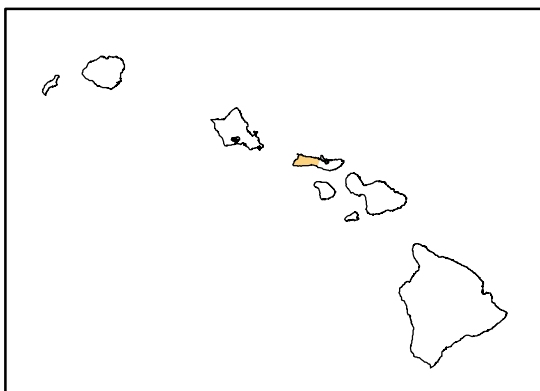
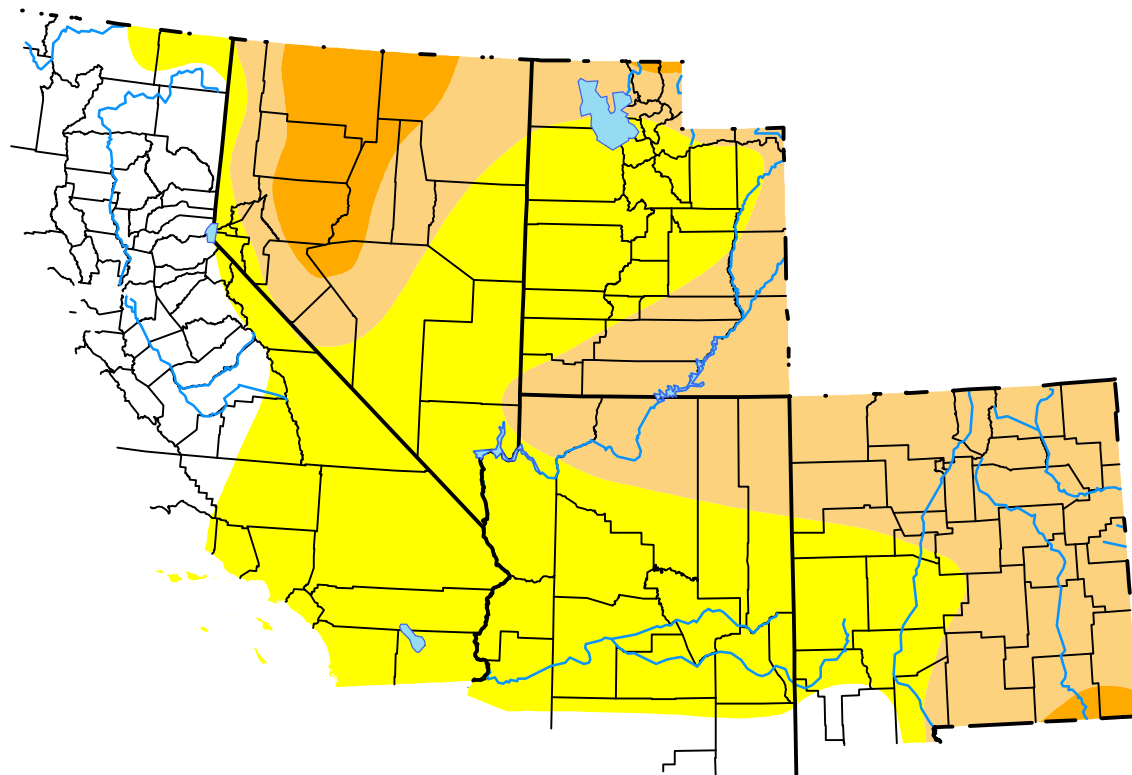


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	19.08	80.92	37.01	5.12	0.00	0.00
Last Week 02-14-2002	18.67	81.33	34.67	5.37	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-21-2001	32.30	67.70	44.47	22.84	13.49	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2001	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago 02-22-2001	80.91	19.09	1.76	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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