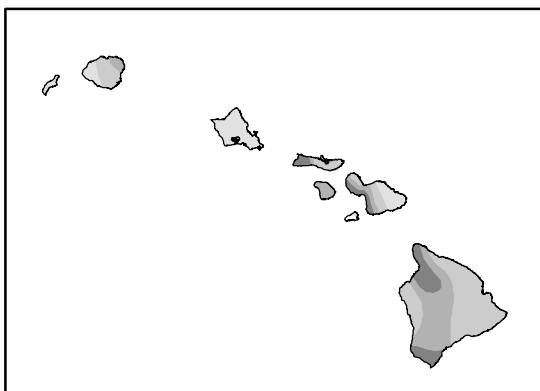
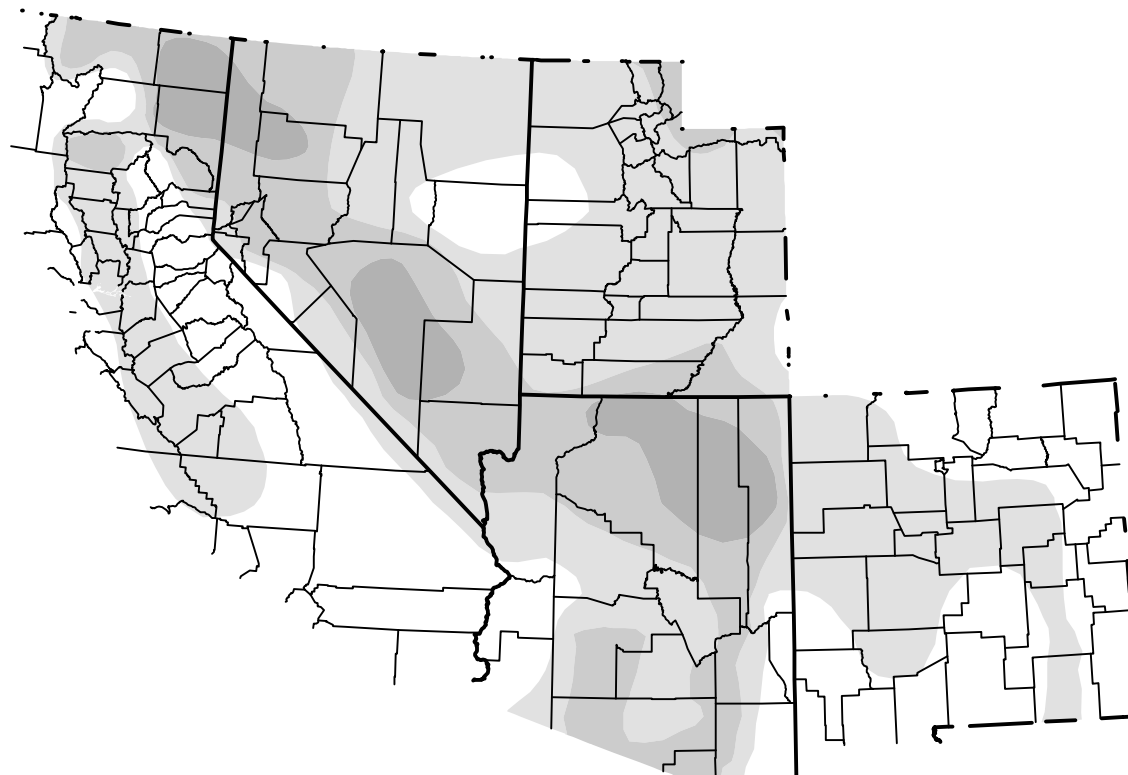


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	34.57	40.28	18.21	6.80	0.14	0.00
Last Week <i>02-18-2010</i>	34.21	40.29	18.58	6.78	0.14	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-25-2009</i>	23.57	23.36	30.54	21.44	1.09	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	24.80	33.69	18.12	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	31.53	24.04	14.04	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-26-2009</i>	35.17	30.33	16.93	13.60	3.97	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 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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