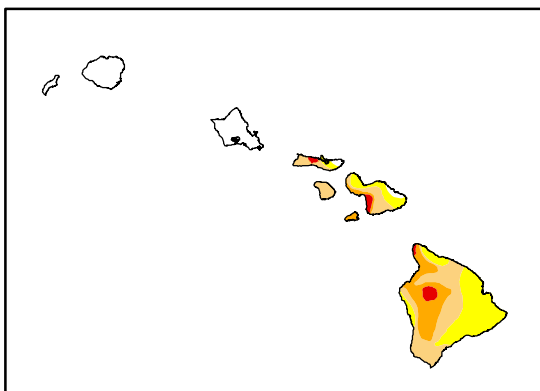
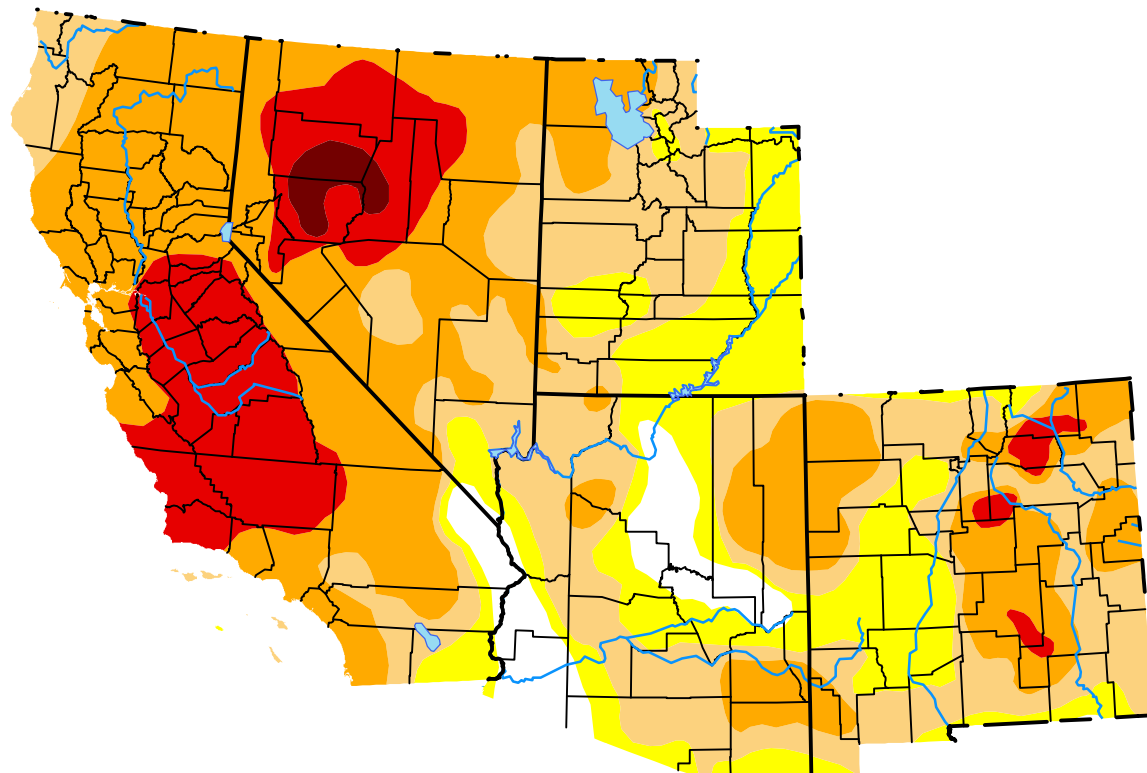


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.96	17.23	28.70	35.63	12.47	1.00
Last Week 12-12-2013	4.94	17.25	28.73	35.61	12.47	1.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2013	3.74	10.81	29.00	45.96	9.50	1.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	5.37	32.31	39.34	14.18	0.20
Start of Water Year 10-03-2013	4.05	12.33	31.50	43.08	8.05	1.00
One Year Ago 12-20-2012	8.34	5.37	30.82	39.45	15.82	0.20

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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