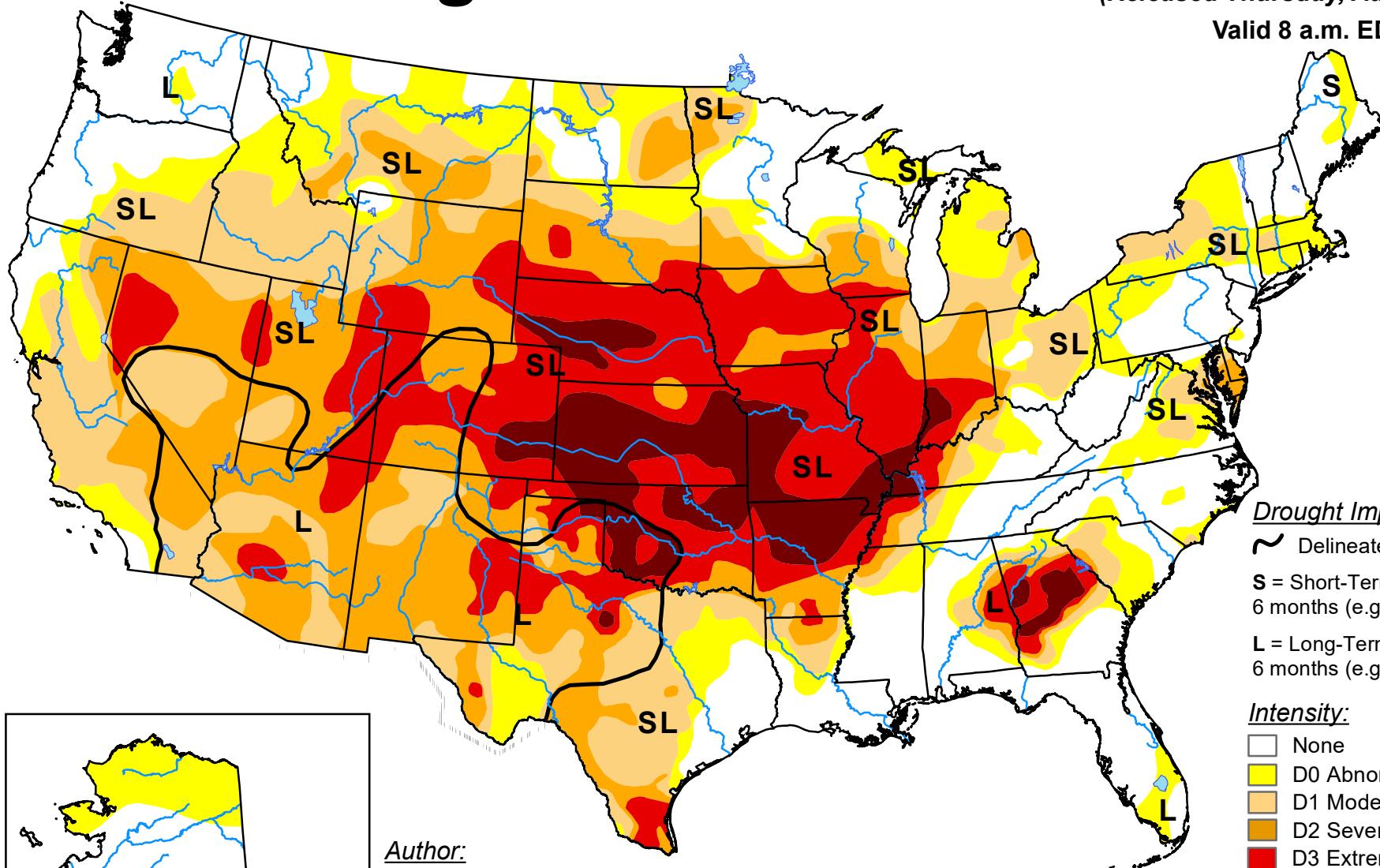


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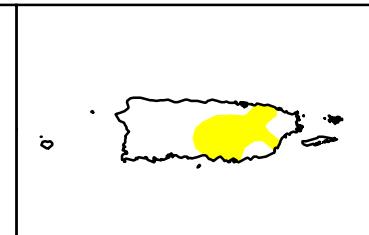
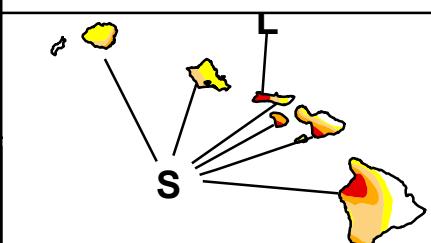
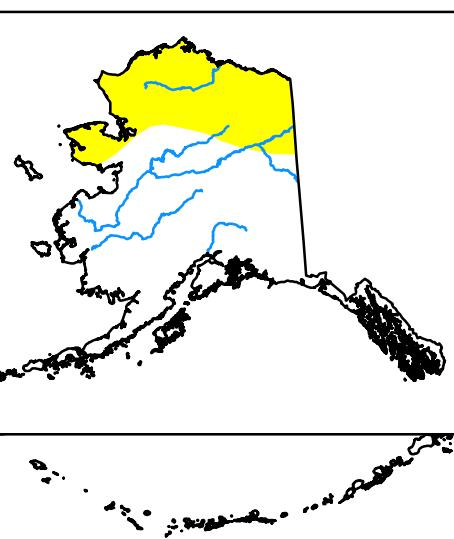
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Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- None
- Yellow = D0 Abnormally Dry
- Light Orange = D1 Moderate Drought
- Orange = D2 Severe Drought
- Red = D3 Extreme Drought
- Dark Red = D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>



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