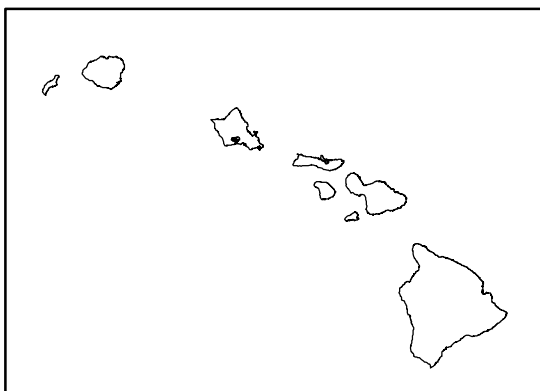
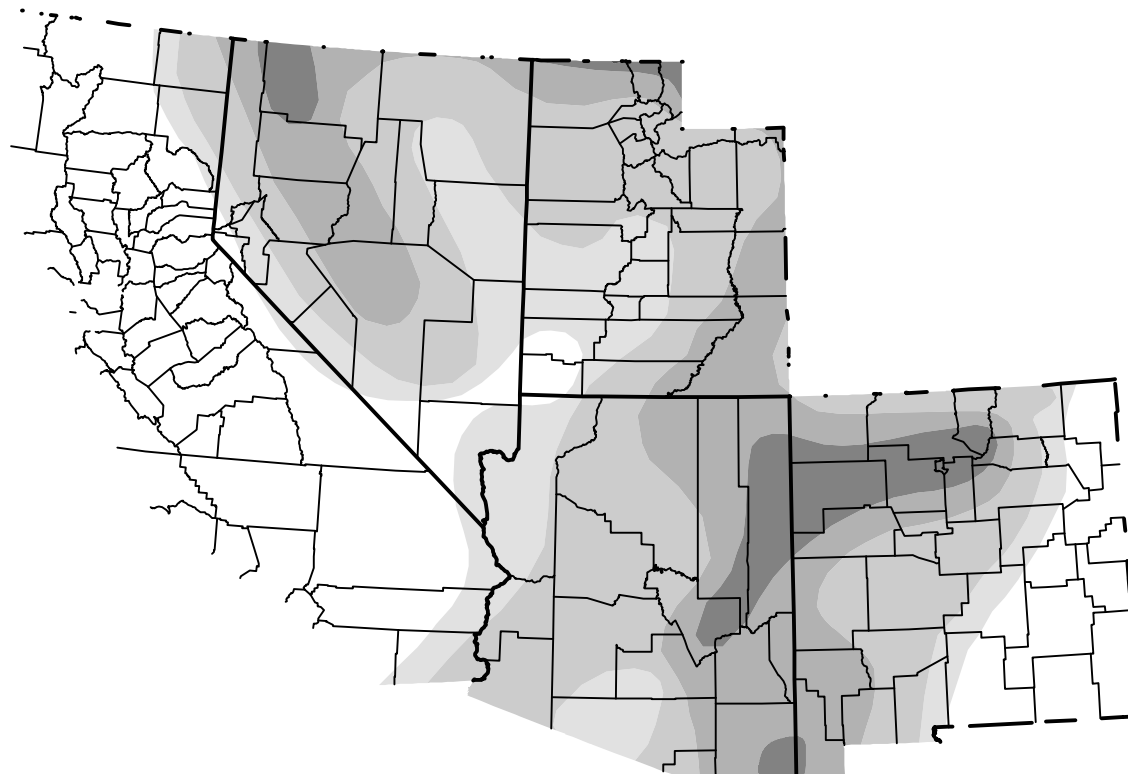


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	32.86	67.14	52.34	23.18	5.42	0.00
Last Week <i>01-13-2005</i>	29.61	70.39	52.65	24.38	6.40	0.08
3 Months Ago <i>10-21-2004</i>	9.11	90.89	78.56	59.21	28.27	0.21
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago <i>01-22-2004</i>	18.38	81.62	75.49	66.06	40.31	9.46

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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