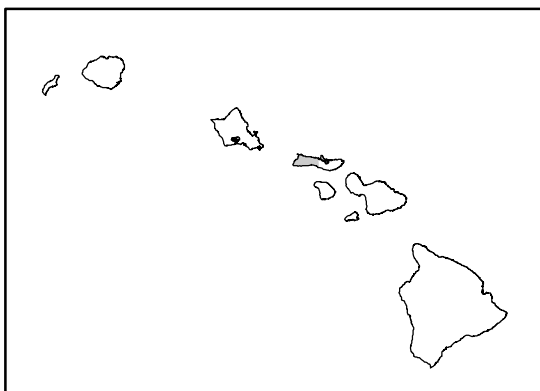
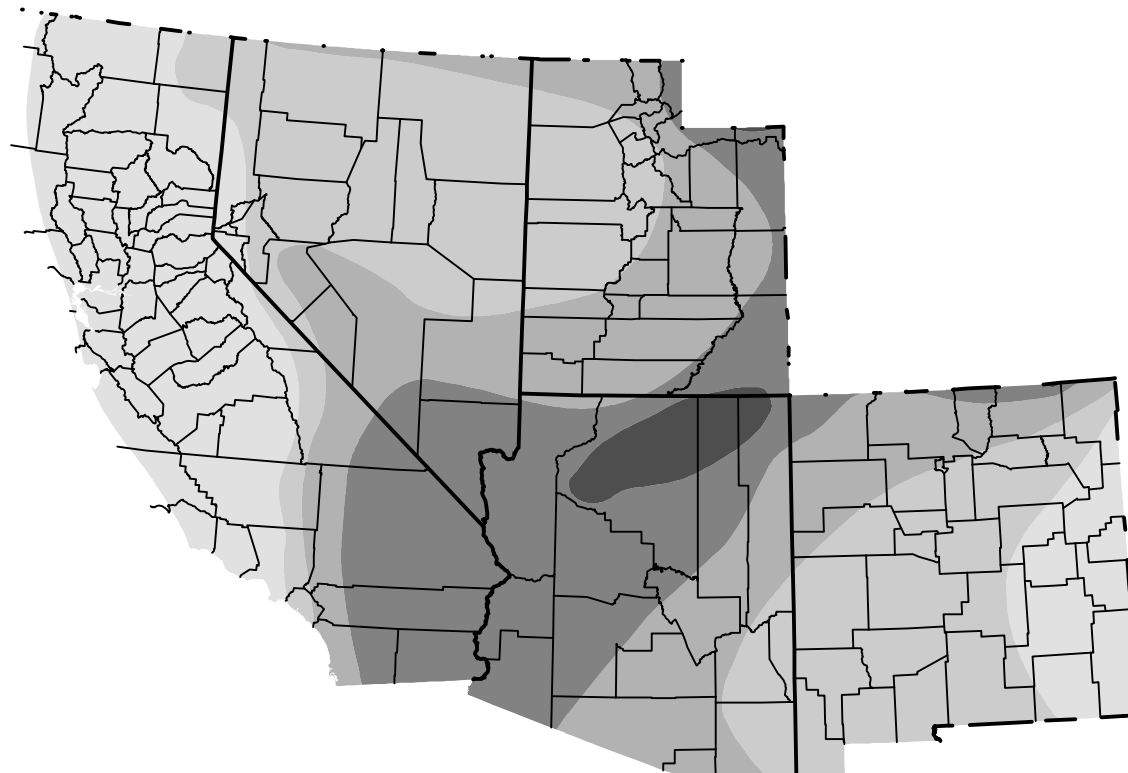


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.44	21.11	30.57	23.41	20.27	2.20
Last Week <i>11-07-2002</i>	1.04	8.78	31.17	30.58	25.32	3.11
3 Months Ago <i>08-15-2002</i>	2.33	11.20	24.82	23.86	27.98	9.82
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>11-15-2001</i>	31.82	23.27	20.85	10.40	13.67	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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