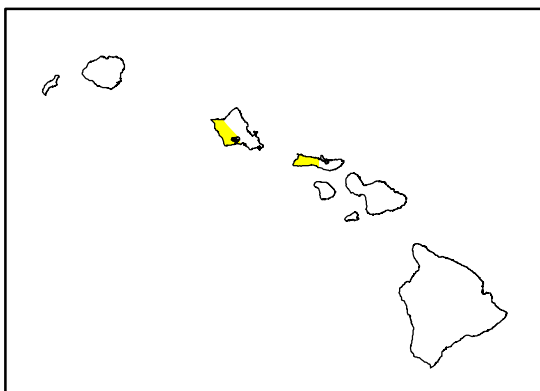
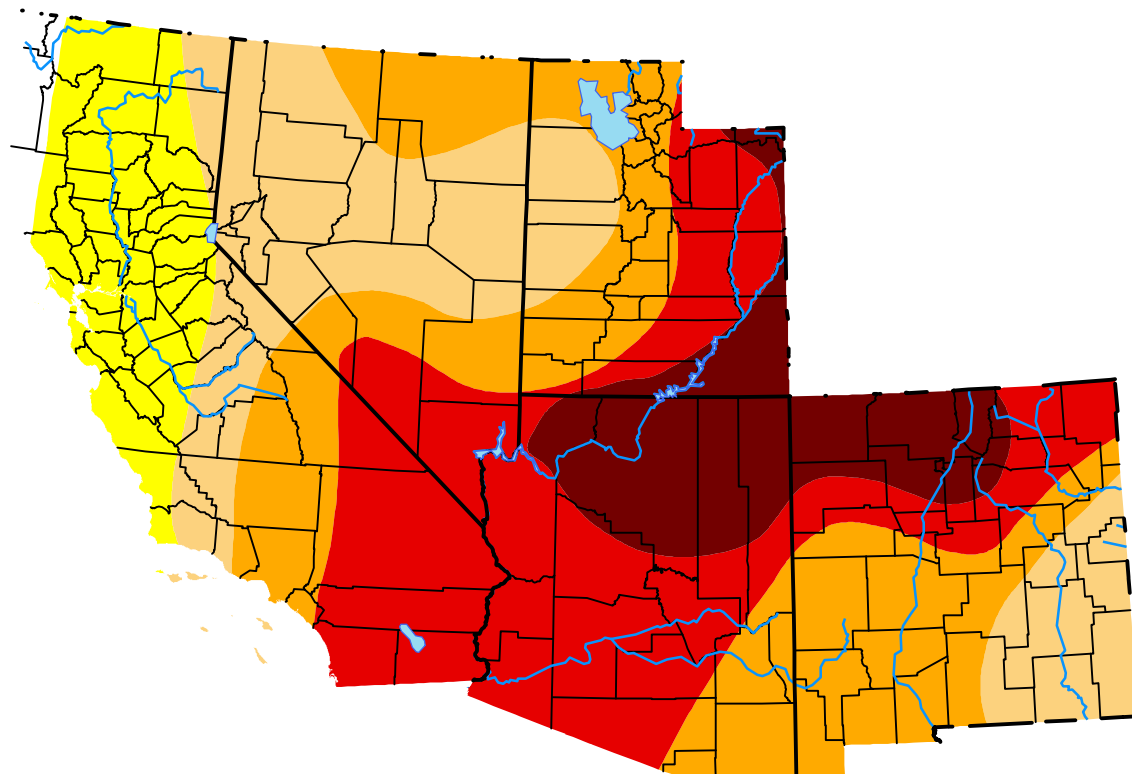


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.33	97.67	87.08	65.41	39.26	11.98
Last Week 07-25-2002	2.51	97.49	87.07	65.15	52.07	16.21
3 Months Ago 05-02-2002	15.96	84.04	71.52	57.00	15.62	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2001	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago 08-02-2001	56.66	43.34	26.91	17.85	10.03	0.00

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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