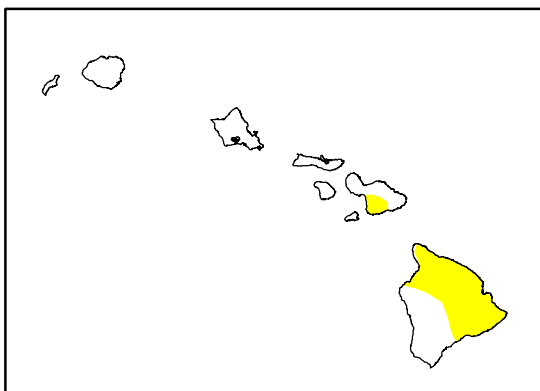
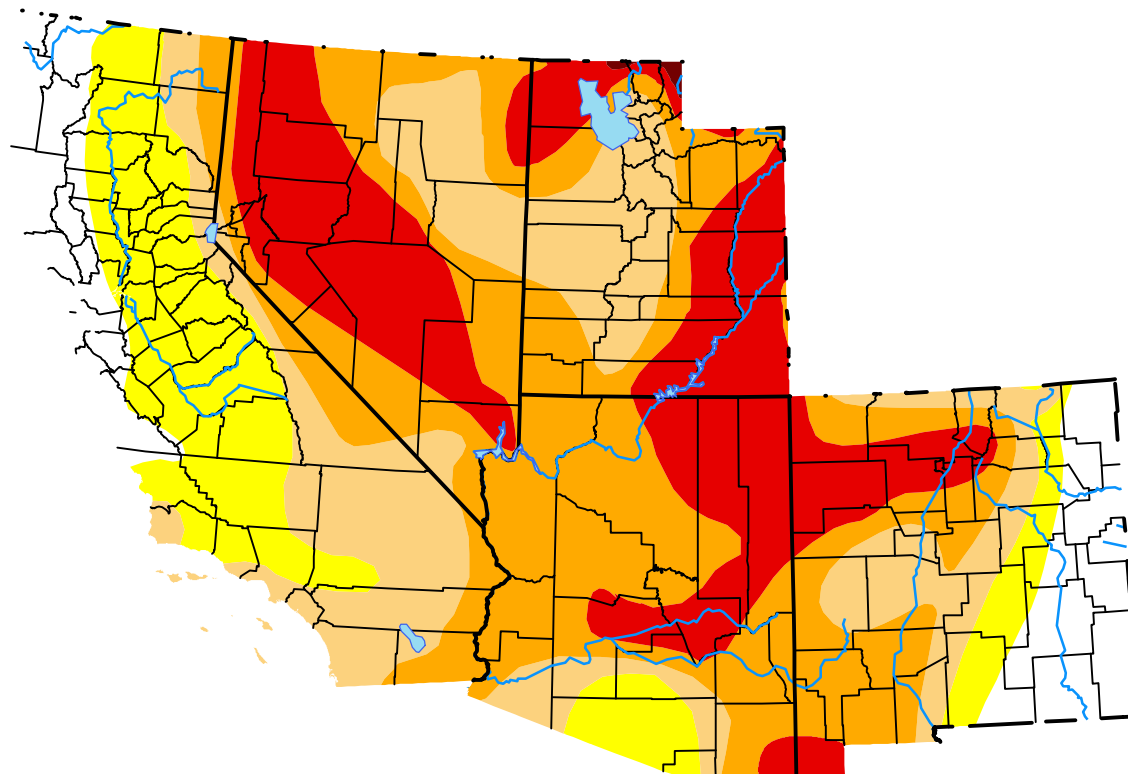


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.71	89.29	74.10	52.01	22.03	0.11
Last Week 10-21-2004	9.11	90.89	78.56	59.21	28.27	0.21
3 Months Ago 07-29-2004	6.47	93.53	79.76	61.51	26.71	0.28
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago 10-30-2003	2.16	97.84	82.54	66.42	46.04	5.47

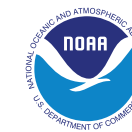
Intensity:

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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