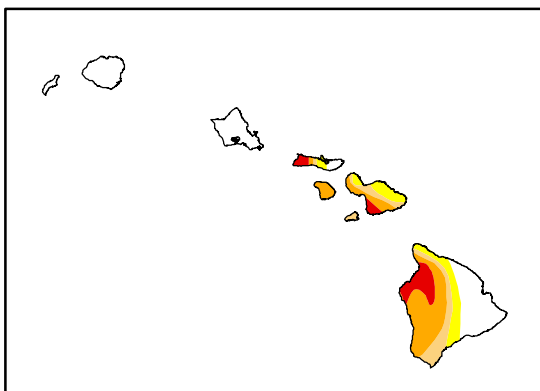
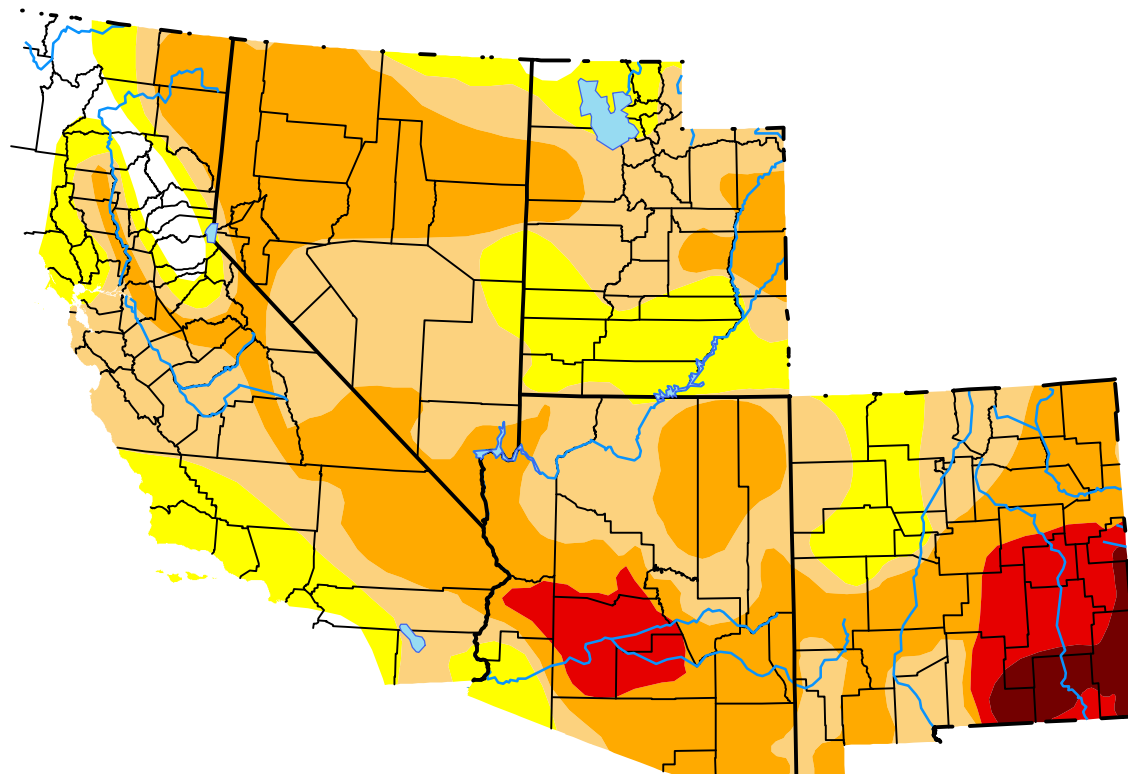


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.79	95.21	77.84	43.75	7.61	1.81
Last Week <i>04-12-2012</i>	1.88	98.12	81.84	46.79	7.61	1.84
3 Months Ago <i>01-19-2012</i>	15.58	84.42	48.34	21.17	5.32	1.54
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	29.38	70.62	48.42	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	53.67	46.33	33.57	26.53	17.16	7.49
One Year Ago <i>04-21-2011</i>	64.28	35.72	29.21	19.57	8.92	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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