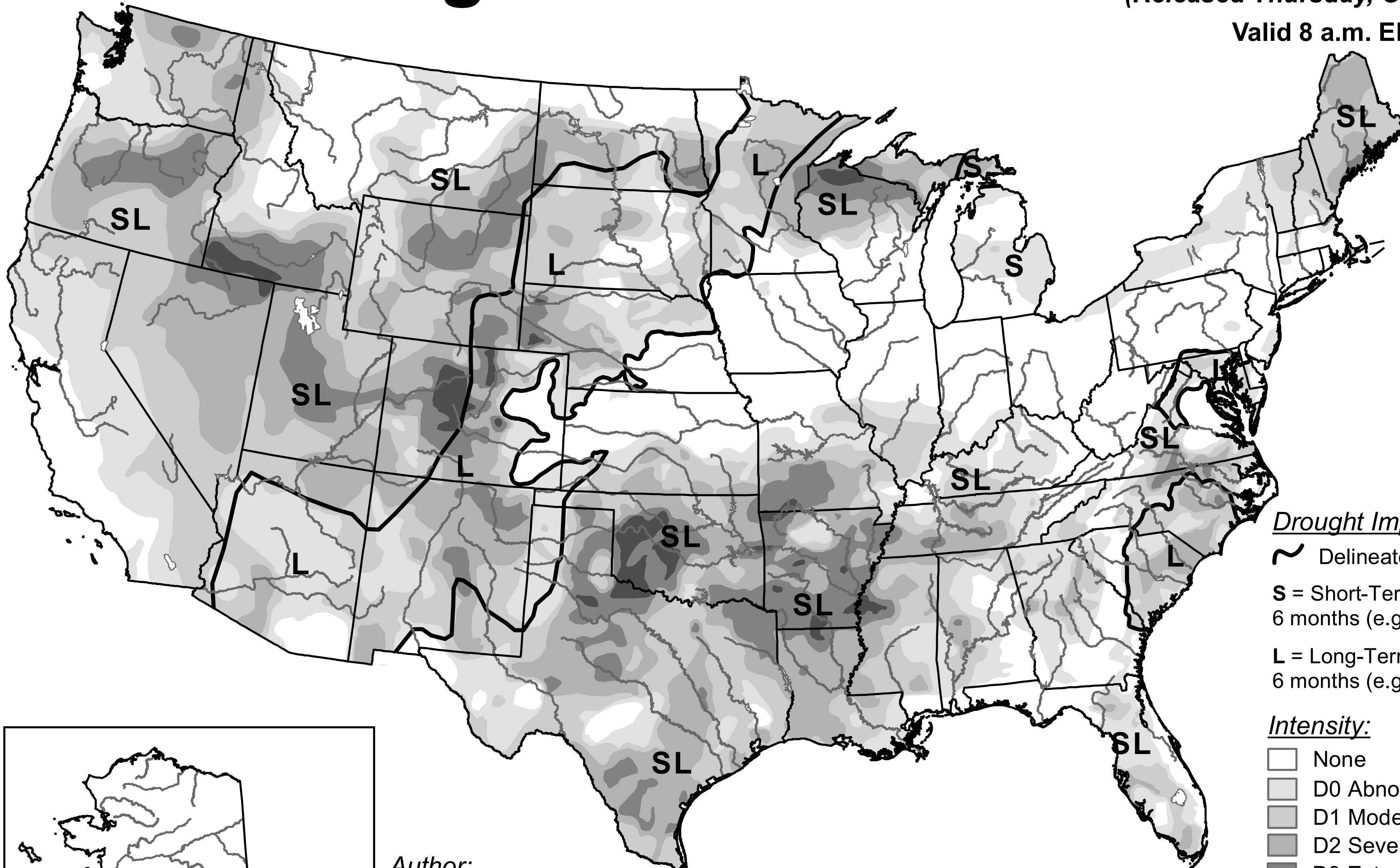
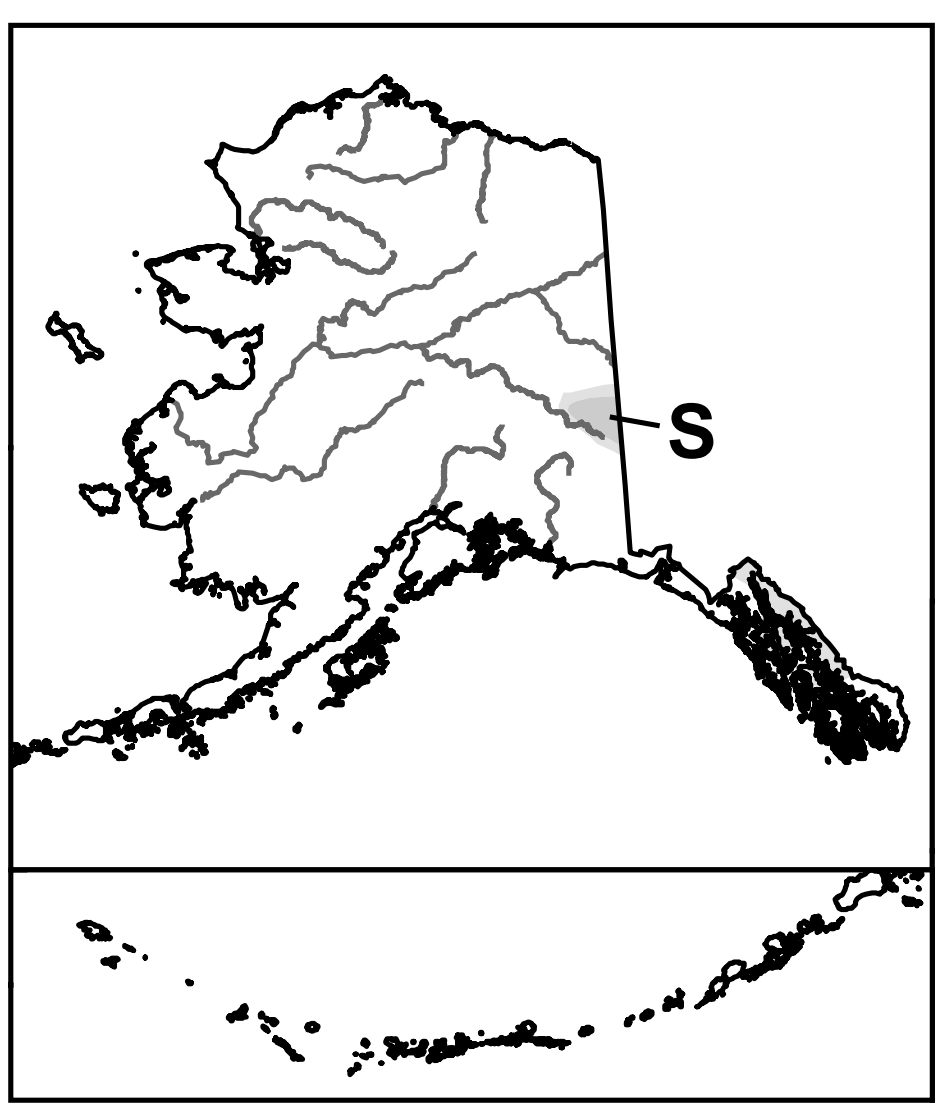
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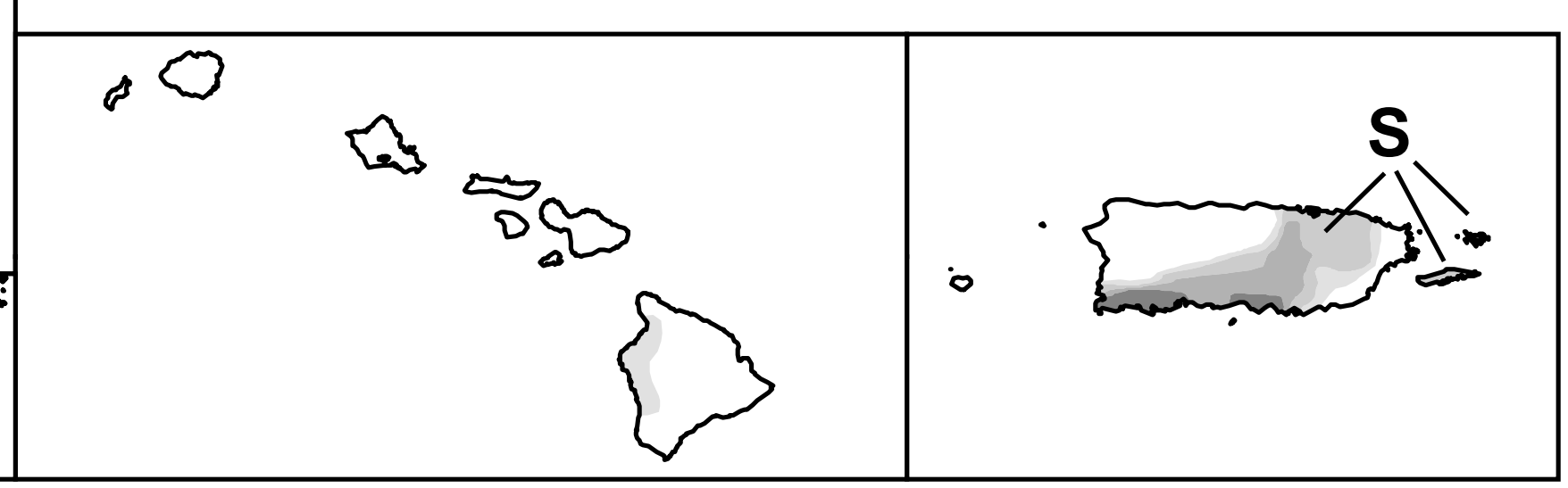
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*Drought Impact Types:*

Delineates dominant impacts

**S** = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)

**L** = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

*Intensity:*

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought


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