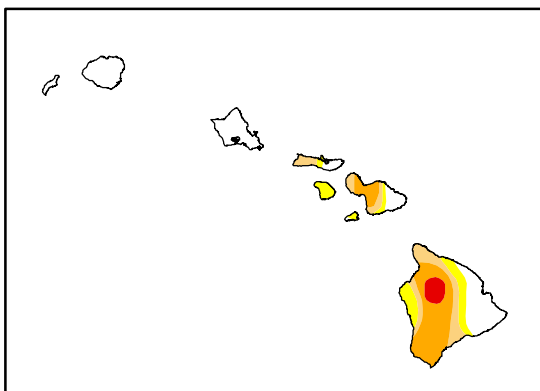
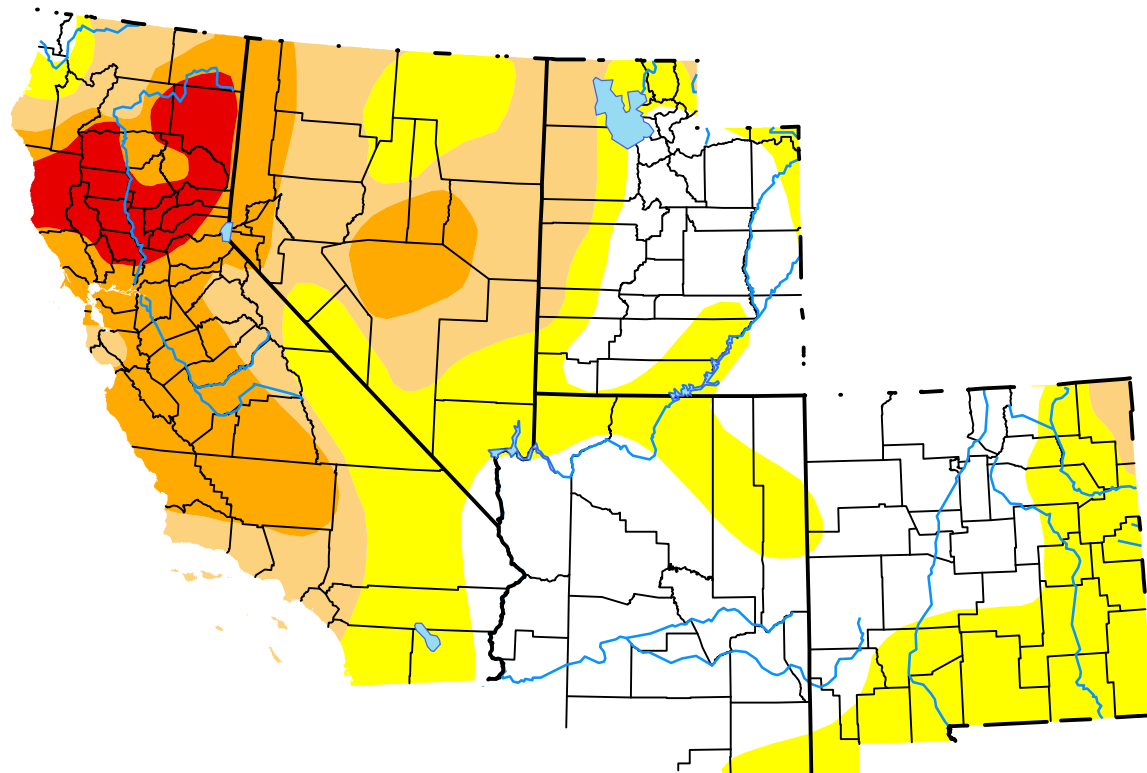


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.17	30.33	16.93	13.60	3.97	0.00
Last Week 02-19-2009	35.15	30.48	14.75	15.13	4.49	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-26-2008	27.18	31.00	25.20	16.50	0.12	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 02-28-2008	33.35	28.48	20.55	17.62	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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