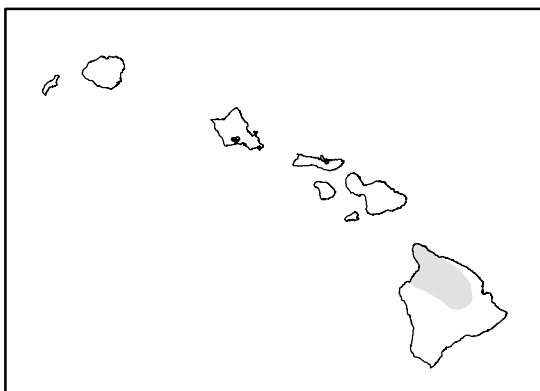
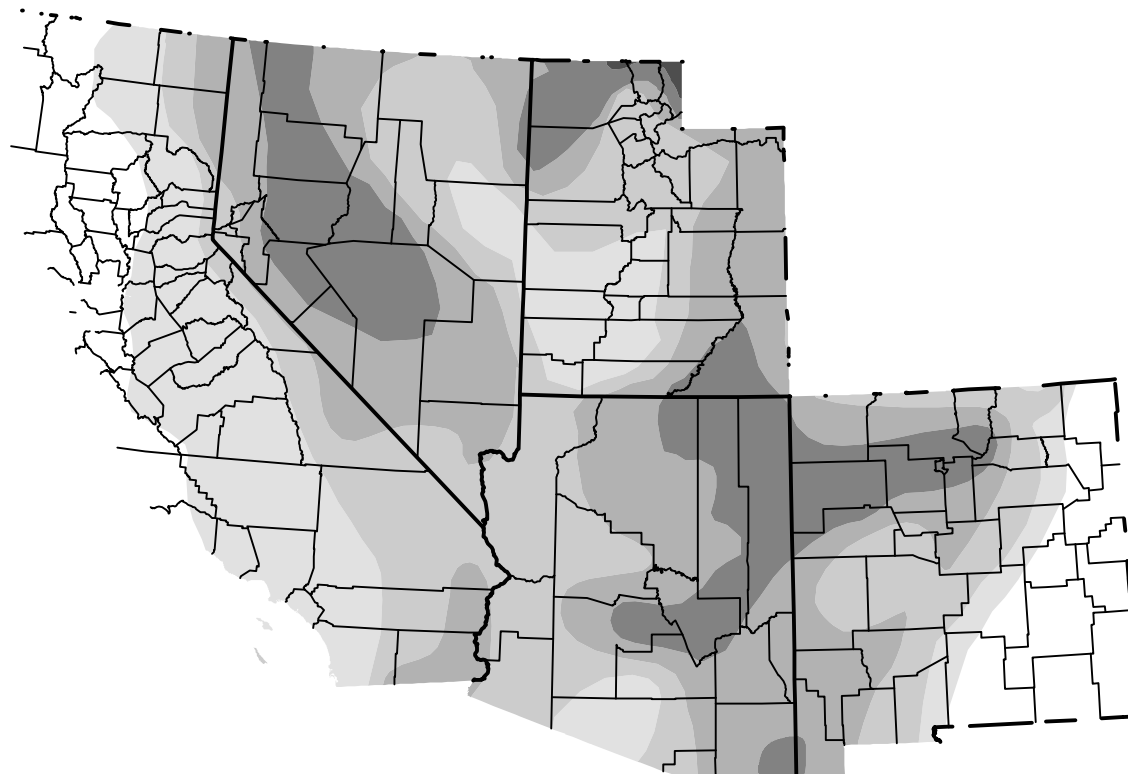


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.10	18.49	25.88	26.91	14.51	0.11
Last Week <i>11-24-2004</i>	13.44	15.83	25.70	25.15	19.77	0.11
3 Months Ago <i>09-02-2004</i>	5.79	13.86	18.53	31.52	30.07	0.23
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>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago <i>12-04-2003</i>	12.08	10.15	14.03	18.47	39.02	6.24

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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