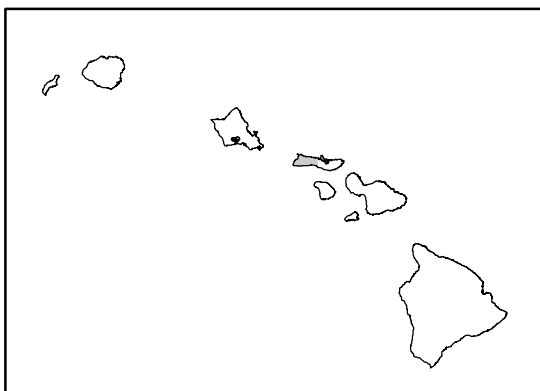
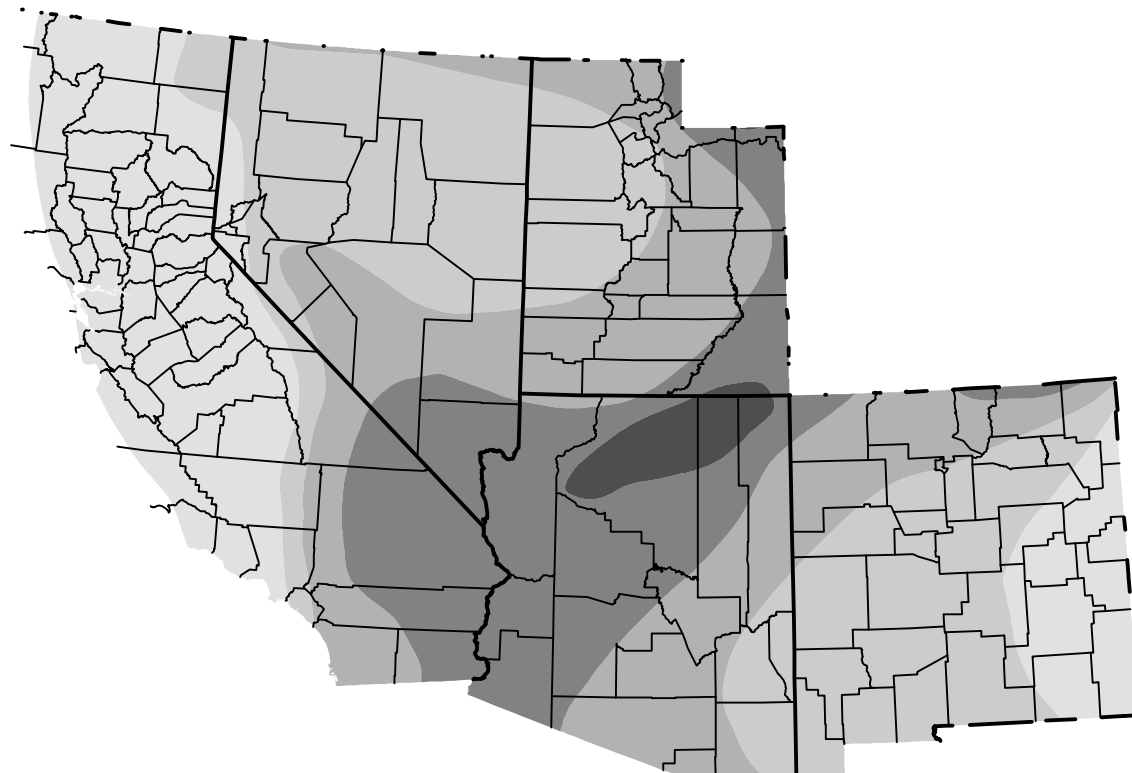


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.54	21.06	30.68	24.25	19.33	2.13
Last Week <i>11-27-2002</i>	2.35	20.76	31.15	23.00	20.51	2.22
3 Months Ago <i>09-05-2002</i>	2.41	12.02	19.39	28.13	28.32	9.73
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>12-06-2001</i>	37.86	24.28	19.04	10.08	8.73	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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