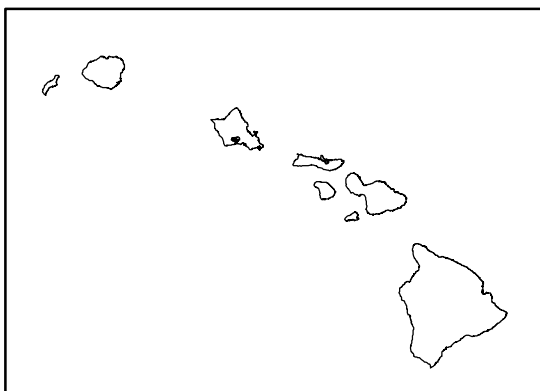
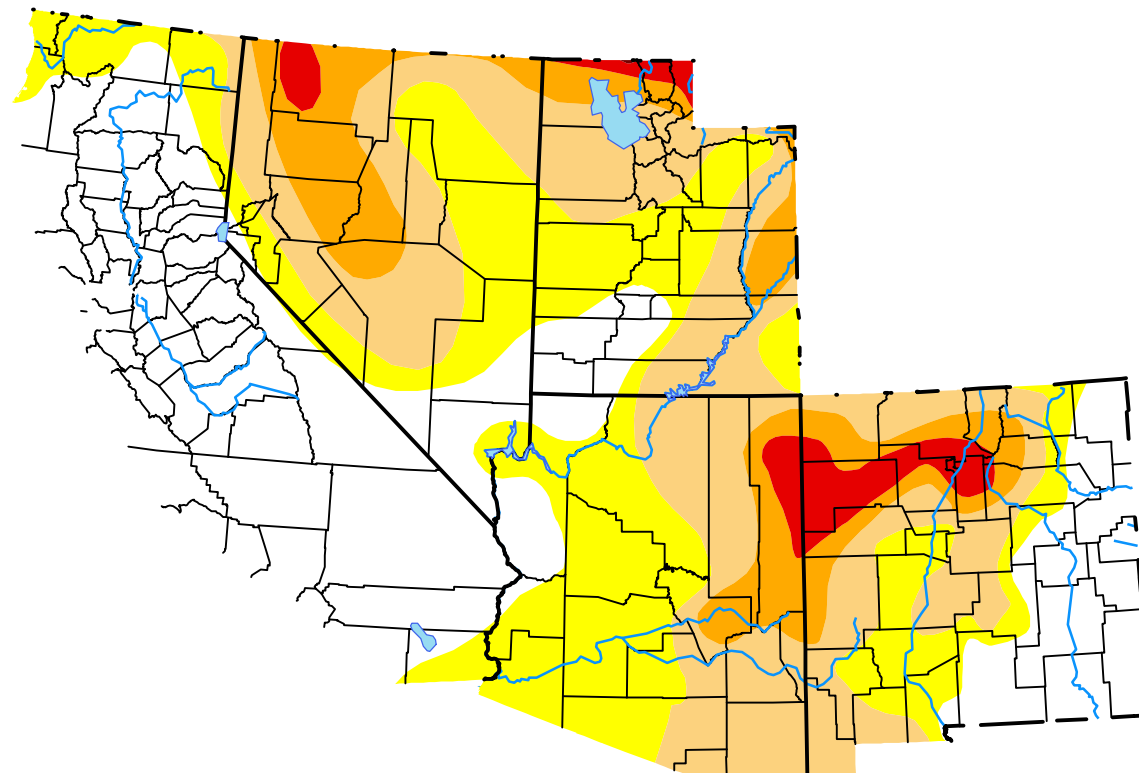


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.01	62.99	37.81	12.52	3.05	0.01
Last Week <i>02-10-2005</i>	35.55	64.45	48.89	18.65	4.27	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2004</i>	13.44	86.56	71.46	45.35	20.46	0.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago <i>02-19-2004</i>	19.03	80.97	72.91	66.40	38.99	9.82

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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