

The Washington Water Supply Availability Committee (WSAC) will be meeting on November 18th. WSAC convenes periodically to review water supply conditions and forecasts.

Join Zoom Meeting

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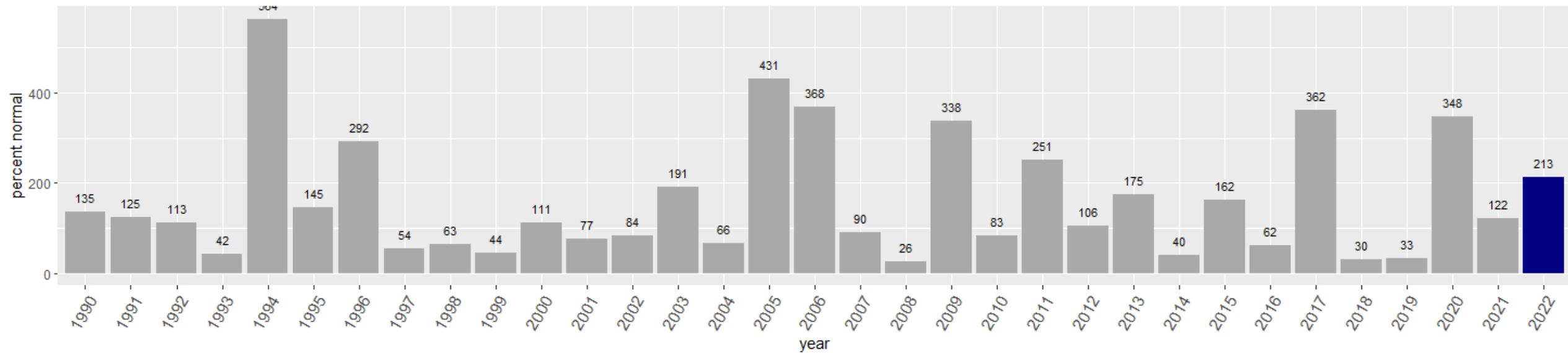
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Washington Water Supply Availability Committee

Friday, November 18, 2022

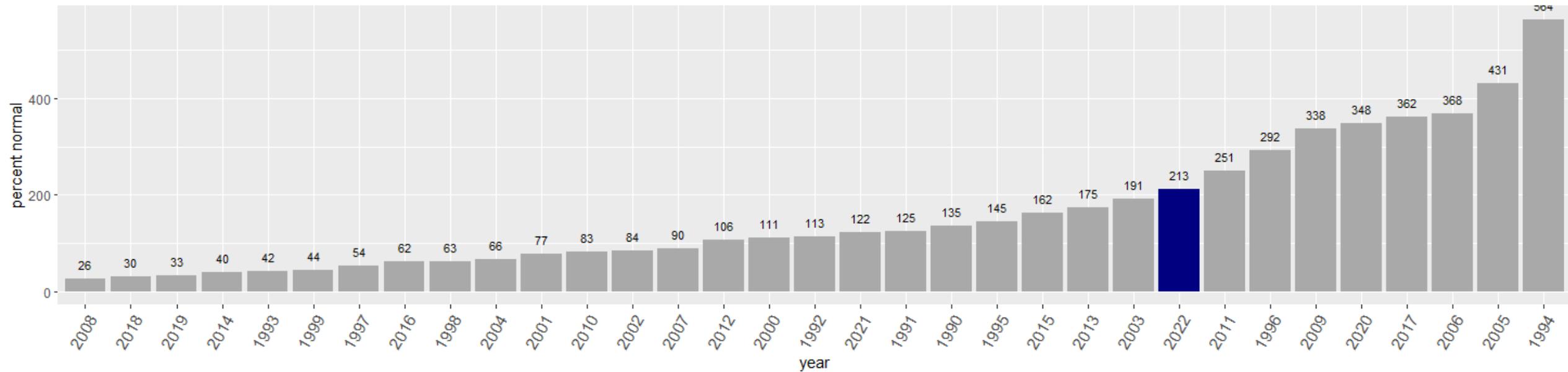
Start Time	End Time	Duration, min	Description	
10:00	10:10	10	Welcome & Introductions	Jeff Marti, Ecology
10:10	10:25	15	Regional Climate Setting/ ENSO	Karin Bumbaco, OWSC Nick Bond, OWSC
10:25	10:35	10	Mountain Conditions	Scott Pattee, NRCS
10:35	10:45	10	Streamflow and Groundwater	Nick Sutfin, USGS
10:45	10:55	10	Water Supply Forecasts	Brent Bower/Amy Burke NWS
10:55	11:15	20	General Discussion	All
			Next Meeting: Friday, January 20th	

Washington statewide average Snow Water Equivalent on November 17 compared to previous years sorted by year



NRCS data

ranked by SWE



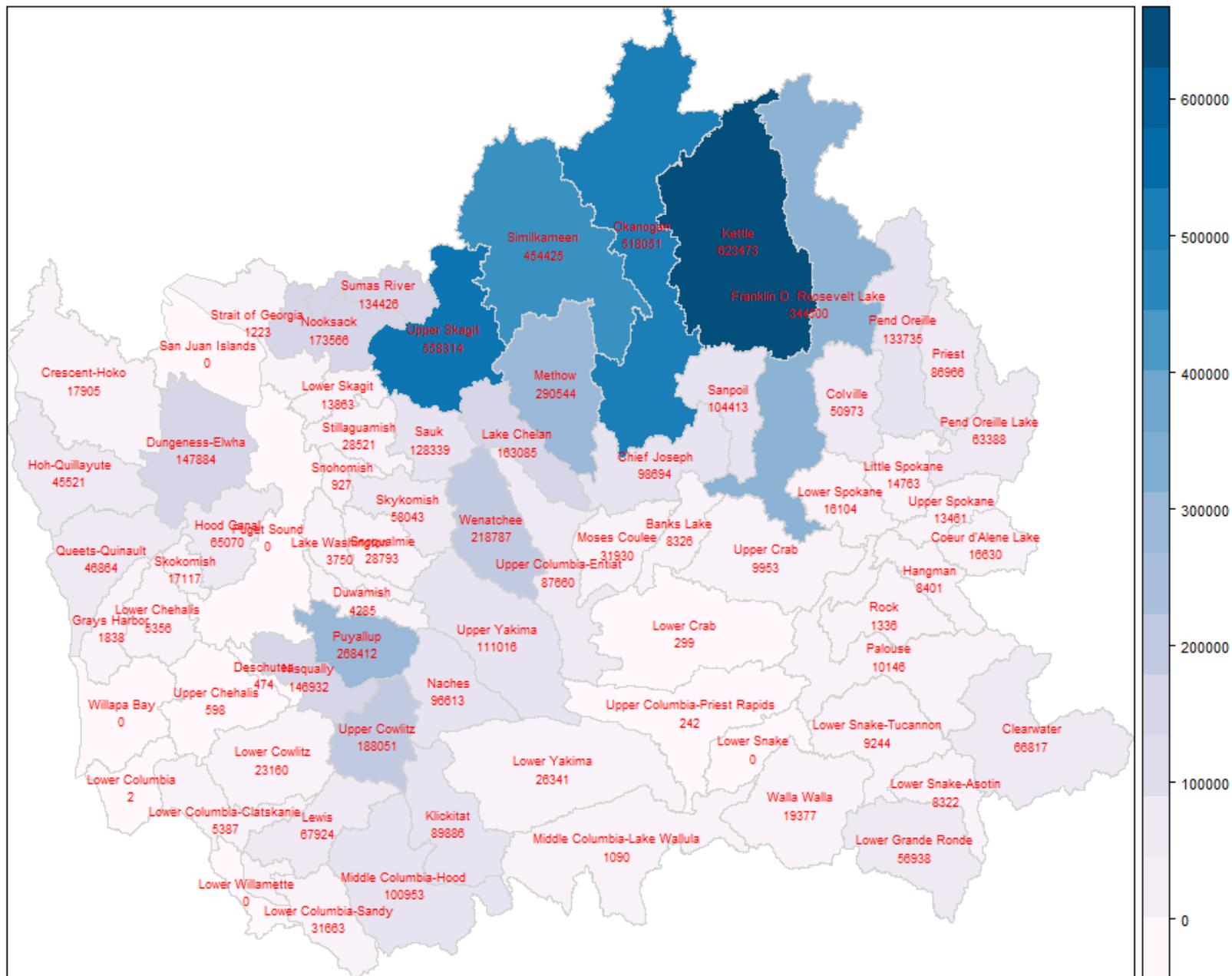
NRCS data

total volume of snow storage (acre-feet) by basin (HUC8)

Oct. 1 Snow Storage:
483,442 af

Nov. 17 Snow Storage:
6,171,010 af

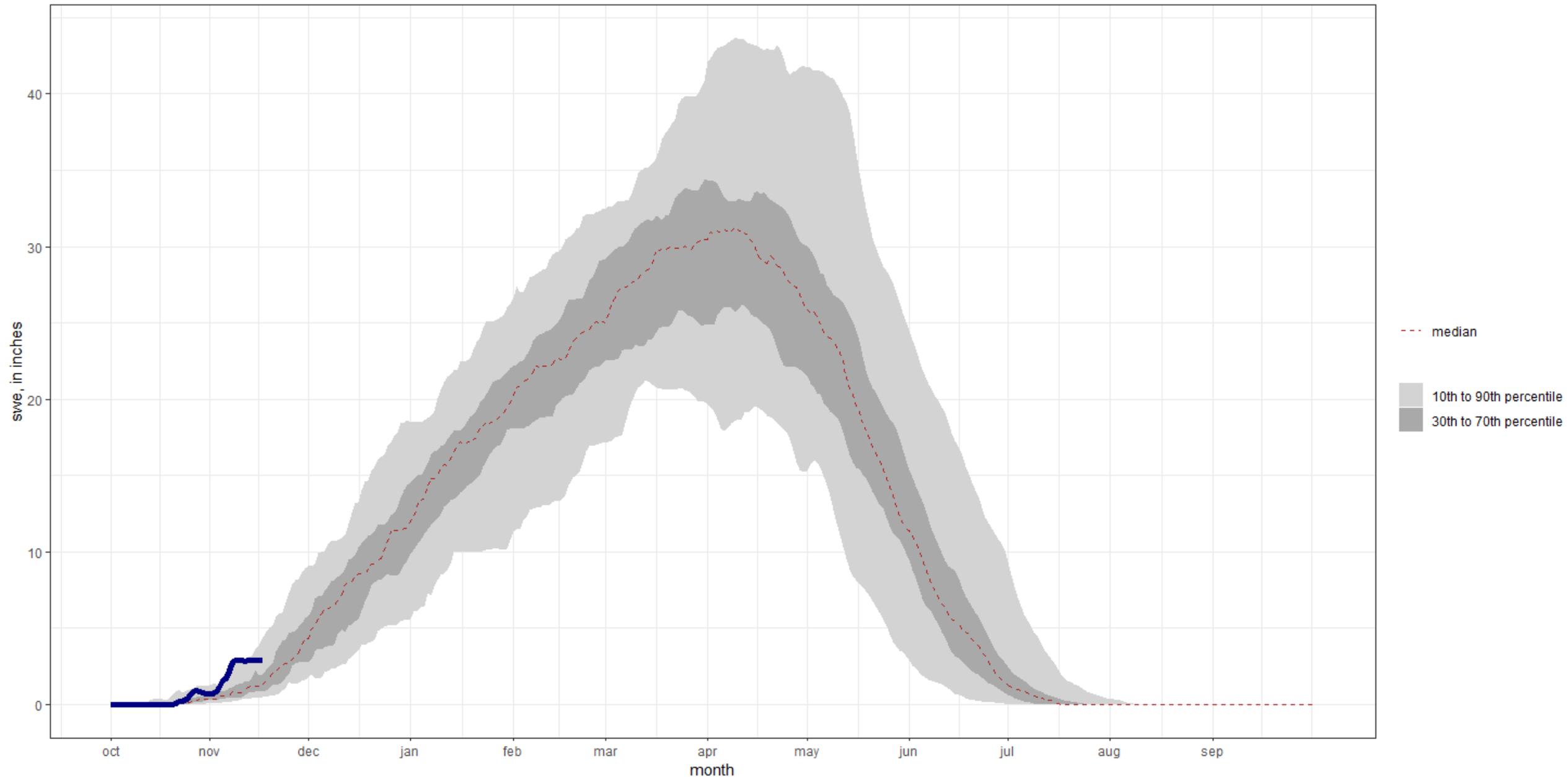
Snow Storage Last Year
on Nov 17
3,390,765 af



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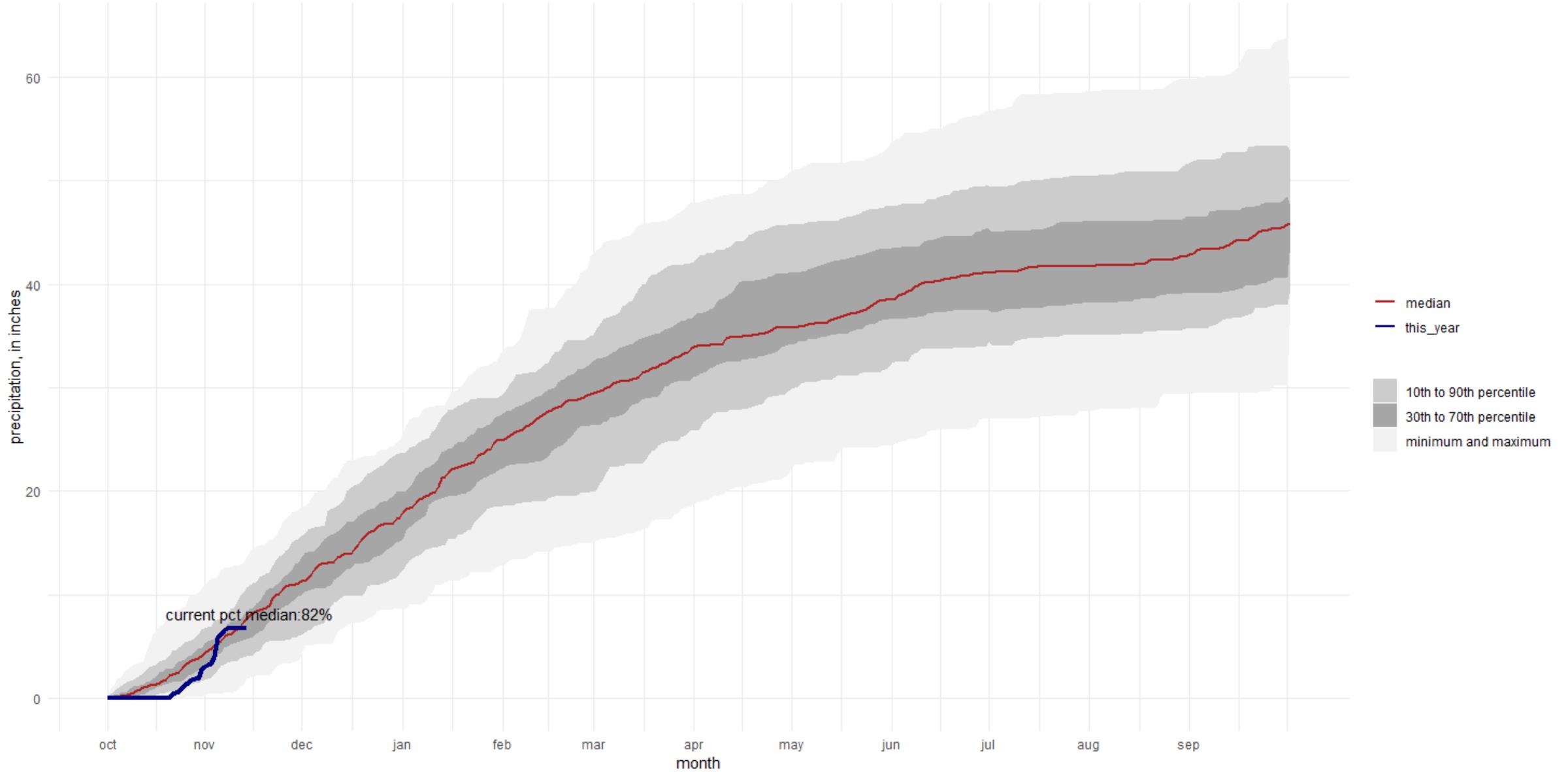
Washington State SWE (SNOTEL)

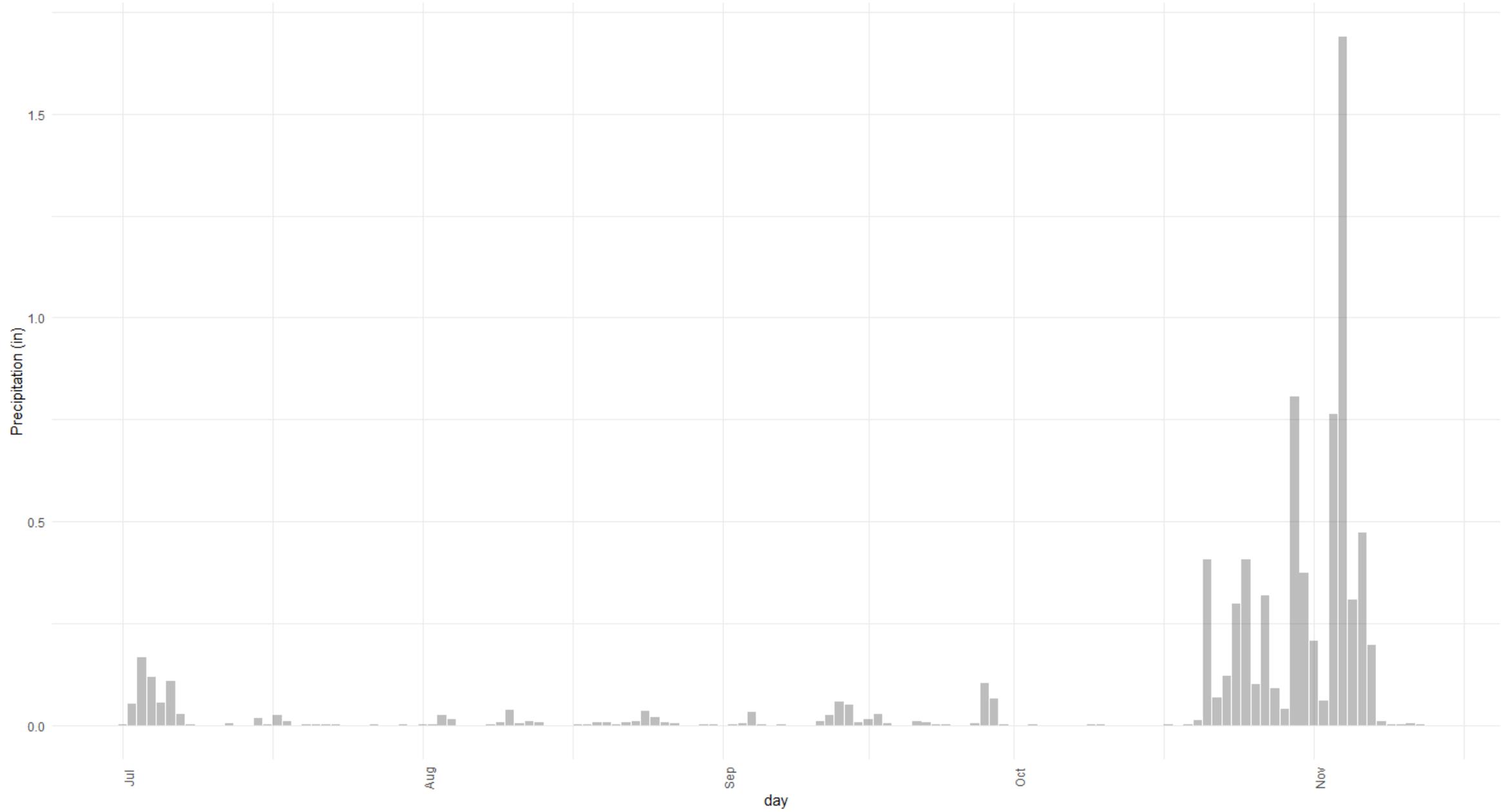
POR: 1989-10-01 - 2022-11-17 Created on: 2022-11-17



Washington State Cumulative Statewide Precipitation (gridMET)

POR: 1979-10-01 - 2022-11-13 Created on: 2022-11-17







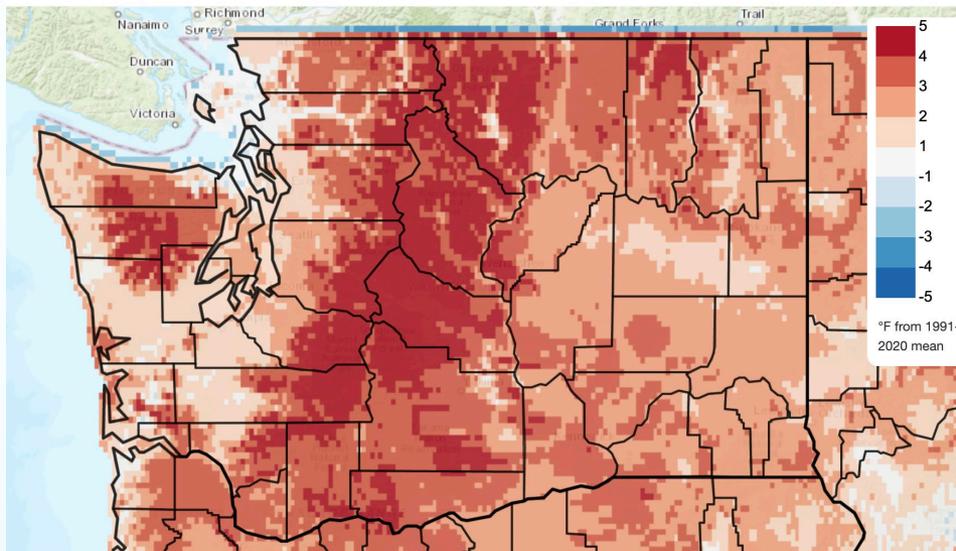
Current Conditions and Seasonal Outlook

Nick Bond & Karin Bumbaco
Office of the Washington State Climatologist
Cooperative Institute for Climate, Ocean, and Ecosystem Studies
University of Washington
18 November 2022

Water Year 2023

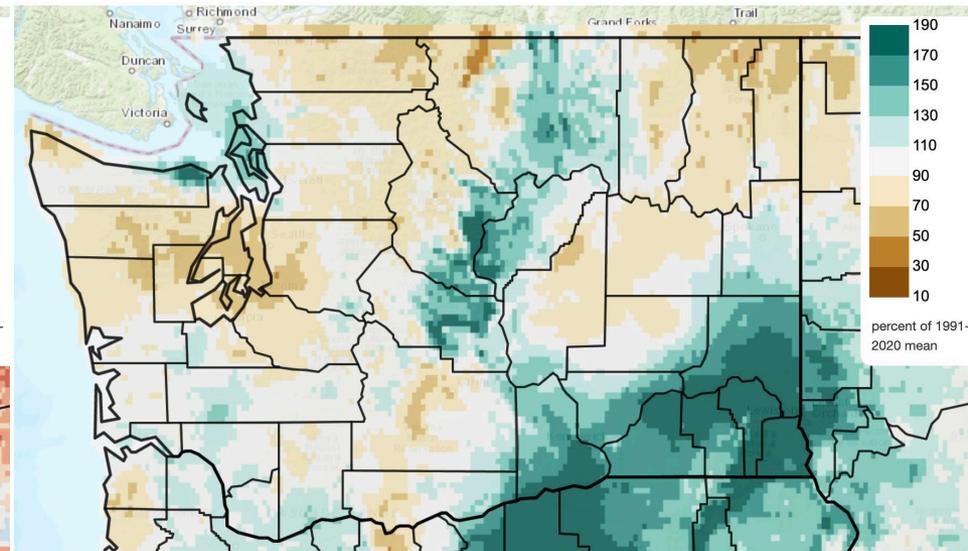
Temperature

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Since Oct 1st
2022/10/01 - 2022/11/14



Precipitation

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Since Oct 1st
2022/10/01 - 2022/11/14



Climate Toolbox

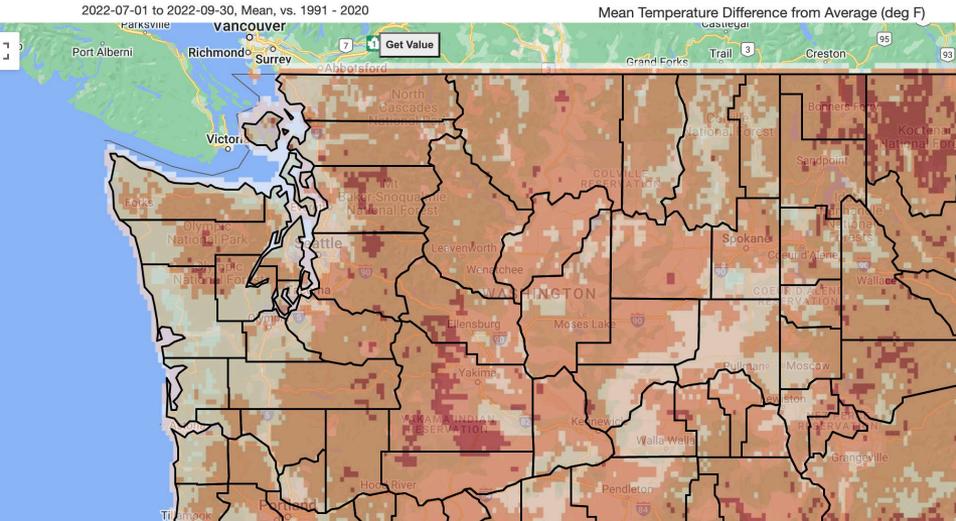
- Averaged statewide, October was the warmest on record* (+6.6°F)
- October precipitation was the 37th driest averaged statewide

*Records since 1895

July-September 2022

Temperature

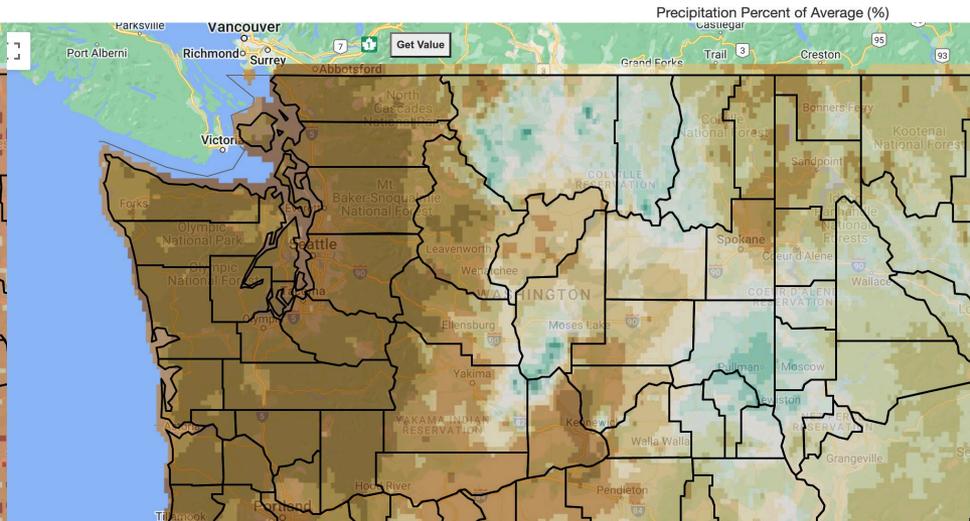
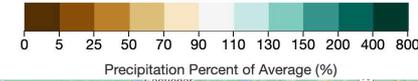
Mean Temperature Difference from Average
(gridMET)



Precipitation

Precipitation Percent Of Average (gridMET)

2022-07-01 to 2022-09-30, Total, vs. 1991 - 2020



- Averaged statewide, July-September was the warmest on record* (+3.5°F)
- Averaged statewide, July-Sept precipitation was the 2nd driest on record

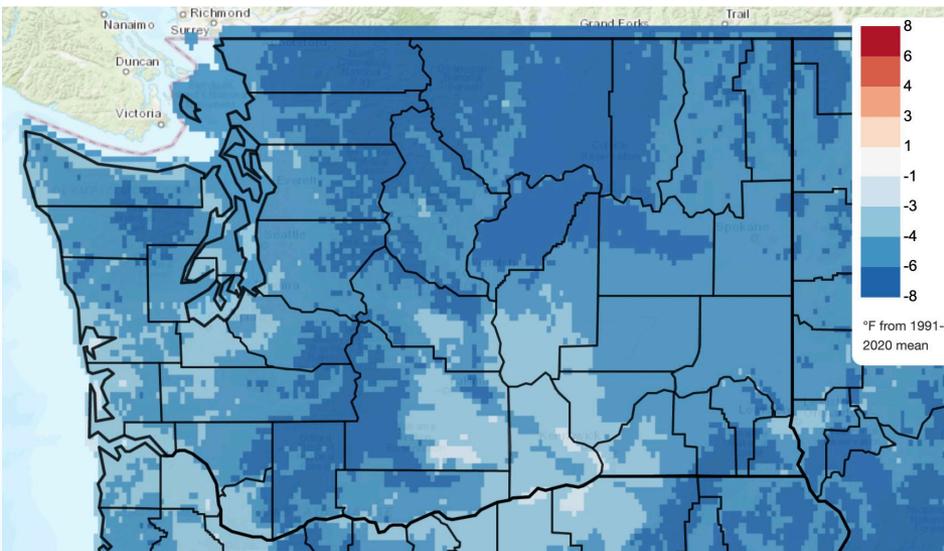
*Records since 1895

November 2022

Temperature

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last 15 Days

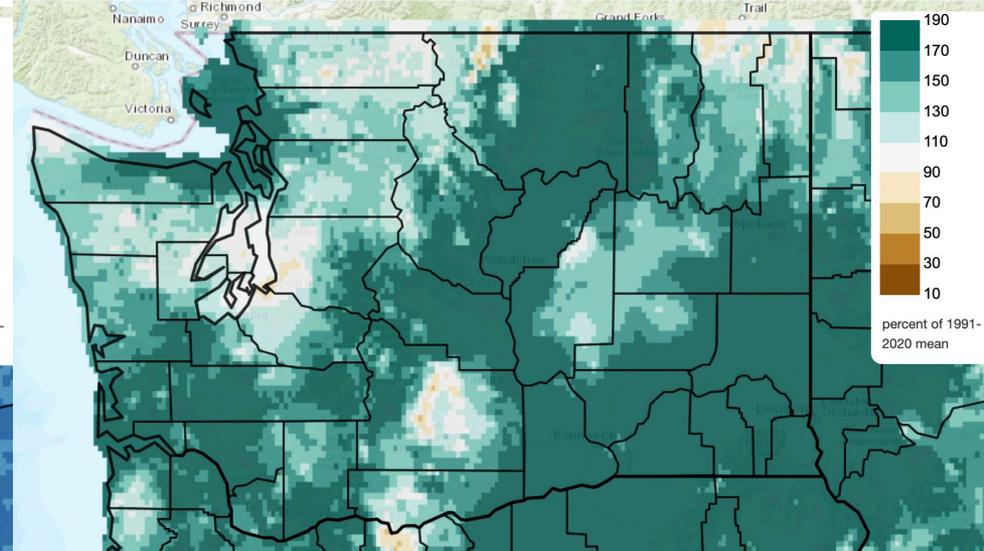
2022/10/31 - 2022/11/14



Precipitation

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Last 15 Days

2022/10/31 - 2022/11/14

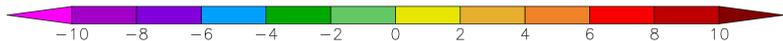
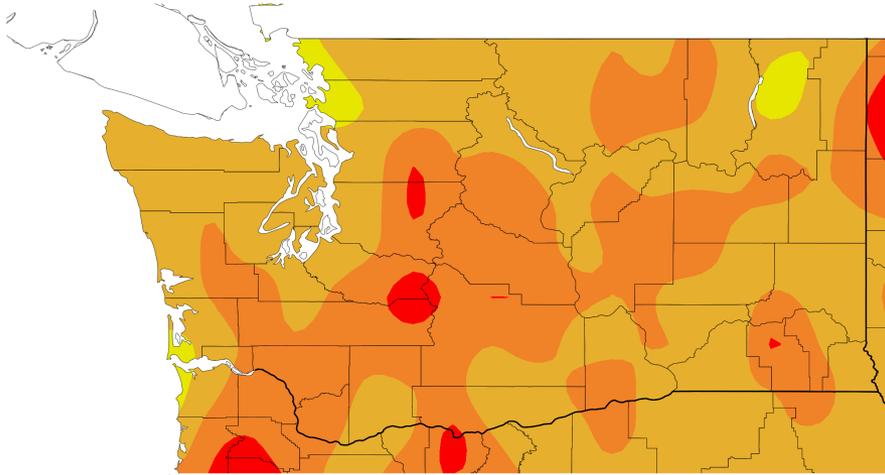


Climate Toolbox

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Last 120 days

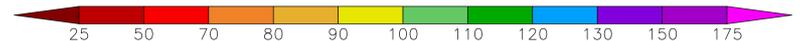
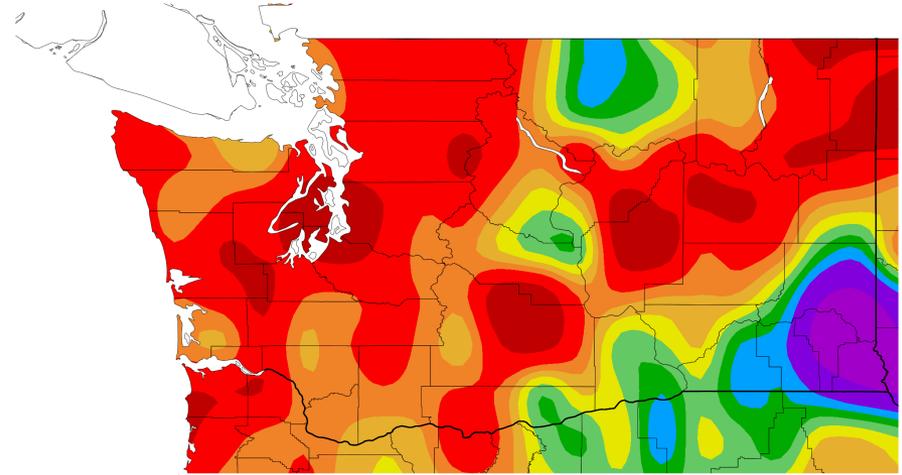
Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
7/19/2022 – 11/15/2022



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NOAA Regional Climate Centers

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
7/19/2022 – 11/15/2022



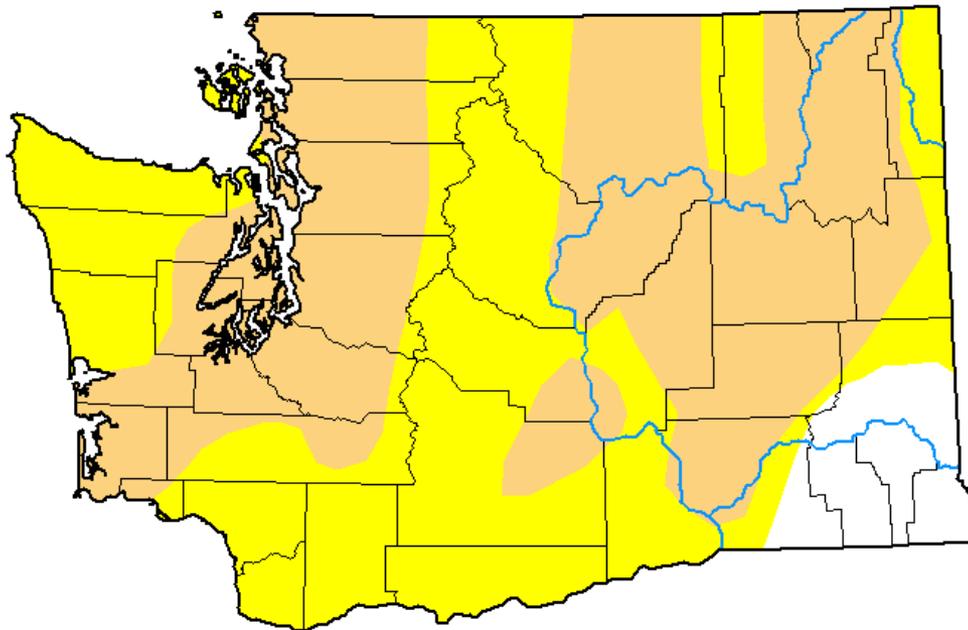
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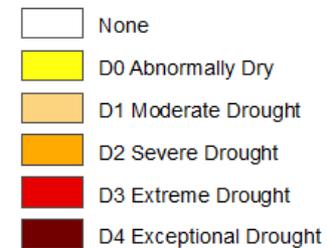
U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. Drought Monitor Washington

November 15, 2022
(Released Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:



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>

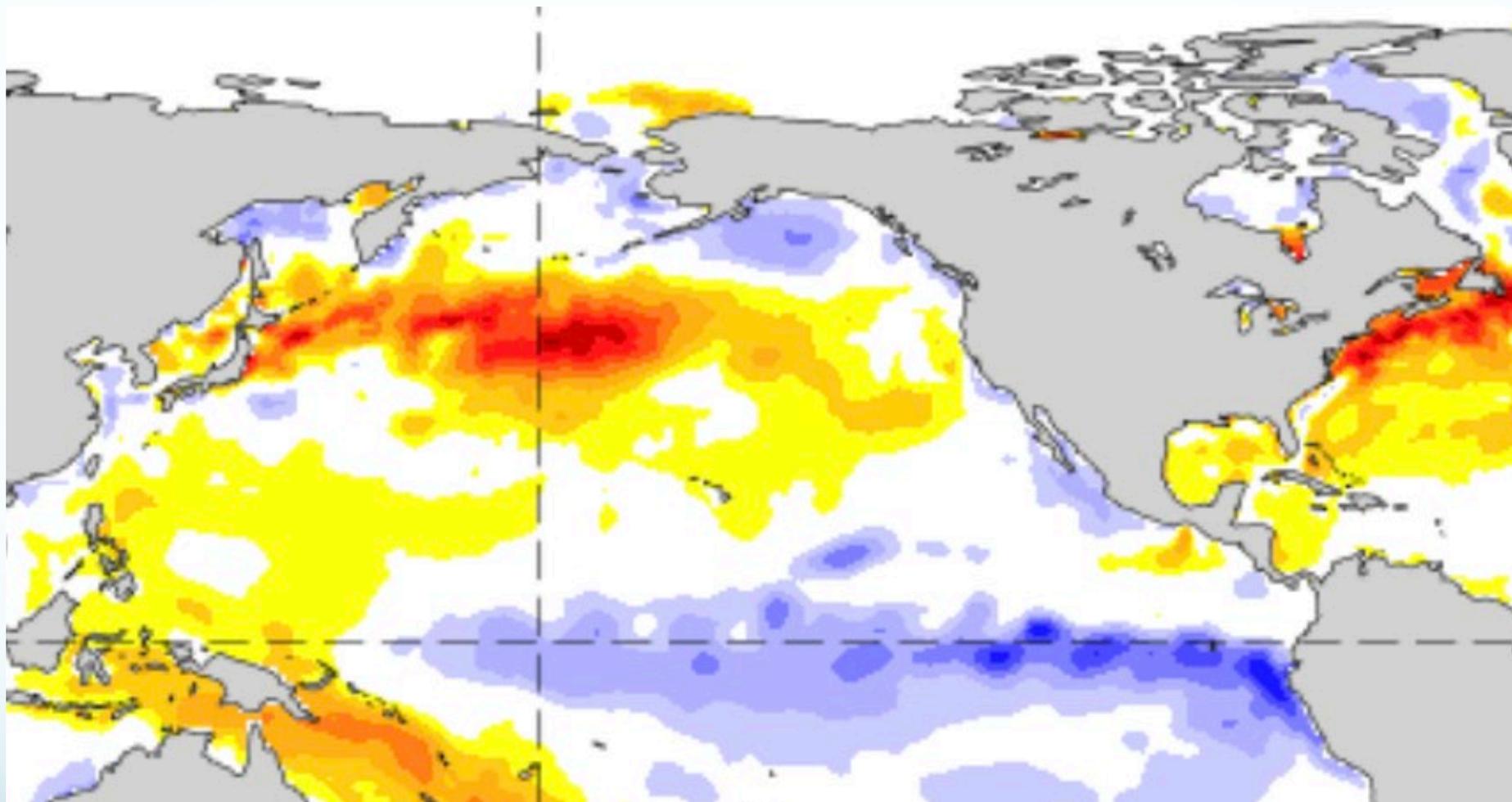
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U.S. Department of Agriculture

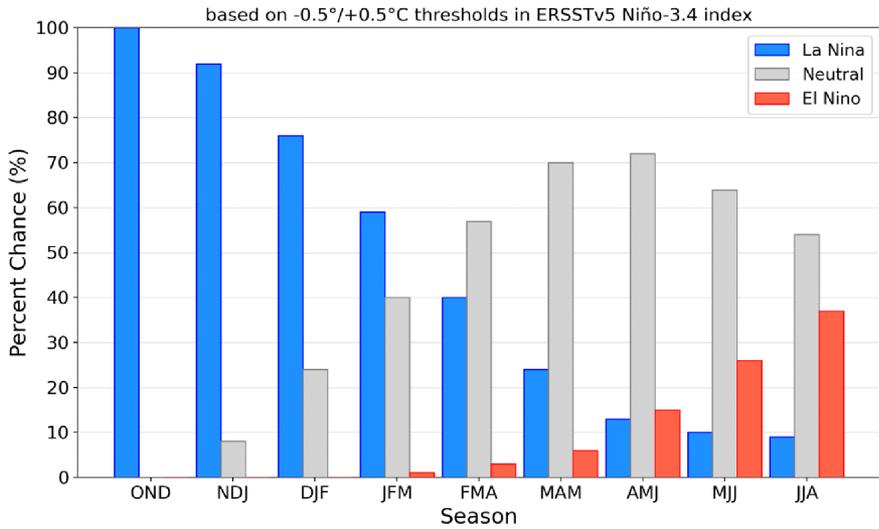


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Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: 06-12 Nov 2022

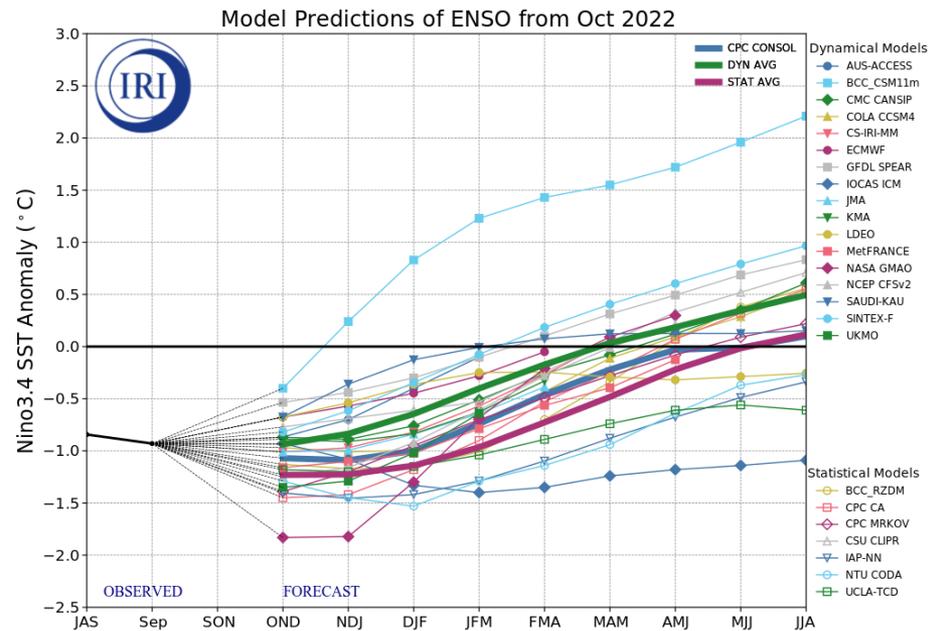


Official NOAA CPC ENSO Probabilities (issued Nov. 2022)



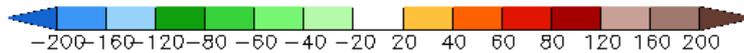
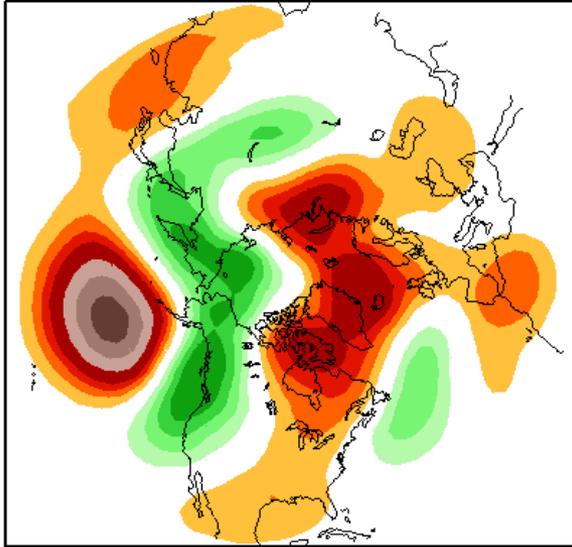
Latest ENSO predictions indicate that La Niña will remain into 2023

Figure 7. Official ENSO probabilities for the Niño 3.4 sea surface temperature index (5°N - 5°S , 120°W - 170°W). Figure updated 10 November 2022.

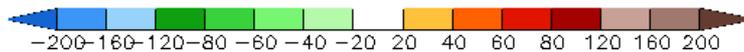
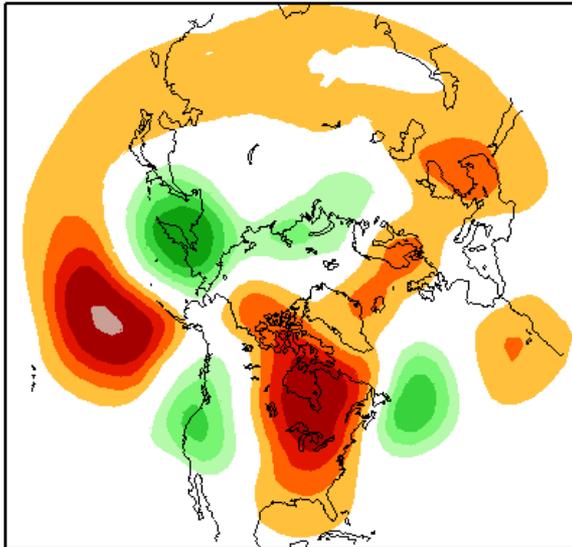


CFSv2 Weeks 3 & 4 500 hPa Z Anomalies (m)
16 Member Ensemble Mean Forecast from 15Nov2022

Week 3 30Nov2022–6Dec2022

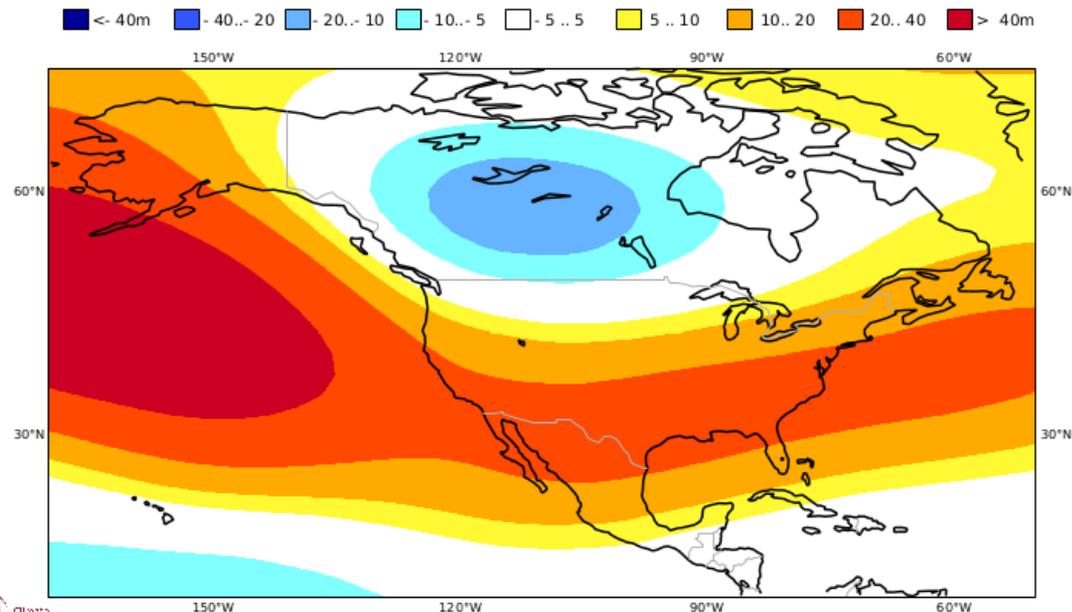


Week 4 7Dec2022–13Dec2022



**CFS 3 & 4 Week 500
hPa
Model Projections: Wet
Early and Cool Late**

500 hPa Z

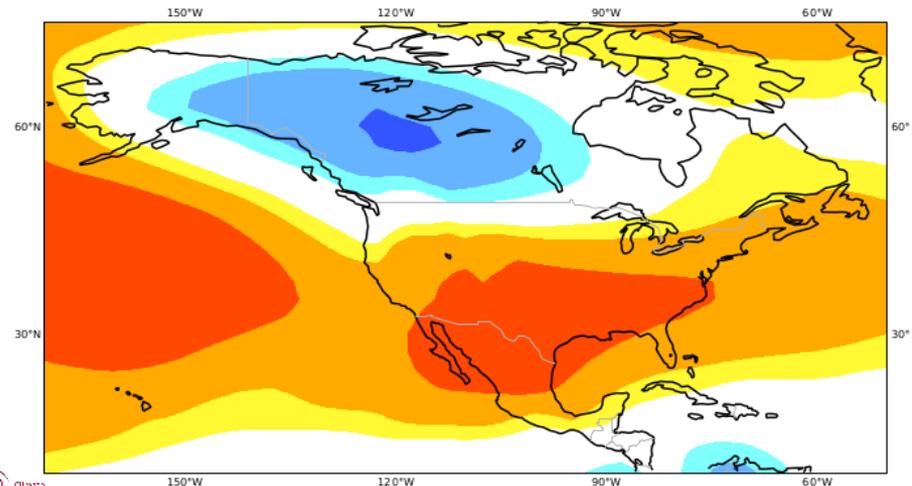


IMME Projections for Dec-Feb: Consistent with La Nina Historical Composites

Temperature at 850 hPa

Legend for 850 hPa Temperature anomaly (K):

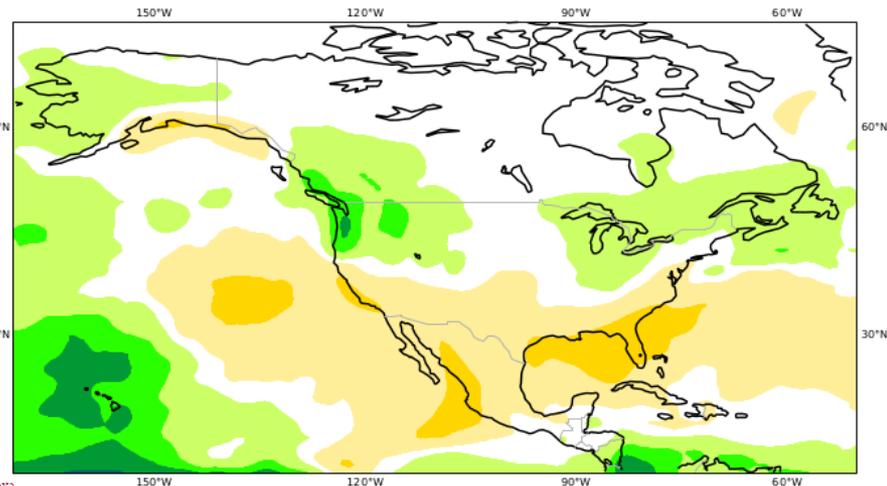
- <math>< -2.0\text{K}</math>
- $-2.0..-1.0$
- $-1.0..-0.5$
- $-0.5..-0.2$
- $-0.2..0.2$
- $0.2..0.5$
- $0.5..1.0$
- $1.0..2.0$
- $> 2.0\text{K}$



Precipitation

Legend for Precipitation anomaly (mm):

- <math>< -200\text{mm}</math>
- $-200..-100$
- $-100..-50$
- $-50..-10$
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- $10..50$
- $50..100$
- $100..200$
- $> 200\text{mm}$

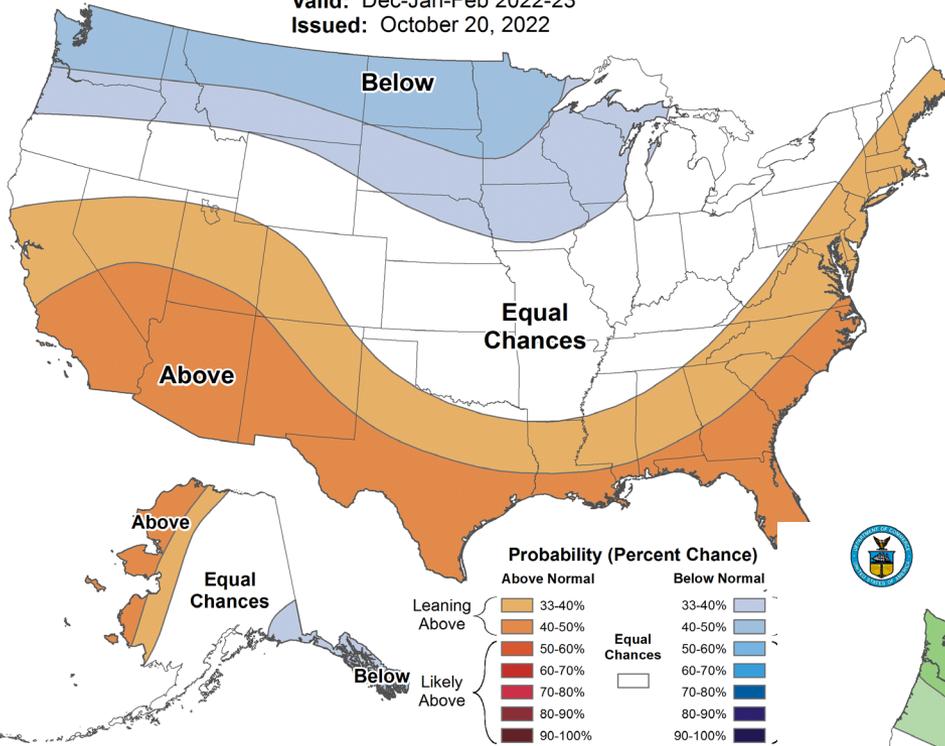




Seasonal Temperature Outlook



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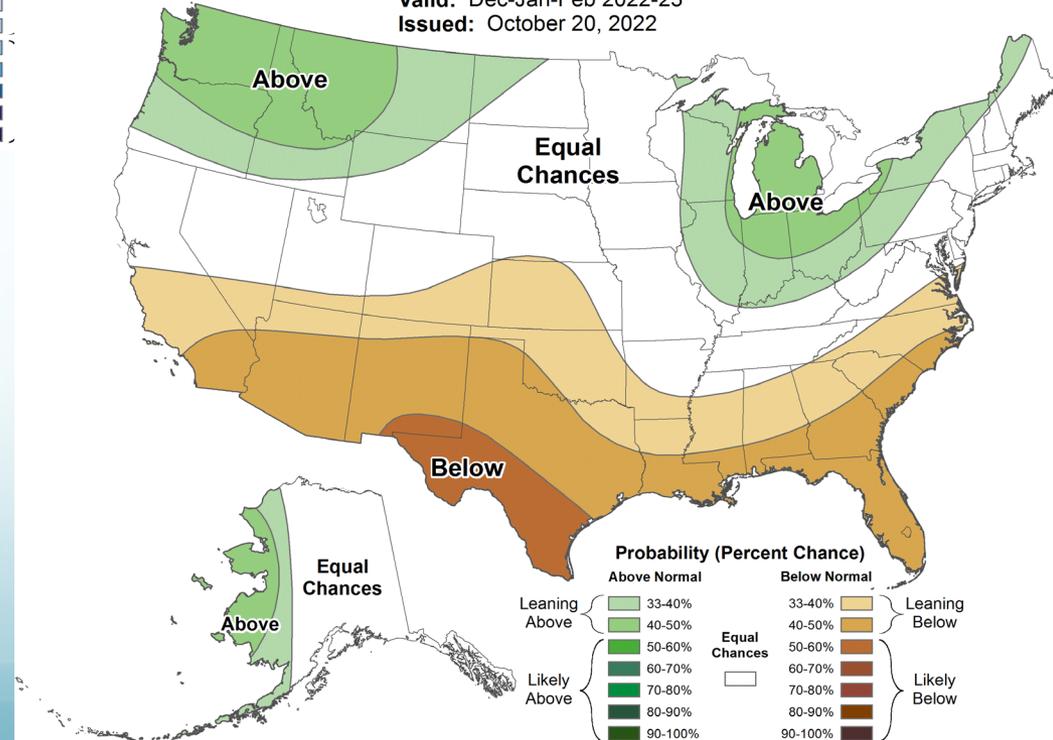
NOAA/CPC Forecasts for December-February 2023



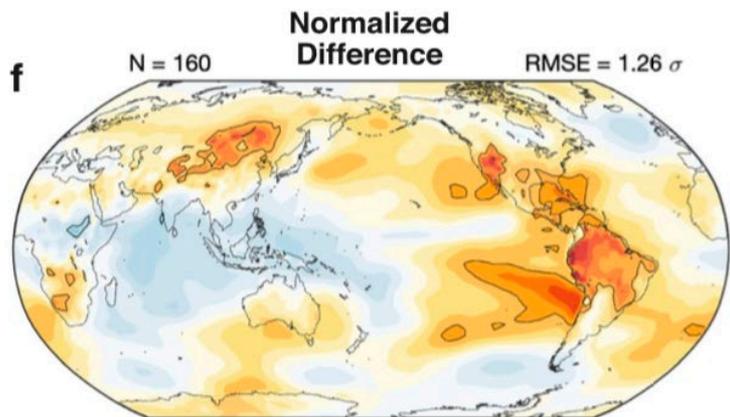
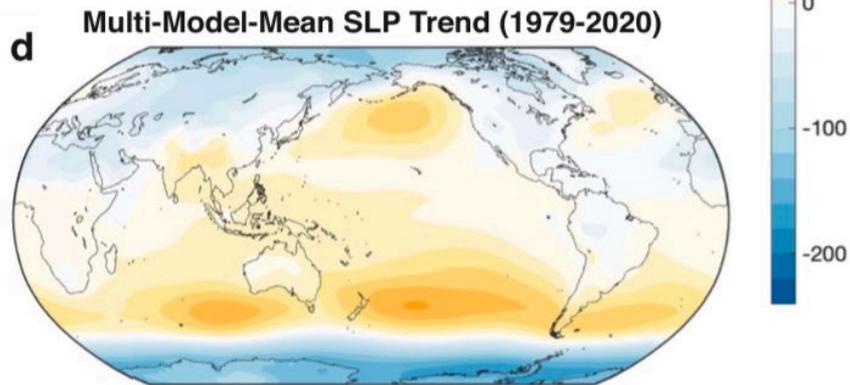
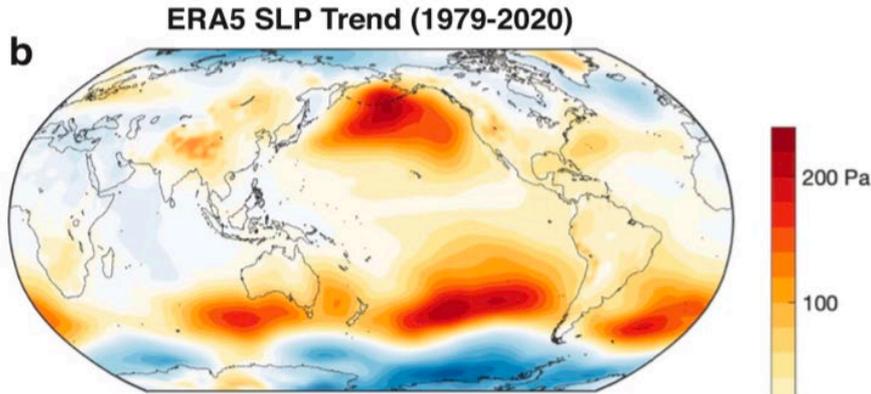
Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



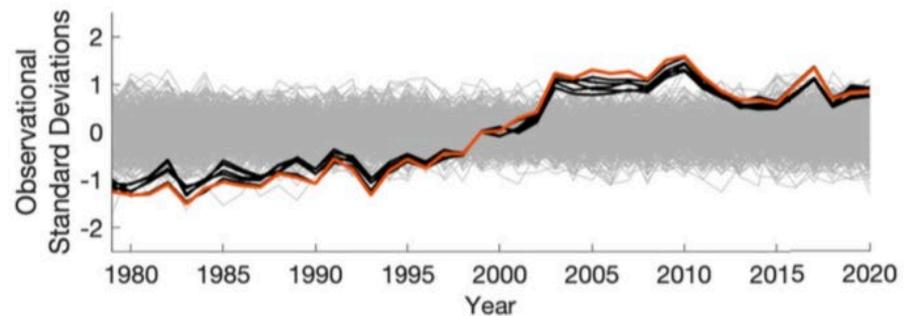
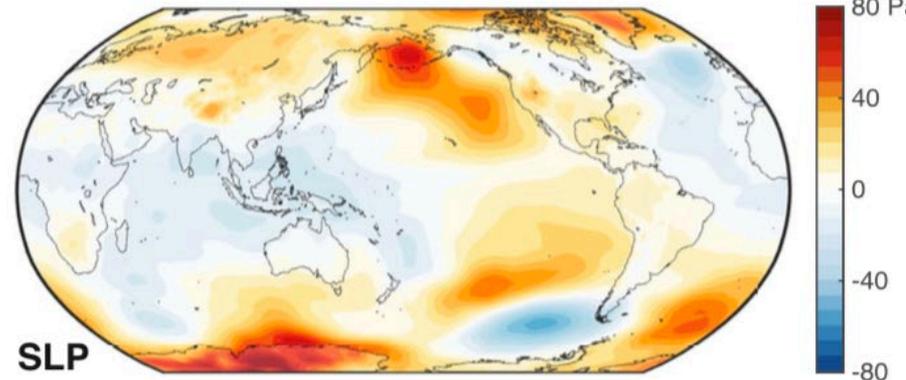
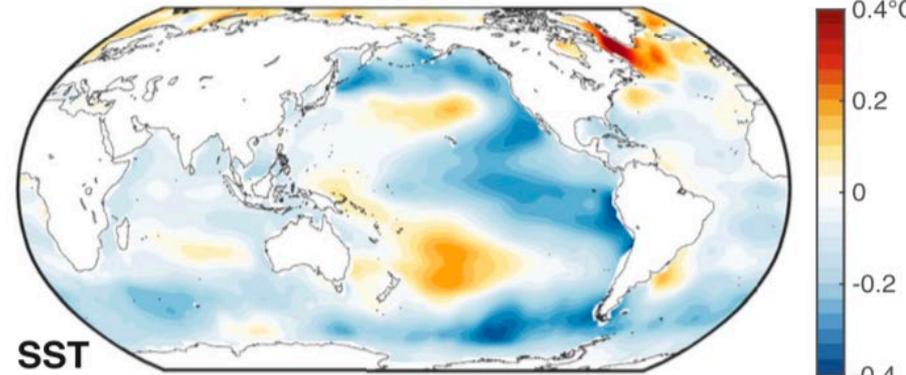
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Haven't there been a lot of La Ninas lately? Systematic Climate Model Biases...(Wills et al. 2022)



Observations – Models Difference Pattern 1



Summary

- Fall precipitation started late (end of Oct) and despite our recent dry spell, Nov conditions have been cooler and wetter than normal
- Record warmth from July-October and 2nd driest Jul-Sept has started off the water year in a deficit
- La Nina Redux: A familiar, but **not** tiresome, refrain
- Not expecting a highly anomalous winter snowpack
- Spring 2023: No clue

Percent of Normal Precipitation Required to End Current Drought | 2022-11-17



Data: NOAA Drought Termination Tool

Assumes climatological conditions for the remainder of the month.

Monthly timesteps are not interdependent.

A drought is considered to be ameliorated when the PHDI is raised to -2.0, and ended when above -0.5.



CONSERVATION BASICS

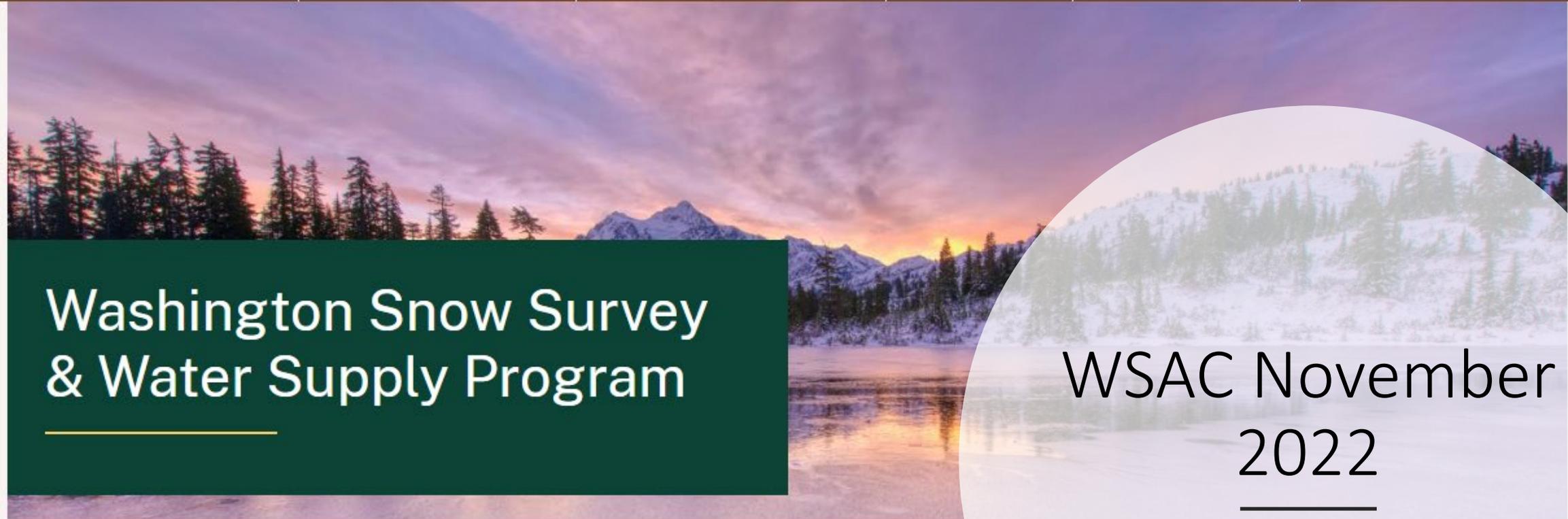
GETTING ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

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NEWS & EVENTS

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Washington Snow Survey & Water Supply Program

WSAC November 2022

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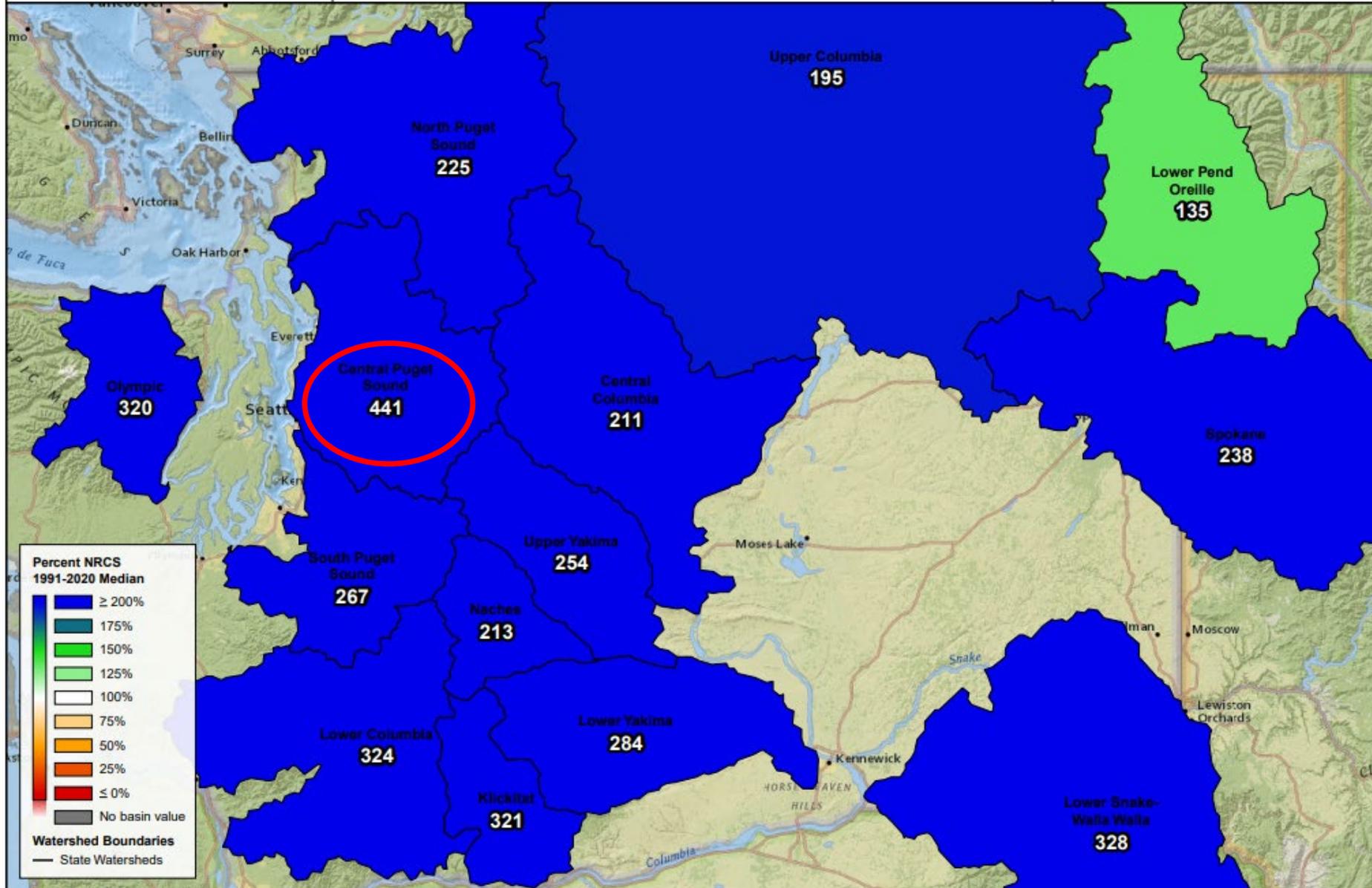
The NRCS Snow Survey Program provides mountain snowpack data and streamflow forecasts for the western United States. Applications of snow survey products include water supply management, flood control, climate modeling, recreation, and



Snow Water Equivalent

Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median

November 13, 2022, first of day

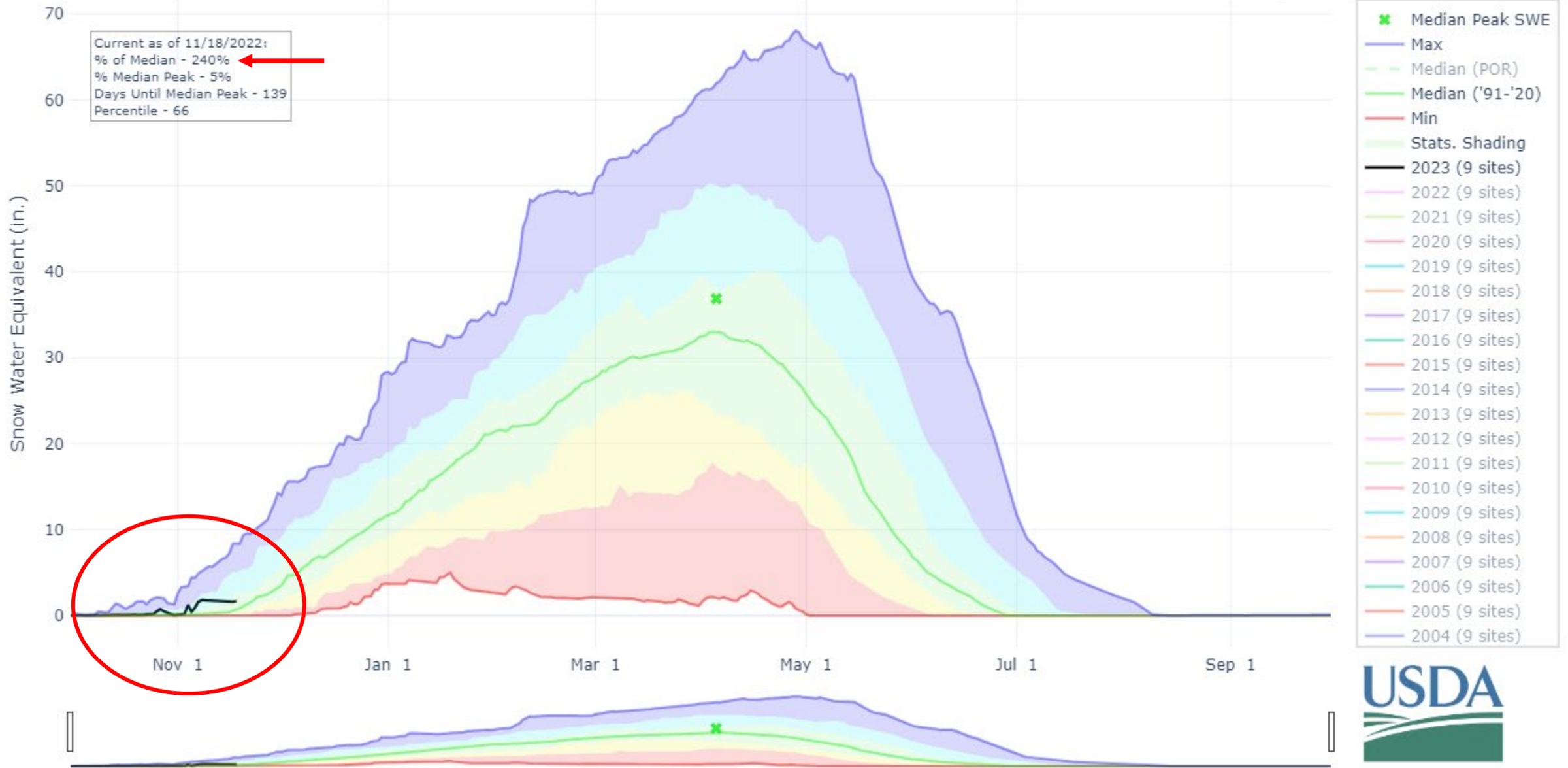


SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN CENTRAL PUGET SOUND

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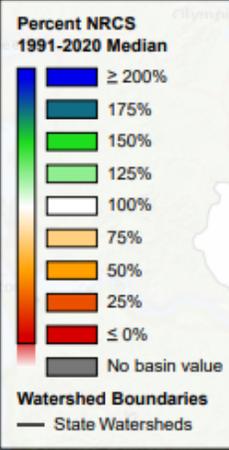
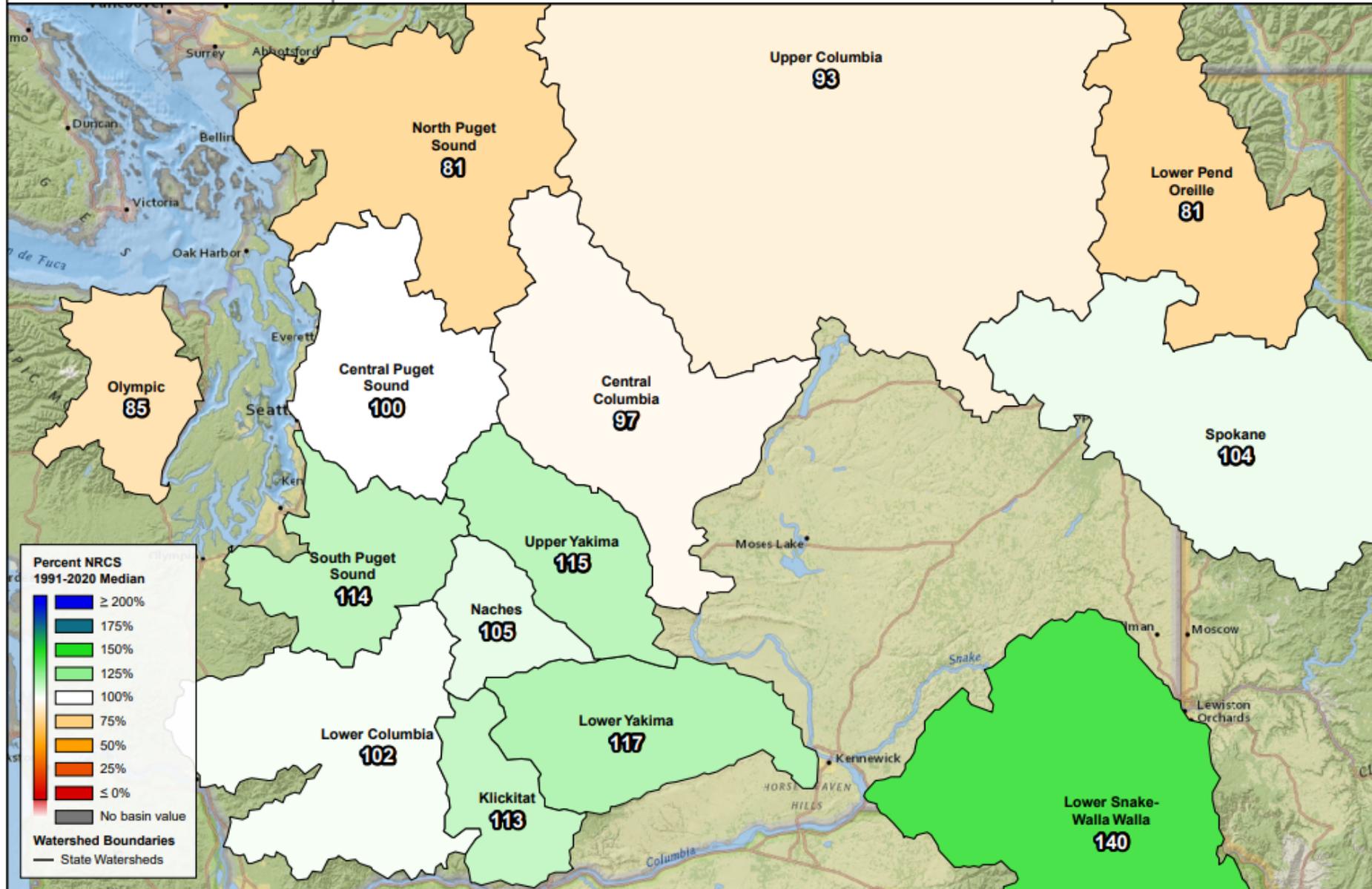
Station List



Crystal Mountains opens to pass holders today



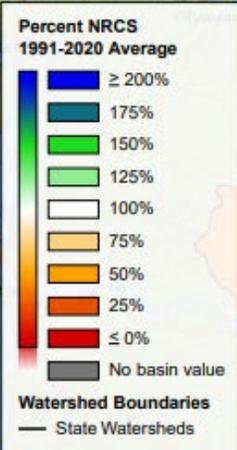
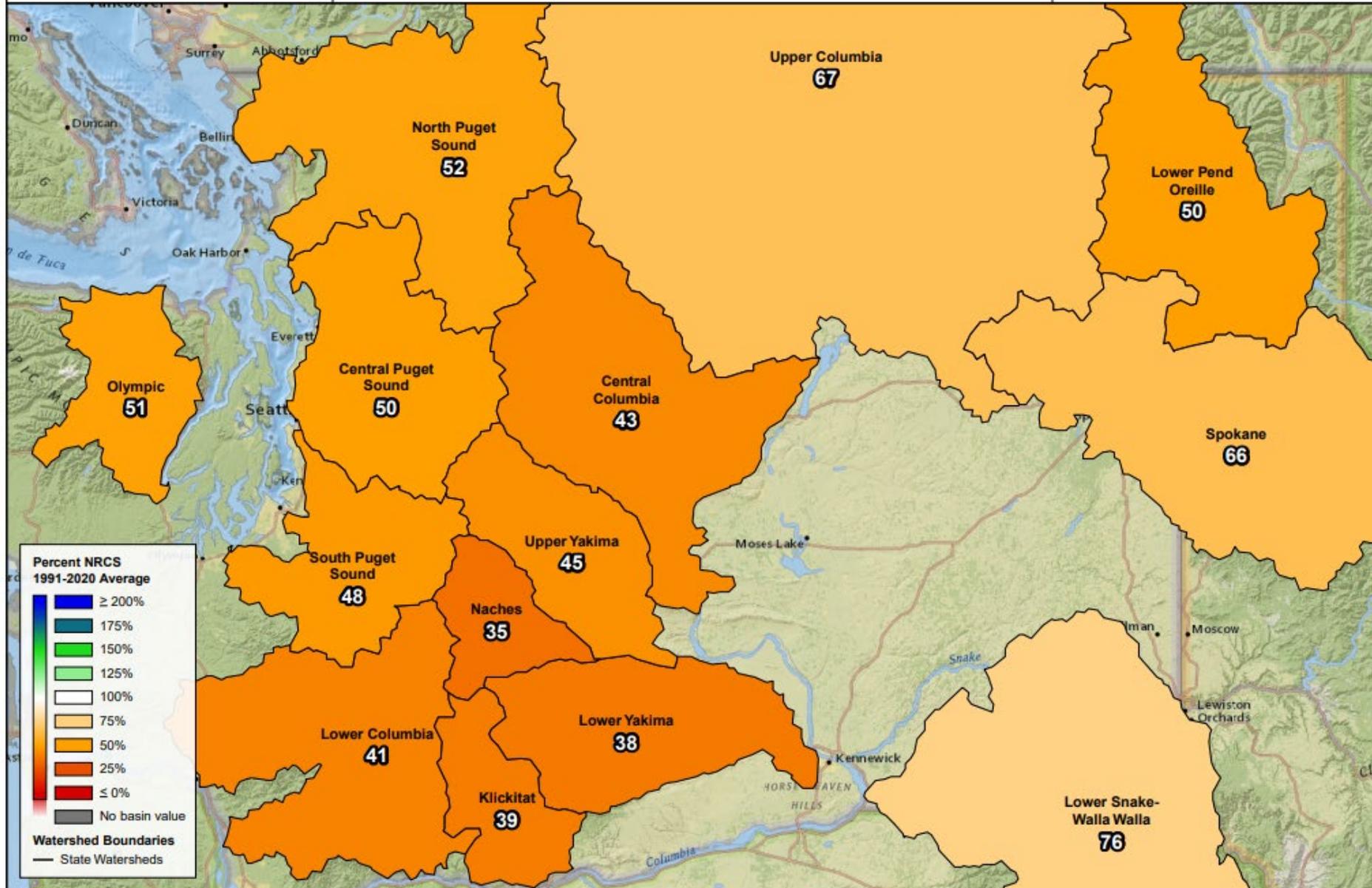
Pass holders at Crystal Mountain can hit the slopes starting today. Non-pass holders can start on Monday.



123 day Precipitation

Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Average

July 1, 2022 - October 31, 2022



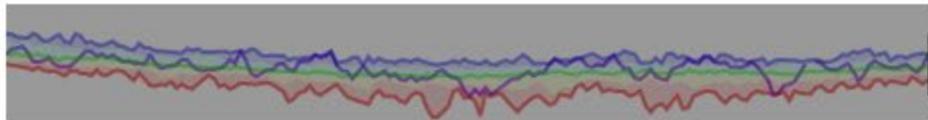
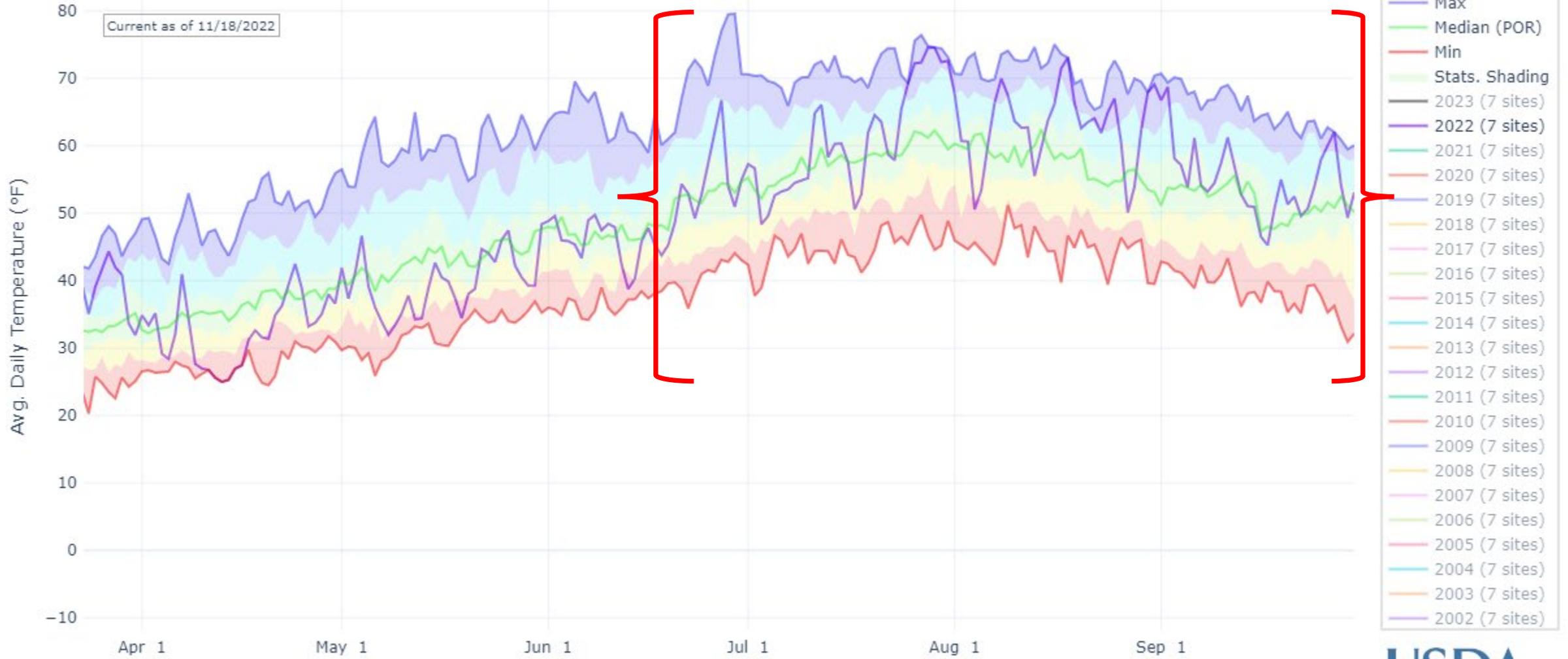
DAILY AVERAGE TEMPERATURE IN UPPER YAKIMA

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Current as of 11/18/2022

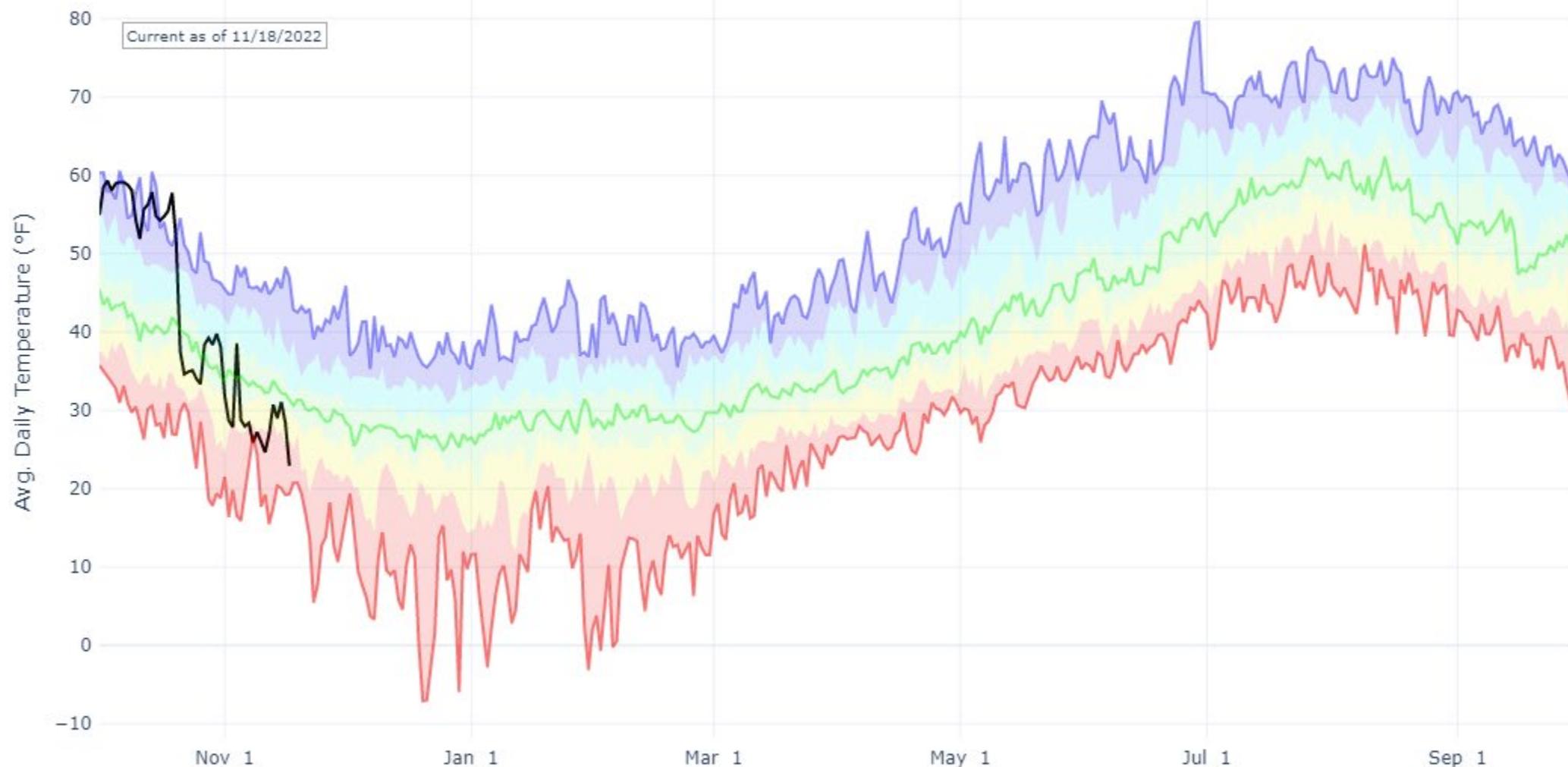


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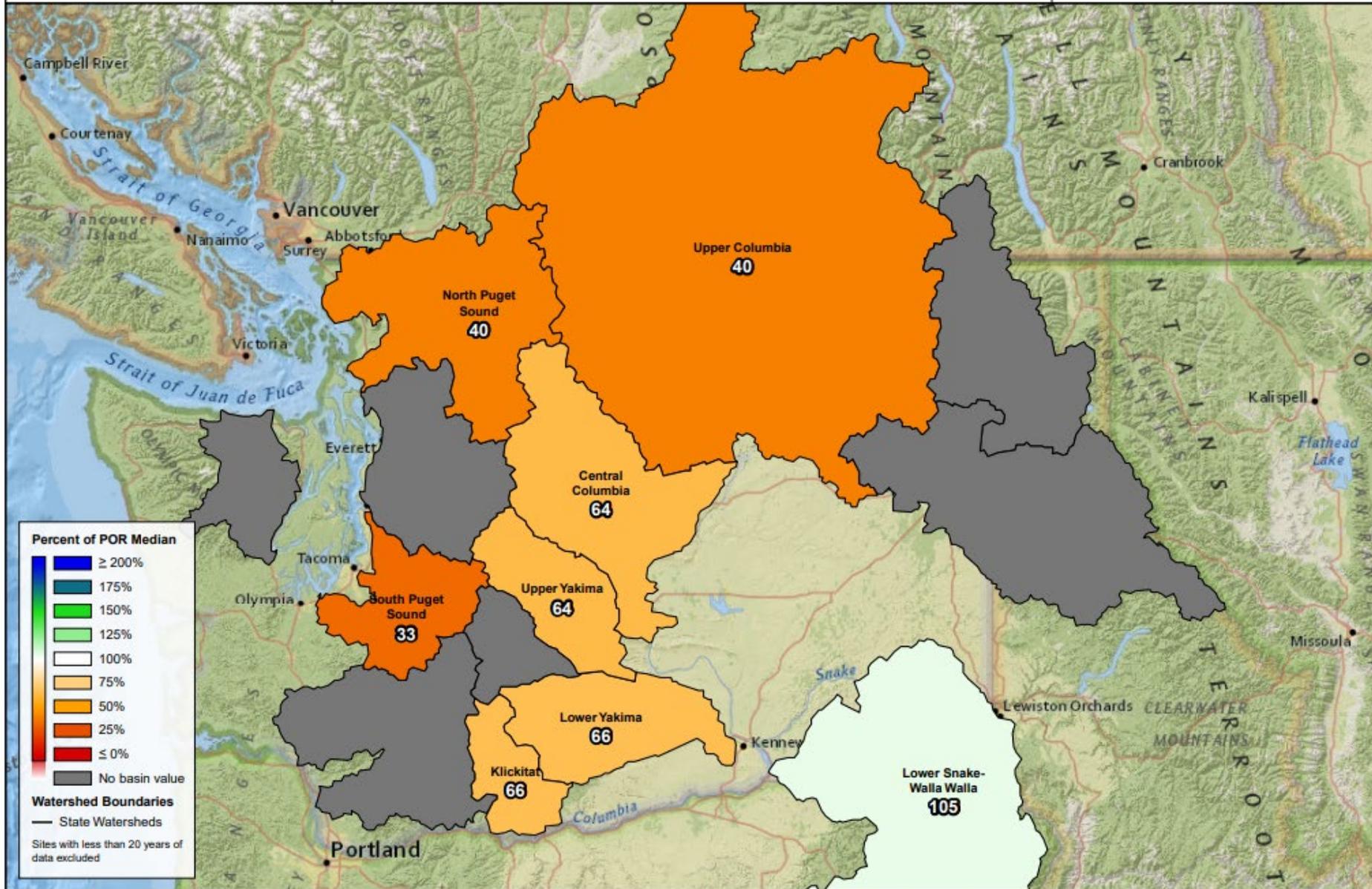
- Max
- Median (POR)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2023 (7 sites)
- 2022 (7 sites)
- 2021 (7 sites)
- 2020 (7 sites)
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Soil Moisture (8 in.)

Percent of POR Median

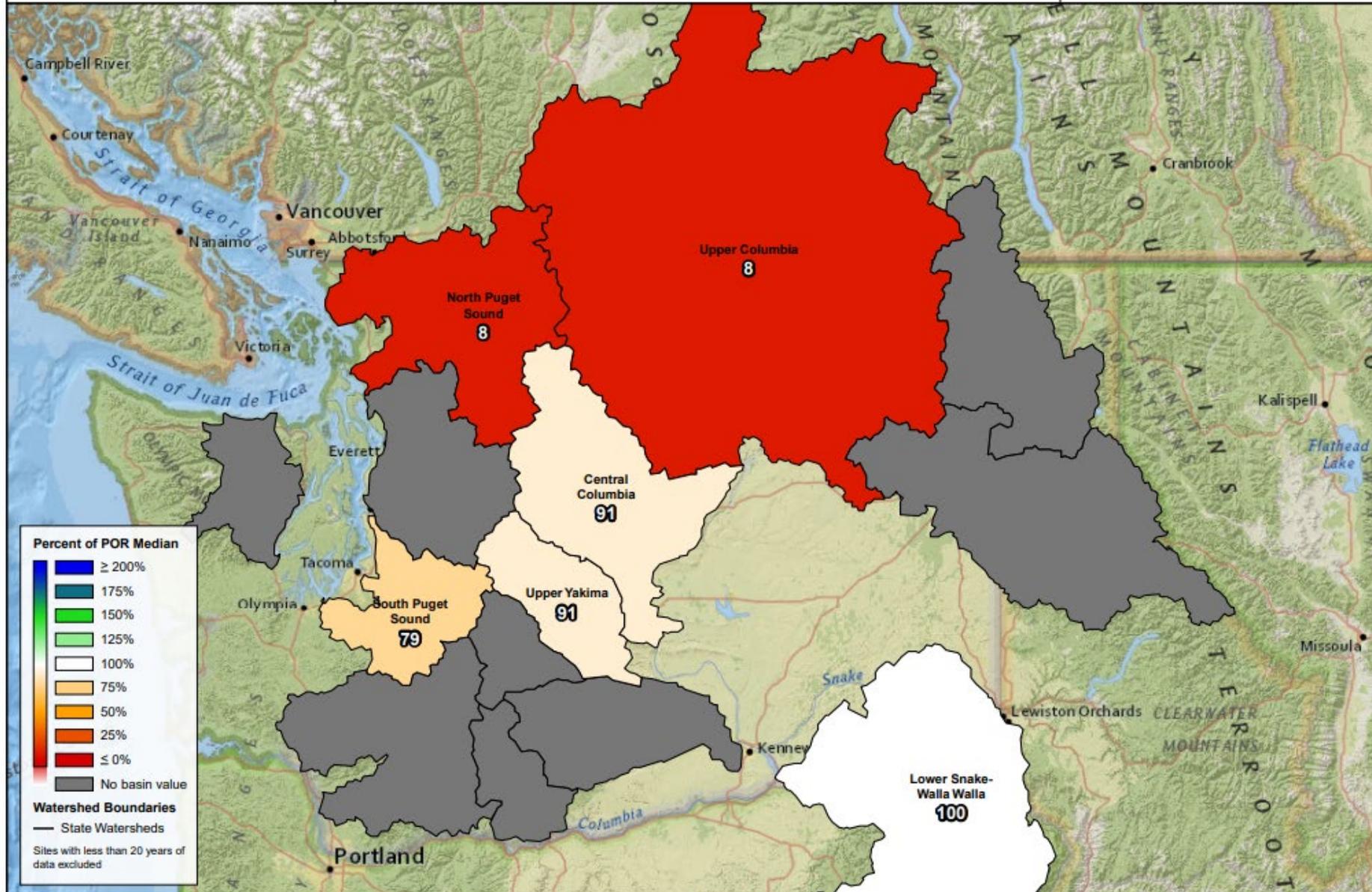
October 1, 2022, first of day



Soil Moisture (8 in.)

Percent of POR Median

November 14, 2022, first of day



Percent of POR Median

- ≥ 200%
- 175%
- 150%
- 125%
- 100%
- 75%
- 50%
- 25%
- ≤ 0%
- No basin value

Watershed Boundaries

- State Watersheds

Sites with less than 20 years of data excluded

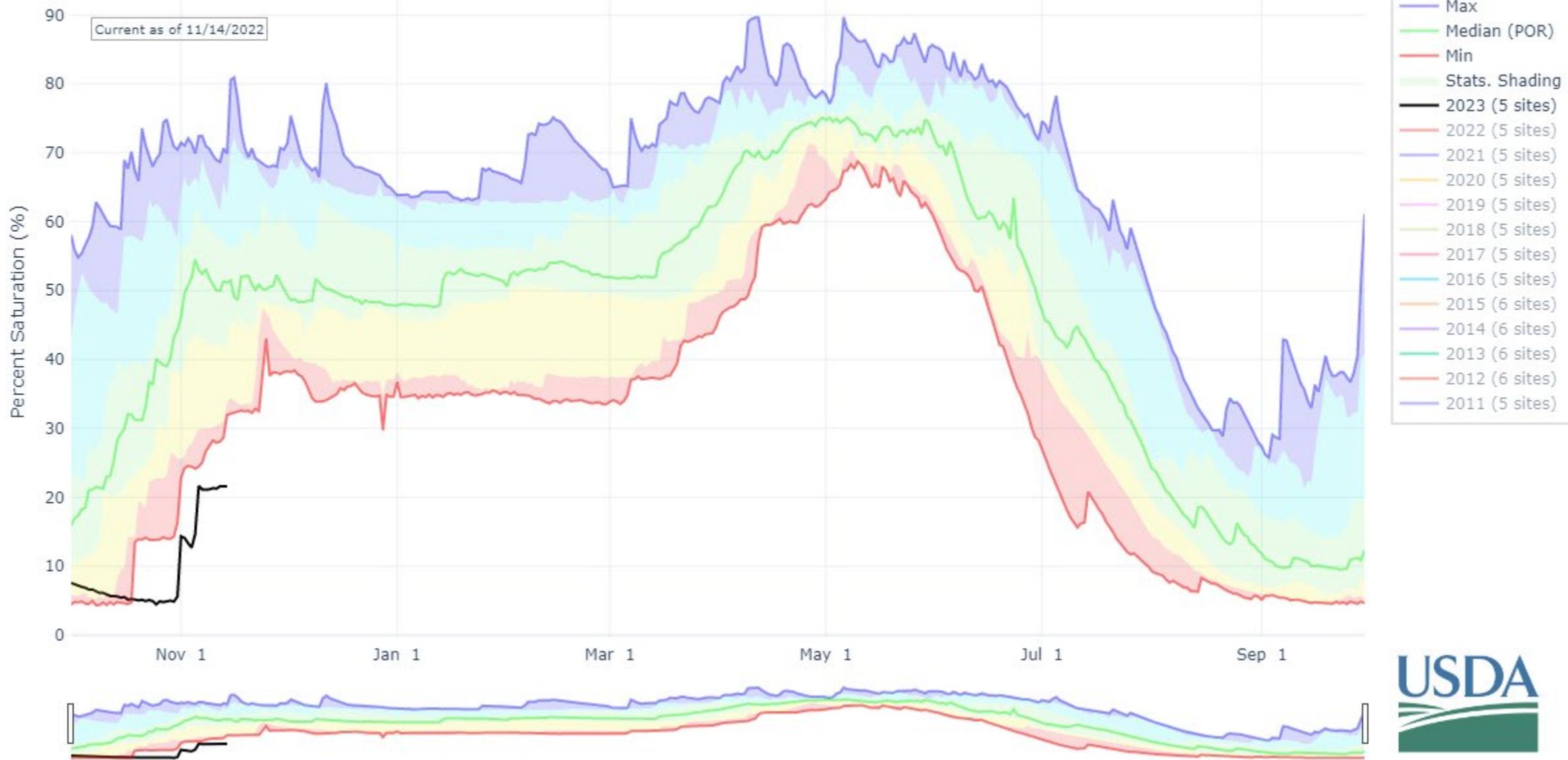


DEPTH AVERAGED SOIL SATURATION IN UPPER COLUMBIA

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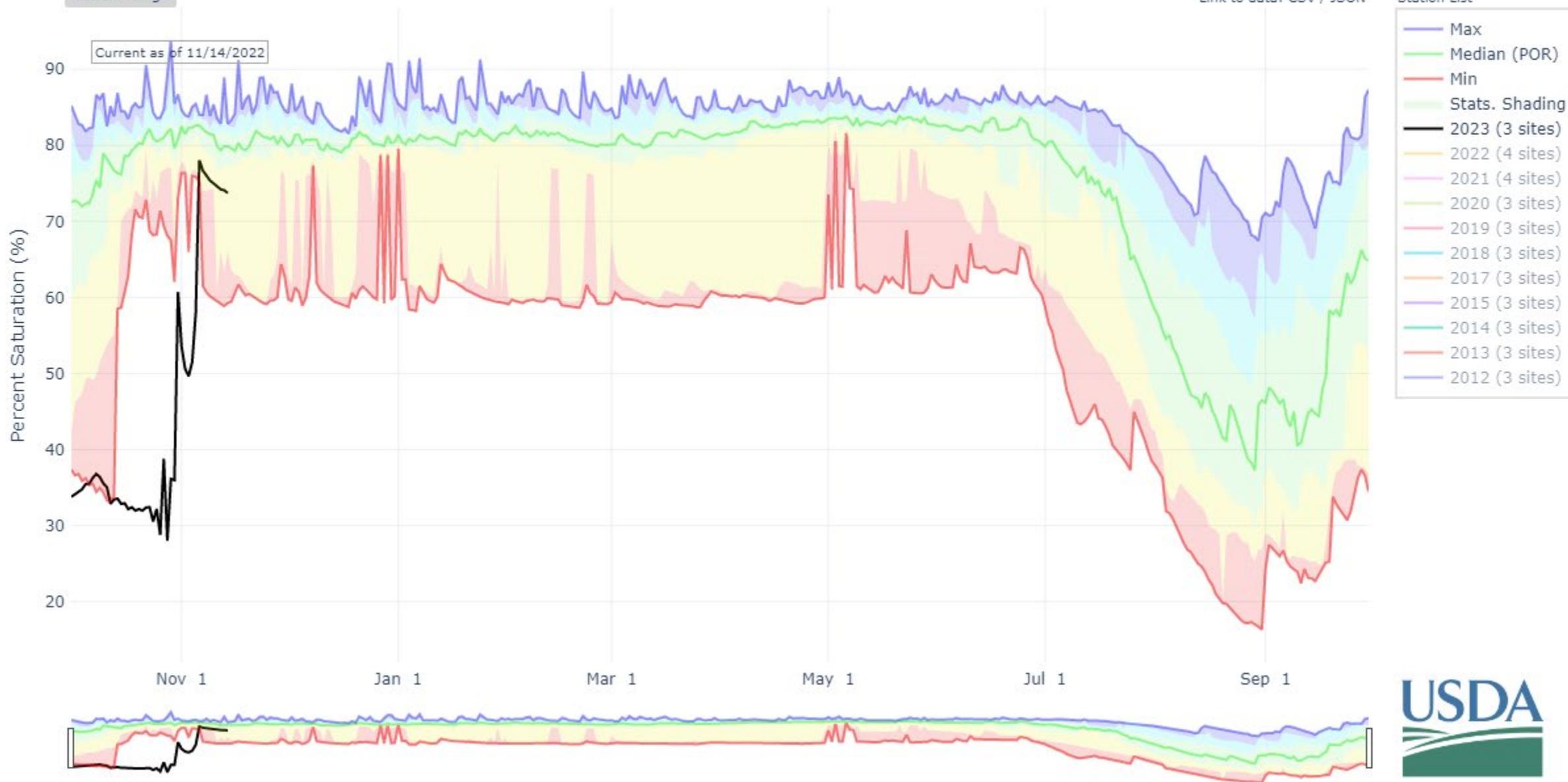


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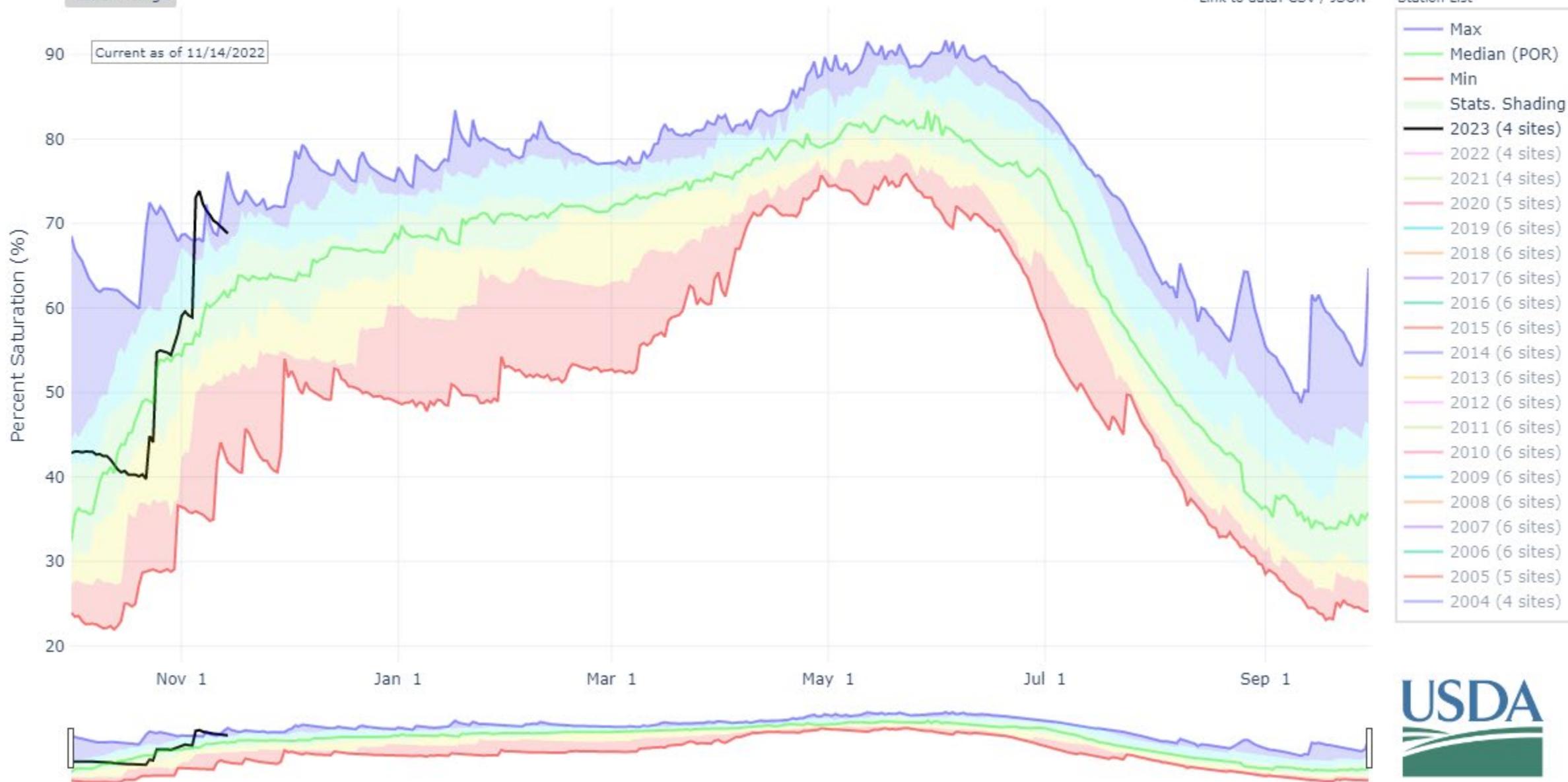


DEPTH AVERAGED SOIL SATURATION IN LOWER SNAKE-WALLA WALLA

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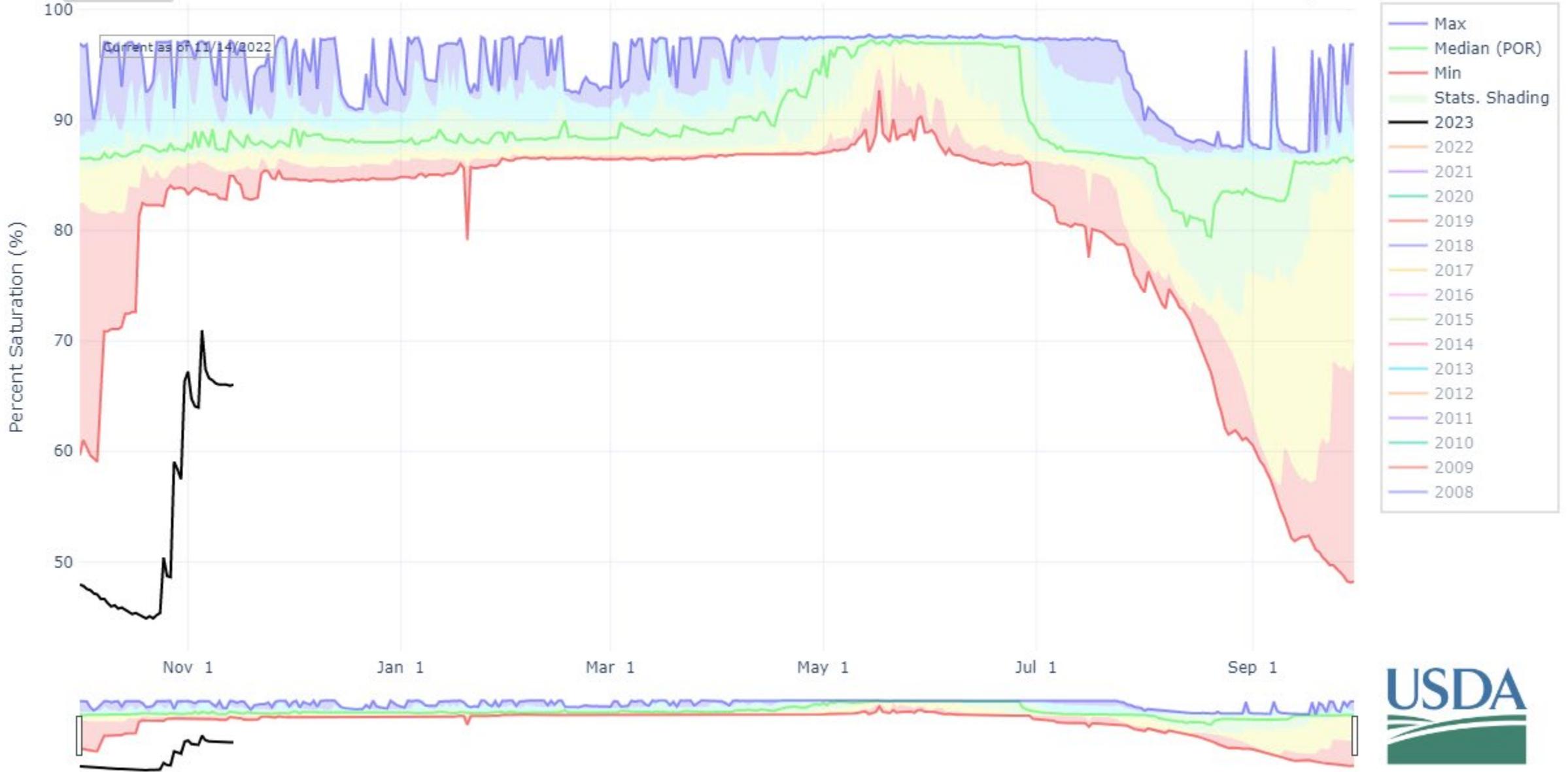
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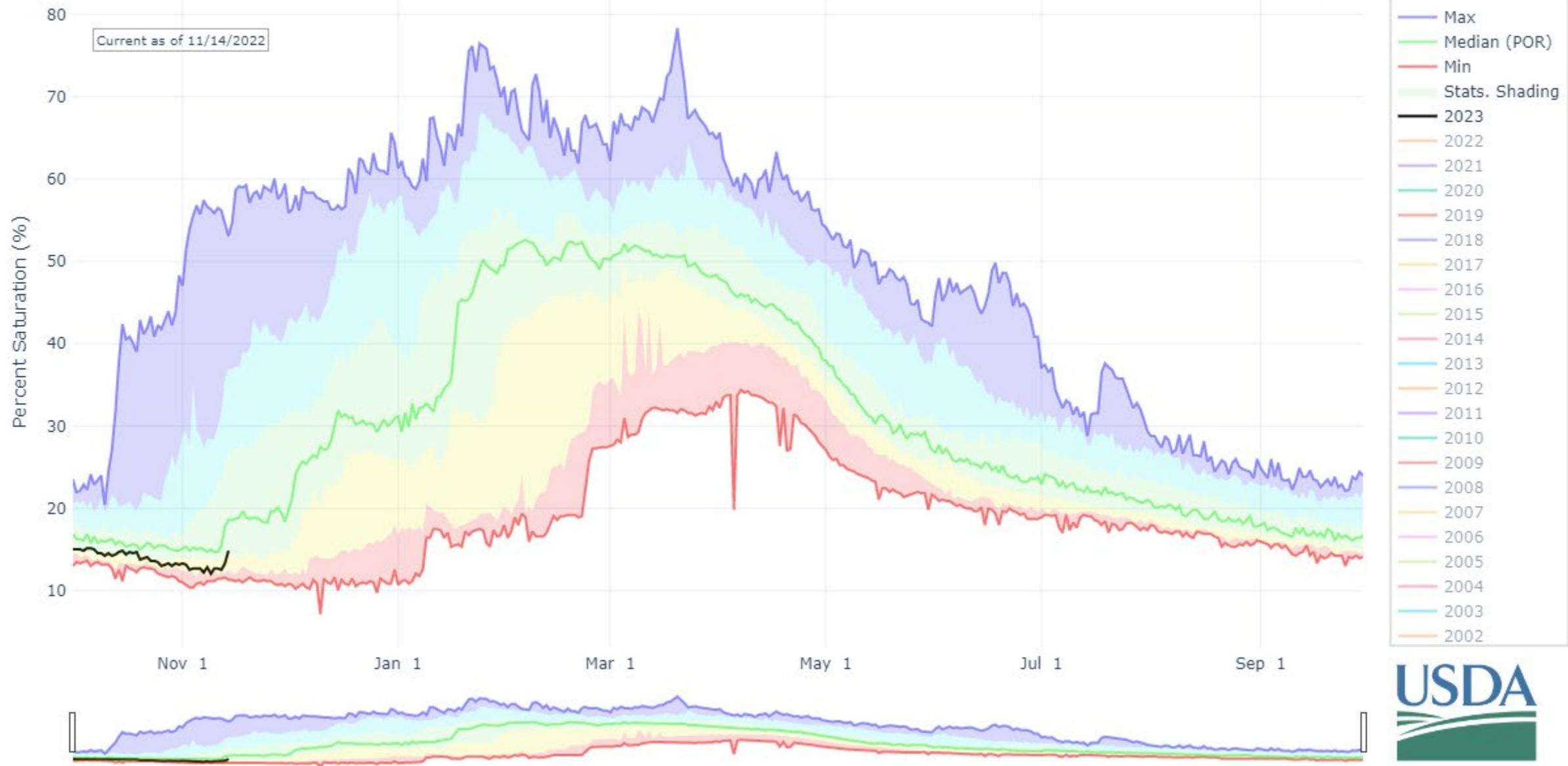
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Questions?

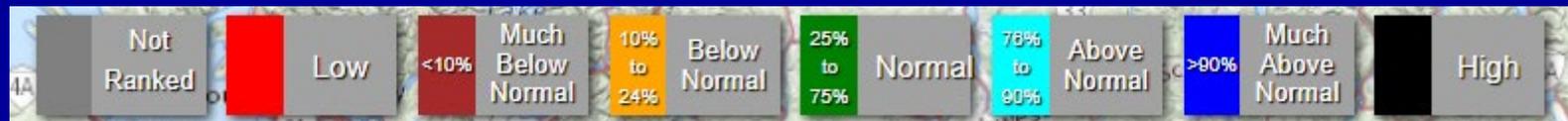
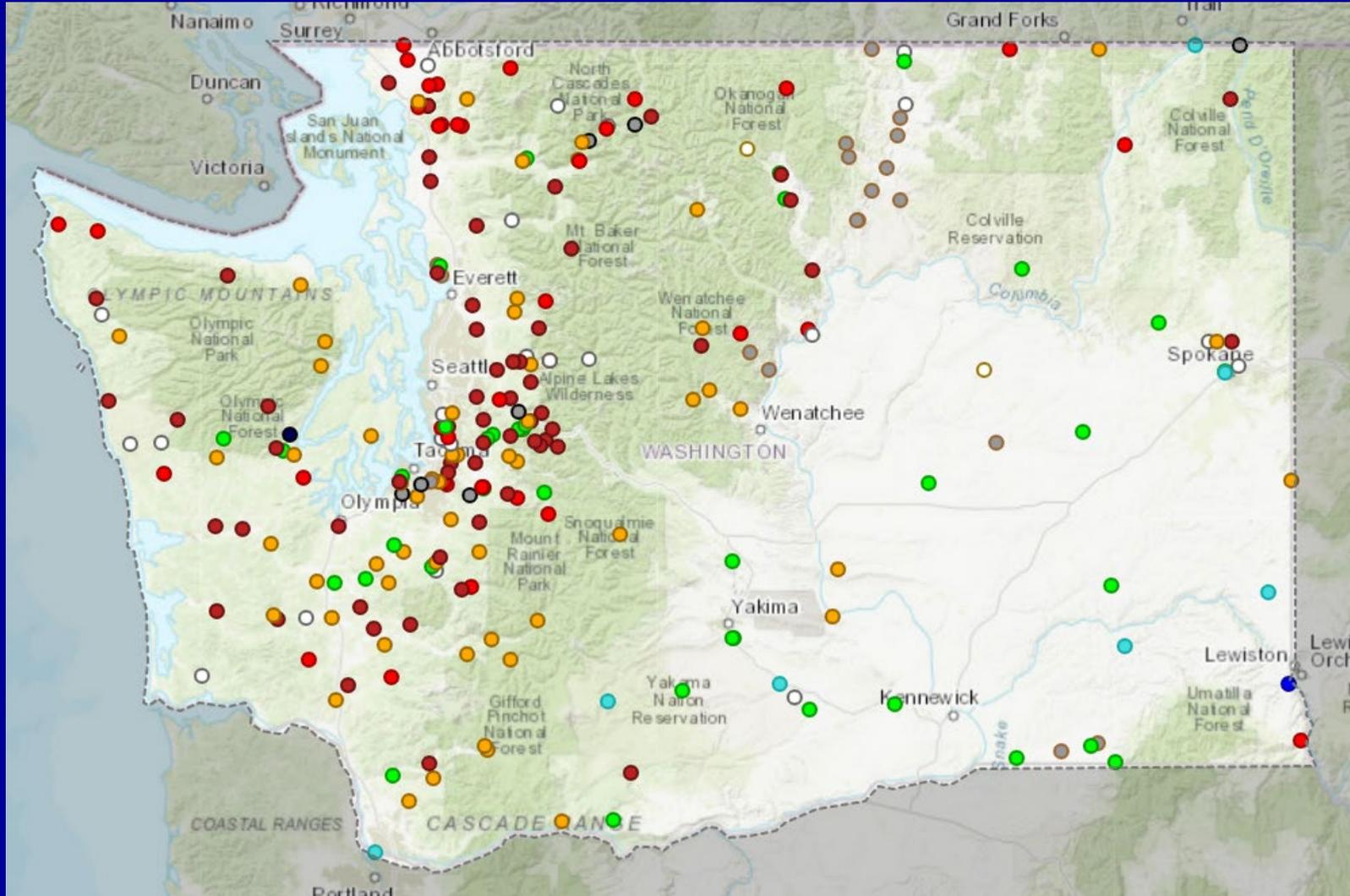
Streamflow & Groundwater Conditions in Washington State as of 18 Nov. 2022

Presented to
The Washington State
Water Supply Availability Committee
on 18 Nov. 2022

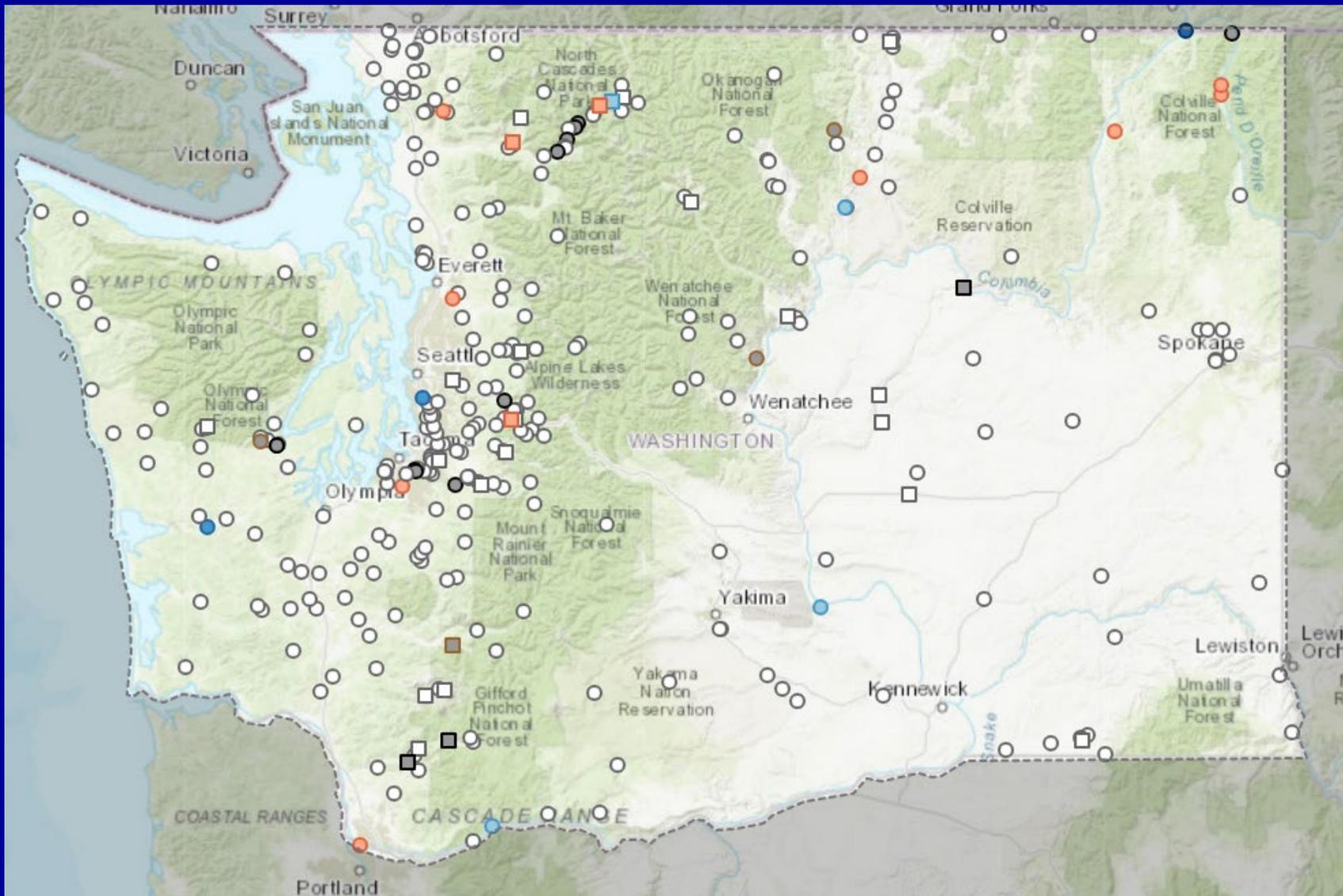
by
Nicholas Sutfin
USGS Washington Water Science Center



WA Current Streamflow Conditions, 18 Nov. 2022



Rising and Falling conditions of WA streams on 18 Nov. 2022



Surface-Water Levels: Rising and falling

COLOR – CHANGE

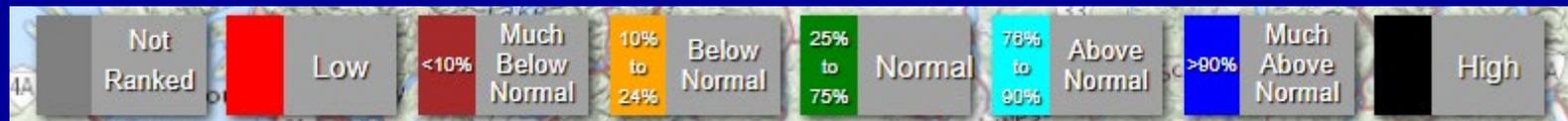
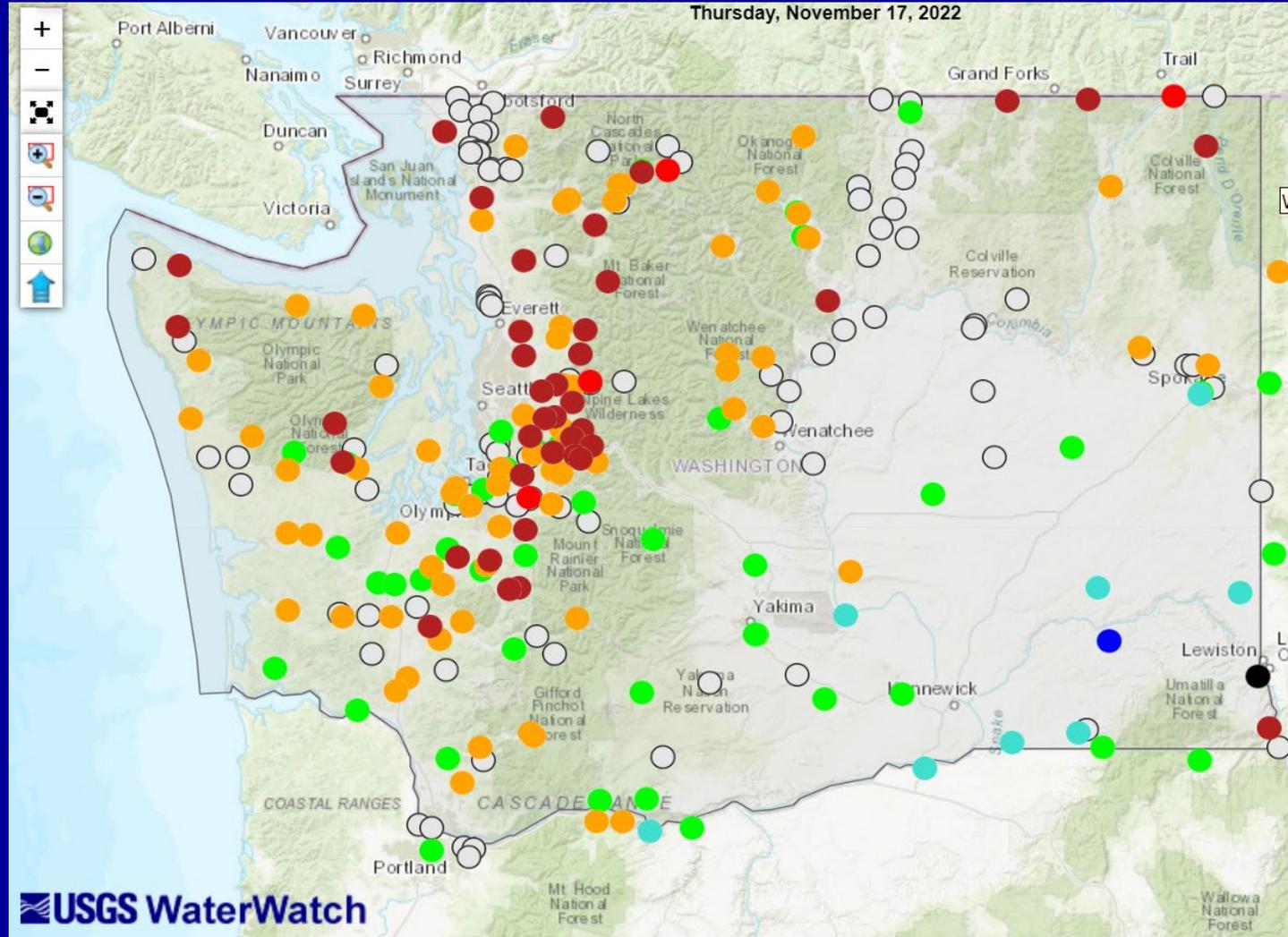
- Water level rising ≥ 1 foot/hour
- Water level rising $\geq 0.5 - 1$ foot/hour
- Water level rising $\geq 0.05 - 0.5$ foot/hour
- Water level changing < 0.05 foot/hour
- Water level falling $\geq 0.05 - 0.5$ foot/hour
- Water level falling $\geq 0.5 - 1$ foot/hour
- Water level falling ≥ 1 foot/hour

SHAPE – SITE TYPE

- Stream
- Lake
- Wetland
- Estuary
- Coastal

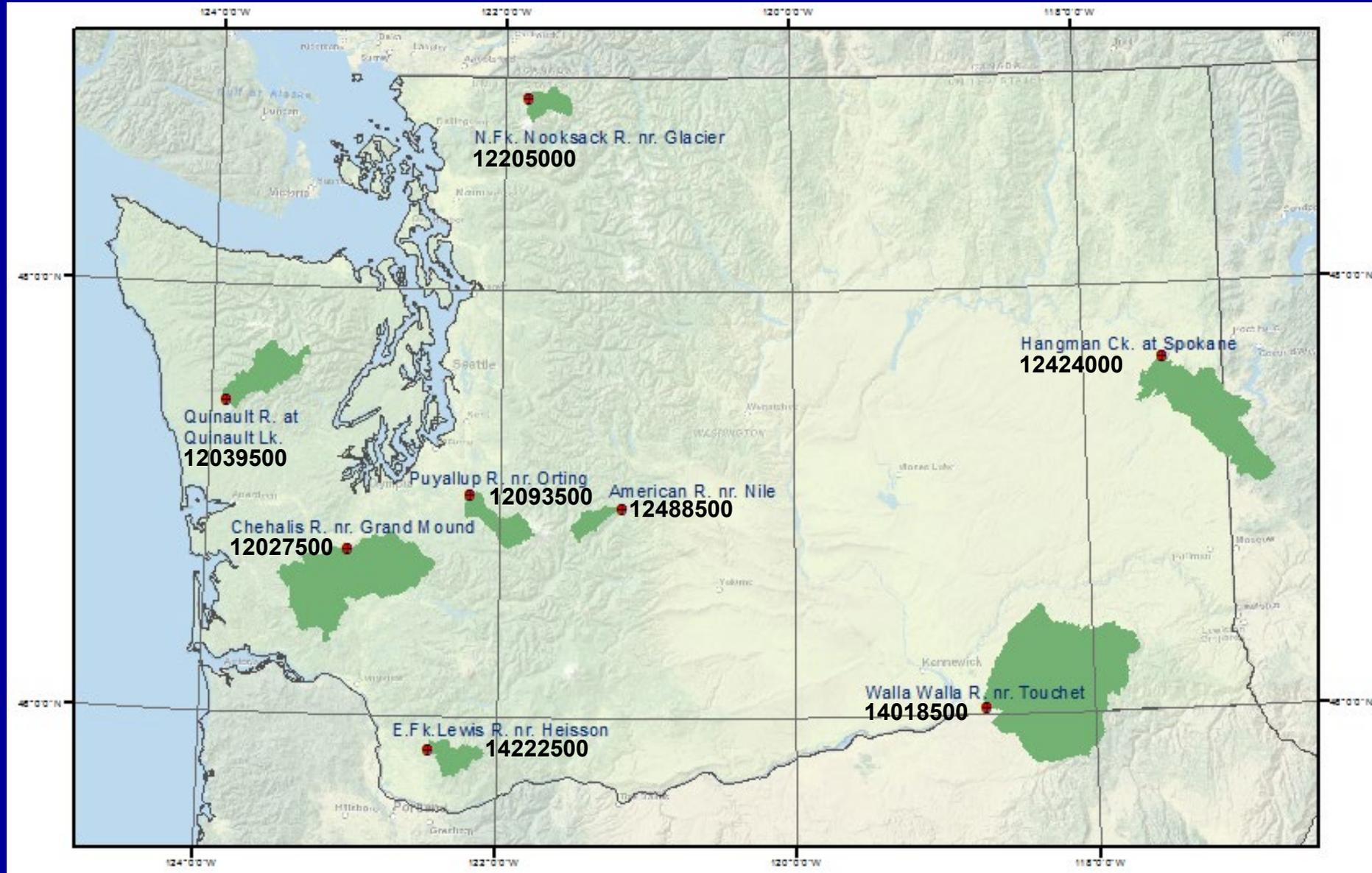


WA 7-day Average Streamflow Conditions as of 17 Nov. 2022

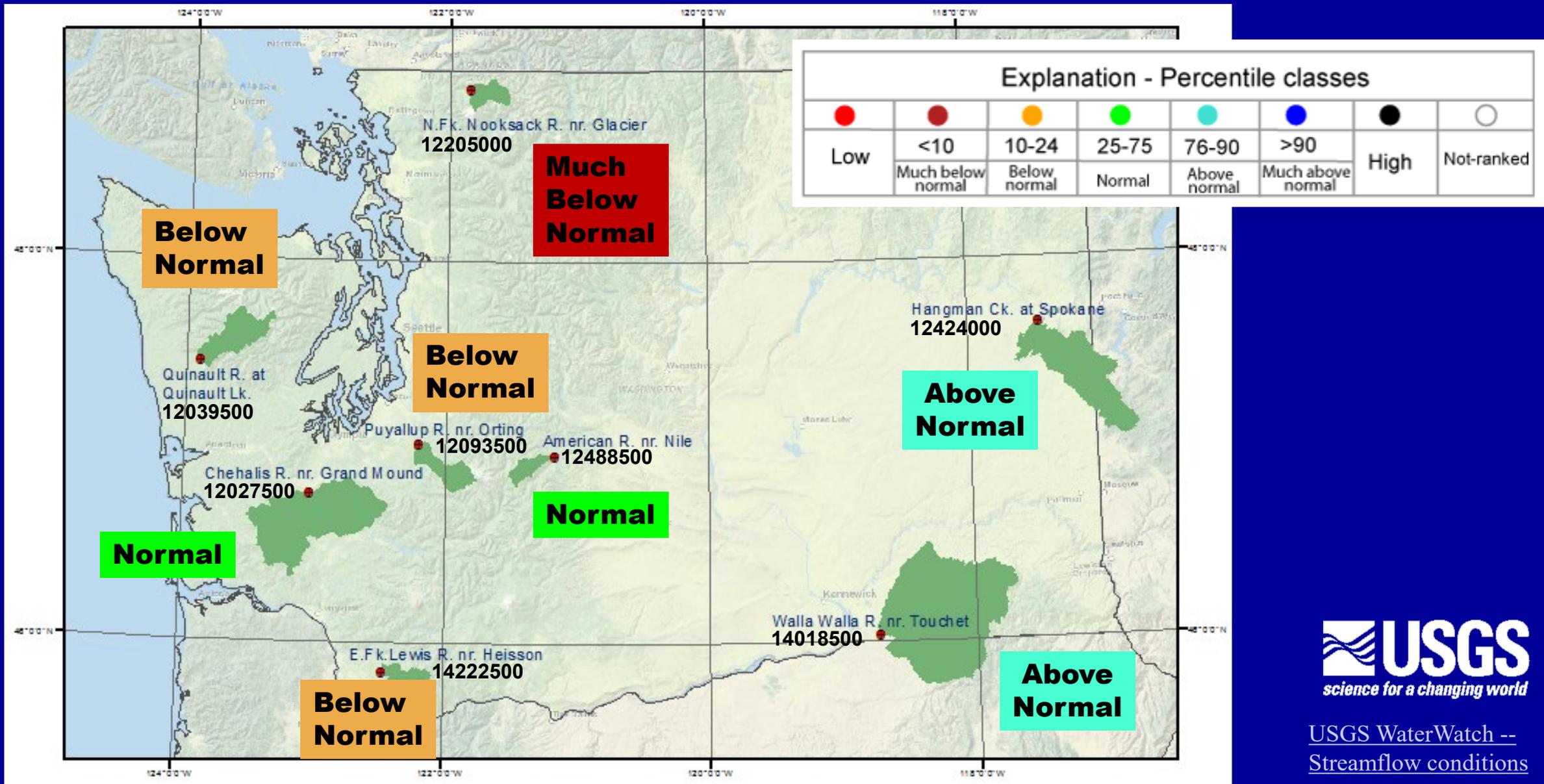


Index Gaging Stations

(Stations that measure natural or near-natural streamflow)

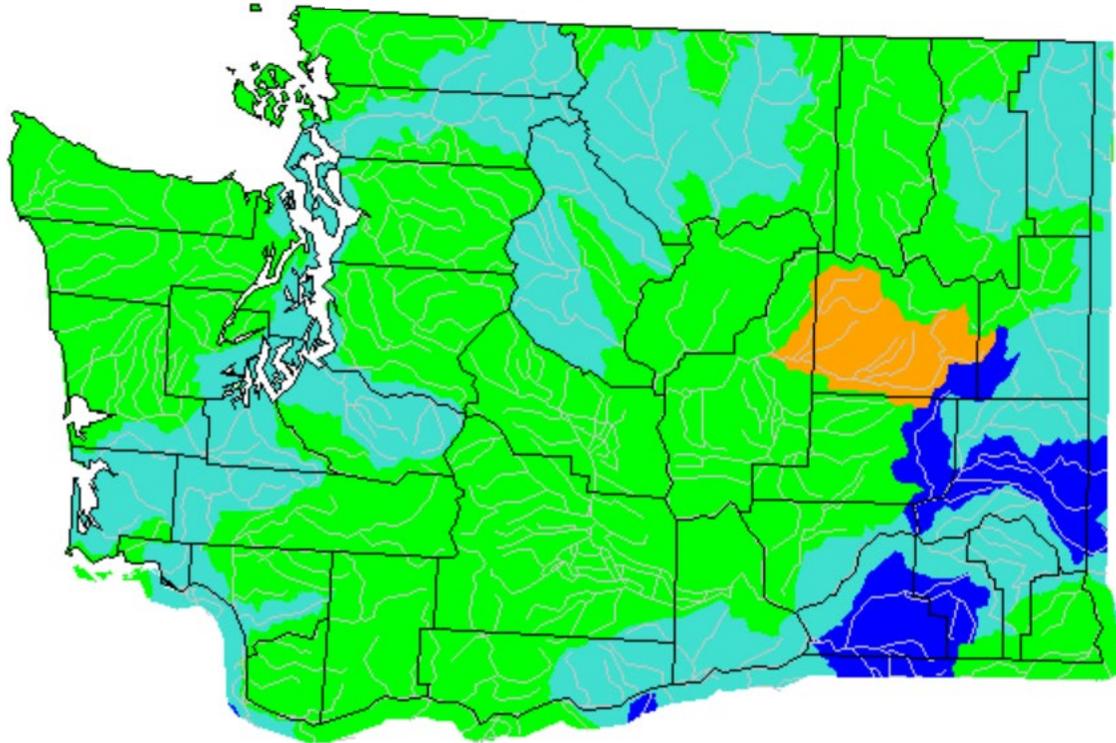


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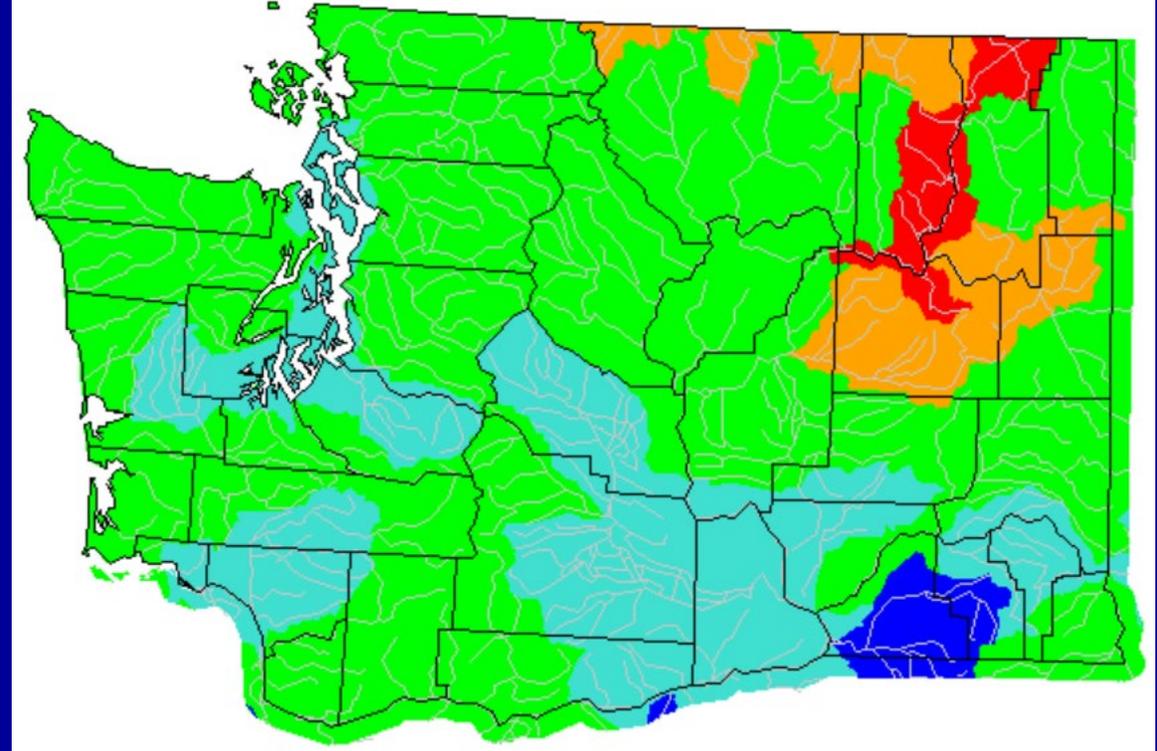


Monthly average streamflow compared to historical record for June 2022

July 2022



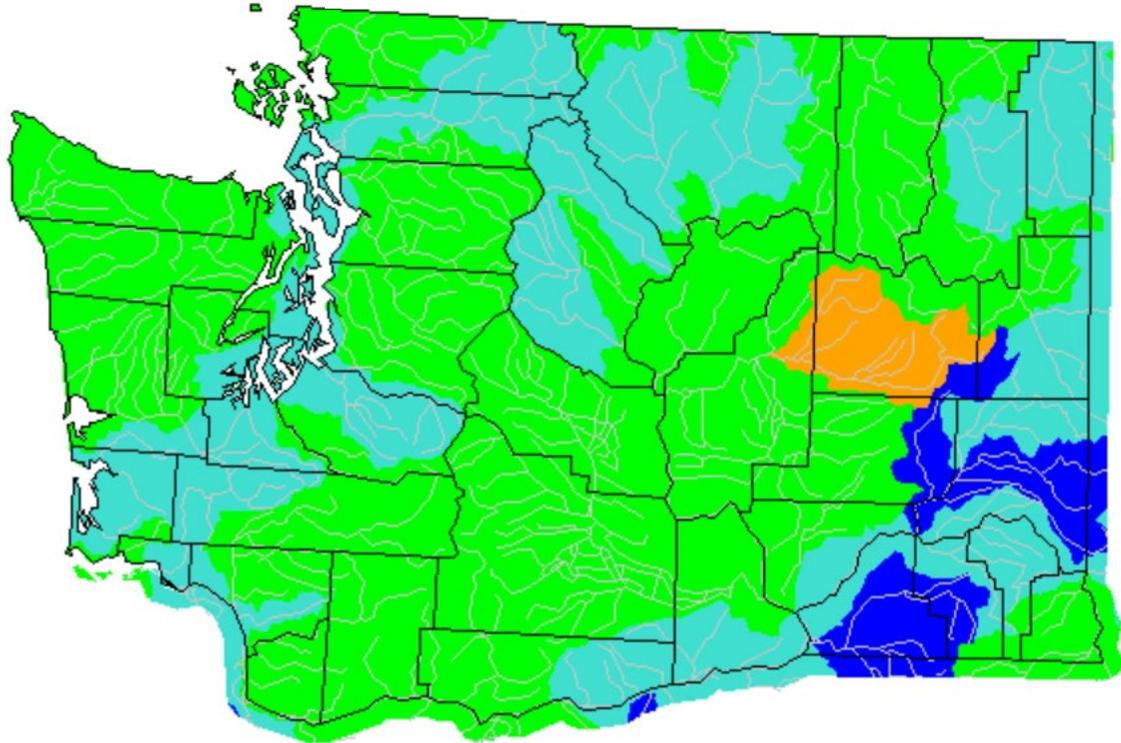
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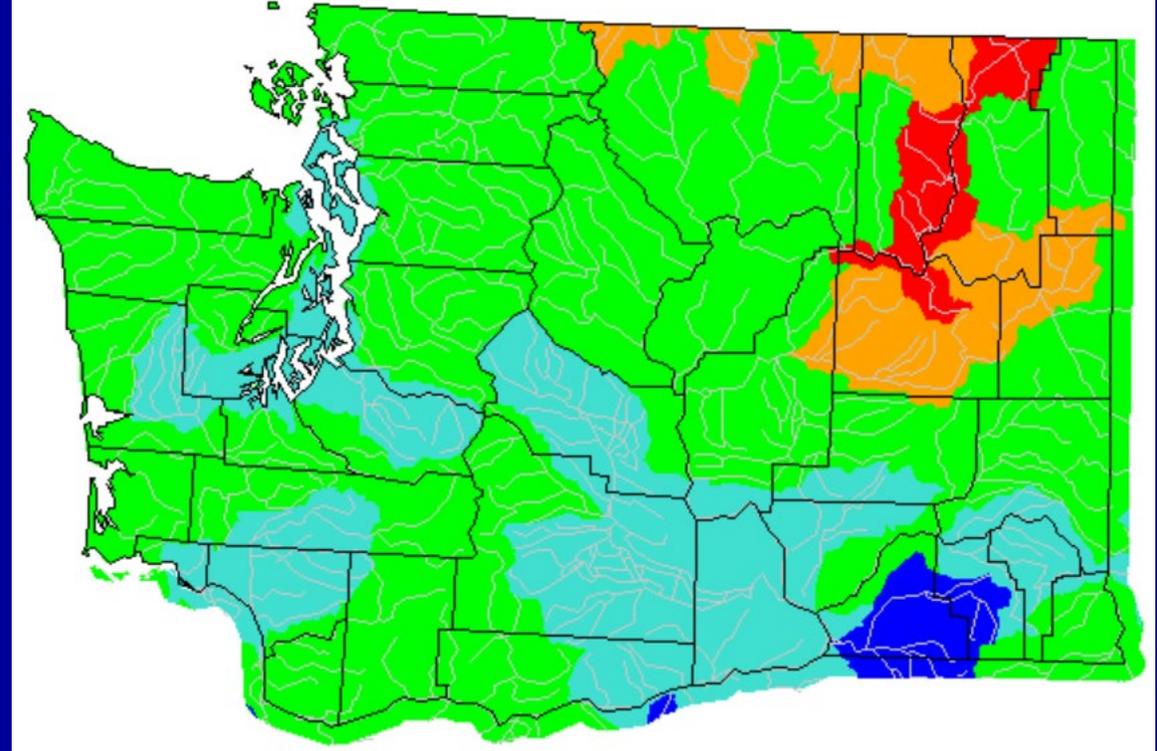
Explanation - Percentile classes						
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	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

Monthly average streamflow compared to historical record for July 2022 & August 2022

July 2022



August 2022



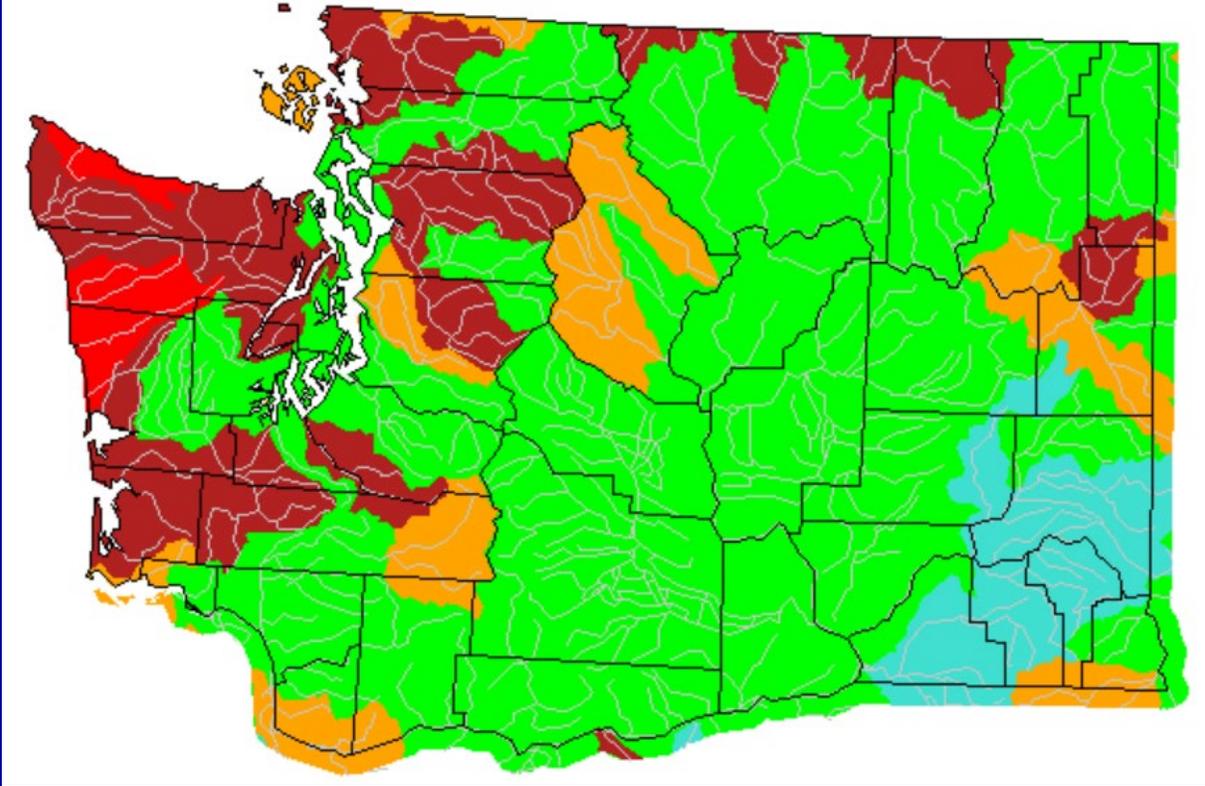
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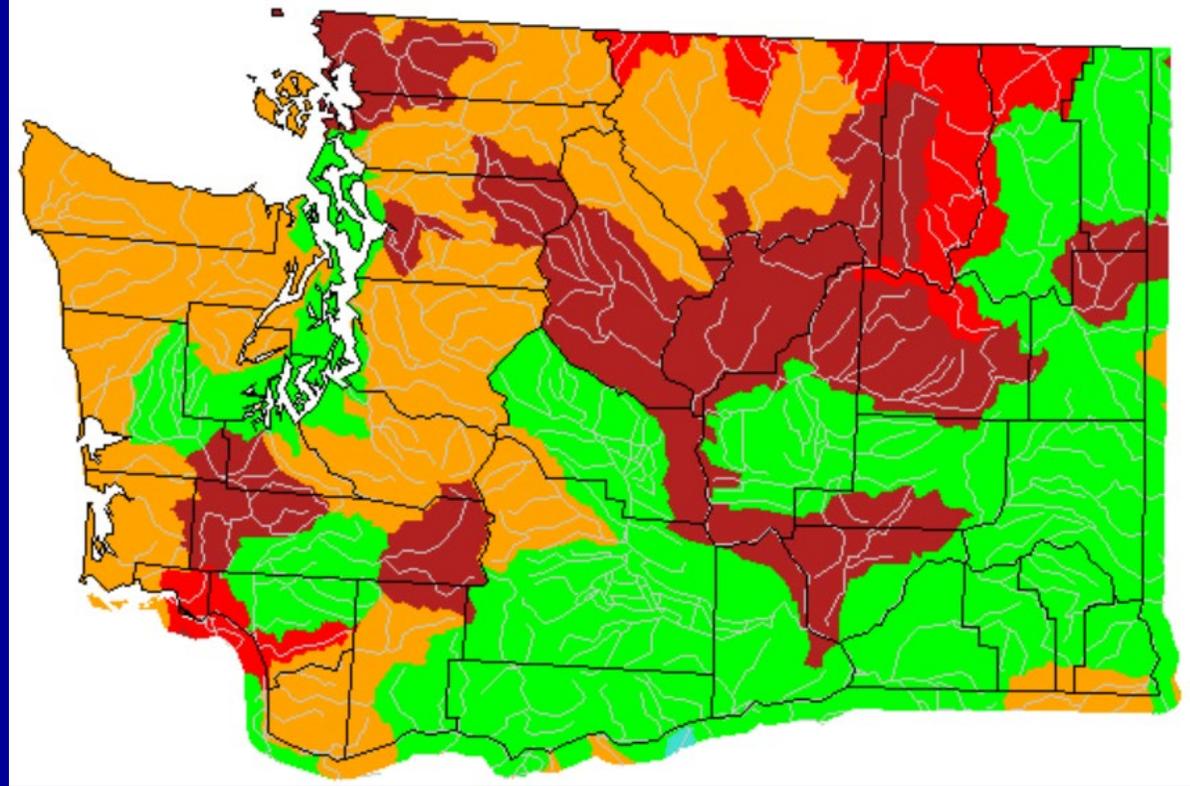


Monthly average streamflow compared to historical record for Sept. 2022 & Oct 2022

September 2022



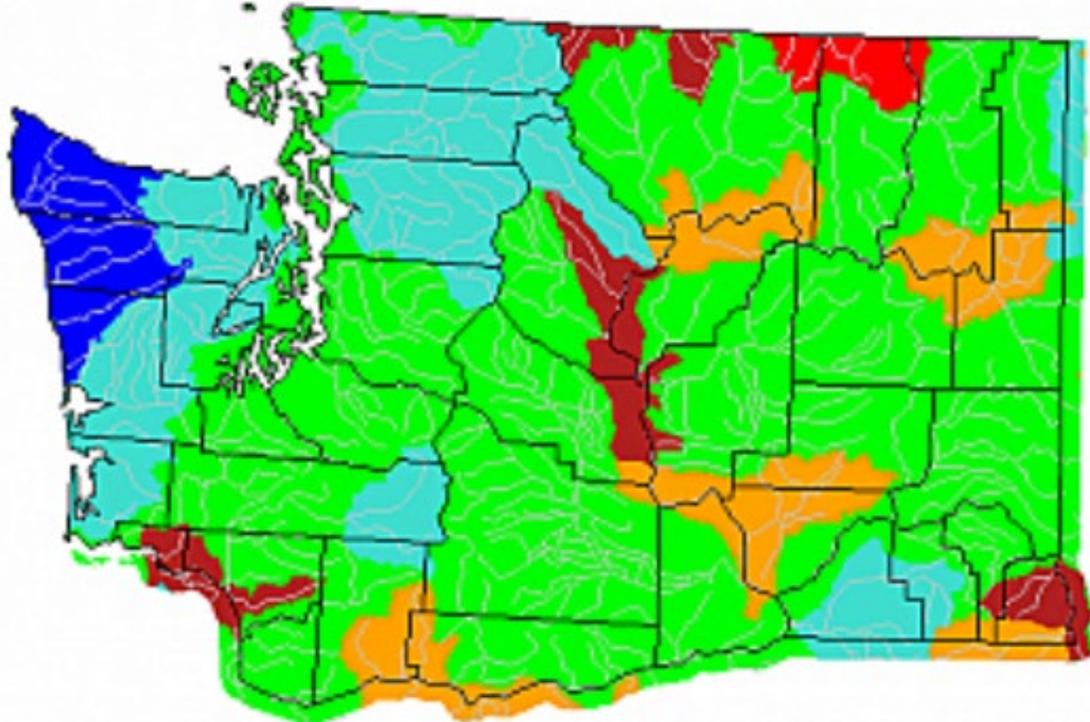
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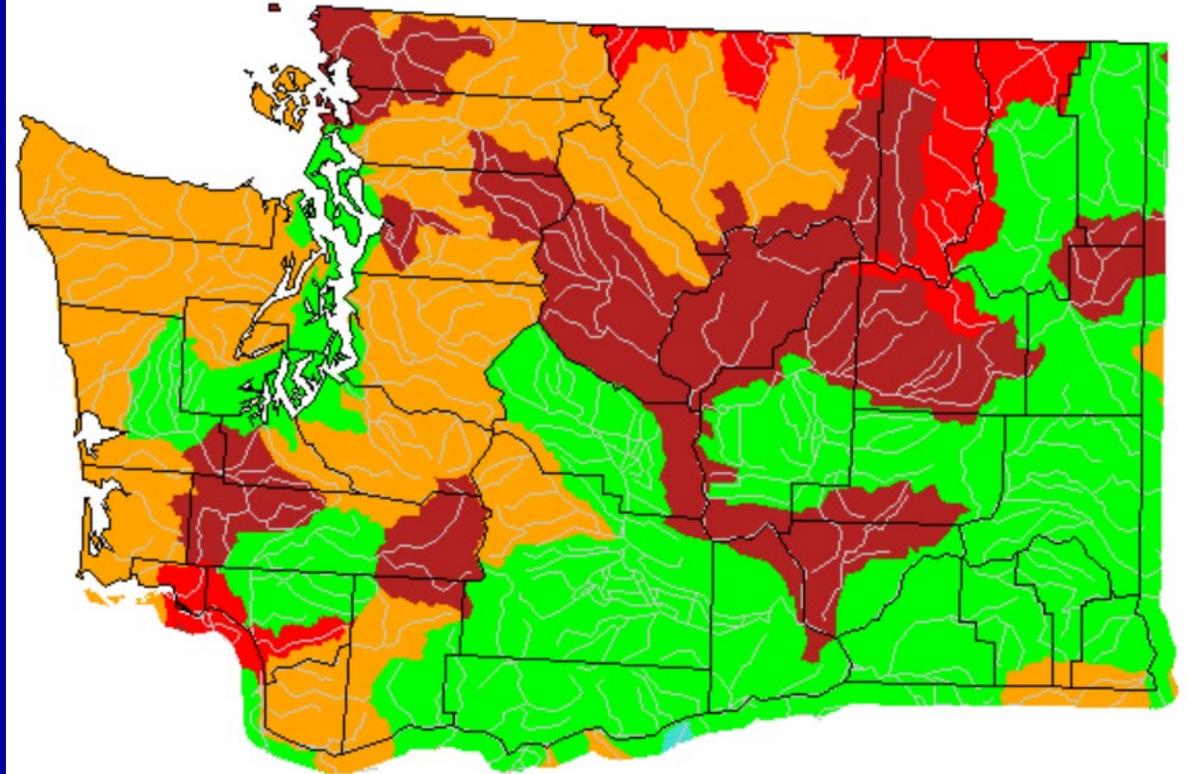
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Monthly average streamflow compared to historical record for Sept. 2022 & Oct 2022

October 2021



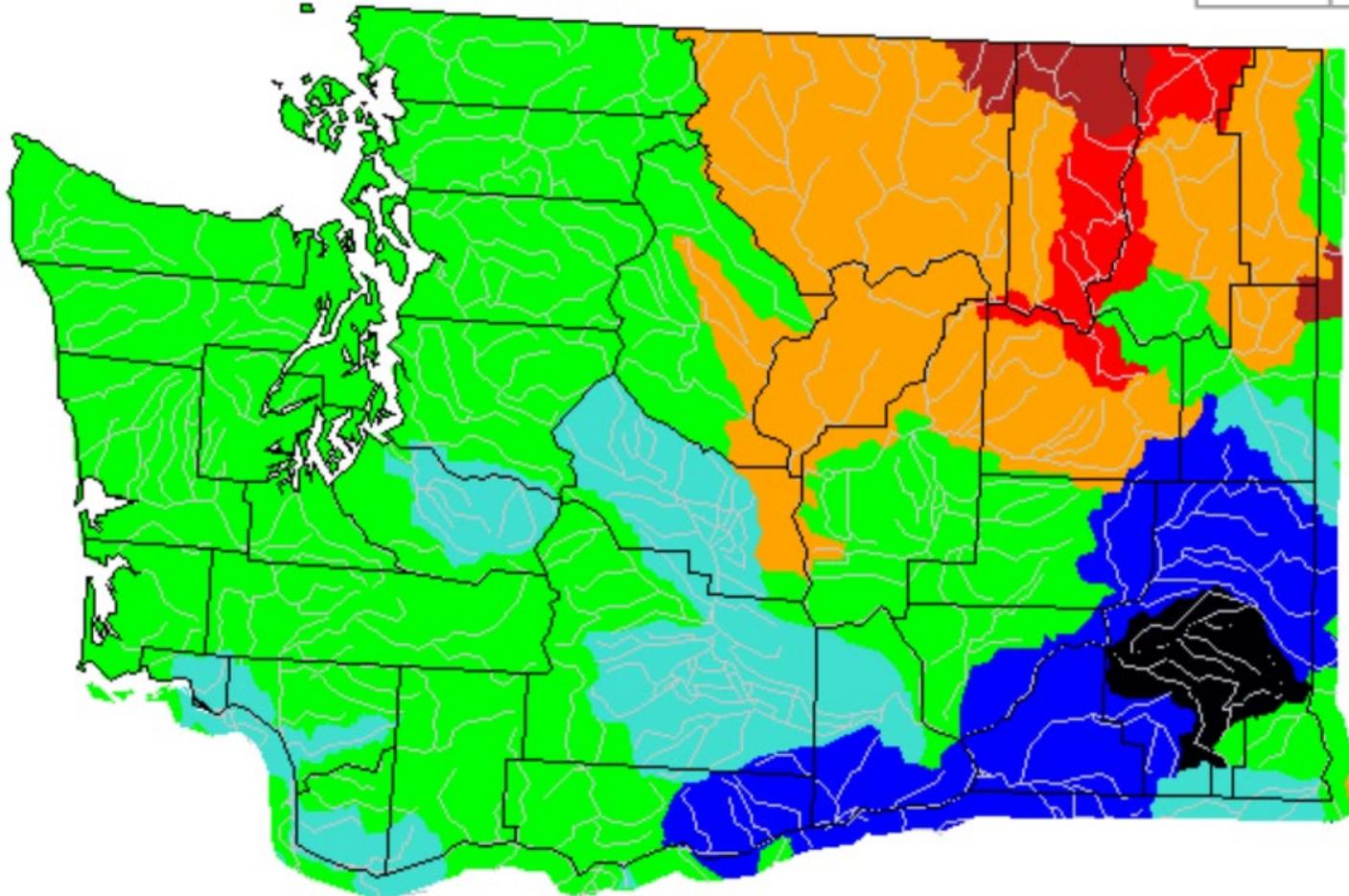
October 2022



Explanation - Percentile classes						
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WA 14-day average streamflow as of Nov. 18, 2022

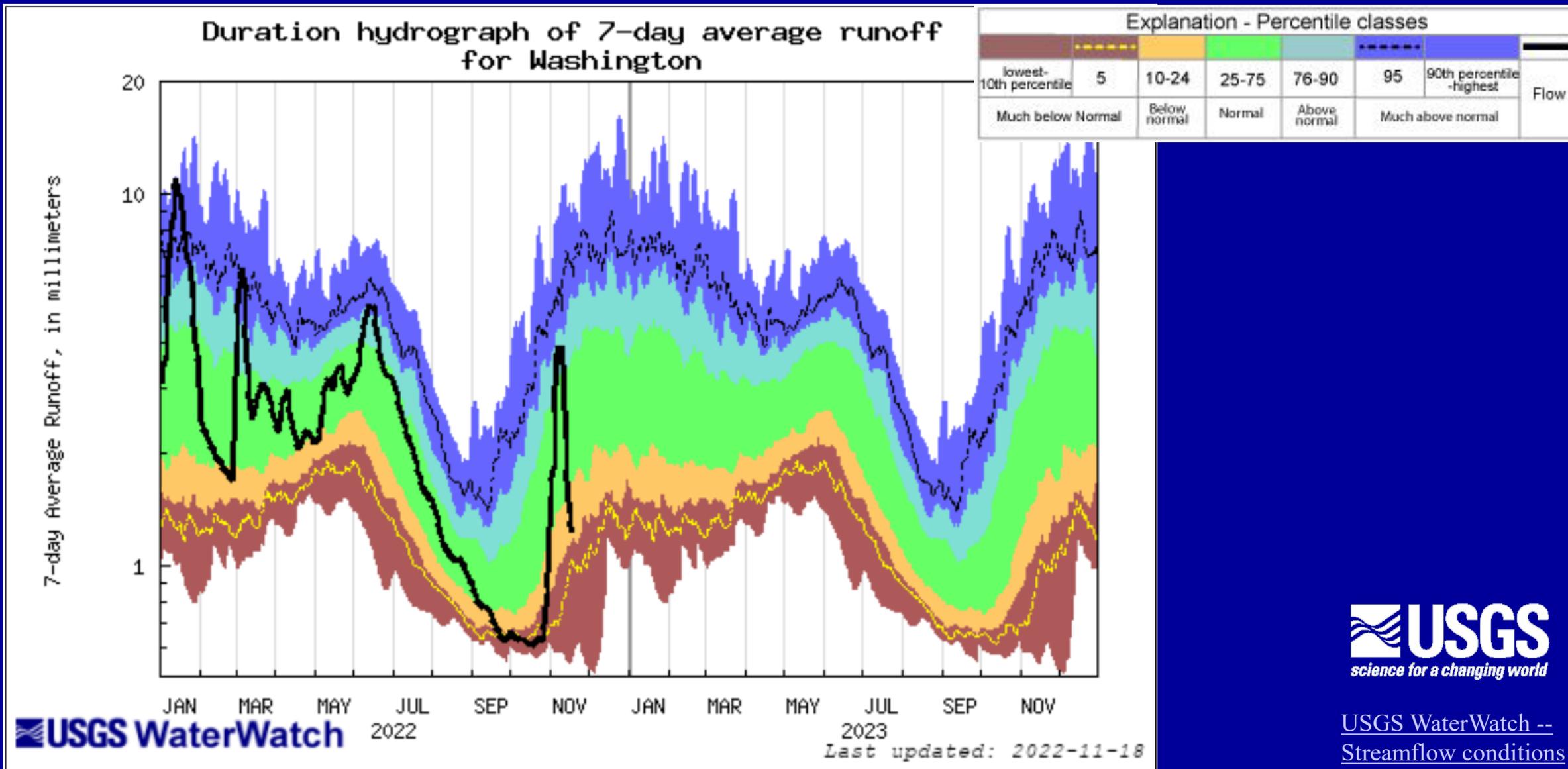
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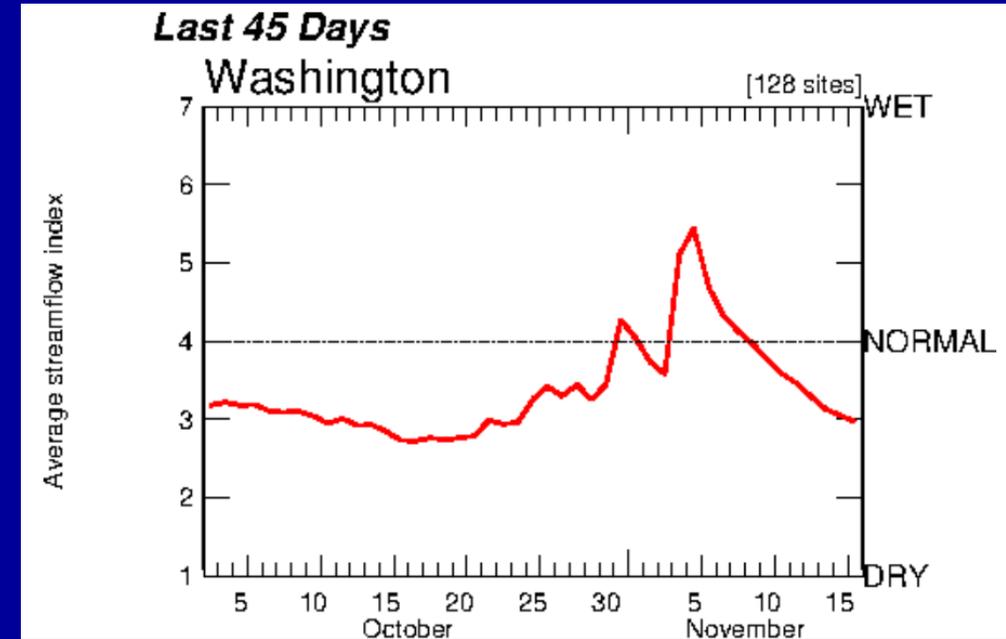
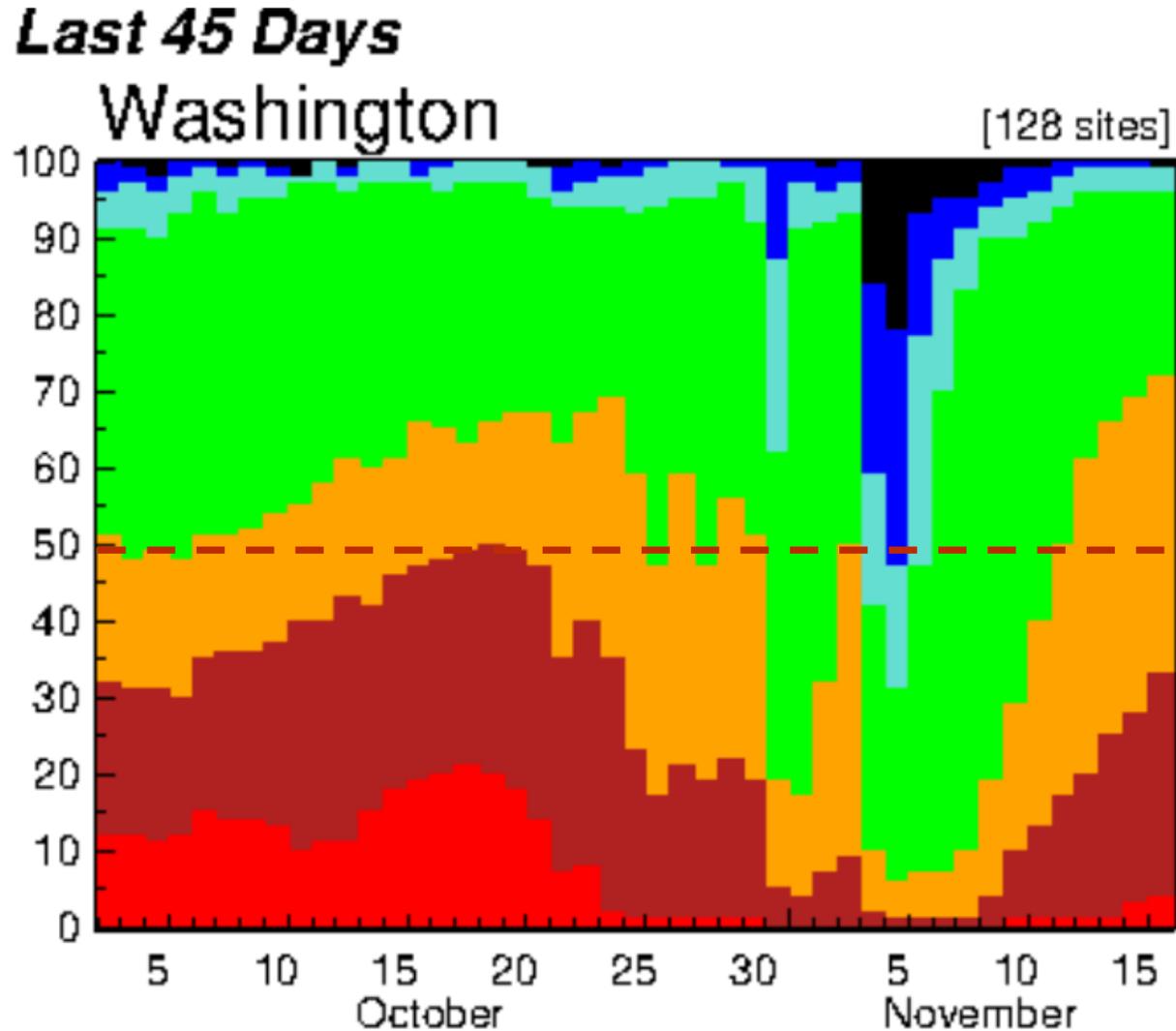
Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not-ranked

Duration Hydrograph, Washington State

7-day Average Streamflow (as of 18 Nov. 2022) is below normal



Daily streamflow in Washington Rivers compared to historical streamflow, Oct.-Nov. 2022

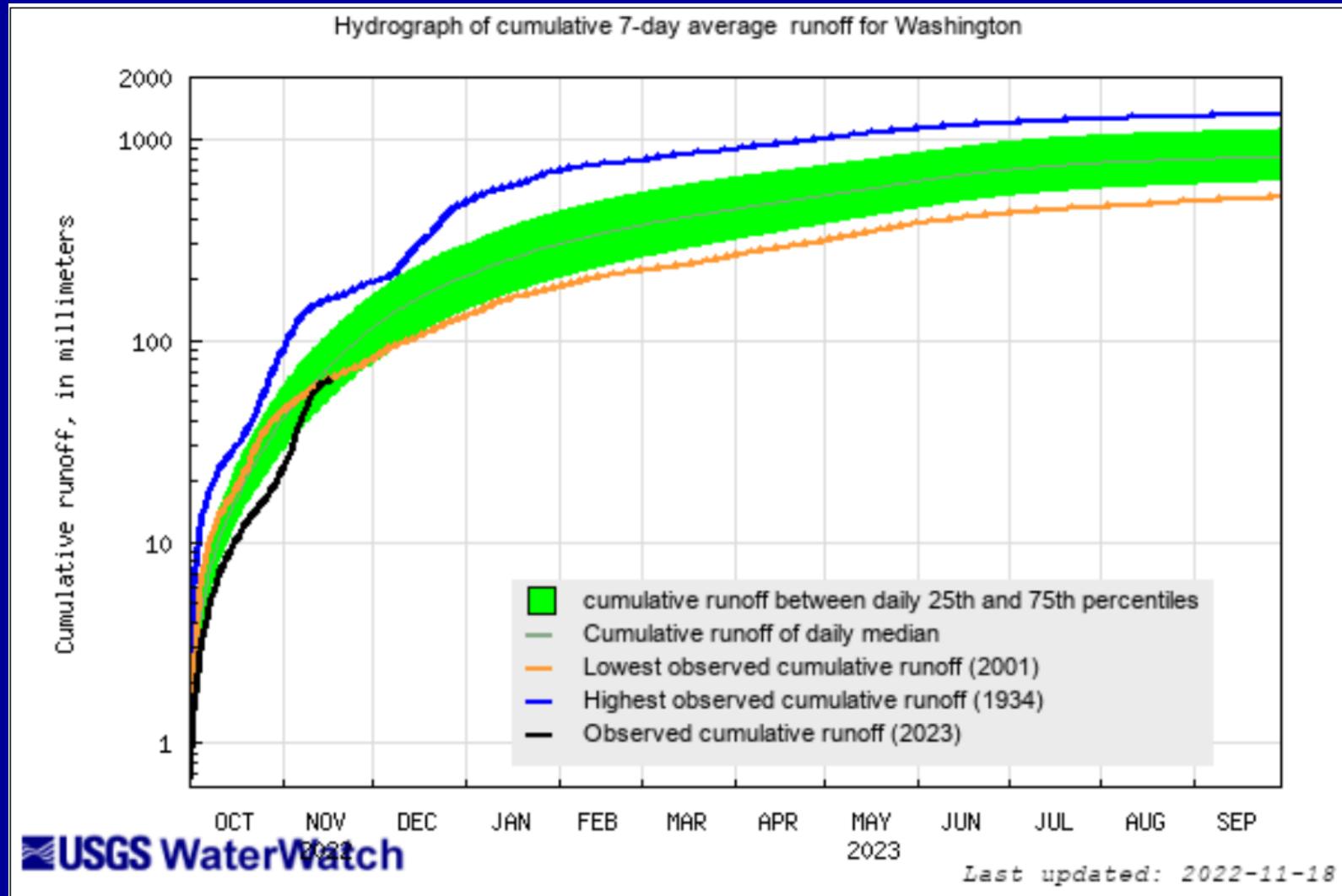


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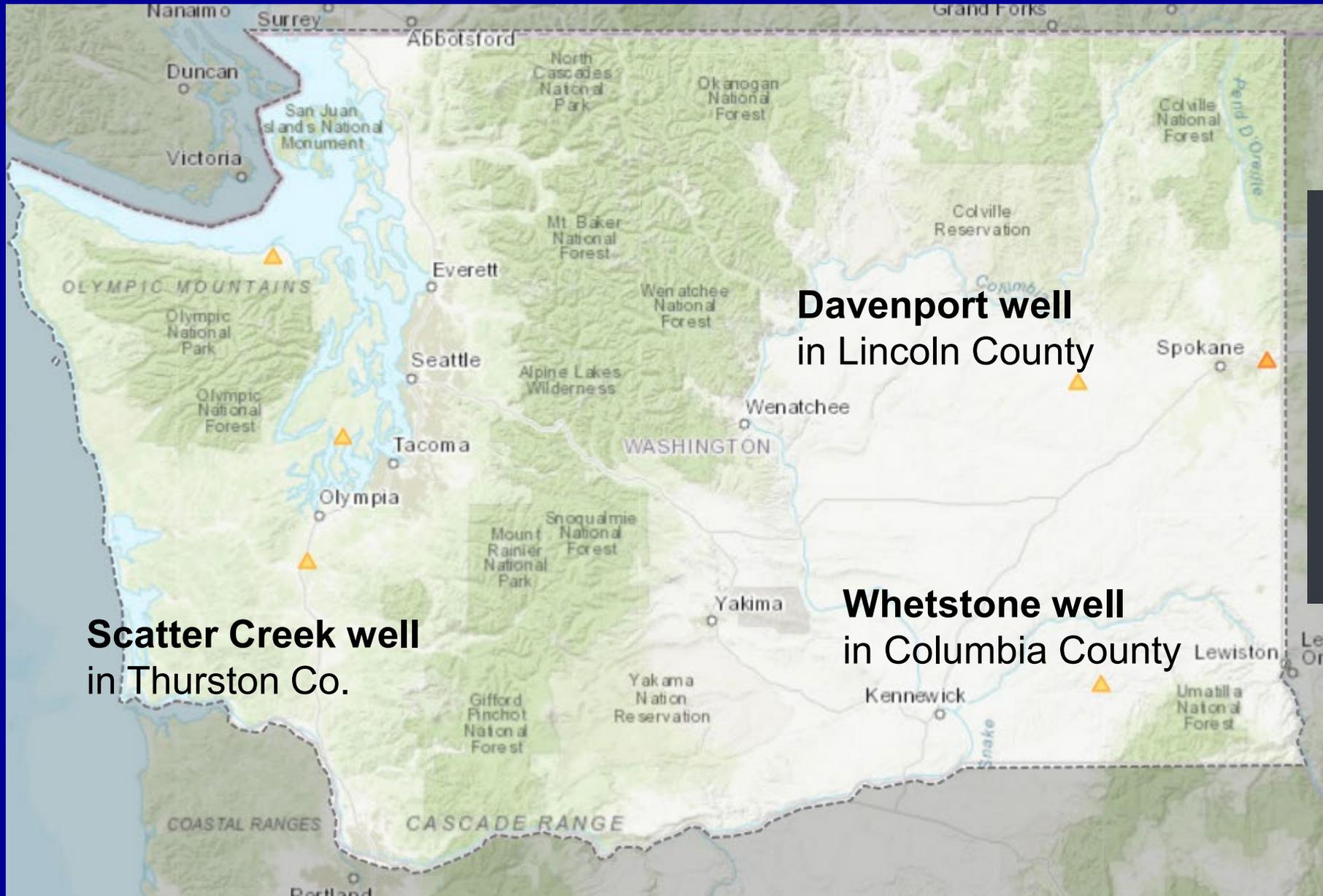
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Hydrograph of cumulative 7-day average Area-based Hydrograph, Washington State

2023 Water year (as of 18 Nov. 2022) is normal



WA Current Groundwater Conditions (18 Nov. 2022)

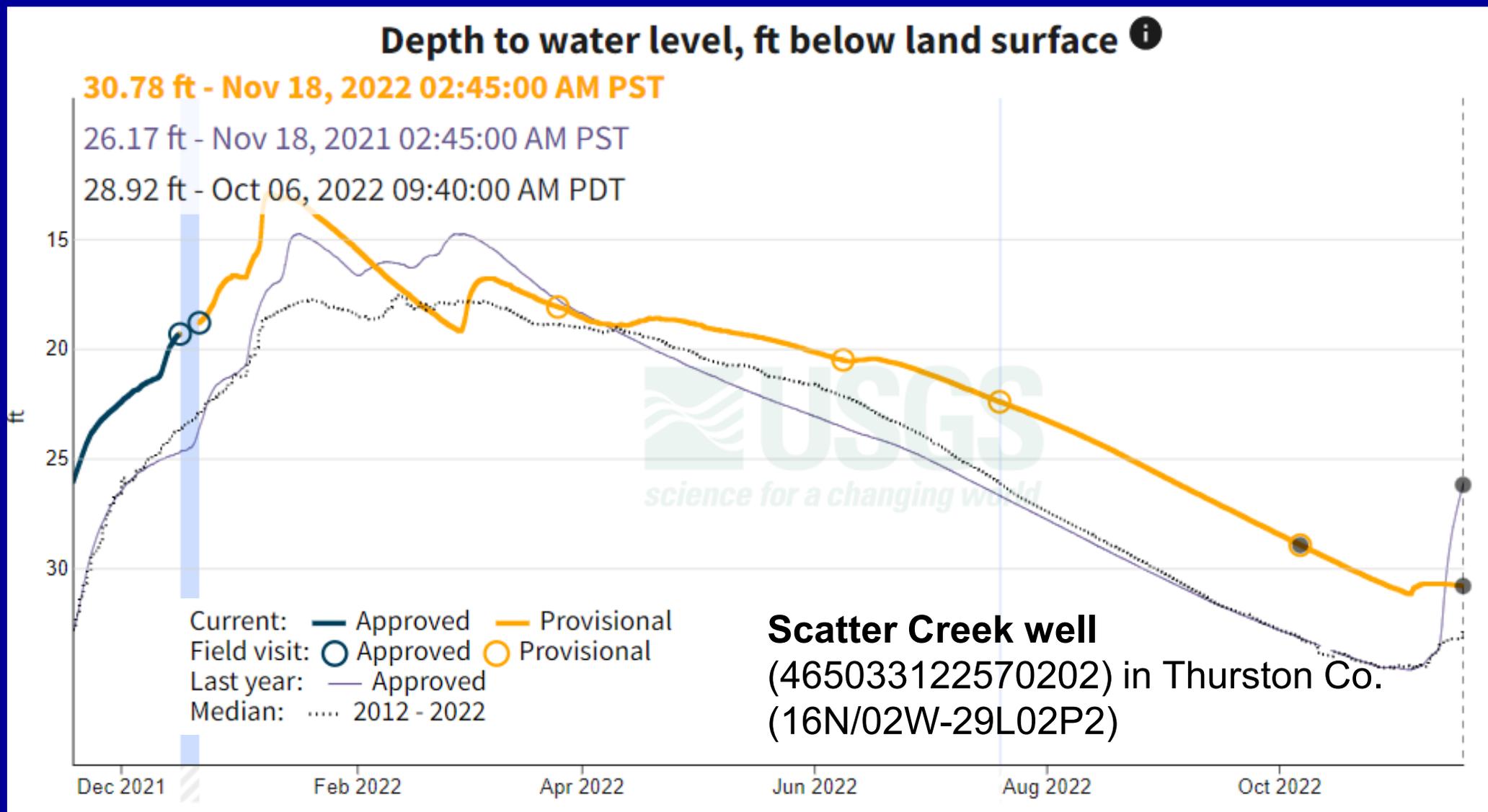


Groundwater Levels

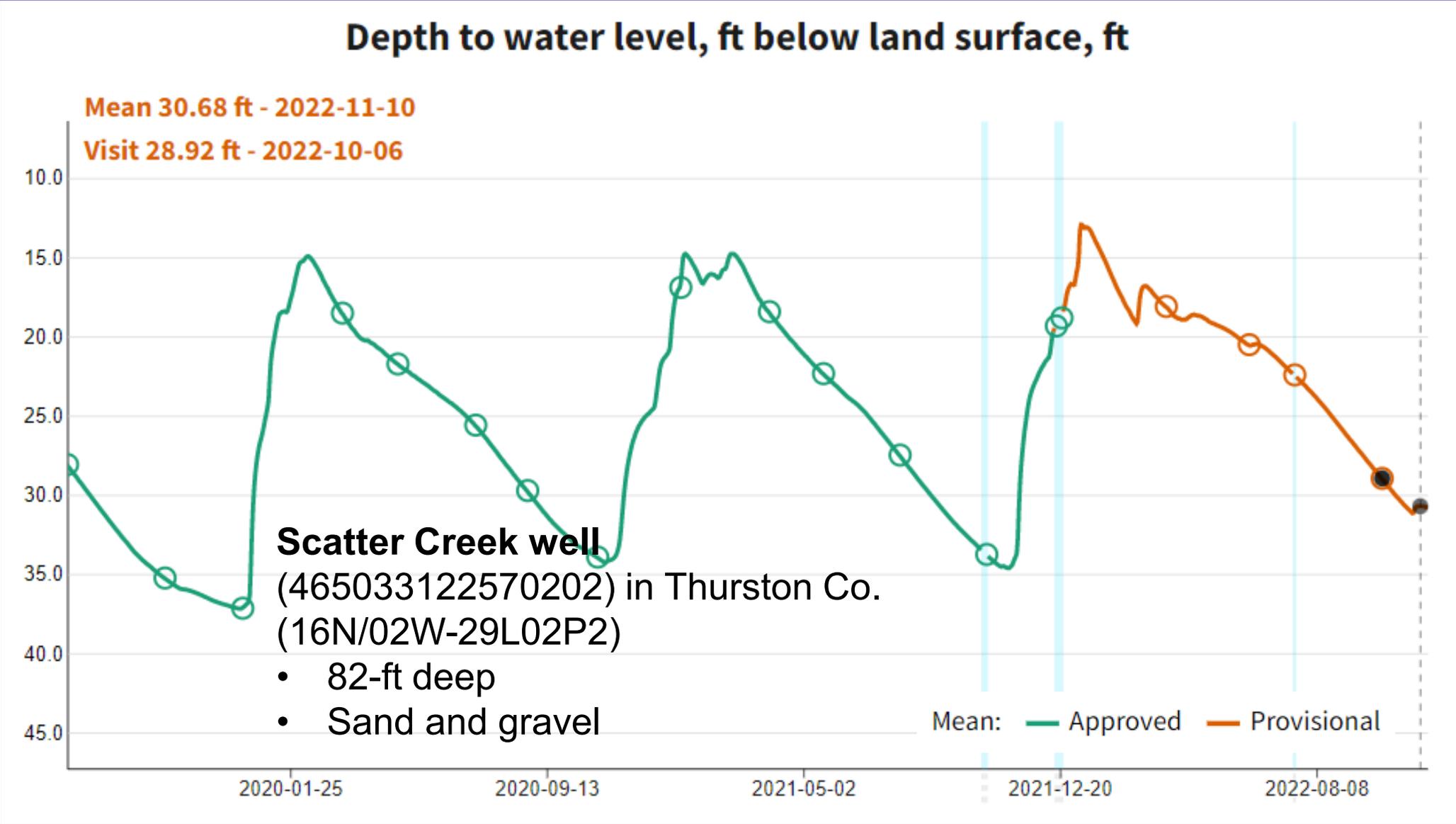
DEPTH TO WATER

- ▲ 0 – 50 feet
- ▲ > 50 – 100 feet
- ▲ > 100 – 150 feet
- ▲ > 150 – 200 feet
- ▲ > 200 – 250 feet
- ▲ > 250 feet
- ▲ Measurement flag
- ▲ Recent measurement unavailable
- ▲ Depth to water unavailable

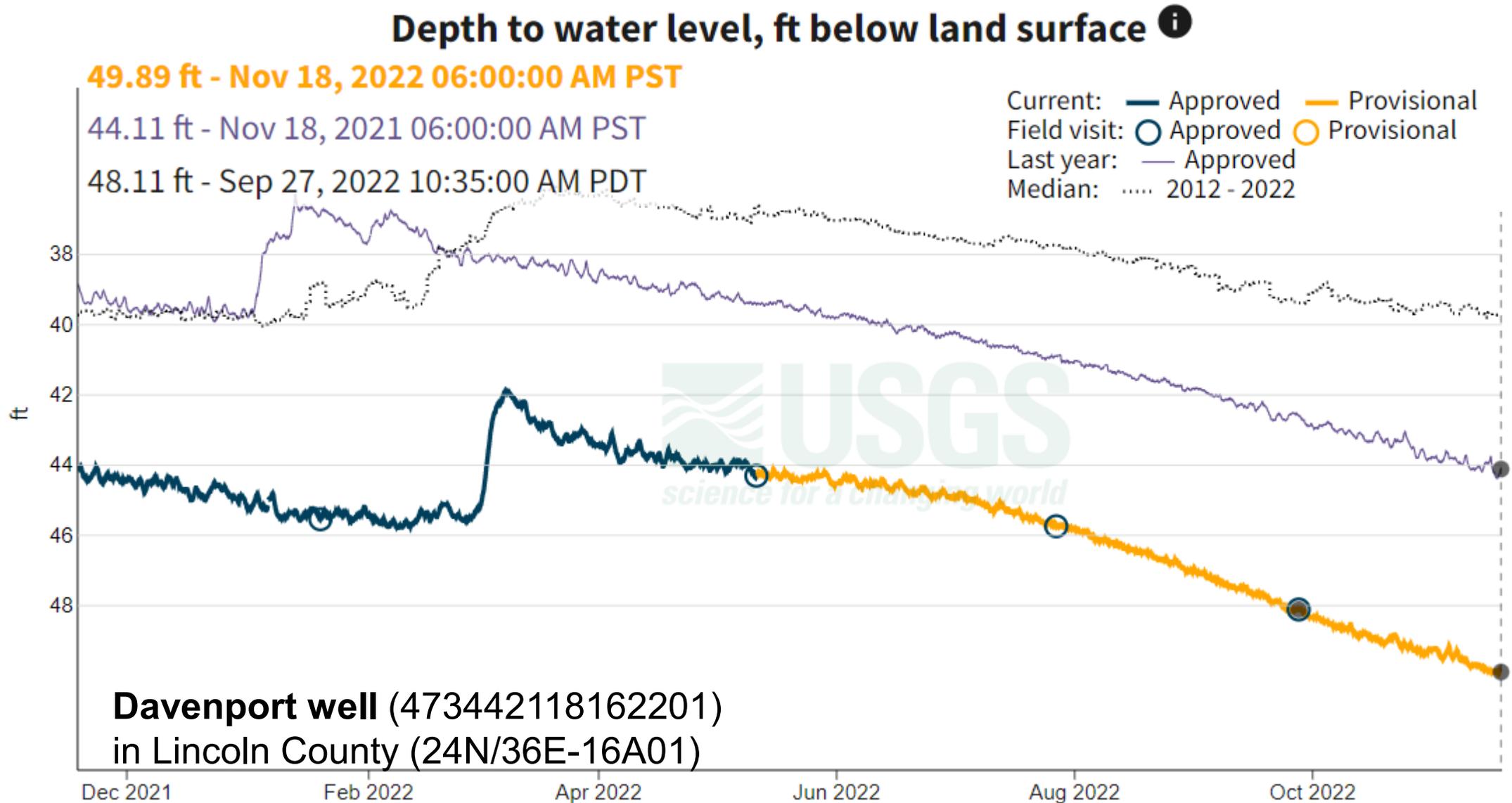
Scatter Creek Well Groundwater Conditions (15 Nov. 2022)



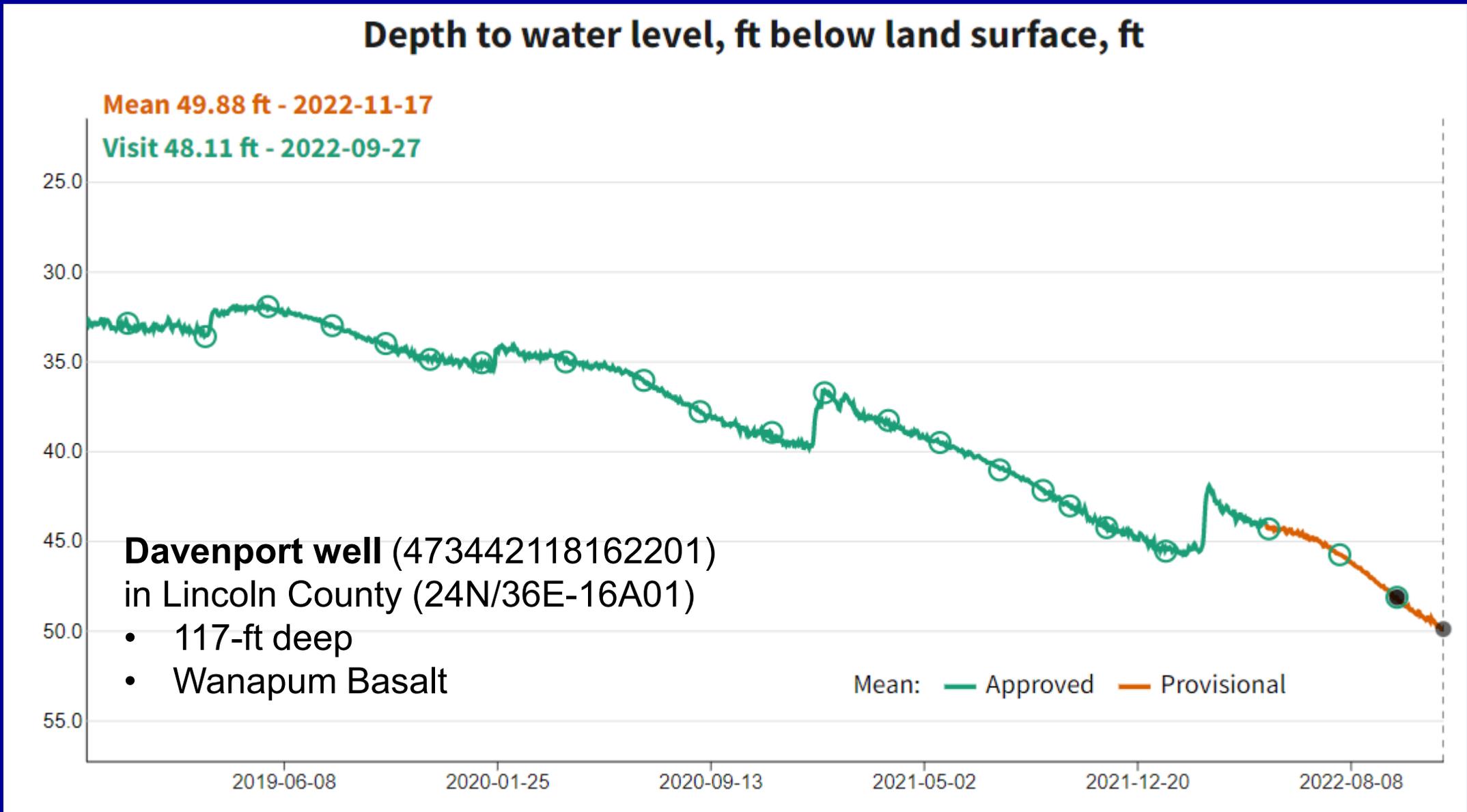
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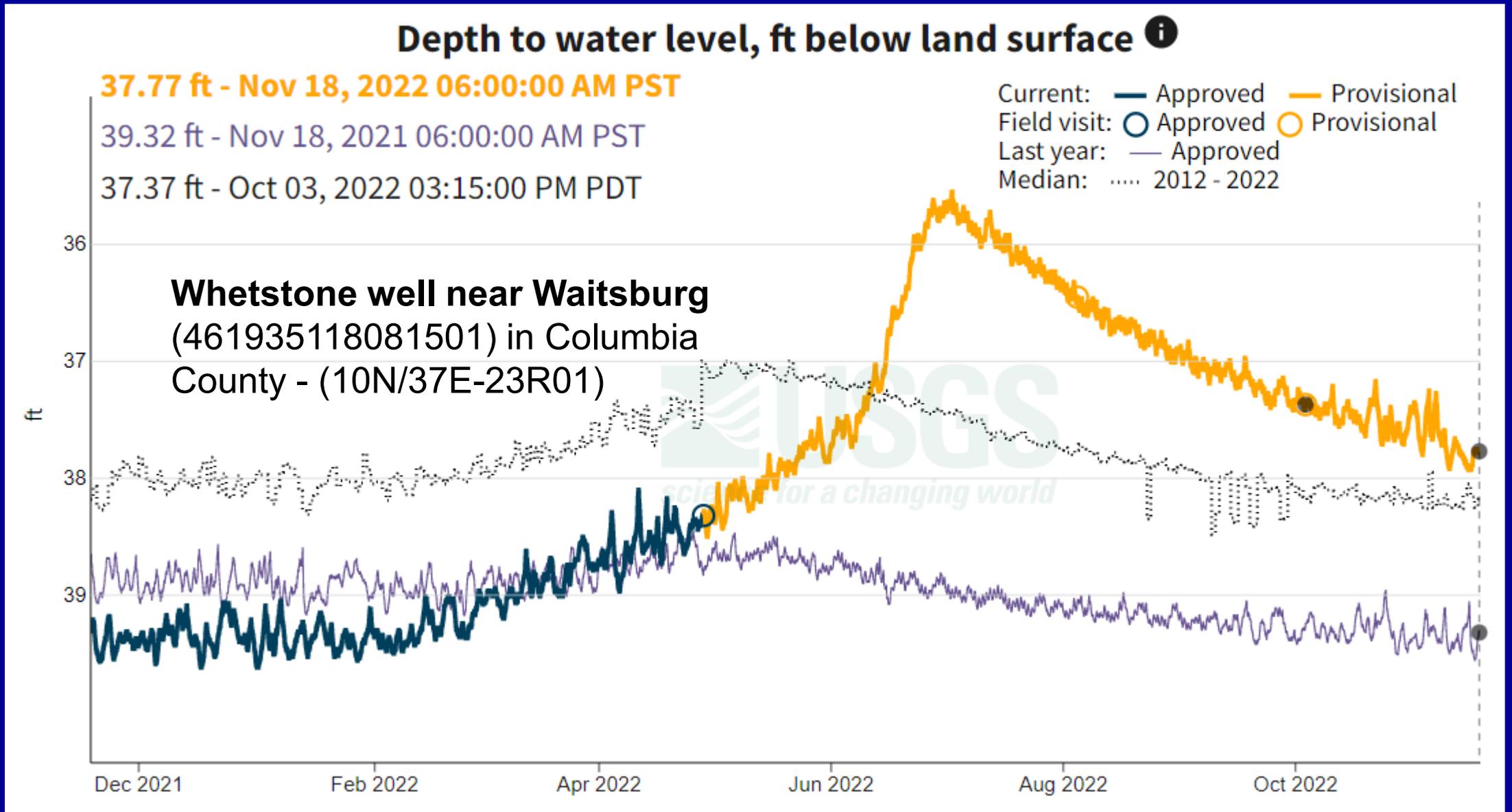
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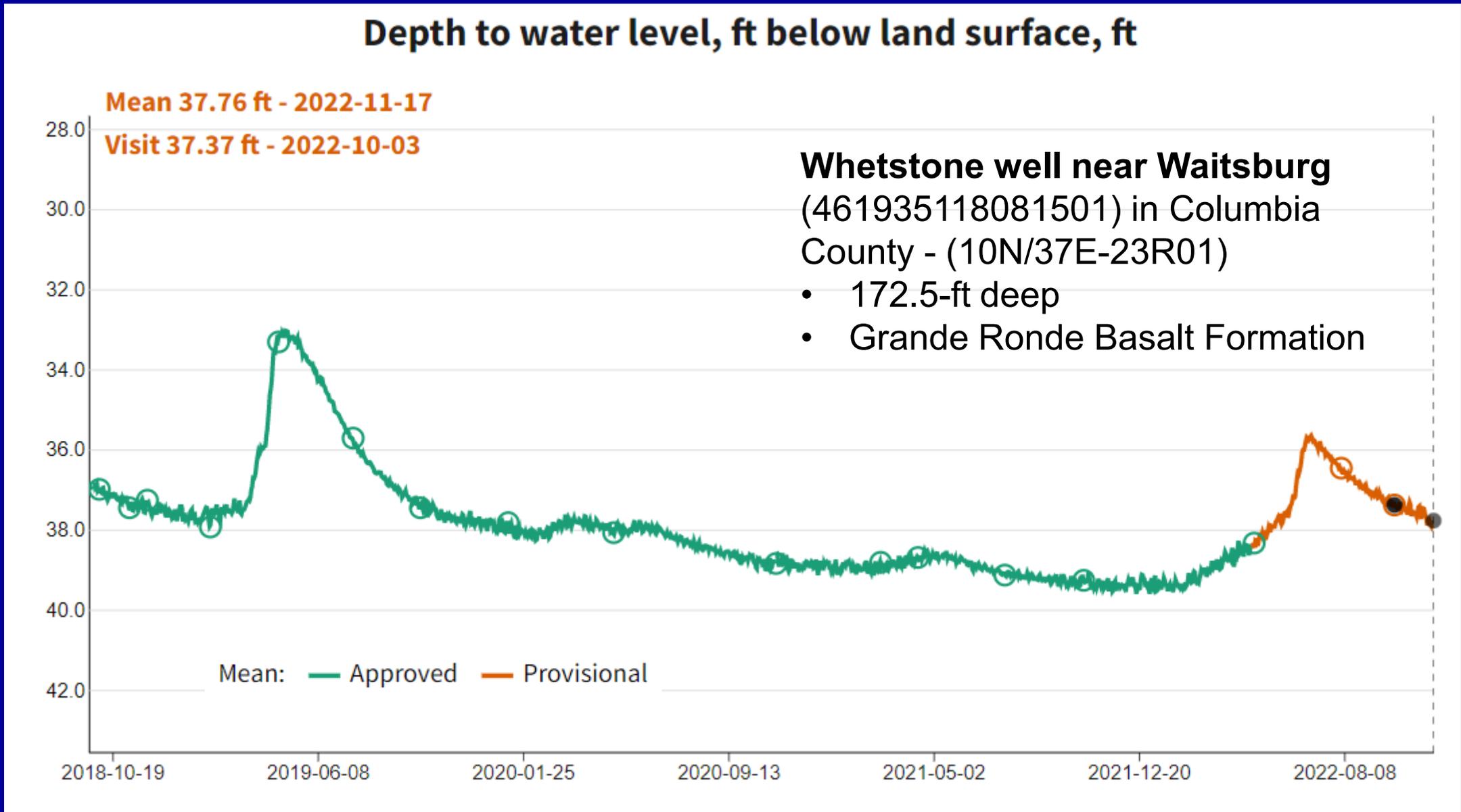
Davenport Well Groundwater Conditions (17 Nov. 2022)



Whetstone Well Groundwater Conditions (18 Nov. 2022)



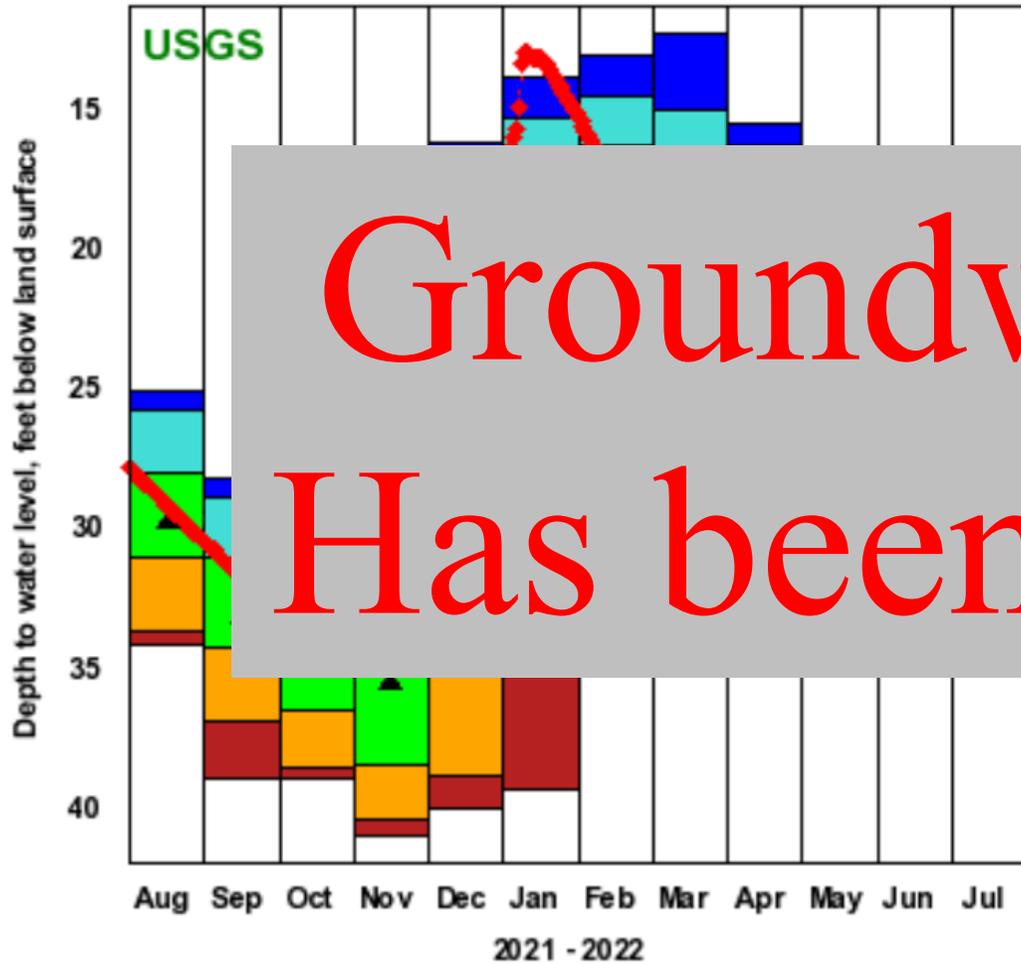
Whetstone Well Groundwater Conditions (17 Nov. 2022)



WA Current Groundwater Condition

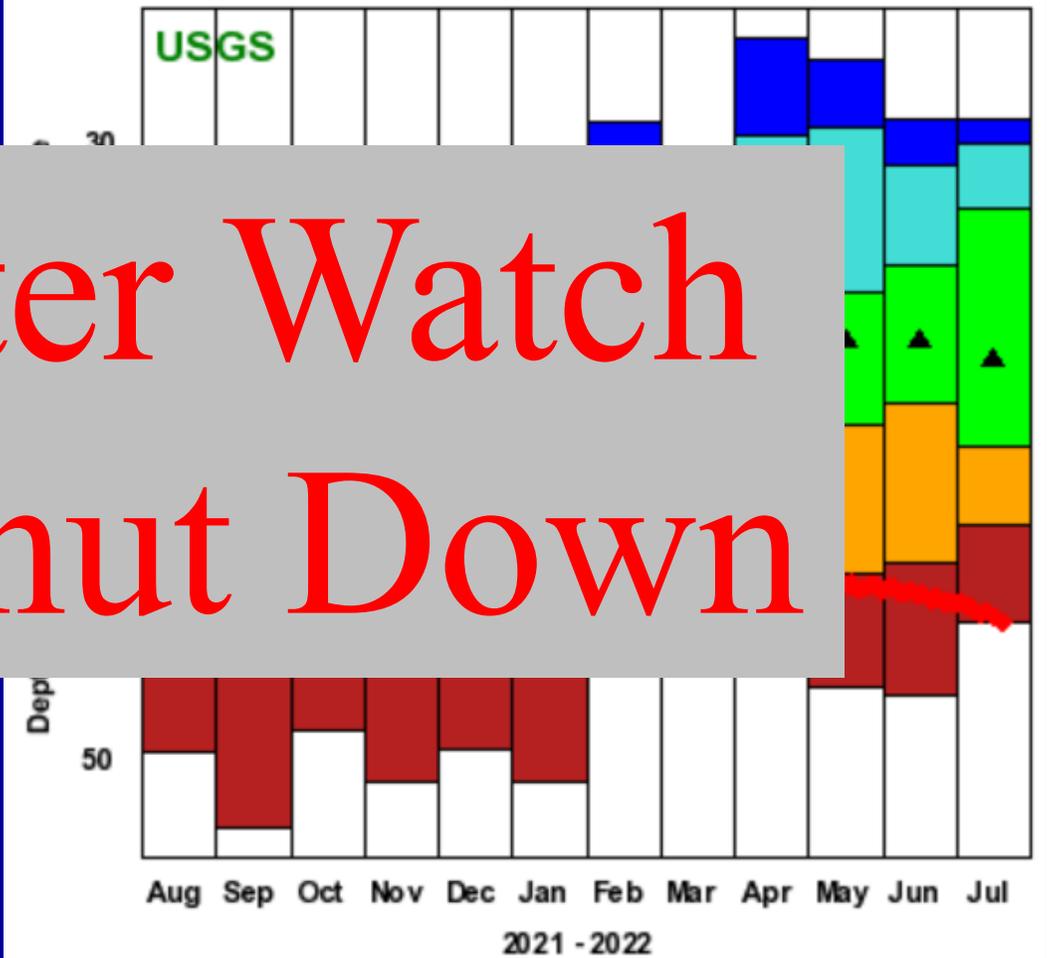
Scatter Creek well

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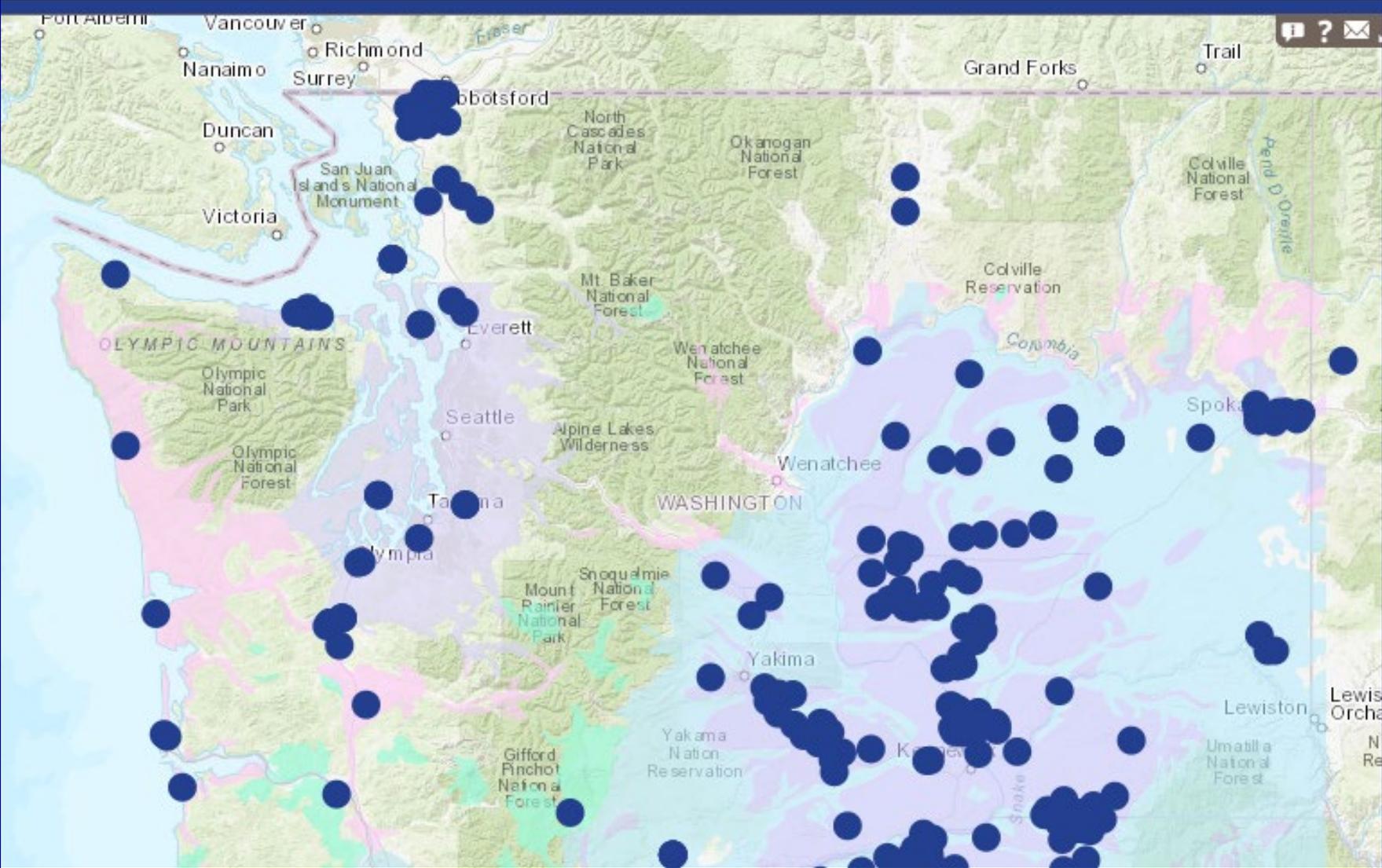
Davenport well

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Groundwater Watch
Has been Shut Down

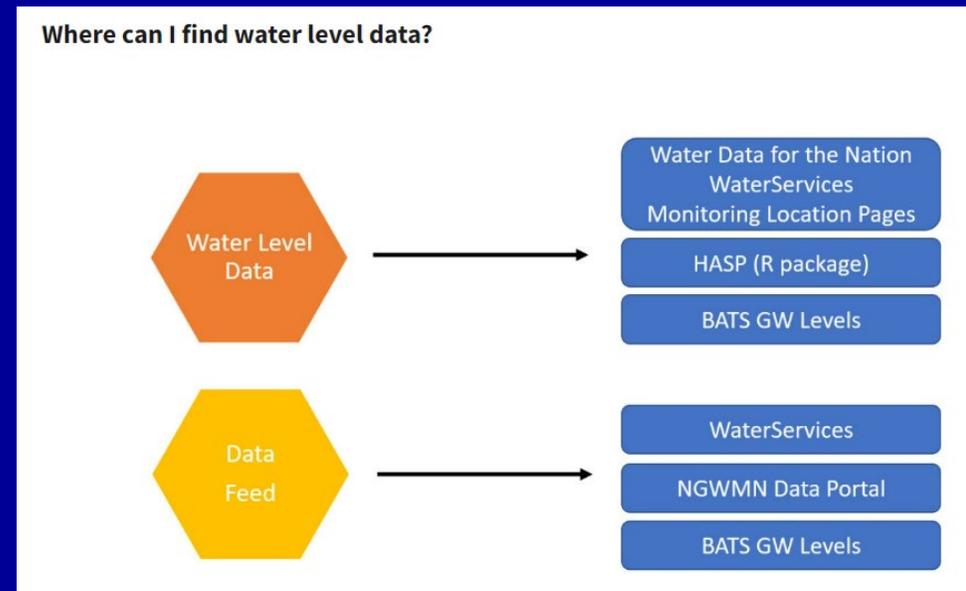
National Ground-Water Monitoring Network



[National Ground-Water Monitoring Network \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov)

Other Groundwater Resources

- [Groundwater Watch \(usgs.gov\)](https://www.usgs.gov)



- [Climate Response Network - USGS Water Data for the Nation](https://www.usgs.gov)
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Summary of Washington Streamflow & GW conditions as of 18 Nov. 2022

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

Western WA

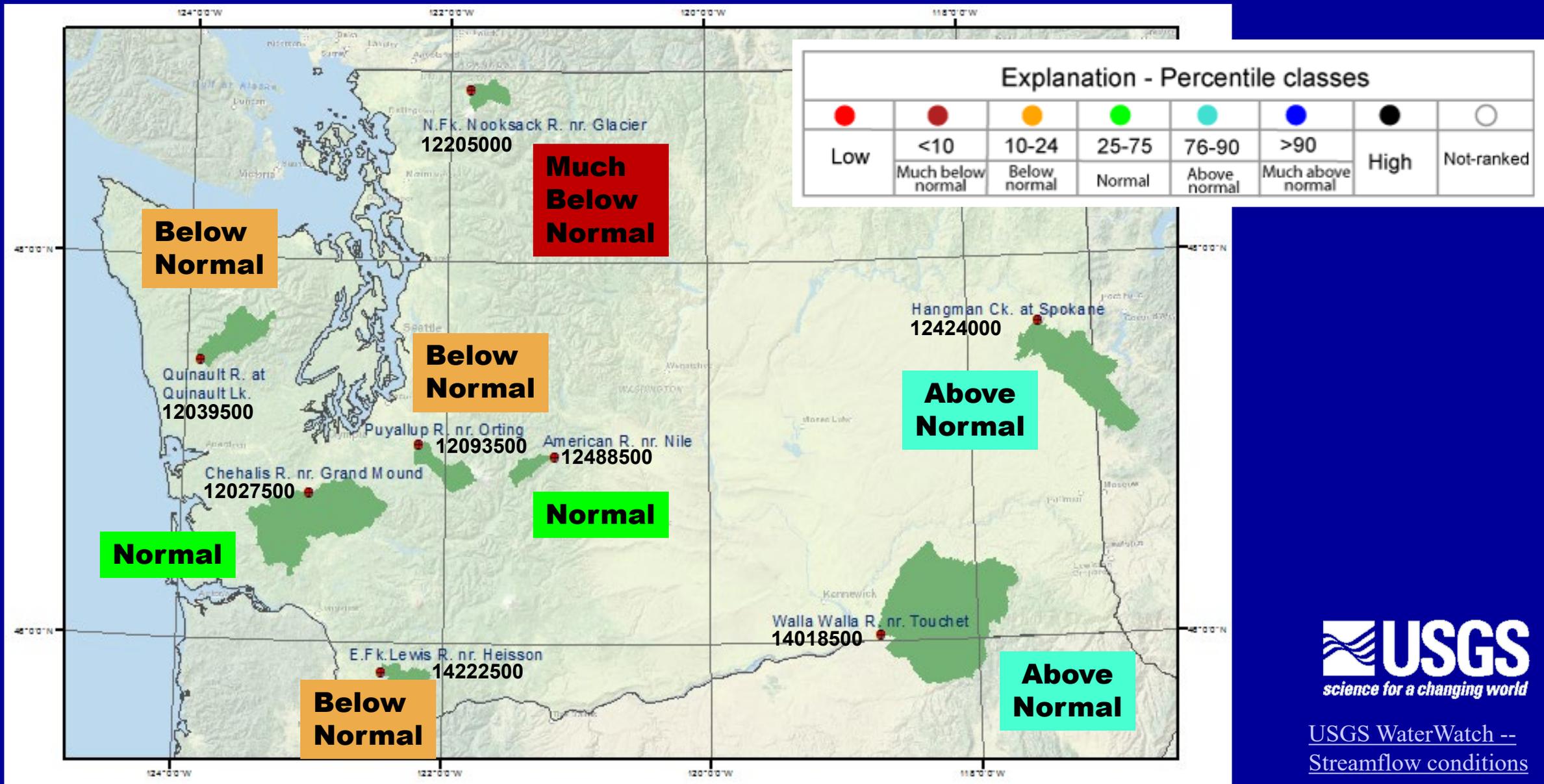
- Chehalis River nr. Grand Mound – Normal
- American River - Normal
- Puyallup River nr. Orting – Below Normal
- Quinault River – Below Normal
- EF Lewis River – Below Normal
- NF Nooksack River – Much Below Normal

Eastern

- Hangman Creek – Above normal
- Walla Walla River – Above normal

- Index groundwater sites: **(below normal)**
 - Scatter Creek well (west) – Above median
 - Davenport well (east) – Below median
 - Waitsburg well - Above median

Index Gaging Stations, 7-day average streamflow (as of 18 Nov. 2022)





Northwest River Forecast Center



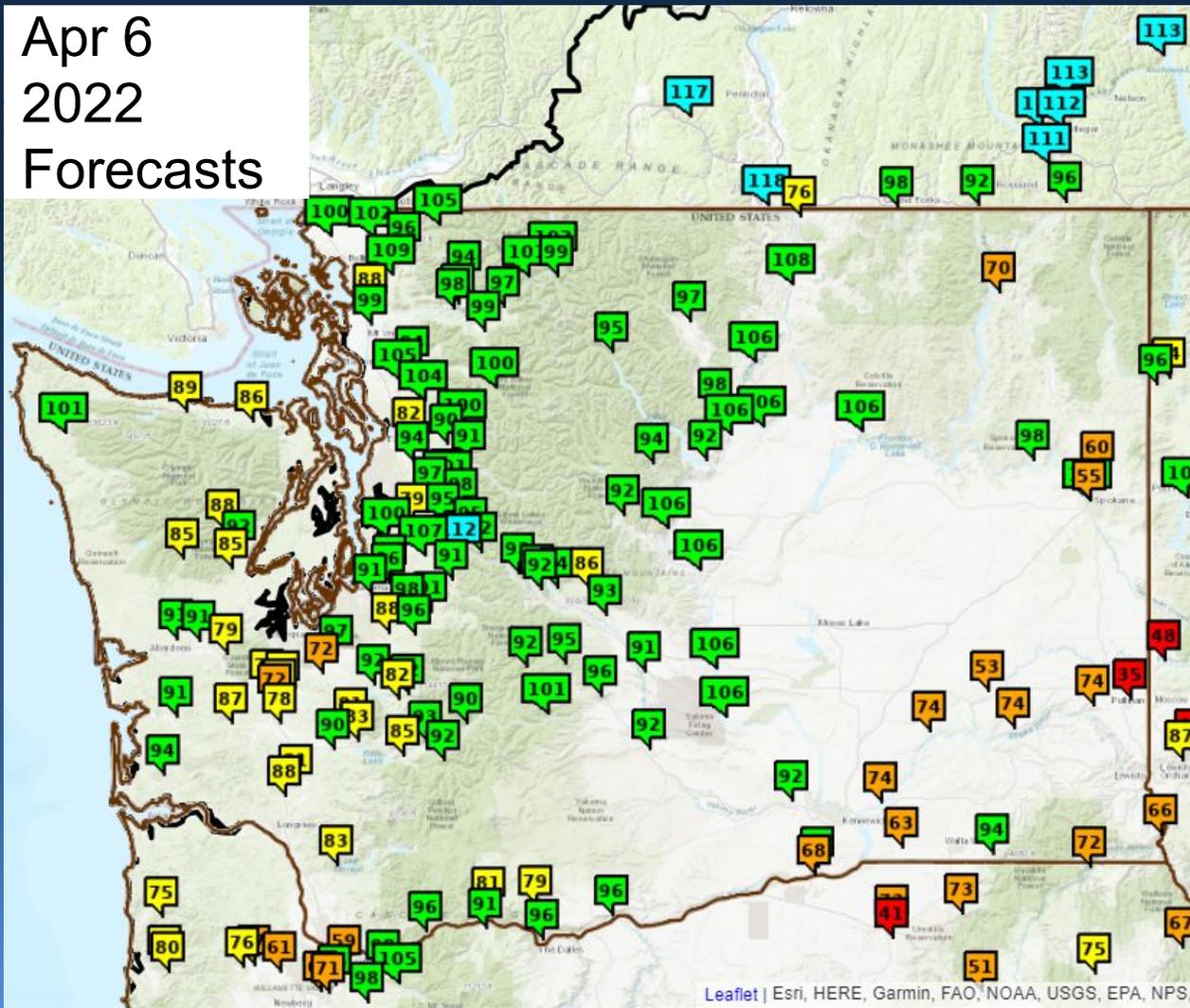
Nov 18, 2022 Washington Water Supply Availability Meeting

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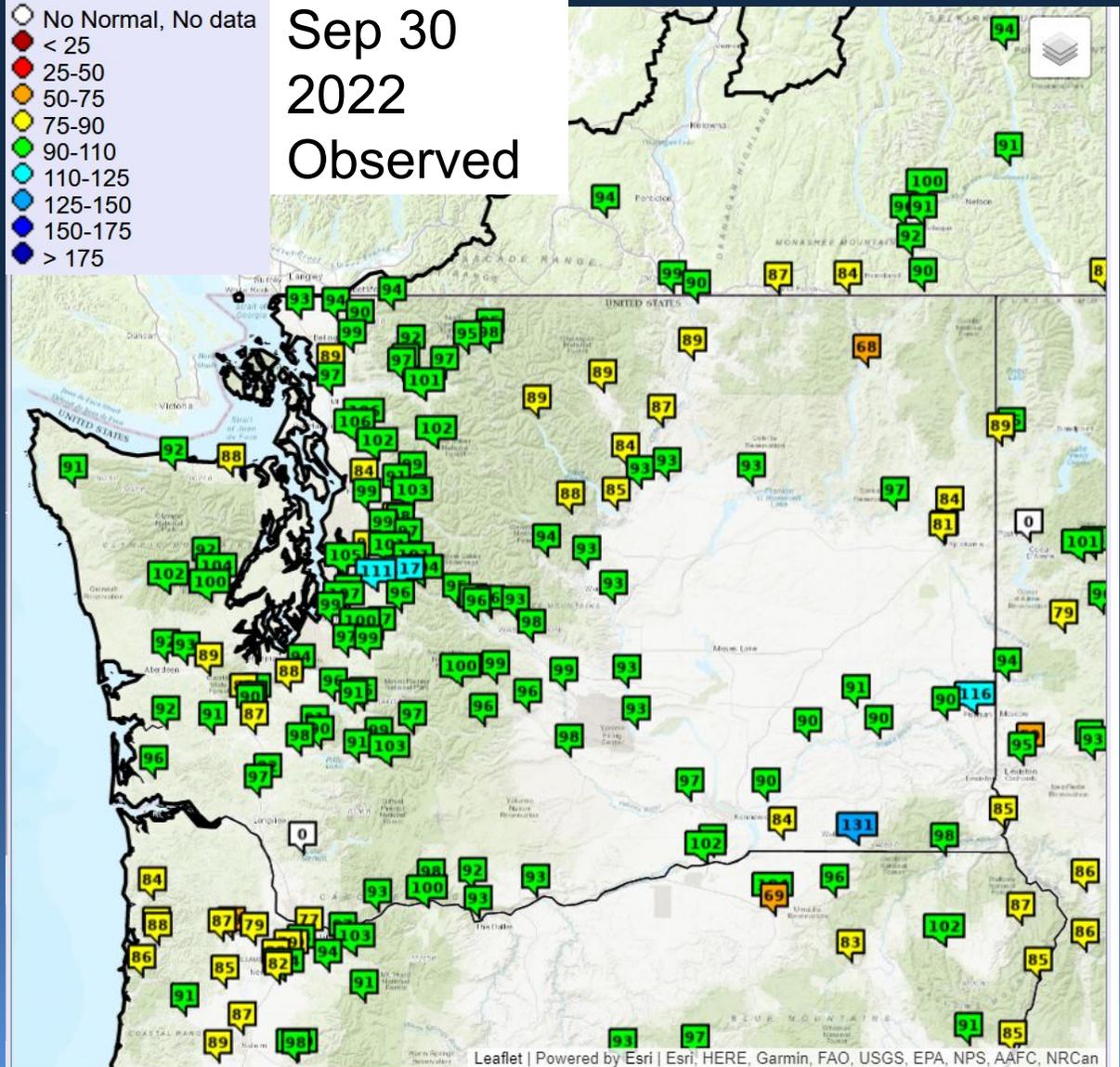
2022 Apr-Sep Adjusted Runoff

Apr 6
2022
Forecasts



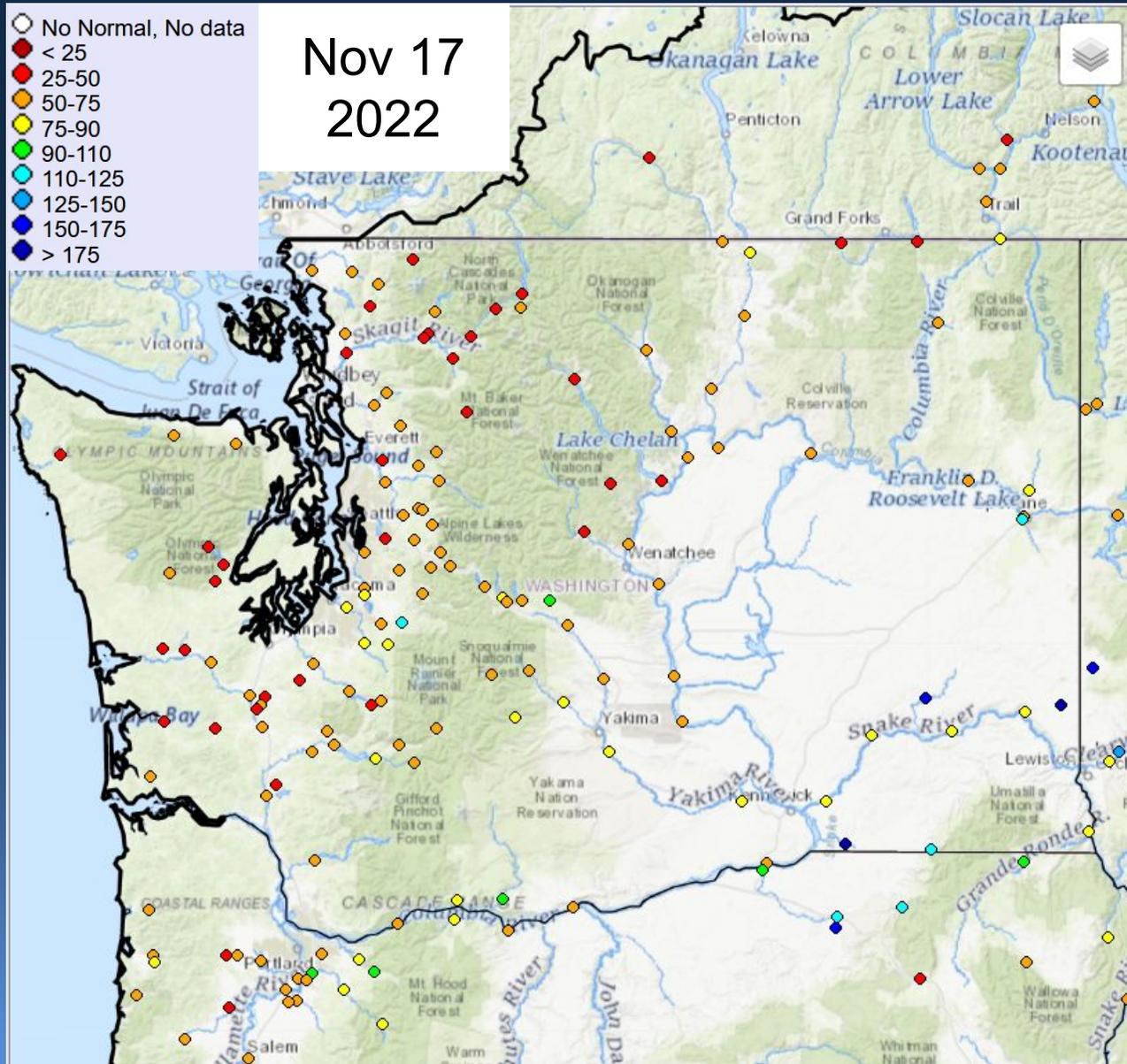
- No Normal, No data
- < 25
- 25-50
- 50-75
- 75-90
- 90-110
- 110-125
- 125-150
- 150-175
- > 175

Sep 30
2022
Observed





2023 Water Year to Date Adjusted Runoff

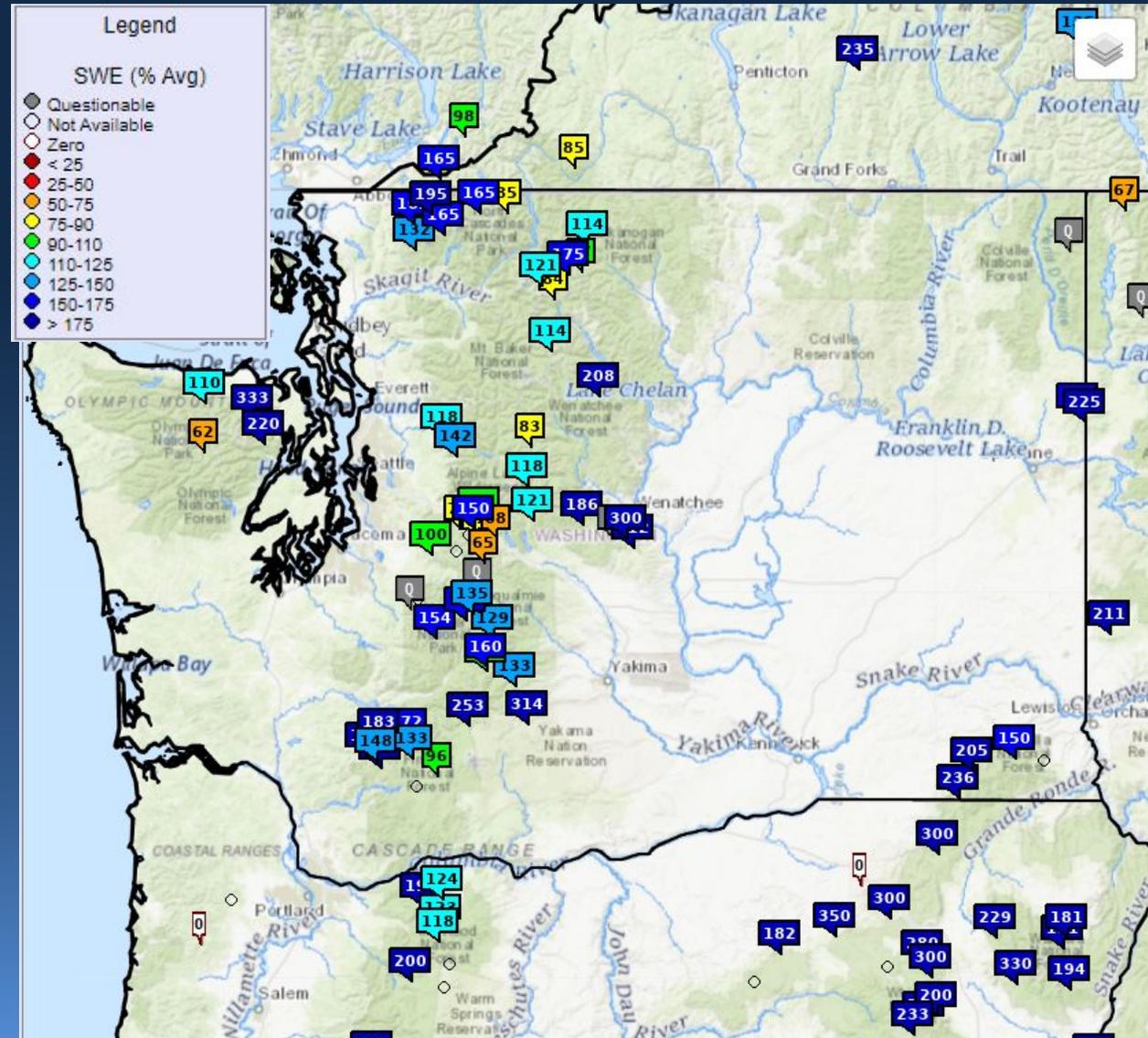
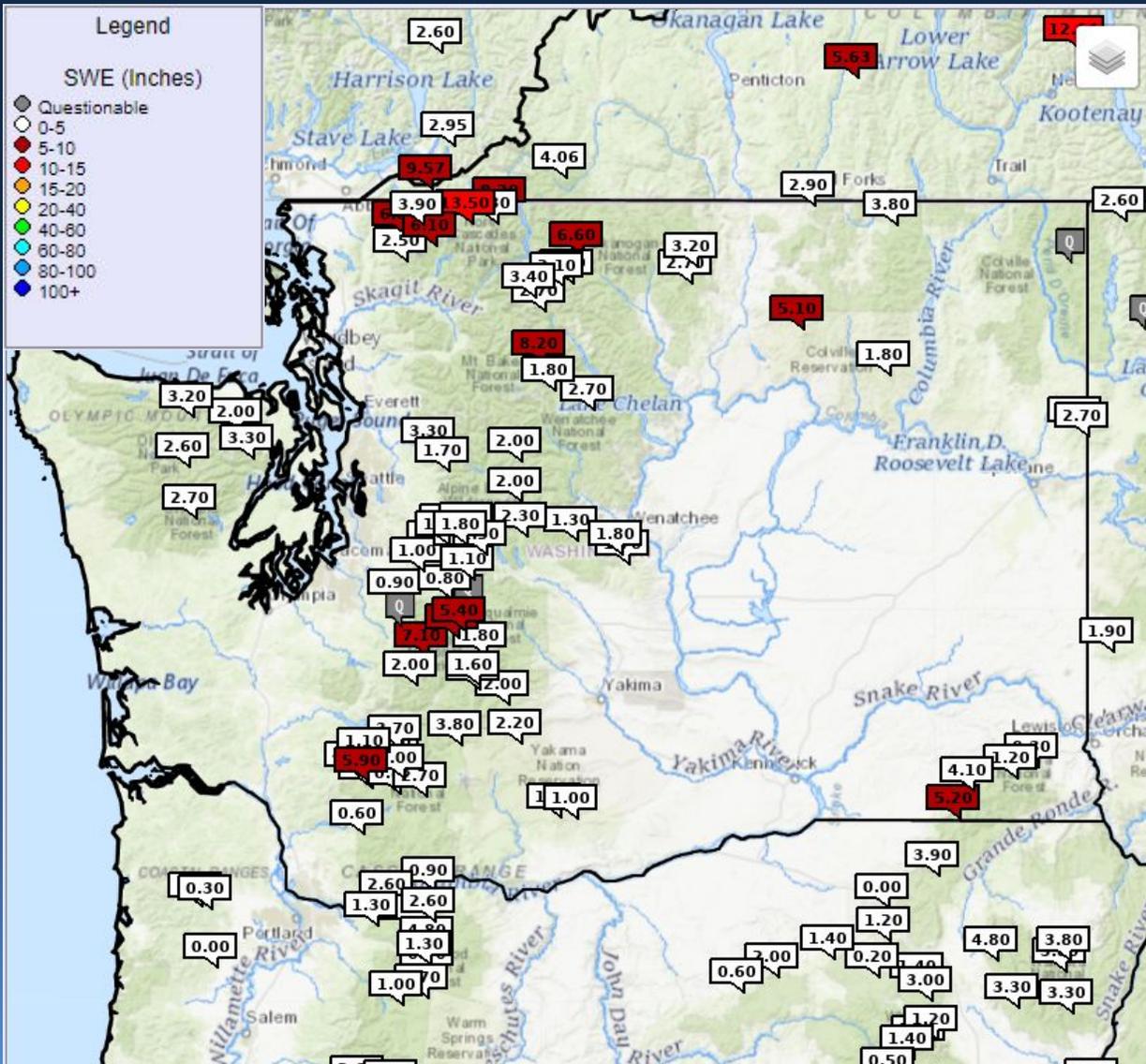


% Normal Runoff Oct 1 - Nov 17

Washington

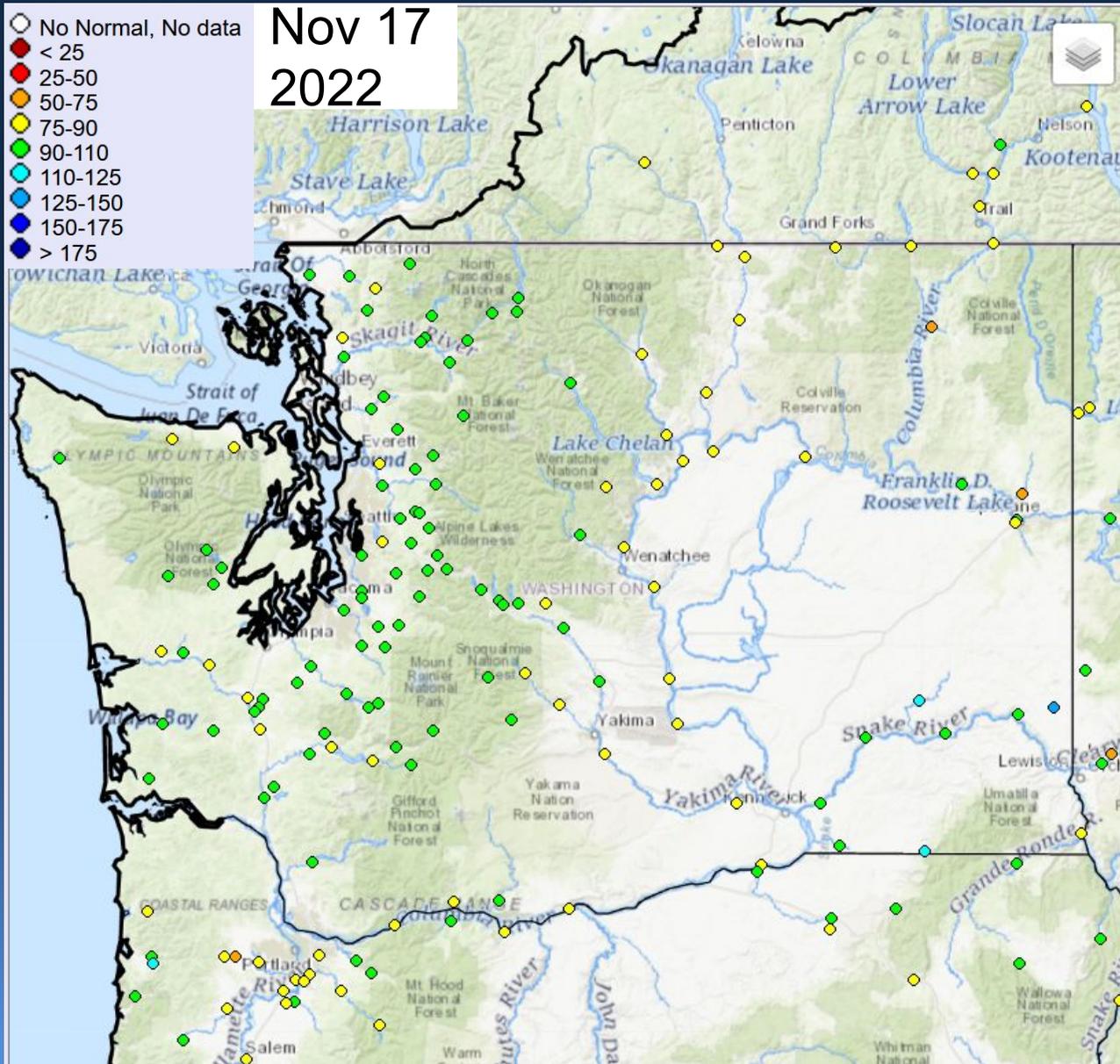
Skagit nr Mt Vernon	45
Dungeness nr Sequim	50
Chehalis at Porter	51
Okanogan at Malott	62
Methow nr Pateros	58
Yakima at Parker	81
Walla Walla nr Touchet	183

Snowpack





Water Supply Forecasts (Natural)



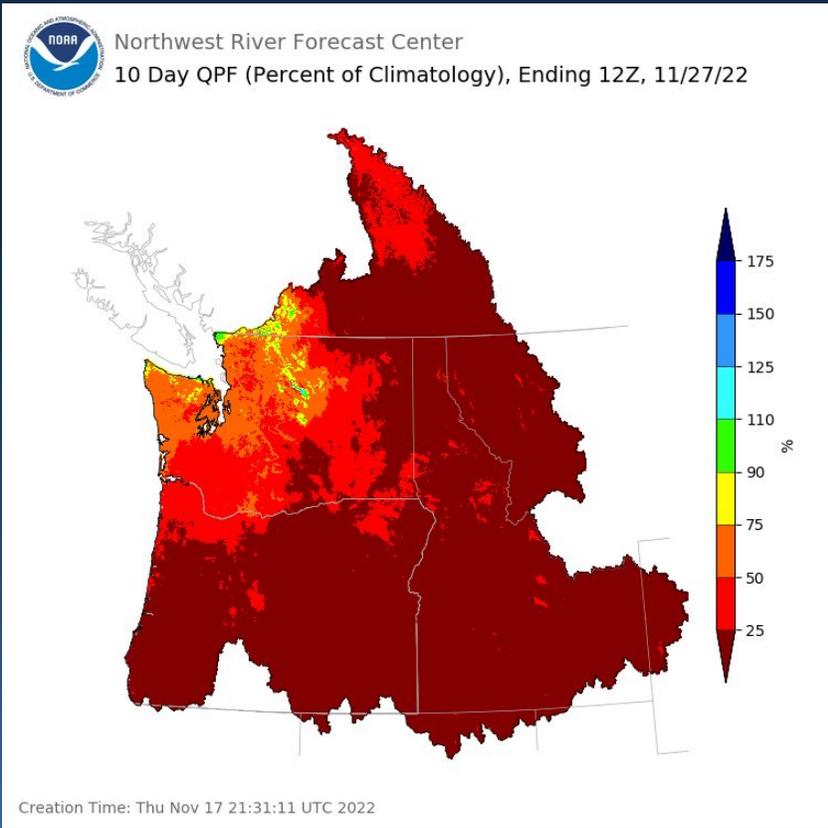
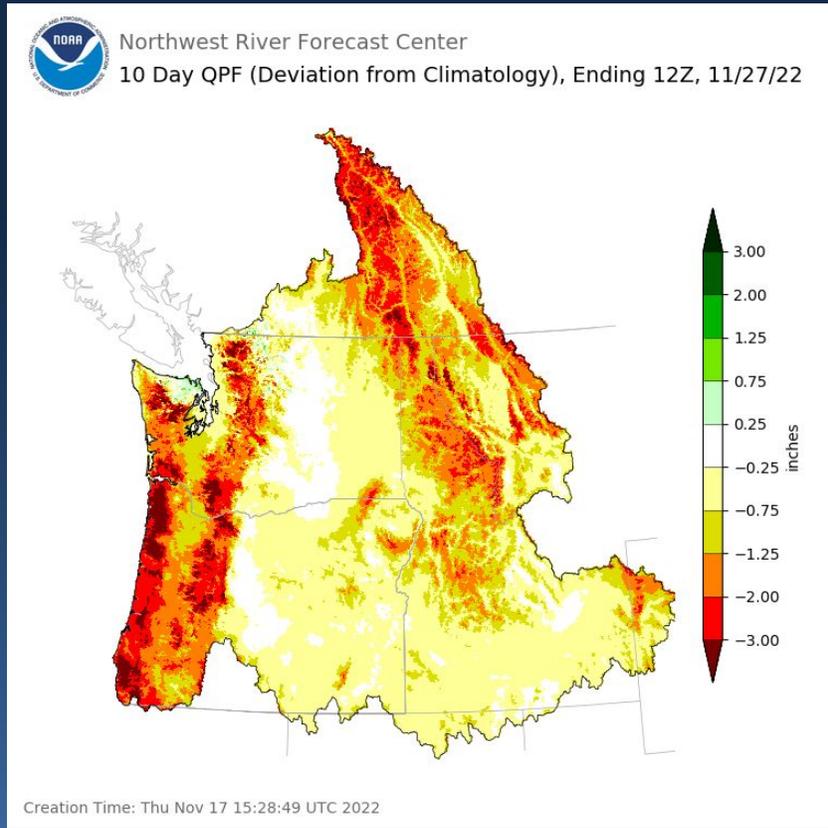
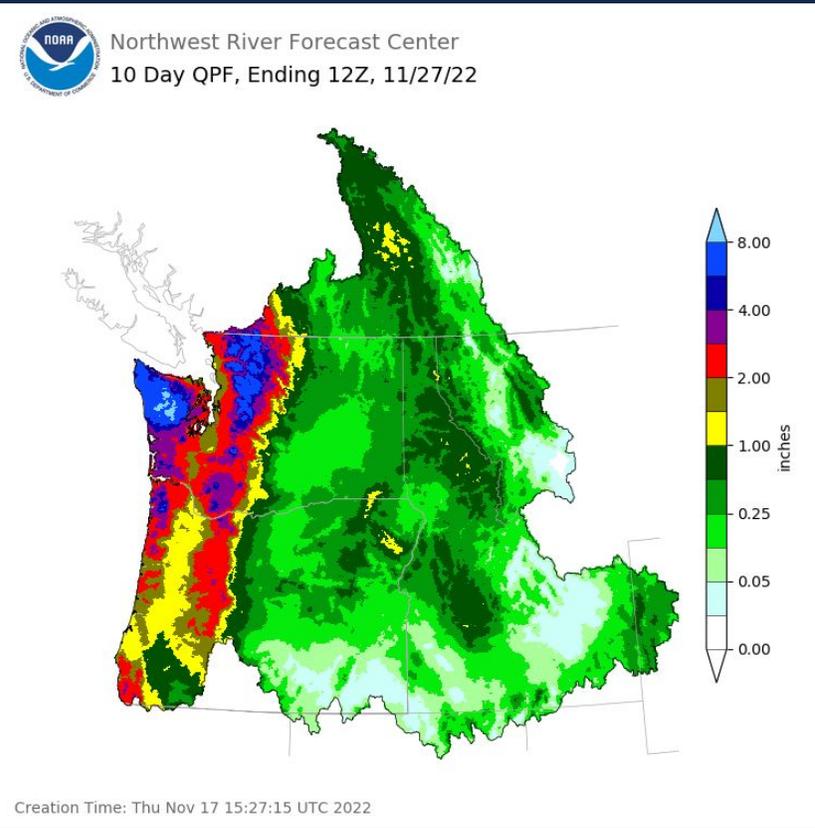
% Normal Apr -Sep Volume

Washington

Skagit nr Mt Vernon	95
Dungeness nr Sequim	83
Chehalis at Porter	89
Okanogan at Malott	78
Methow nr Pateros	84
Yakima at Parker	89
Walla Walla nr Touchet	91



10 Day Precipitation Forecast

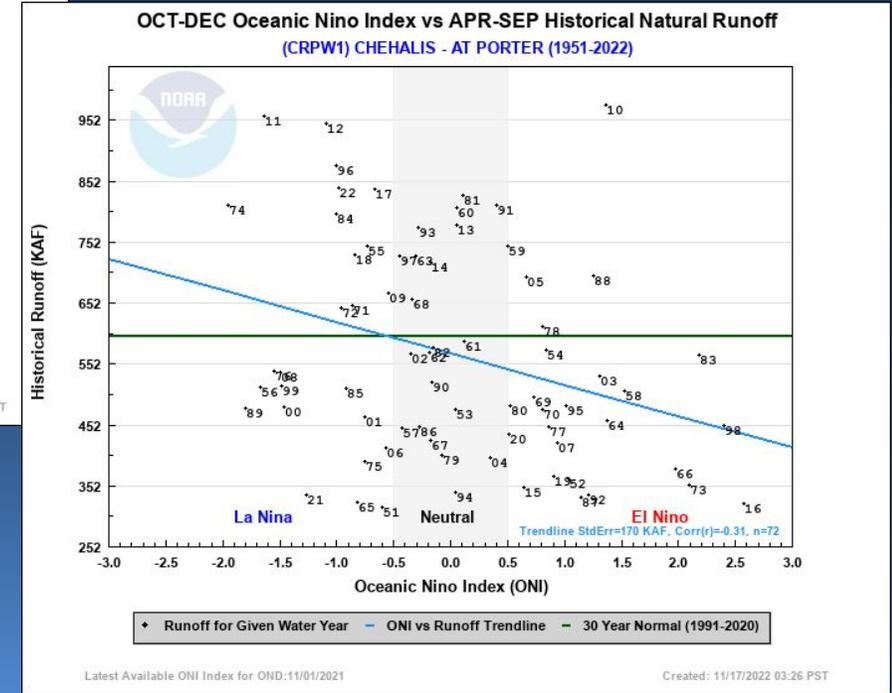
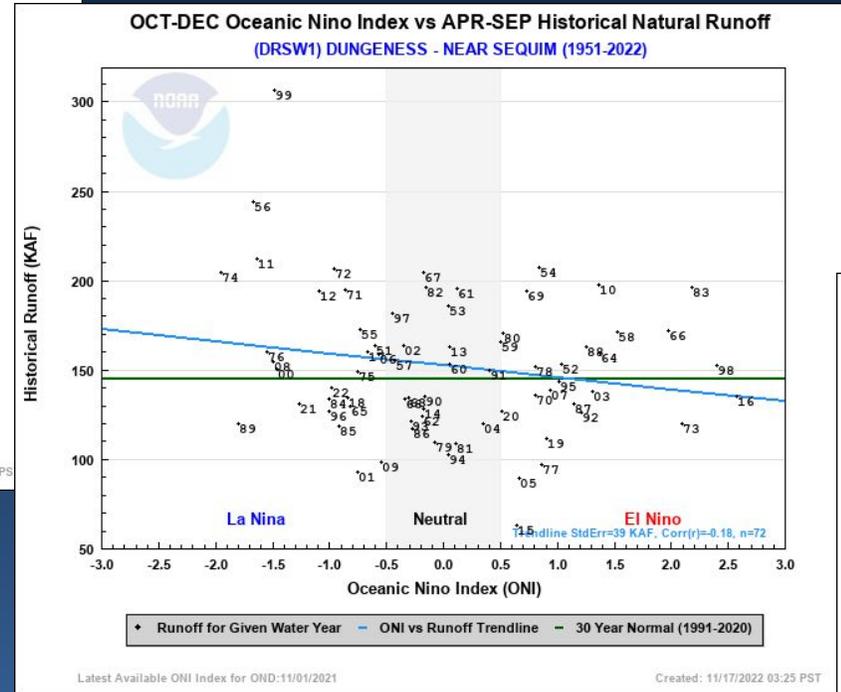
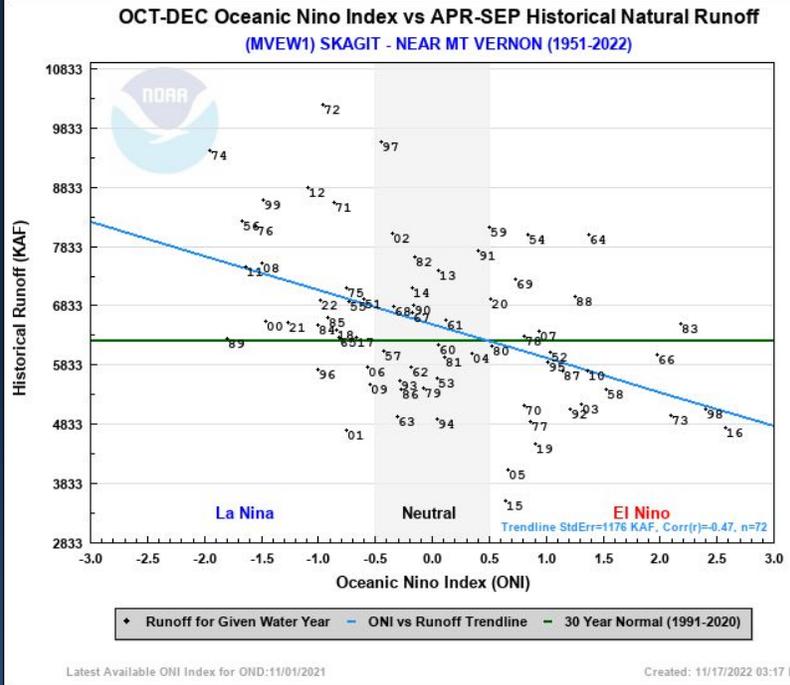


QPF Sources

- Days 1 - 2 NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in the US, WPC in BC
- Days 3 - 7 NWS Weather Prediction Center (WPC)
- Days 8 - 10 NWS National Blend of Models (NBM)



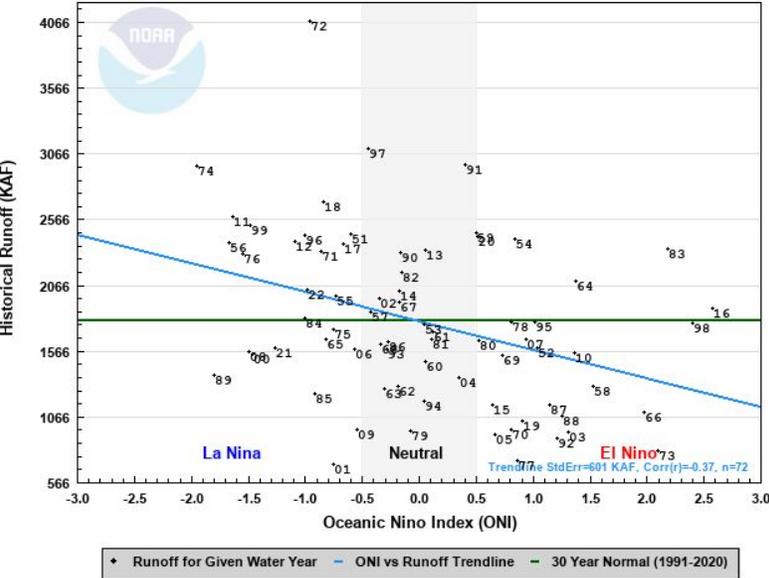
Oceanic Niño Index vs Apr - Sep Runoff Volumes





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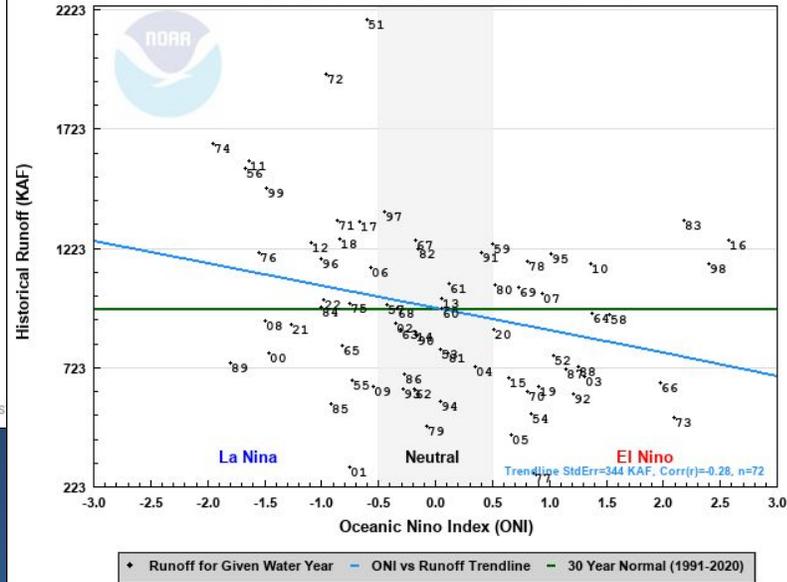
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(OKMW1) OKANOGAN - AT MALOTT (1951-2022)



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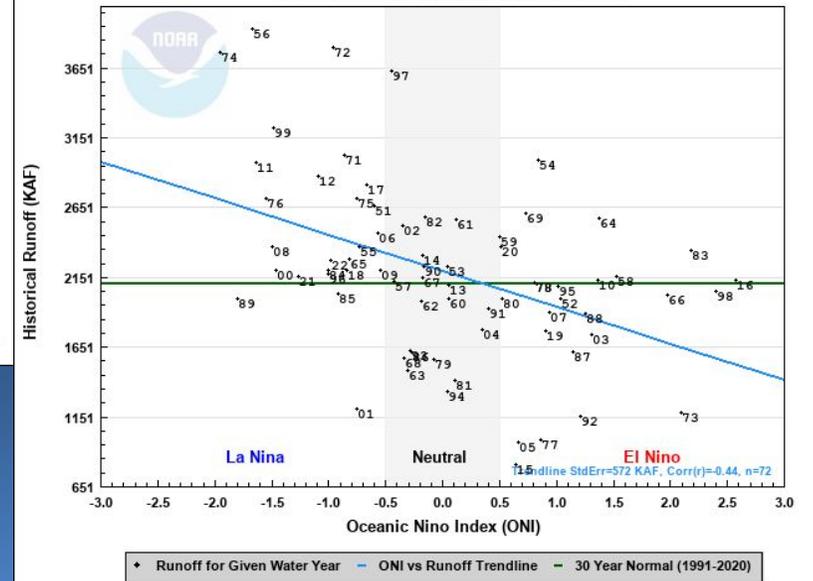
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Monthly Water Supply Briefings

WY2023 Schedule for Live Water Supply Briefings

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
5	2	2	6	4

All presentations held at 10:00 am PST/PDT unless noted otherwise

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