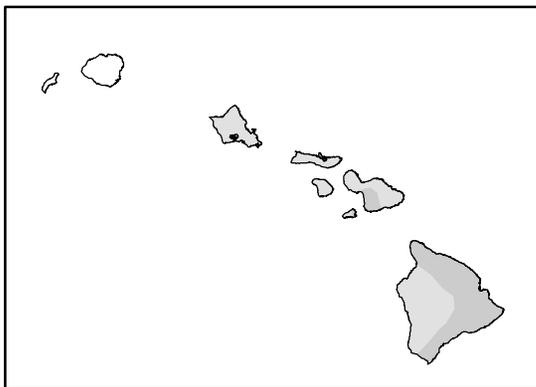
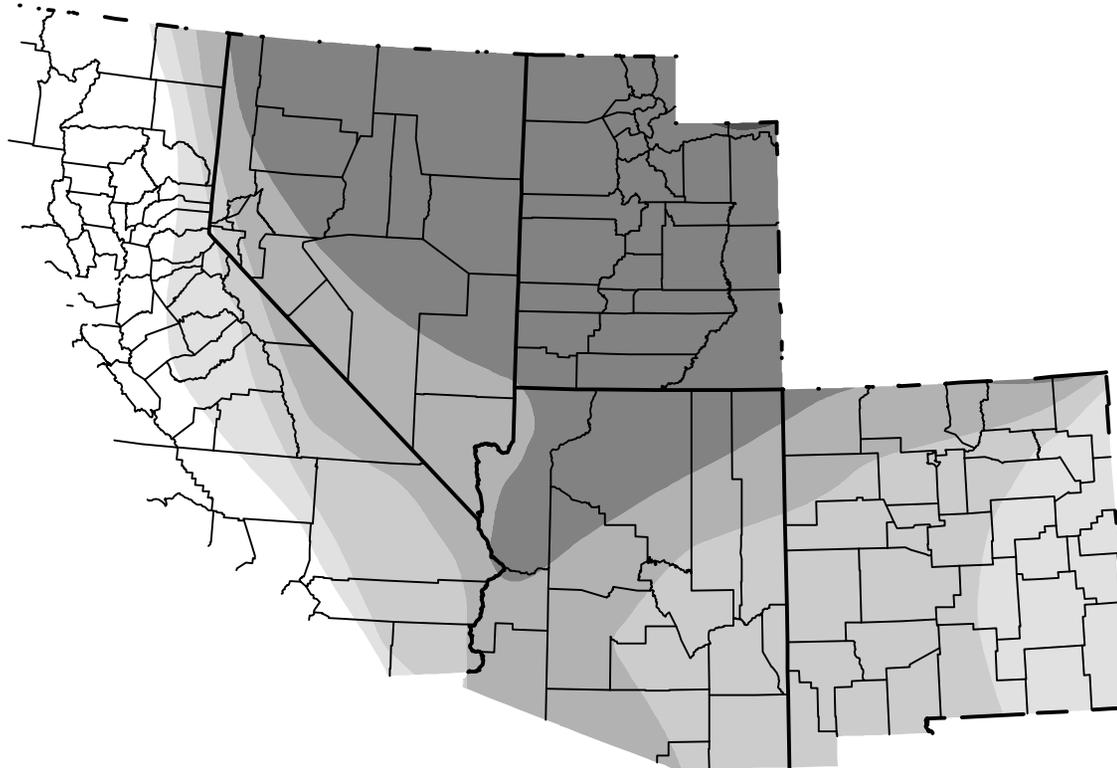


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.87	11.10	22.79	19.98	32.20	0.06
Last Week <i>03-20-2003</i>	13.78	11.01	23.16	19.15	32.87	0.03
3 Months Ago <i>12-26-2002</i>	17.09	7.18	15.99	37.74	19.62	2.37
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
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>03-28-2002</i>	15.82	23.26	39.22	21.69	0.00	0.00

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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