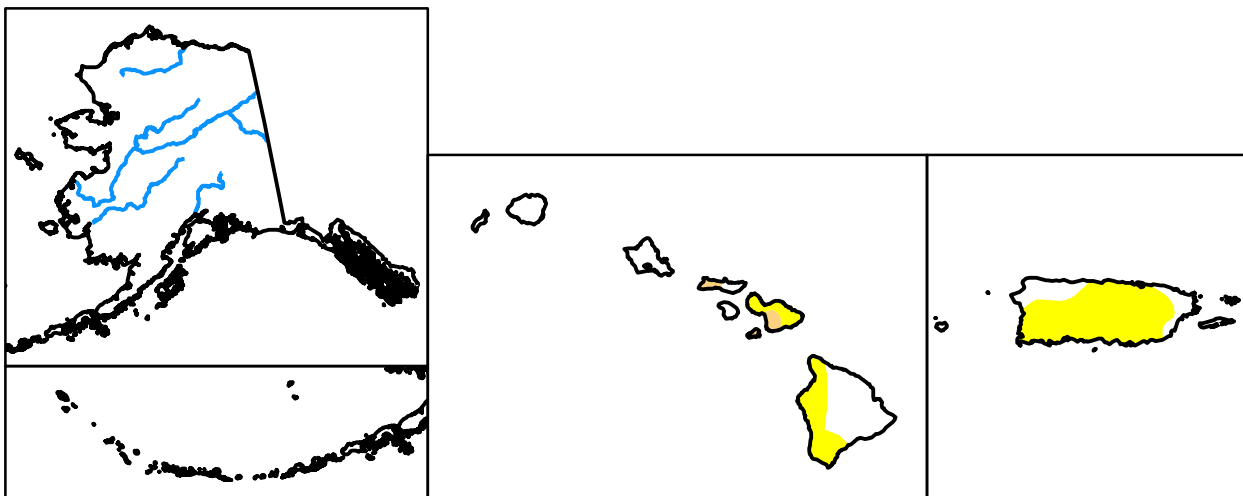
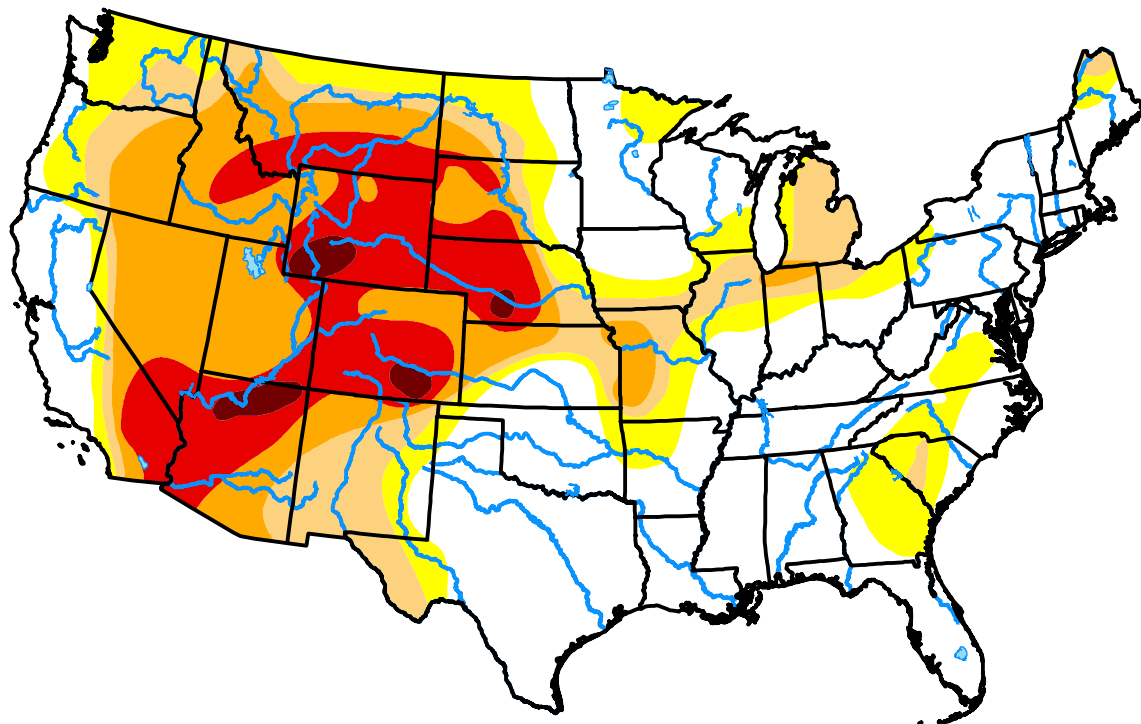


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.58	12.21	9.58	13.99	10.55	1.07
Last Week 12-17-2002	51.62	12.80	9.86	14.09	10.55	1.07
3 Months Ago 09-24-2002	43.09	12.86	14.22	14.13	12.94	2.75
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	55.28	14.09	11.65	11.66	7.31	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	40.72	18.67	12.70	12.99	12.28	2.62
One Year Ago 12-25-2001	55.38	14.23	11.50	12.10	6.79	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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