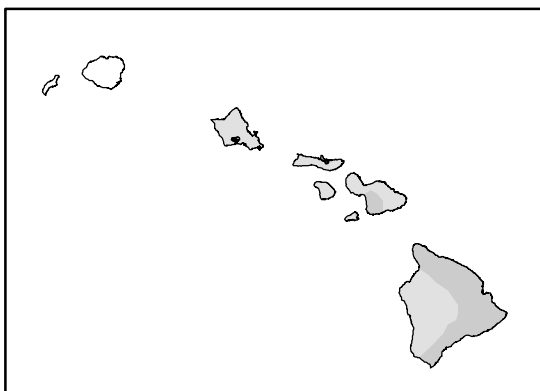
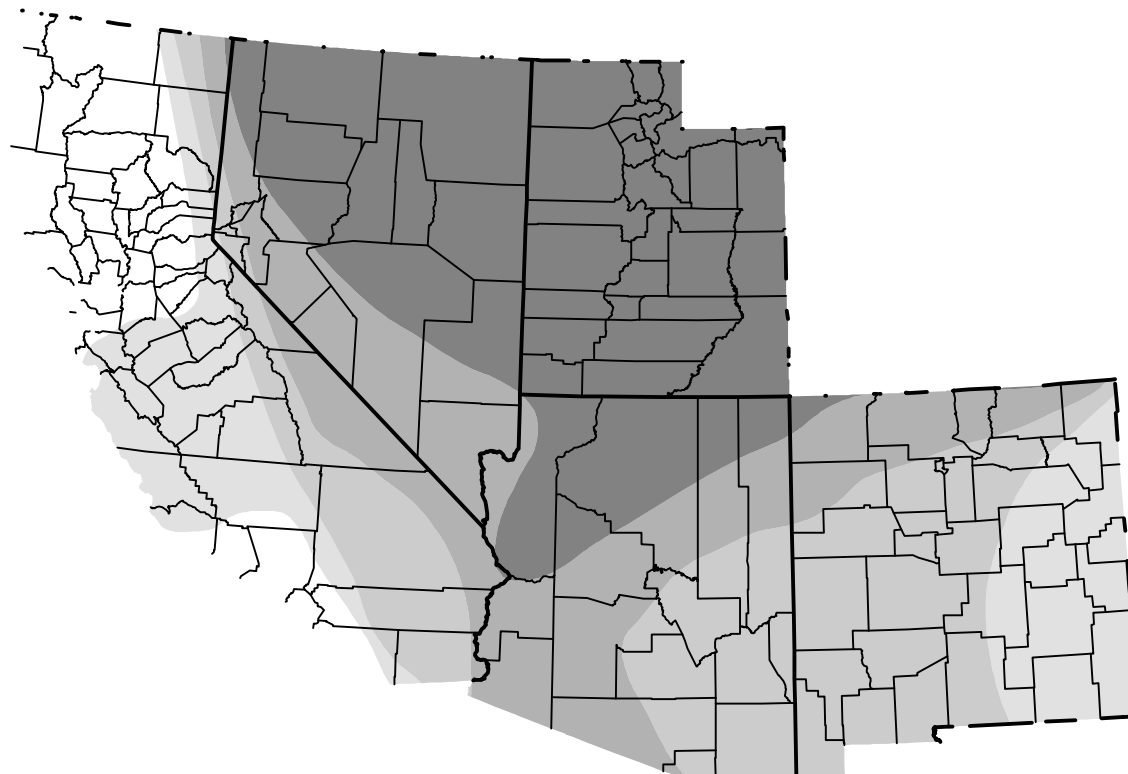


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.63	14.30	22.83	19.57	32.67	0.00
Last Week <i>03-27-2003</i>	13.87	11.10	22.79	19.98	32.20	0.06
3 Months Ago <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	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>04-04-2002</i>	15.97	22.82	25.42	35.79	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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