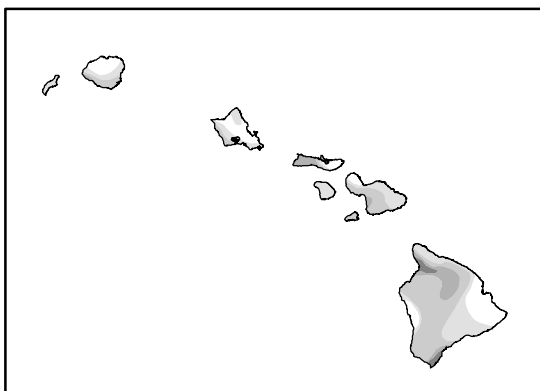
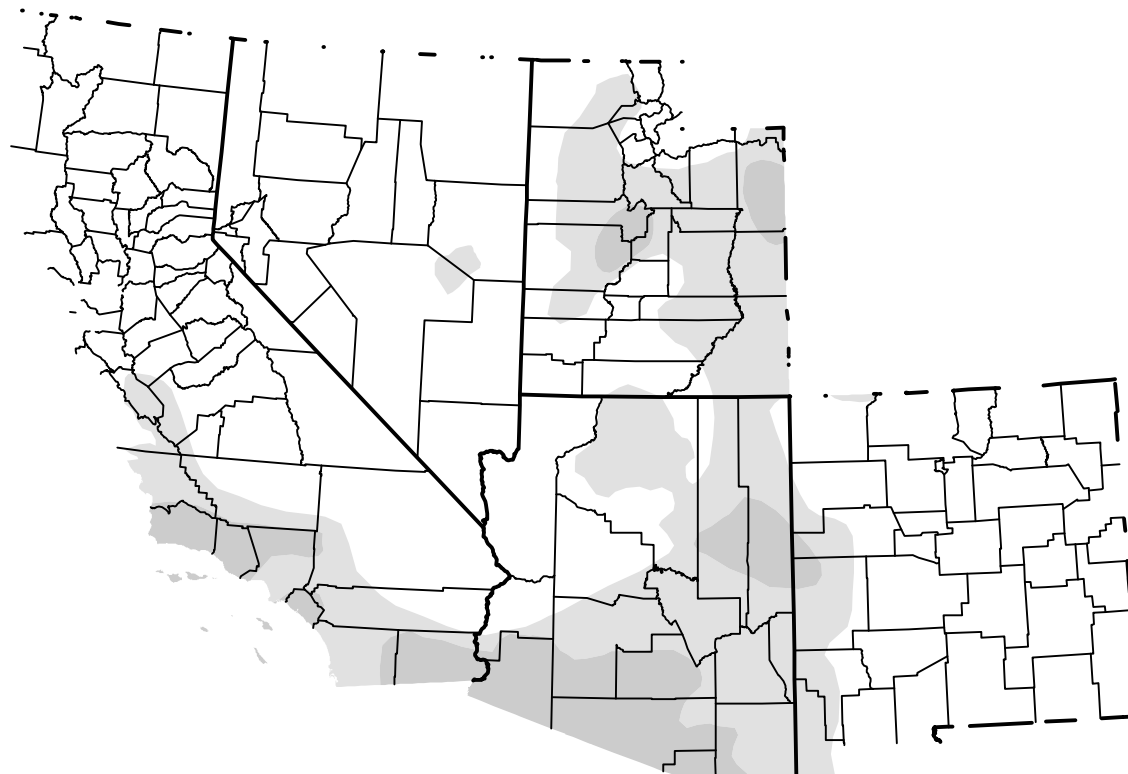


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 69.03 | 30.97 | 8.88  | 0.13  | 0.02  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-19-2017              | 72.03 | 27.97 | 5.93  | 0.16  | 0.03  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-27-2017           | 59.58 | 40.42 | 7.08  | 0.45  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2017 | 40.36 | 59.64 | 31.73 | 16.38 | 10.17 | 4.86 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-28-2017    | 72.26 | 27.74 | 6.03  | 0.16  | 0.03  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-27-2016           | 28.90 | 71.10 | 39.75 | 21.59 | 11.41 | 5.59 |

## 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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