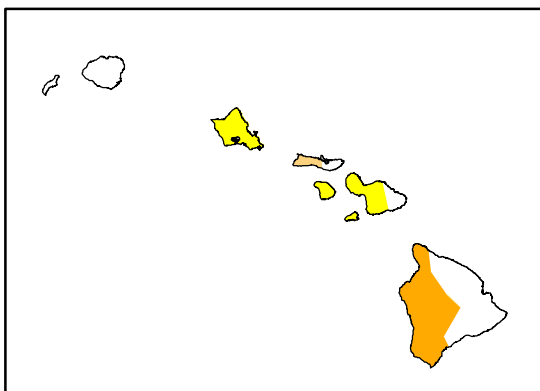
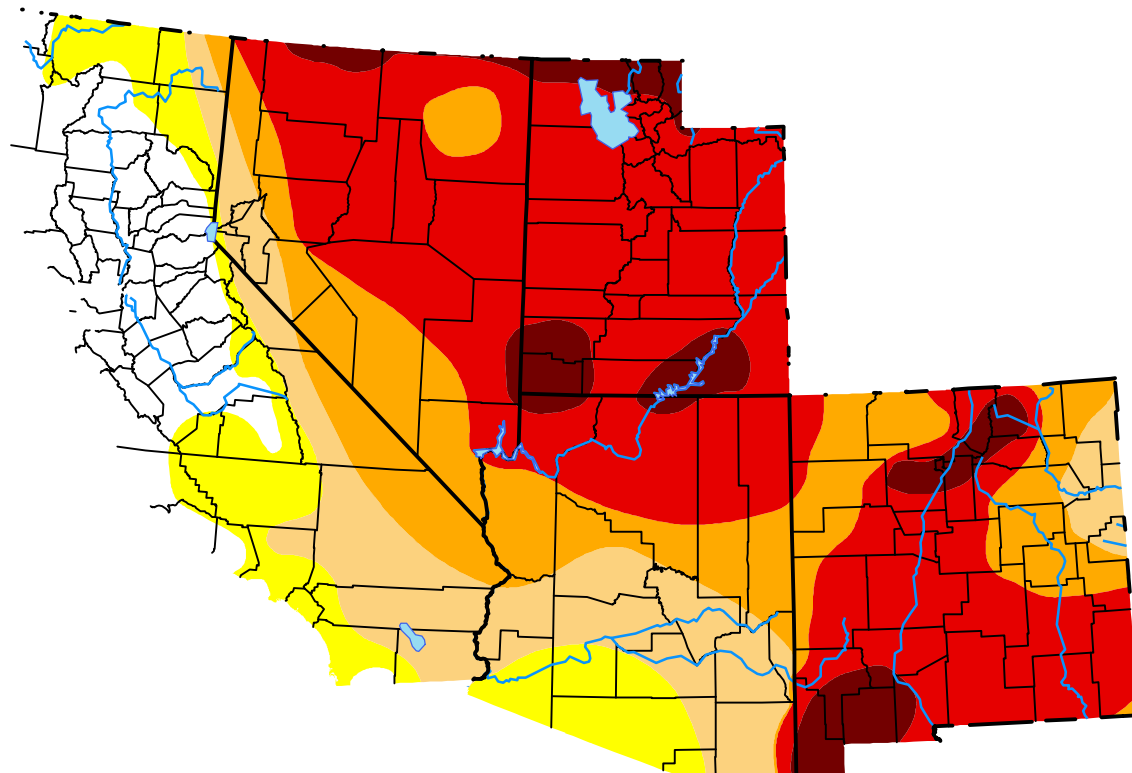


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.08	87.92	77.76	63.73	45.26	6.24
Last Week <i>11-26-2003</i>	12.68	87.32	77.95	64.22	45.16	5.84
3 Months Ago <i>09-04-2003</i>	17.76	82.24	81.09	69.64	41.74	3.80
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>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>12-05-2002</i>	2.54	97.46	76.40	45.72	21.46	2.13

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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