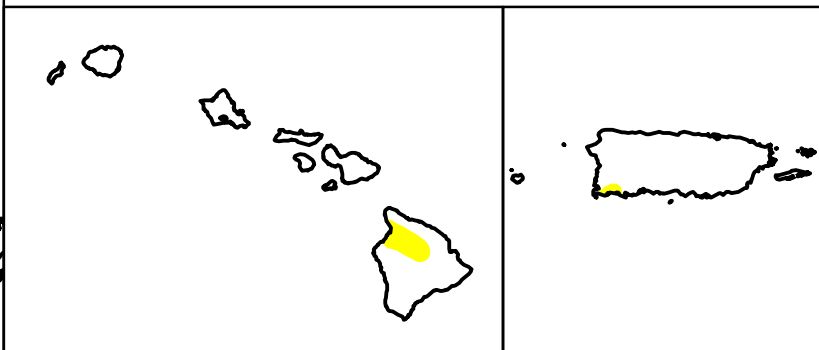
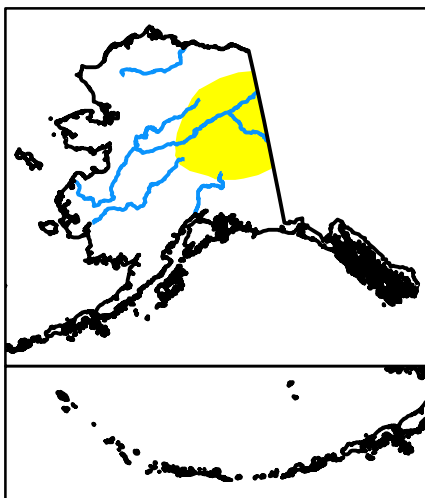
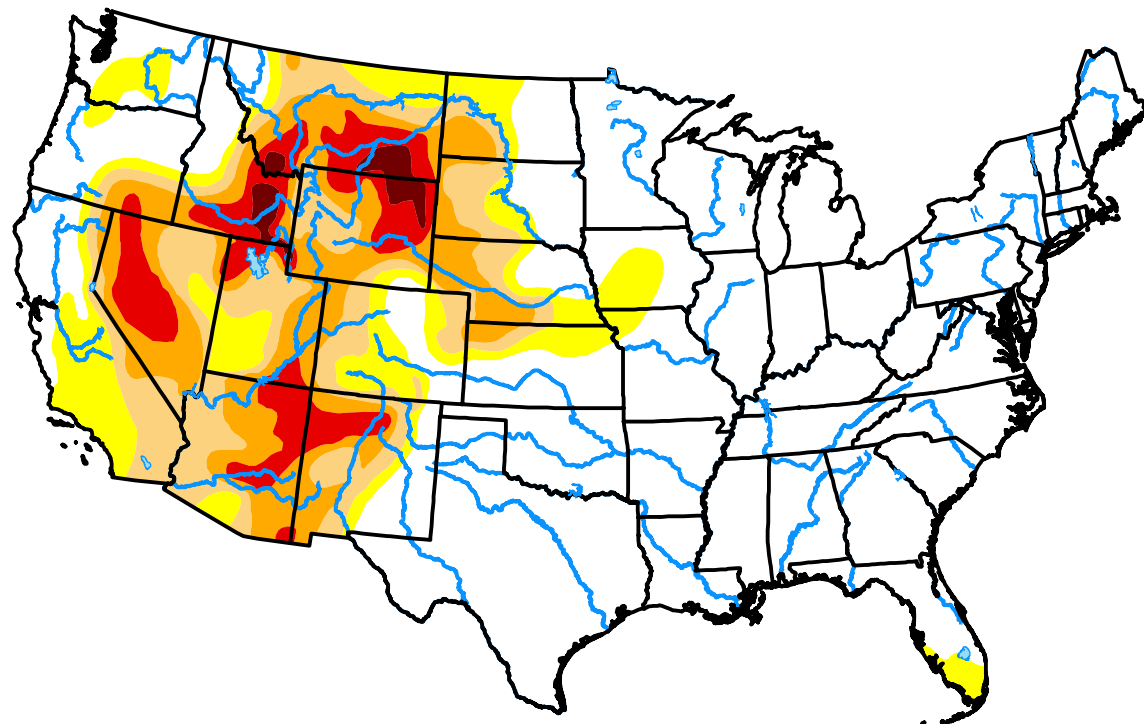


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	65.78	11.55	8.81	8.51	4.57	0.77
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	67.12	10.41	9.01	8.21	4.48	0.75
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	58.68	15.73	7.21	10.26	7.33	0.78
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	50.81	10.84	10.11	14.87	10.51	2.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	60.74	13.76	7.26	10.13	7.32	0.78
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	50.53	9.69	11.46	13.58	11.63	3.11

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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