

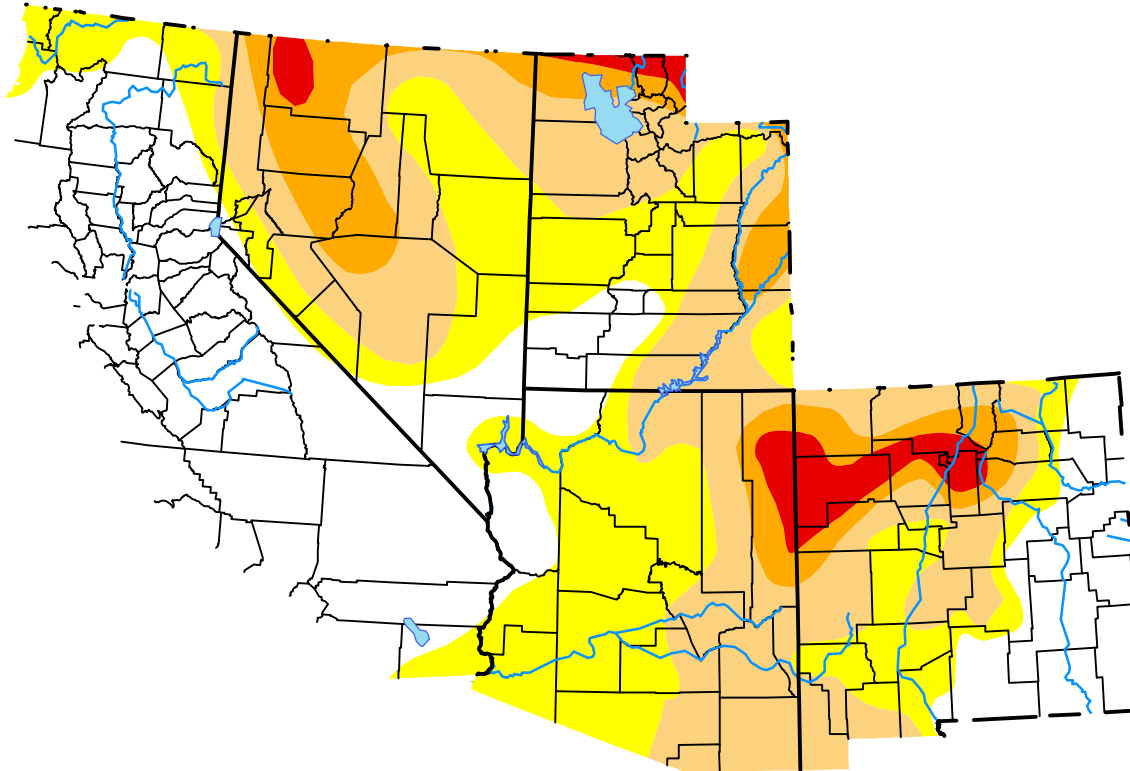
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.01	26.24	25.44	8.26	3.04	0.01
Last Week <i>02-17-2005</i>	37.01	25.18	25.29	9.47	3.04	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>11-24-2004</i>	13.44	15.83	25.70	25.15	19.77	0.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago <i>02-26-2004</i>	19.87	7.22	6.51	27.40	29.17	9.82



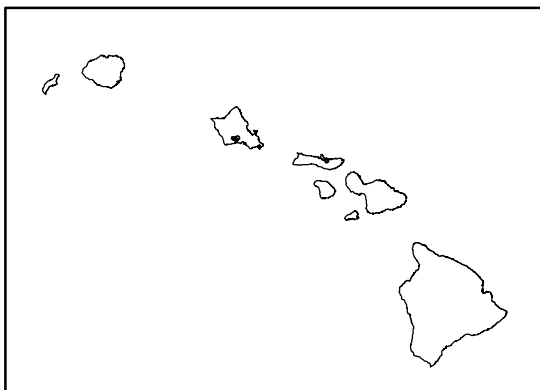
Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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