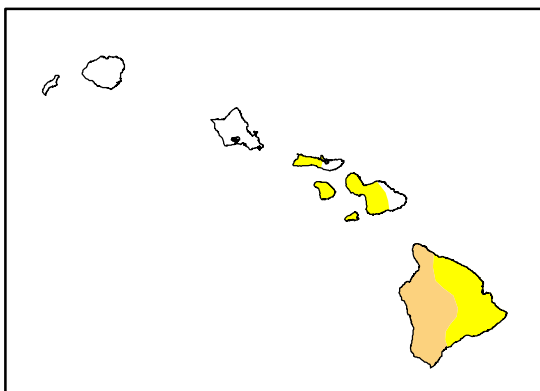
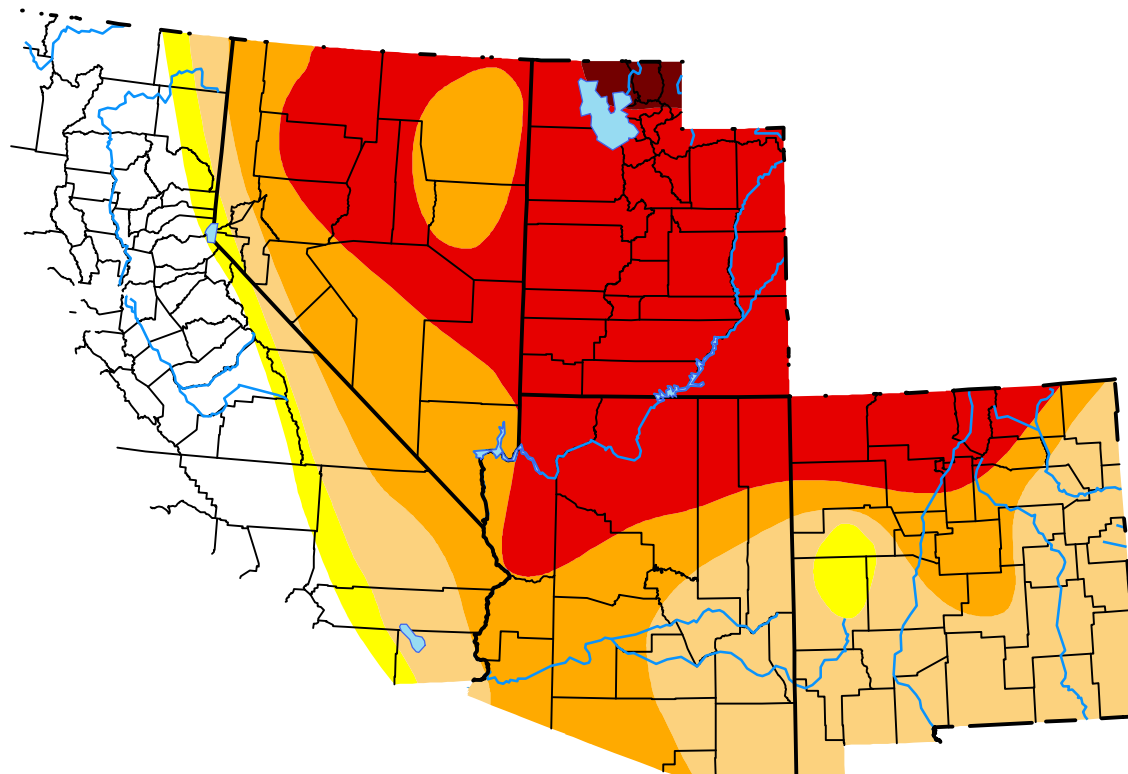


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.20	4.26	23.31	23.16	31.32	0.75
Last Week <i>05-08-2003</i>	15.84	4.49	26.06	24.21	29.40	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>02-13-2003</i>	12.85	10.17	15.48	17.65	41.42	2.43
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>05-16-2002</i>	15.84	11.80	14.13	24.23	34.00	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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