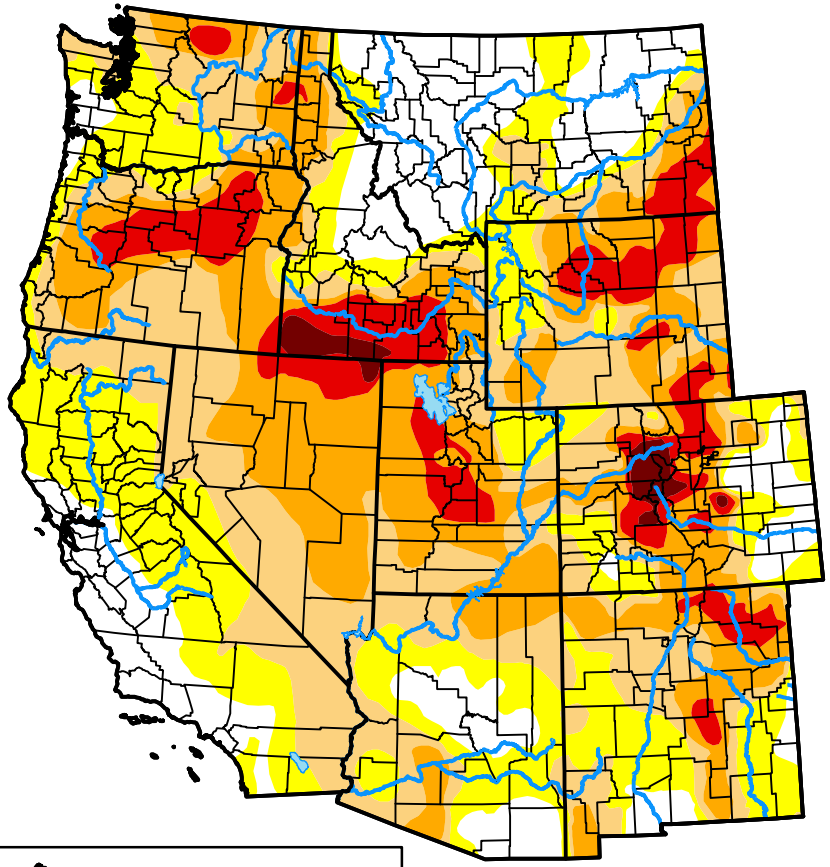
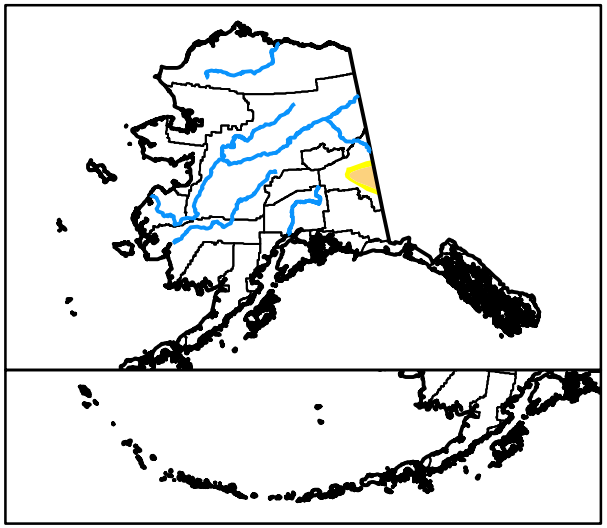
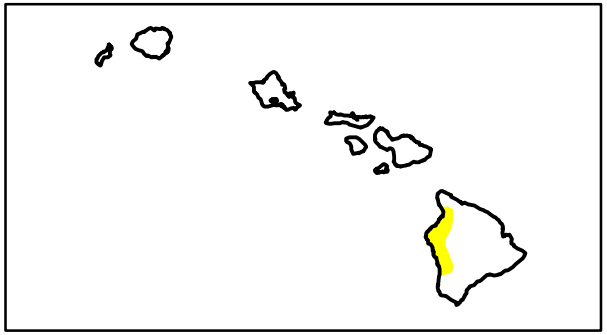
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West Climate Region







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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.24	16.08	17.96	15.18	5.83	0.71
Last Week *10-13-2026*	42.29	15.09	18.20	16.79	6.77	0.86
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	39.55	12.81	13.75	20.17	12.45	1.26
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	56.94	18.58	14.79	8.90	0.75	0.04
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	39.30	14.03	19.55	17.75	8.42	0.95
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	50.00	10.89	16.40	18.33	4.19	0.19

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- 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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