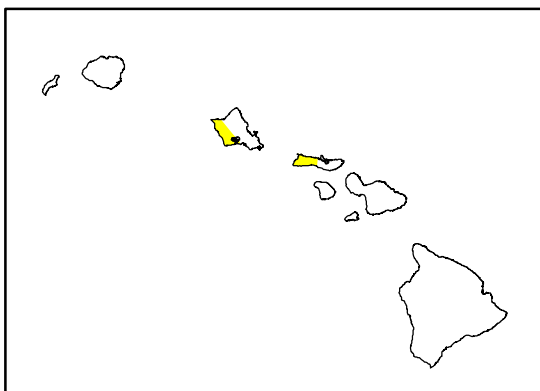
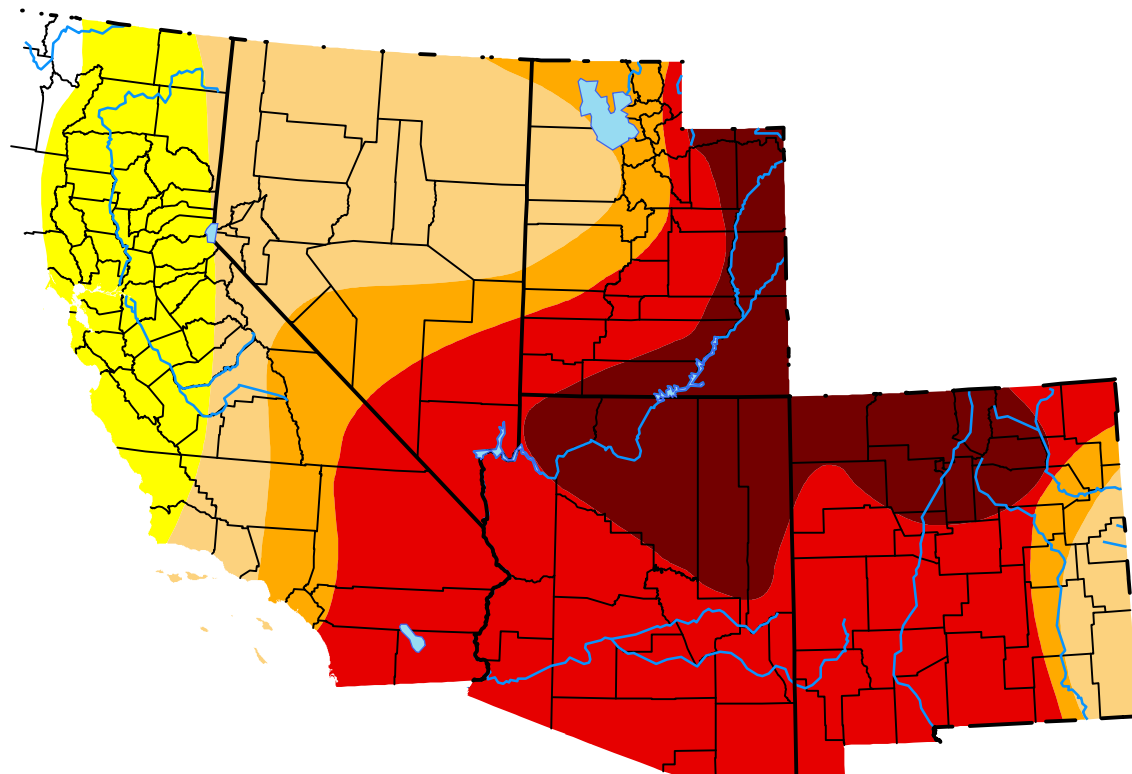


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.78	97.22	86.07	65.01	53.46	16.23
Last Week 07-11-2002	2.75	97.25	84.10	63.12	49.26	16.27
3 Months Ago 04-18-2002	15.70	84.30	67.70	46.65	0.00	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 07-19-2001	58.36	41.64	26.30	17.86	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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