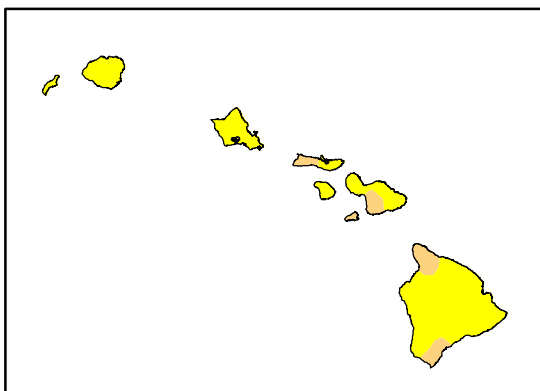
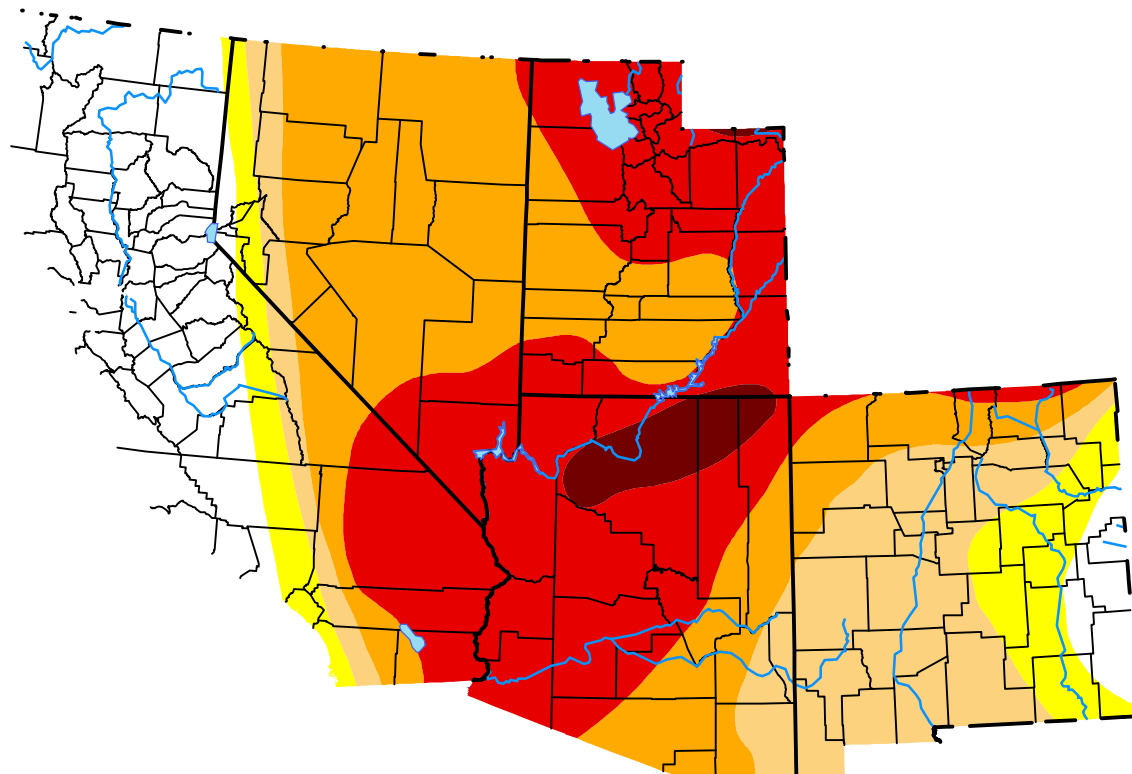


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.36	81.64	73.56	58.35	30.27	2.44
Last Week <i>01-09-2003</i>	17.25	82.75	74.84	58.00	26.75	2.42
3 Months Ago <i>10-17-2002</i>	0.94	99.06	90.98	54.55	28.66	3.05
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
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>01-17-2002</i>	39.64	60.36	26.40	8.02	0.32	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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