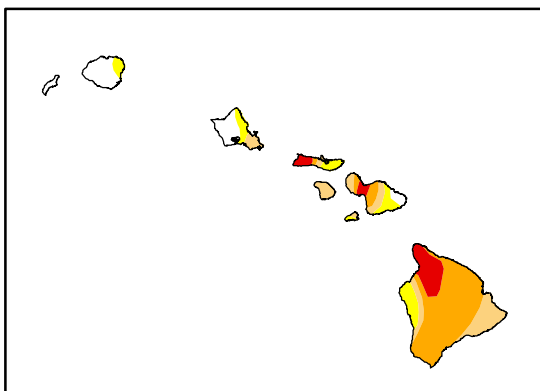
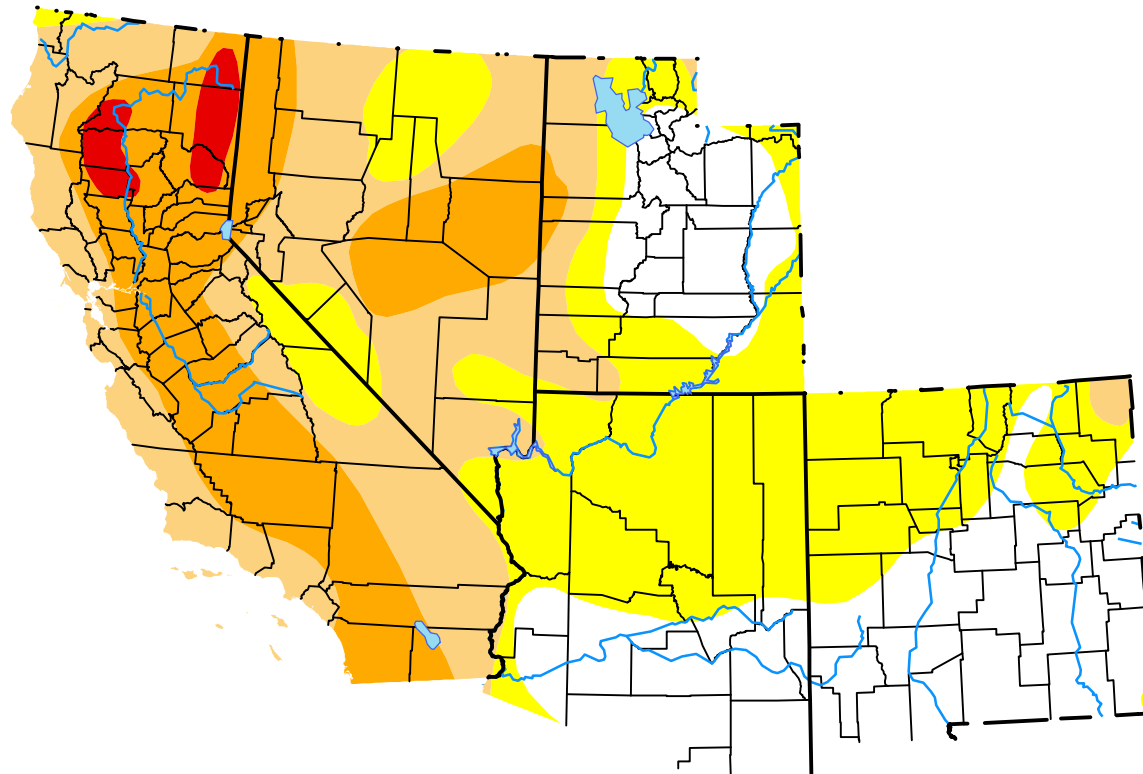


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	26.07	30.04	24.14	18.09	1.67	0.00
Last Week <i>12-11-2008</i>	25.93	31.88	22.82	18.39	0.97	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2008</i>	38.93	18.50	25.39	17.09	0.10	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2007</i>	20.86	15.84	17.97	39.89	5.44	0.00

Intensity:



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

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