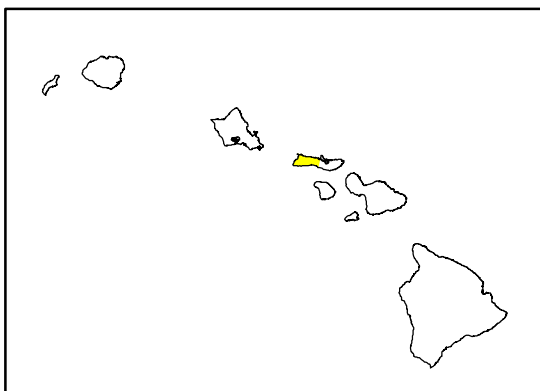
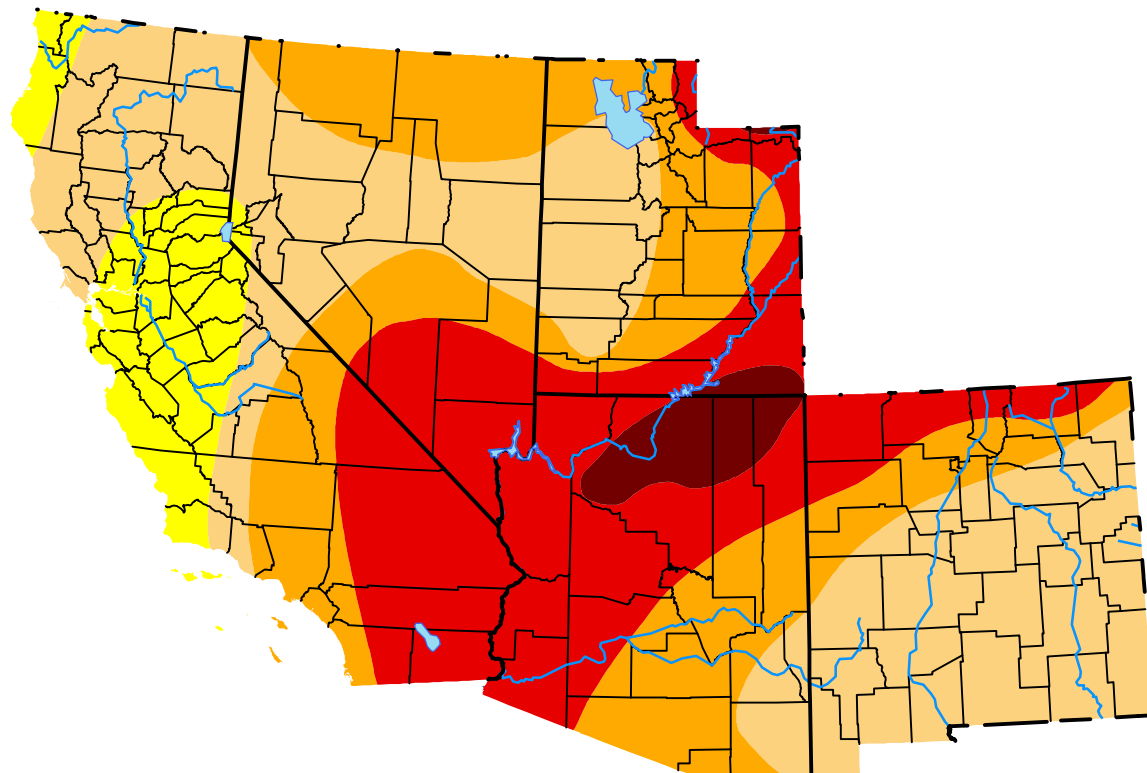


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.04	98.96	91.33	54.84	28.83	3.09
Last Week <i>10-17-2002</i>	0.94	99.06	90.98	54.55	28.66	3.05
3 Months Ago <i>07-25-2002</i>	2.51	97.49	87.07	65.15	52.07	16.21
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>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>10-25-2001</i>	41.73	58.27	40.02	22.80	13.19	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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