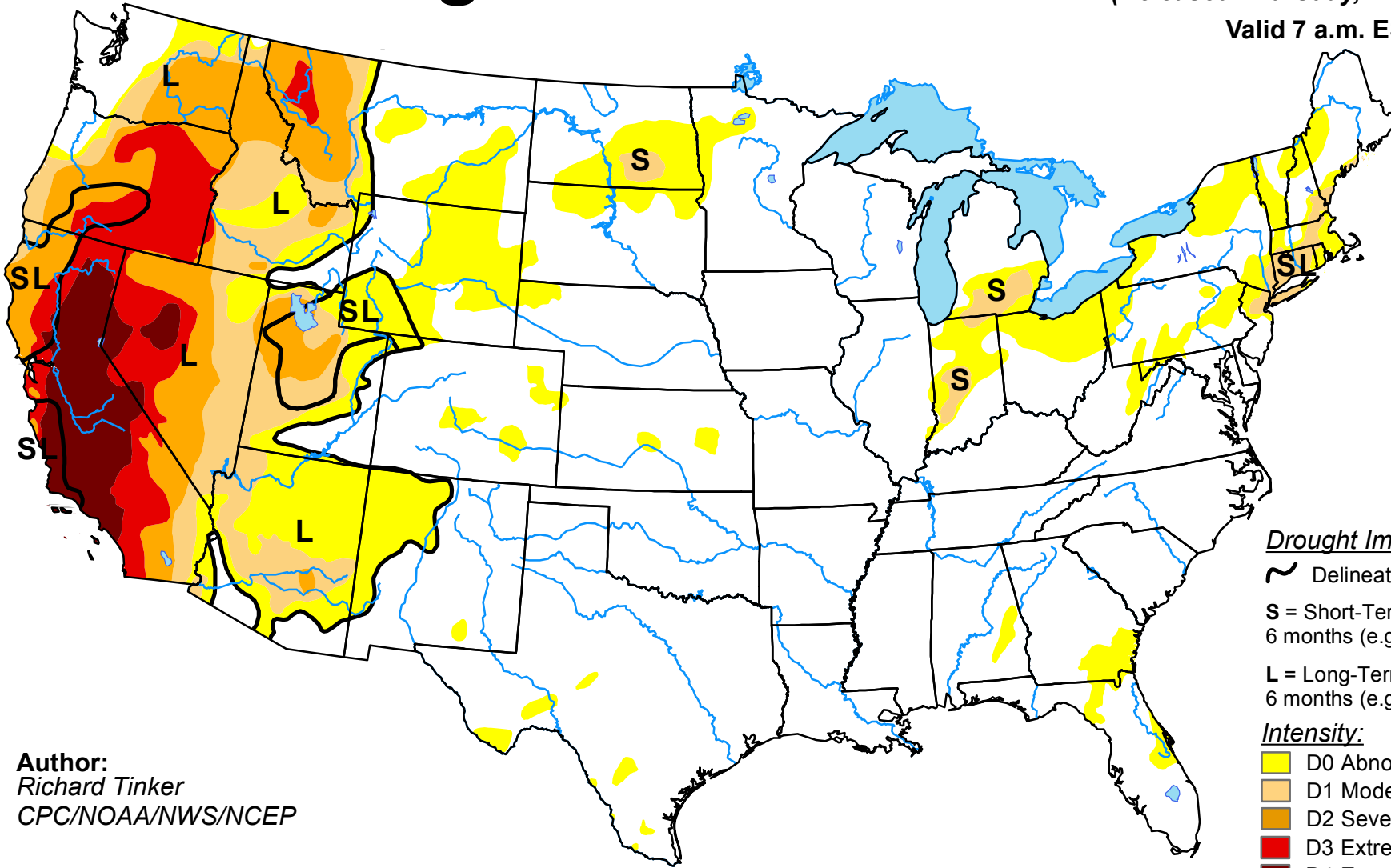


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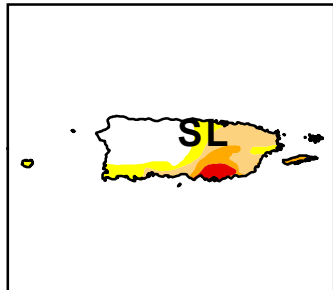
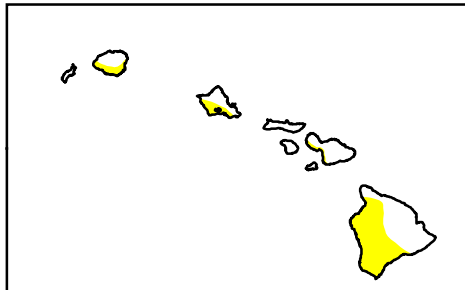
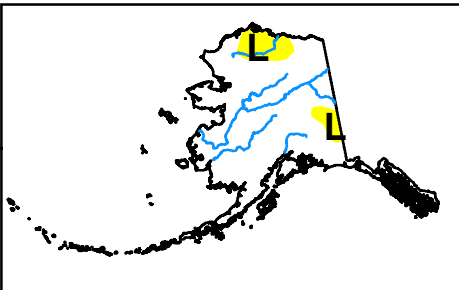
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- Drought Impact Types:**
- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
  - S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
  - L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)
- Intensity:**
- Yellow: D0 Abnormally 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*



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