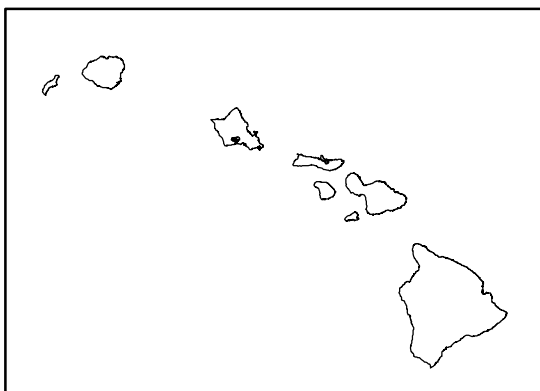
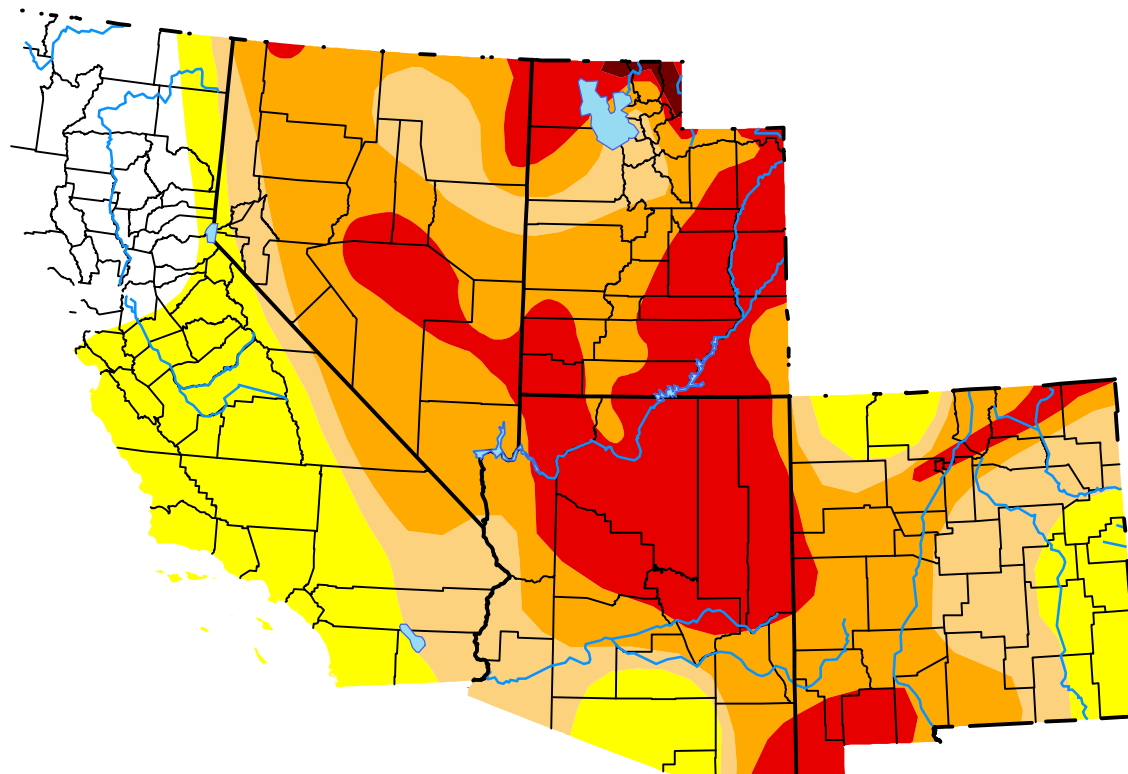


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.51	90.49	70.86	53.22	21.95	0.28
Last Week <i>04-08-2004</i>	17.87	82.13	69.41	54.39	22.80	0.33
3 Months Ago <i>01-15-2004</i>	18.05	81.95	75.76	67.16	40.43	9.48
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>04-17-2003</i>	15.75	84.25	74.73	51.65	31.76	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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