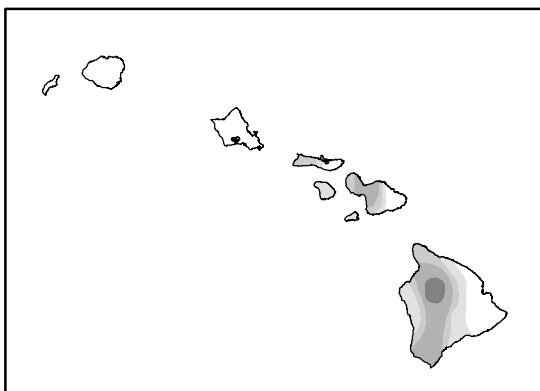
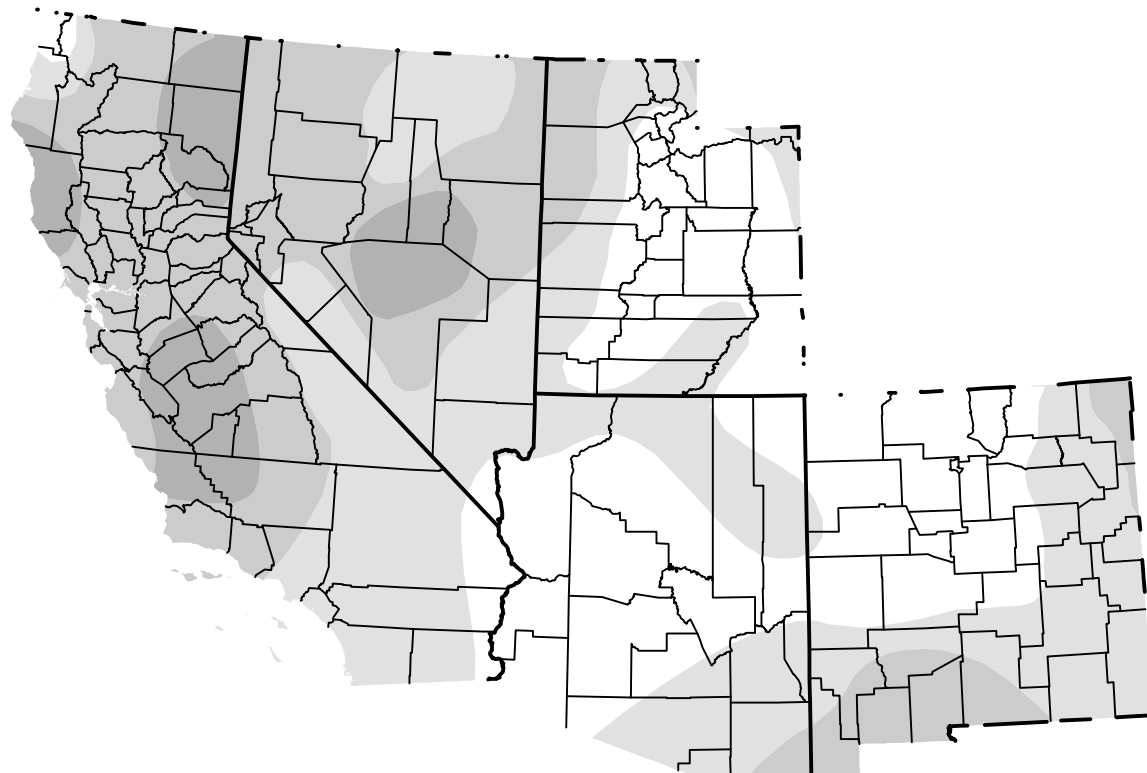


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	30.70	34.88	25.99	8.39	0.04	0.00
Last Week <i>03-12-2009</i>	30.70	35.24	25.58	8.43	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	26.07	30.04	24.14	18.09	1.67	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-20-2008</i>	38.38	23.07	21.66	16.90	0.00	0.00

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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