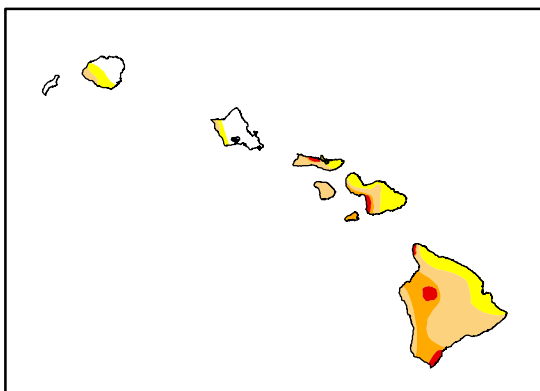
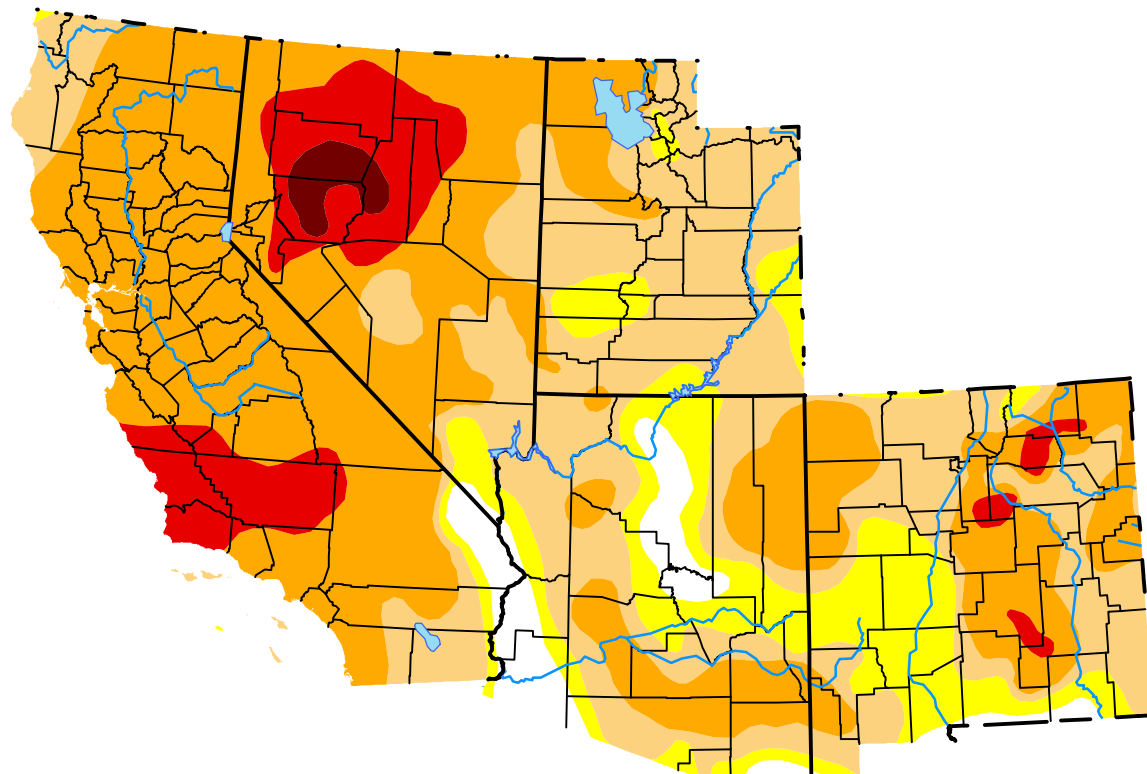


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.15	12.29	31.45	43.06	8.05	1.00
Last Week 10-10-2013	4.10	12.29	31.48	43.08	8.05	1.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2013	0.17	2.58	14.68	53.56	19.68	9.33
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	5.37	32.31	39.34	14.18	0.20
Start of Water Year 10-03-2013	4.05	12.33	31.50	43.08	8.05	1.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2012	2.01	8.26	43.18	34.40	12.01	0.14

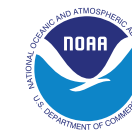
Intensity:

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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