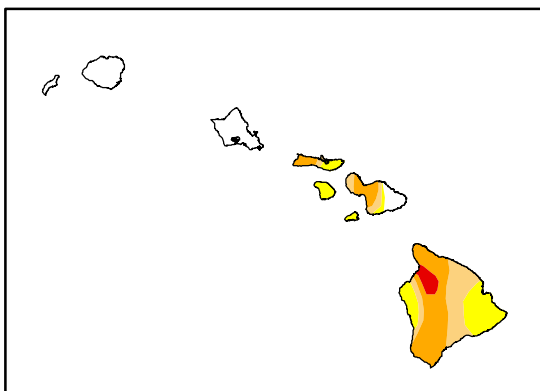
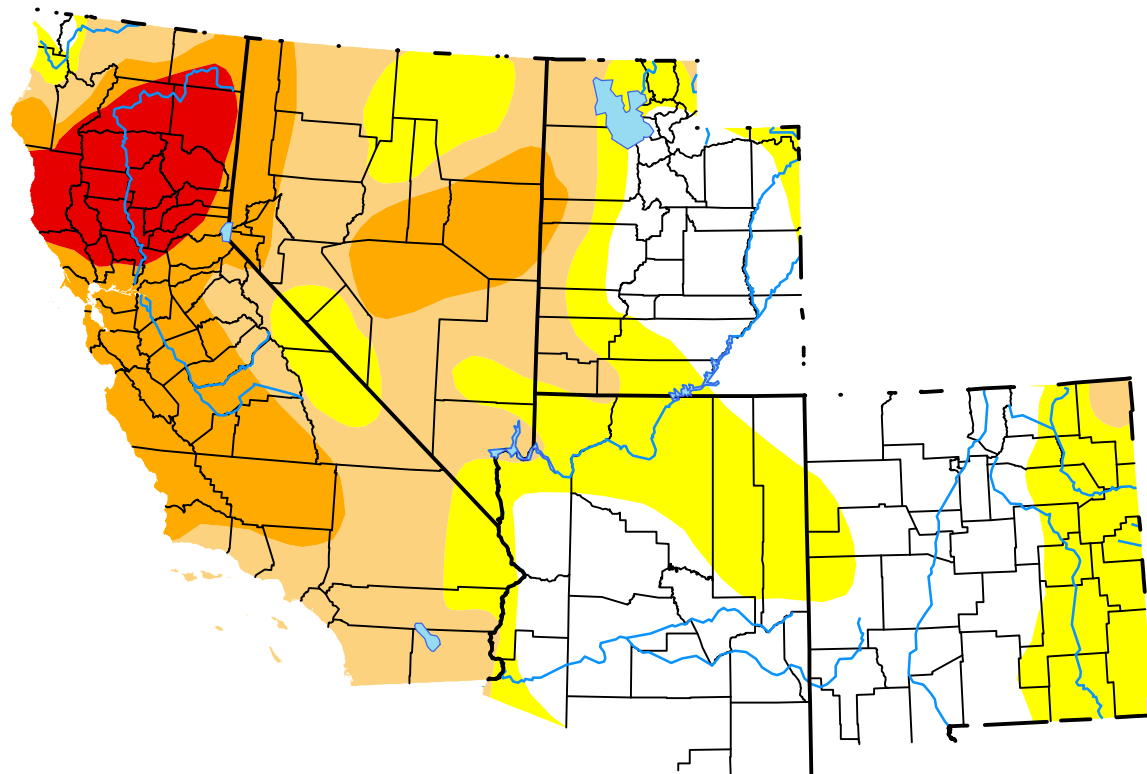


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	33.15	24.69	21.32	15.75	5.09	0.00
Last Week <i>01-29-2009</i>	33.62	24.57	22.74	14.78	4.29	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-06-2008</i>	37.09	19.88	26.77	16.14	0.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	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>02-07-2008</i>	30.38	25.64	24.94	19.04	0.00	0.00

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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