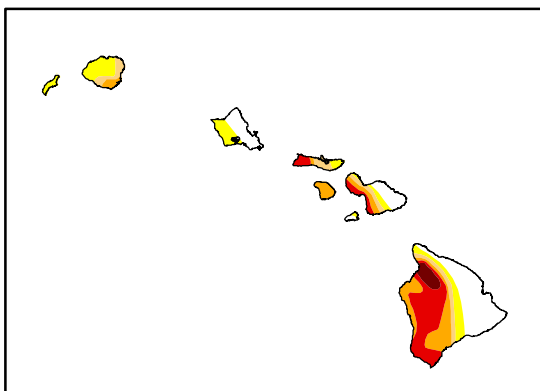
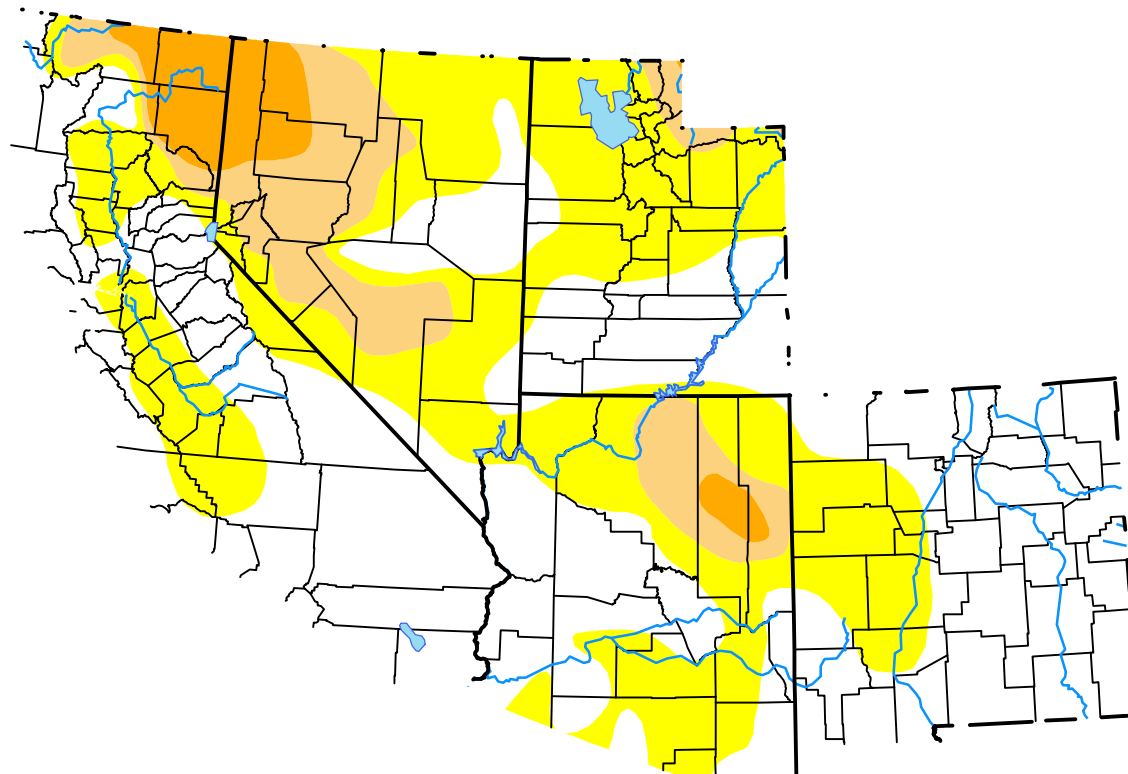


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.27	33.95	9.26	4.27	0.22	0.03
Last Week 04-15-2010	51.49	34.72	9.26	4.27	0.22	0.03
3 Months Ago 01-21-2010	10.61	36.36	26.26	24.83	1.94	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2009	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago 04-23-2009	15.70	44.48	24.69	15.13	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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