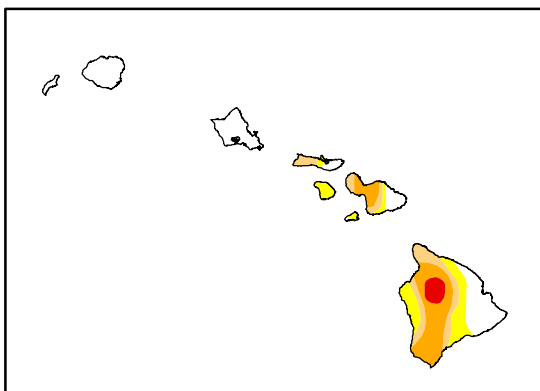
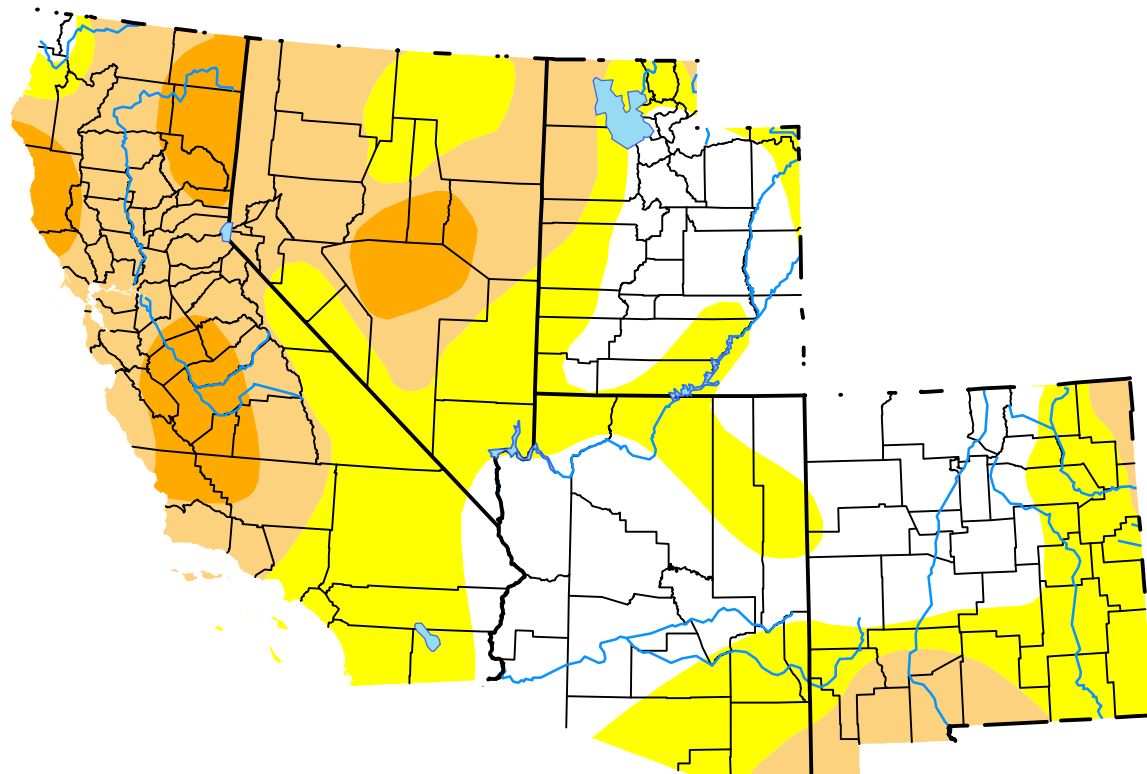


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	30.70	69.30	34.42	8.43	0.04	0.00
Last Week <i>03-12-2009</i>	30.70	69.30	34.05	8.47	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	26.07	73.93	43.90	19.76	1.67	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	66.00	42.31	17.71	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	61.07	43.48	18.91	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-20-2008</i>	38.38	61.62	38.56	16.90	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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