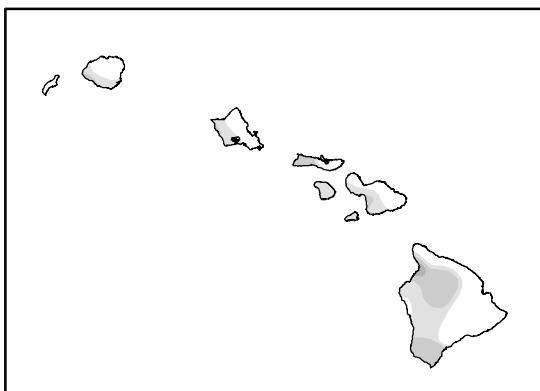
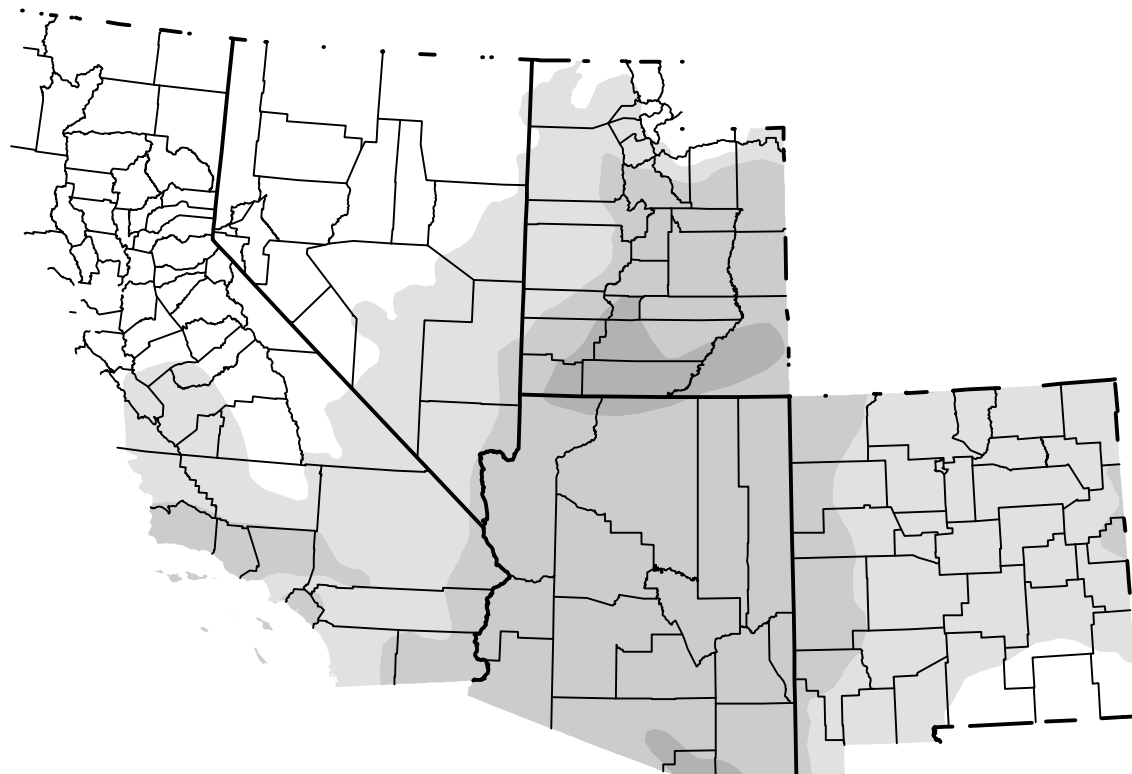


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	31.51	68.49	35.68	3.14	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2017</i>	32.53	67.47	34.17	0.40	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2017</i>	78.97	21.03	6.02	0.17	0.03	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2017</i>	40.36	59.64	31.73	16.38	10.17	4.86
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2017</i>	72.26	27.74	6.03	0.16	0.03	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2016</i>	27.54	72.46	36.61	18.15	11.07	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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