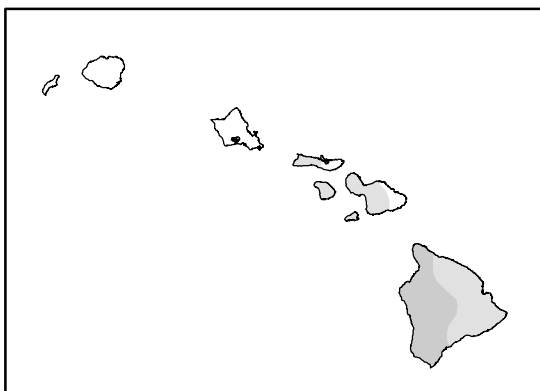
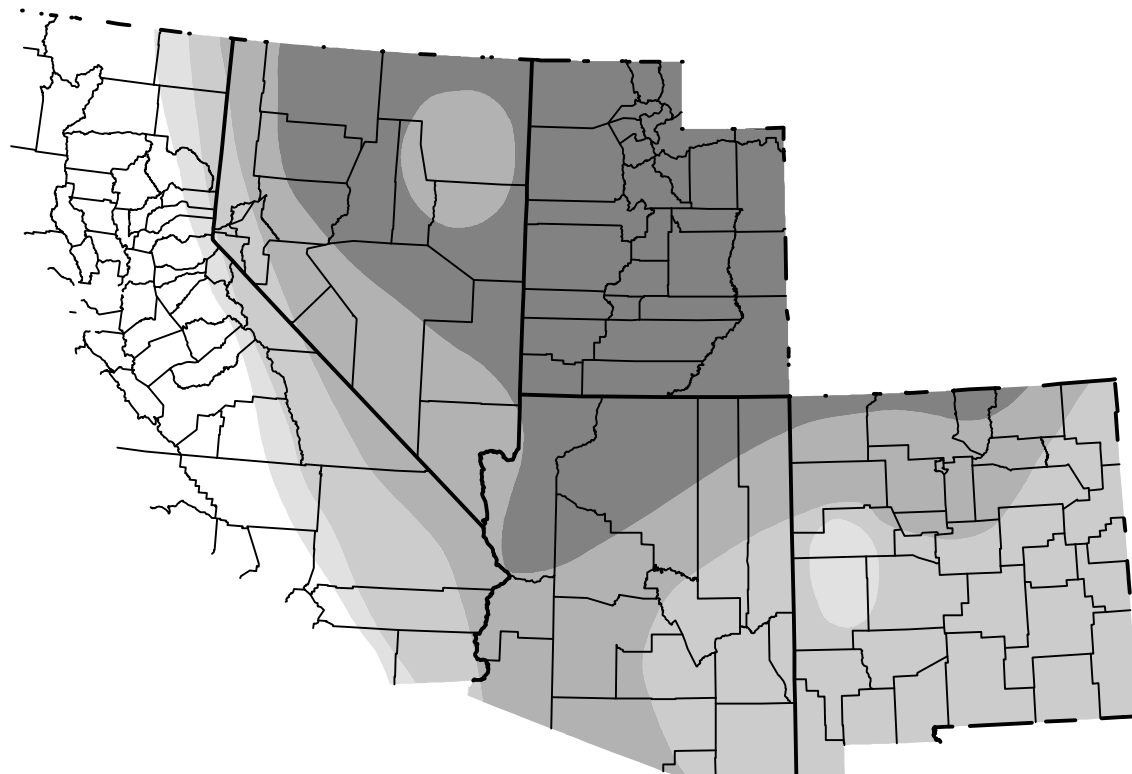


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.84	84.16	79.67	53.62	29.41	0.01
Last Week <i>05-01-2003</i>	16.02	83.98	77.32	53.15	29.15	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-06-2003</i>	13.40	86.60	74.47	58.56	42.98	2.45
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>05-09-2002</i>	16.05	83.95	71.71	57.01	15.67	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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