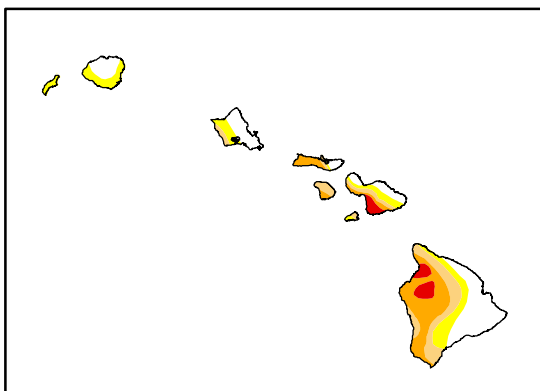
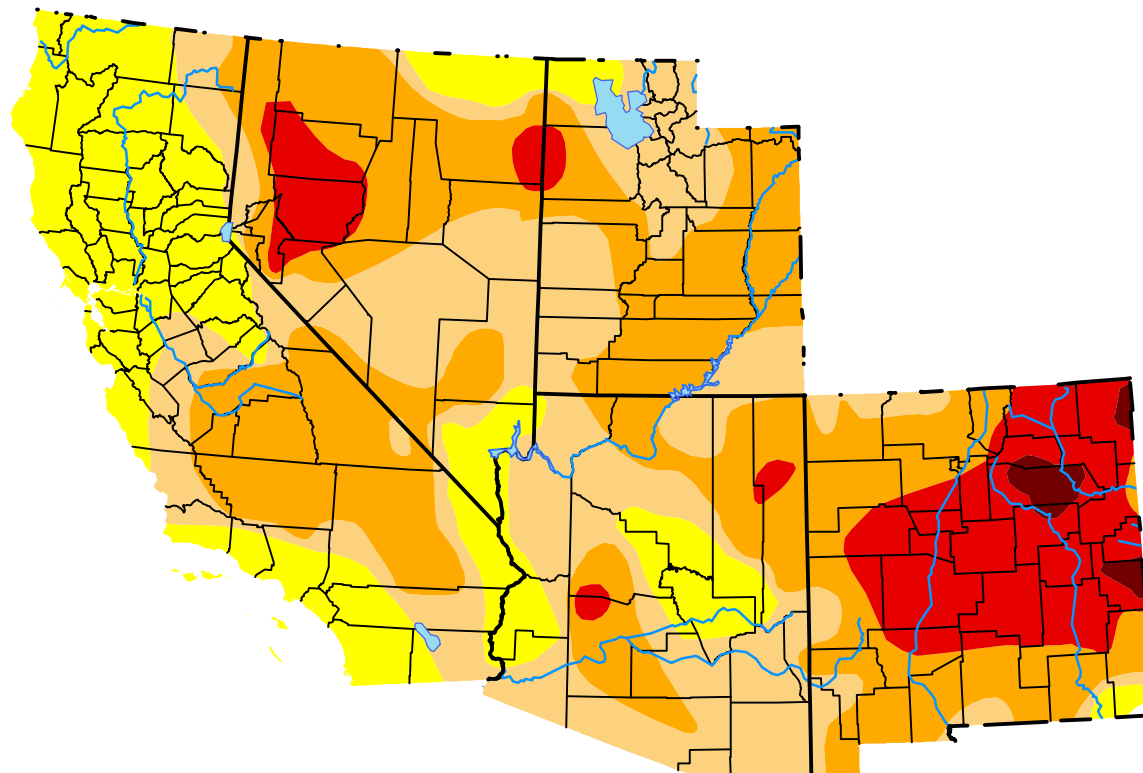


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.41	20.28	30.10	36.09	12.25	0.87
Last Week 02-28-2013	0.48	18.87	30.93	37.07	11.76	0.90
3 Months Ago 12-06-2012	6.16	6.49	31.76	39.54	15.85	0.20
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	5.37	32.31	39.34	14.18	0.20
Start of Water Year 09-27-2012	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
One Year Ago 03-08-2012	5.88	17.22	41.76	29.96	3.30	1.88

Intensity:

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