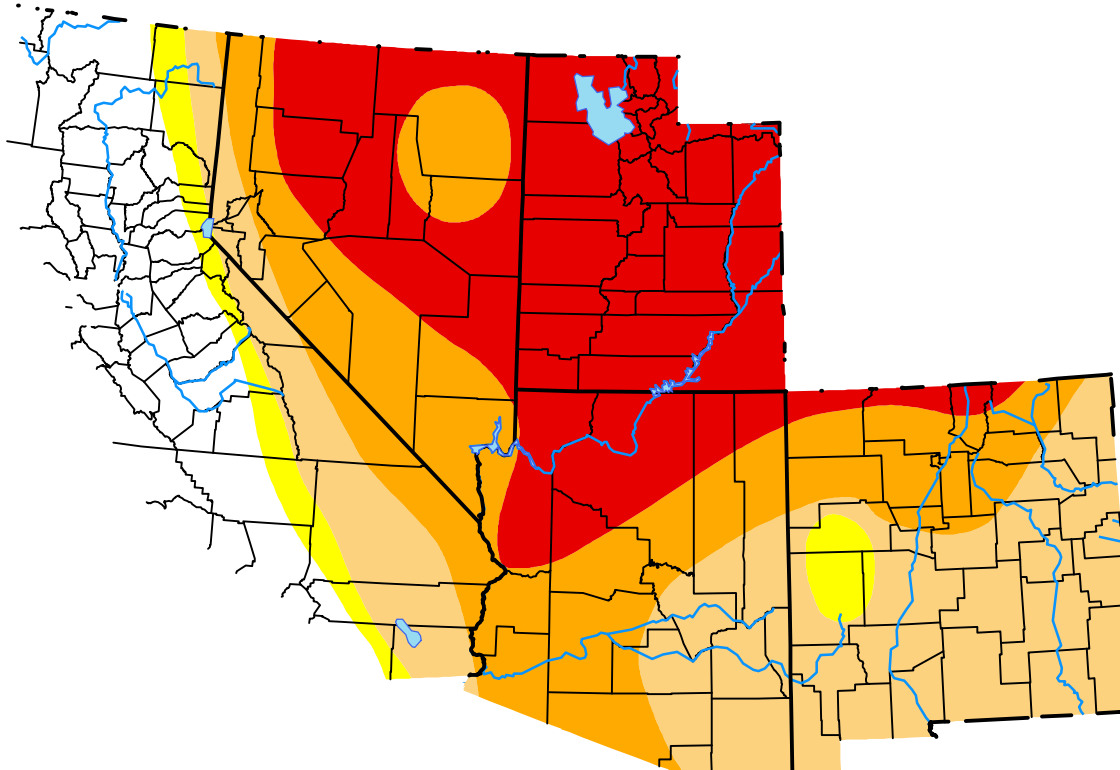
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	15.84	4.49	26.06	24.21	29.40	0.01
Last Week <i>05-01-2003</i>	16.02	6.66	24.18	24.00	29.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-06-2003</i>	13.40	12.12	15.91	15.58	40.53	2.45
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>05-09-2002</i>	16.05	12.24	14.70	41.34	15.67	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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