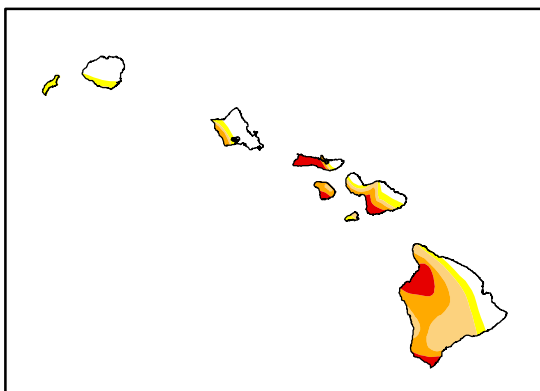
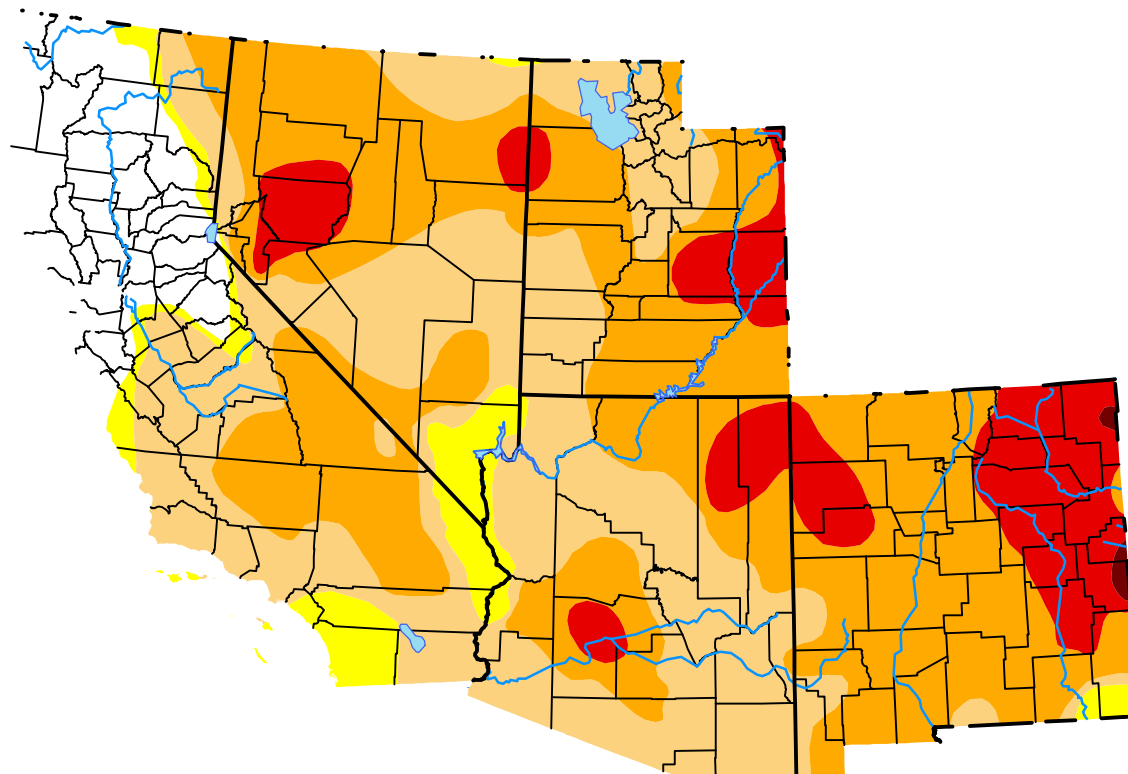


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.39	5.28	33.49	39.82	11.82	0.20
Last Week <i>01-10-2013</i>	8.90	5.32	33.88	39.94	11.77	0.20
3 Months Ago <i>10-18-2012</i>	2.01	8.26	43.18	34.40	12.01	0.14
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2013</i>	8.61	5.37	32.31	39.34	14.18	0.20
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2012</i>	3.42	5.30	43.92	35.16	12.06	0.13
One Year Ago <i>01-19-2012</i>	15.58	36.08	27.17	15.85	3.78	1.54

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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