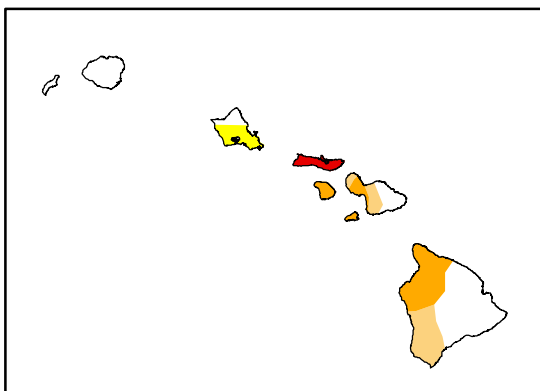
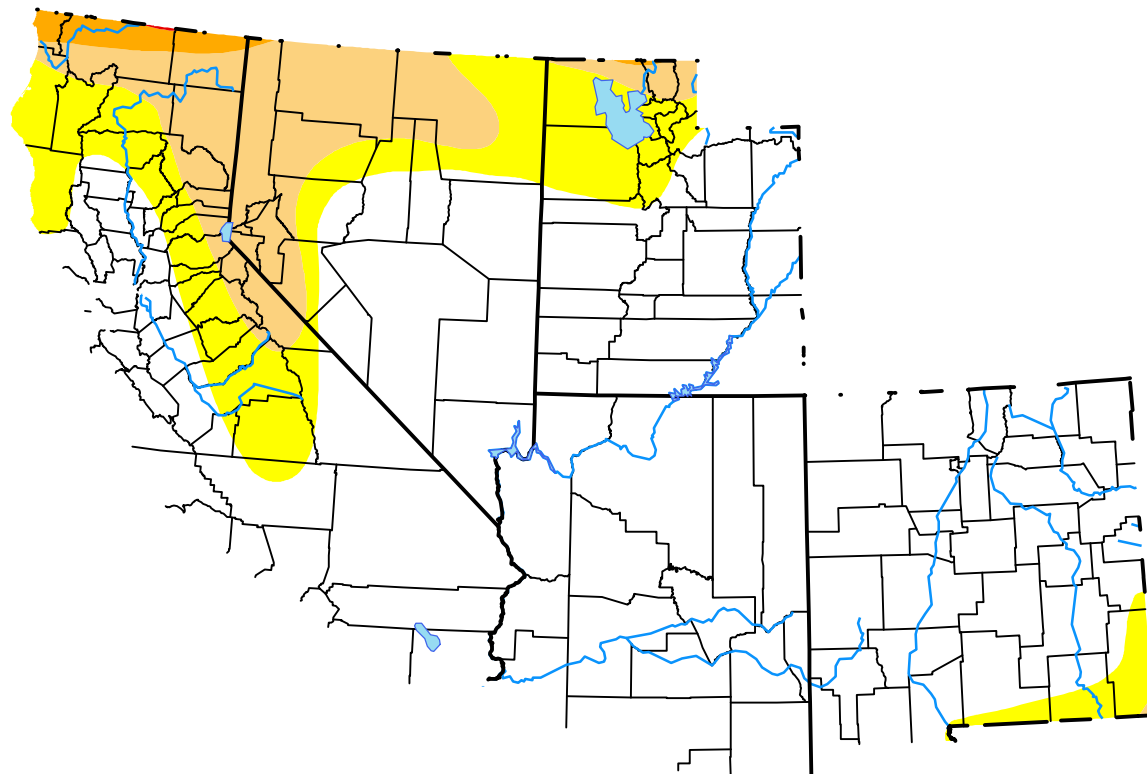


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.43	24.57	11.51	1.26	0.06	0.00
Last Week 05-17-2001	75.43	24.57	11.51	1.26	0.06	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-22-2001	80.91	19.09	1.76	0.28	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 05-25-2000	66.87	33.13	20.50	9.00	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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