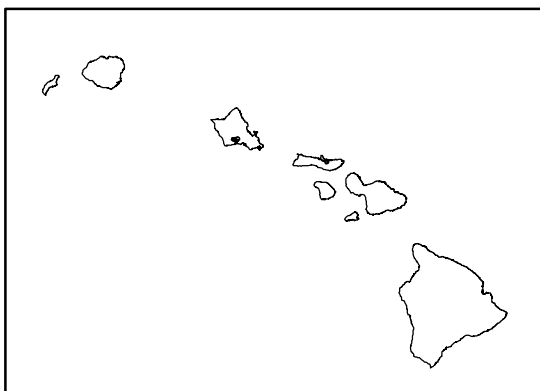
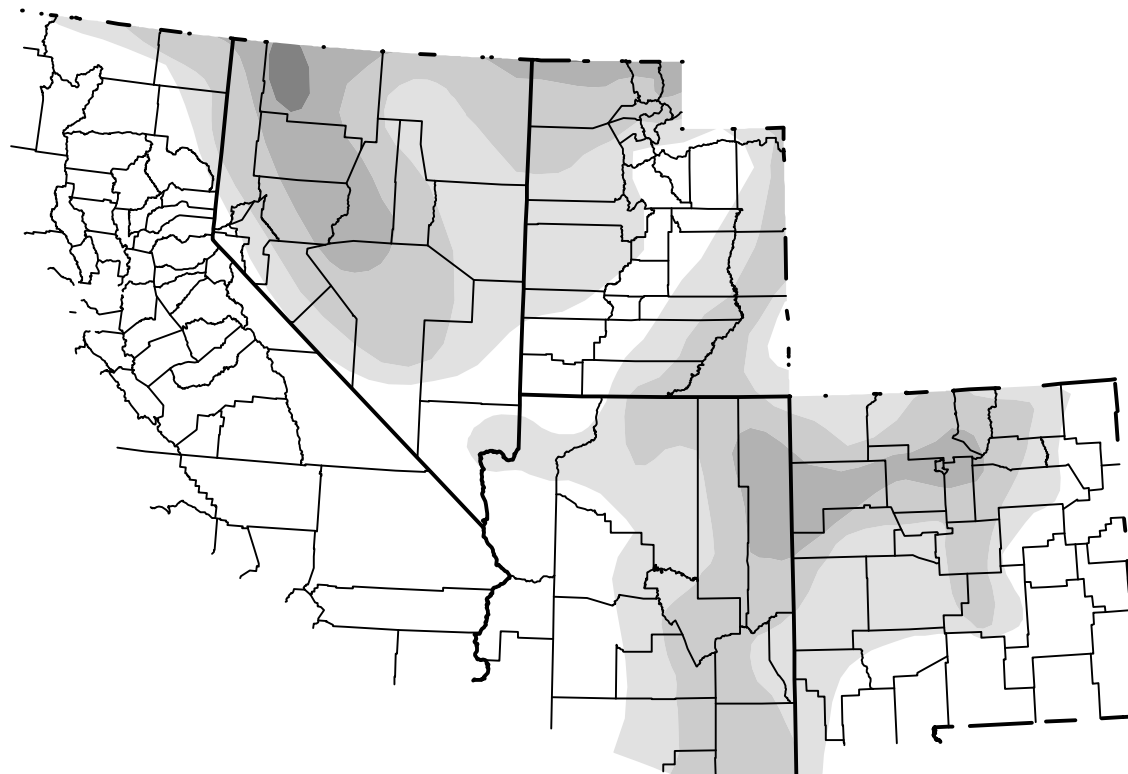


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.39	51.61	28.25	7.15	0.41	0.00
Last Week <i>03-31-2005</i>	47.74	52.26	29.87	8.22	0.54	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
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>04-08-2004</i>	17.87	82.13	69.41	54.39	22.80	0.33

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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