

#### Water Supply Availability Committee

	Friday, August 18th, 2023						
Start Time	End Time	Duration, min	Description				
			Welcome & Introductions				
9:00	9:15	15		Jeff Marti, Ecology			
9:15	9:30	15	Mountain Conditions	Scott Pattee, NRCS			
			Regional Climate Setting/	Karin Bumbaco &			
9:30	9:45	15	ENSO	Nick Bond, OWSC			
9:45	9:55	10	Streamflow and Groundwater	Jeff Marti, Ecology			
9:55	10:10	15	Water Supply Forecasts	Amy Burke, NWRFC			
10:10	10:25	15	Yakima Project	Chris Lynch,BOR			
10:25	11:00		Open Discussion: What impacts are people hearing about in the declaration areas and elsewhere?	All			



Drought declared on July 24, 2023

Watersheds	Impacts/Hardship Summary
Nooksack	<ul> <li>At least three public water systems' wells are not functioning.</li> <li>Irrigators with water rights junior to instream flow rule are curtailed.</li> </ul>
Upper Skagit Lower Skagit	<ul> <li>Irrigators with water rights junior to instream flow rule are curtailed.</li> <li>Skagit Drainage and Irrigation District Consortium petitioned for a drought declaration (representing 12,800 acres of farmland).</li> <li>Loss of high value crops without emergency transfer from Skagit PUD.</li> </ul>
Dungeness	<ul> <li>Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe notified Ecology about likely fish passage barriers on the Dungeness River if flow drops below 140 cubic feet per second, predicted to occur in mid August.</li> </ul>
Lyre-Hoko	<ul> <li>Clallam County PUD's Island View Water System is trucking water to all 34 customers.</li> </ul>

The Makah Tribe moved fish from their hatchery to a Quilcene hatchery.

The Tribe is using part of their freshwater supply fighting brushfires.

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# Watersheds Methow Okanogan Naches Lower Yakima

Walla Walla

#### Impacts/Hardship Summary

- Irrigators with water rights junior to instream flow rule are curtailed.
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  - Bureau of Reclamation has pro-rated junior districts (e.g., Roza, Kittitas Reclamation District, Wapato Irrigation Project) to 72 percent of normal.
- Upper Yakima Some mid-season fallowing has already occurred.
  - Some cherry trees are not being watered post-harvest. Concerns about crop stress and reduced crop yields.
  - Significant concern for late-season water availability.
  - 157 rights held by junior districts are currently under curtailment.
  - The Walla Walla River is completely dry in some places.

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    - Irrigators were curtailed beginning June 7.
    - Watermaster reported there is "no water left to transfer." Focusing on junior right holders to get <u>some</u> water when senior right holders stop taking water.
       Crop loss has been reported by the State Conservation Commission.

Washington May-July Average
Temperature

**Units: Degrees Fahrenheit** 

**Base Period: 1901-2000** 

Date	Value	Anomaly				
201507	63.4	5.5				
195807	63.1	5.2				
202107	62.3	4.4				
202307	62.2	4.3				
199207	61.2	3.3				
201807	61.1	3.2				
201407	60.4	2.5				
194007	60.3	2.4				
199807	60.2	2.3				
198507	60.1	2.2				

Washington May-July Precipitation							
Units: Inches							
Base Period	Base Period: 1901-2000						
Date	Value	Anomaly					
192207	1.81	-3.22					
192407	2.05	-2.98					
200307	2.14	-2.89					
201507	2.4	-2.63					
193807	2.44	-2.59					
202307	2.56	-2.47					
201807	2.61	-2.42					
202107	2.7	-2.33					
197007	2.84	-2.19					
192807	3.03	-2					

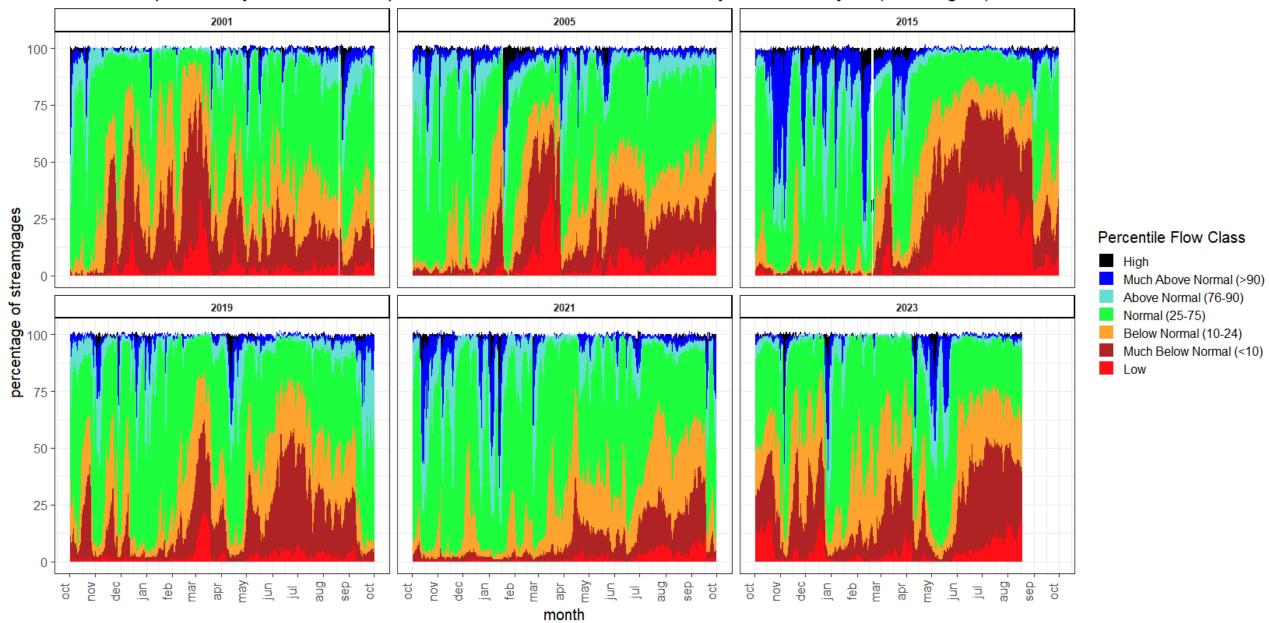
### Consecutive Weeks in "Severe Drought" status (US Drought Monitor)



FIPS	StartDate	EndDate	ConsecutiveWeeks	State	County	
53003	7/27/2023	8/17/2023	4	WA	Asotin County	
53005	8/3/2023	8/17/2023	3	WA	Benton County	
53007	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Chelan County	
53013	7/27/2023	8/17/2023	4	WA	Columbia County	
53021	8/3/2023	8/17/2023	3	WA	Franklin County	
53023	7/27/2023	8/17/2023	4	WA	Garfield County	
53033	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	King County	
53037	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Kittitas County	
53051	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Pend Oreille County	
53055	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	San Juan County	
53057	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Skagit County	
53059	7/6/2023	8/17/2023	7	WA	Skamania County	
53061	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Snohomish County	
53065	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Stevens County	
53071	7/27/2023	8/17/2023	4	WA	Walla Walla County	
53073	7/13/2023	8/17/2023	6	WA	Whatcom County	
53075	7/27/2023	8/17/2023	4	WA	Whitman County	

8 consecutive weeks at D2, or 1 week at D3 or worse will trigger USDA disaster declaration

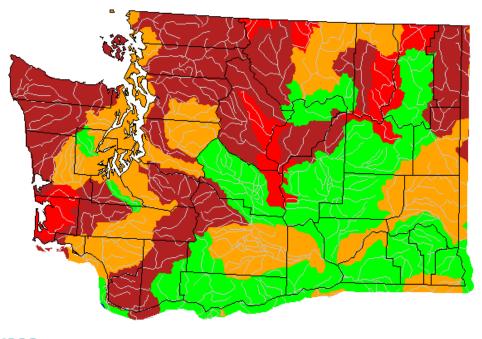
#### Time series plot of daily streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the water year (Washington)

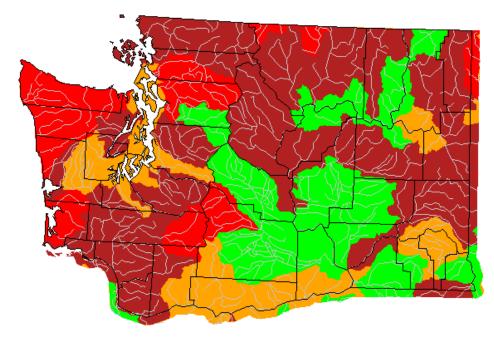


# 28 Day Average Streamflow This year vs 2015

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Saturday, August 15, 2015

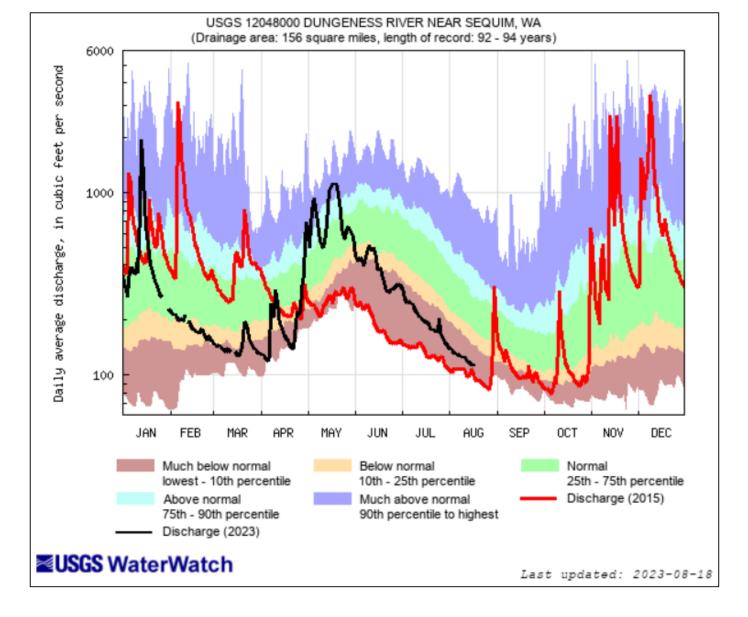




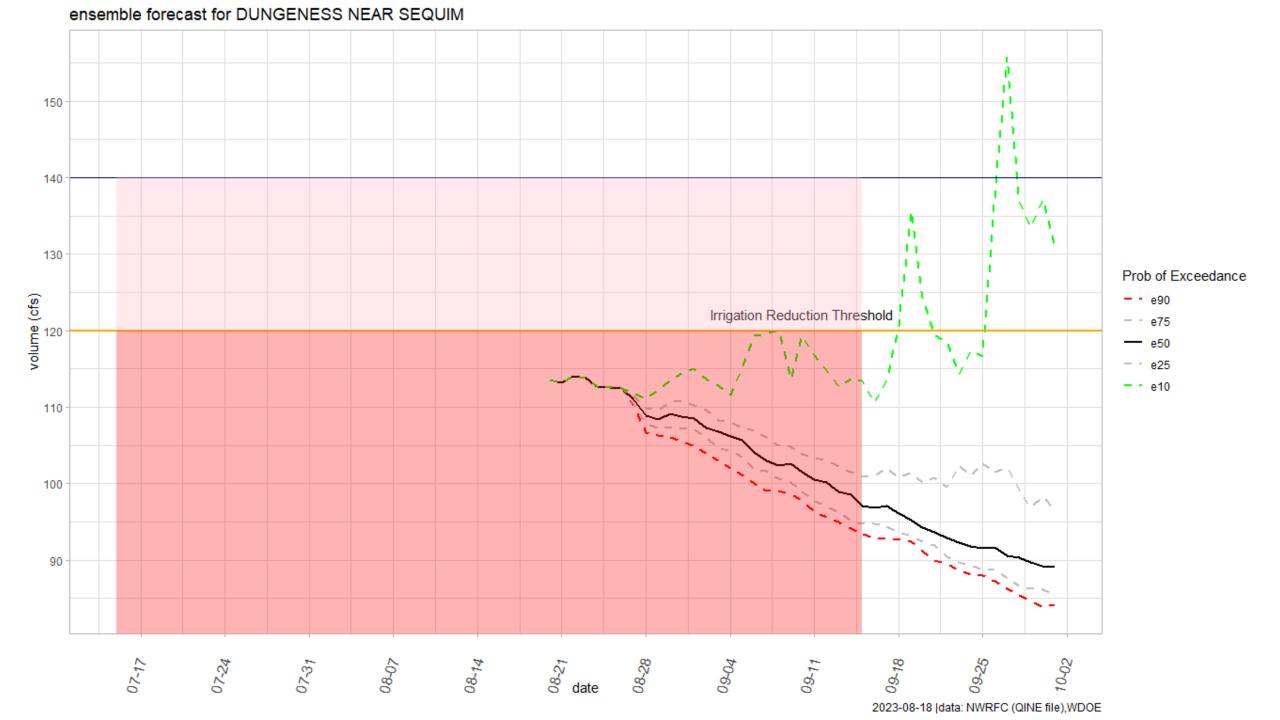
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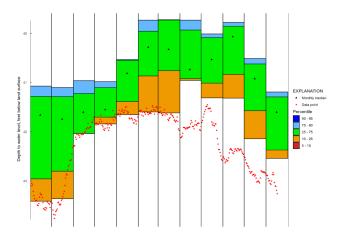


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Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Boto
Low	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	High	No Data

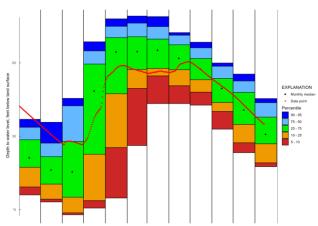


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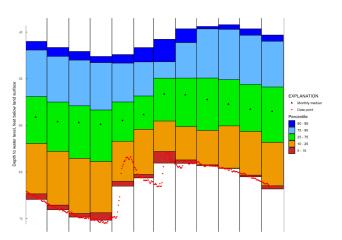




Clallam County nr Dungeness River, Puget Sound Aquifer – Quaternary Alluvium, 289 feet, 480546123100901

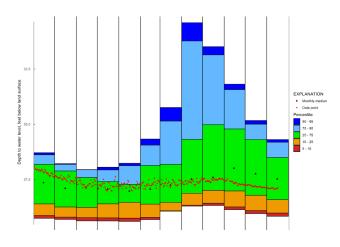


Thurston County, Scatter Creek, Sand and Gravel Aquifer, 82 feet 465033122570202



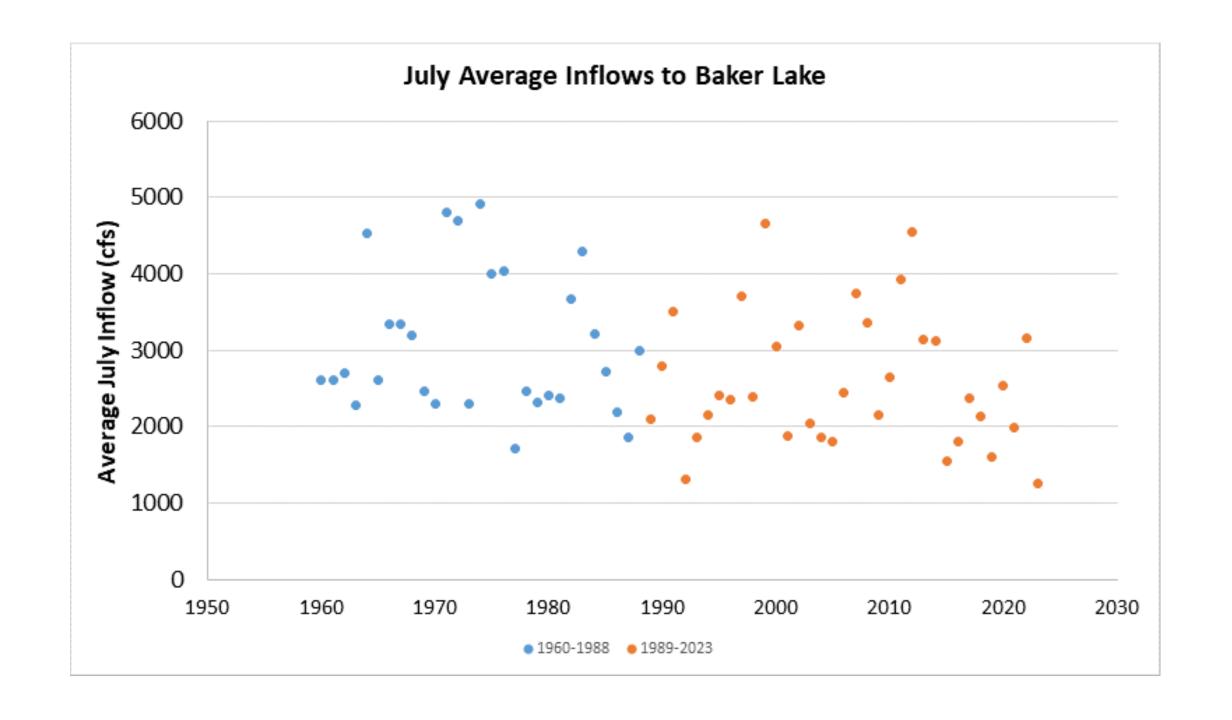
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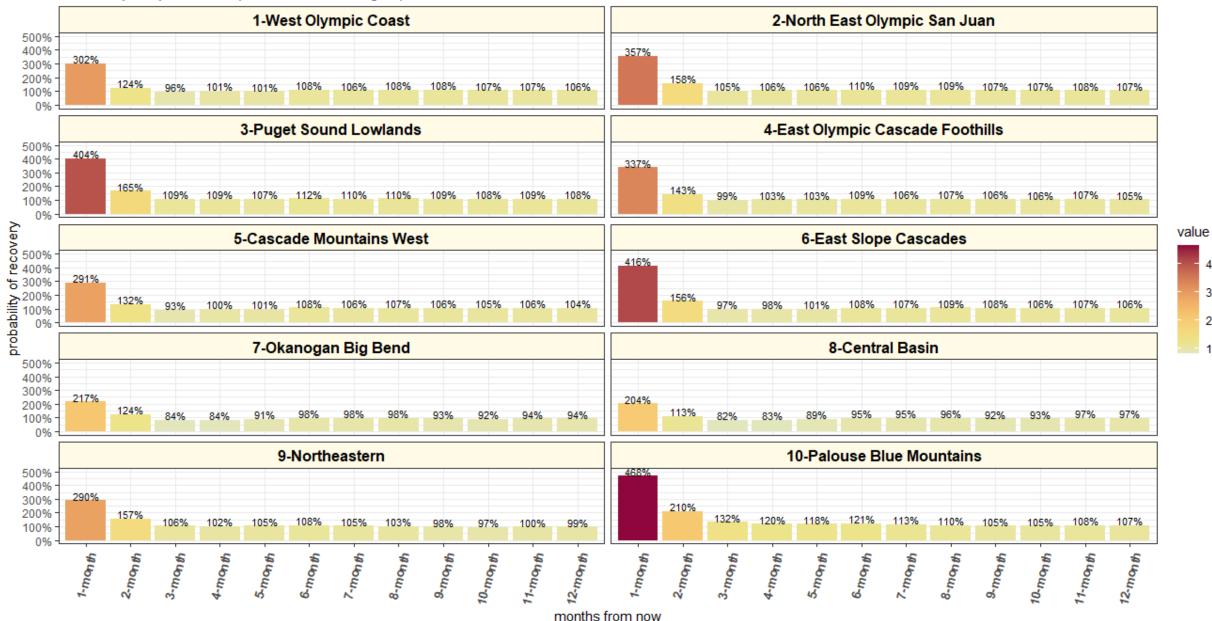


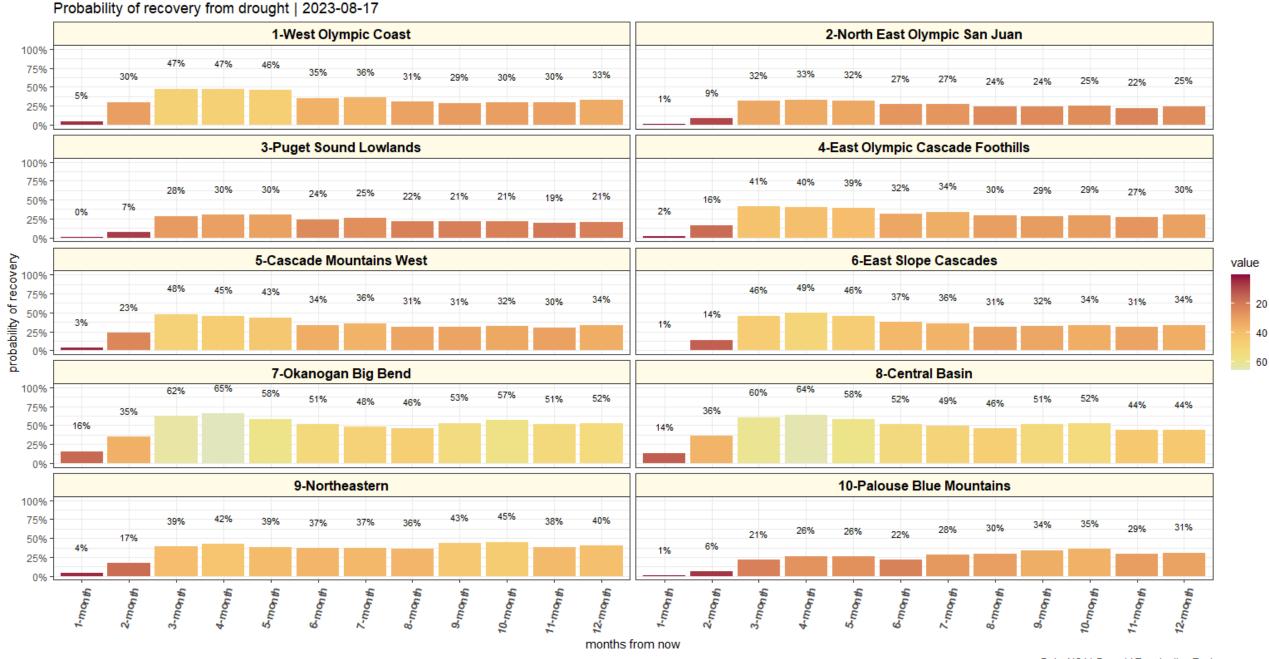
Columbia County nr Waitsburg, Grand Ronde Basalt, 172 ft 461935118081501

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#### Percent precipitation required to end drought | 2023-08-17





Data: NOAA Drought Termination Tool



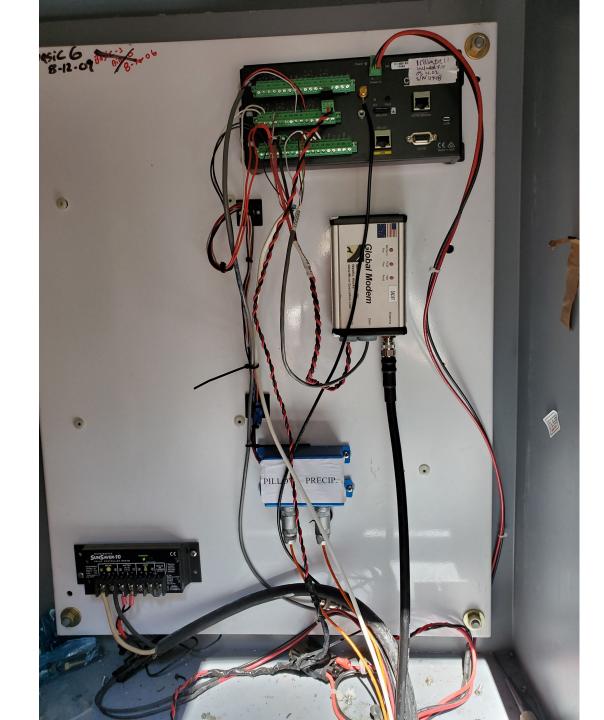
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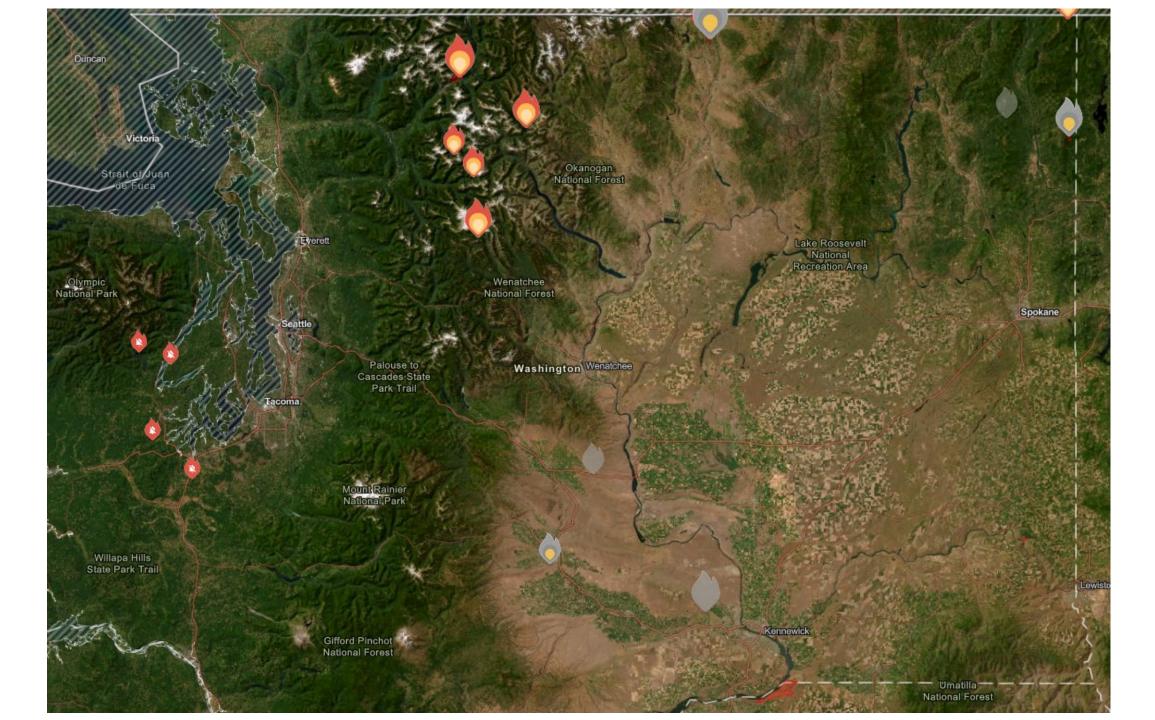
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The NRCS Snow Survey Program provides mountain snowpack data and streamflow forecasts for the western United Sta applications of snow survey products include water supply management, flood control, climate modeling, recreation, and



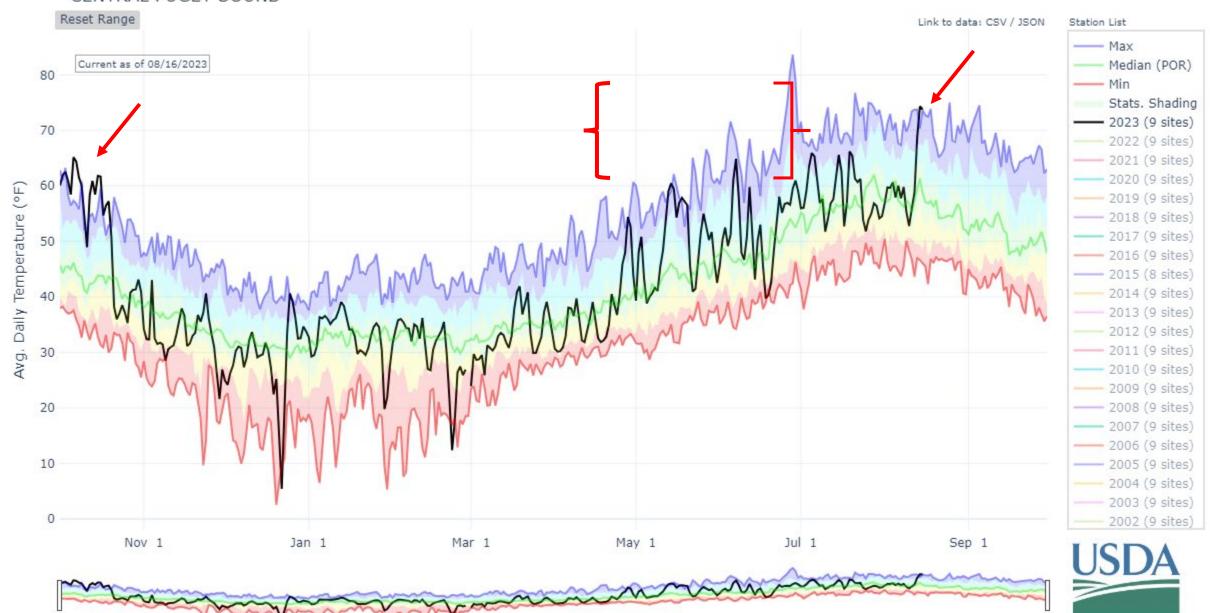




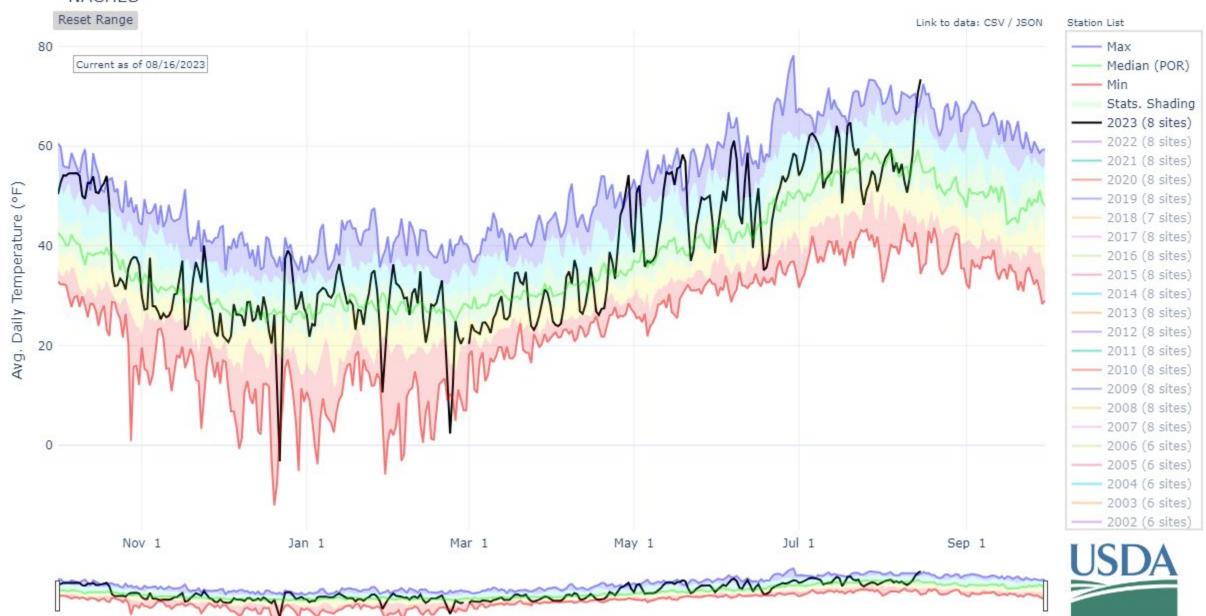




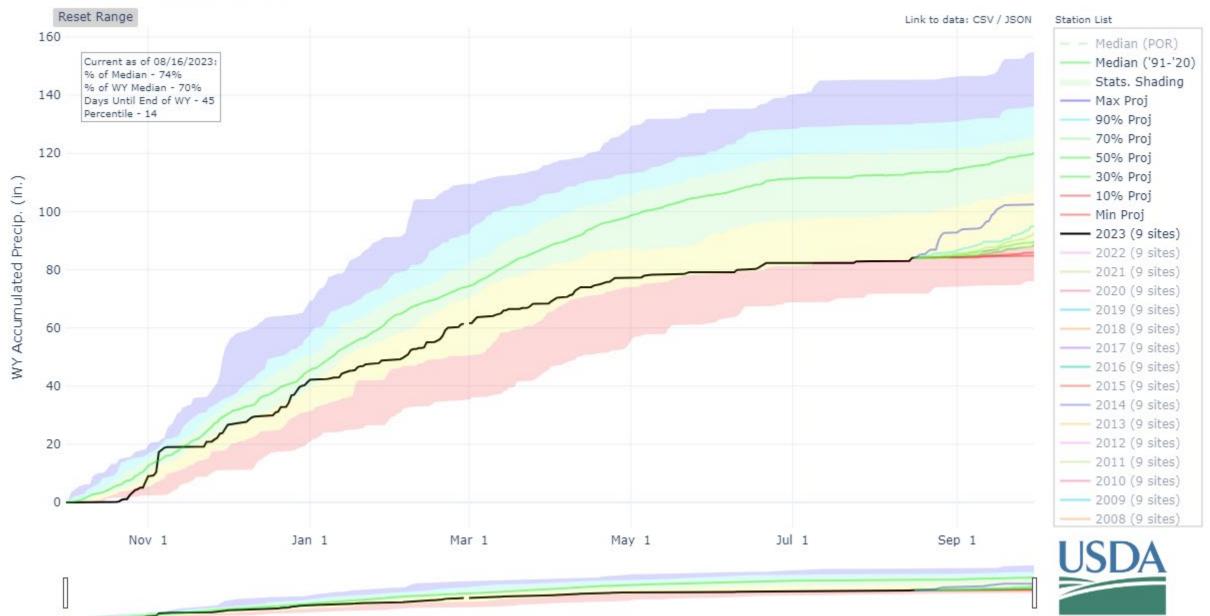
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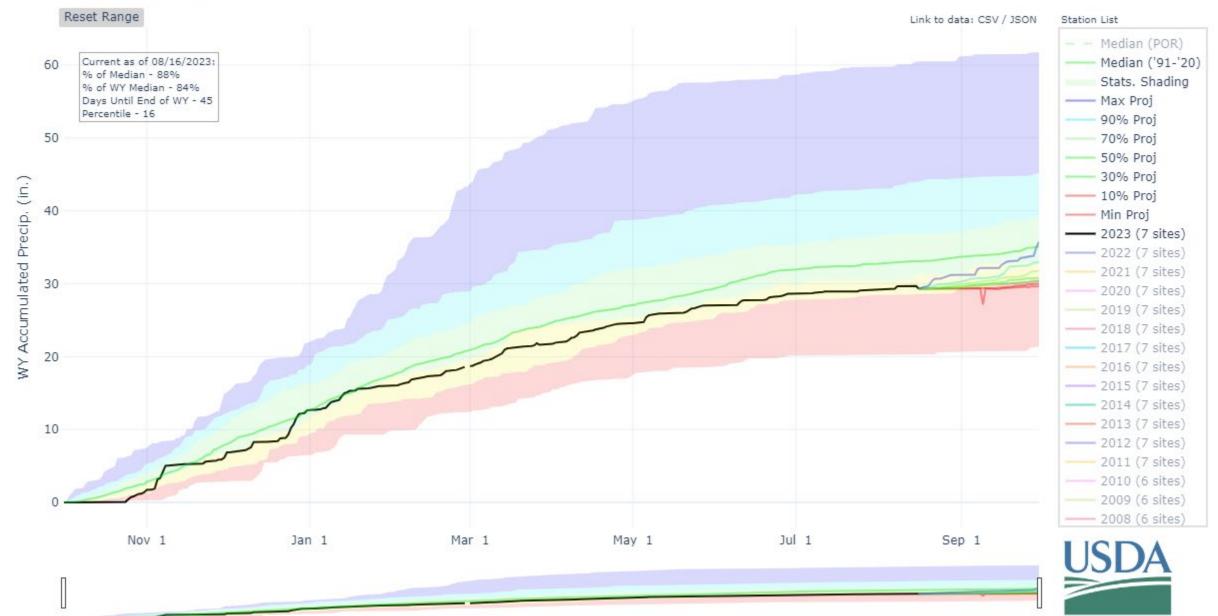
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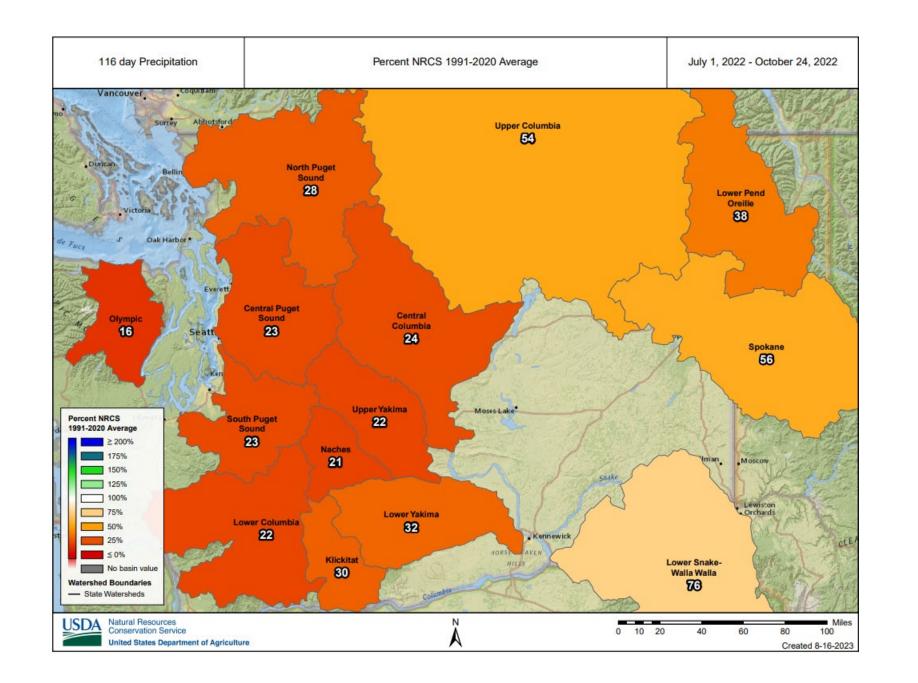


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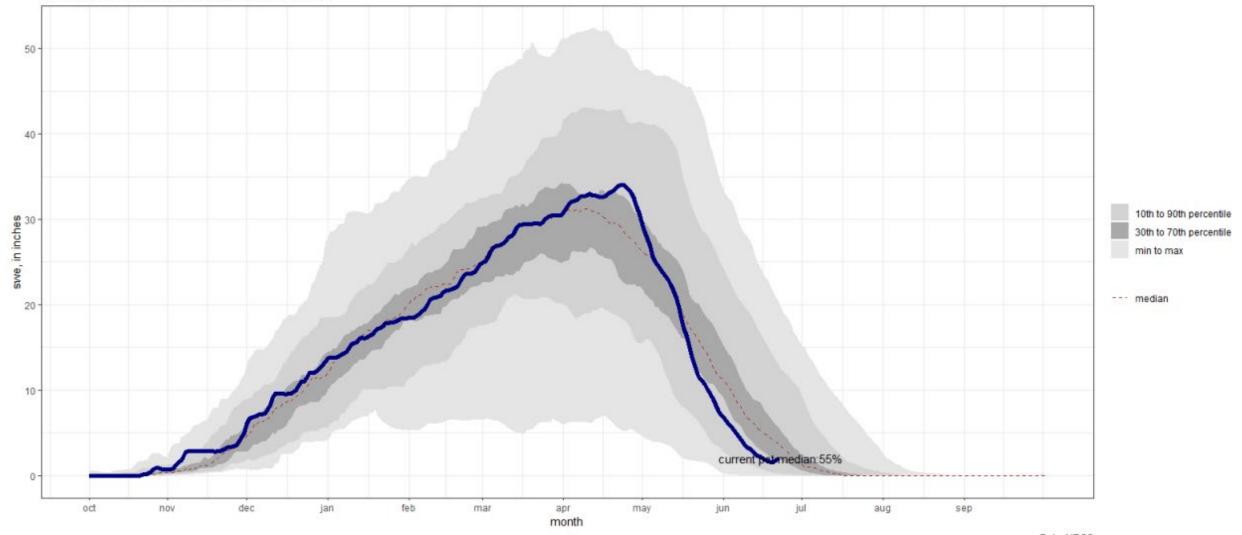
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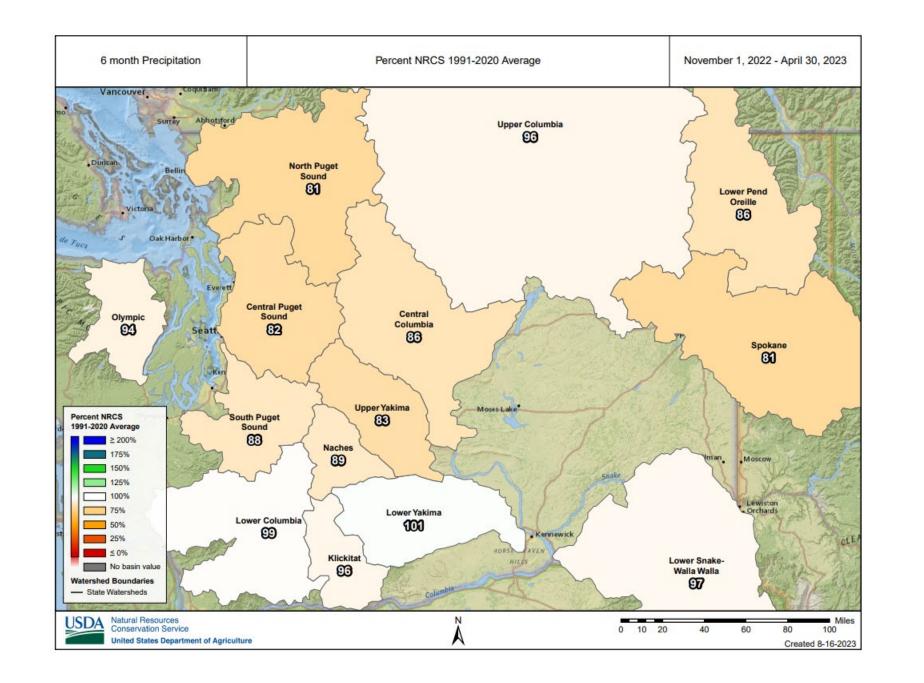


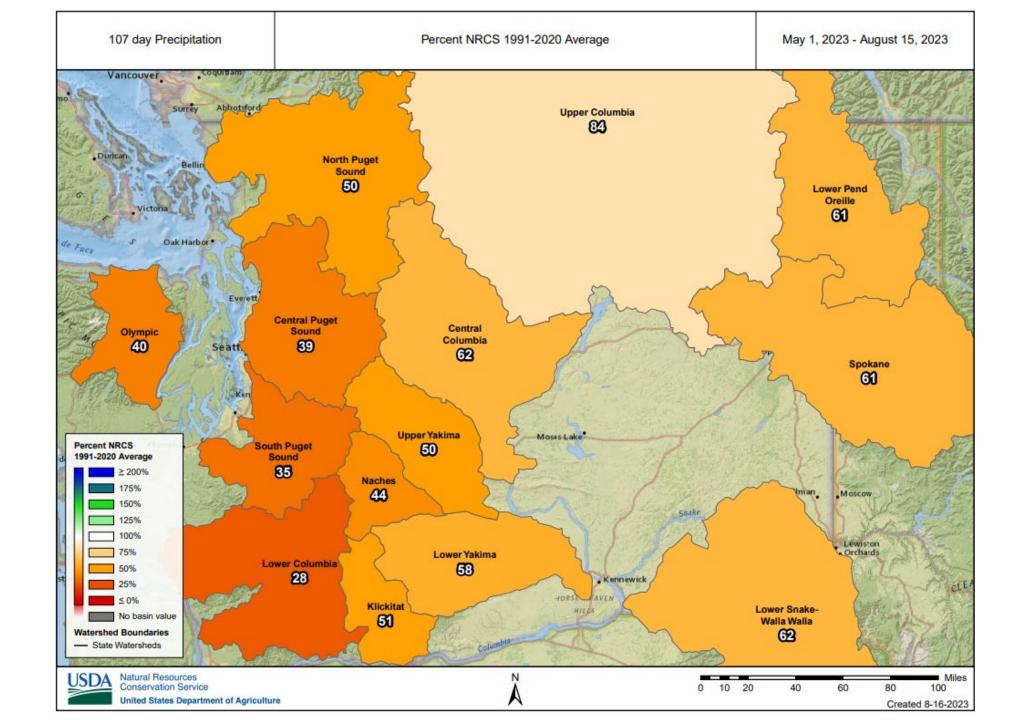


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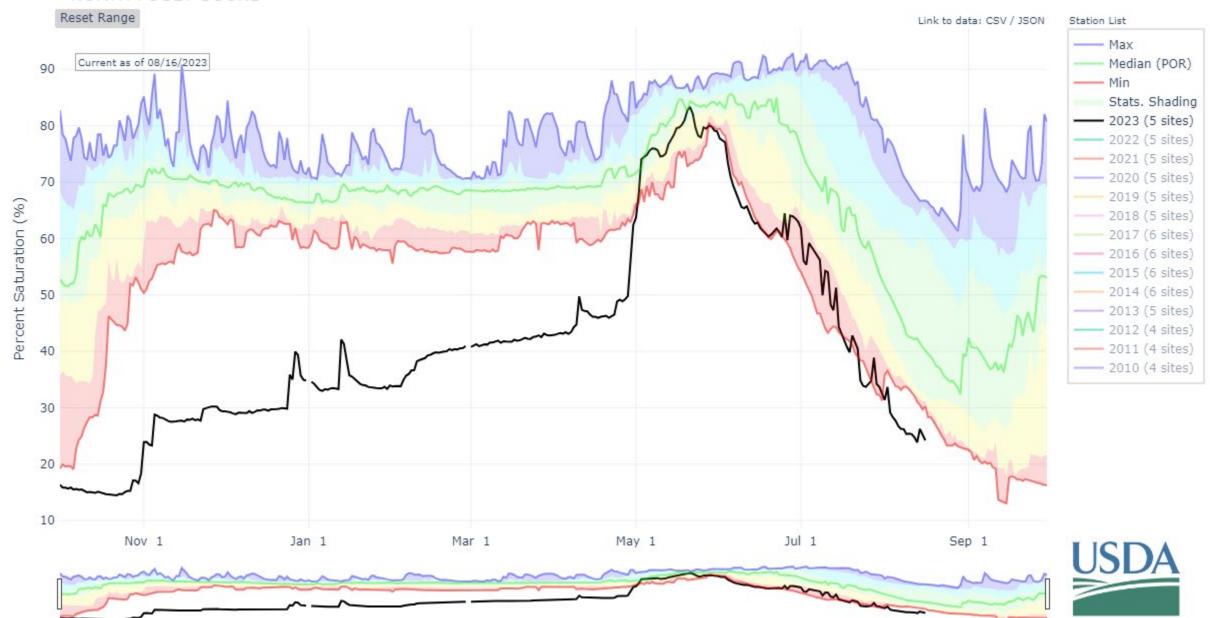
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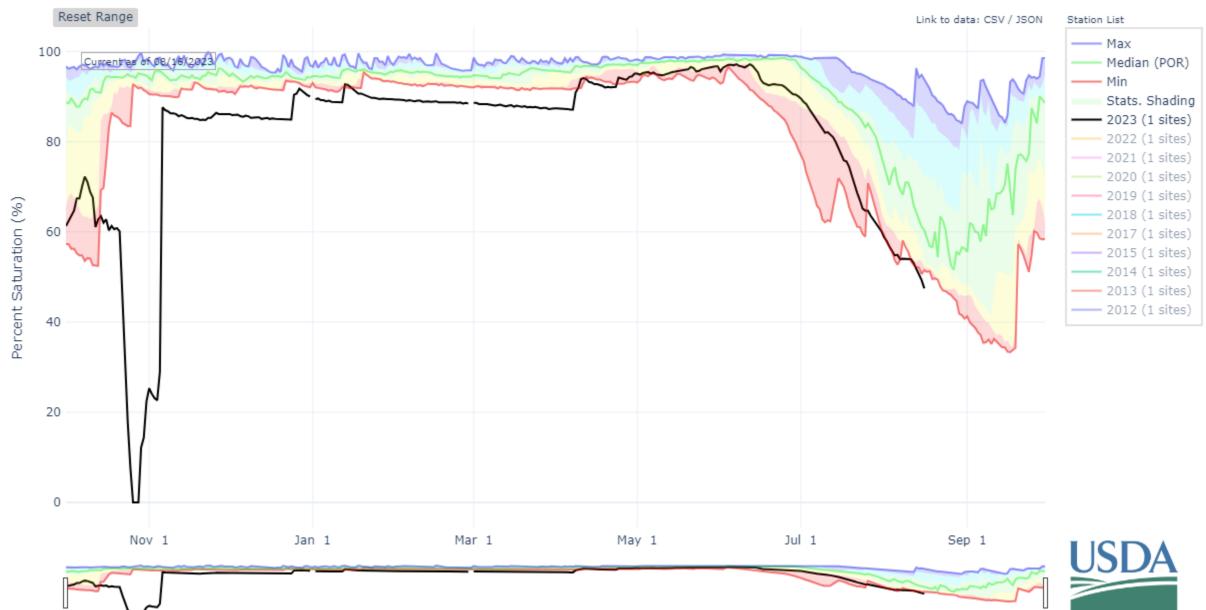




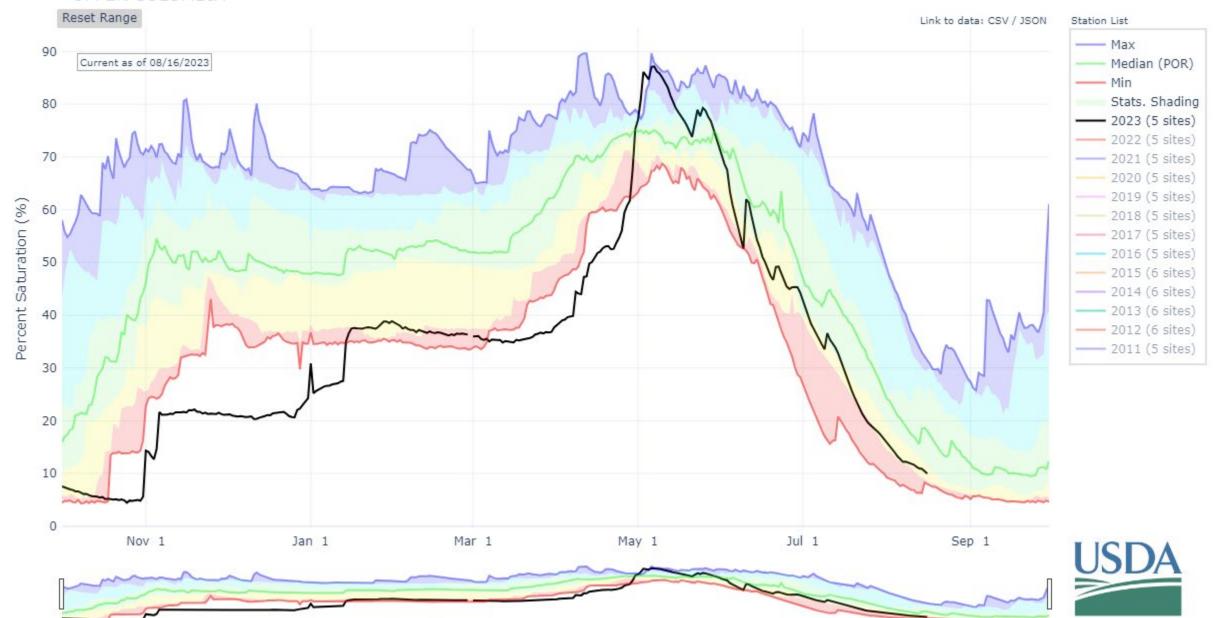
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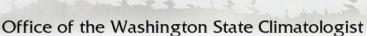
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# Current Conditions and Seasonal Outlook

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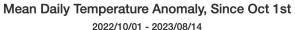
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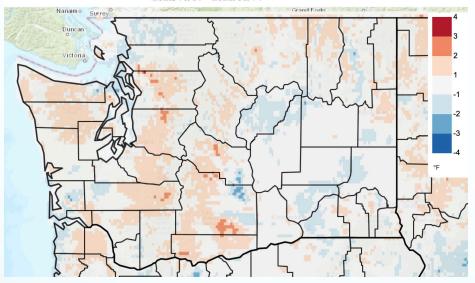
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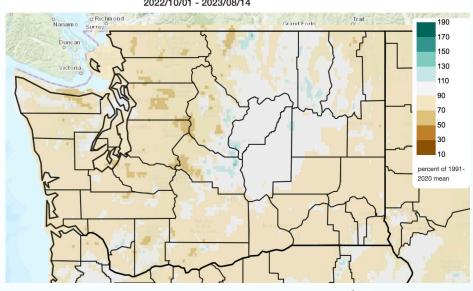
#### Temperature

#### Precipitation









Climate Toolbox

- Averaged statewide, Oct-Jul temperatures were near-normal (+0.2°F above 1991-2020 normal)
- Averaged statewide, Oct-Jul precipitation ranks as the 17<sup>th</sup> driest (-7.22")\*, with 82% of normal

# May-July 2023

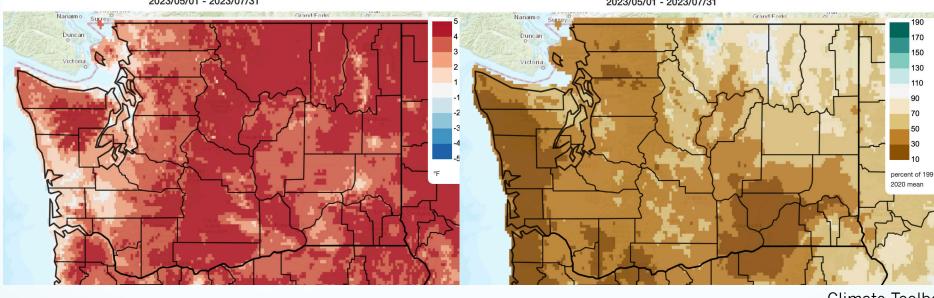
#### Temperature

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Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last 3 Full Months 2023/05/01 - 2023/07/31

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Last 3 Full Months

2023/05/01 - 2023/07/31



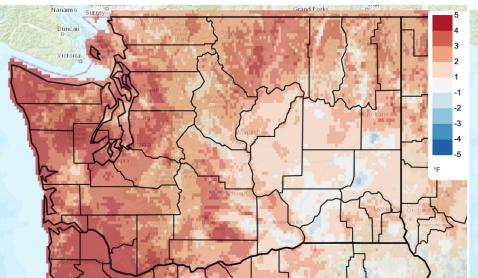
Climate Toolbox

- Averaged statewide, May-July ranks as the 4th warmest on record (+3.3°F)\*
- Averaged statewide, May-July was the 6<sup>th</sup> driest (-2.65") on record, with 49% of normal precipitation\*

# August 2023 so far...

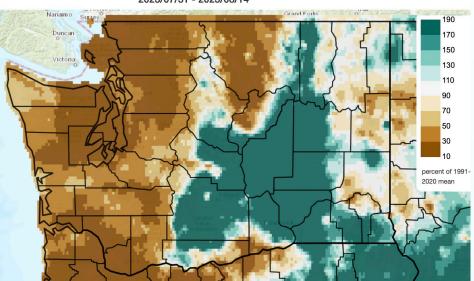
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Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last 15 Days 2023/07/31 - 2023/08/14



#### Precipitation

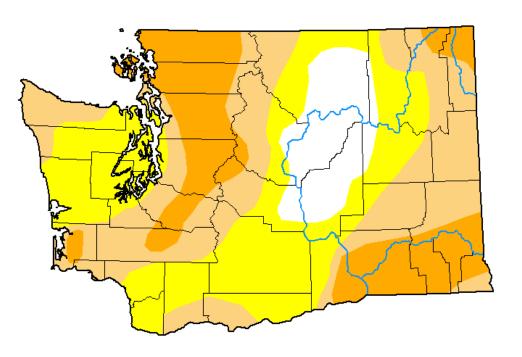
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## U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Washington

August 15, 2023 (Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023) Valid 8 a.m. EDT



#### Intensity:

None

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought

D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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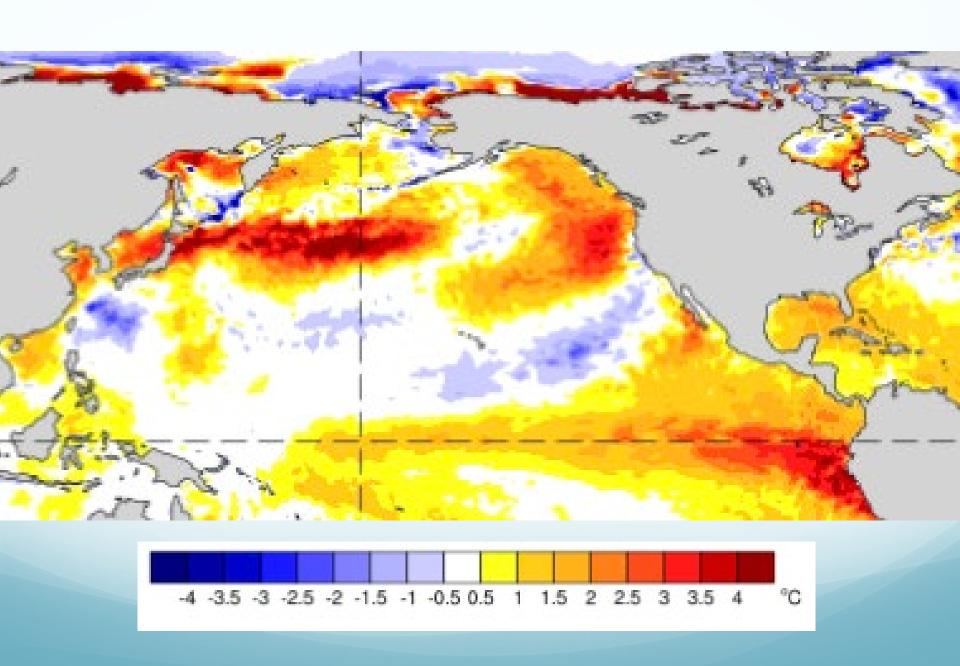




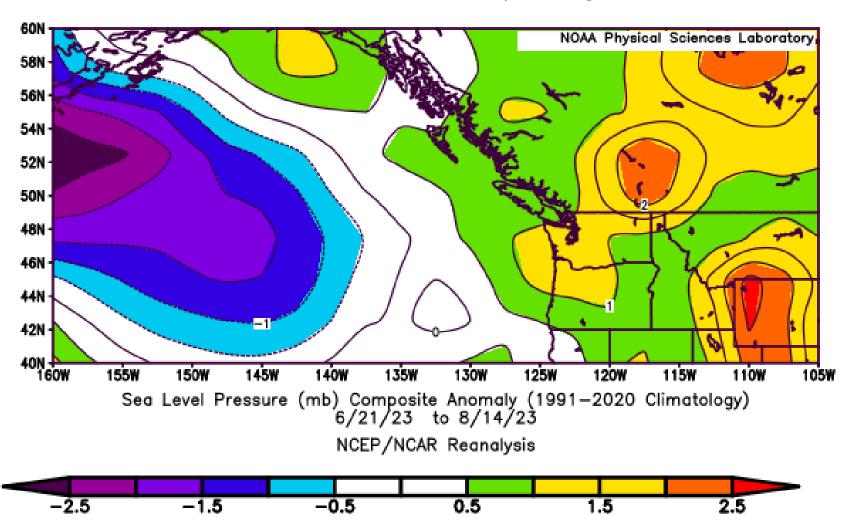




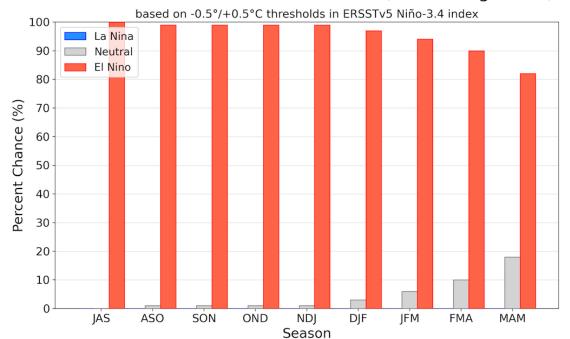
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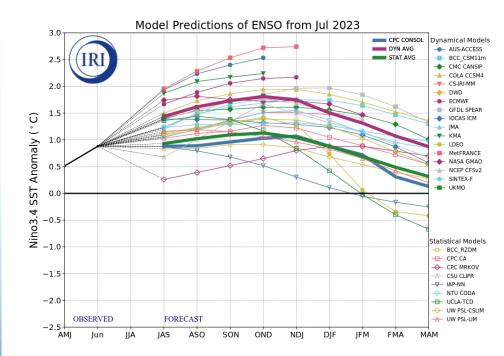
Offshore low pressure anomaly has meant warm air temperatures and reduced upwelling for our coastal waters



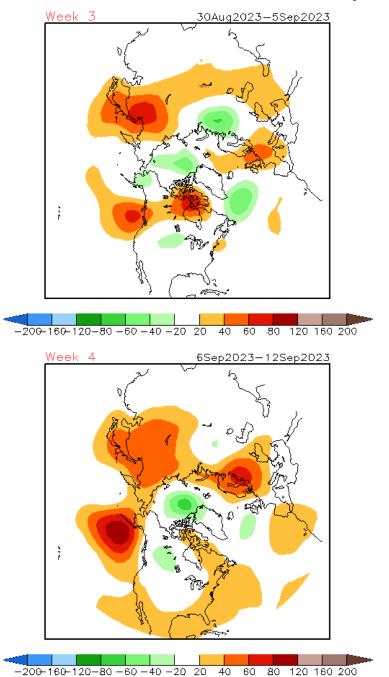
#### Official NOAA CPC ENSO Probabilities (issued Aug. 2023)



### Should we plan for El Niño?

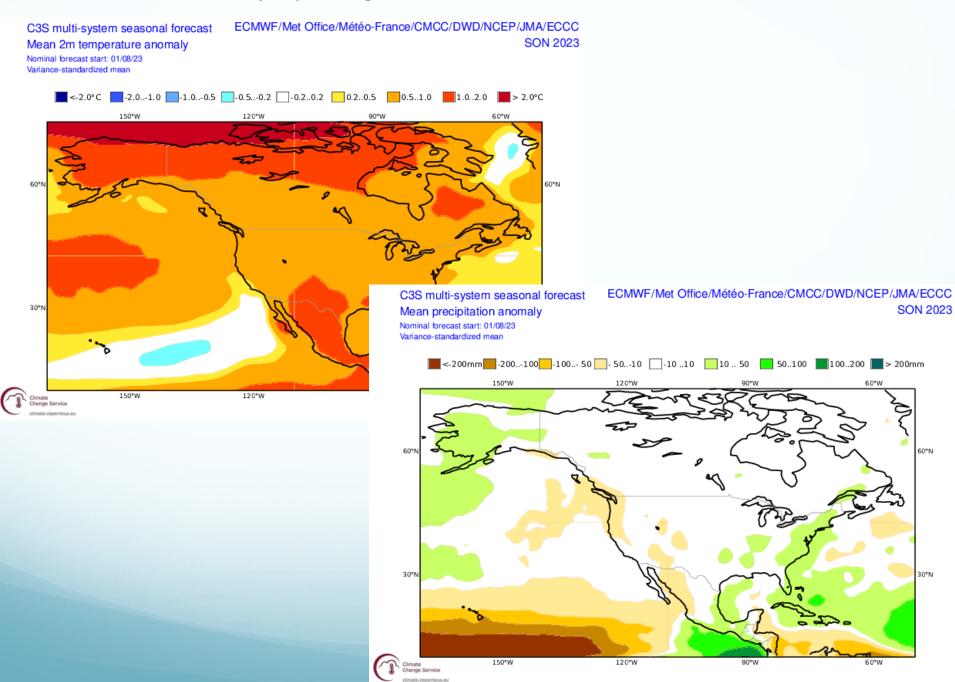


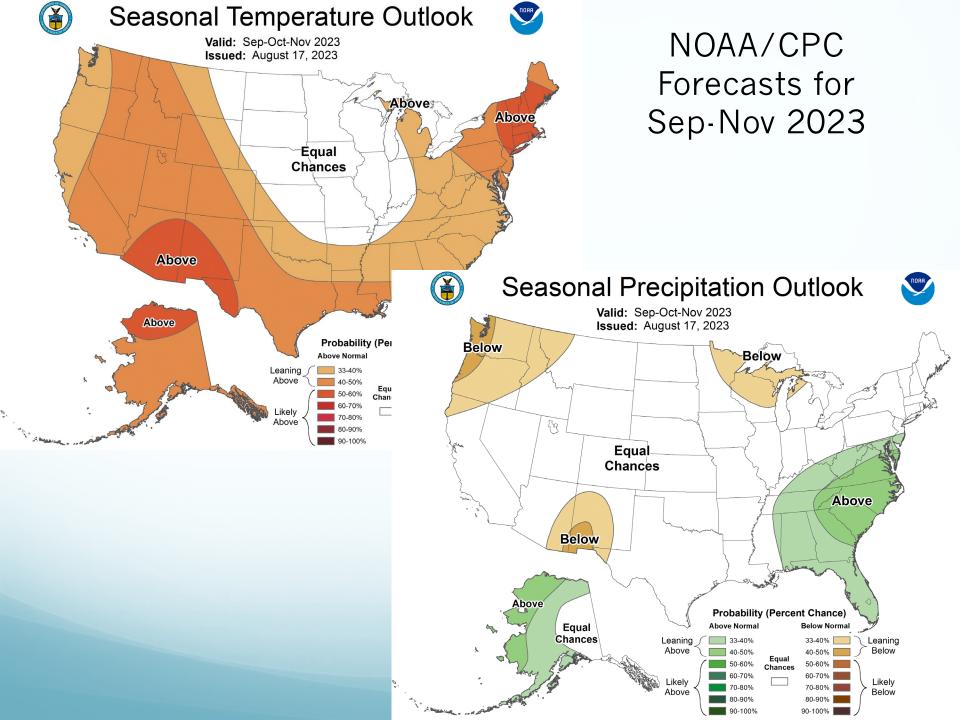
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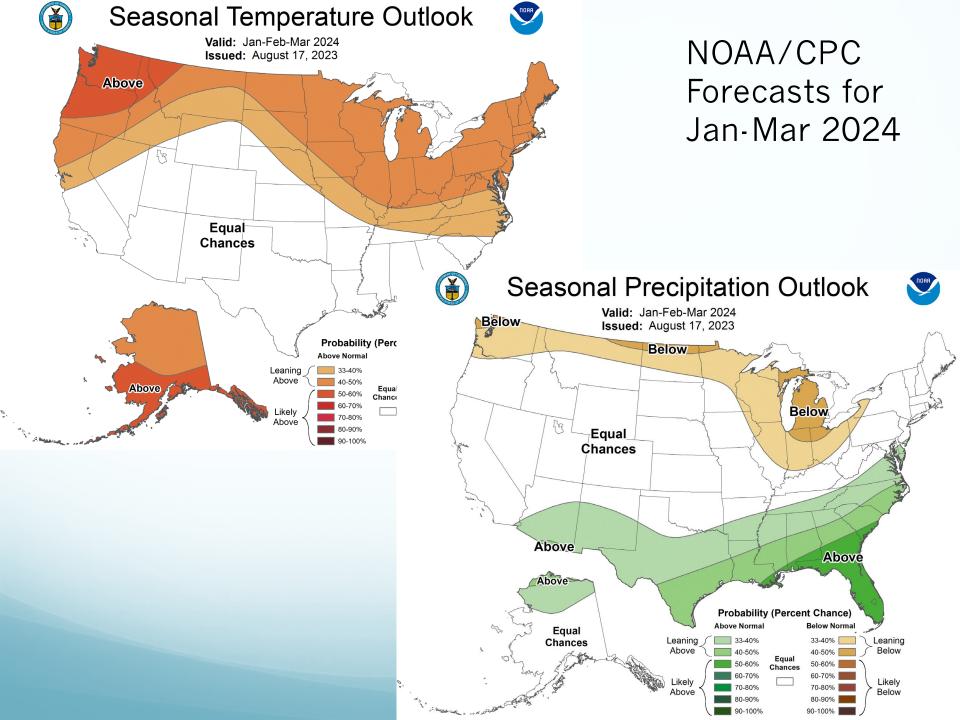


3-4 Week Forecasts from NOAA/CPC's CFS Model Suggests Warm and Dry Weather into September 2023

#### Climate models projecting a warm, but not extreme, season ahead







# Summary

- For the water year, average temperatures have been near-normal and precipitation below normal (~80% of normal)
- May-July ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> warmest and 6<sup>th</sup> driest averaged for WA
- August has been warmer than normal so far but with some precipitation in eastern WA
- The remainder of summer into fall is apt be warm and dry, relative to seasonal norms
- El Niño means a good chance for a warmer than normal winter, but precipitation amounts are more uncertain



#### Northwest River Forecast Center







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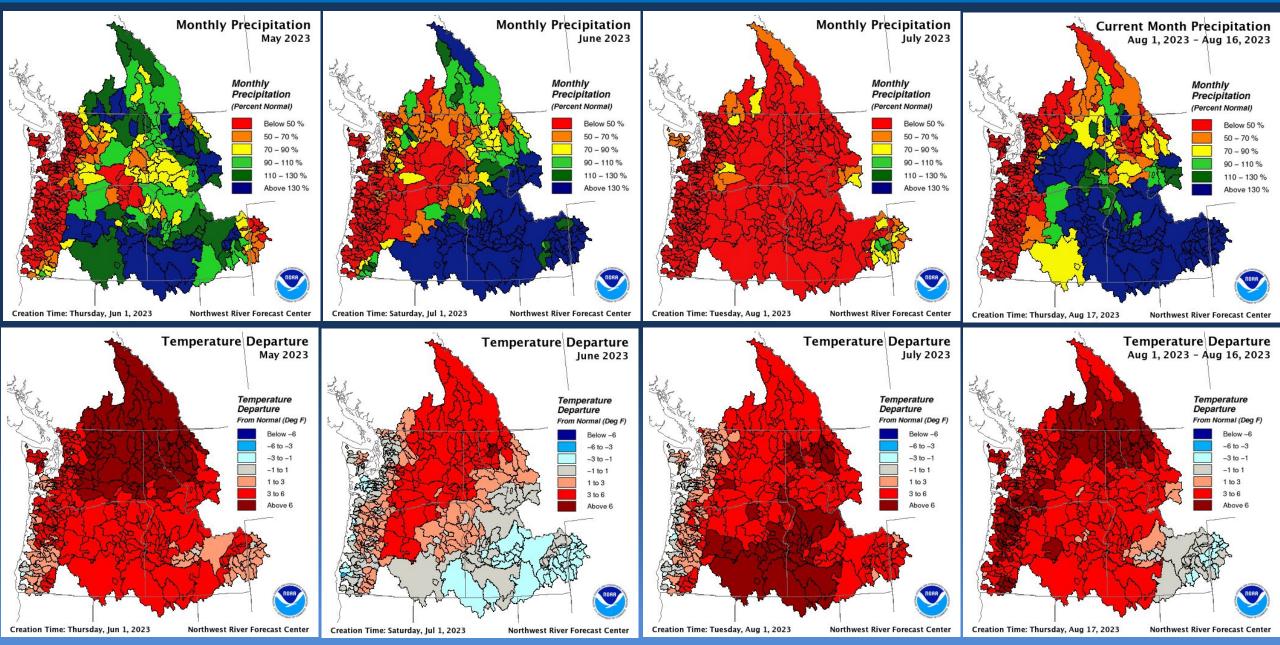


### Take Home Messages

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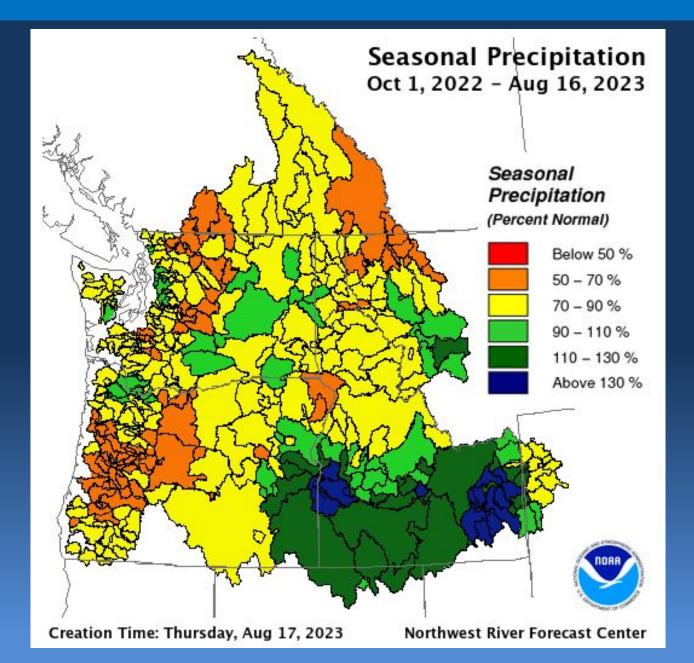


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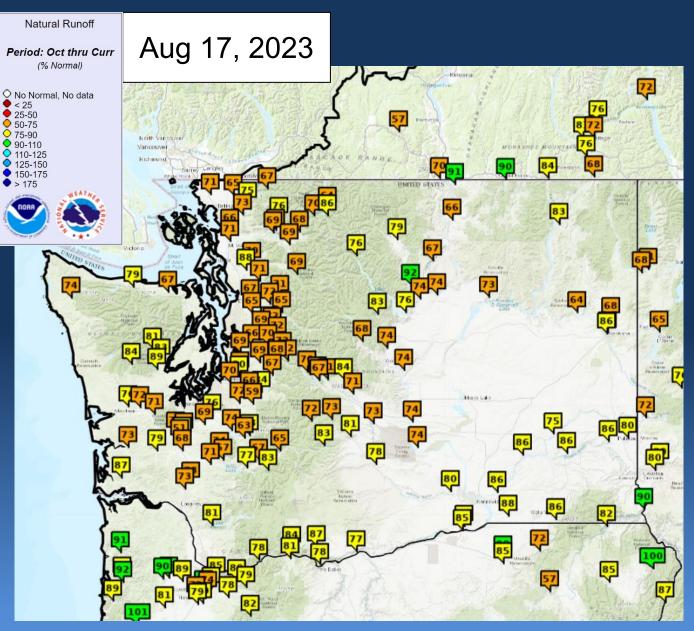


#### Precipitation and Temperature





### YTD Adjusted Natural Runoff



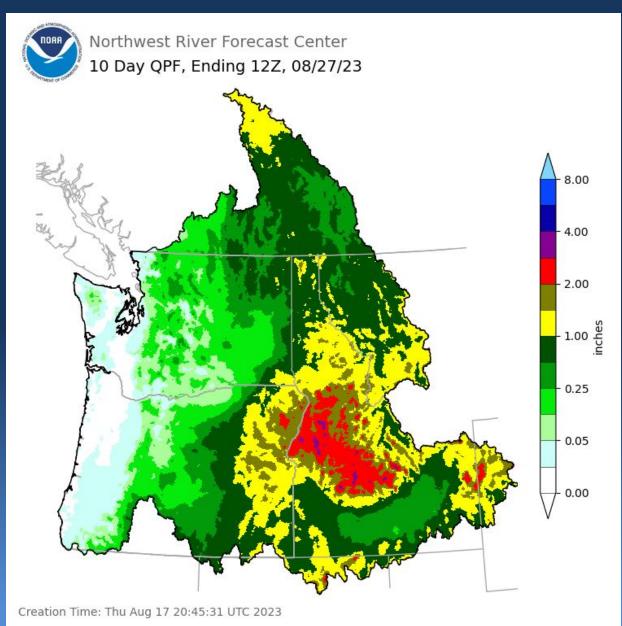
% Normal Runoff Oct 1 – Aug 17

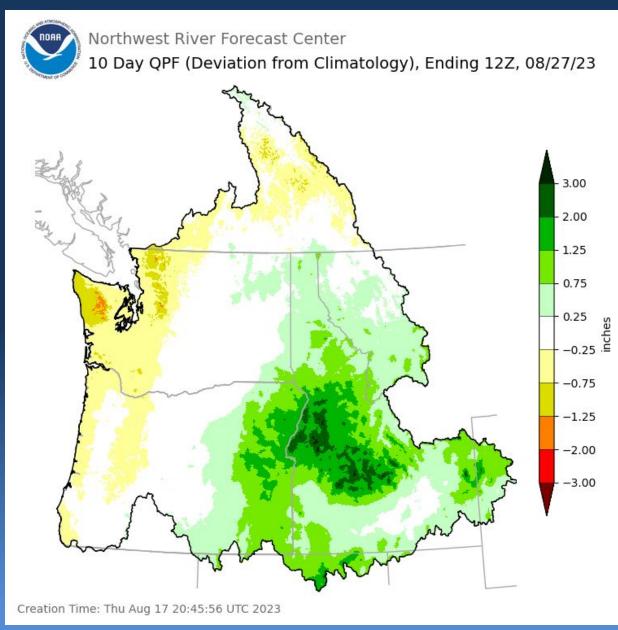
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Skagit nr Mt Vernon	71
Dungeness nr Sequim	67
Chehalis at Porter	71
Okanogan at Malott	67
Methow nr Pateros	92
Yakima at Parker	78
Walla Walla nr Touchet	88

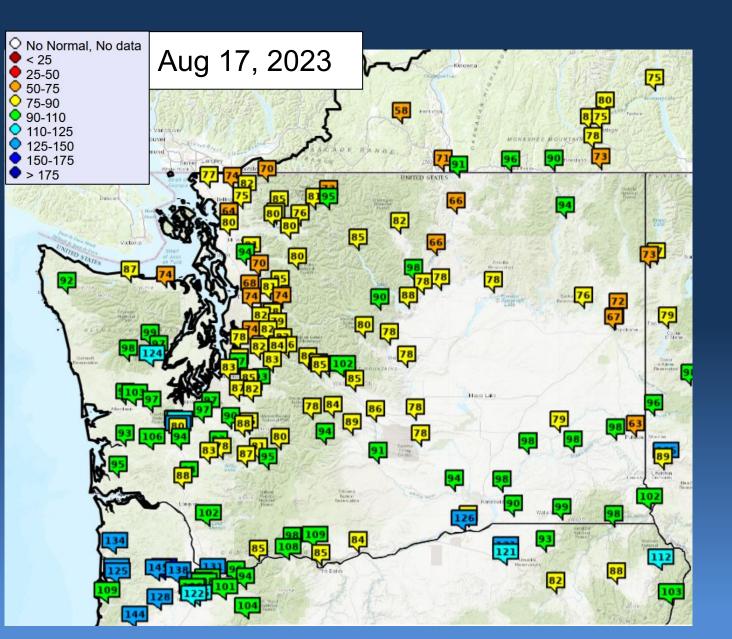


### 10 Day Precipitation Forecast







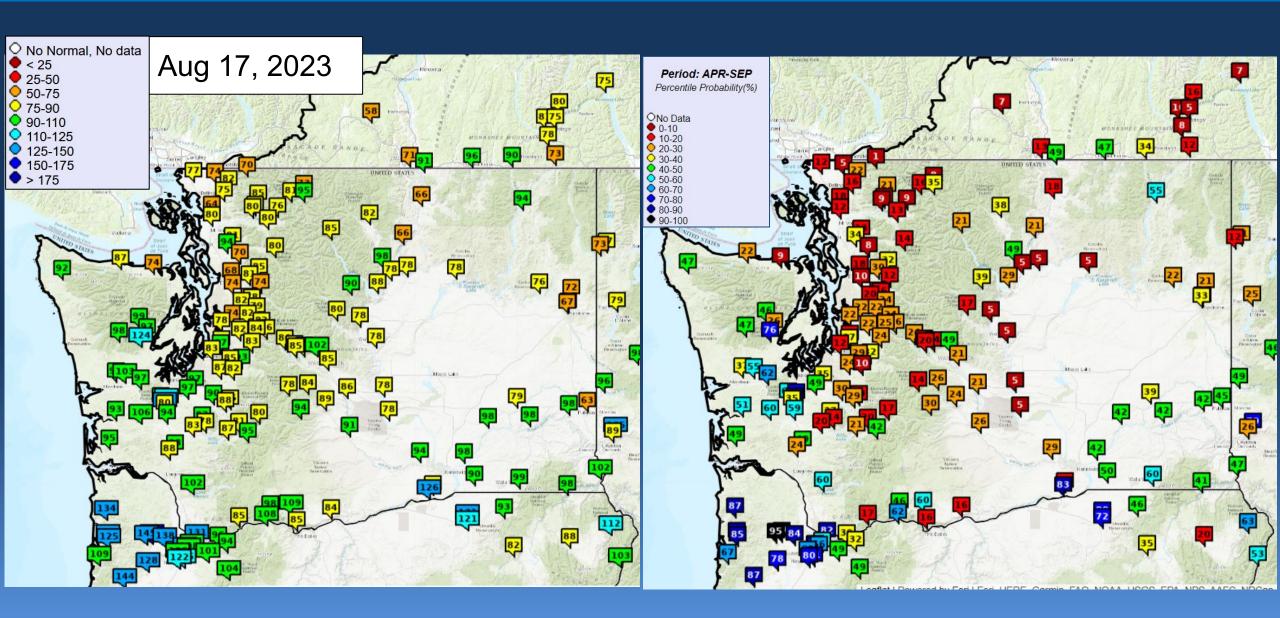


% Normal Apr -Sep Volume

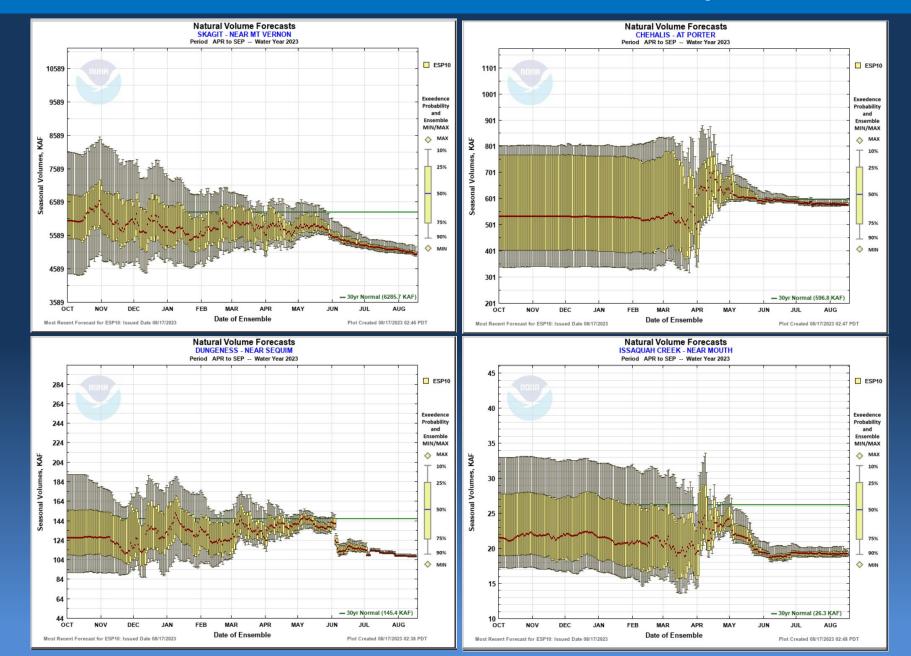
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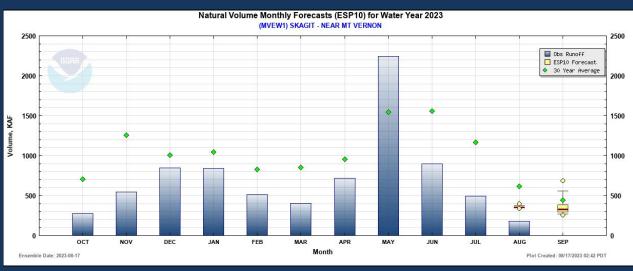


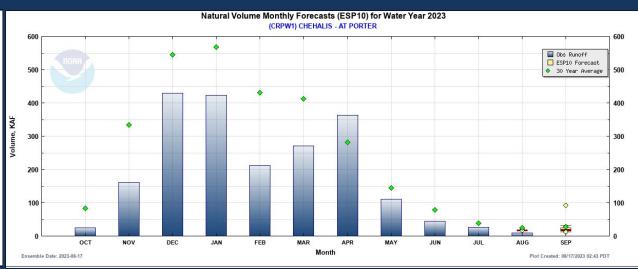


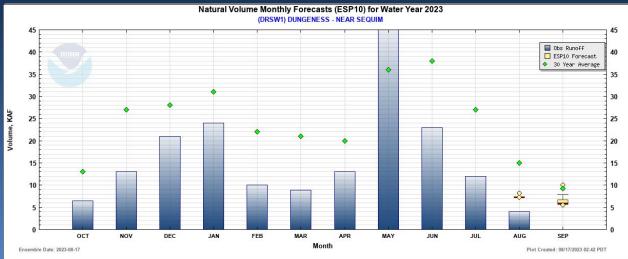


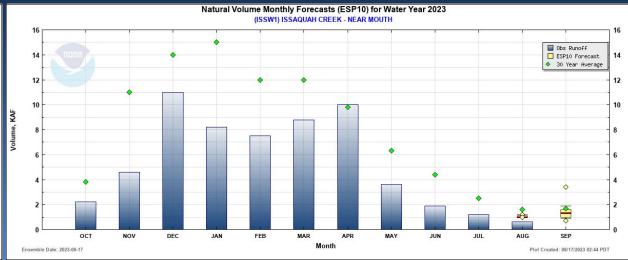




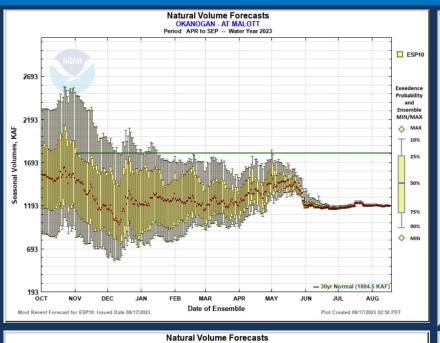


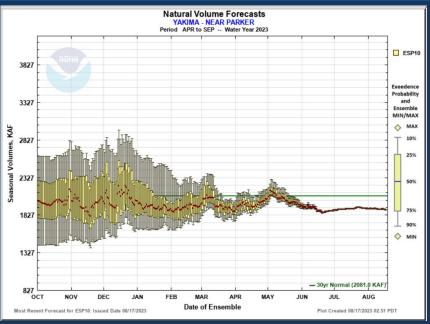


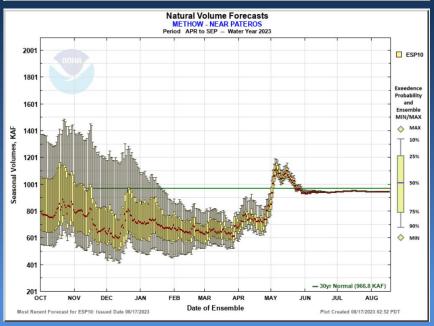


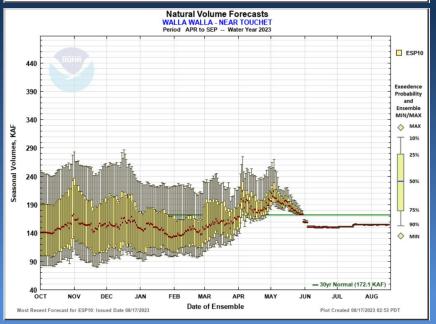




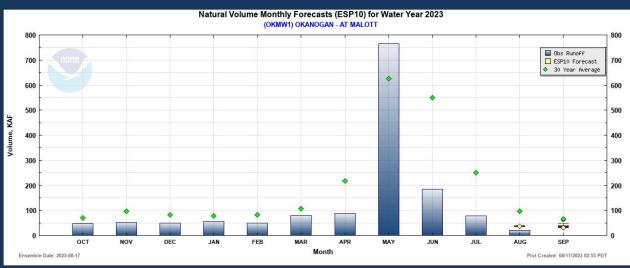


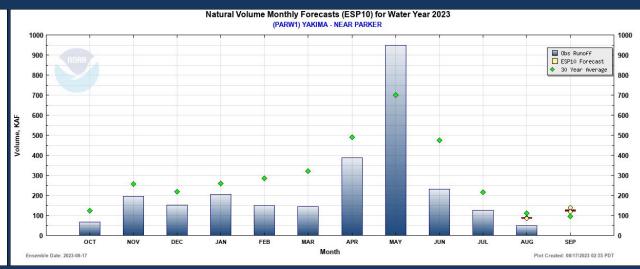


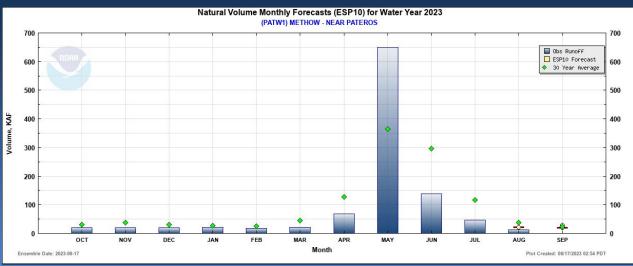


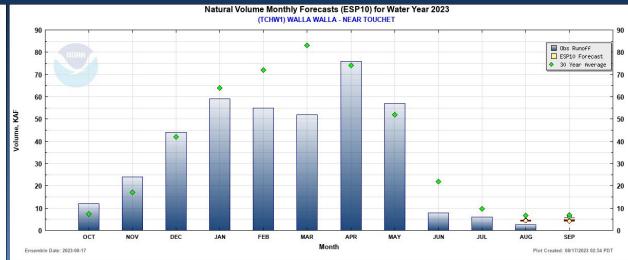














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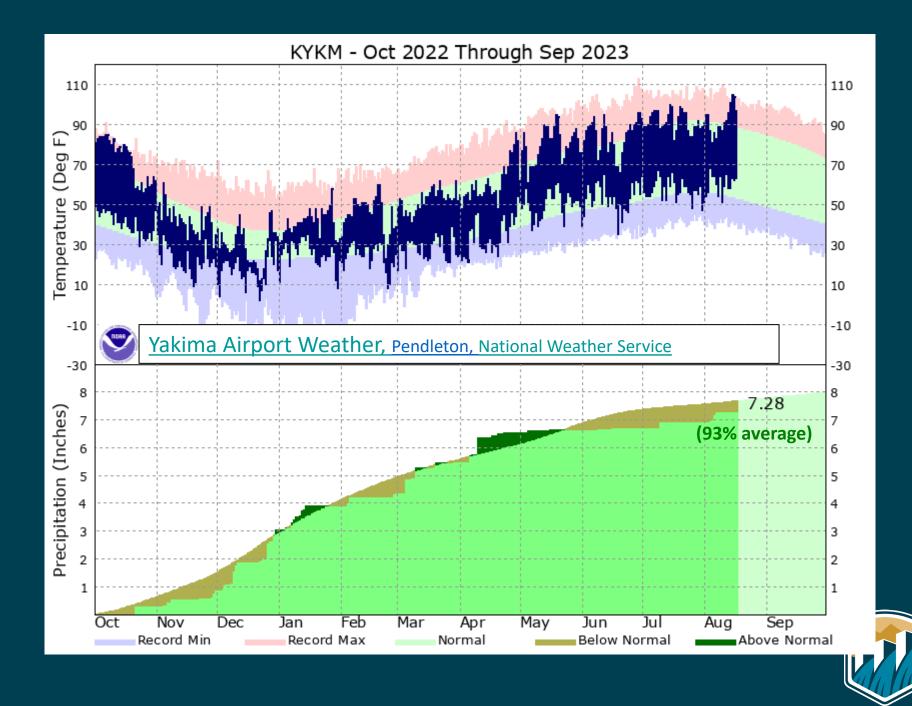
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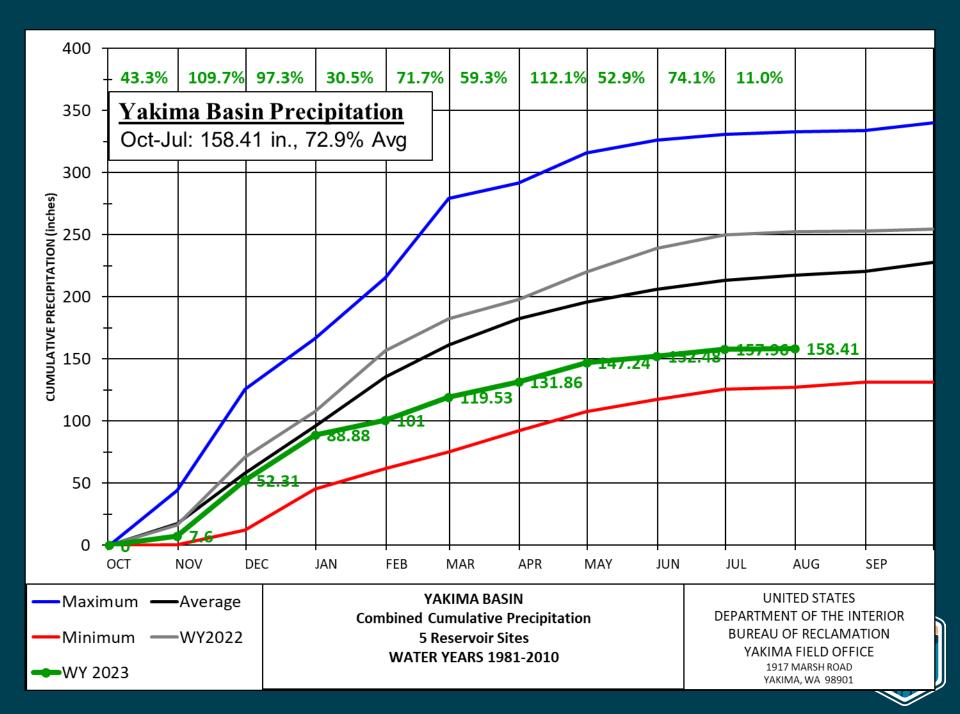


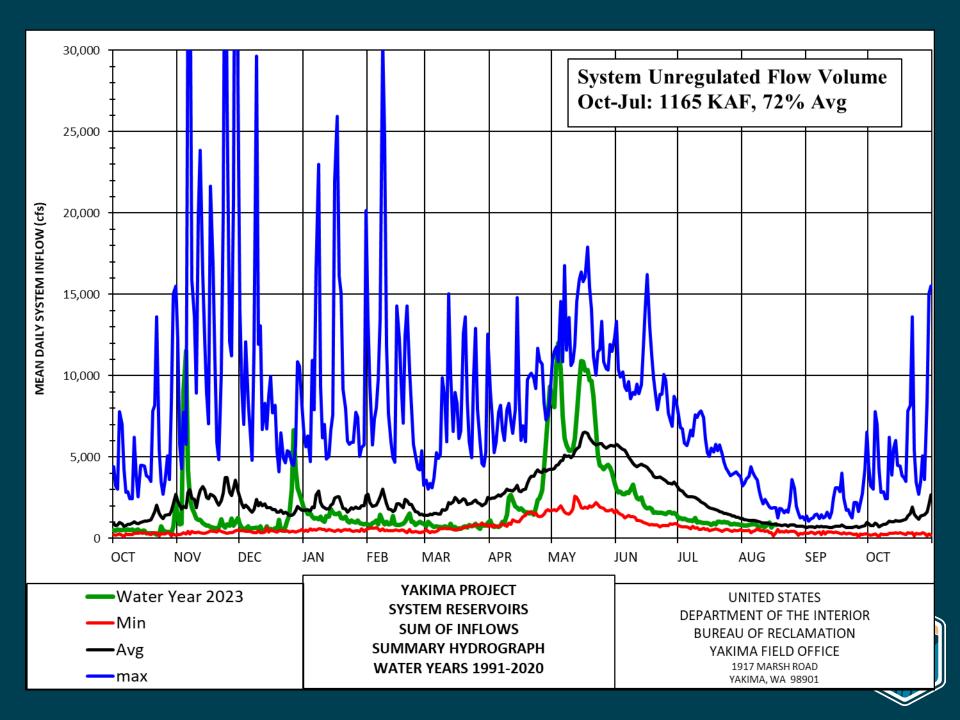
# Yakima River Operations & Water Supply Meeting

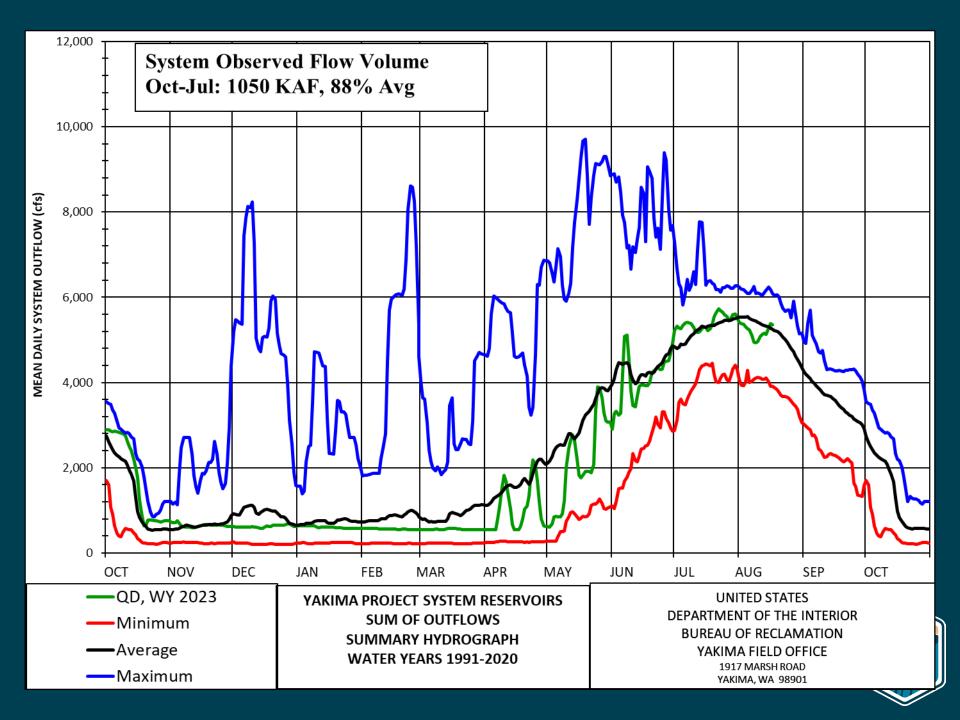


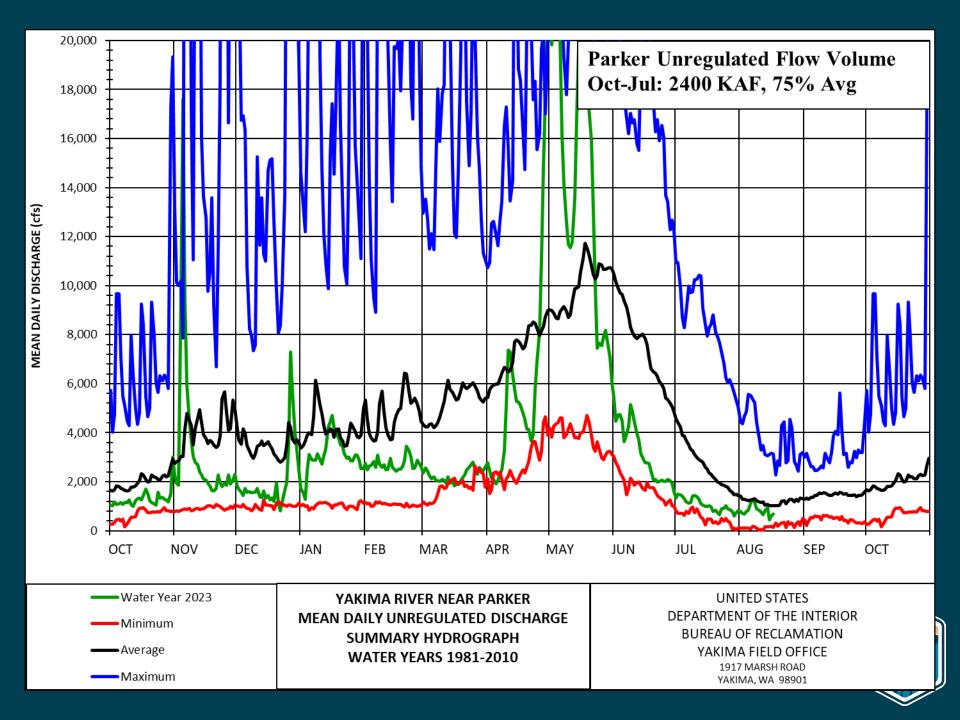
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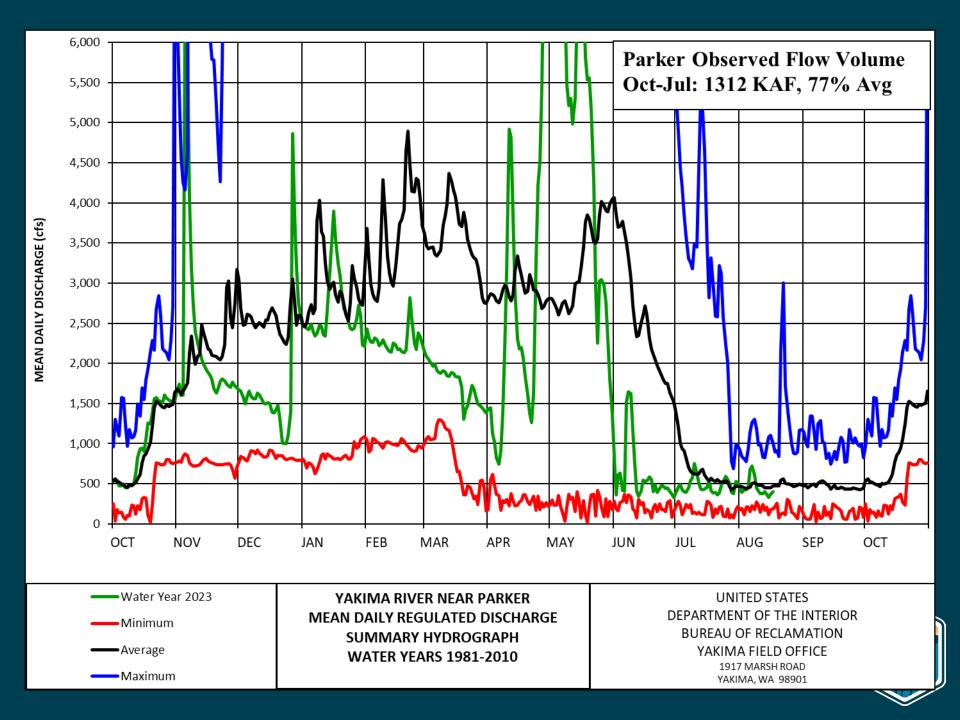


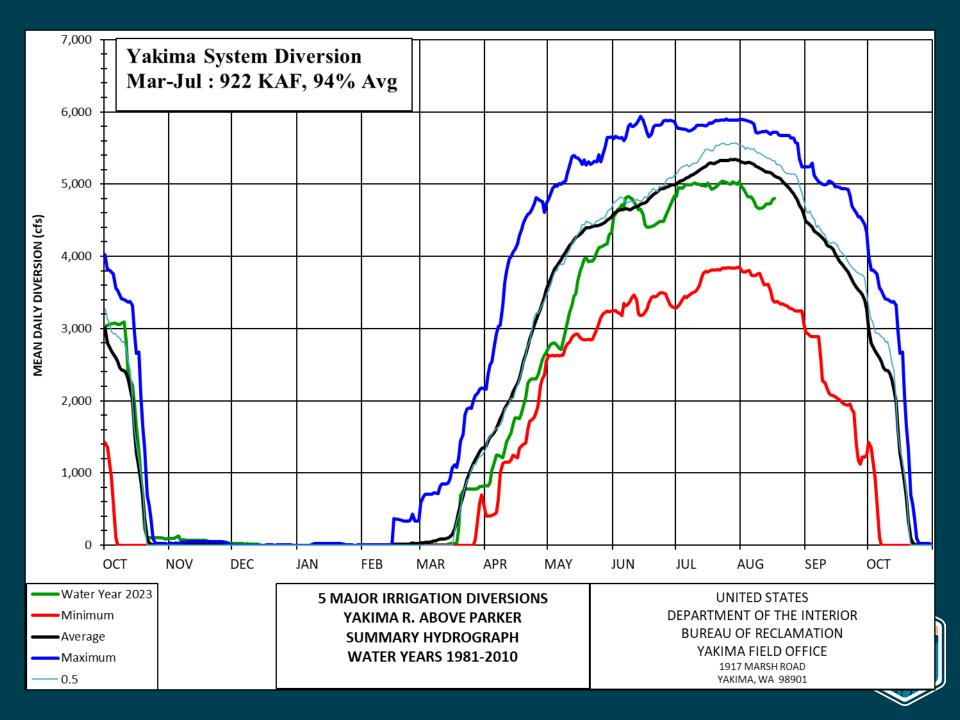


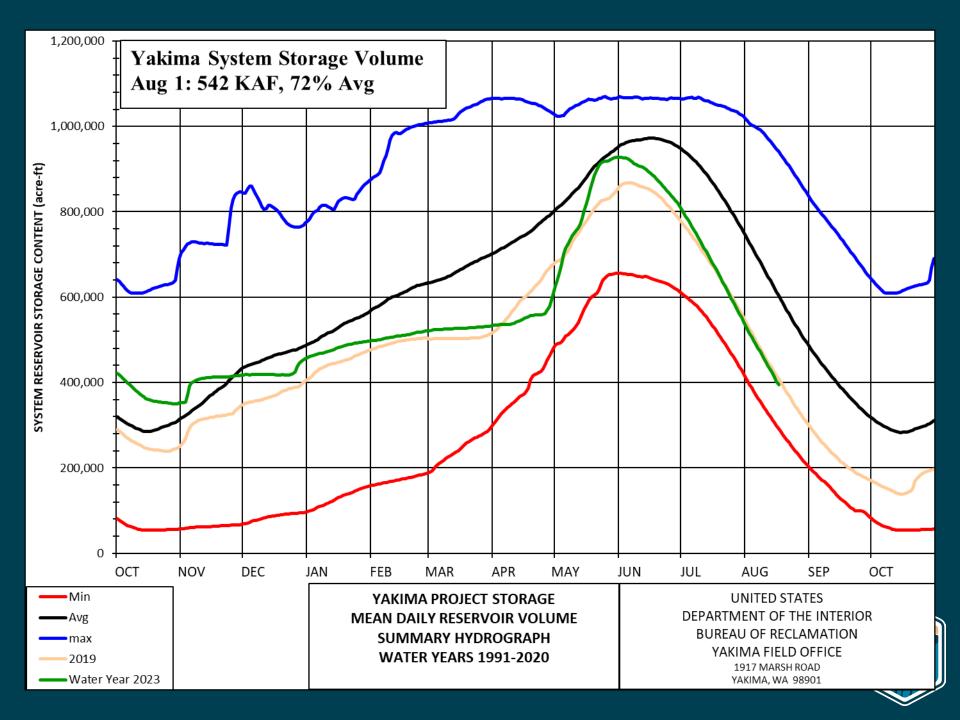












#### **August 1, 2023 TWSA ESTIMATE**

June 1 - September 30

Parameter*	+/-/=	Low	Adopted	High
June 1-Sep 30 Natural Flow at Parker est.	+	336	402	470
Return Flow Estimate	+	235	235	250
June 1, Reservoir Content	+	928	928	928
TWSA	=	1499	<b>1565</b>	1648
SEP 30 EST RESERVOIR CONTENT	-	76	76	76
EST FLOW OVER SUNNYSIDE DAM	-	110	110	110
TWSA FOR IRRIGATION	=	1313	1379	1462
NONPRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT	-	723	723	723
REMAINING TWSA	=	590	656	739
PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		917	917	917
% RATIO= REMAINING TWSA/PRORATABLE		4.40/	-00/	6.1.0
ENTITLEMENT		<b>64%</b>	<b>72</b> %	<b>81%</b>
TITLE 12 FLOW REQUIREMENTS, cfs	August	300	300	300
Flow available to Title 12, cfs *#*		164	167	169
Non-storeable Portion of added flow, cfs		72	72	72
Storable portion of added flow, cfs		92	95	97

\*Values are in 1,000 ac-ft unless otherwise specified.

<sup>\*#\*</sup> State & YRBWEP Trust, Acquisition, & Conservation additions to Title XII flow range from 163 to 168 cfs.



#### **August 2023 TWSA Comparison**

June 1 - September 30

Parameter	''+/ <u>-</u> /=''	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023
June 1-Sep 30 Natural Flow at Parker est.	+	502	402	402
Return Flow Estimate	+	235	235	235
June 1, Reservoir Content	+	928	928	928
TWSA	=	1665	1565	1565
SEP 30 EST RESERVOIR CONTENT*	-	76	76	76
FLOW OVER SUNNYSIDE DAM	-	161	110	110
TWSA FOR IRRIGATION	=	1428	1379	1379
NONPRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT	-	723	723	723
REMAINING TWSA	=	705	656	656
PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		917	917	917
% RATIO= REMAINING		77%	72%	72%
TWSA/PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		77 70	7270	7270
TITLE XII FLOW REQUIREMENTS, cfs	January	300	300	300
TOTAL FLOW AVAILABLE AT PARKER, cfs *#*		474	472	467

\*Values are in 1,000 ac-ft unless otherwise specified.



#### Yakima Basin Minimum Flows

	Minimum Flow (cfs) by Water Year Type					
Location	Dry	Average	Wet			
KEE	Inflow - 80	100	120			
KAC	Inflow - 30	30	30			
EASW	190	250	300			
CLE	Inflow - 180	220	250			
вим	Inflow - 130	Inflow - 130	Inflow - 130			
RIM	Inflow - 50	75	90			
TICW	75	100	120			

- El Nino winter 2023-2024, indicates winters having near to below average precip and warmer than normal temps.
- Nov 1 carry-over of less than 150 KAF
- These call for Spawning flows set to the low range:
- Kee-80, Kac-30, Easw-190, Cle-180, Bum-130, Rim-50, Ticw-75 cfs.

### **Hydrologic Summary**

- Storage control and prorationing started June 1
- TWSA: remained at 1.57 MAF, 72% of average
- Title XII plus added waters: 372 cfs
- Prorationing: holding at 72%
- Storable conservation est (Jun1-Oct15): 26 KAF
- Carry-over will be very low