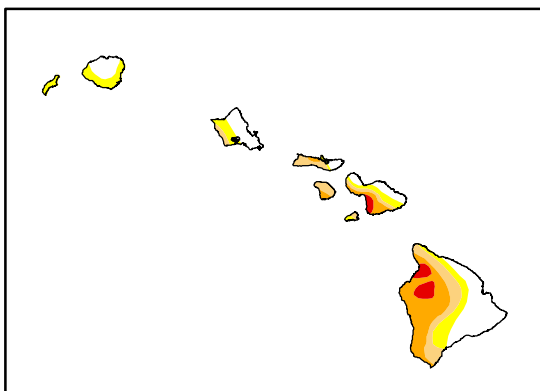
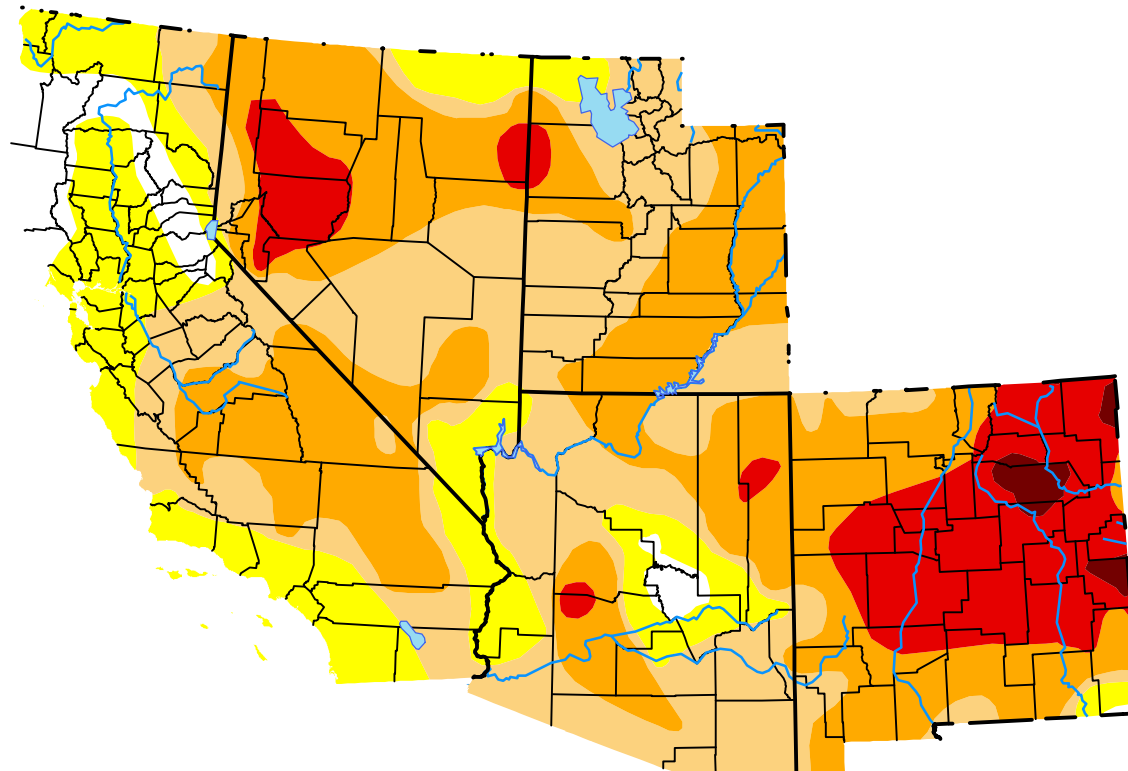


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.40	16.59	31.33	34.55	12.26	0.87
Last Week <i>03-14-2013</i>	5.14	16.42	30.77	34.55	12.26	0.87
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2012</i>	8.34	5.37	30.82	39.45	15.82	0.20
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>03-22-2012</i>	5.42	12.58	38.02	37.19	4.93	1.86

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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