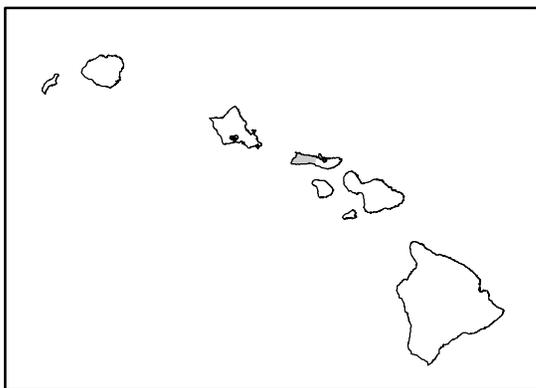
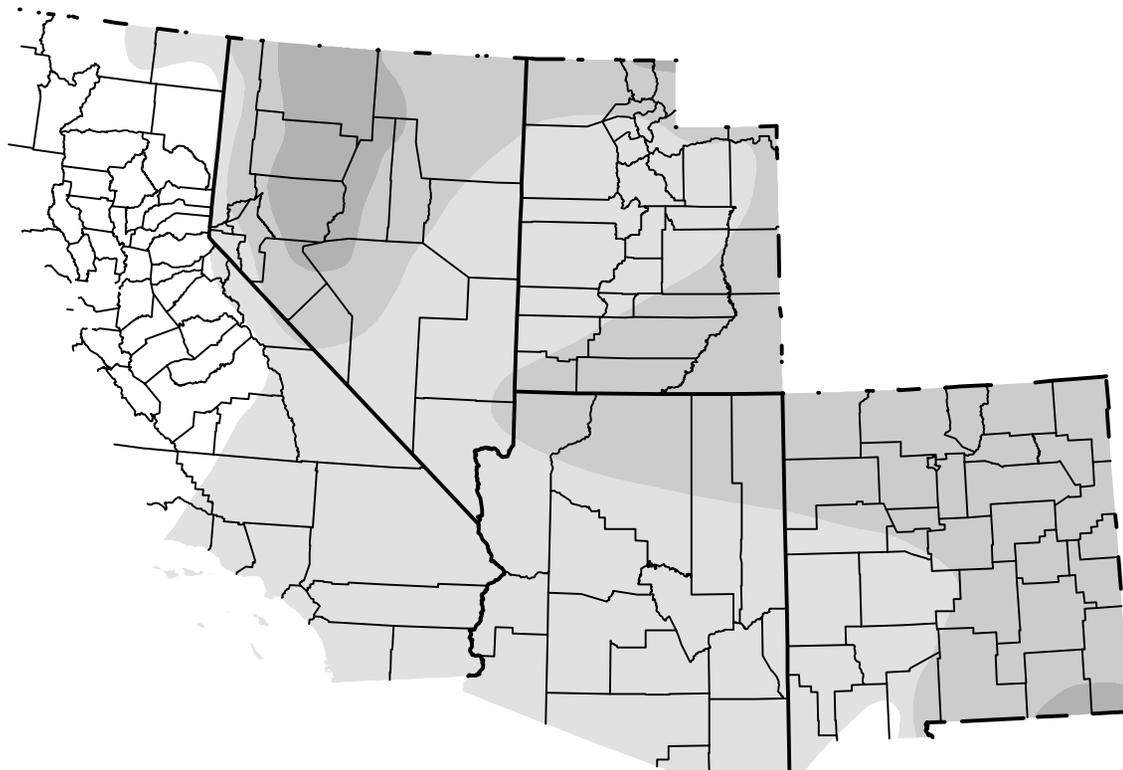


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.51	84.49	37.21	4.51	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>02-28-2002</i>	15.53	84.47	37.41	5.04	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-06-2001</i>	37.86	62.14	37.85	18.81	8.73	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	57.28	39.13	22.36	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-08-2001</i>	80.07	19.93	2.18	0.32	0.04	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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