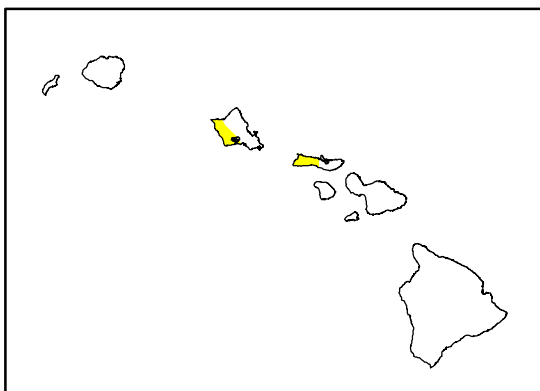
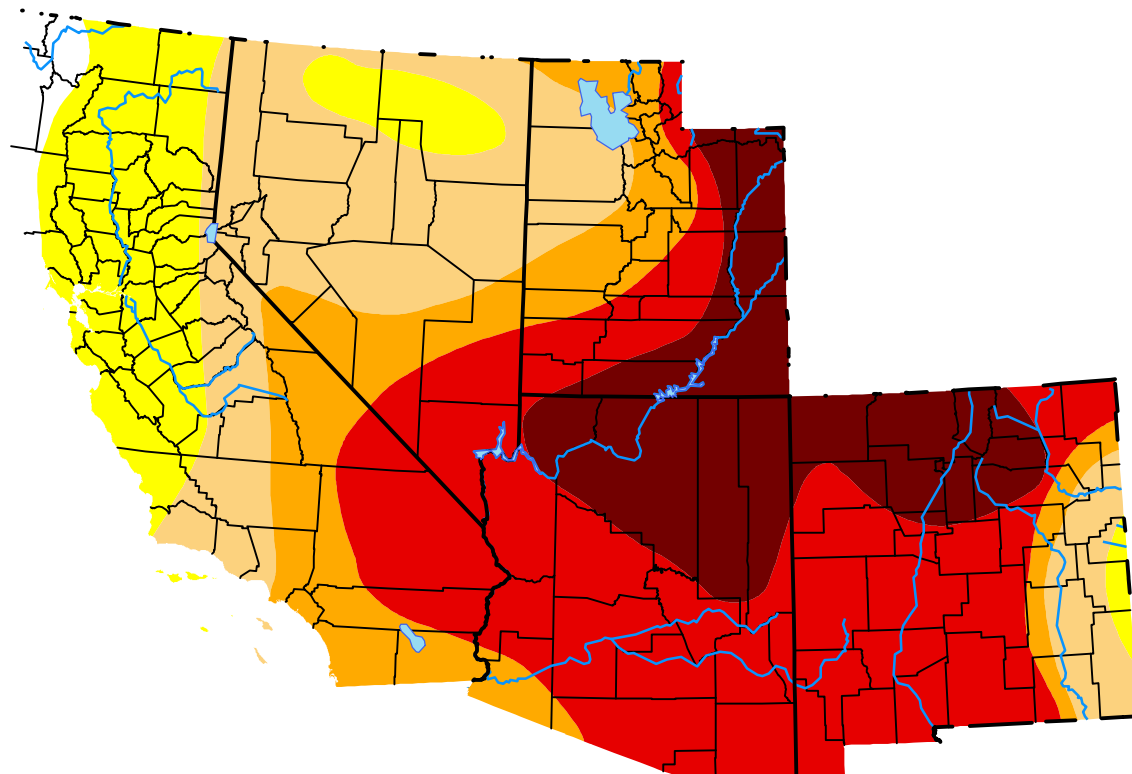


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.75	13.16	20.98	13.86	32.99	16.27
Last Week 07-03-2002	3.01	13.10	18.95	15.66	33.80	15.48
3 Months Ago 04-11-2002	16.00	20.45	22.73	40.82	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2001	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago 07-12-2001	60.18	14.70	8.67	7.19	9.25	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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