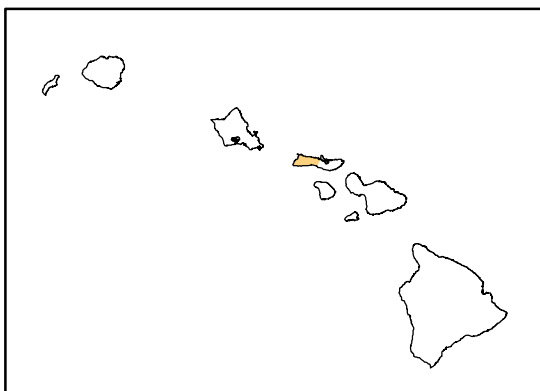
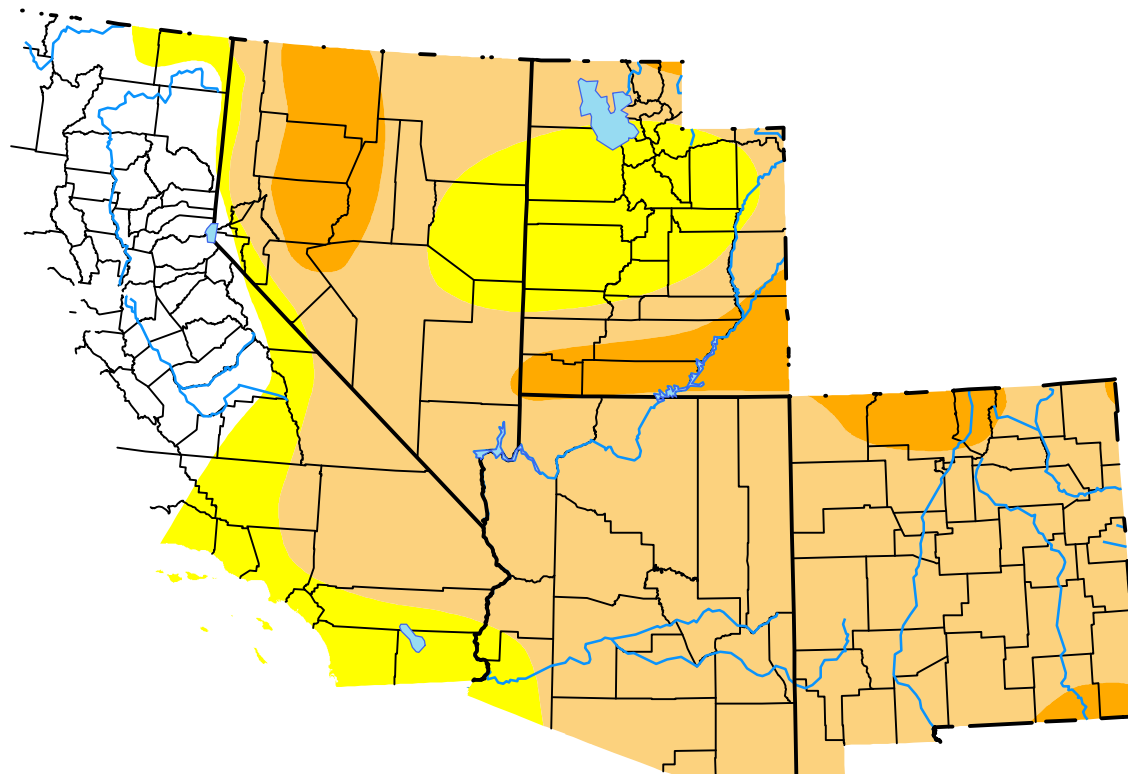


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.38	84.62	67.95	9.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-07-2002</i>	15.51	84.49	37.21	4.51	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-13-2001</i>	38.56	61.44	37.97	17.96	8.41	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-15-2001</i>	79.87	20.13	2.21	0.38	0.04	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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