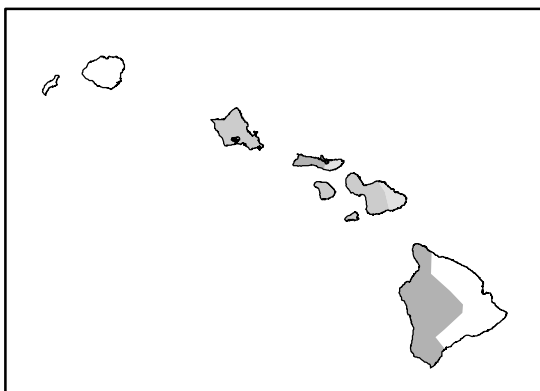
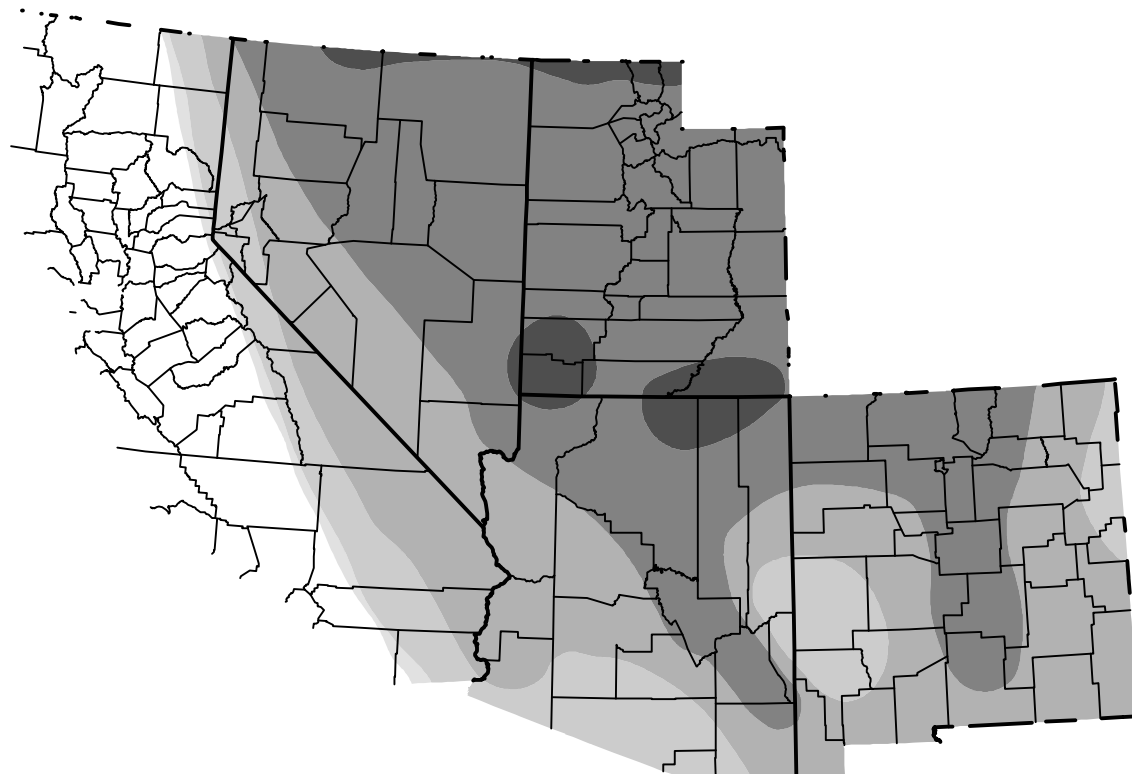


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.76	82.24	81.09	69.64	41.74	3.80
Last Week <i>08-28-2003</i>	18.16	81.84	79.23	69.57	41.94	4.48
3 Months Ago <i>06-05-2003</i>	16.83	83.17	79.30	63.46	33.55	0.77
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>09-05-2002</i>	2.41	97.59	85.57	66.18	38.05	9.73

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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