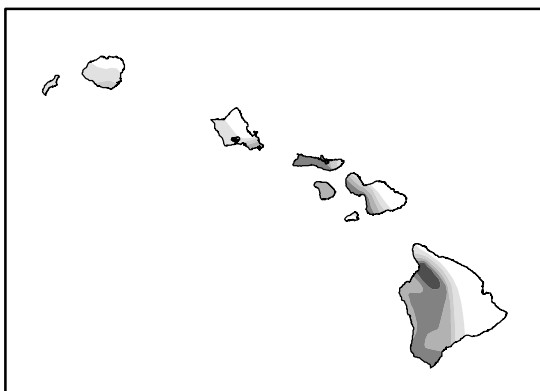
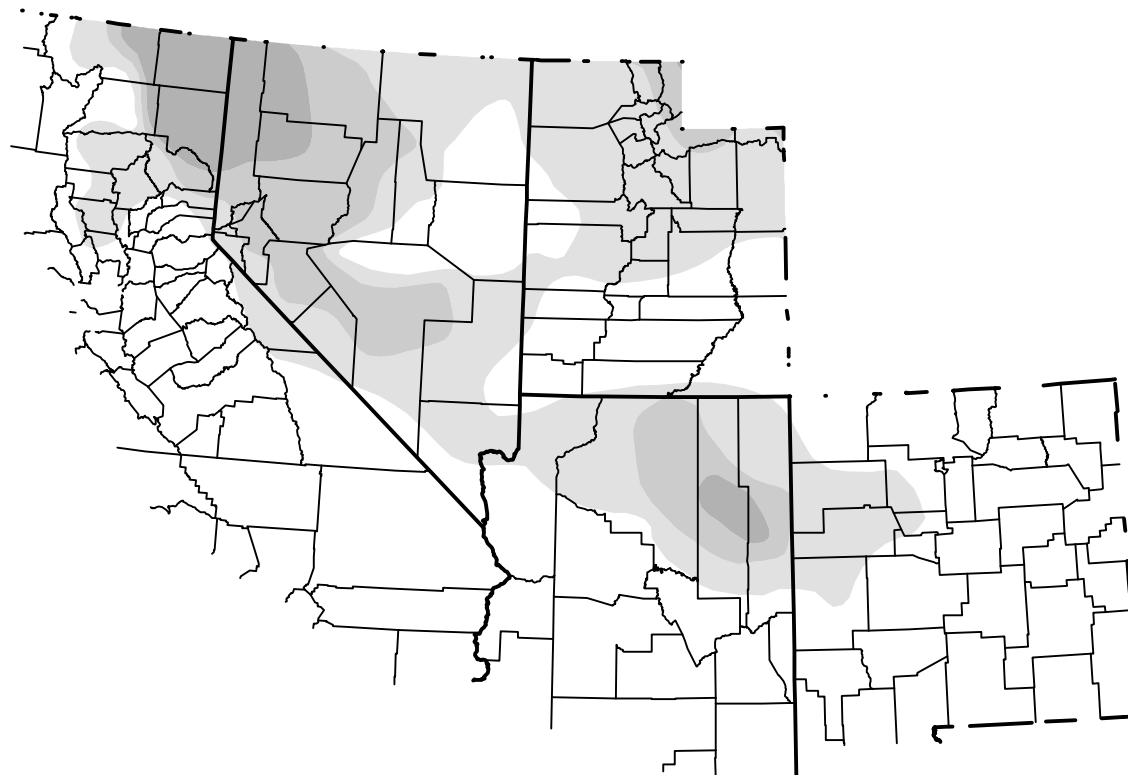


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.58	37.42	13.43	4.50	0.27	0.03
Last Week <i>05-13-2010</i>	53.64	46.36	13.57	4.53	0.27	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>02-18-2010</i>	34.21	65.79	25.50	6.92	0.14	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2009</i>	22.37	77.63	52.83	19.14	1.03	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	30.31	69.69	38.16	14.12	0.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-21-2009</i>	20.40	79.60	45.00	16.53	0.00	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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