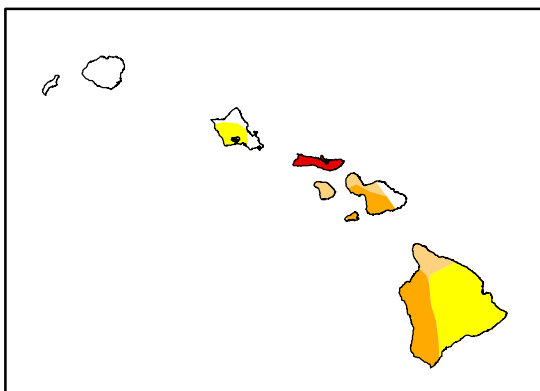
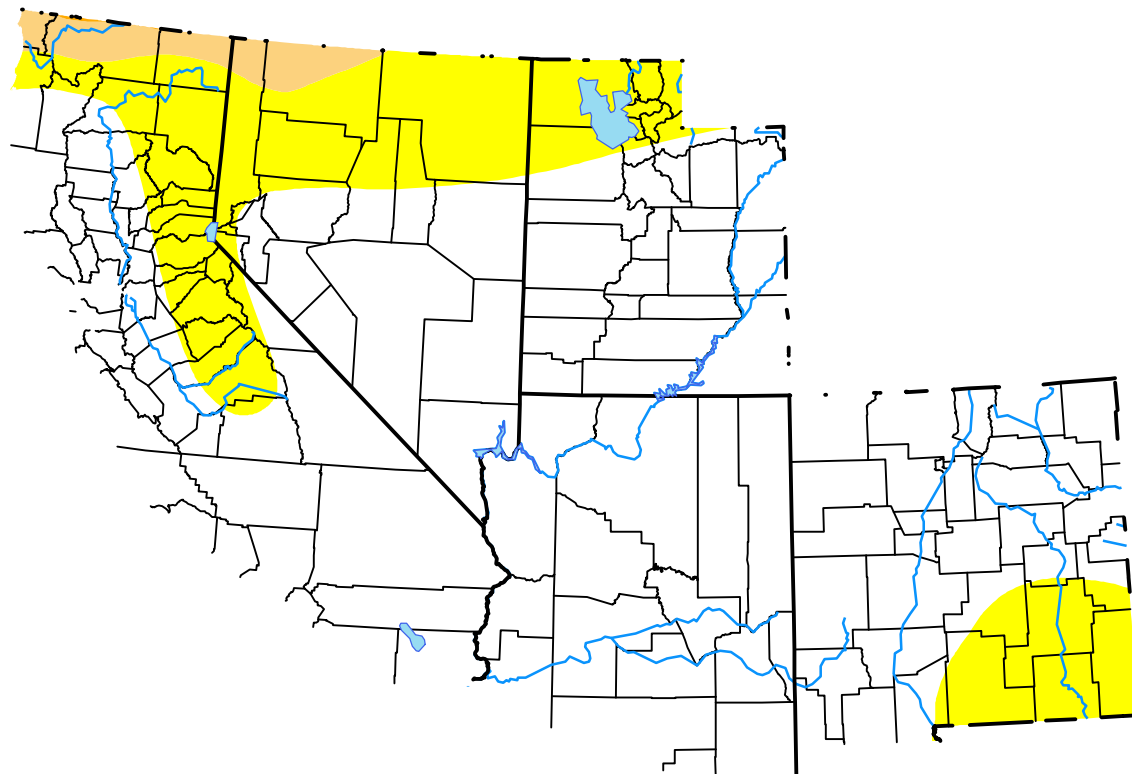


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.53	22.47	2.56	0.34	0.04	0.00
Last Week 03-22-2001	77.53	22.47	2.56	0.34	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-28-2000	91.93	8.07	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2001	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2000	38.83	61.17	25.82	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 03-30-2000	77.15	22.85	10.04	2.20	0.00	0.00

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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