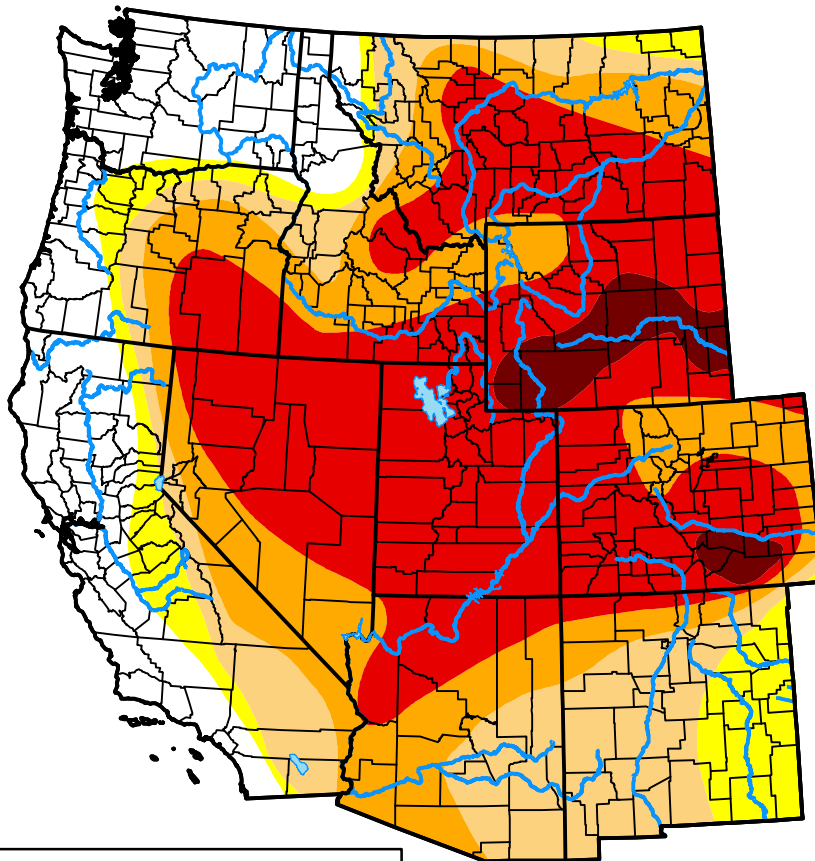


# U.S. Drought Monitor West Climate Region

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	31.78	68.22	50.79	40.27	26.44	2.33
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-11-2003</i>	36.48	63.52	50.87	41.34	26.66	2.35
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	38.44	61.56	52.97	43.20	19.56	1.98
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	41.46	58.54	51.03	42.03	19.71	1.96
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	36.59	63.41	51.96	39.97	23.65	4.17
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-19-2002</i>	40.64	59.36	40.81	15.80	5.34	0.00

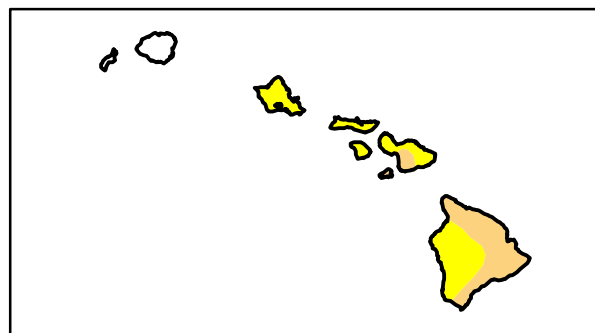
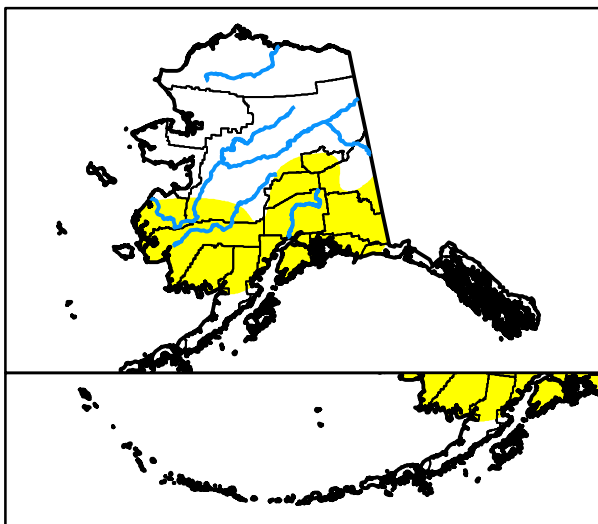
Intensity:

- 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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