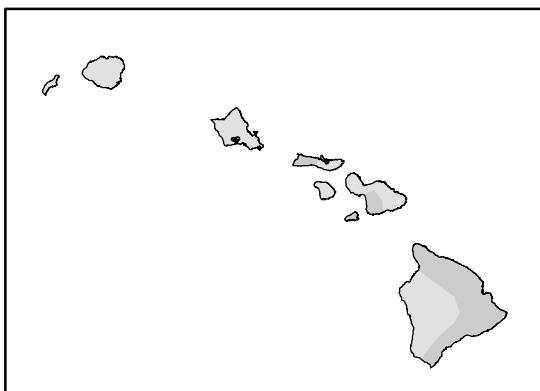
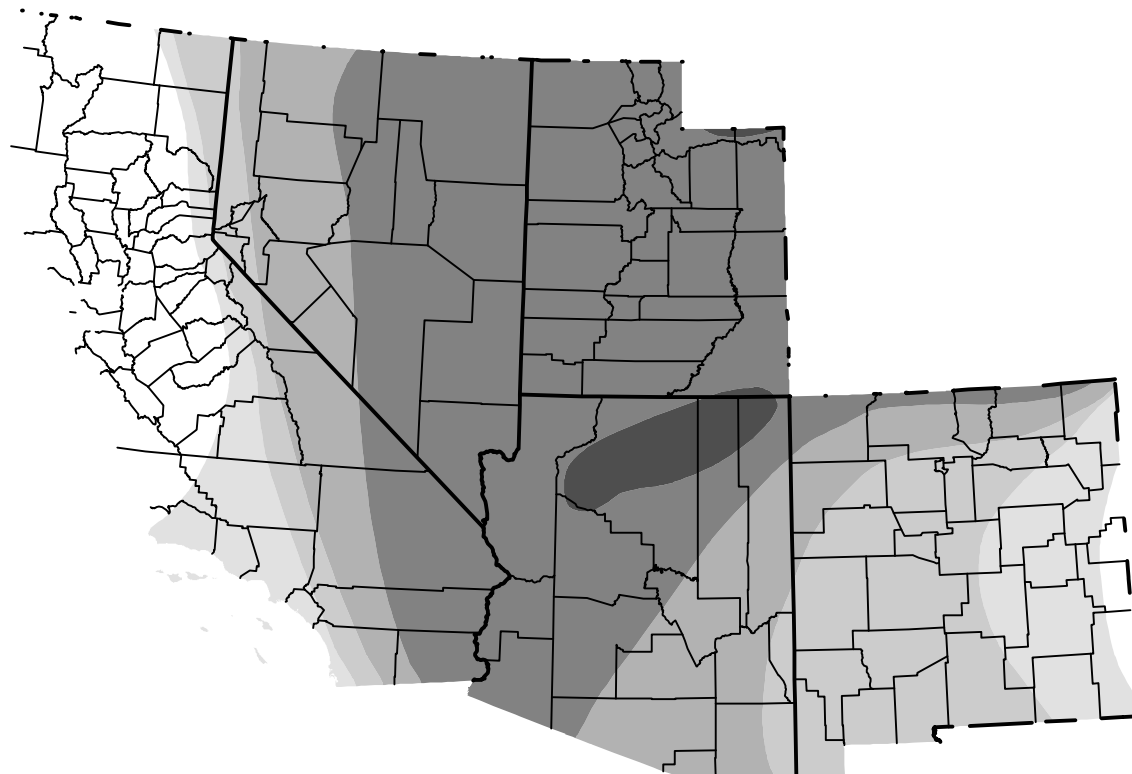


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.85	87.15	76.98	61.50	43.85	2.43
Last Week <i>02-06-2003</i>	13.40	86.60	74.47	58.56	42.98	2.45
3 Months Ago <i>11-14-2002</i>	2.44	97.56	76.45	45.88	22.47	2.20
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
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>02-14-2002</i>	18.67	81.33	34.67	5.37	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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