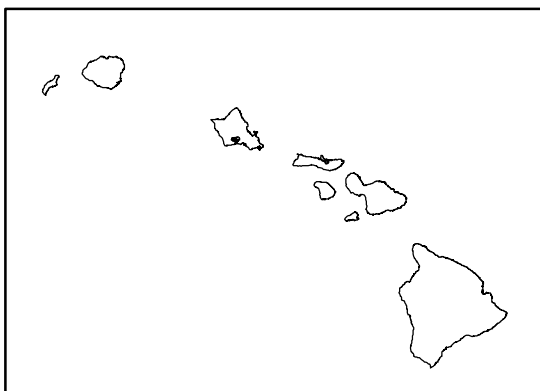
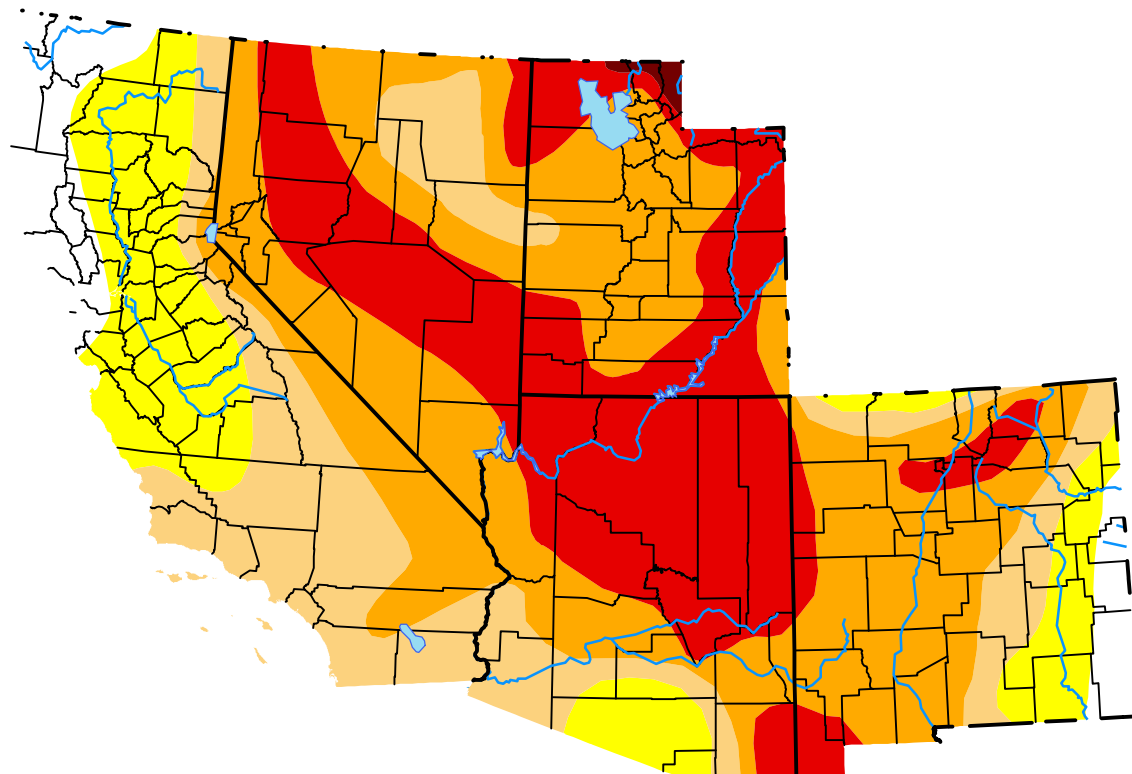


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.47	93.53	79.76	61.51	26.71	0.28
Last Week 07-22-2004	4.99	95.01	82.33	61.23	26.02	0.28
3 Months Ago 04-29-2004	9.09	90.91	70.87	54.16	21.95	0.28
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 07-31-2003	17.07	82.93	79.39	65.77	42.16	5.04

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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