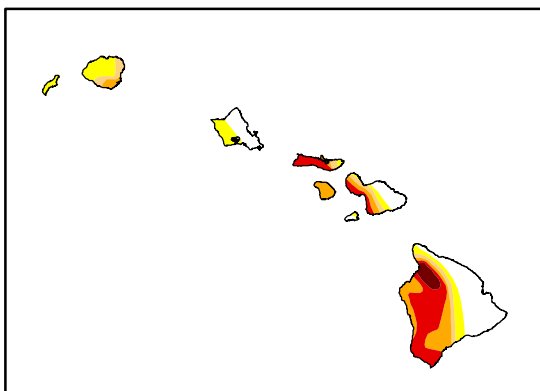
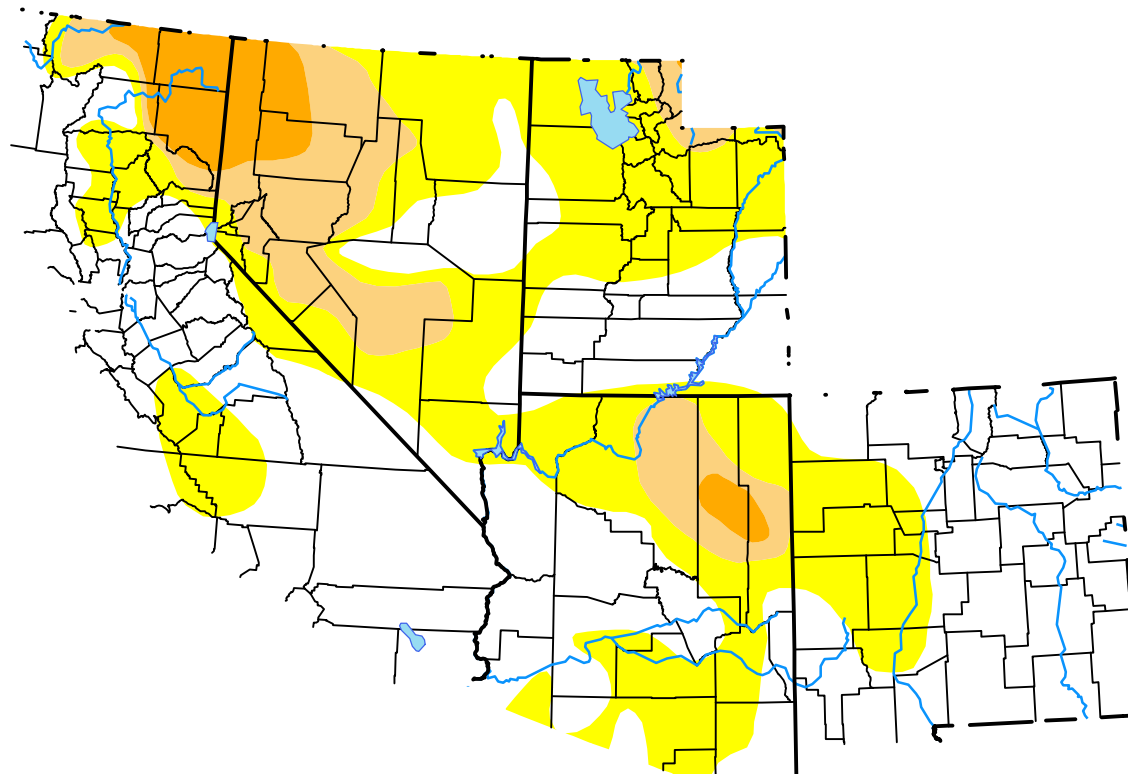


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.65	46.35	13.79	4.55	0.27	0.03
Last Week 04-22-2010	52.27	47.73	13.79	4.53	0.26	0.03
3 Months Ago 01-28-2010	22.83	77.17	31.50	6.57	0.77	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2009	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2009	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago 04-30-2009	17.05	82.95	38.65	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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