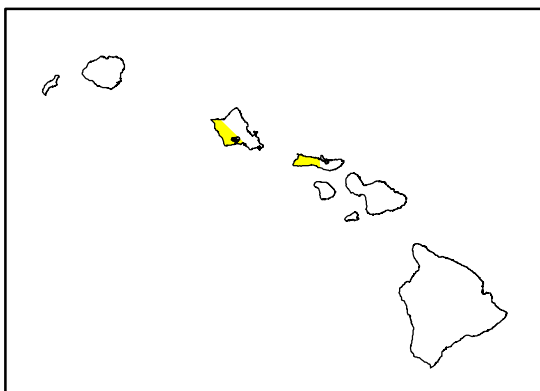
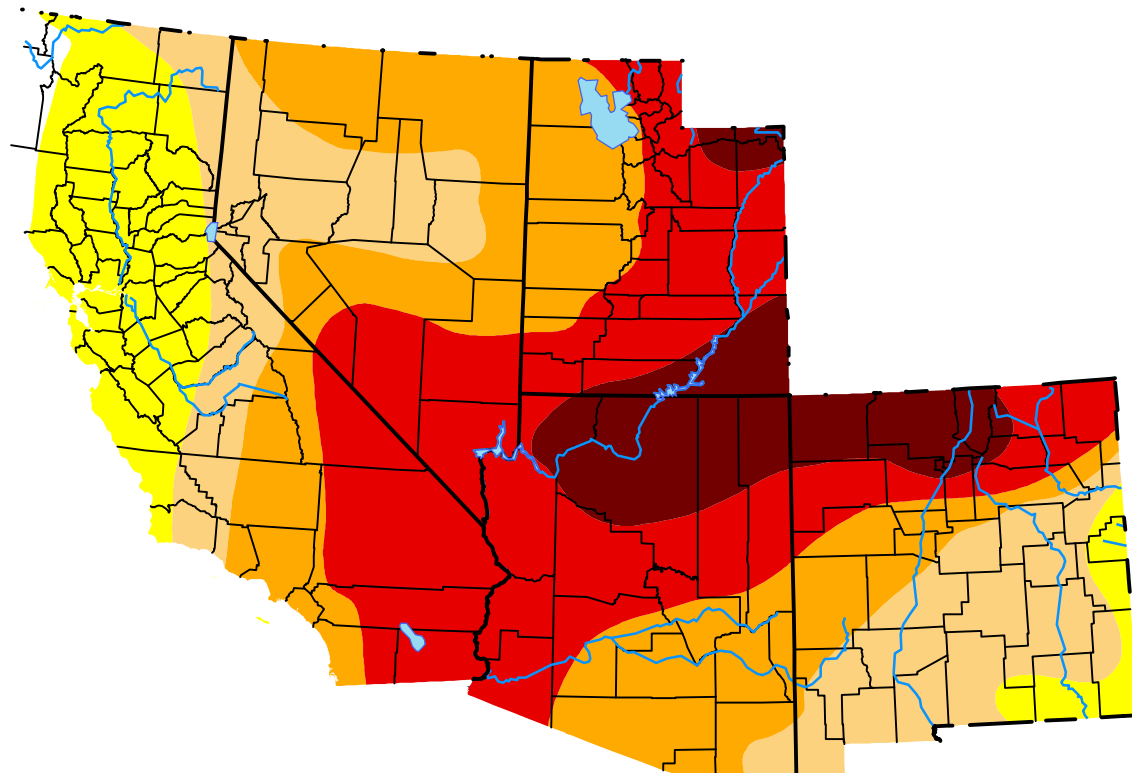


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.30	97.70	85.49	66.13	39.11	9.91
Last Week <i>08-22-2002</i>	2.33	97.67	85.49	61.54	37.11	9.79
3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2002</i>	6.68	93.32	73.98	58.73	38.06	8.77
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>08-30-2001</i>	56.63	43.37	29.04	19.96	13.13	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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