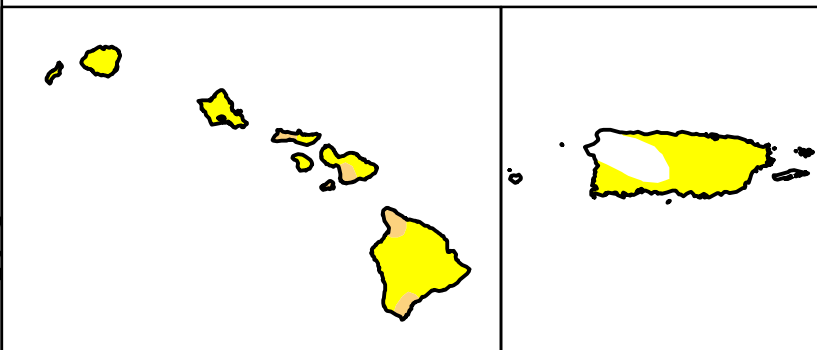
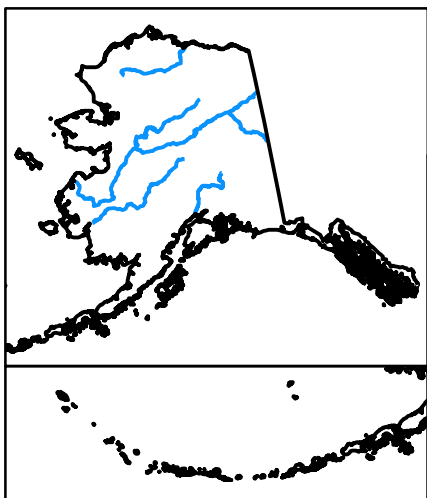
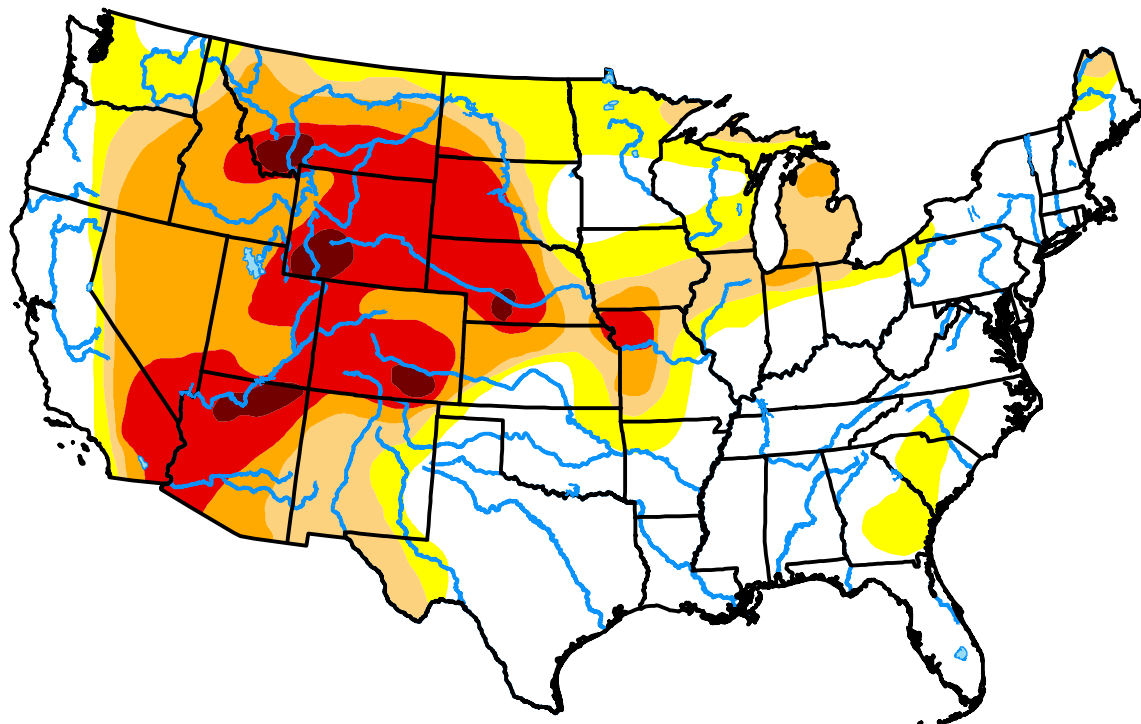


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.61	48.37	35.58	26.08	13.62	1.41
Last Week <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	46.12	34.46	25.33	11.91	1.07
3 Months Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	40.46	59.52	41.94	27.04	14.09	1.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	46.12	34.46	25.33	11.91	1.07
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>01-08-2002</i>	54.45	45.54	29.01	16.94	5.27	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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