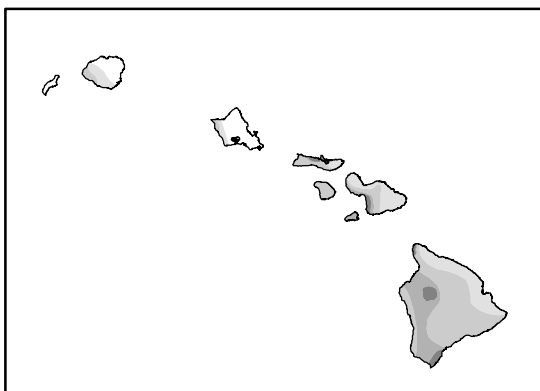
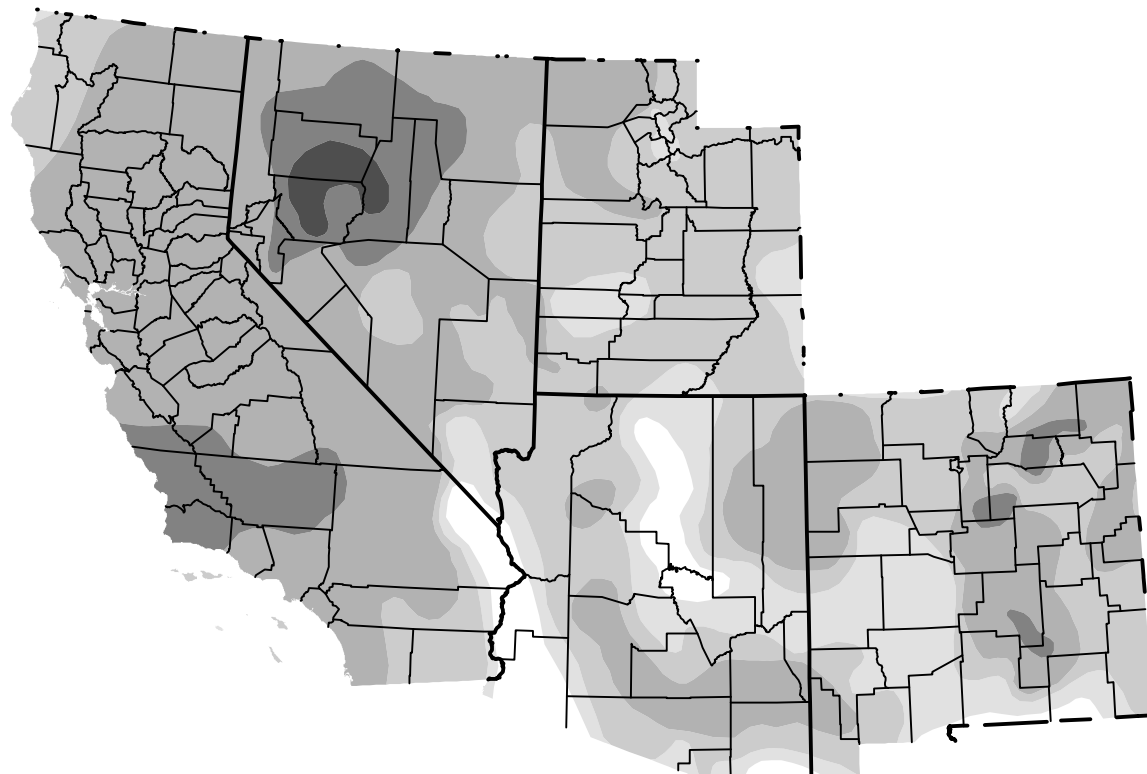


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.15	95.85	83.56	52.11	9.05	1.00
Last Week 10-10-2013	4.10	95.90	83.61	52.13	9.05	1.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2013	0.17	99.83	97.25	82.57	29.01	9.33
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2013	8.61	91.39	86.03	53.71	14.38	0.20
Start of Water Year 10-03-2013	4.05	95.95	83.63	52.13	9.05	1.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2012	2.01	97.99	89.73	46.56	12.15	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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