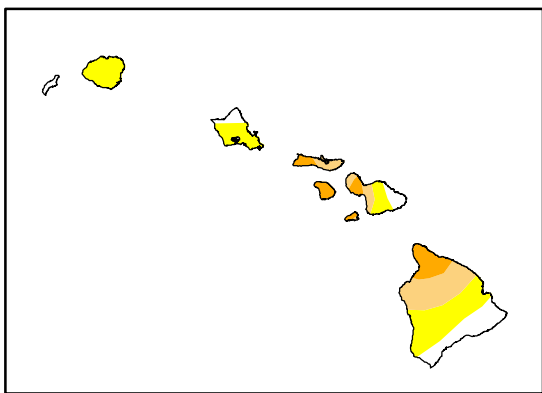
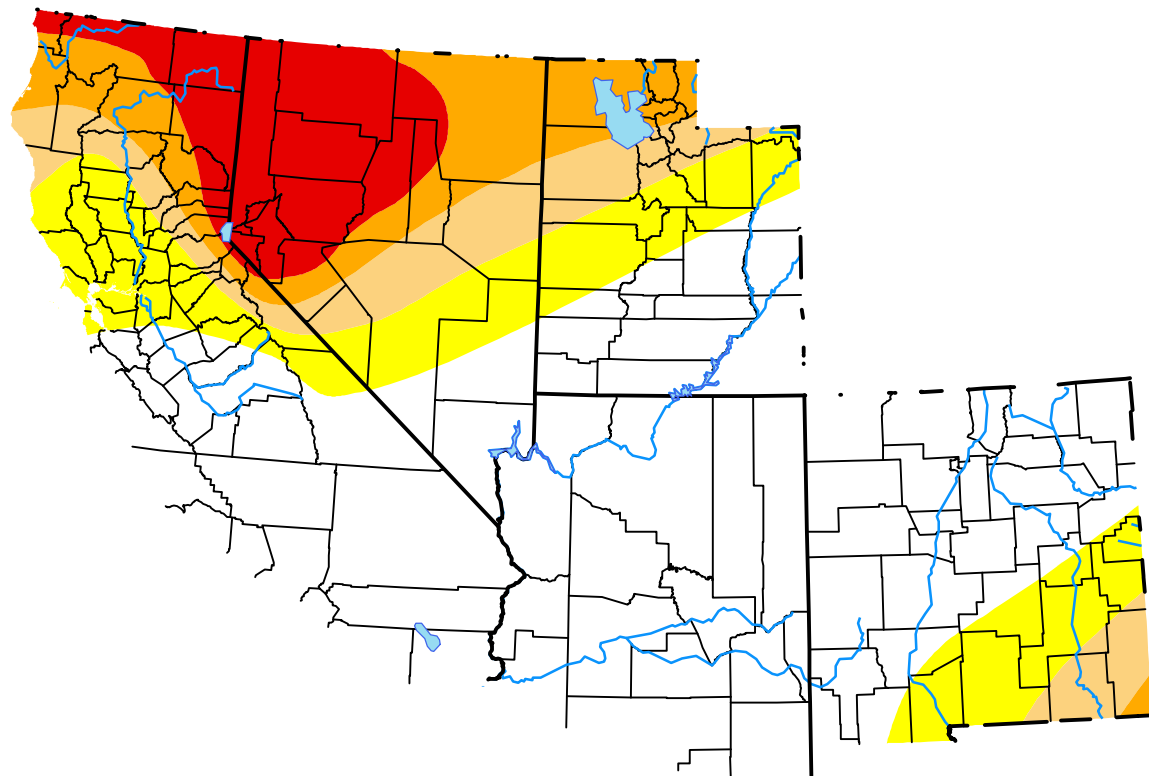


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.36	15.33	8.45	8.60	9.25	0.00
Last Week 07-12-2001	60.18	14.70	8.67	7.19	9.25	0.00
3 Months Ago 04-19-2001	74.46	14.96	9.51	0.88	0.20	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2001	83.72	14.98	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2000	38.83	35.34	18.71	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 07-20-2000	47.87	46.47	5.06	0.40	0.19	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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