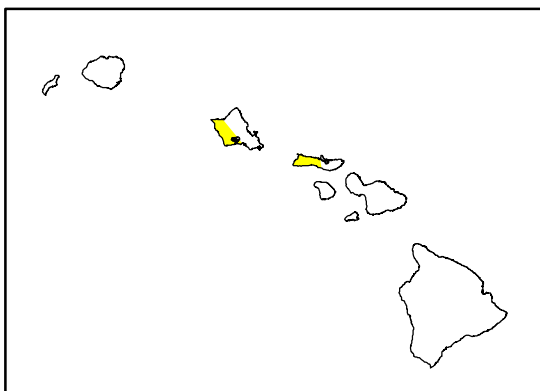
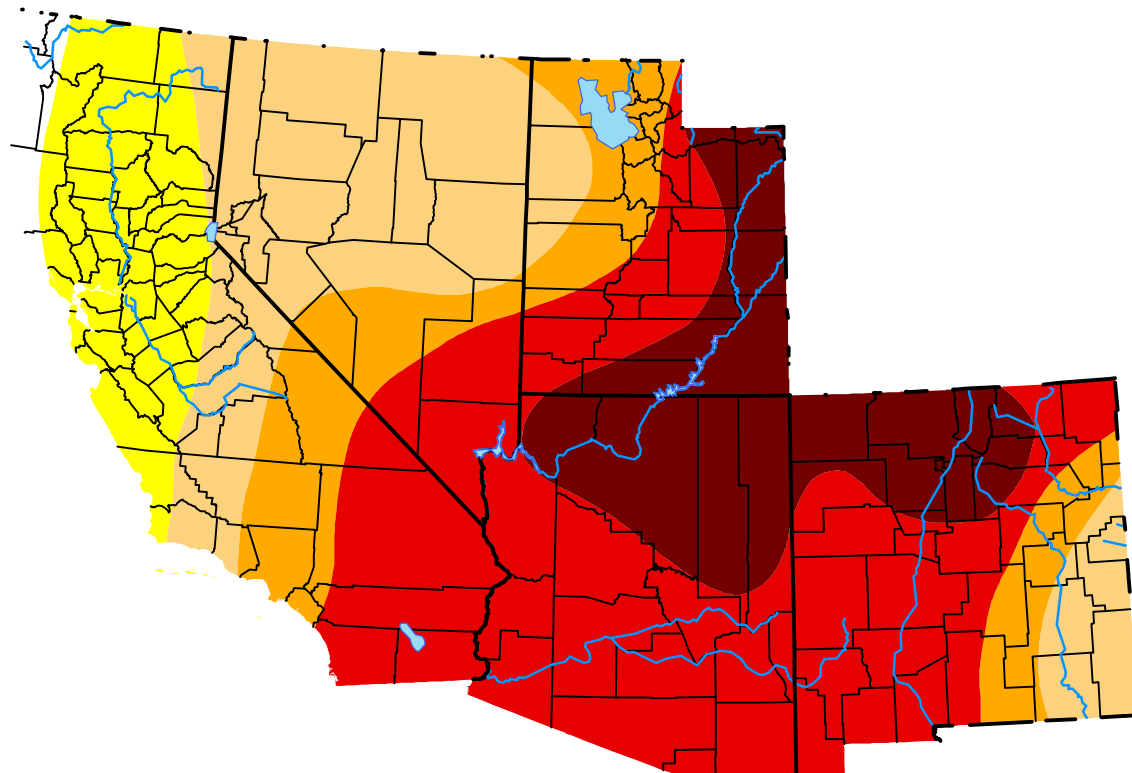


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.51	97.49	87.07	65.15	52.07	16.21
Last Week <i>07-18-2002</i>	2.78	97.22	86.07	65.01	53.46	16.23
3 Months Ago <i>04-25-2002</i>	15.84	84.16	71.43	52.59	5.43	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>07-26-2001</i>	56.68	43.32	26.87	17.96	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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