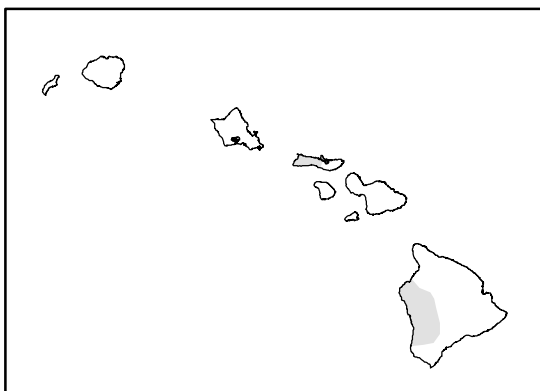
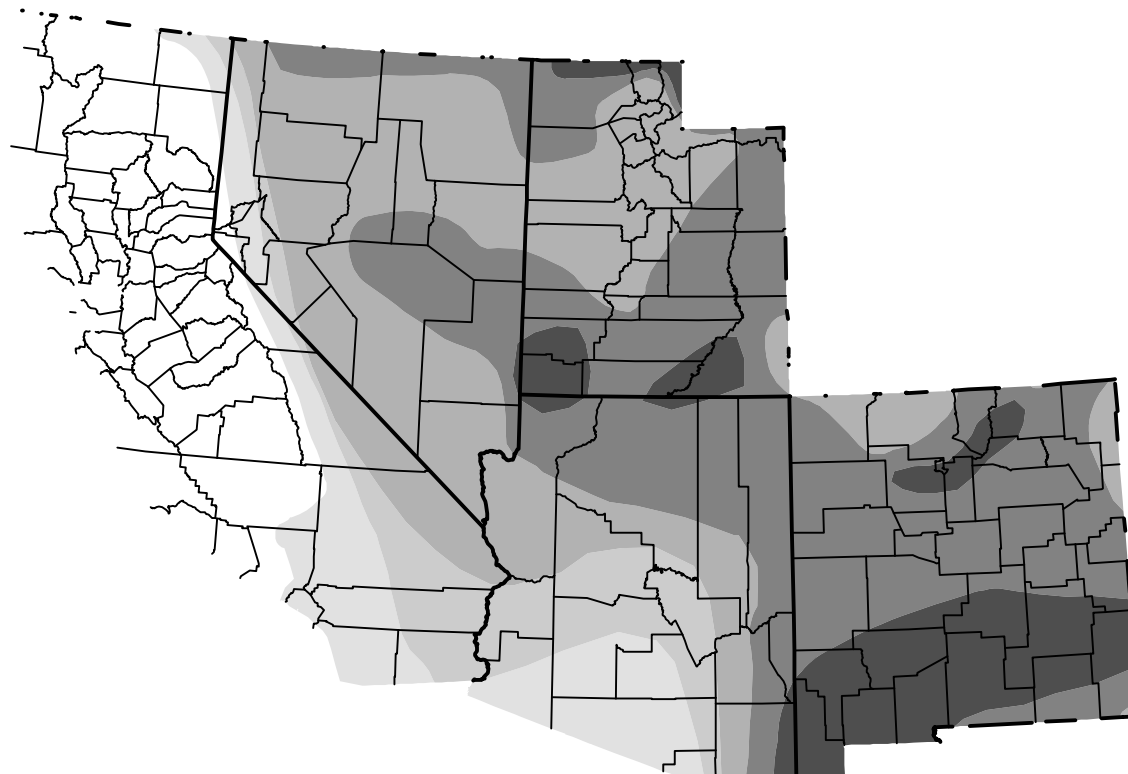


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.95	81.05	72.53	65.12	40.09	9.80
Last Week <i>01-22-2004</i>	18.38	81.62	75.49	66.06	40.31	9.46
3 Months Ago <i>10-30-2003</i>	2.16	97.84	82.54	66.42	46.04	5.47
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>01-30-2003</i>	14.88	85.12	73.16	58.20	43.20	2.47

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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