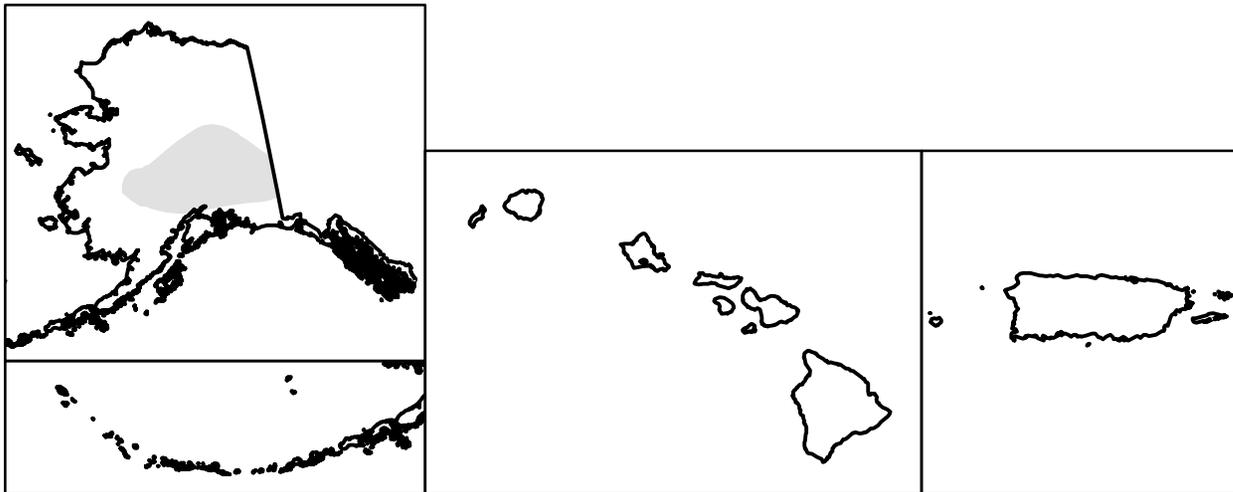
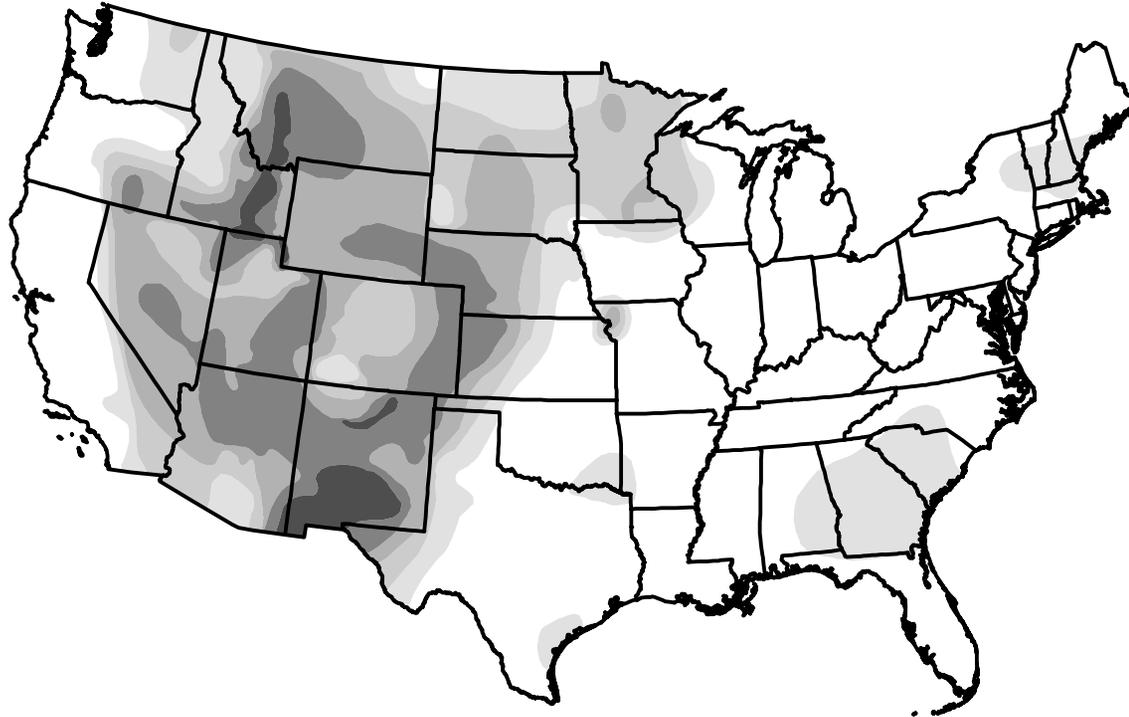


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.42	47.57	32.05	22.71	10.56	1.61
Last Week <i>03-16-2004</i>	55.58	44.40	31.50	22.61	10.31	1.61
3 Months Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	50.53	49.46	39.77	28.32	14.74	3.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	50.81	49.17	38.33	28.22	13.35	2.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
One Year Ago <i>03-25-2003</i>	44.40	55.59	40.11	25.75	14.29	1.02

Intensity:



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