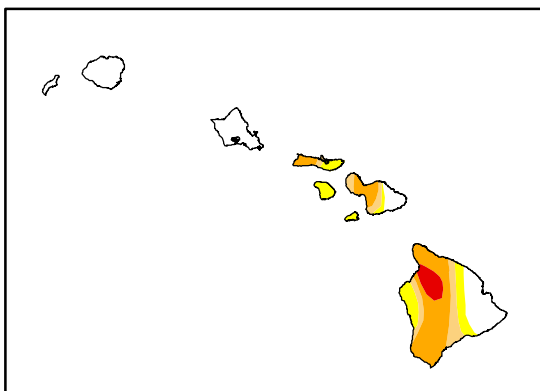
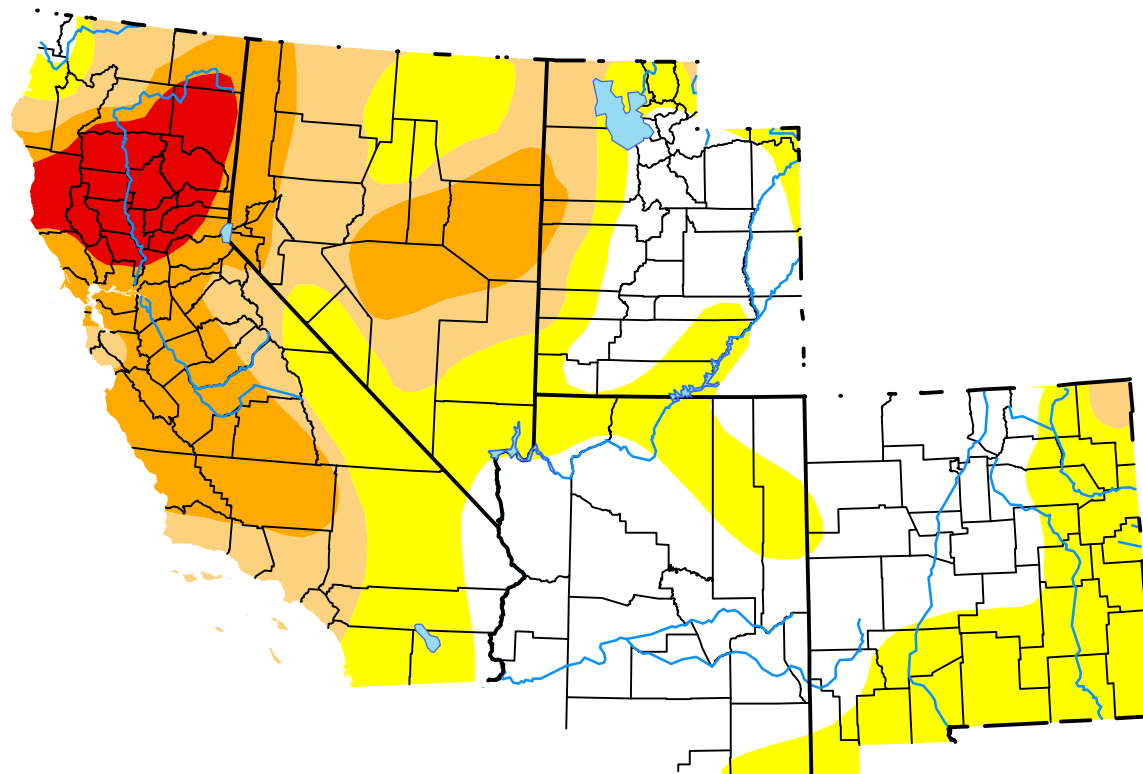


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.15	64.85	34.37	19.62	4.49	0.00
Last Week 02-12-2009	30.79	69.21	38.38	20.85	5.10	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-20-2008	27.18	72.82	41.82	16.62	0.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 02-21-2008	26.38	73.62	39.23	17.94	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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