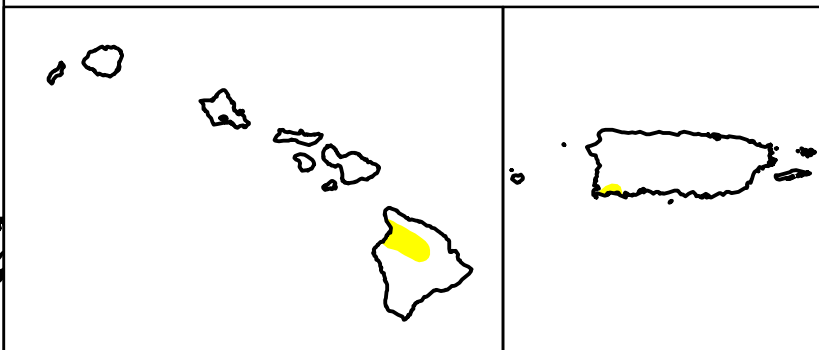
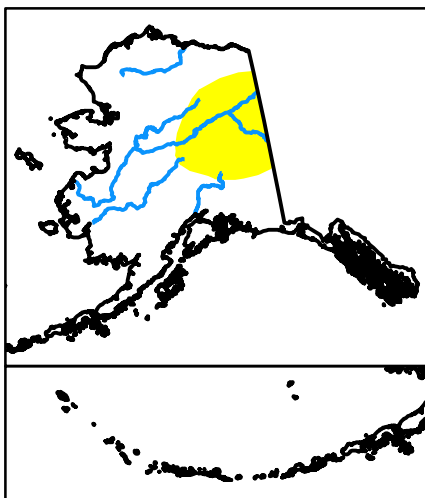
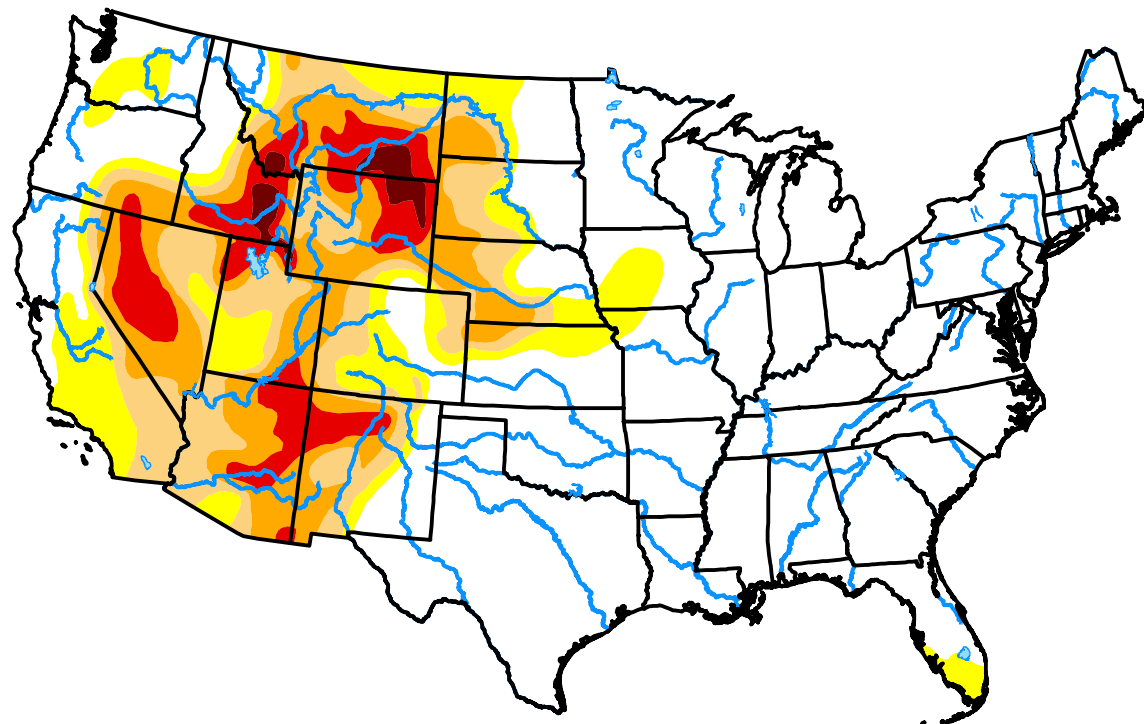


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.78	34.21	22.66	13.85	5.34	0.77
Last Week 12-14-2004	67.12	32.87	22.45	13.44	5.23	0.75
3 Months Ago 09-21-2004	58.68	41.31	25.58	18.37	8.11	0.78
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	50.81	49.17	38.33	28.22	13.35	2.84
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	60.74	39.25	25.49	18.23	8.10	0.78
One Year Ago 12-23-2003	50.53	49.46	39.77	28.32	14.74	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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