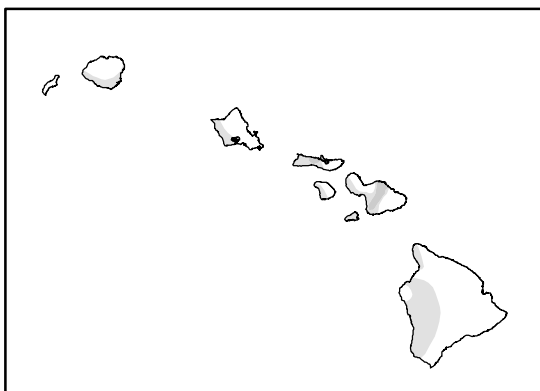
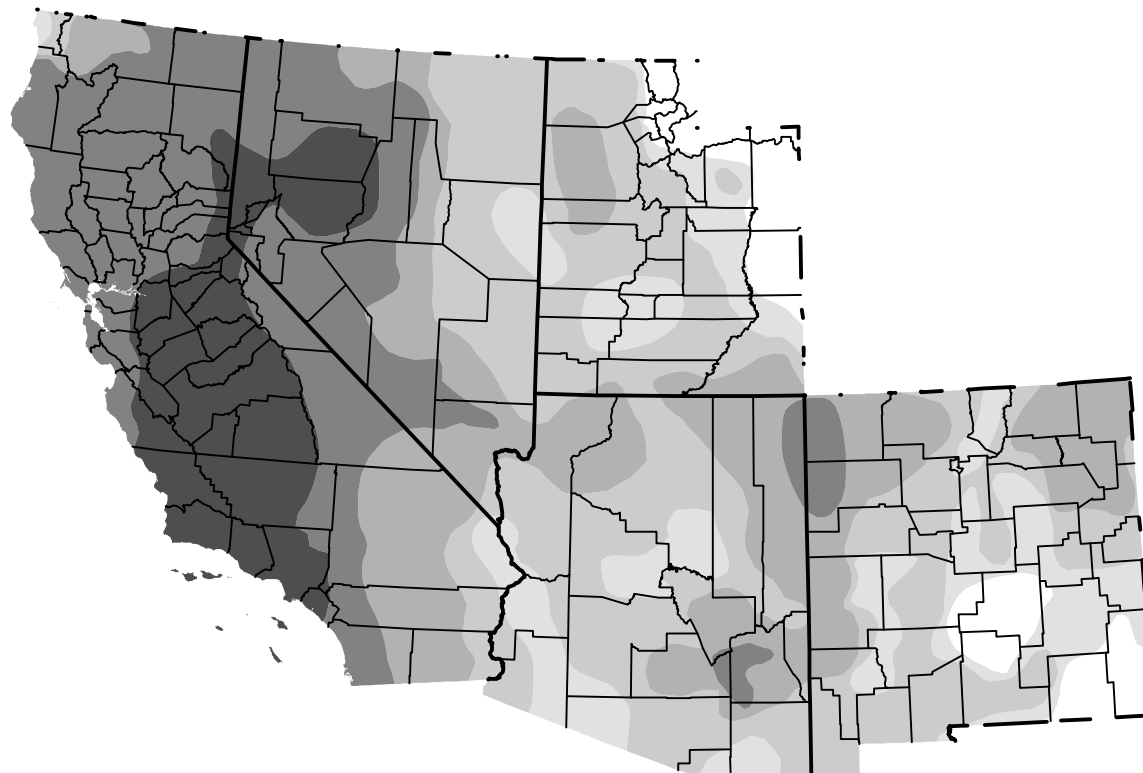


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.87	12.31	29.52	21.13	20.41	10.76
Last Week 12-11-2014	5.87	11.68	30.15	20.67	14.80	16.84
3 Months Ago 09-18-2014	2.26	12.11	26.57	26.17	15.17	17.72
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2014	5.09	17.45	28.09	35.90	12.47	1.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2014	6.10	11.87	28.57	20.35	15.39	17.72
One Year Ago 12-19-2013	4.96	17.23	28.70	35.63	12.47	1.00

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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