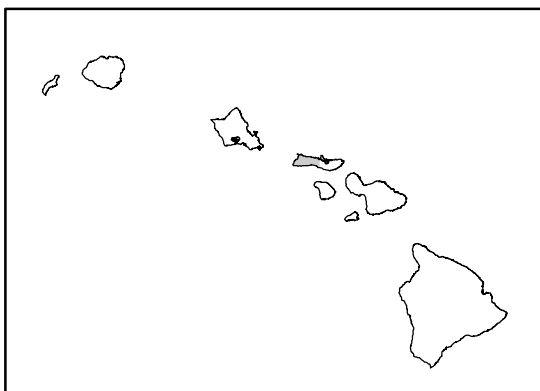
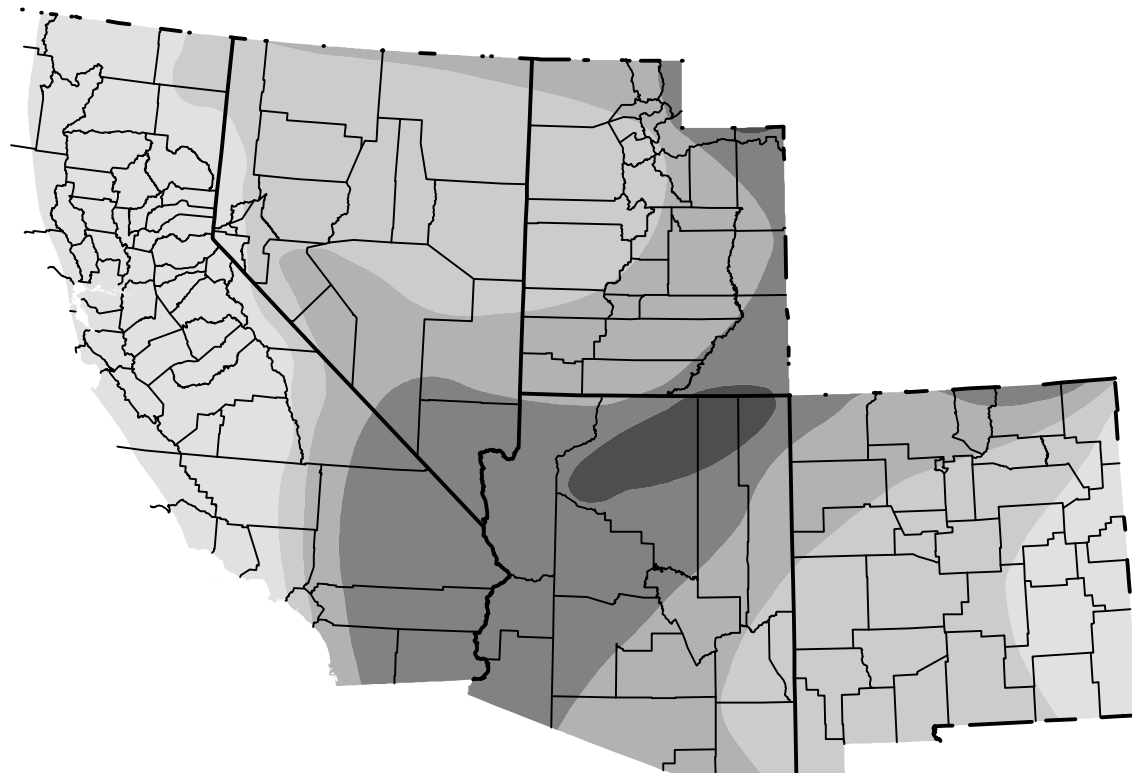


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.51	20.75	30.97	23.10	20.37	2.30
Last Week <i>11-14-2002</i>	2.44	21.11	30.57	23.41	20.27	2.20
3 Months Ago <i>08-22-2002</i>	2.33	12.18	23.95	24.43	27.31	9.79
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>11-21-2001</i>	32.30	23.23	21.63	9.34	13.49	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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