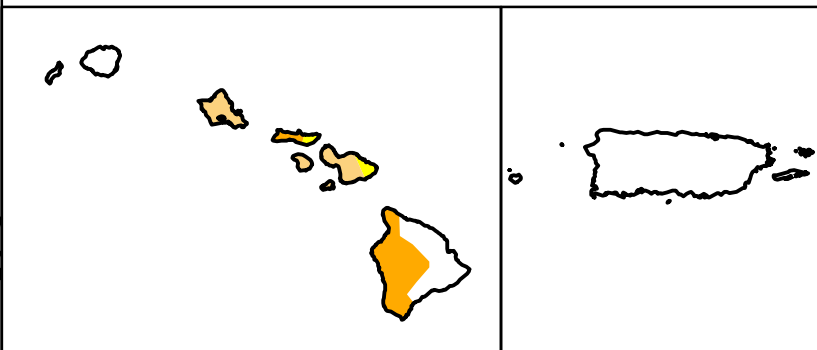
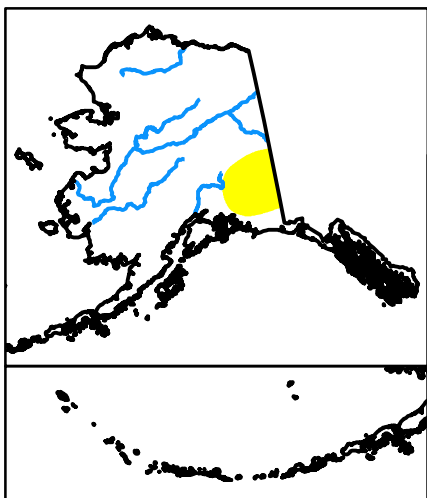
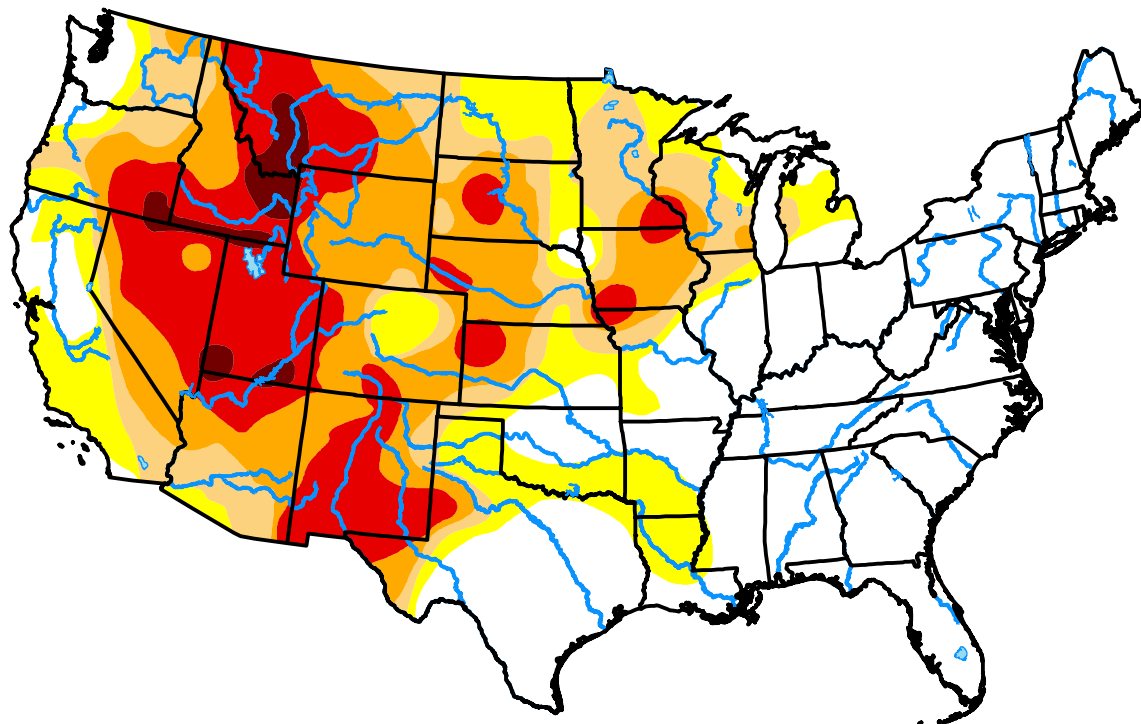


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.72	52.27	39.04	28.93	14.43	1.70
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	49.32	50.67	38.95	28.57	14.64	1.71
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	53.04	46.95	32.12	21.82	12.40	1.39
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>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	45.95	54.04	40.48	25.38	12.92	1.12

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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