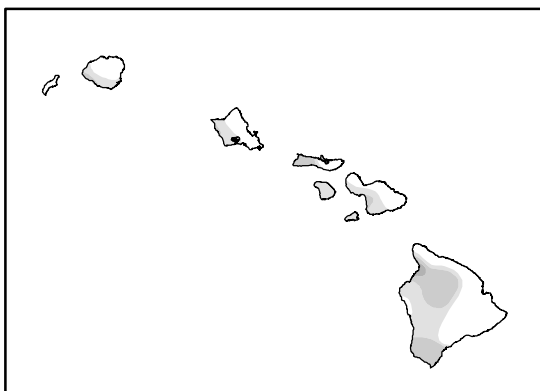
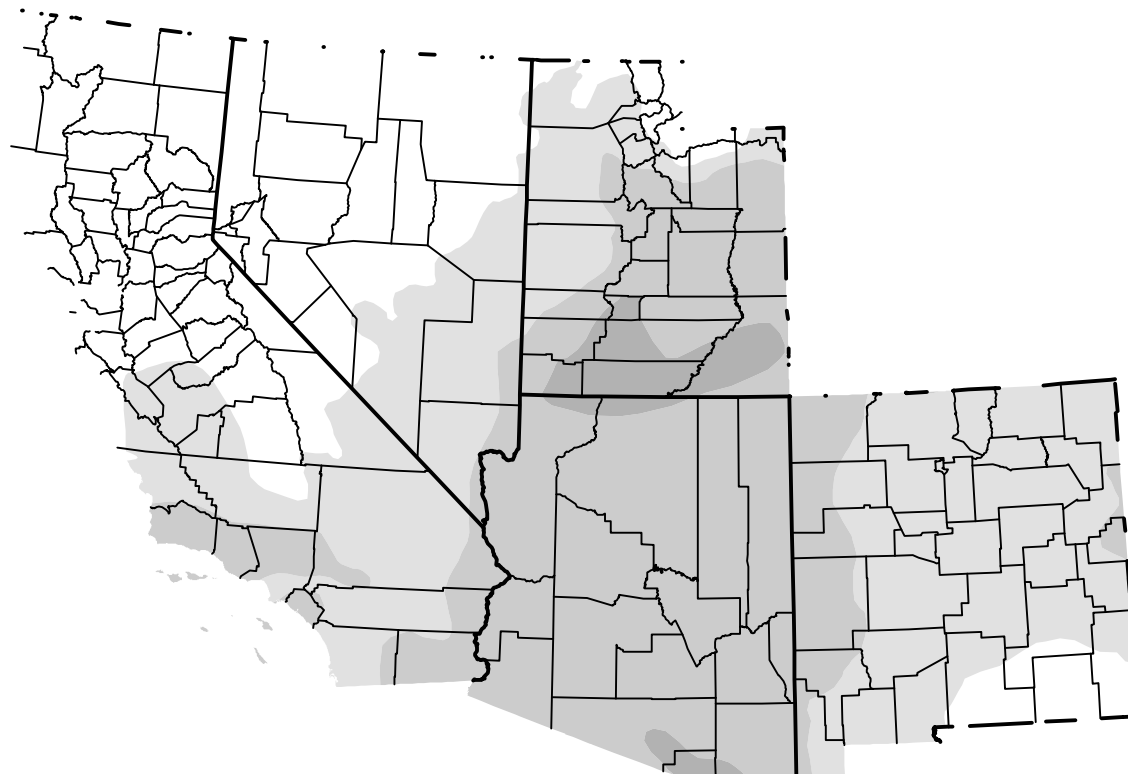


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	31.51	32.81	32.53	3.14	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-14-2017	32.53	33.30	33.77	0.40	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-21-2017	78.97	15.01	5.85	0.14	0.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2017	40.36	27.91	15.35	6.21	5.31	4.86
Start of Water Year 09-28-2017	72.26	21.71	5.87	0.13	0.03	0.00
One Year Ago 12-22-2016	27.54	35.85	18.46	7.08	5.82	5.24

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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