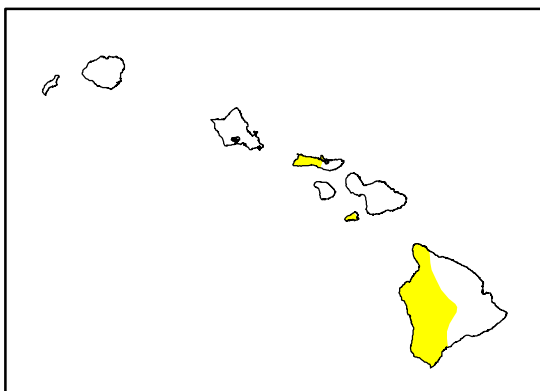
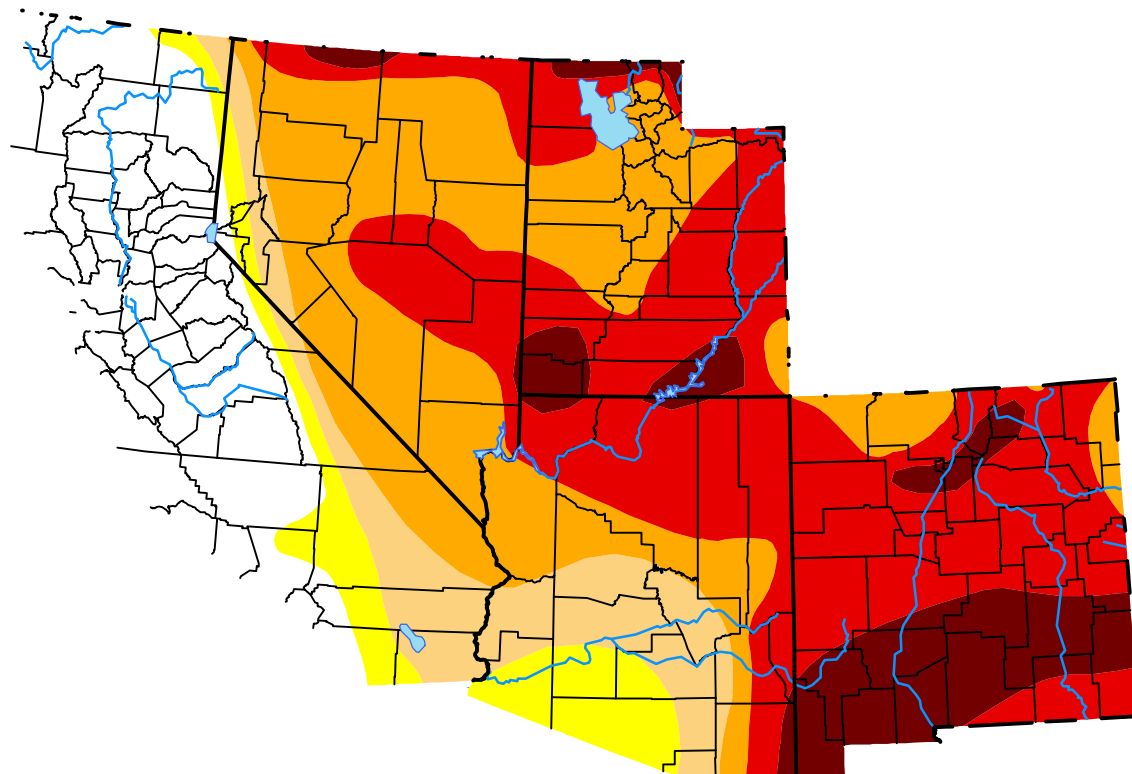


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	19.35	80.65	74.18	65.24	40.35	9.74
Last Week <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
3 Months Ago <i>10-09-2003</i>	18.17	81.83	77.82	67.16	43.05	3.27
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
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>01-09-2003</i>	17.25	82.75	74.84	58.00	26.75	2.42

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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