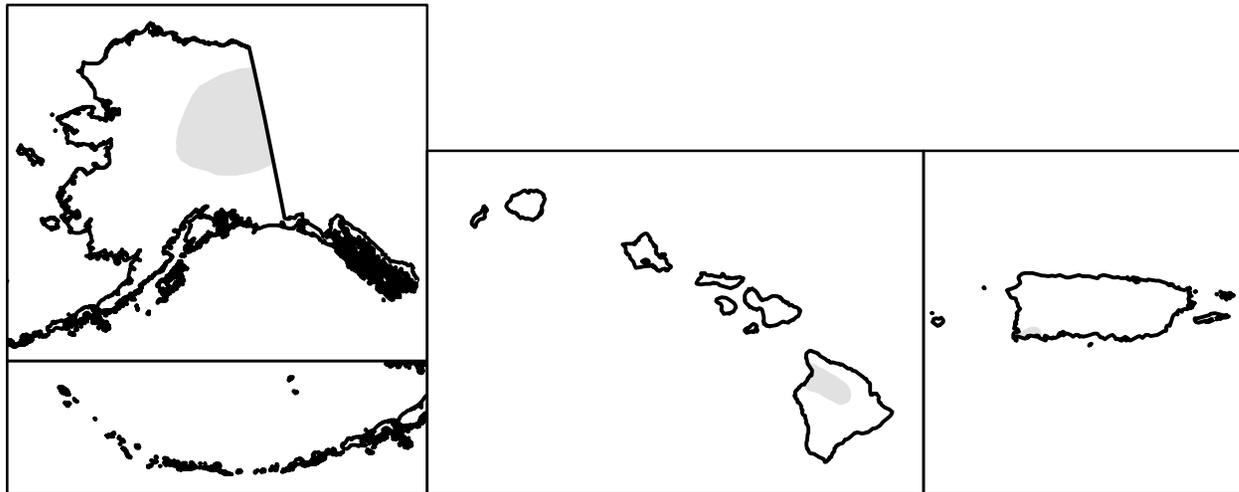
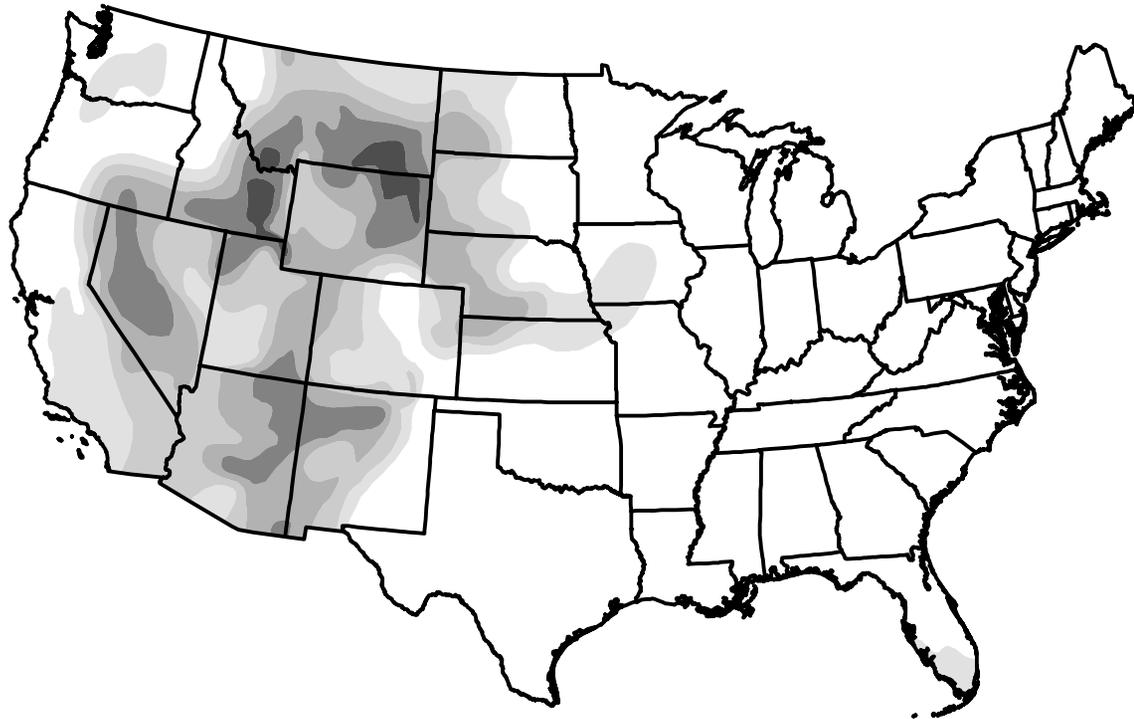


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.78	34.21	22.66	13.85	5.34	0.77
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	67.12	32.87	22.45	13.44	5.23	0.75
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	58.68	41.31	25.58	18.37	8.11	0.78
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>09-28-2004</i>	60.74	39.25	25.49	18.23	8.10	0.78
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2003</i>	50.53	49.46	39.77	28.32	14.74	3.11

Intensity:



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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