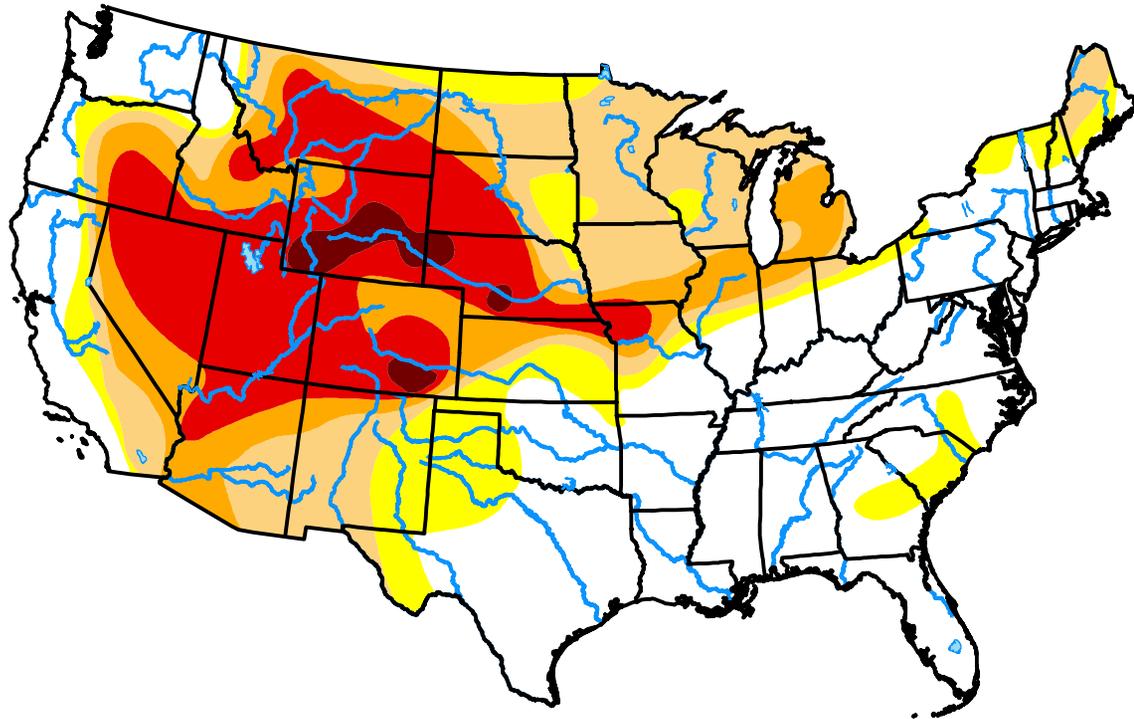


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.14	56.85	40.56	26.47	16.02	1.41
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	45.45	54.54	37.45	27.03	16.13	1.41
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	51.62	48.36	35.57	25.70	11.61	1.07
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>03-19-2002</i>	42.54	57.44	34.07	16.77	5.53	0.00

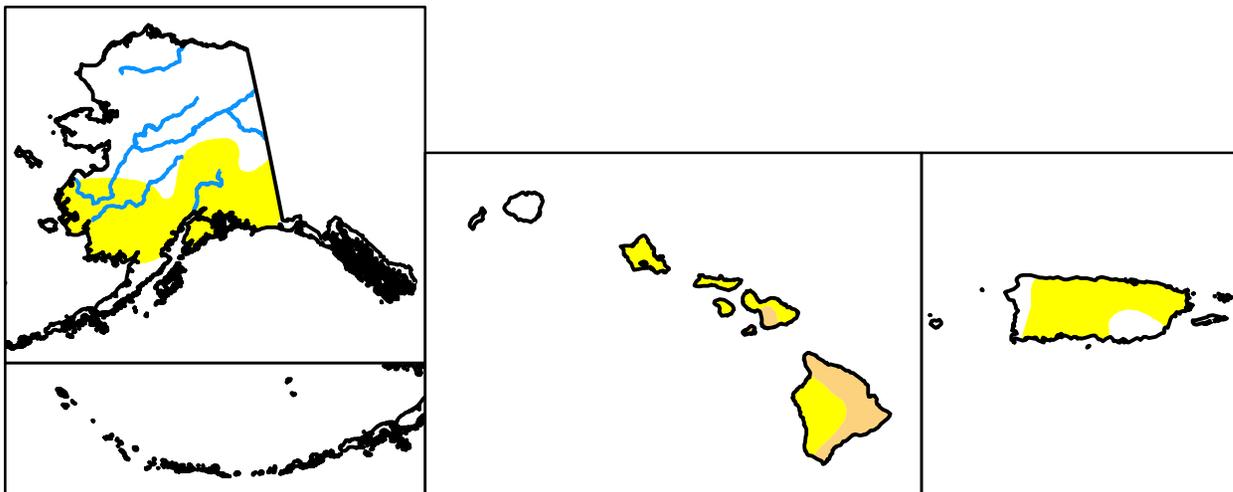
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