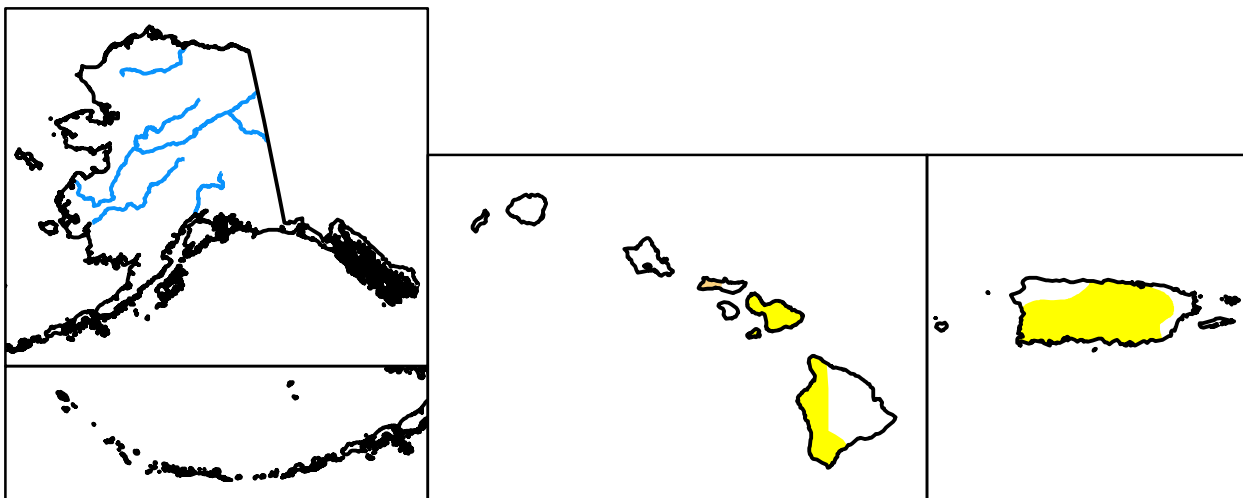
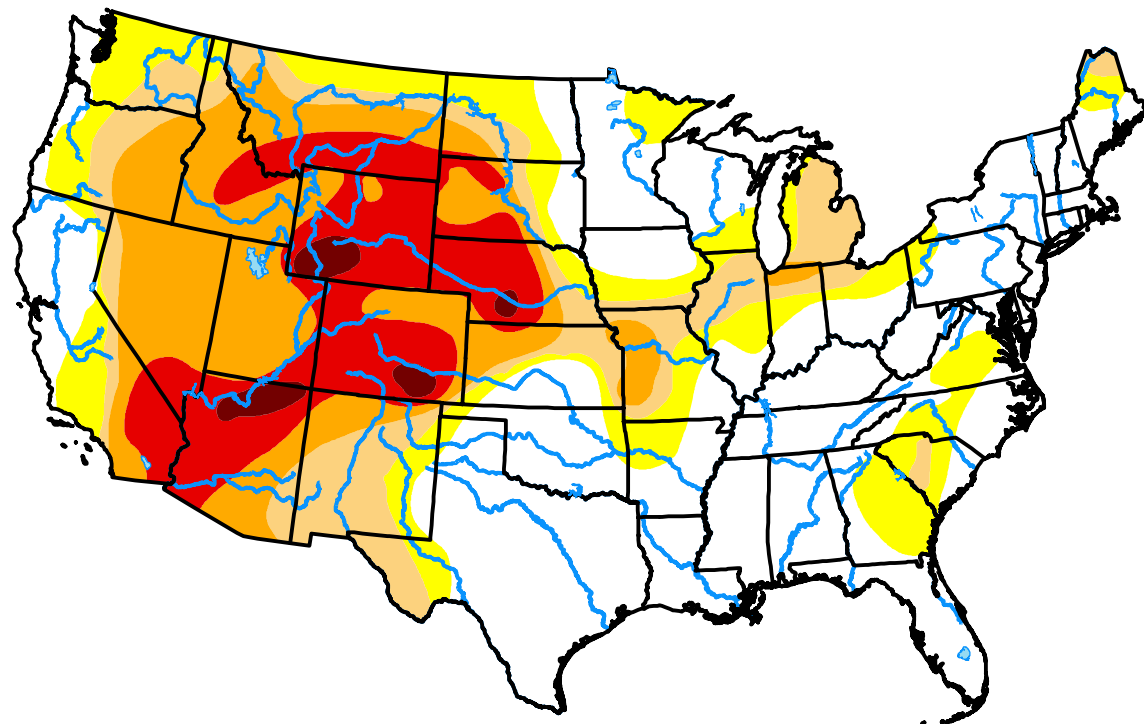


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.62	12.80	9.86	14.09	10.55	1.07
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	48.59	14.81	10.89	14.29	10.36	1.05
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	40.31	14.98	13.71	14.35	13.39	3.24
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	55.28	14.09	11.65	11.66	7.31	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	40.72	18.67	12.70	12.99	12.28	2.62
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	55.47	13.64	11.64	12.02	7.22	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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