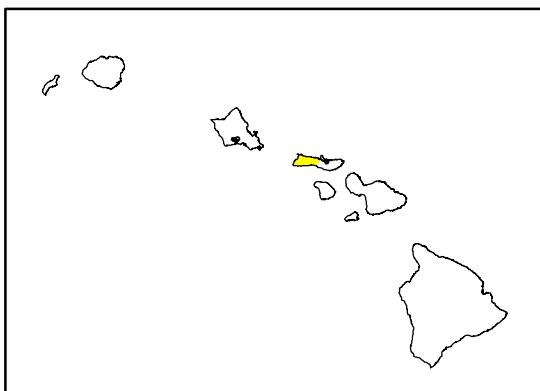
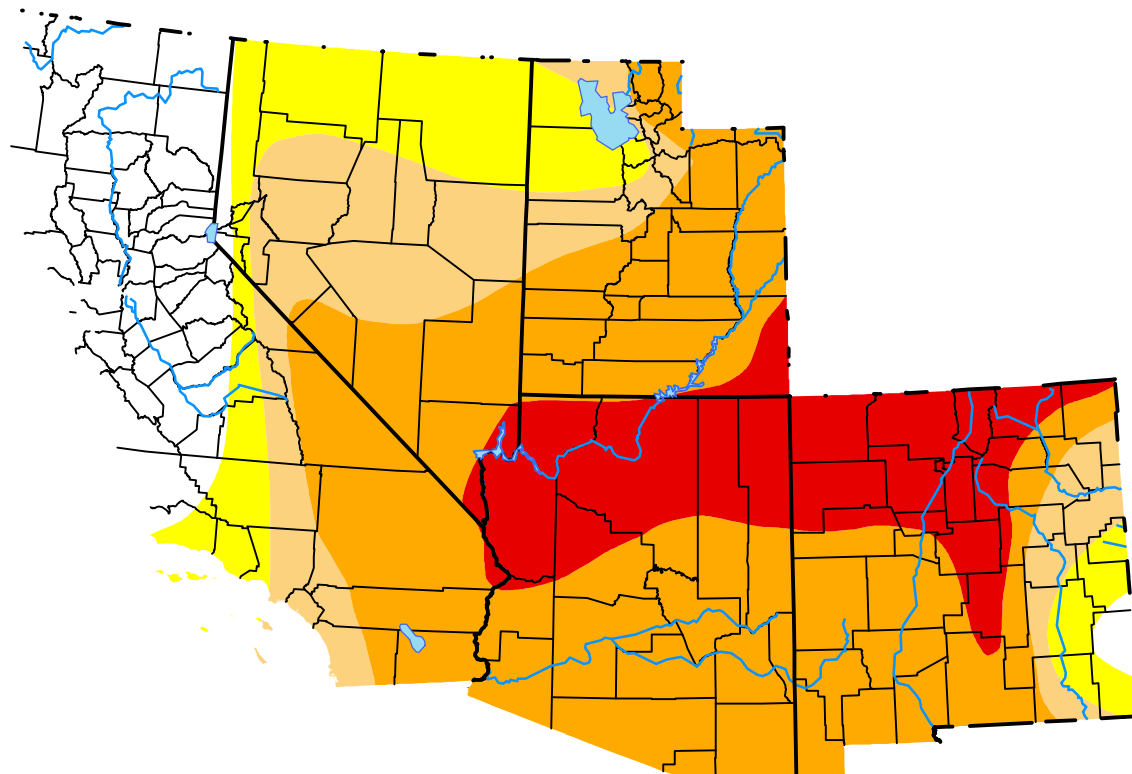


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	16.05	12.24	14.70	41.34	15.67	0.00
Last Week <i>05-02-2002</i>	15.96	12.52	14.53	41.38	15.62	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-07-2002</i>	33.17	40.18	19.50	6.84	0.30	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>05-10-2001</i>	74.46	14.94	9.53	1.01	0.06	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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