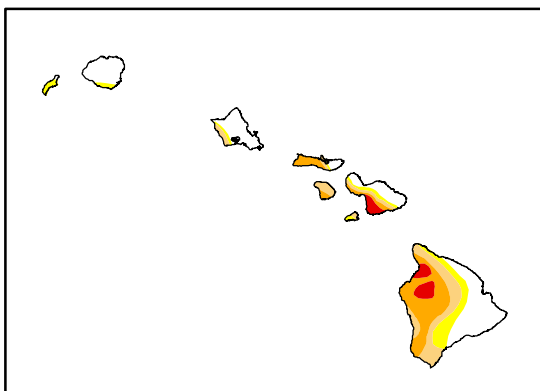
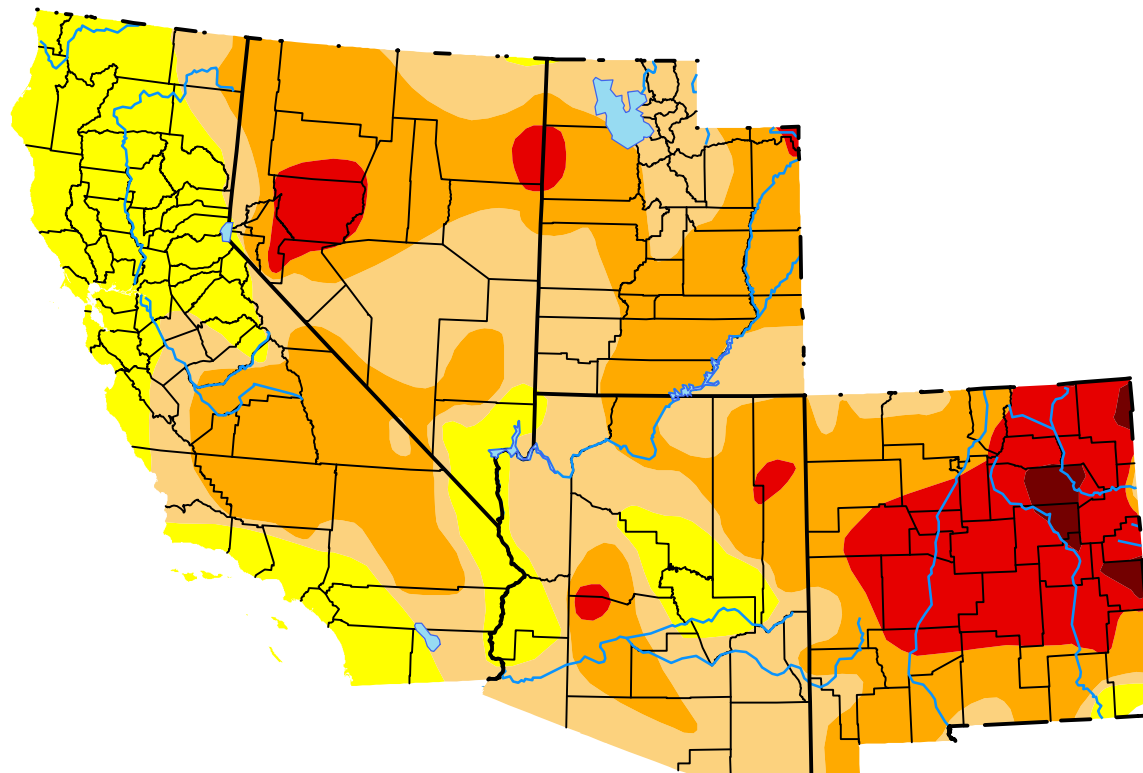


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.48	99.52	80.65	49.72	12.65	0.90
Last Week 02-21-2013	4.58	95.42	80.68	48.88	12.59	0.25
3 Months Ago 11-29-2012	1.81	98.19	90.11	56.05	15.63	0.20
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	91.39	86.03	53.71	14.38	0.20
Start of Water Year 09-27-2012	3.42	96.58	91.28	47.35	12.19	0.13
One Year Ago 03-01-2012	6.01	93.99	75.77	33.68	5.14	1.67

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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