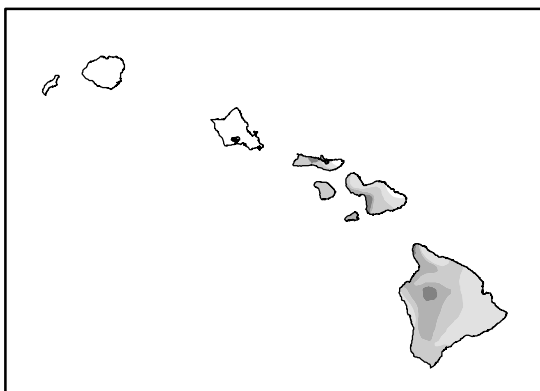
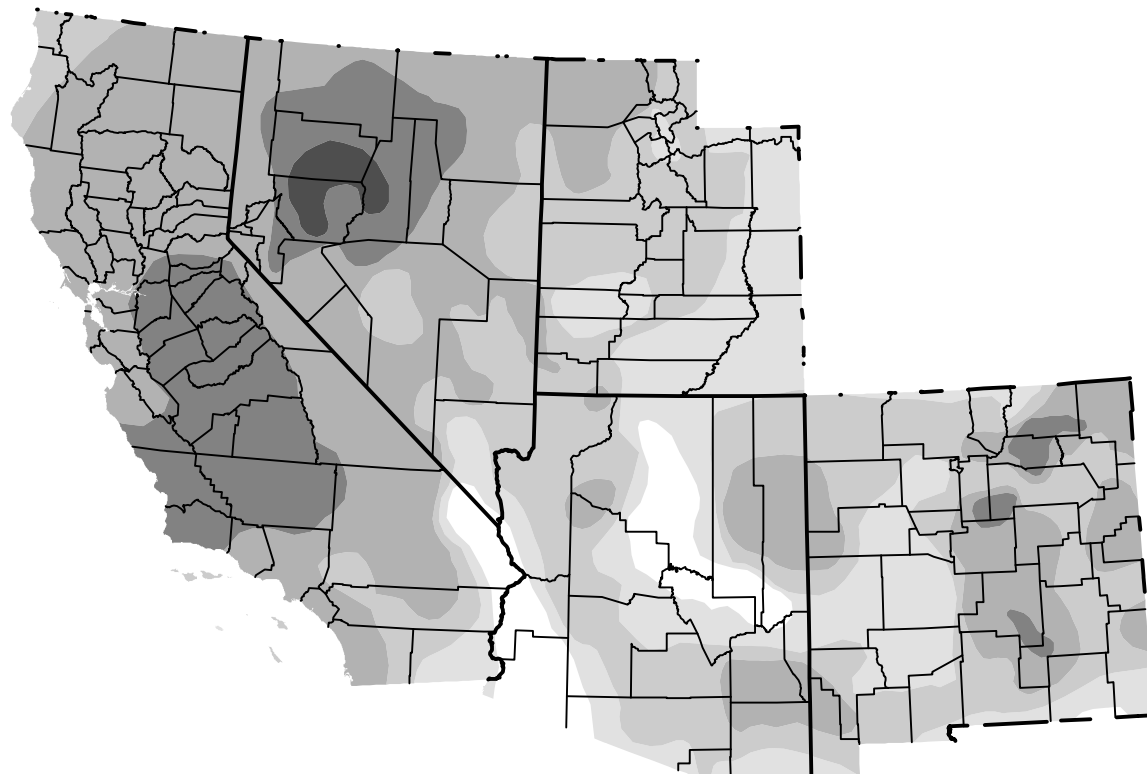


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.03	94.97	77.46	48.68	13.47	1.00
Last Week 12-19-2013	4.96	95.04	77.81	49.10	13.47	1.00
3 Months Ago 09-26-2013	4.05	95.95	83.65	53.76	9.52	1.00
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 12-27-2012	8.39	91.61	86.26	55.22	16.02	0.20

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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