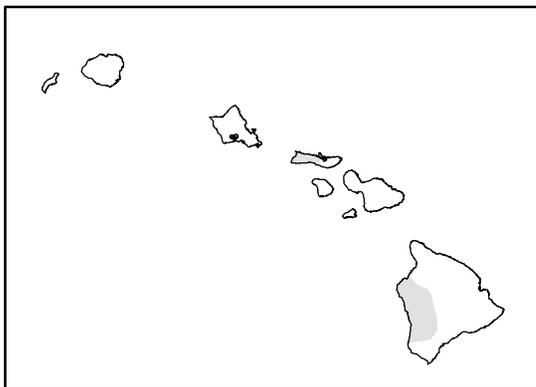
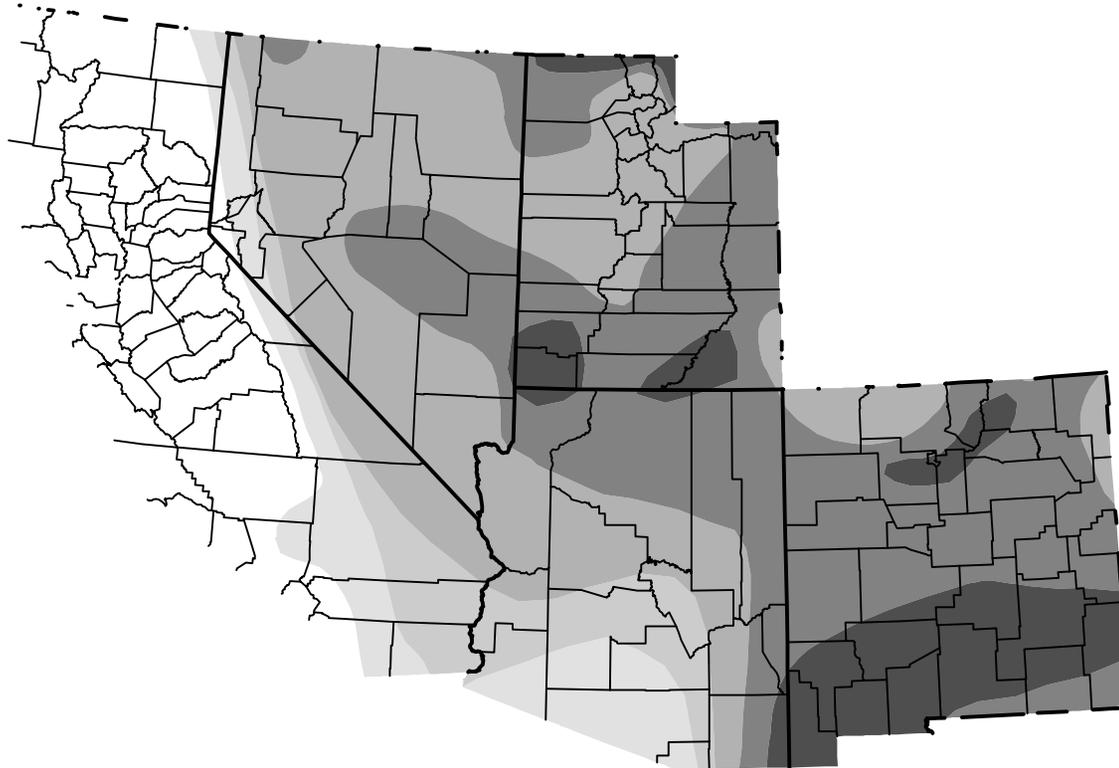


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

February 24, 2004
(Released Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004)
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 19.87 | 7.22 | 6.51 | 27.40 | 29.17 | 9.82 |
| Last Week <i>02-19-2004</i> | 19.03 | 8.06 | 6.51 | 27.40 | 29.17 | 9.82 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>11-26-2003</i> | 12.68 | 9.37 | 13.72 | 19.07 | 39.32 | 5.84 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i> | 18.57 | 7.18 | 8.28 | 26.93 | 31.08 | 7.96 |
| Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i> | 18.46 | 4.16 | 11.20 | 21.71 | 40.95 | 3.52 |
| One Year Ago <i>02-27-2003</i> | 16.91 | 7.53 | 17.21 | 17.52 | 39.36 | 1.46 |

Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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