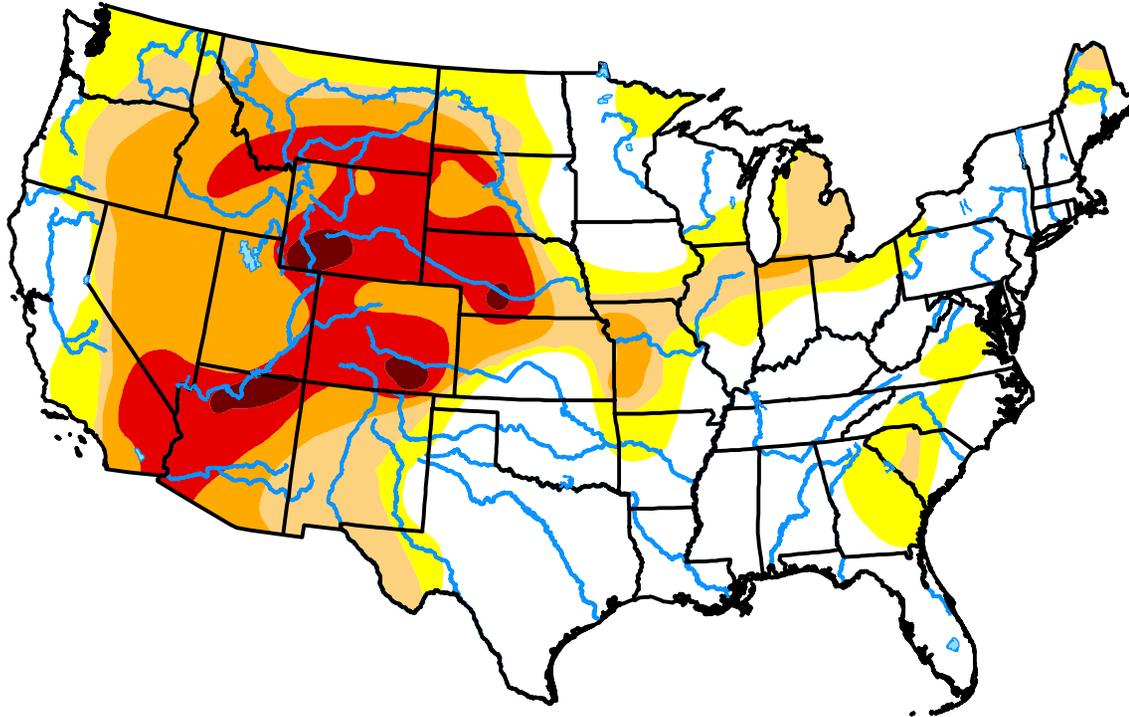


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.62	48.36	35.57	25.70	11.61	1.07
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	48.59	51.39	36.59	25.70	11.41	1.05
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	40.31	59.68	44.70	30.98	16.64	3.24
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	55.28	44.71	30.62	18.97	7.31	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	40.72	59.27	40.59	27.89	14.90	2.62
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	55.47	44.52	30.88	19.24	7.22	0.00

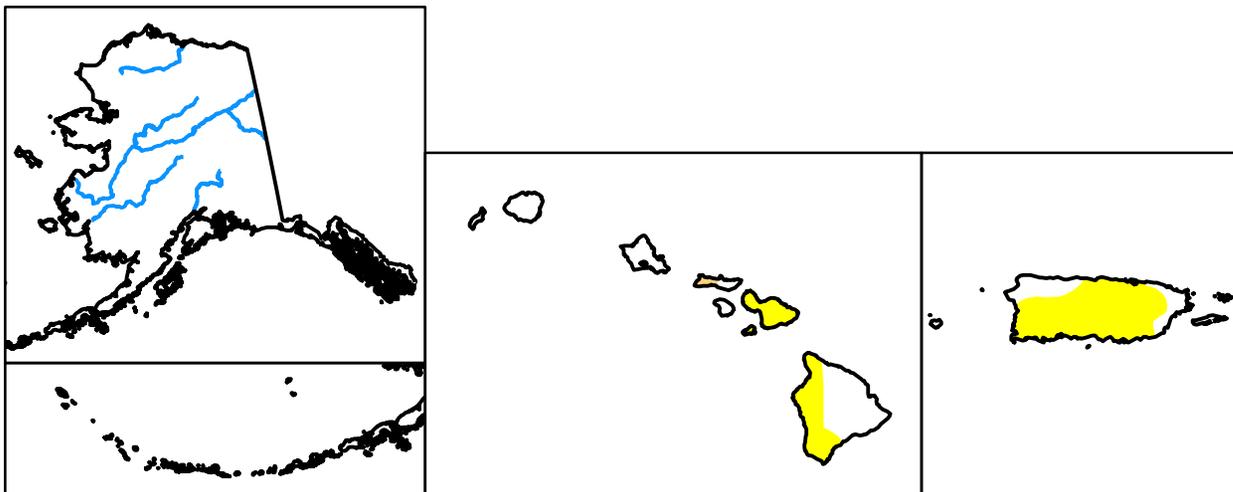
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