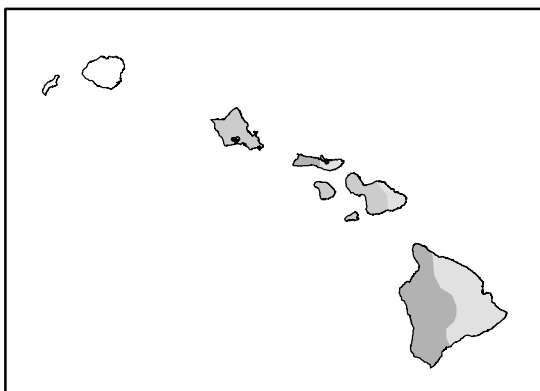
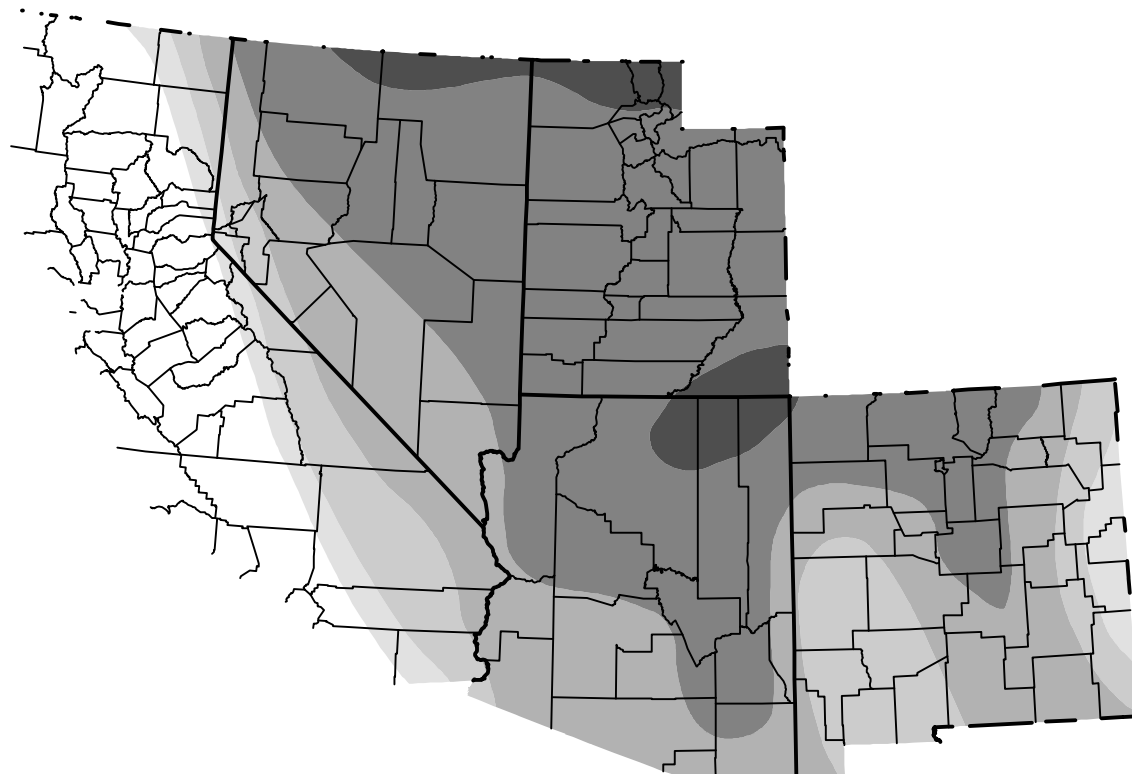


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.82	83.18	78.59	66.72	43.05	4.07
Last Week 07-17-2003	16.60	83.40	78.12	66.76	41.74	2.20
3 Months Ago 04-24-2003	16.11	83.89	74.98	51.14	31.89	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year 10-03-2002	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago 07-25-2002	2.51	97.49	87.07	65.15	52.07	16.21

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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