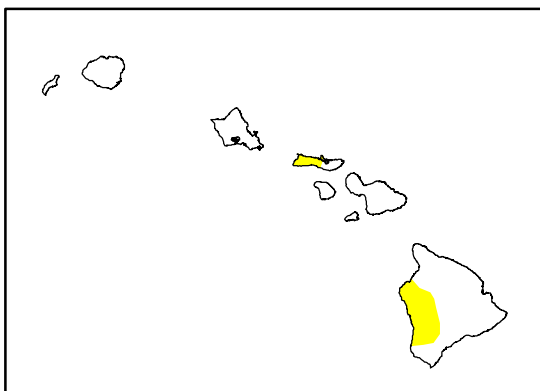
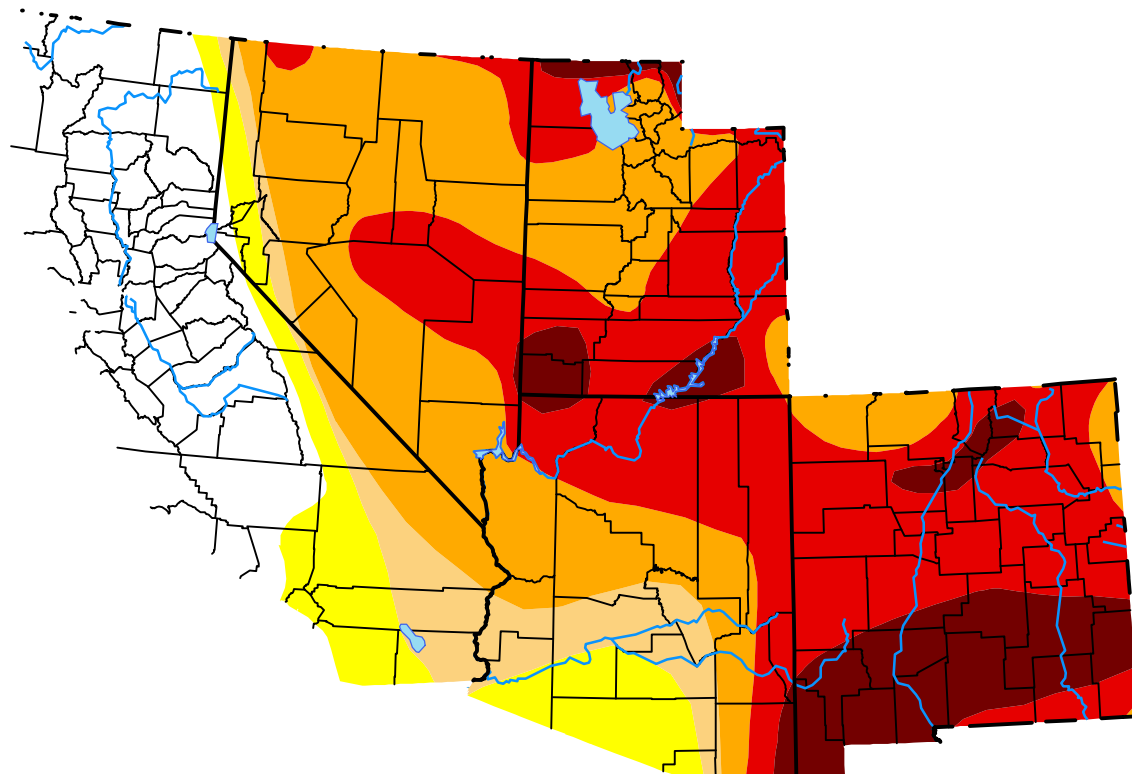


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	19.03	80.97	72.91	66.40	38.99	9.82
Last Week 02-12-2004	19.03	80.97	72.91	66.40	39.28	9.82
3 Months Ago 11-20-2003	12.30	87.70	78.35	64.53	44.99	5.71
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago 02-20-2003	16.58	83.42	76.00	59.51	41.14	1.44

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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