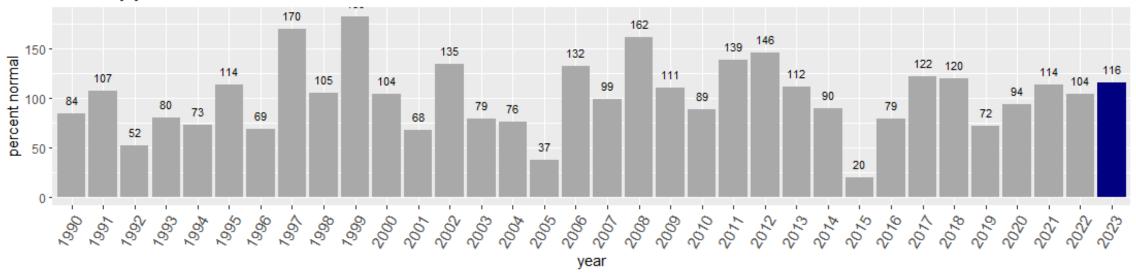
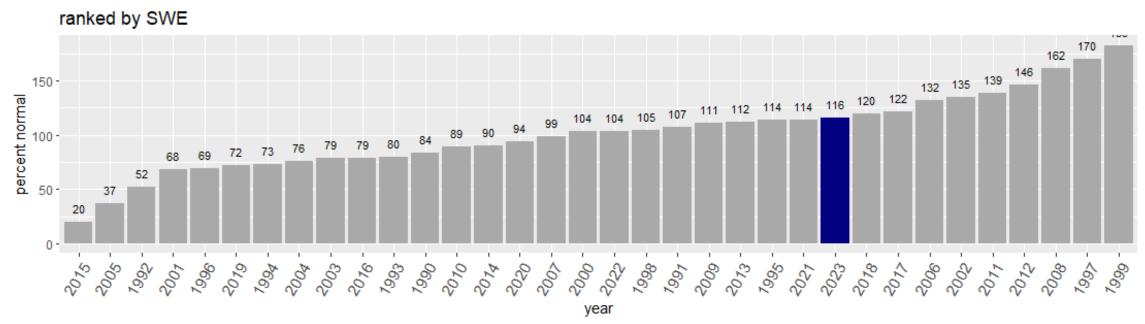
Water Supply Availability Committee

Friday, April 20					
Start Time	End Time	Duration, min	Description		
10:00	10:15	15	Welcome & Introductions Mountain Conditions	Jeff Marti, Ecology	
			Regional Climate Setting/		
10:15	10:30	15	ENSO	Nick Bond, OWSC	
10:30	10:45	15	Streamflow and Groundwater	Nick Sutfin, USGS	
40.45	40.55	10	Mateur County Foreste	Amy Burke, NWRFC	
10:45			Water Supply Forecasts	Robin Fox, NWS Spokane	
10:55	11:10	15	Yakima Project	Chris Lynch	
11:10	11:30	20	General Info Sharing	All	
			Next Meeting Friday, May 21		

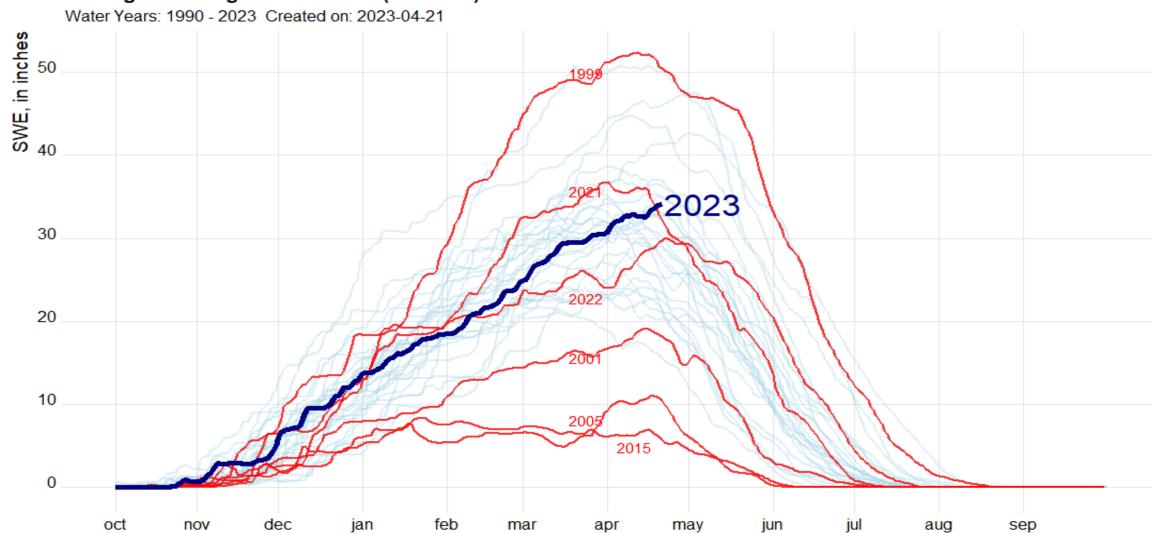
Washington statewide average Snow Water Equivalent on April 21 compared to previous years sorted by year



NRCS data

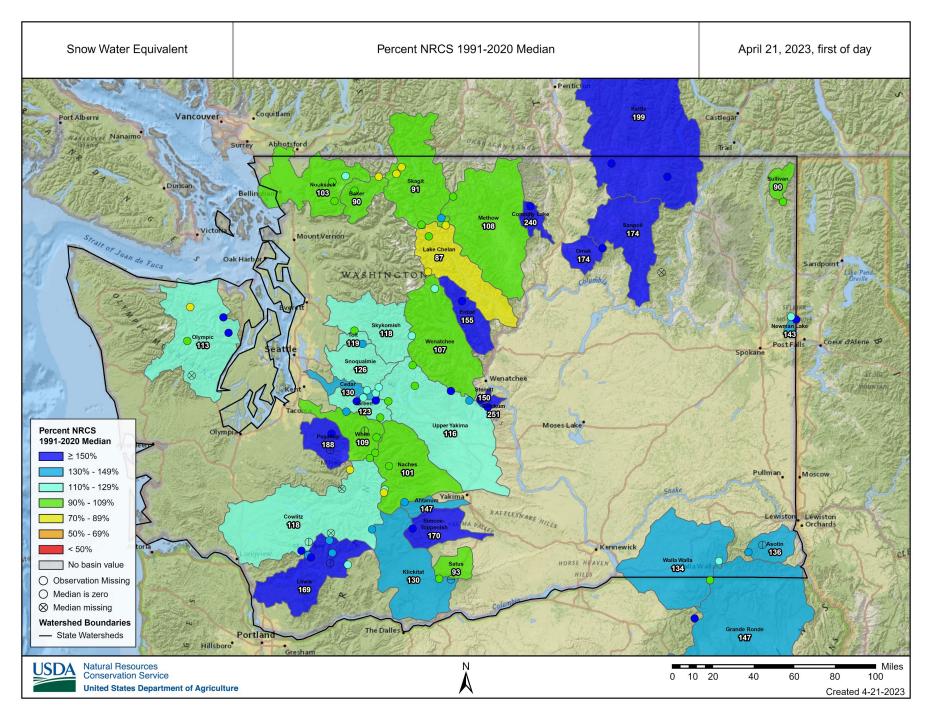


Average Washington State SWE (SNOTEL)



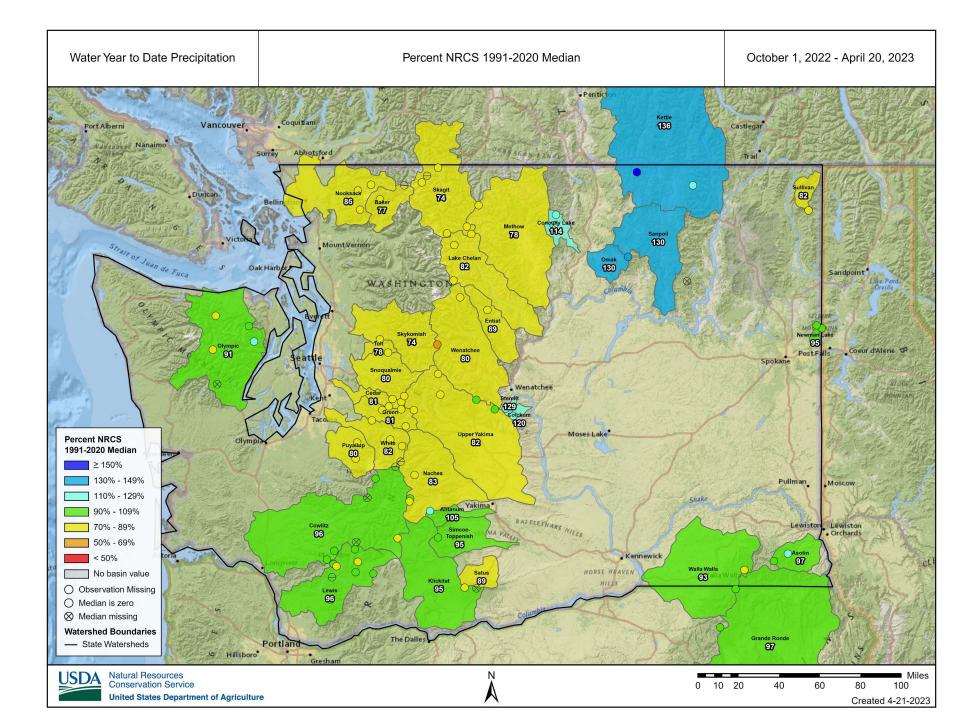
Data: NRCS

month



Statewide Average: 116% of Normal

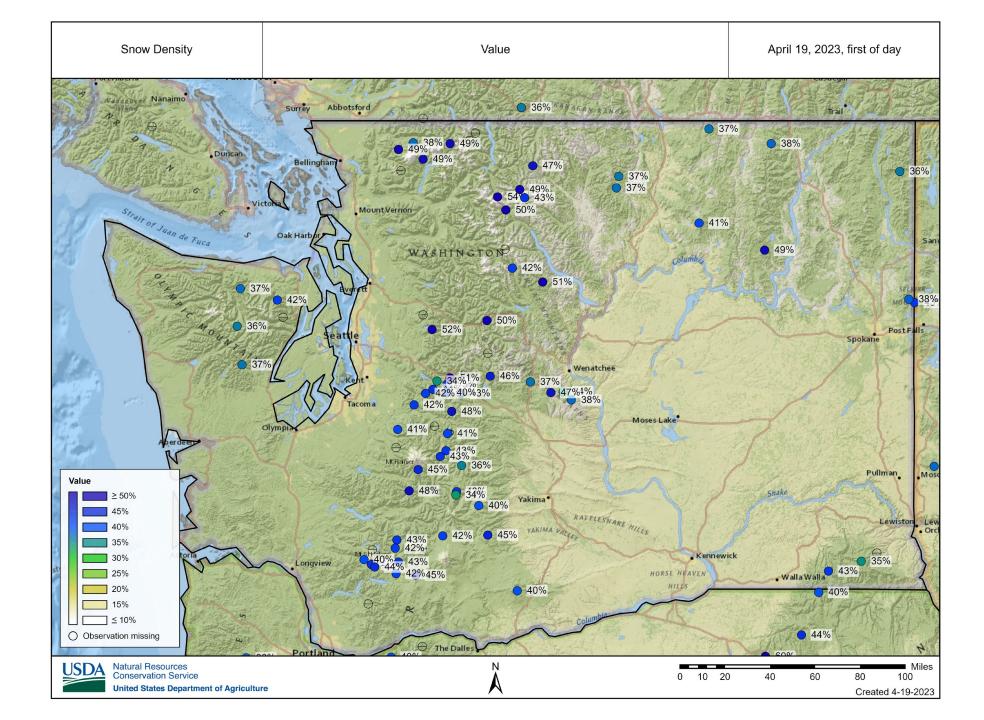
Statewide
Average
Precipitation:
86 Percent of
Average

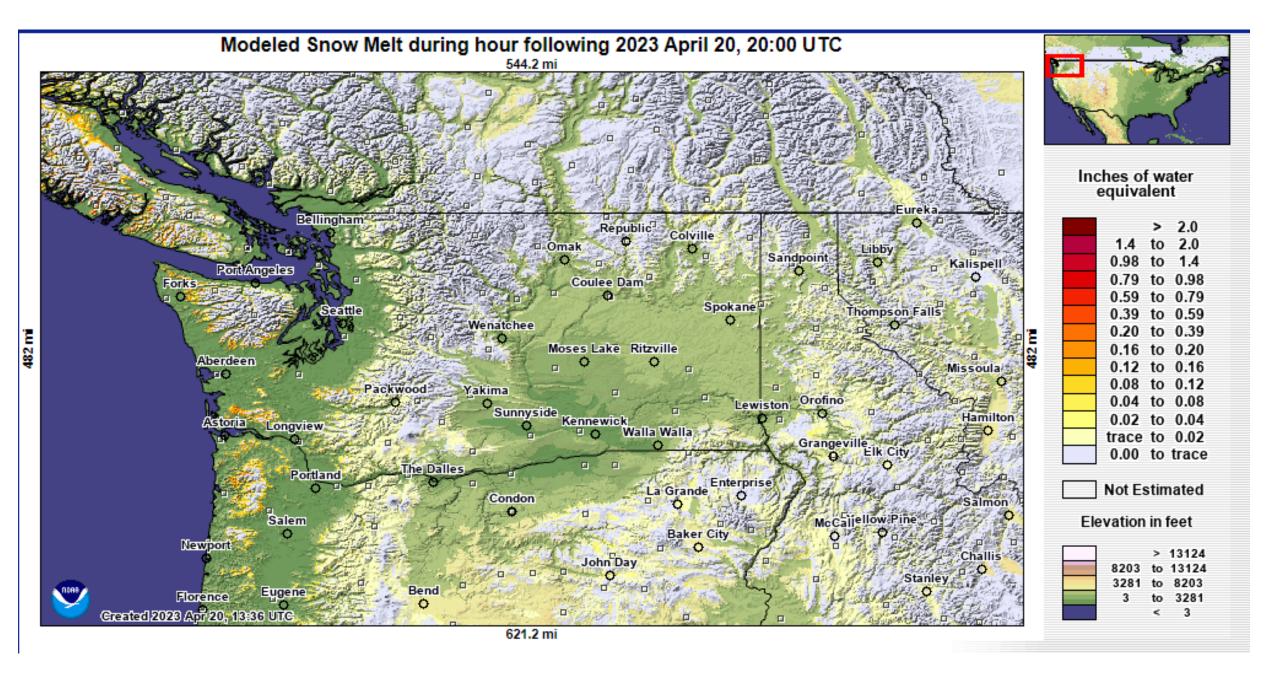


Snow Density

(ratio of snow water to snow depth)

> 40% means the snow is ready to move when conditions warm

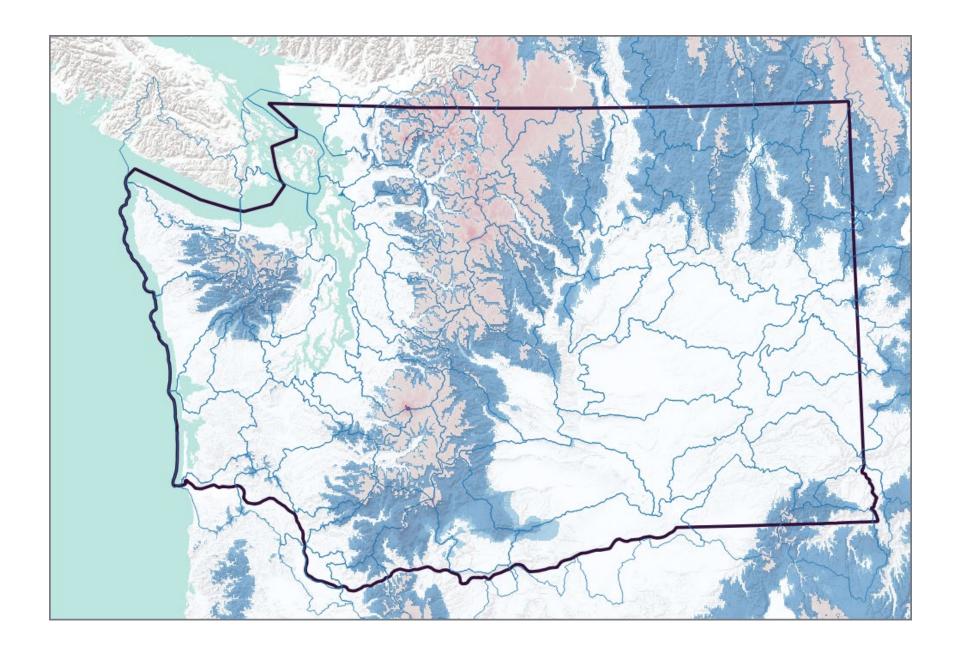




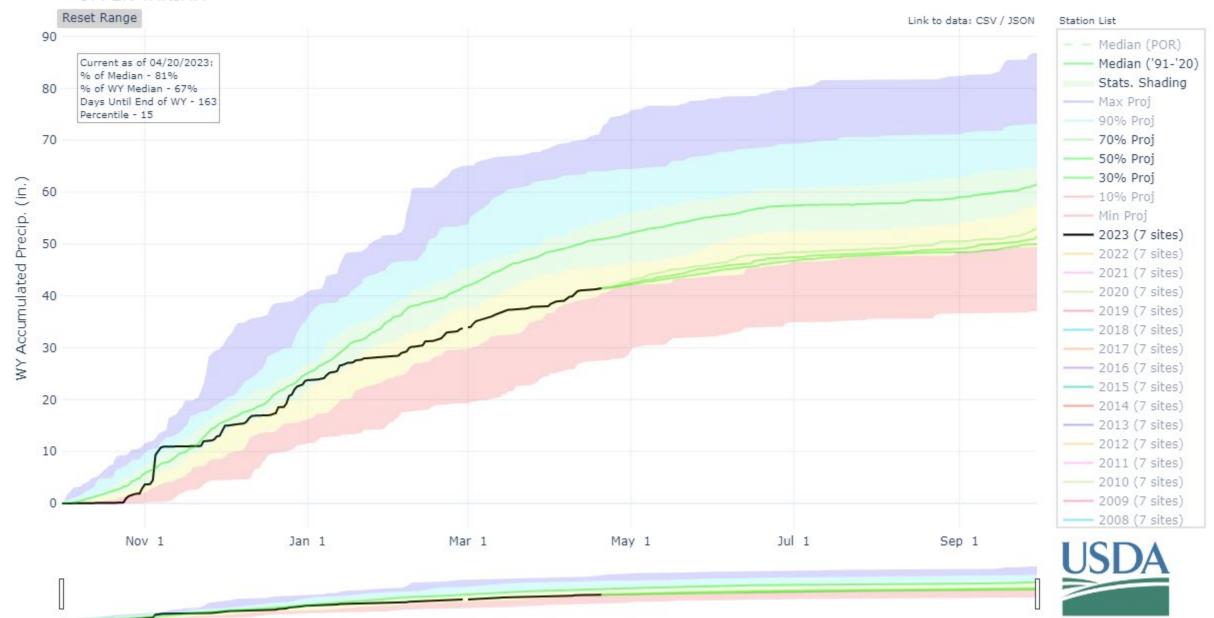
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PRECIPITATION PROJECTIONS IN UPPER YAKIMA

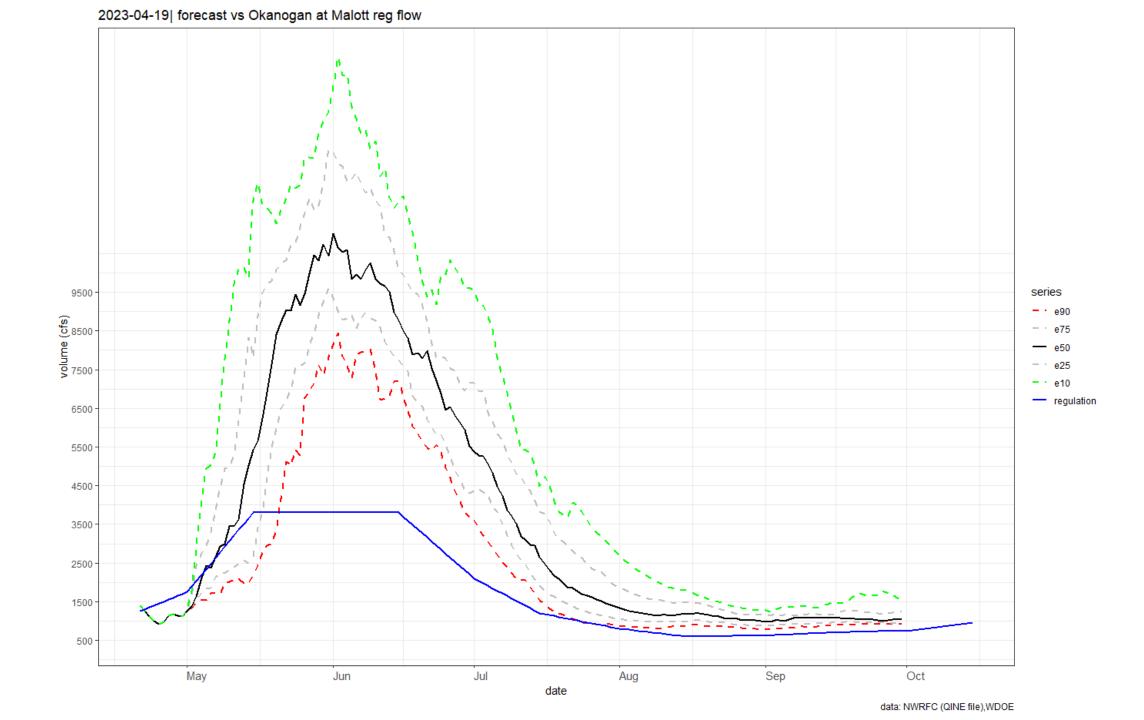


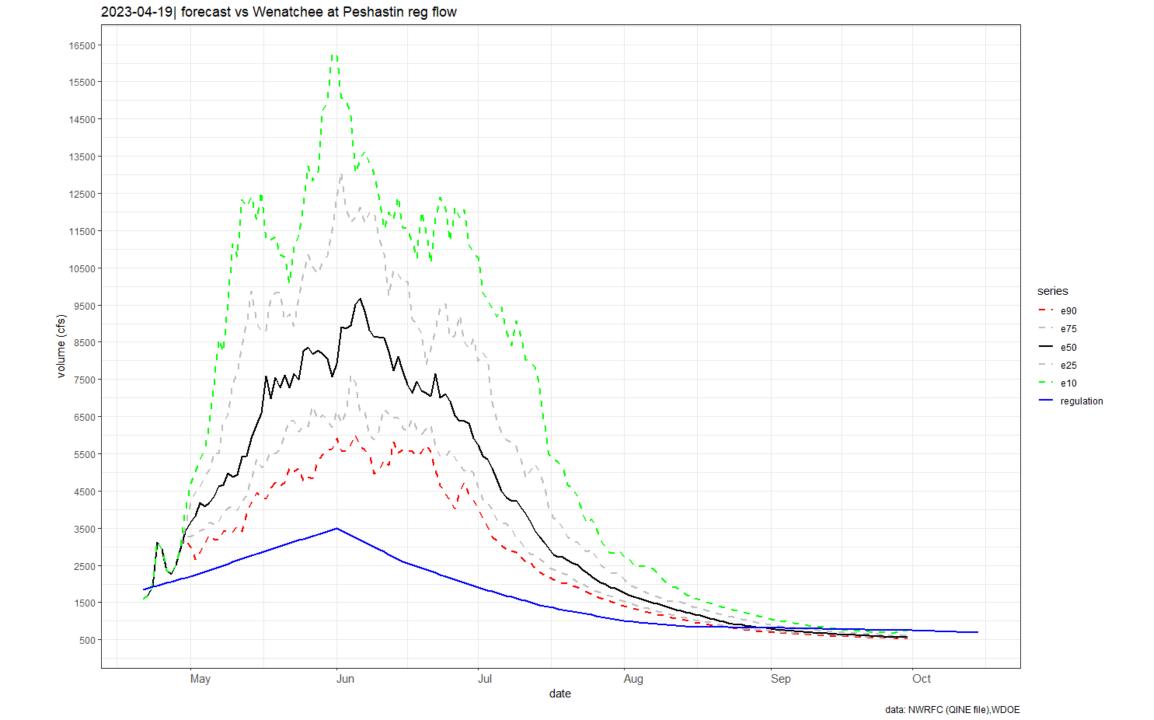
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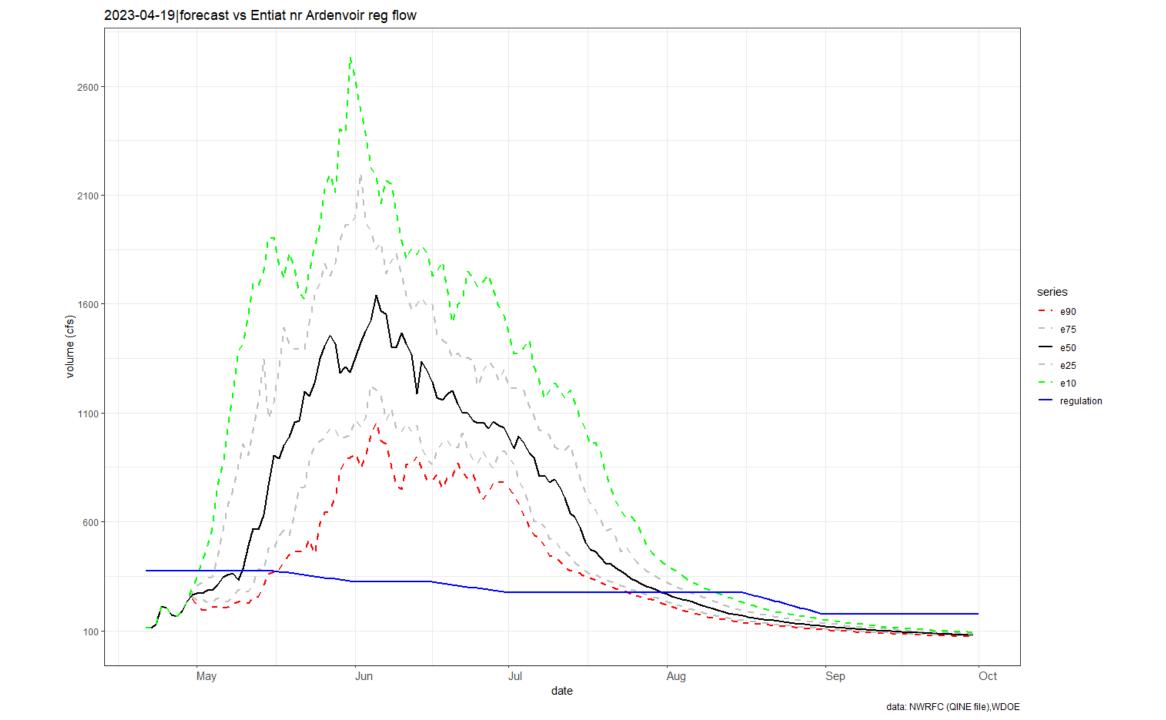
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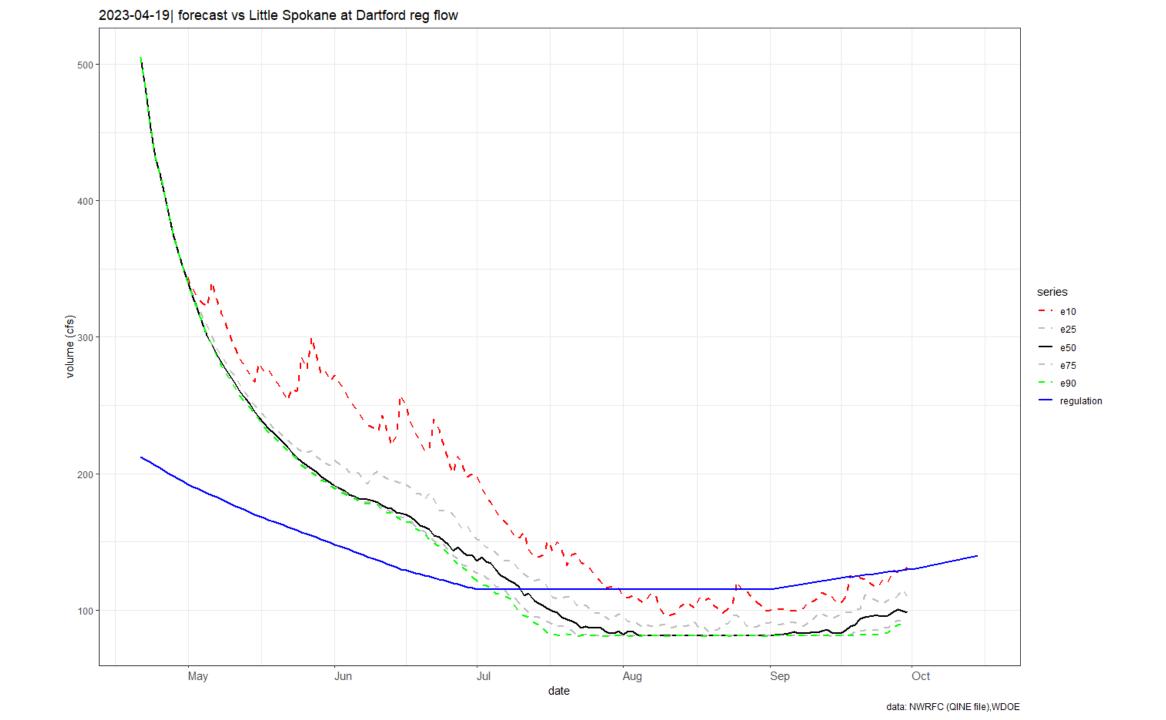
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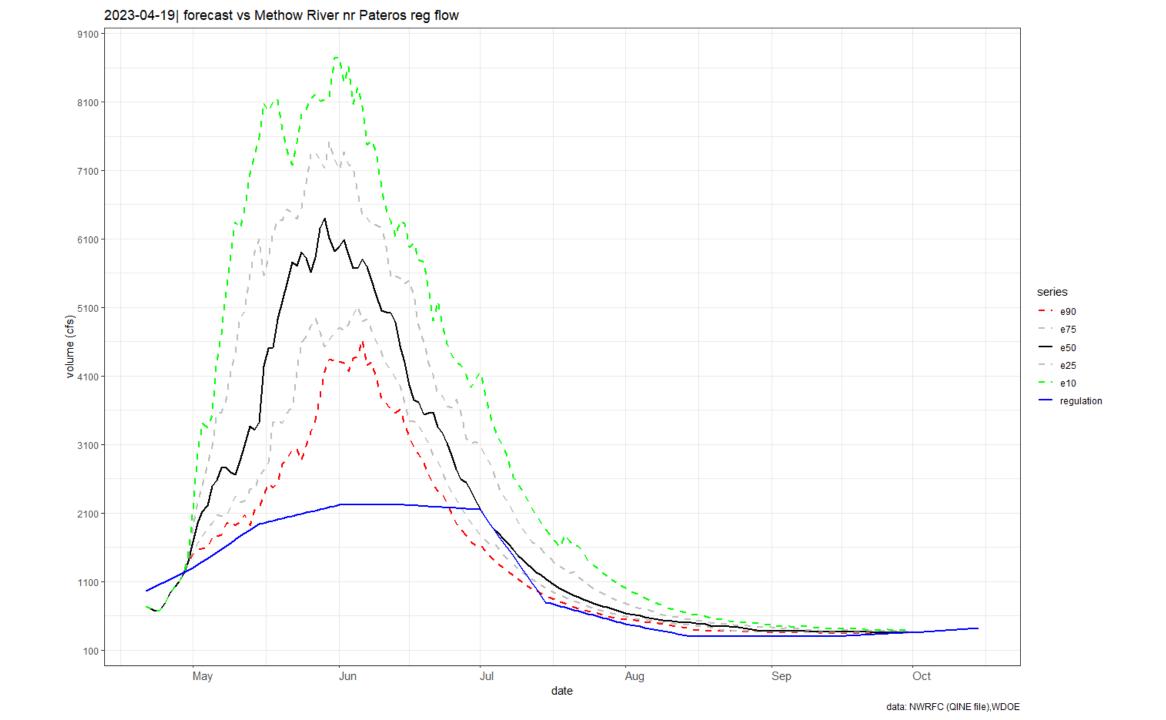


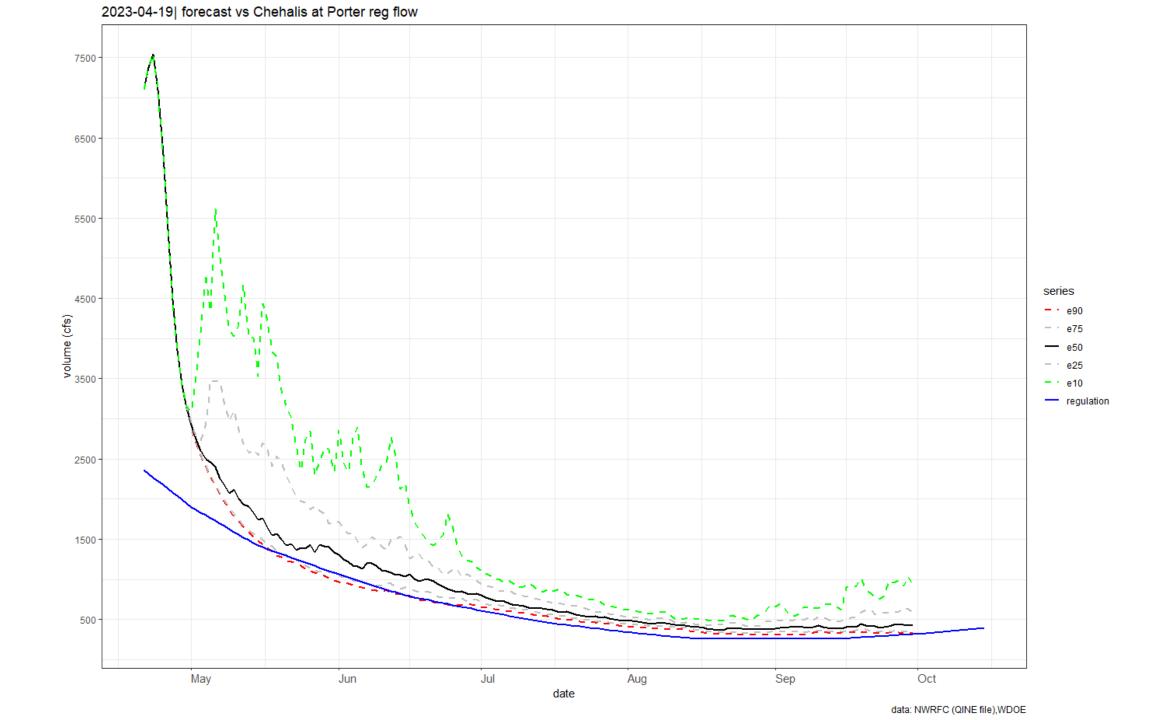


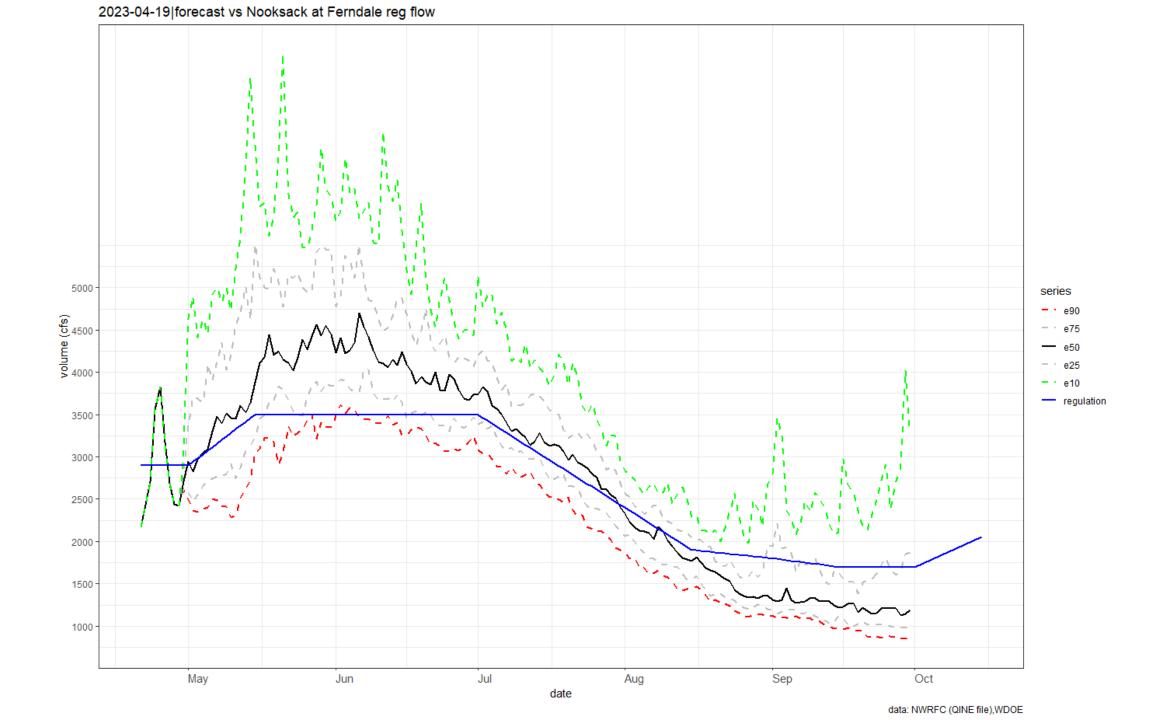


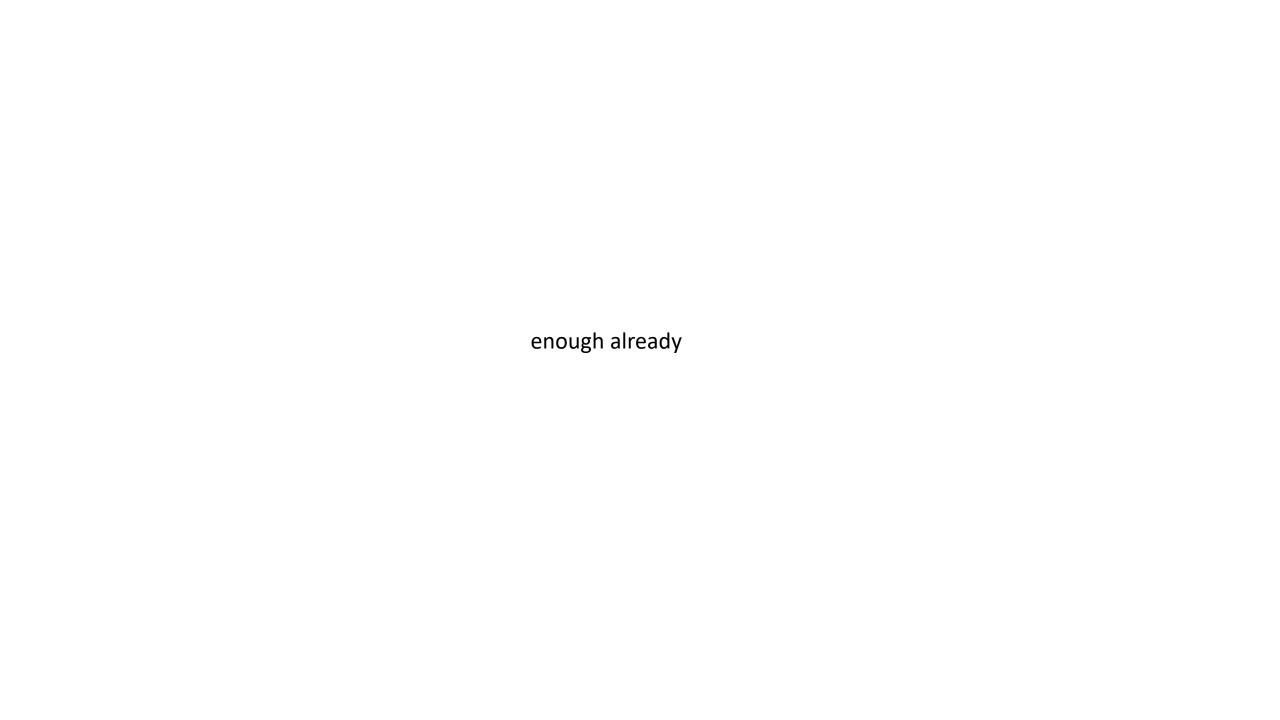








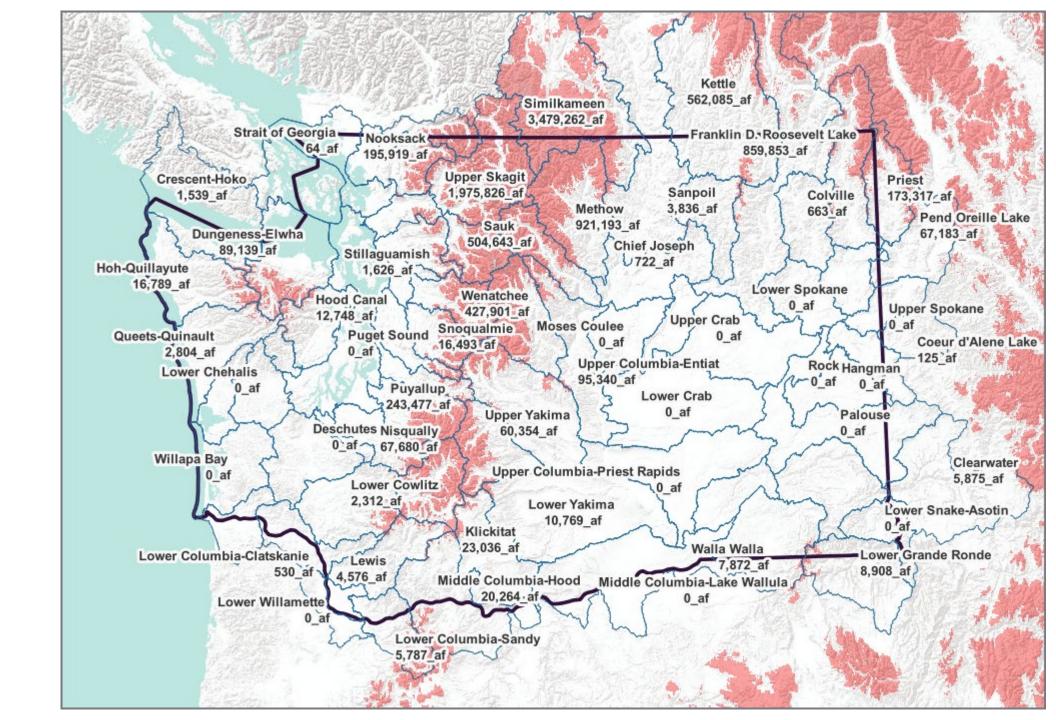


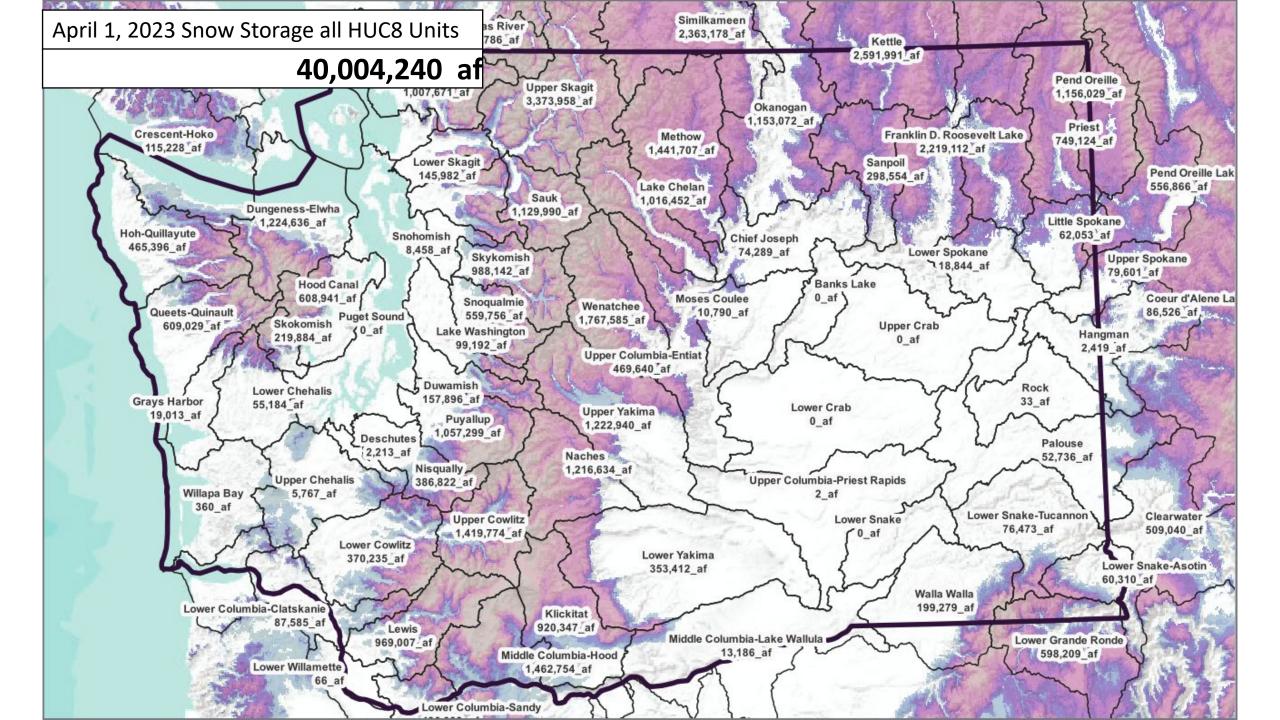


April 01, 2015: 12,001,617 af

Yakima total (Upper Yakima, Naches, Lower Yakima): **200,640 af.**

Compare Yakima Snow storage to this year: ~2.7 million af.













Current Conditions and Seasonal Outlook

Nick Bond & Karin Bumbaco
Office of the Washington State Climatologist
Cooperative Institute for Climate, Ocean, and Ecosystem Studies
University of Washington
21 April 2023

Water Year 2023



Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Since Oct 1st 2022/10/01 - 2023/04/16



Precipitation

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Since Oct 1st



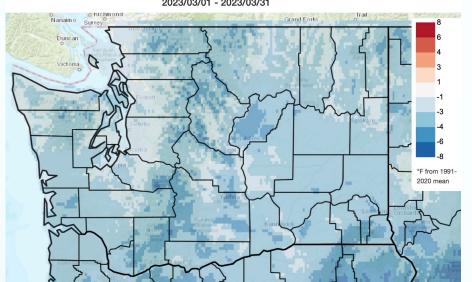
Climate Toolbox

- Averaged statewide, Oct-Mar temperatures were below normal (-1.1°F), ranking as 53rd coldest*
- Averaged statewide, Oct-Mar precipitation ranks as the 27th driest (-5.55")*, with 83% of normal

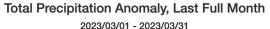
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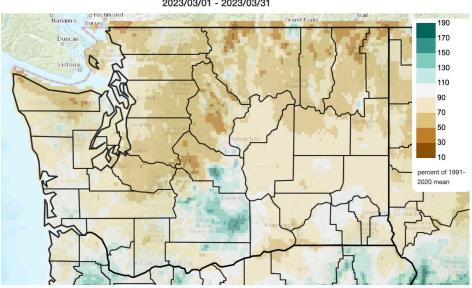
Temperature

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last Full Month 2023/03/01 - 2023/03/31



Precipitation





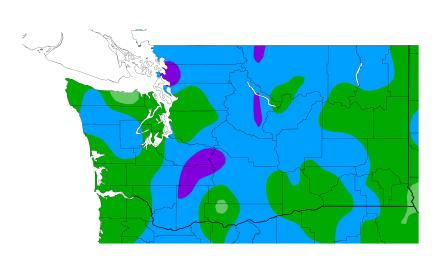
Climate Toolbox

- Averaged statewide, March was the 32nd coldest on record (-2.9°F)*
- Averaged statewide, March was the 41st driest
 (-1.39") on record, with 70% of normal precipitation*

April 2023 so far

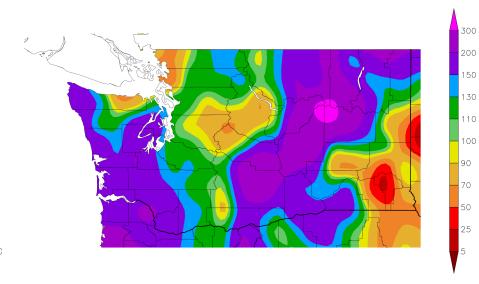
Temperature

Departure from Normal Temperature (F) 4/1/2023 - 4/19/2023



Precipitation

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%) 4/1/2023 - 4/19/2023



Generated 4/20/2023 at HPRCC using provisional data.

NOAA Regional Climate Center Generated 4/20/2023 at HPRCC using provisional data.

NOAA Regional Climate Centers



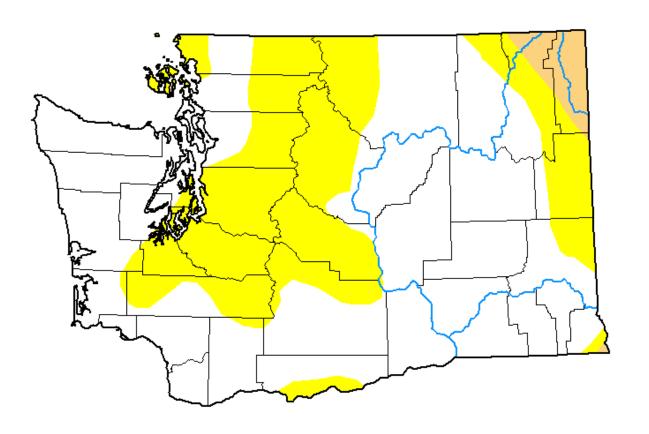
U.S. Drought Monitor

Washington

April 18, 2023

(Released Thursday, Apr. 20, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Some improvements in southwest WA and central WA due to April precipitation



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

Author:

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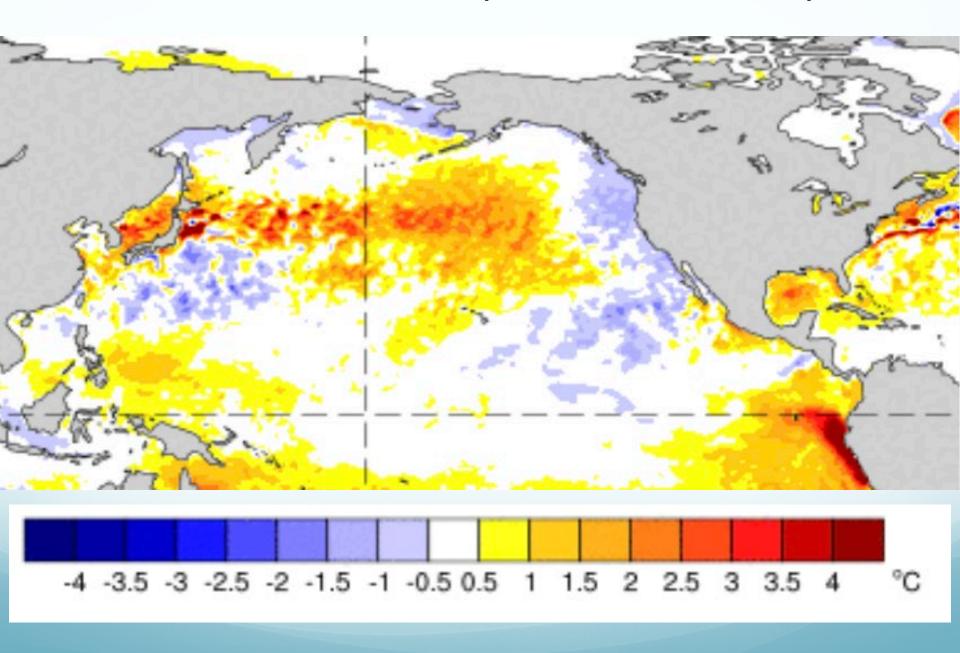




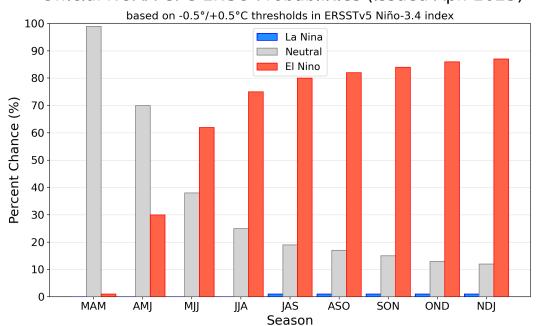


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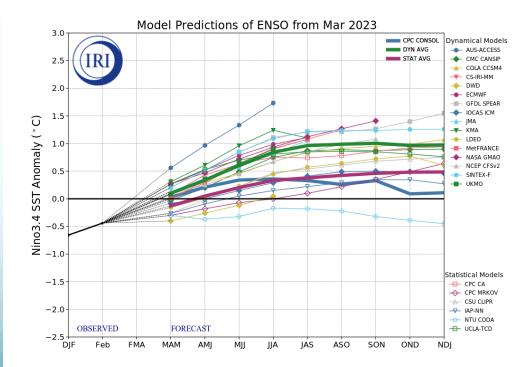
Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: 9-15 April 2023



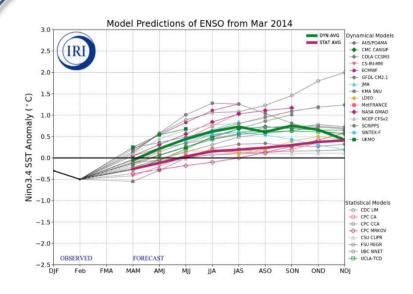
Official NOAA CPC ENSO Probabilities (issued Apr. 2023)

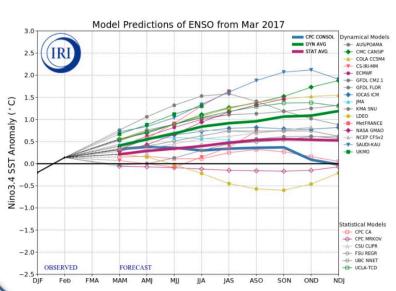


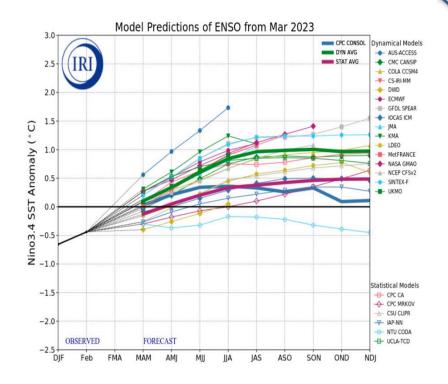
Latest ENSO predictions suggest that El Nino is Imminent, but...

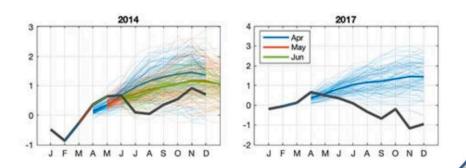


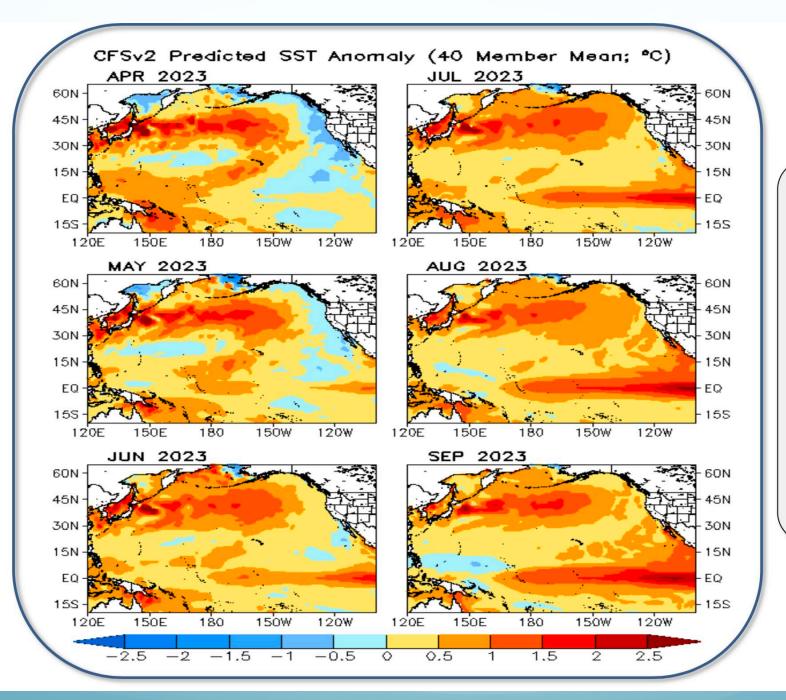
2023 ENSO Forecast, 2014 & 2017 El Niño False Alarm





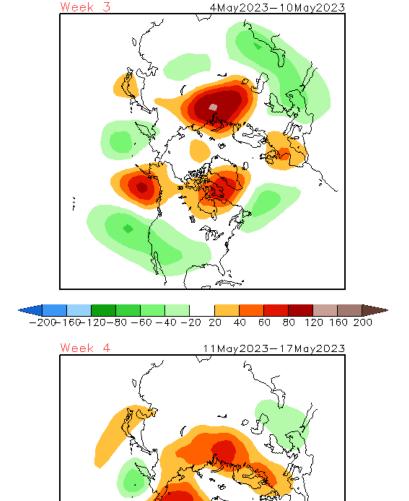






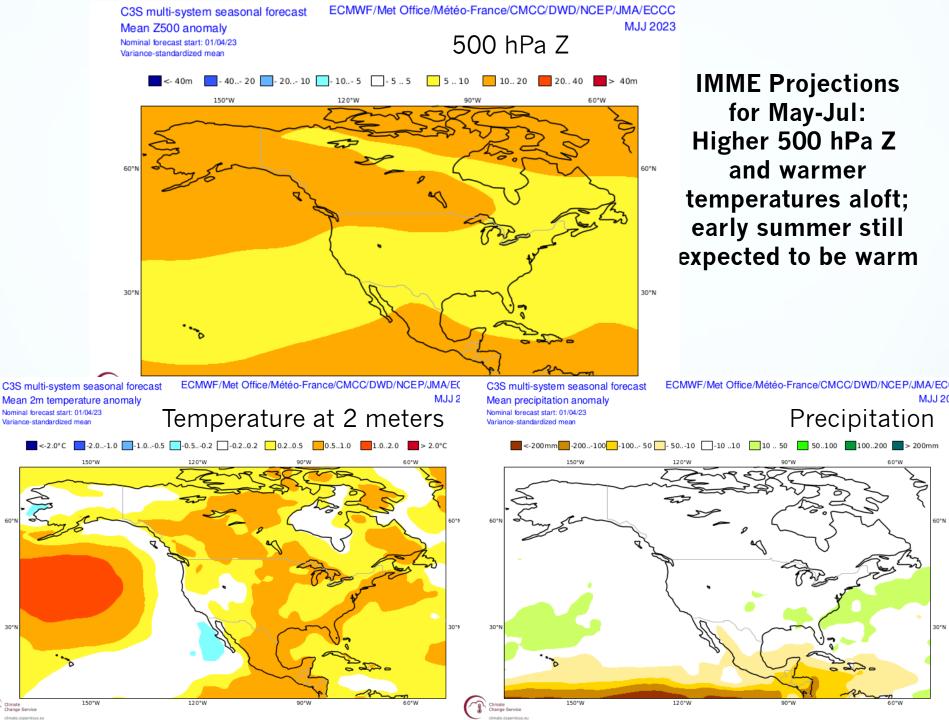
- The CFSv2 predicts above normal SSTs in the N. Pacific during spring – autumn 2023.

CFSv2 Weeks 3 & 4 500 hPa Z Anomalies (m) 16 Member Ensemble Mean Forecast from 19Apr2023



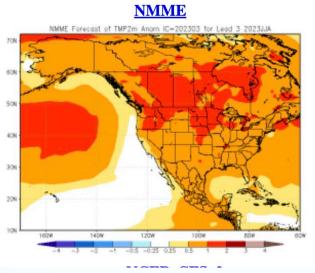
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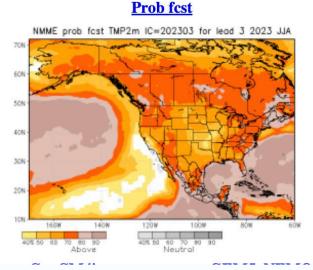
CFS 3 & 4 Week 500 hPa
Model Projections:
Trough to the south implies
OR & CA will be joining
the fun with near-normal
precipitation and possibly,
above-normal temperatures
for WA state

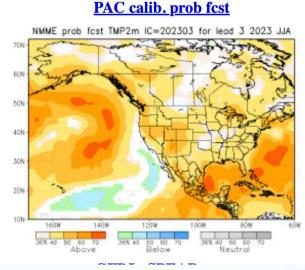


NMME Temperature Projections for Summer (JJA) 2023

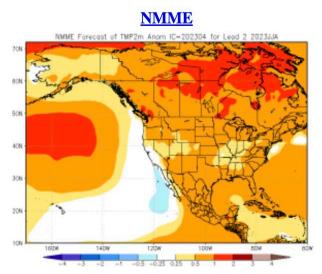
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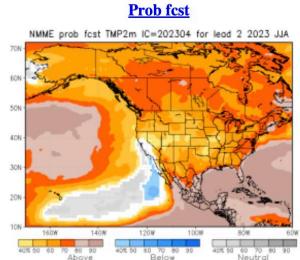


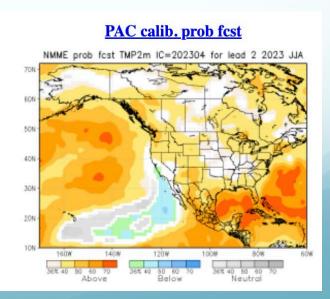


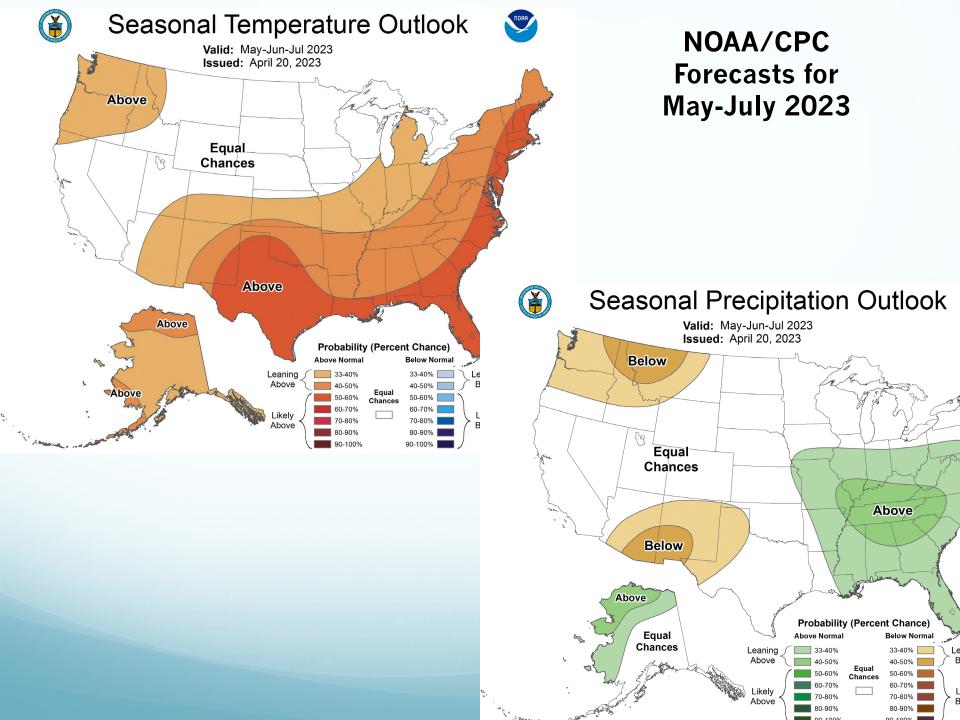


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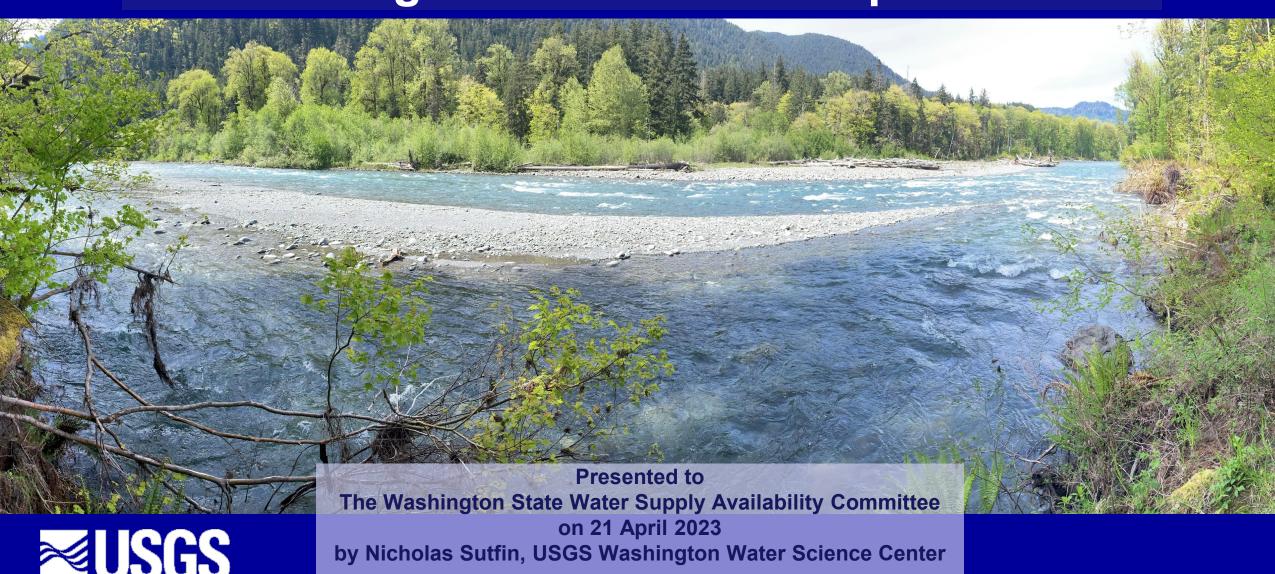




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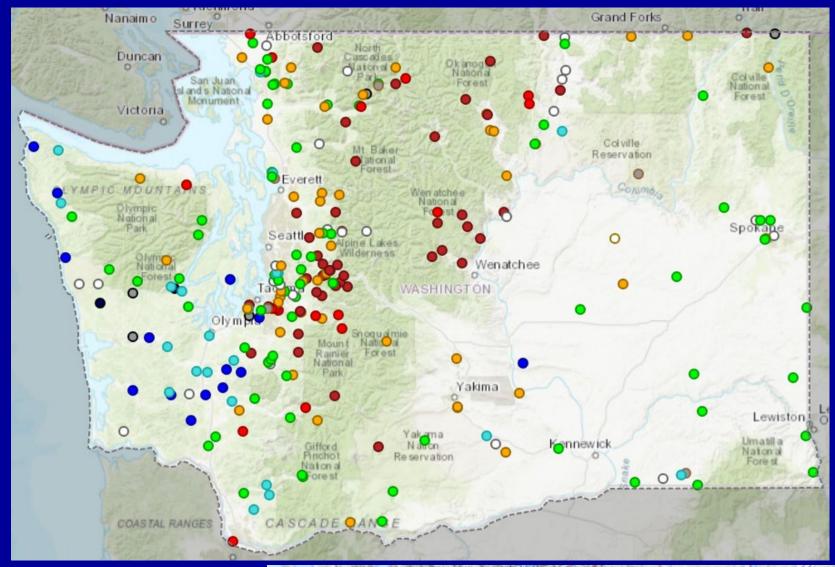
- Past 6+ months have been colder than normal statewide; precipitation between 70 and 90% of normal in western WA and near-normal to above in eastern WA
- Feb and Mar were cooler and drier than normal for most of the state
 - Above normal precipitation thus far in April, and the cool temperatures have slowed the slugs
- Should have a warm summer have you heard that one before?
- I am not going to worry about El Nino until fall

Streamflow & Groundwater Conditions in Washington State as of 21 April 2023

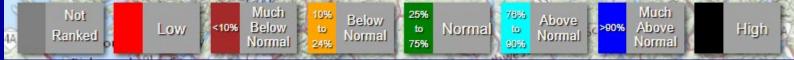


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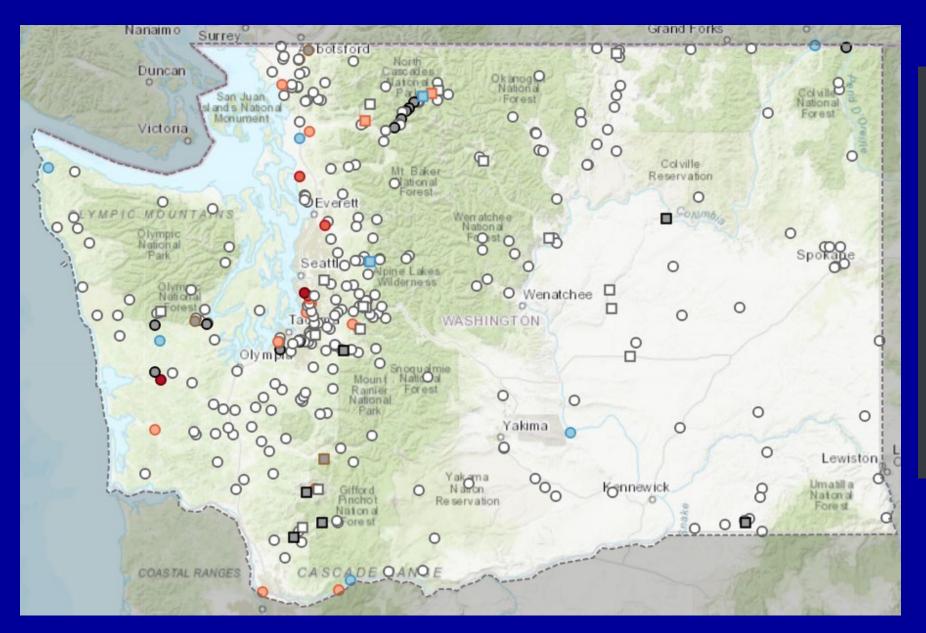
WA Current Streamflow Conditions, 21 April 2023







Rising and Falling conditions of WA streams on 21 April 2023



Surface-Water Levels: Rising and falling



COLOR - CHANGE

- Water level rising ≥ 1 foot/hour
- Water level rising ≥ 0.5 1 foot/hour
- Water level rising ≥ 0.05 0.5 foot/hour
- Water level changing < 0.05 foot/hour
- Water level falling ≥ 0.05 0.5 foot/hour
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- Water level falling ≥ 1 foot/hour

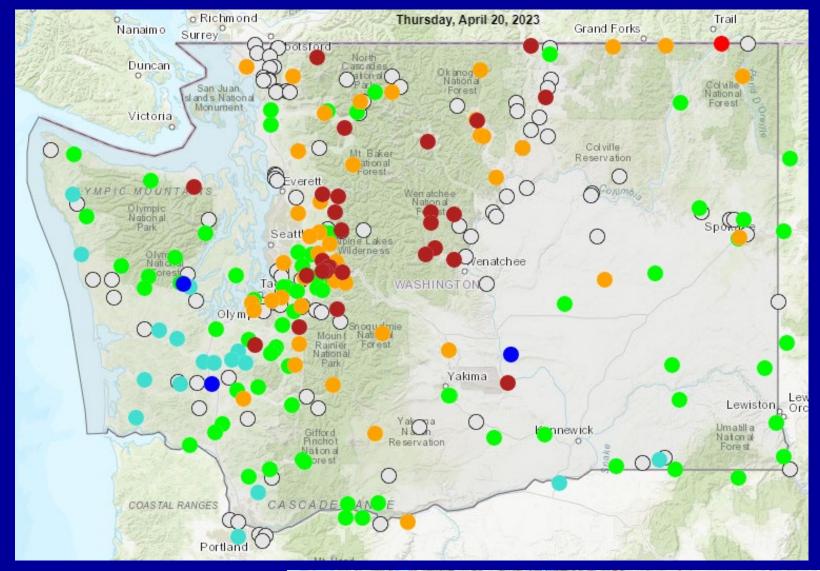
SHAPE - SITE TYPE

- Stream
 - Lake
- Wetland

- Estuary
- Coastal



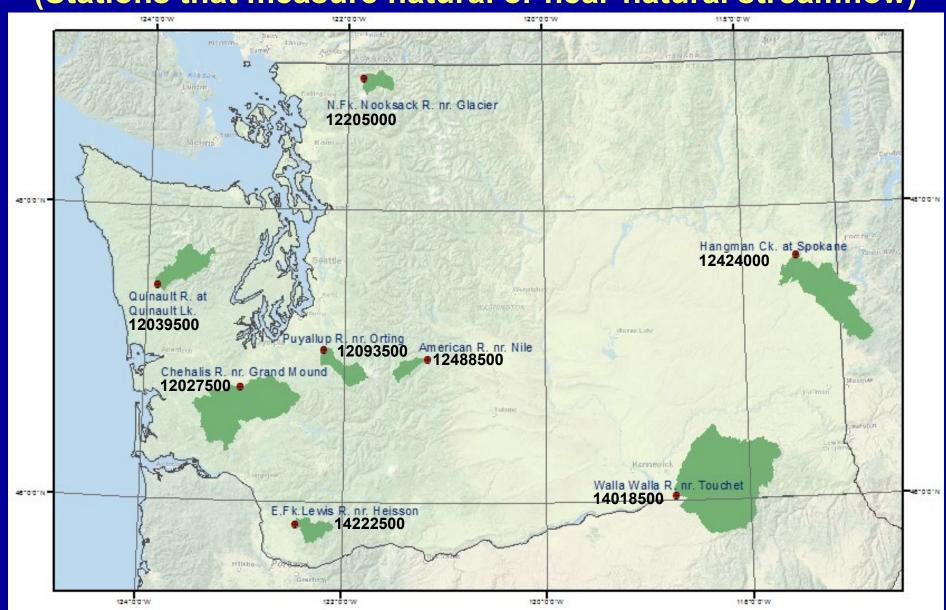
WA 7-day Average Streamflow Conditions as of 21 April 2023





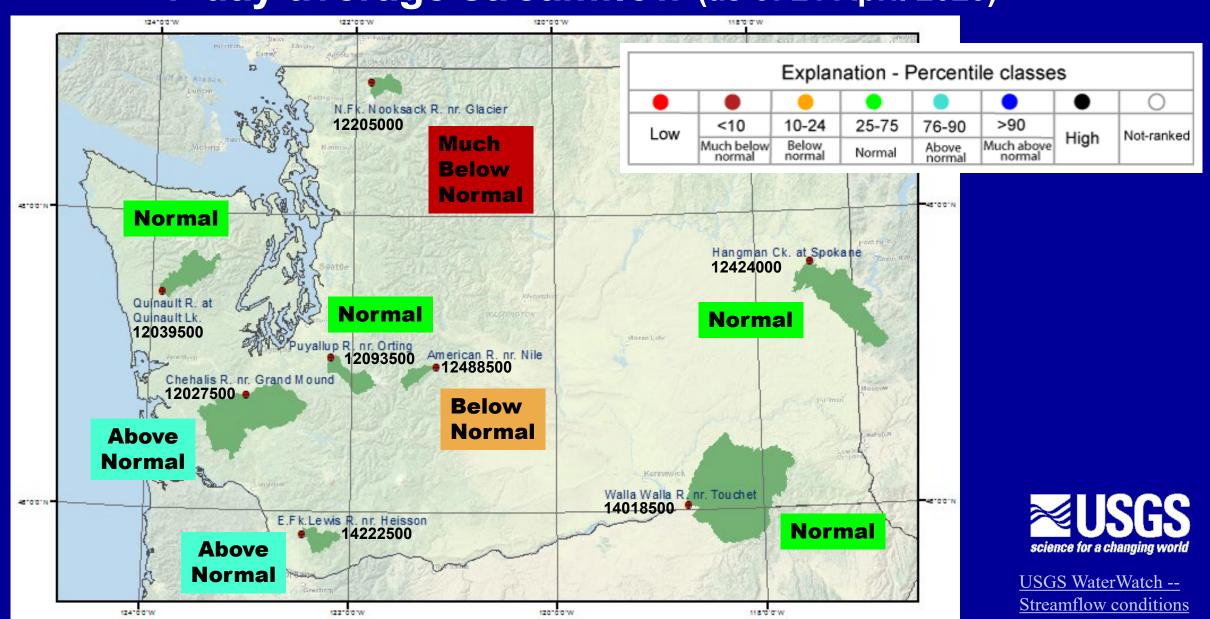
Index Gaging Stations

(Stations that measure natural or near-natural streamflow)

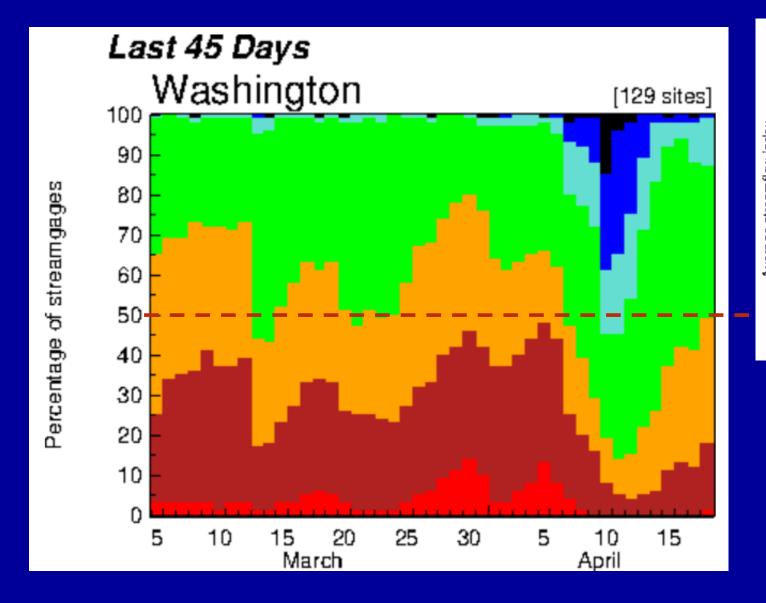


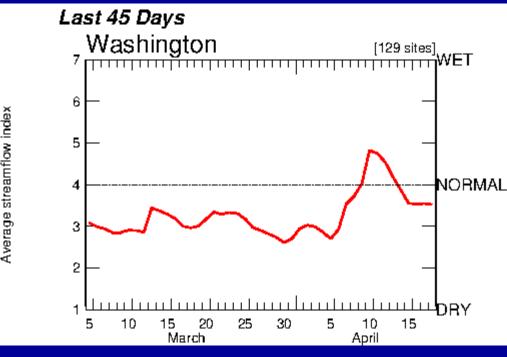


Index Gaging Stations, 7-day average streamflow (as of 21 April 2023)



7-day average streamflow in Washington Rivers compared to historical streamflow, March 2023 to April 2023



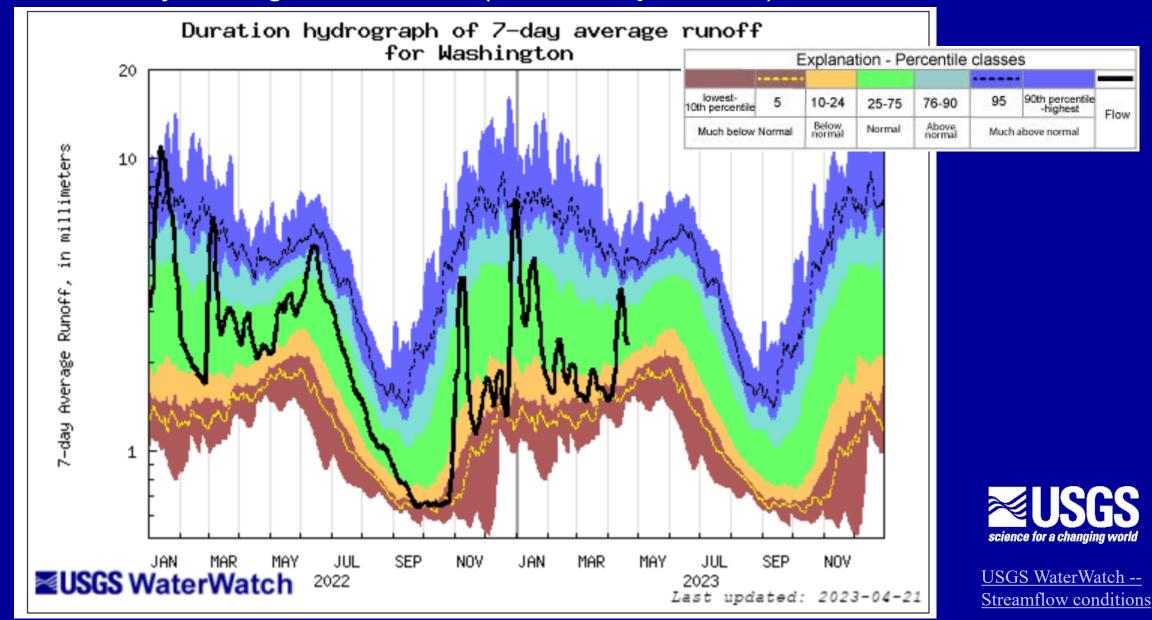




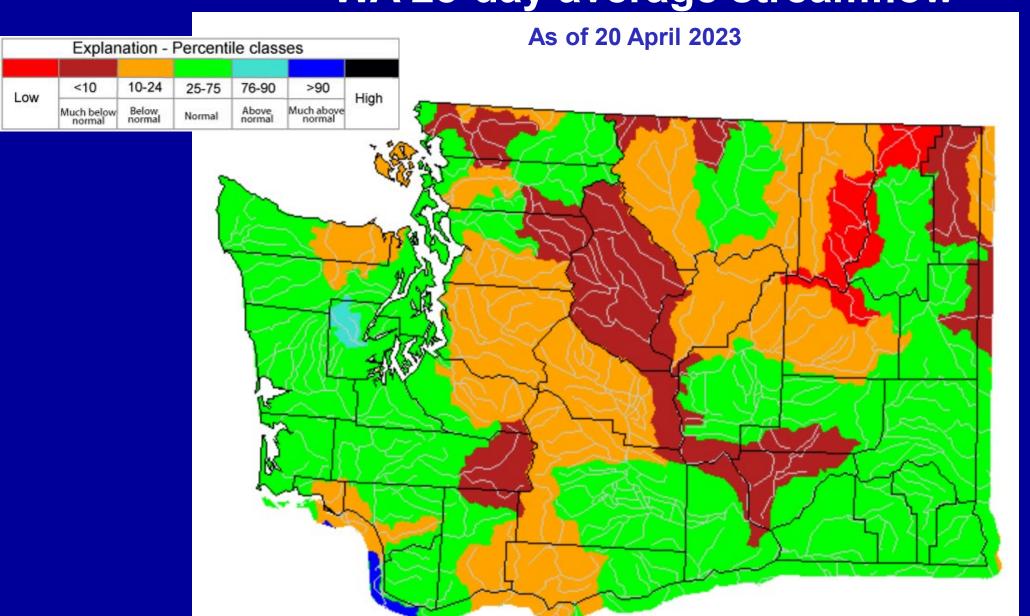


Duration Hydrograph, Washington State

7-day Average Streamflow (as of 21 April 2023) is below normal



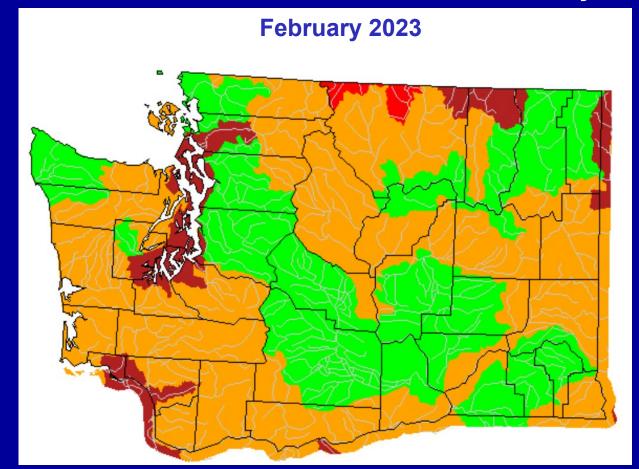
WA 28-day average streamflow

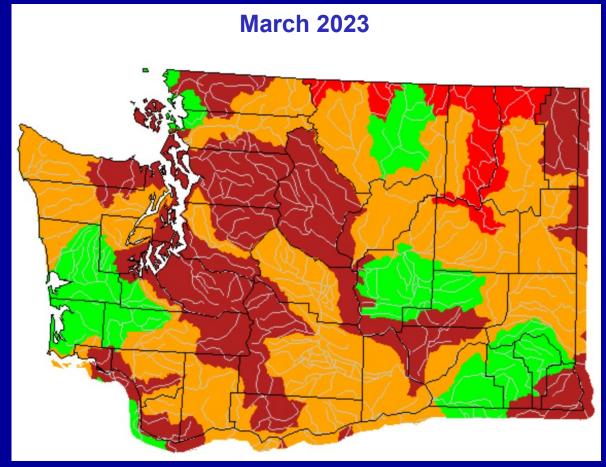




Monthly average streamflow compared to historical

February and March 2023



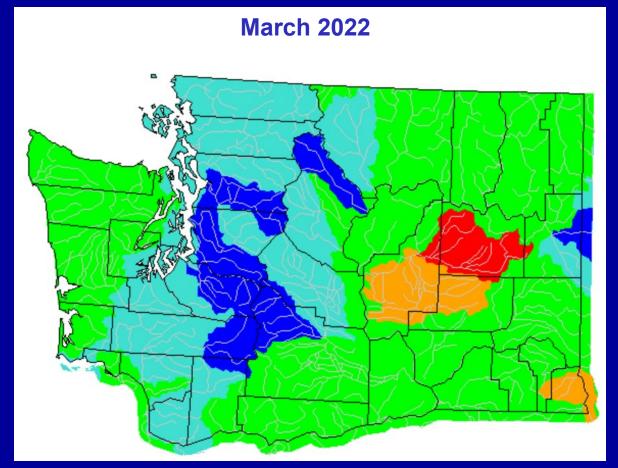


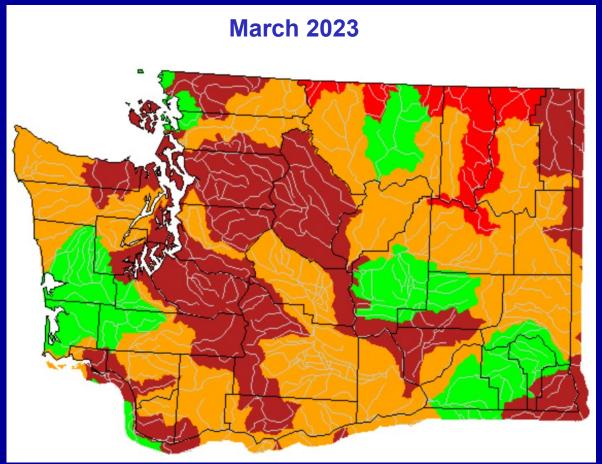
Explanation - Percentile classes								
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<u>USGS WaterWatch --</u> Streamflow conditions

Monthly average streamflow compared to historical March 2022 and 2023

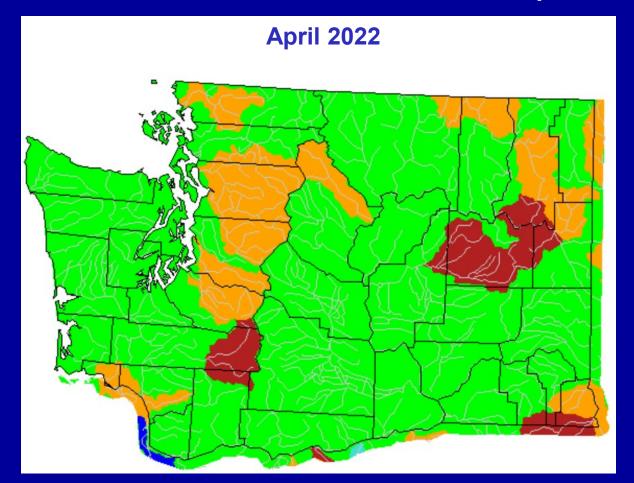


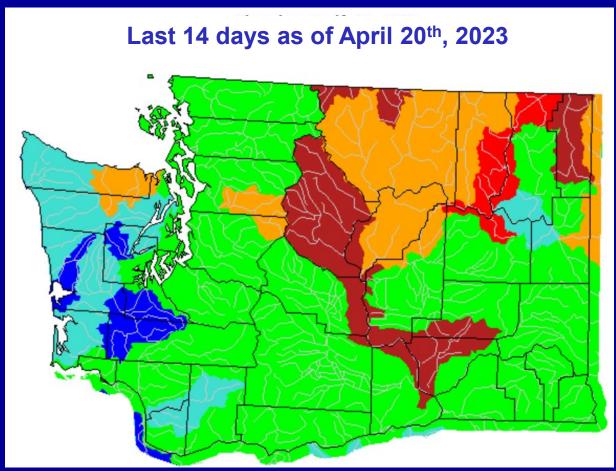


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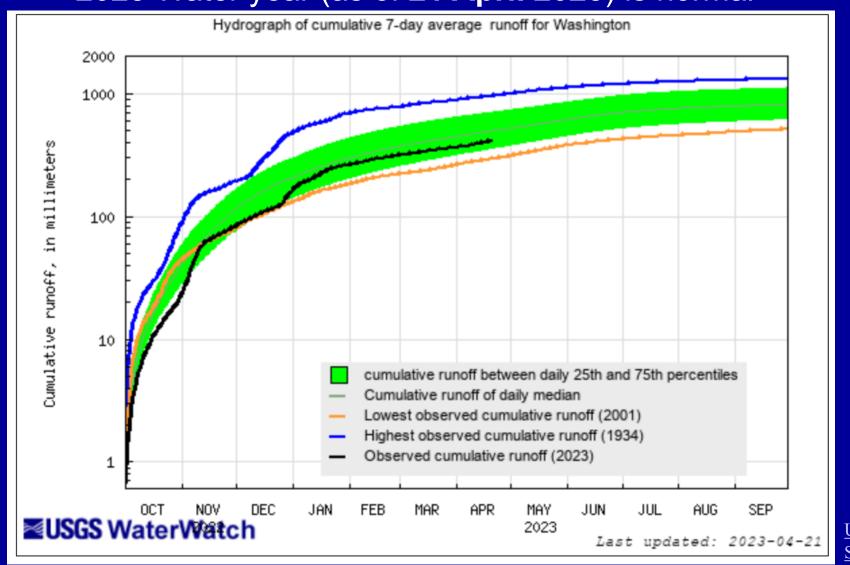


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Hydrograph of cumulative 7-day average Area-based Hydrograph, Washington State

2023 Water year (as of 21 April 2023) is normal





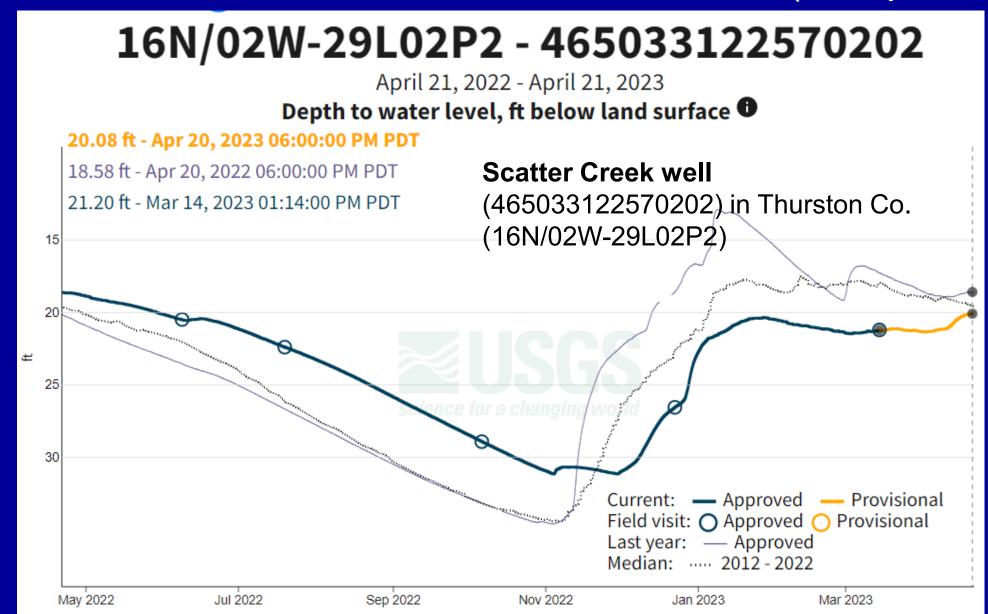
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Three reference groundwater wells in Washington



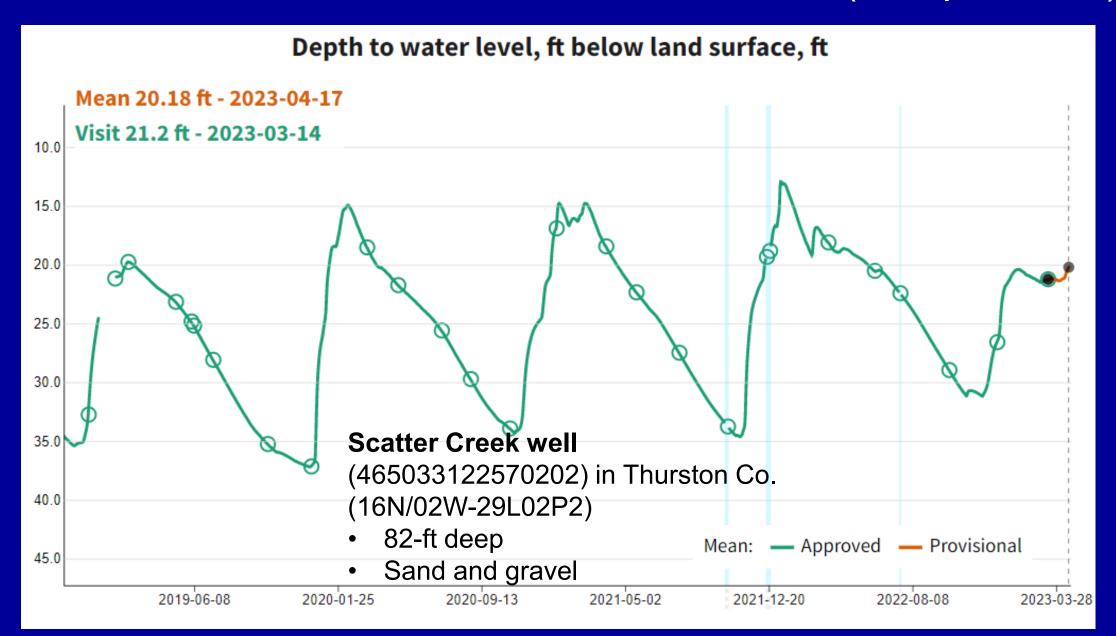


Scatter Creek Well Groundwater Conditions (21 April 2023)



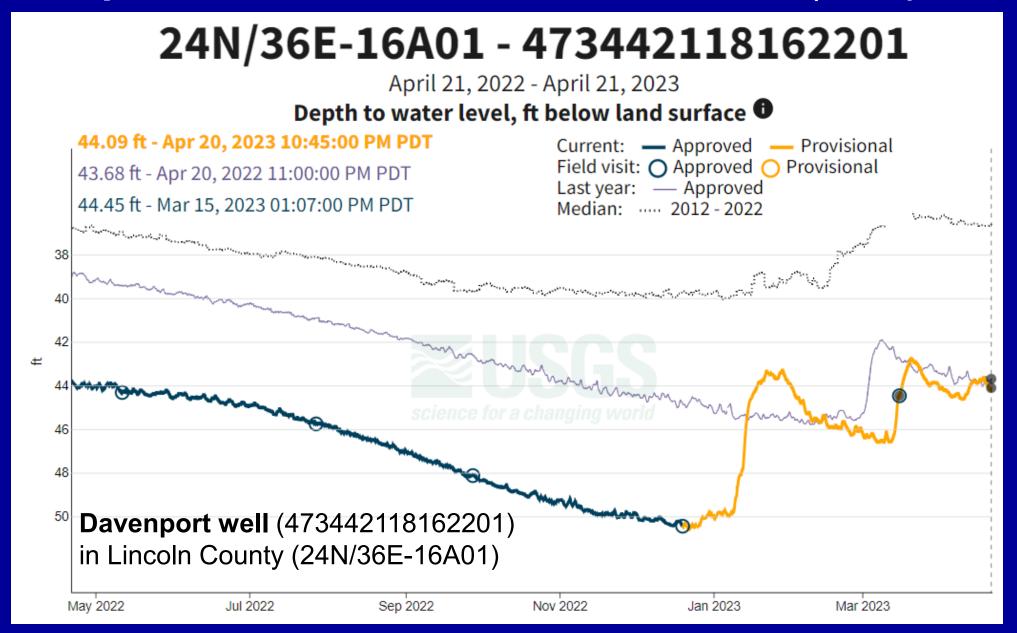


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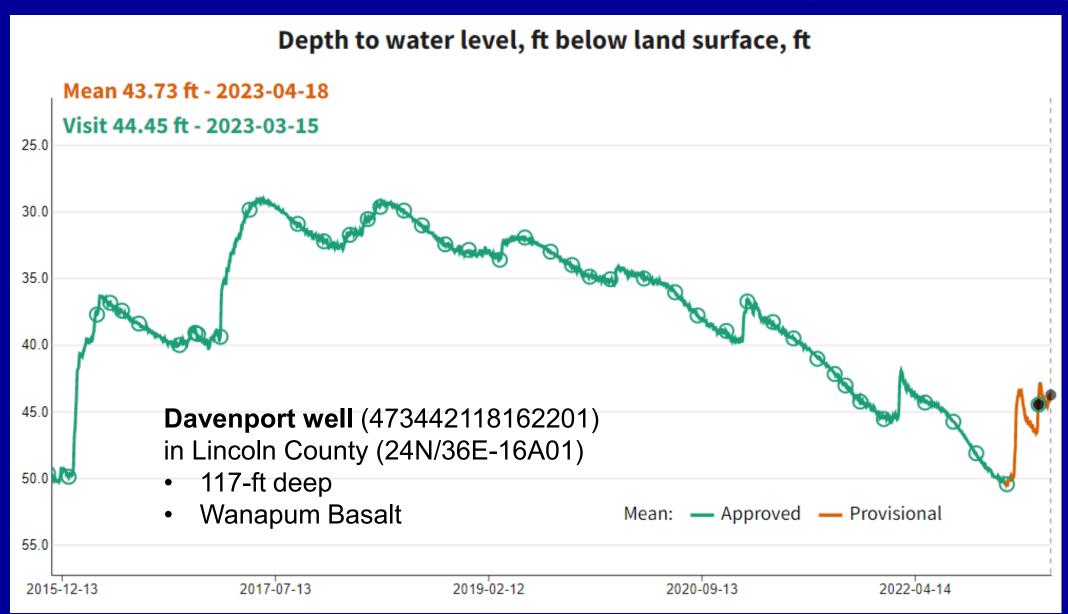


Davenport Well Groundwater Conditions (21 April 2023)





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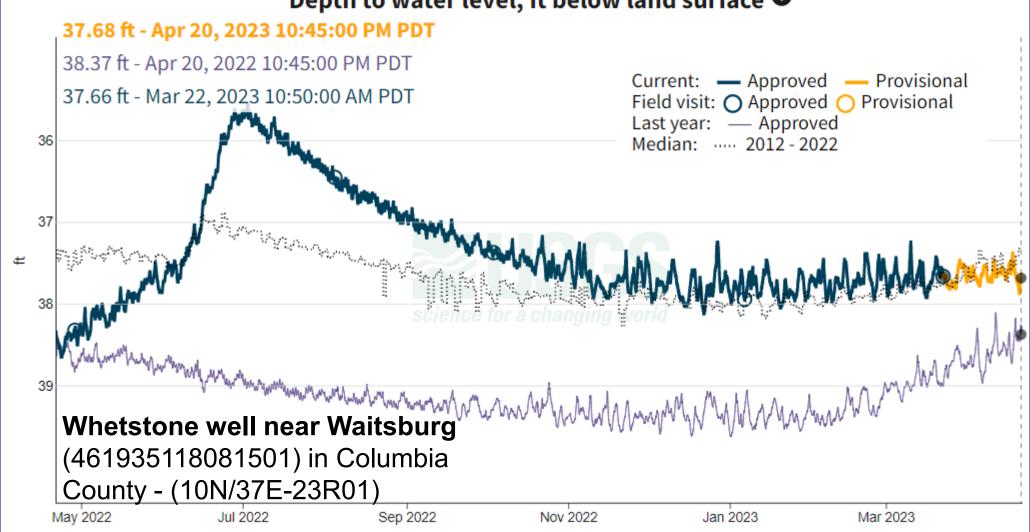


Whetstone Well Groundwater Conditions (21 April 2023)

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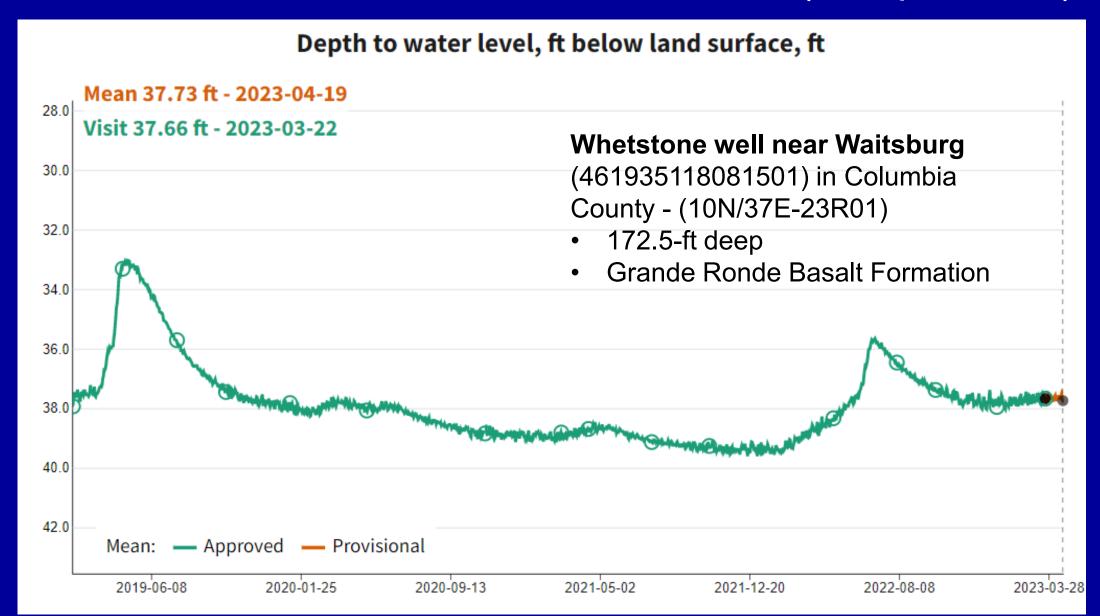
April 21, 2022 - April 21, 2023

Depth to water level, ft below land surface 1



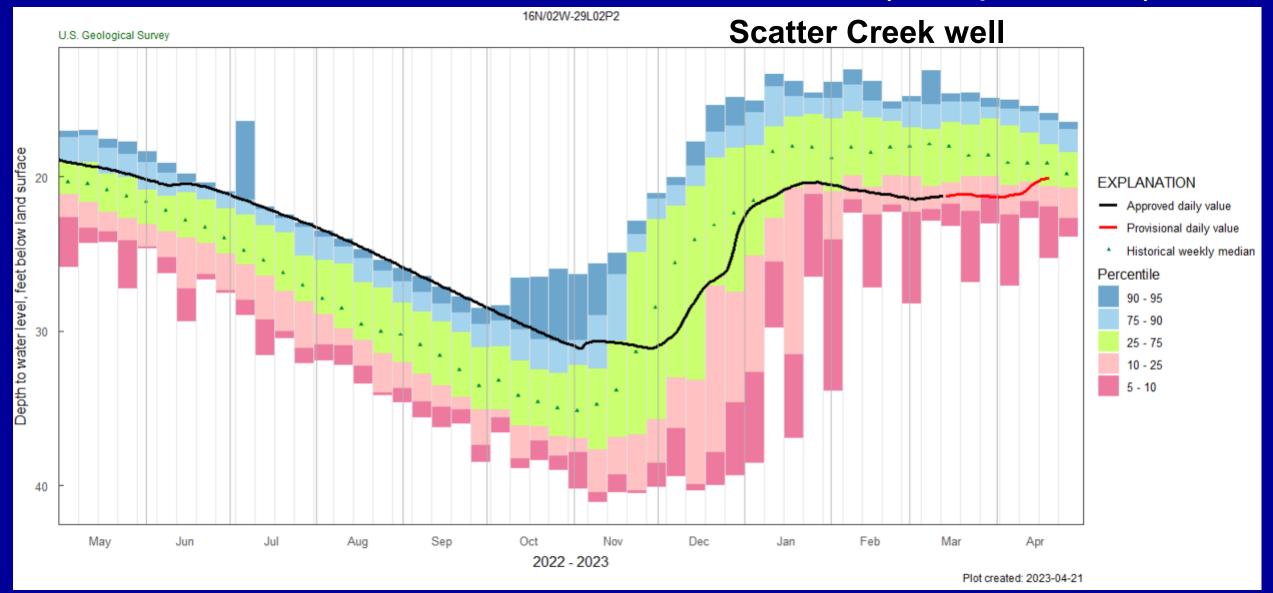


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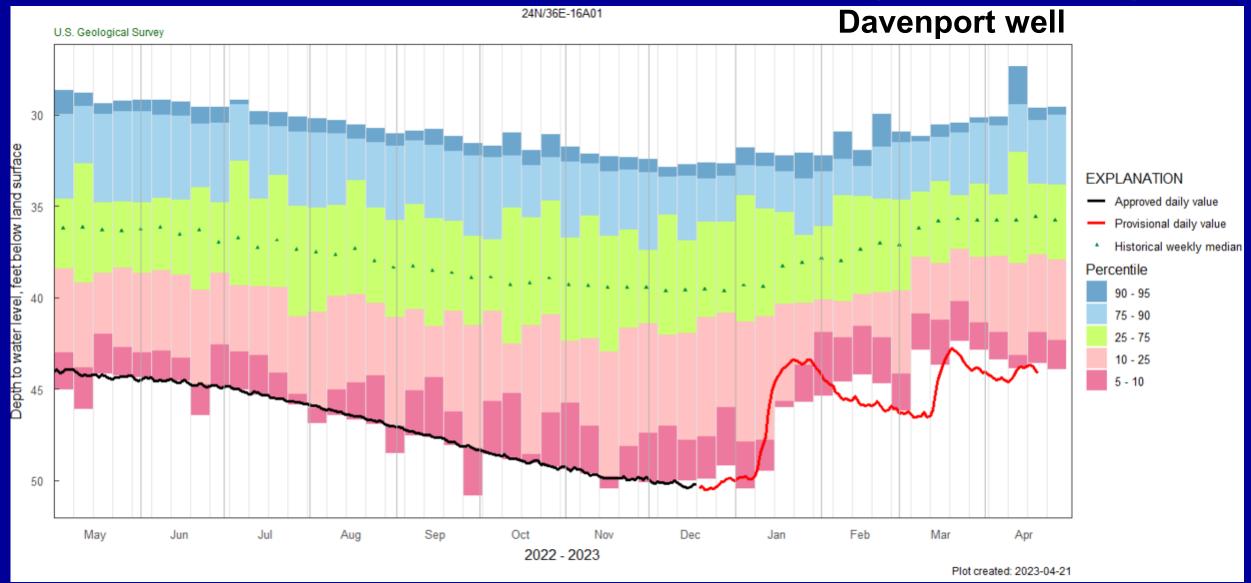


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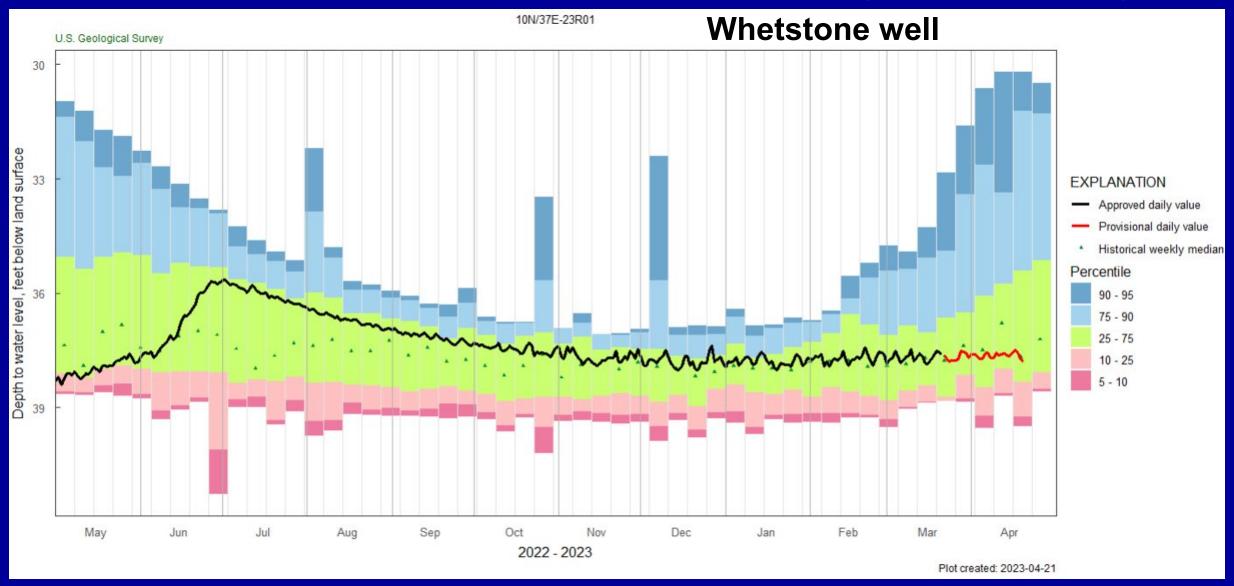


WA Current Groundwater Conditions (21 April 2023)





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Summary of Washington Streamflow & GW conditions as of 21 April 2023

- 7-day average streamflow statewide is normal
- 7-day average streamflow at eight index gaging stations:

Western WA

- Puyallup River nr. Orting Normal
- Quinault River Normal
- Chehalis River nr. Grand Mound Above Normal
- EF Lewis River Above Normal

Cascades:

- NF Nooksack River Much below Normal
- American River Below Normal

Eastern WA

- Walla Walla River Normal
- Hangman Creek Normal
- Reference groundwater sites: (below normal)
 - Scatter Creek well (west) <u>Normal</u>
 - Davenport well (east) <u>Much Below normal</u>
 - Whetstone well (southeast) Normal





Northwest River Forecast Center







April, 2023 Washington Water Supply Availability Meeting



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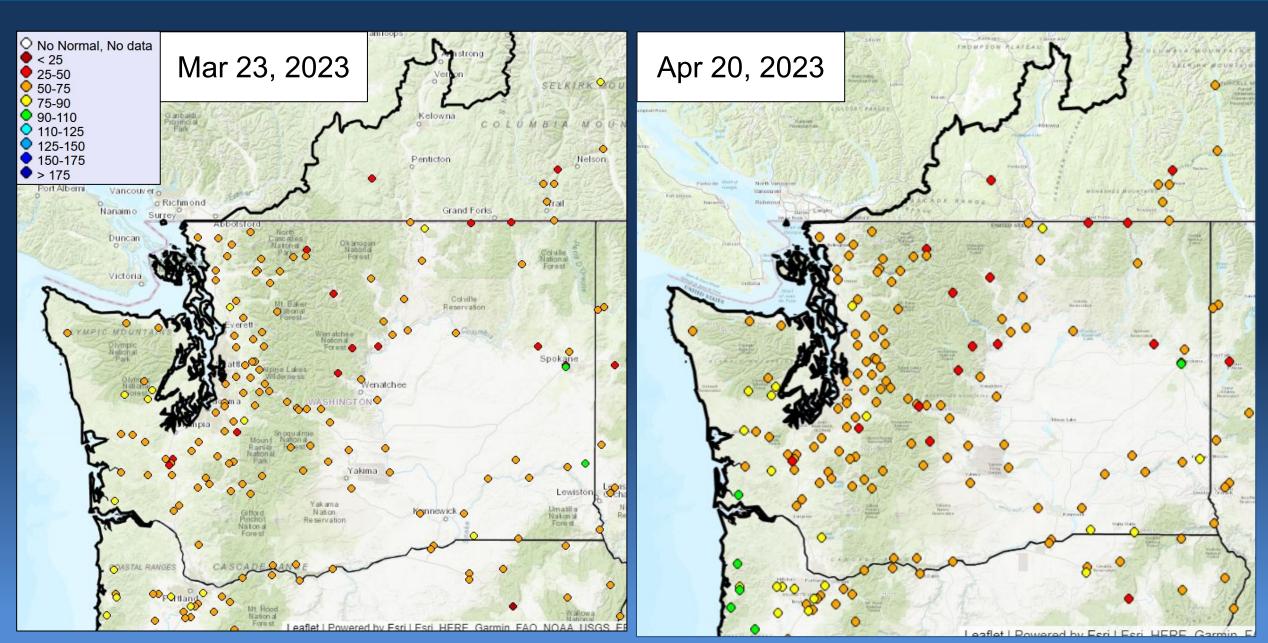


Take Home Messages

- Adjusted runoff to date remains below normal
- 10 day QPF forecast is mostly below normal
- Recent precip generally increased Apr-Sep river forecasts
- ESP10 Natural Water Supply forecasts are a mix of normal and below normal
- Continued push and pull between low runoff and high snowpack

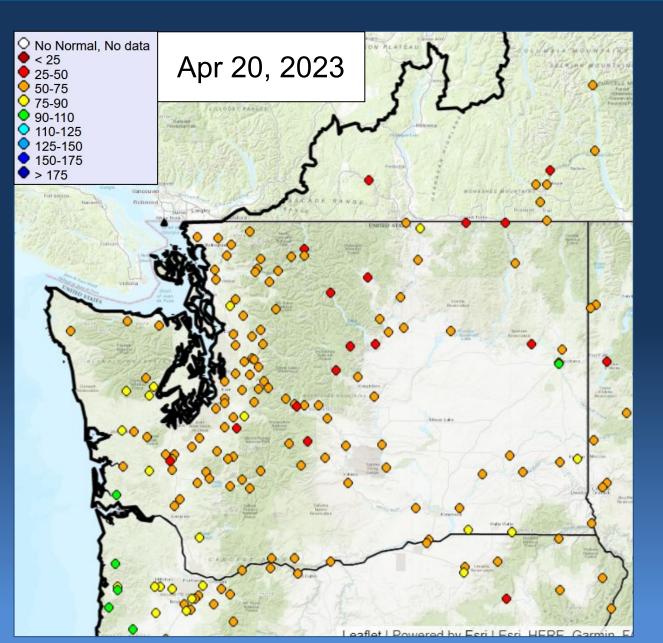


YTD Adjusted Natural Runoff





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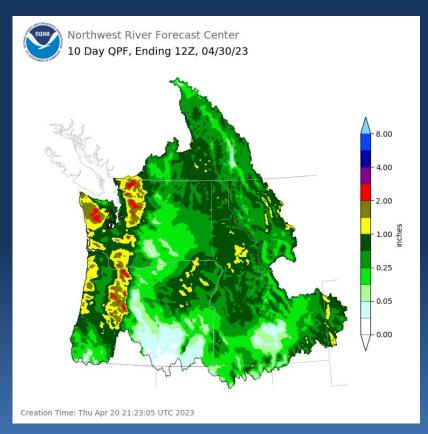


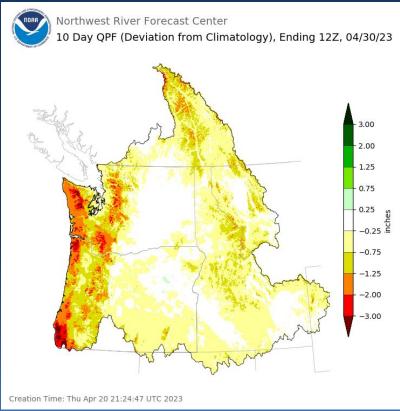
% Normal Runoff Oct 1st – Apr 20th

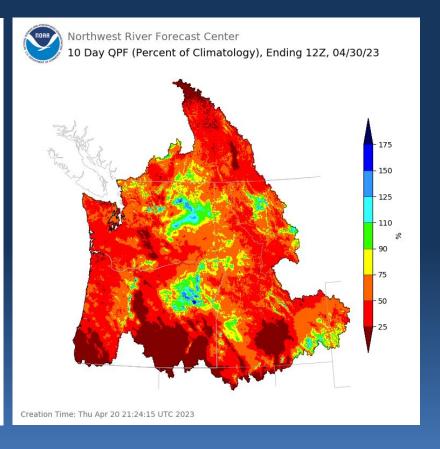
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Skagit nr Mt Vernon	60	0
Dungeness nr Sequim	58	-1
Chehalis at Porter	69	5
Okanogan at Malott	58	-5
Methow nr Pateros	51	-9
Yakima at Parker	61	-1
Walla Walla nr Touchet	88	3



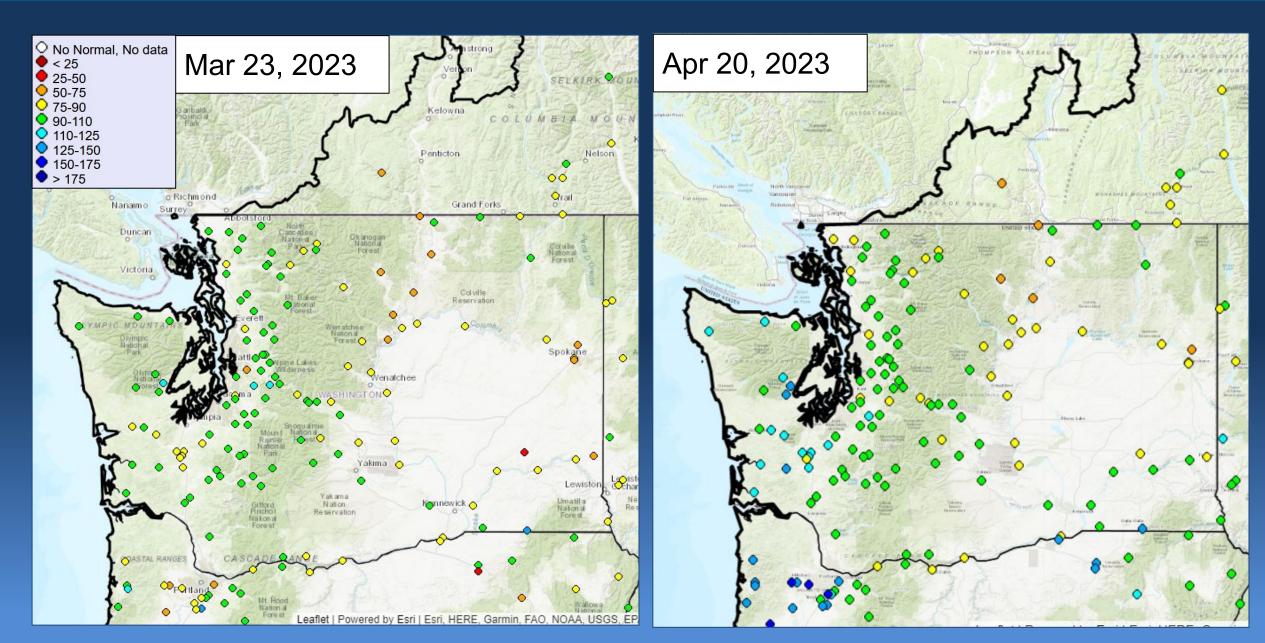
10 Day Precipitation Forecast



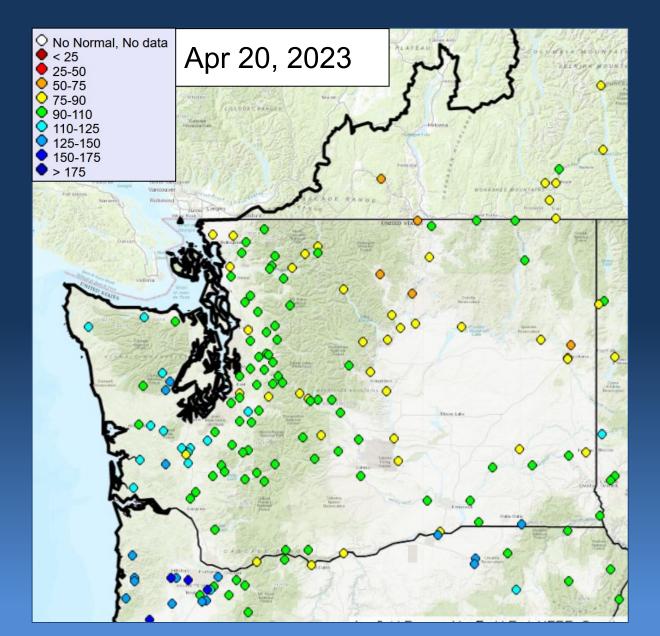












% Normal Apr -Sep Volume

<u>Washington</u>		
Skagit nr Mt Vernon	91	0
Dungeness nr Sequim	95	3
Chehalis at Porter	111	27
Okanogan at Malott	74	9
Methow nr Pateros	75	10
Yakima at Parker	94	2
Walla Walla nr Touchet	105	14



SKAGIT - NEAR MT VERNON (MVEW1) Forecasts for Water Year 2023

Natural Forecast

ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2023-04-20 Issued: 2023-04-20

		Forecas	30 Year		
Forecast Period	90 %	50 %	% Average	10 %	Average (1991-2020)
APR-SEP	5216	5750	91	6511	6286
APR-JUL	4266	4694	90	5230	5228
JAN-SEP	6961	7494	83	8255	9004
JAN-JUL	6010	6438	81	6975	7946
OCT-SEP	8640	9173	77	9934	11966

Experimental

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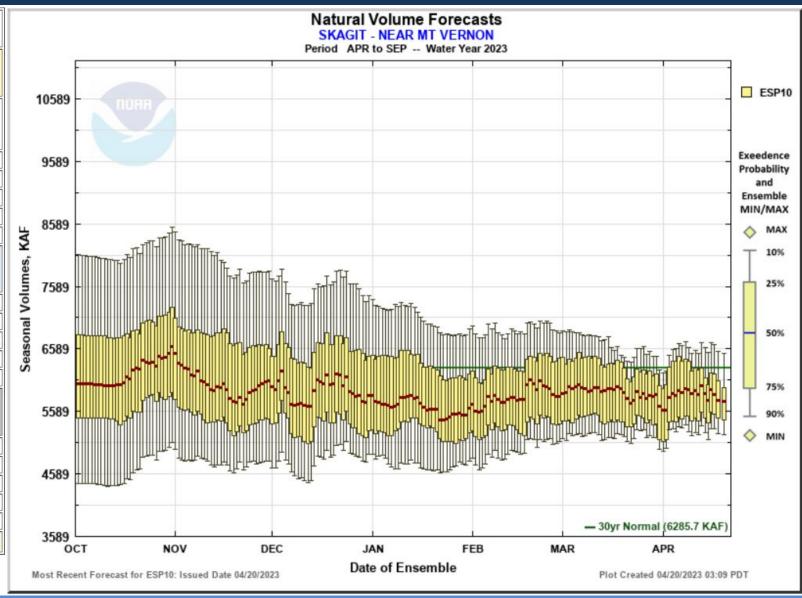
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APR-JUL	4287	4755	91	5361	5228
JAN-SEP	6996	7539	84	8320	9004
JAN-JUL	6031	6499	82	7106	7946
OCT-SEP	8676	9219	77	9999	11966

Reference

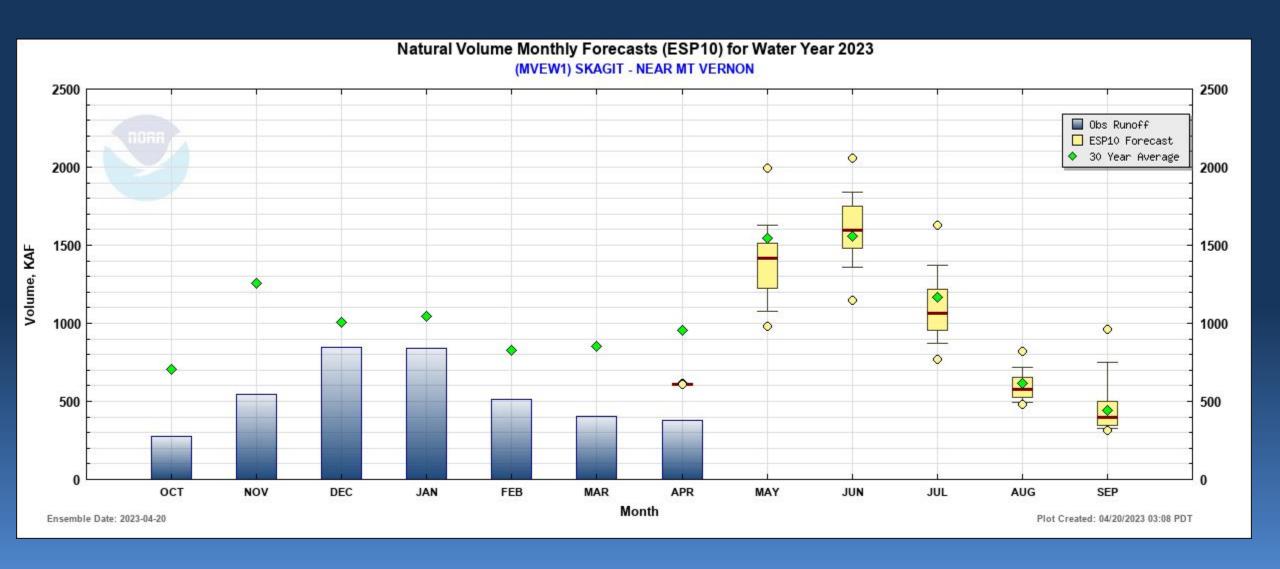
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APR-SEP	5210	5889	94	6532	6286
APR-JUL	4268	4733	91	5464	5228
JAN-SEP	6954	7633	85	8276	9004
JAN-JUL	6012	6478	82	7208	7946
OCT-SEP	8633	9312	78	9956	11966

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NF SKOKOMISH - CUSHMAN DAM (CSHW1) Forecasts for Water Year 2023

Natural Forecast

ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2023-04-20 Issued: 2023-04-20

		Forecas	30 Year		
Forecast Period	90 %	50 %	% Average	10 %	Average (1991-2020)
APR-SEP	206	231	126	258	183
APR-JUL	182	200	127	222	157
JAN-SEP	380	406	103	432	393
JAN-JUL	357	374	102	396	367
OCT-SEP	518	544	90	570	601

Experimental

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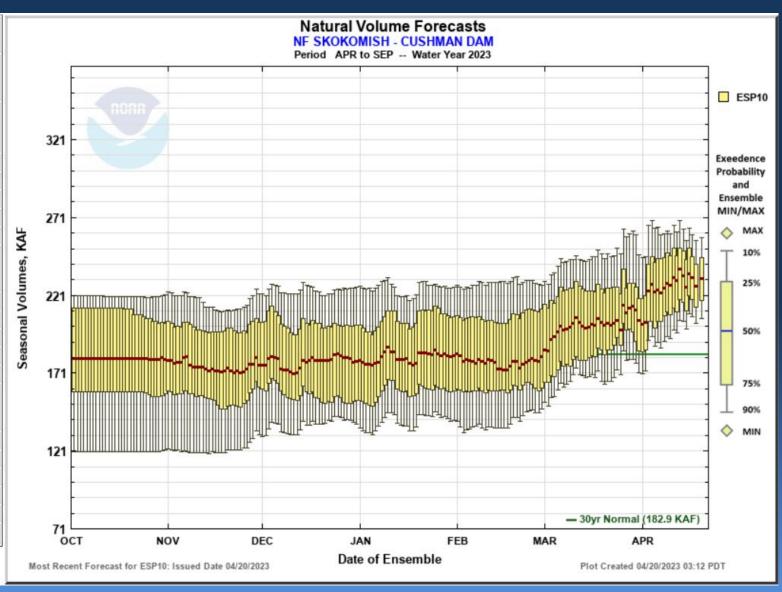
APR-SEP	202	231	126	259	183
APR-JUL	179	203	129	225	157
JAN-SEP	377	406	103	434	393
JAN-JUL	354	377	103	400	367
OCT-SEP	515	544	90	572	601

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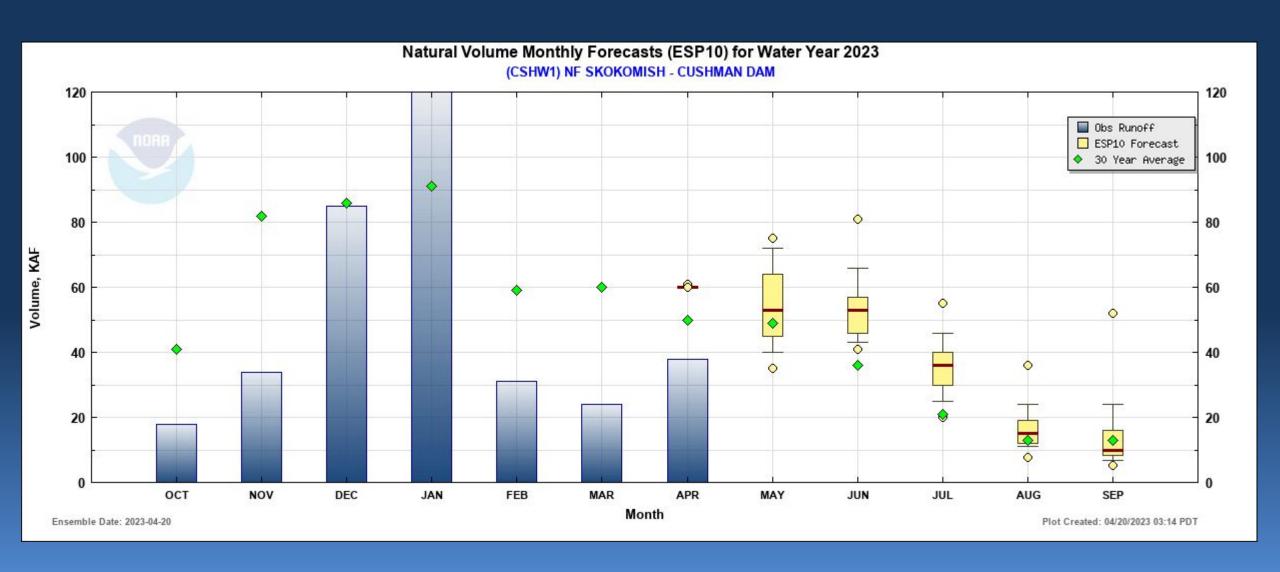
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APR-JUL	179	205	131	236	157
JAN-SEP	375	409	104	442	393
JAN-JUL	353	380	104	410	367
OCT-SEP	513	547	91	580	601
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METHOW - NEAR PATEROS (PATW1) Forecasts for Water Year 2023

Natural Forecast

ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2023-04-20 Issued: 2023-04-20

		Forecas	30 Year		
Forecast Period	90 %	50 %	% Average	10 %	Average (1991-2020)
APR-SEP	630	729	75	839	967
APR-JUL	579	670	74	784	905
JAN-SEP	691	790	74	901	1063
JAN-JUL	640	731	73	845	1002
OCT-SEP	749	848	73	959	1163

Experimental

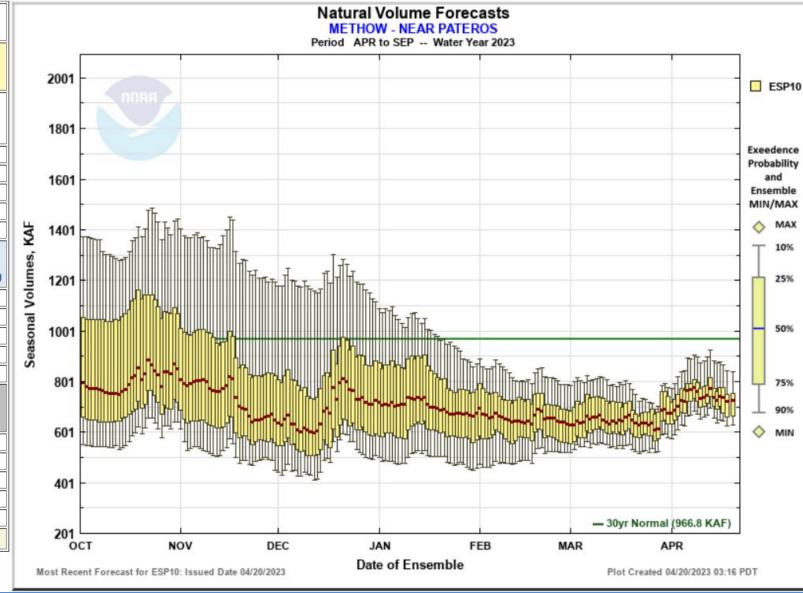
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JAN-JUL	657	743	74	868	1002
OCT-SEP	763	851	73	983	1163

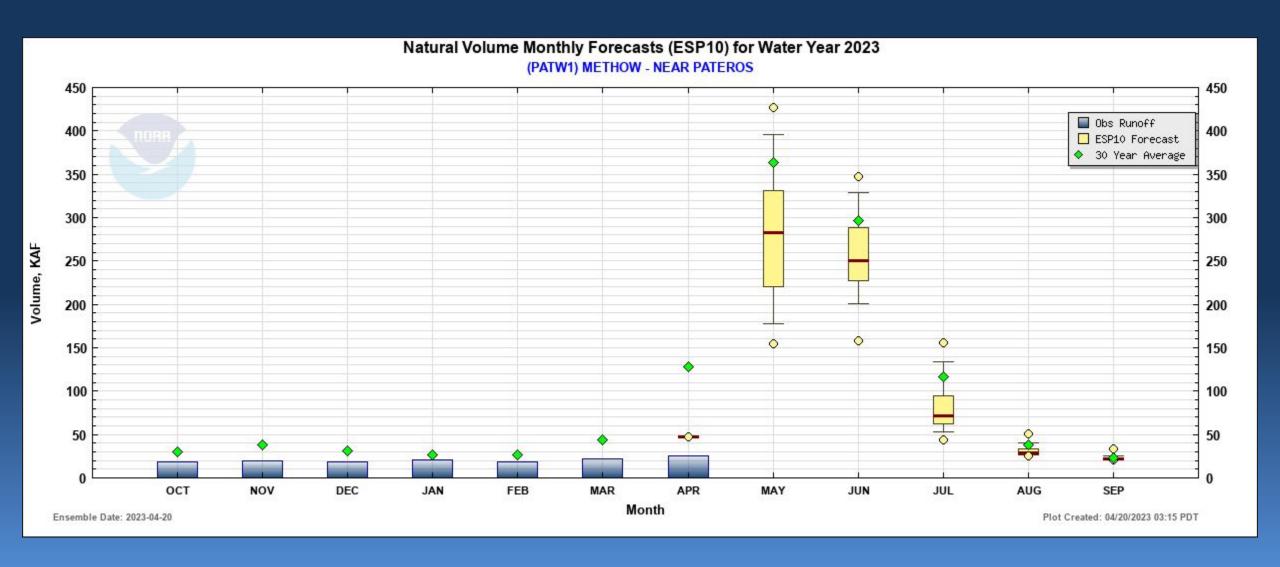
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JAN-SEP	702	787	74	924	1063
JAN-JUL	649	731	73	864	1002
OCT-SEP	760	845	73	982	1163
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ESP10 Natural Water Supply Forecasts

WALLA WALLA - NEAR TOUCHET (TCHW1) Forecasts for Water Year 2023

Natural Forecast

ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2023-04-20 Issued: 2023-04-20

		30 Year			
Forecast Period	90 %	50 %	% Average	10 %	Average (1991-2020)
APR-SEP	166	180	105	237	172
APR-JUL	150	165	104	217	158
JAN-SEP	332	346	88	402	391
JAN-JUL	315	331	88	383	377
OCT-SEP	413	427	93	484	458

Experimental

HEFS with 15 days EQPF Ensemble: 2023-04-20 Issued: 2023-04-20

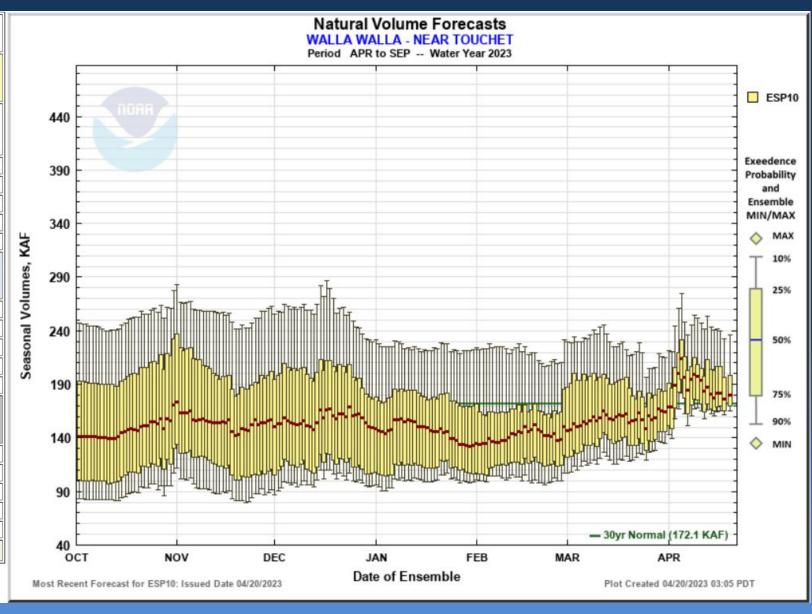
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APR-JUL	148	173	109	226	158	
JAN-SEP	329	355	91	412	391	
JAN-JUL	314	339	90	392	377	
OCT-SEP	411	437	95	493	458	

Reference

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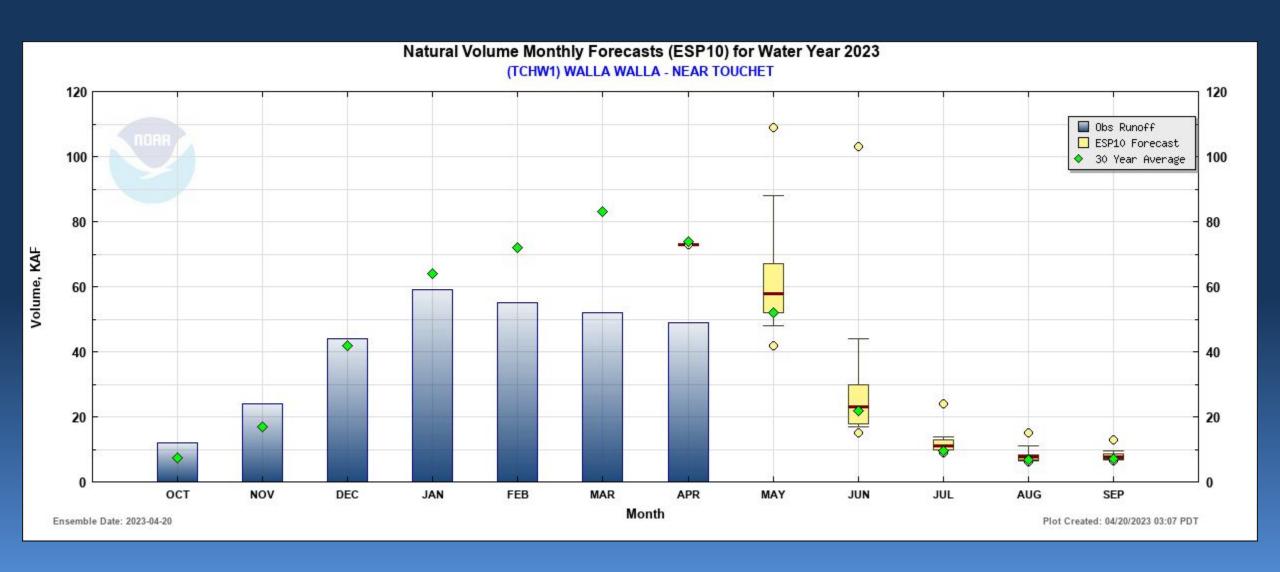
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APR-SEP	162	192	112	251	172
APR-JUL	147	175	111	231	158
JAN-SEP	328	358	91	417	391
JAN-JUL	313	341	90	397	377
OCT-SEP	409	439	96	498	458

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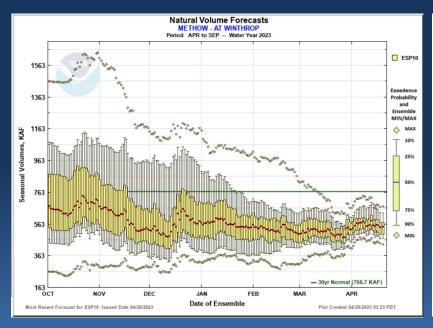


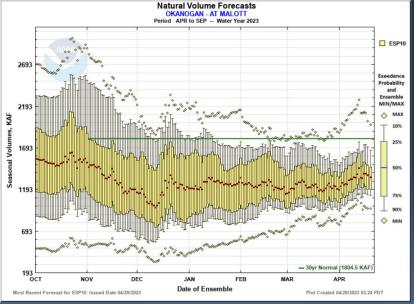
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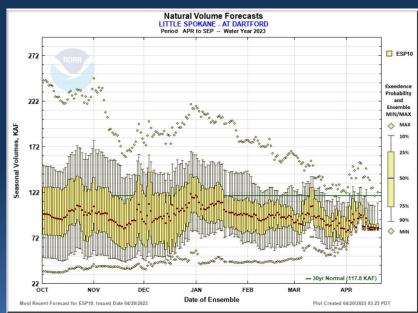




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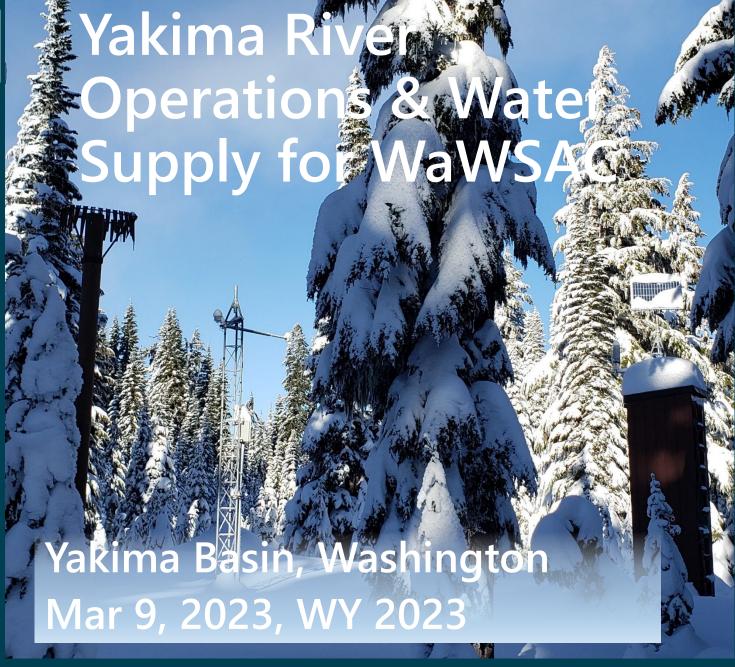


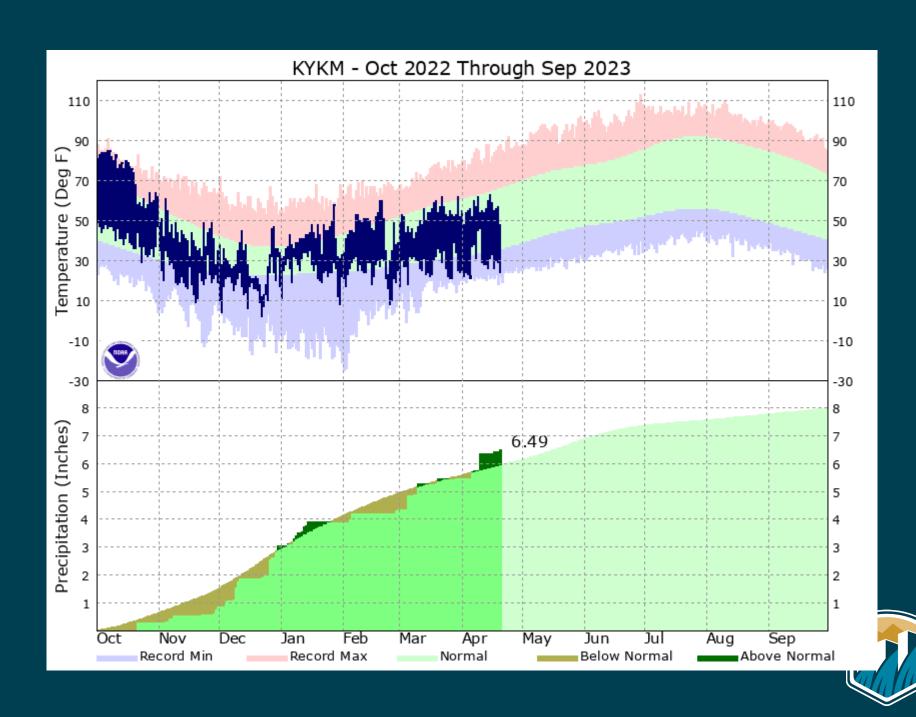


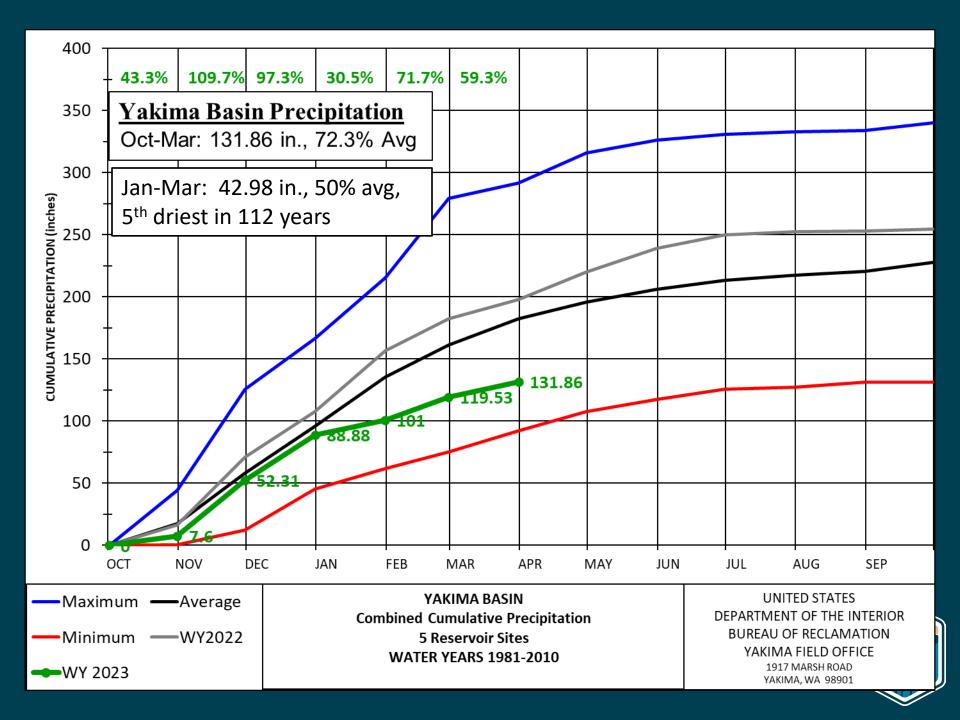
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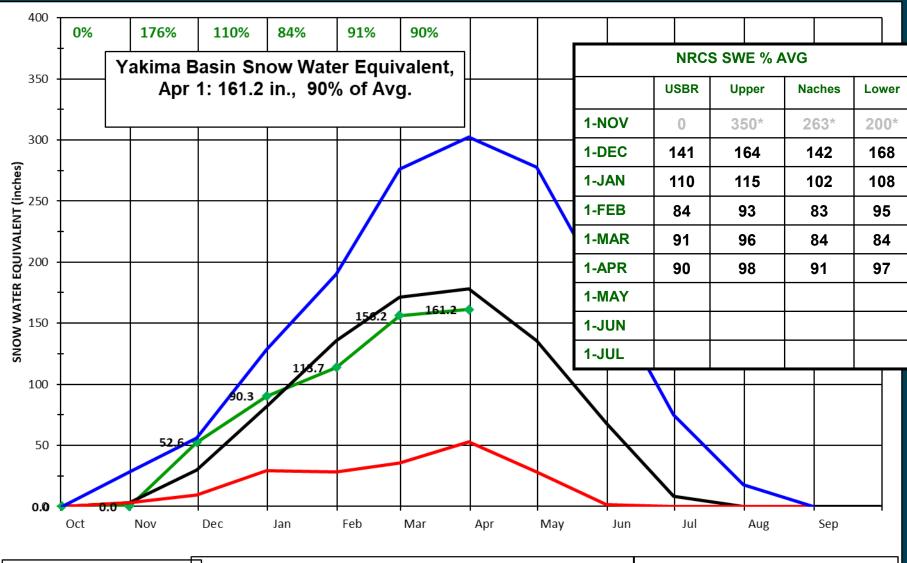
- Adjusted runoff to date remains below normal
- 10 day QPF forecast is mostly below normal
- Recent precip generally increased Apr-Sep river forecasts
- ESP10 Natural Water Supply forecasts are a mix of normal and below normal
- Continued push and pull between low runoff and high snowpack

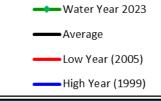






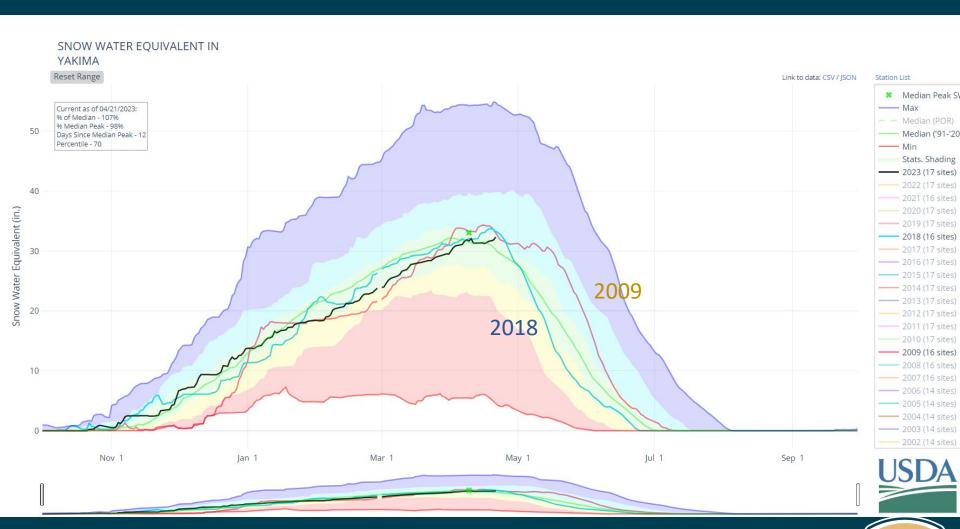






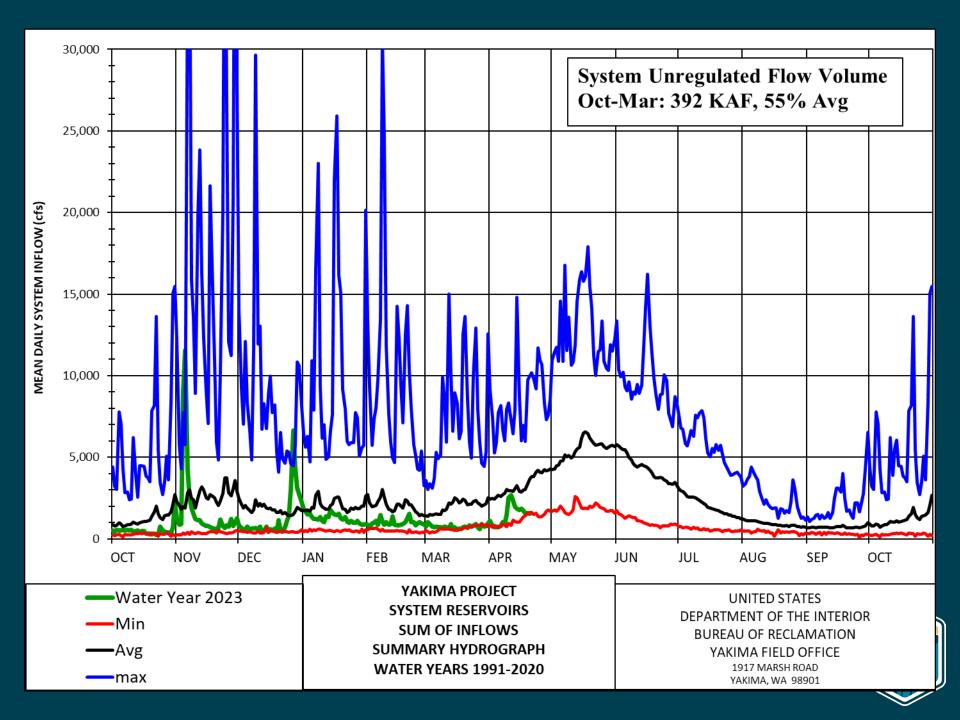
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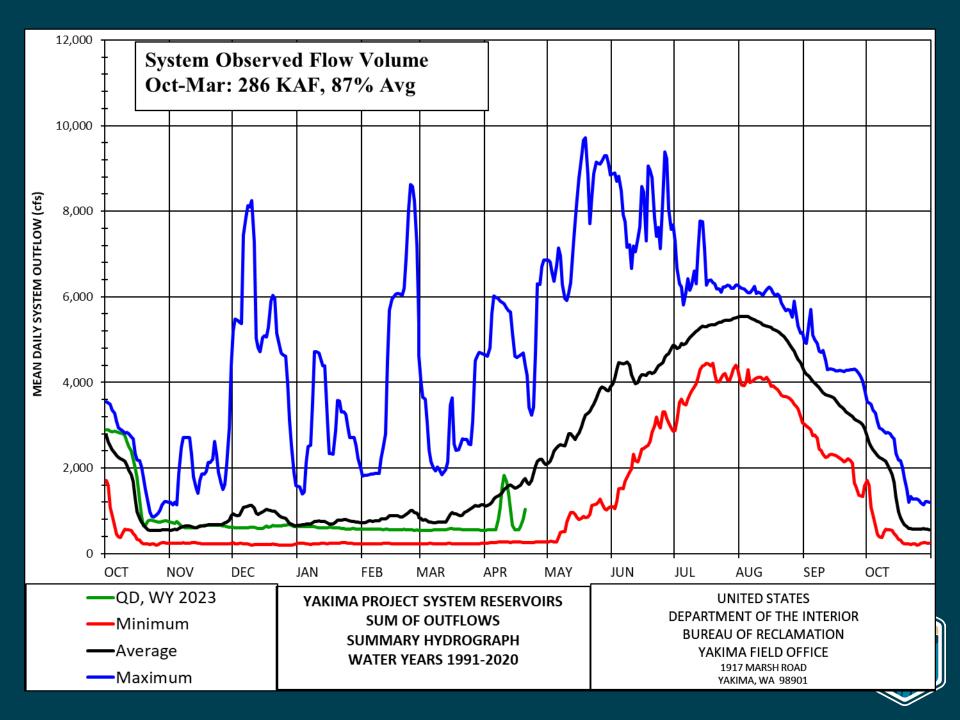
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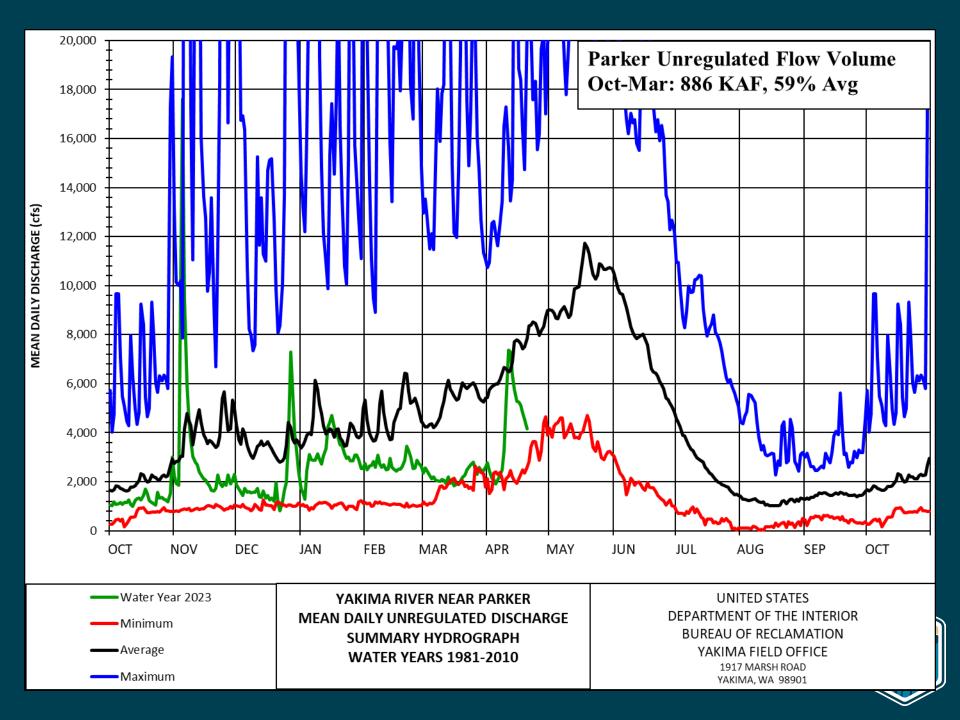


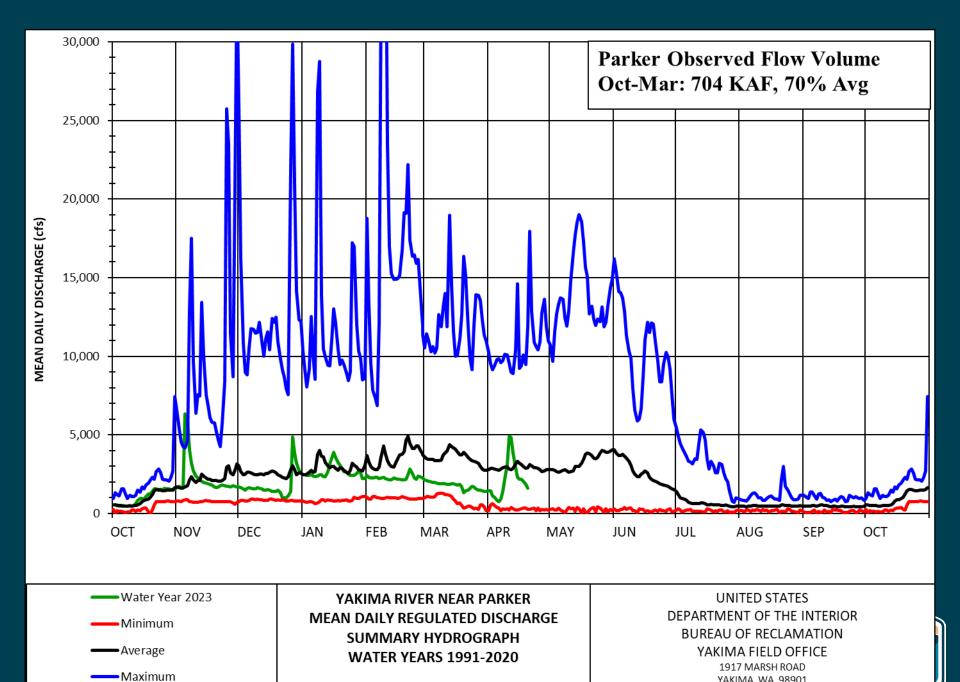
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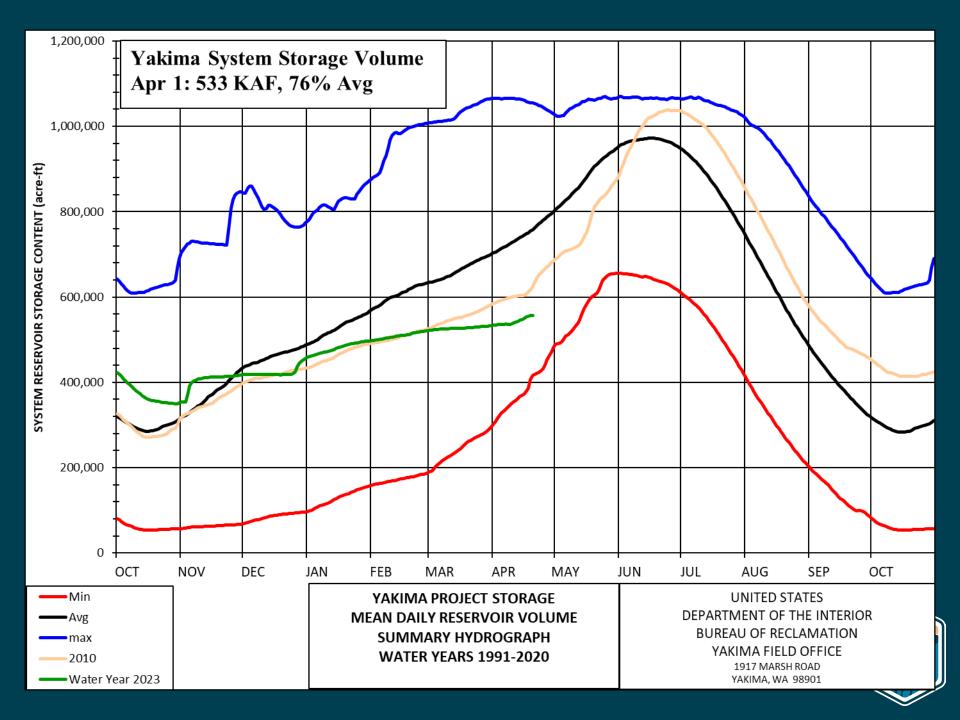








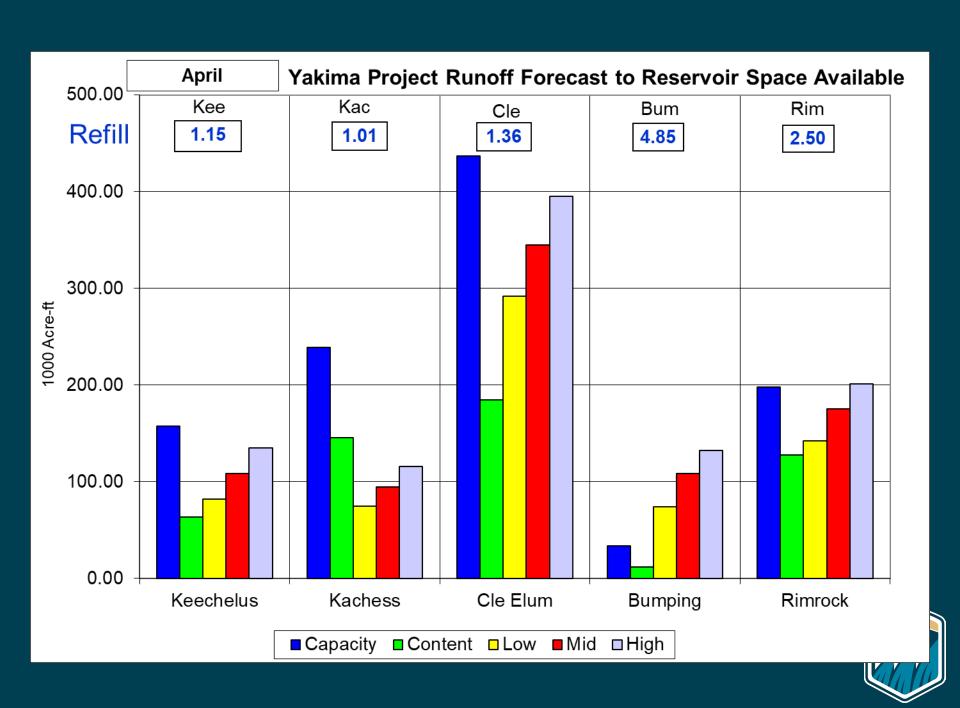
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Yakima Subbasin forecasts

Yakima Basin Forecasts, Apr-Jul, AF								
Apr, 2023	Low	Adopted	High	Low	Adopted	High		
Parw	1160800	1536020	1865000	71%	91%	111%		
kee	82000	108440	135300	71%	91%	112%		
kac	75000	94620	115800	72%	88%	105%		
cle	292000	344520	395000	78%	91%	103%		
bum	74000	108400	132000	65%	84%	102%		
rim	142000	175580	201000	76%	91%	106%		
Yumw	565916	678088	804704	75%	91%	106%		
Nacw	455000	637700	780000	65%	88%	111%		
System	719000	820000	951000	70%	84%	98%		





Reservoir Refill (March, 2023 outlook)

- Cle spillway+2': 60 to 80 % chance and not until after May 24 but likely in June.
- Cle: <5% chance of filling
- Kee: very unlikely to fill
- Kac: 10%- chance of filling
- Bum: 90%+ chance of filling
- Rim: 60%+ chance of filling



April 1, 2022 TWSA ESTIMATE

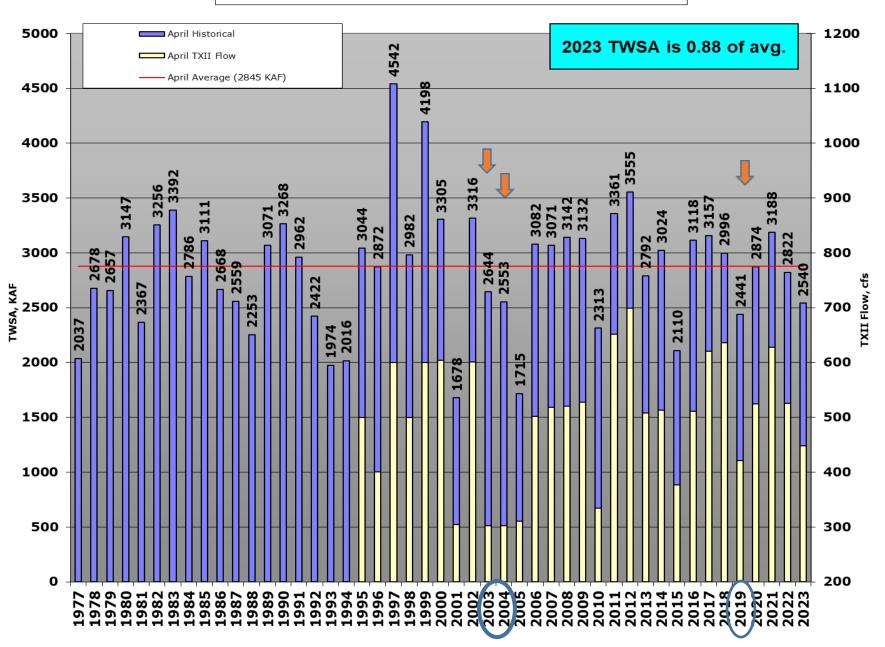
April 1 - September 30

Parameter*	+/ - /=	Low	Adopted	High
Apr 1-Sep 30 Natural Flow at Parker est.	+	1272	1672	2022
Return Flow Estimate, est	+	335	335	345
April 1, Reservoir Content, est	+	533	533	533
TWSA	=	2140	2540	2900
SEP 30 EST RESERVOIR CONTENT	-	76	76	111
FLOW OVER SUNNYSIDE DAM	-	233	378	485
TWSA FOR IRRIGATION		1832	2086	2304
NONPRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT	-	1070	1070	1070
REMAINING TWSA		762	1016	1234
PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		1239	1239	1239
% RATIO= REMAINING TWSA/PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		61%	82%	100%
TITLE XII FLOW TARGET, cfs	April	300	300	400
Added flow available, cfs *#*		142	148	153
Non-storeable Portion of added flow, cfs		39	39	39
Storable portion of added flow, cfs		102	109	113
BA May Pulse Flow Volume		Low-BA	Mid-BA	Mid-BA

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

State & YRBWEP Trust, Acquisition, & Conservation additions to Title XII flow range from 142 to 153 cfs.

Yakima Basin Historical TWSA's



Yakima Basin Outmigration Flows

Table 2-14. Minimum volume of water (acre-feet) that will be available in April and May during years when water prorationing levels are equal to or greater than 70% to provide outmigration flows. Outmigration flows are measured at Tieton Dam (RIM), Cle Elum Dam (CLE), and Yakima River at Easton gage (EASW).

	Monthly Min. acre-feet for Outmigration Flows					
April TWSA (MAF)	< 2.36 2.36 - 3.13 > 3.13					
May TWSA (MAF)	< 2.20	2.20 – 2.61	> 2.61			
RIM	4,500	8,400	14,800			
CLE	4,200	9,900	18,800			
EASW	3,700	4,800	9,900			

WY23 Apr TWSA=2.540 MAF

Easton (EASW) can be met from unregulated local inflow below Kee and Kac.

Hydrologic Summary

- Jan-Mar Precip was 50% avg, 5th driest.
- Snowpack is hanging in at 91%.
- System storage has not kept up with average.
 - Nov 7, 2022: 120% average.
 - Apr 1, 2023: 76% average. (only 50% full).
- Natural stream flows have been 30 to 40% avg.
- Adopted forecasts are mostly 91% avg.
- TWSA is 2.540 MAF or 88% of average
- Title XII is 300 +148 or +39 cfs
- Prorationing: 82%
- Movable conservation est (Jun20-Oct18): 26 KAF