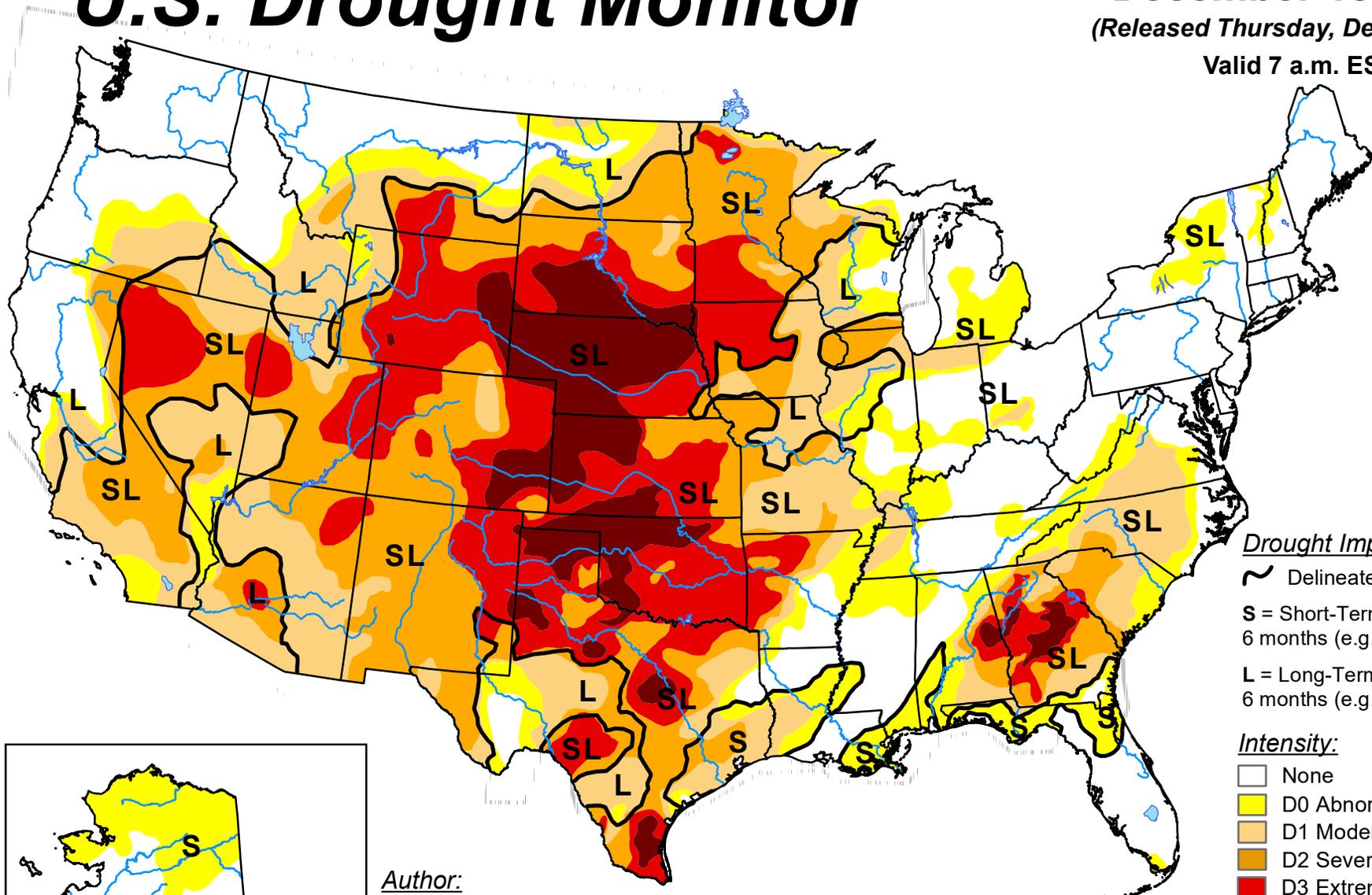


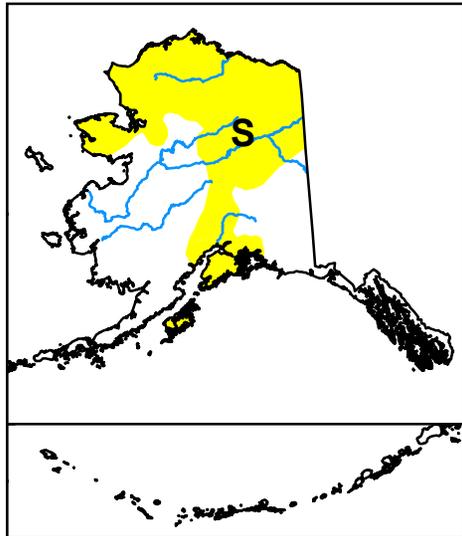
# U.S. Drought Monitor

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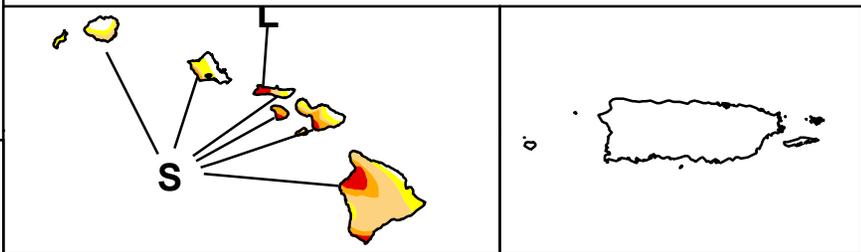


**Drought Impact Types:**  
 ~ Delineates dominant impacts  
 S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)  
 L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

**Intensity:**  
 □ None  
 □ D0 Abnormally Dry  
 □ D1 Moderate Drought  
 □ D2 Severe Drought  
 □ D3 Extreme Drought  
 □ D4 Exceptional Drought



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