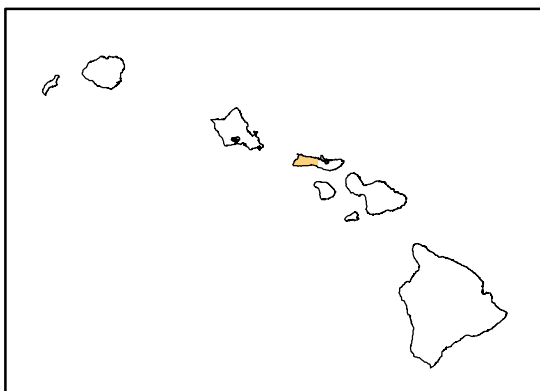
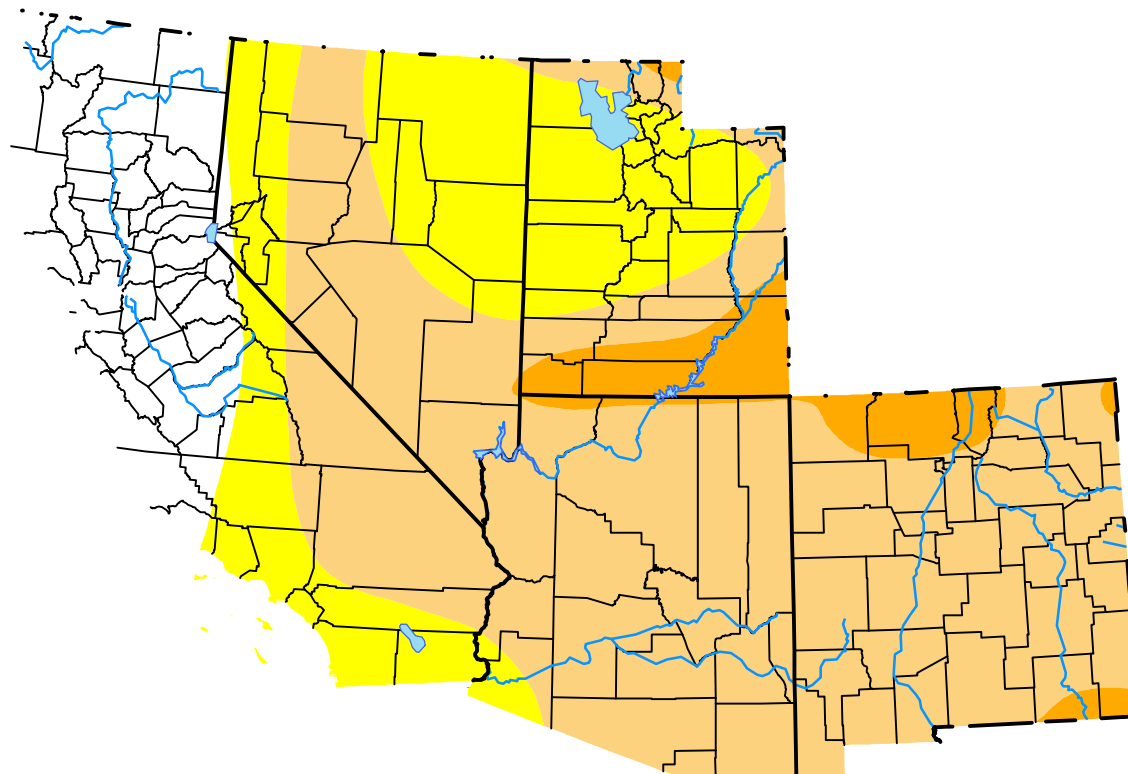


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.08	83.92	61.06	5.98	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-14-2002	15.38	84.62	67.95	9.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-20-2001	39.38	60.62	37.71	17.38	6.84	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 03-22-2001	77.53	22.47	2.56	0.34	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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