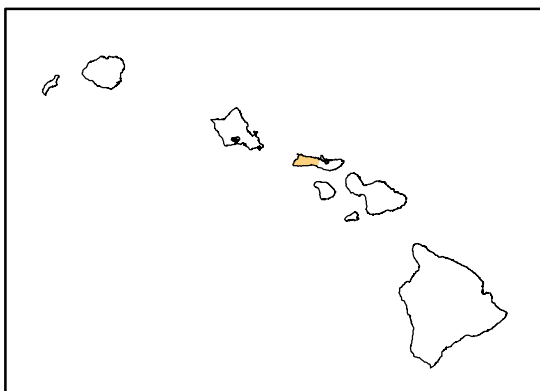
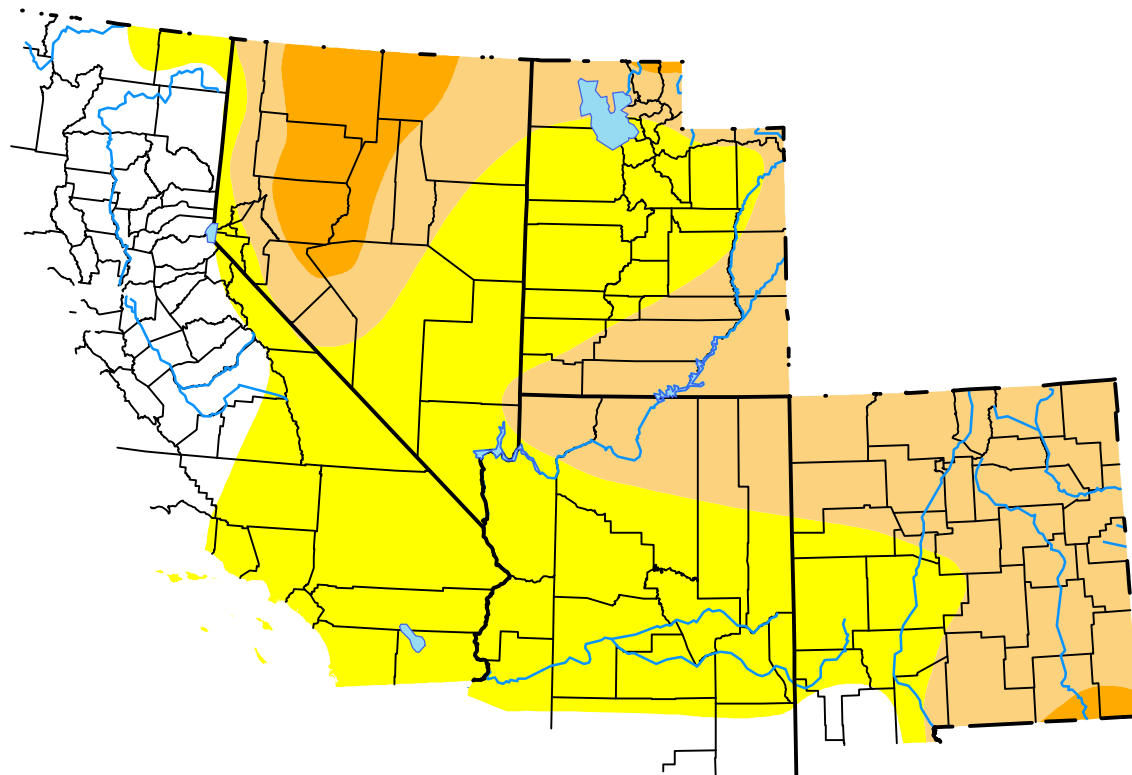


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	19.08	43.91	31.89	5.12	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>02-14-2002</i>	18.67	46.66	29.30	5.37	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-21-2001</i>	32.30	23.23	21.63	9.34	13.49	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-22-2001</i>	80.91	17.33	1.47	0.28	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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