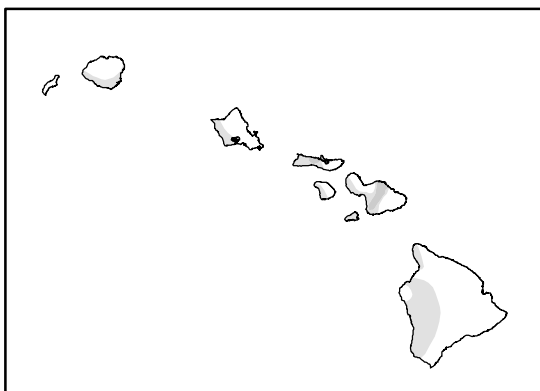
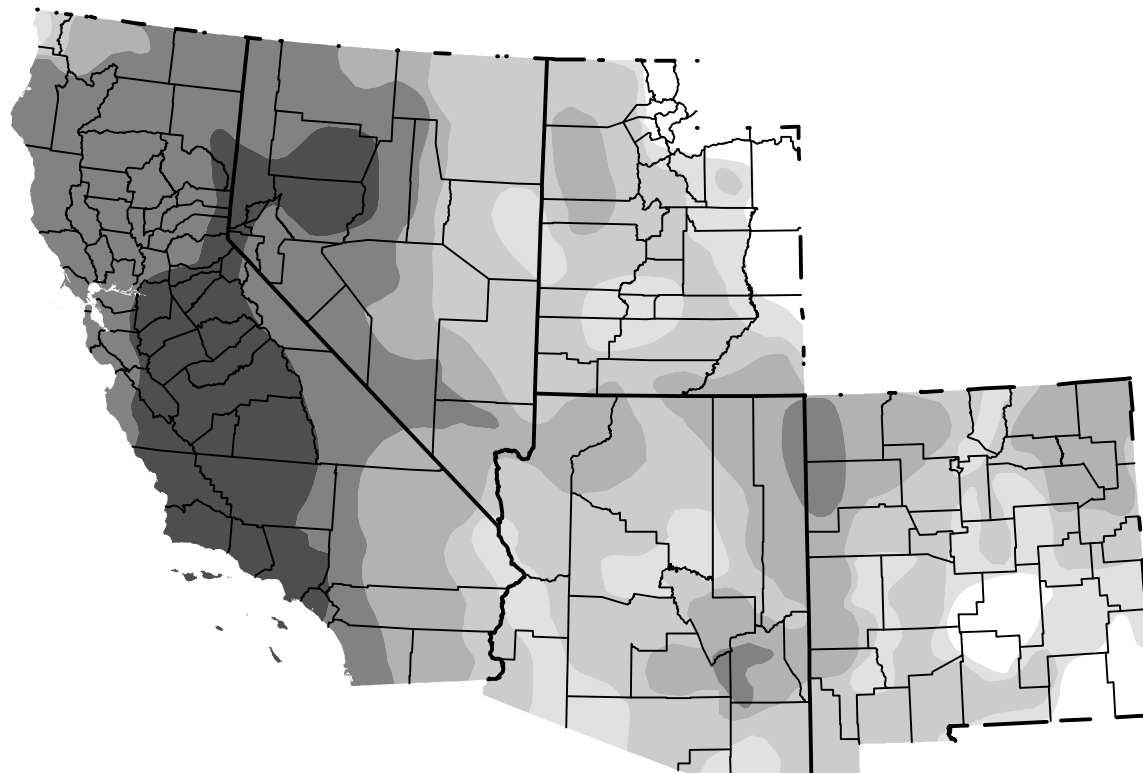


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.87	94.13	81.83	52.31	31.17	10.76
Last Week 12-11-2014	5.87	94.13	82.45	52.31	31.64	16.84
3 Months Ago 09-18-2014	2.26	97.74	85.62	59.06	32.89	17.72
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2014	5.09	94.91	77.46	49.37	13.47	1.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2014	6.10	93.90	82.03	53.46	33.11	17.72
One Year Ago 12-19-2013	4.96	95.04	77.81	49.10	13.47	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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