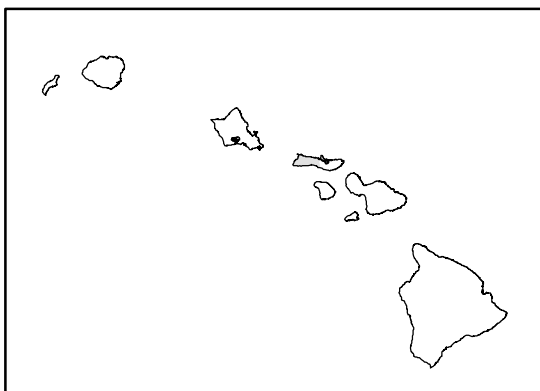
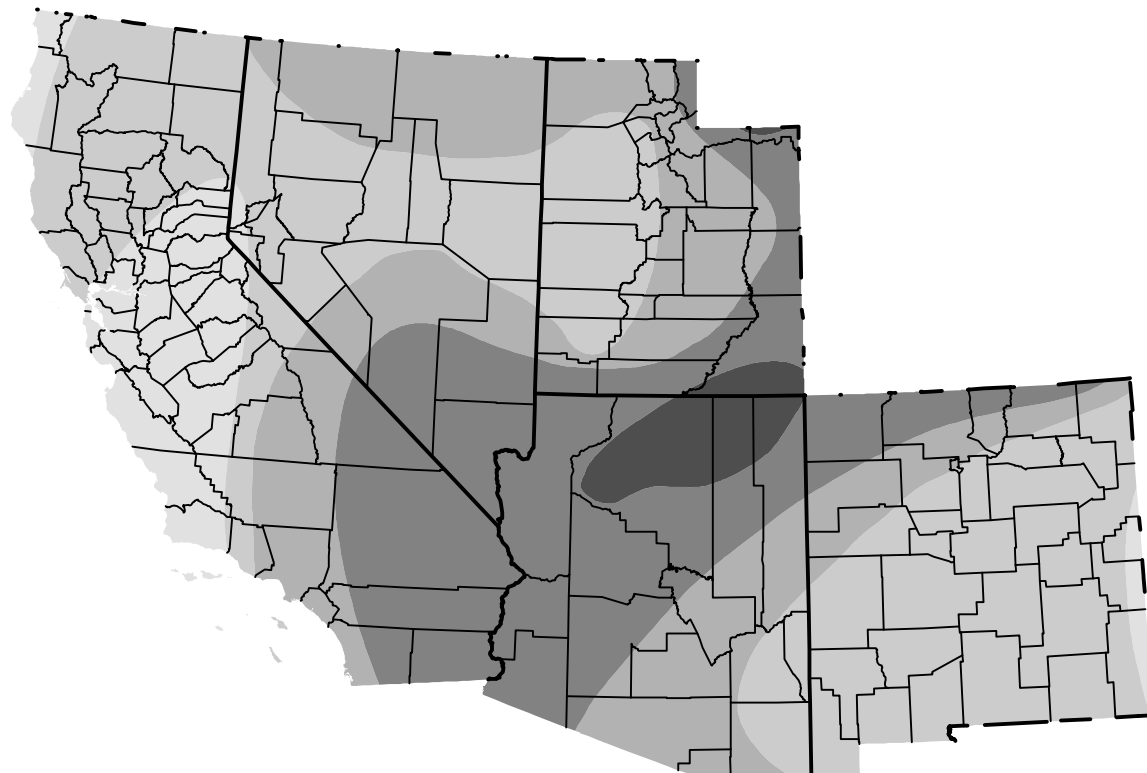


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.04	98.96	90.88	53.51	28.64	3.21
Last Week <i>10-24-2002</i>	1.04	98.96	91.33	54.84	28.83	3.09
3 Months Ago <i>08-01-2002</i>	2.33	97.67	87.08	65.41	39.26	11.98
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>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>11-01-2001</i>	37.12	62.88	42.72	22.55	12.99	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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