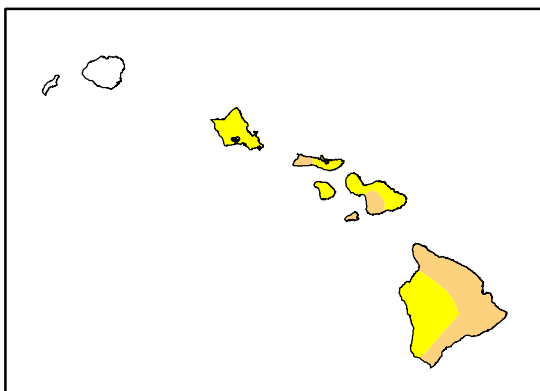
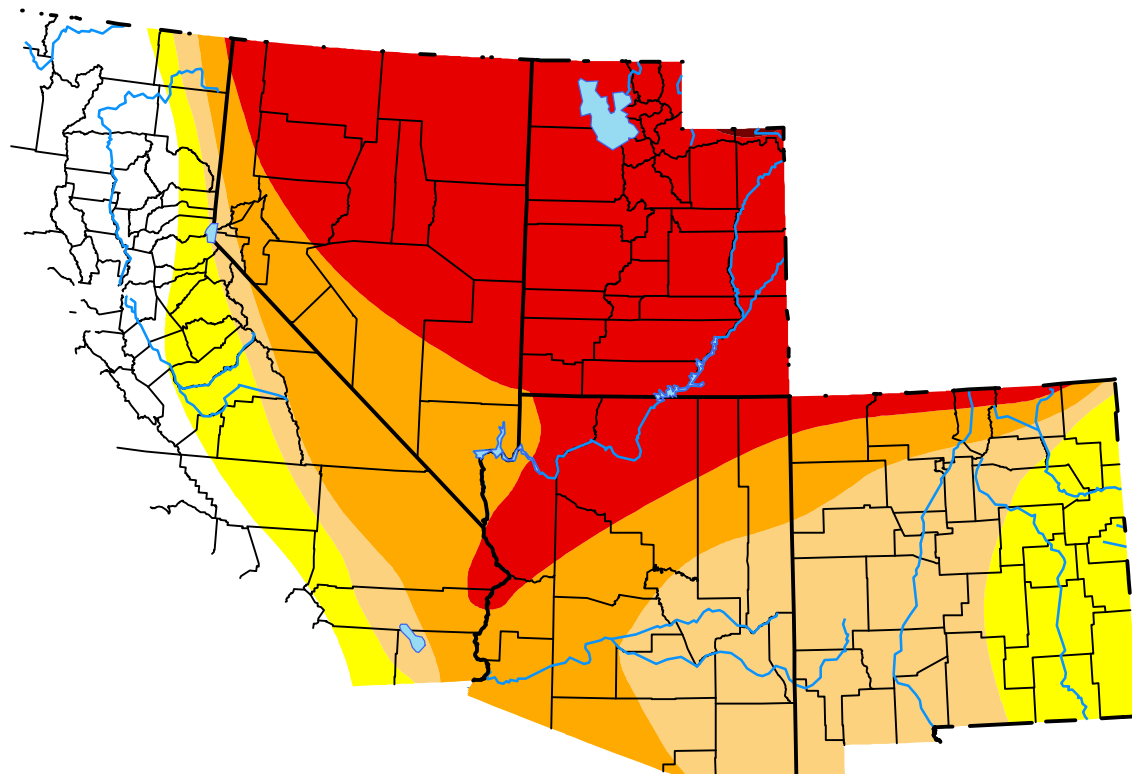


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.09	12.60	20.42	21.50	33.32	0.07
Last Week <i>03-06-2003</i>	17.49	8.07	19.43	20.40	34.59	0.02
3 Months Ago <i>12-12-2002</i>	2.17	16.37	19.83	39.99	19.27	2.37
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>03-14-2002</i>	15.38	16.67	58.95	9.00	0.00	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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