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Friday, Oct 15, 2021 10:00 am | 1 hour 30 minutes | (UTC-

07:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 177 165 6376

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Agenda: The Washington State Water Supply Availability Committee (WSAC) meets periodically to monitor water supply conditions and forecasts for Washington State.

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Start Time	End Time	Duration, min	Description	Presenter
10:00	10:15	15	Welcome & Introductions	Jeff Marti, WDOE
			Regional Climate Perspective -Recent precipitation and temperature	Karin Bumbaco/Nick
10:15	10:30		-Seasonal Forecasts/ENSO	Bond, OWSC
10:30	10:45	15	Mountain Report	Scott Pattee, NRCS
10:45	10:55	10	Streamflow Conditions	Nick Sutfin, USGS Wendy Welch, USGS
10:55	11:05	10	Streamflow Forecasts	Amy Burke, NWRFC Brent Bower, NWS
11:05	11:15	10	Yakima Basin	Chris Lynch, BOR
11:15	11:30	15	Reports from Other Water Managers	All

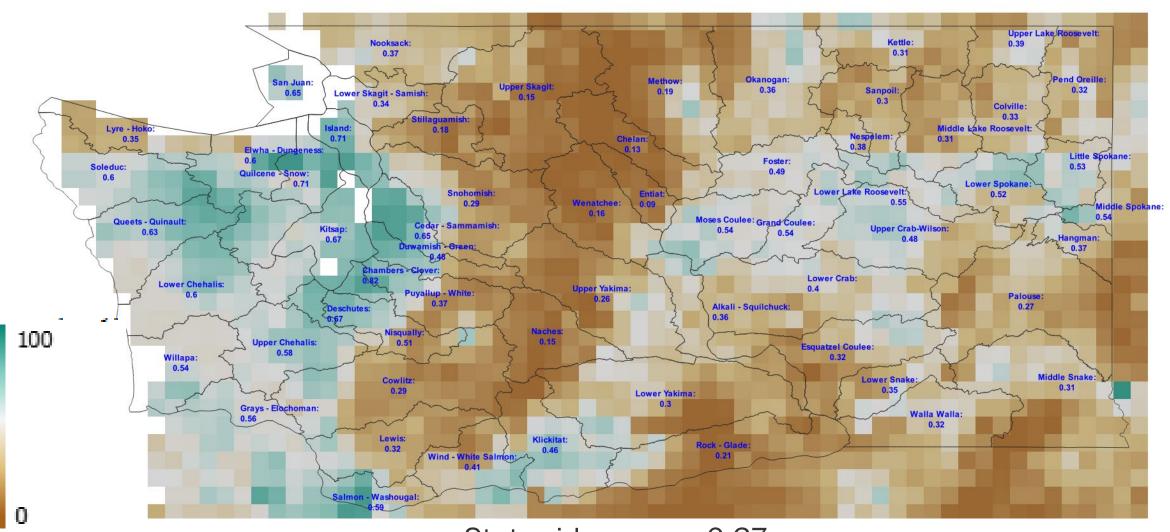
First CoCoRaHs Volunteer? David Douglas, July 1826.

...[T]he thermometer frequently stood from 98 to 106 of Fahr. in the shade, destitute of a screen from the scorching sun. The only thing I might say that renders it superior to the deserts of Arabia is abundance of good water enjoyed in inland voyages. That excepted, there is but little difference.

David Douglas, somewhere upstream from the mouth of the Snake River ~ July 17-24, 1826



Total Moisture Percentile (Not Percent of Normal)

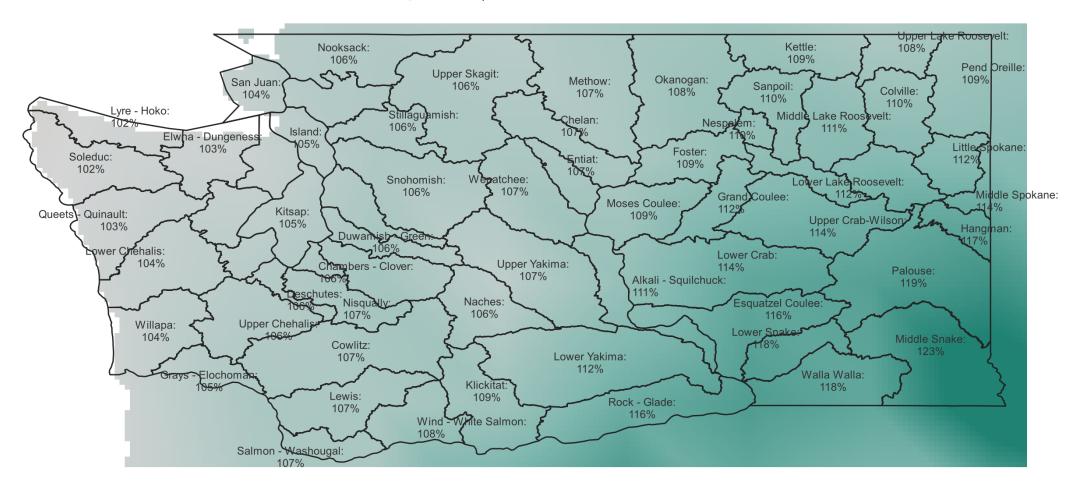


Statewide mean: 0.37

Climate Toolbox. UCLA-VIC 10/04/2021



Total Precipitation Anomaly, Nov 2021 to Jan 2022 Average Multi-model mean from 5 downscaled NMME models - forecast made Oct 8,2021. Adapted from Climate Toolbox.



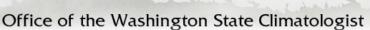




Washington Drought Declaration Areas







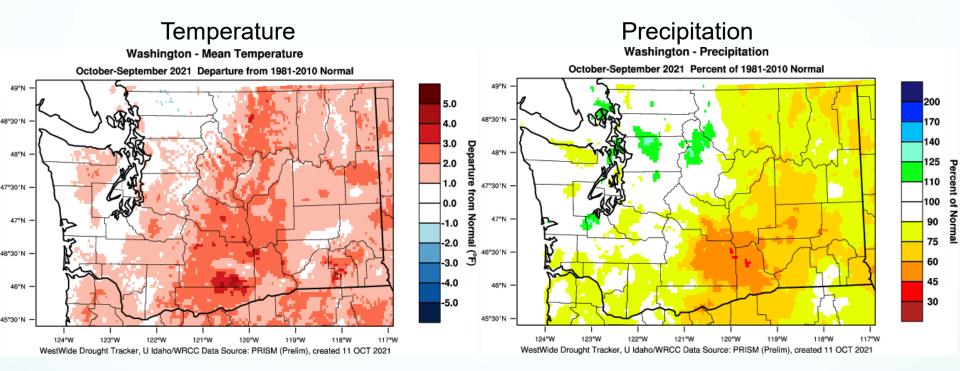




Current Conditions and Seasonal Outlook

Nick Bond & Karin Bumbaco
Office of the Washington State Climatologist
Cooperative Institute for Climate, Ocean, and Ecosystem Studies
University of Washington
15 October 2021

2021 Water Year

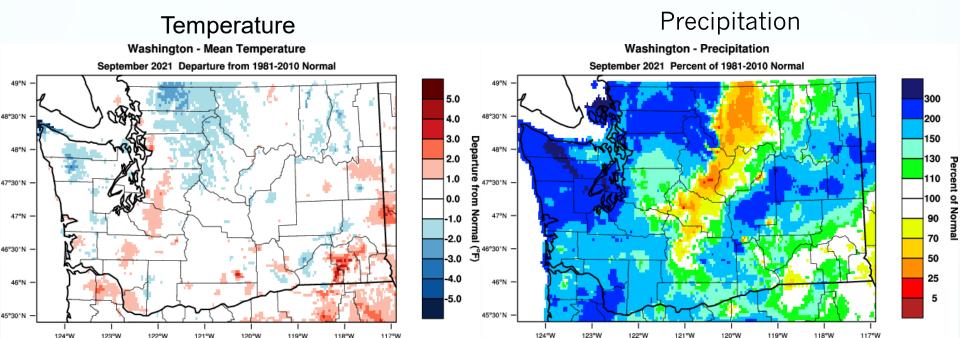


- Averaged statewide, WY 2021 was warmer than normal (+1.7°F), ranking as the 8th warmest*
- Averaged statewide, below normal precipitation for WY 2021 (-3.02")

WY Precipitation County Rankings



September 2021



 Averaged statewide, near-normal temperatures (0.2°F)

WestWide Drought Tracker, U Idaho/WRCC Data Source: PRISM (Prelim), created 11 OCT 2021

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Wetter than normal (+1.51") averaged statewide

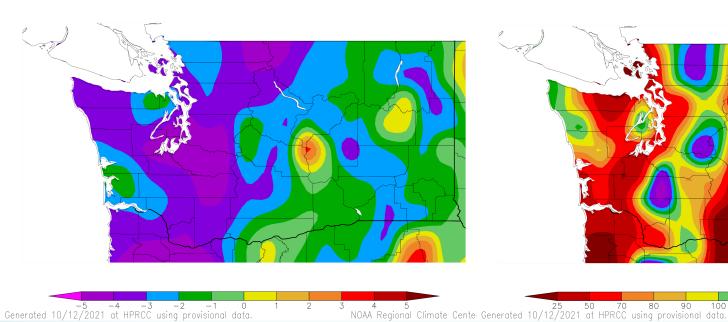
October 2021

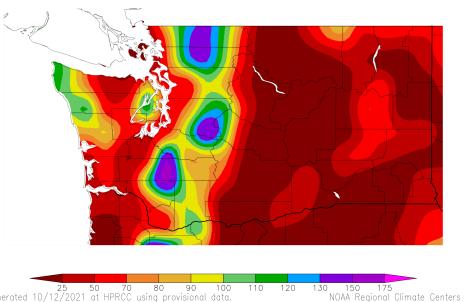
Temperature

Departure from Normal Temperature (F) 10/1/2021 - 10/11/2021

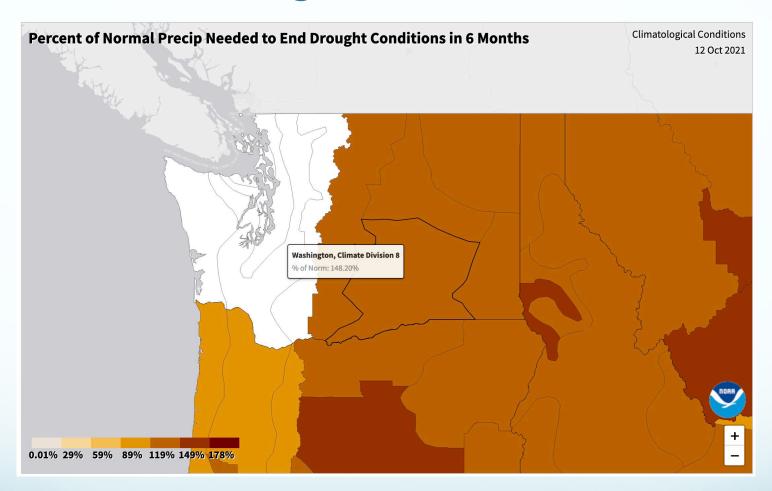
Precipitation

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%) 10/1/2021 - 10/11/2021





NOAA Drought Termination Tool



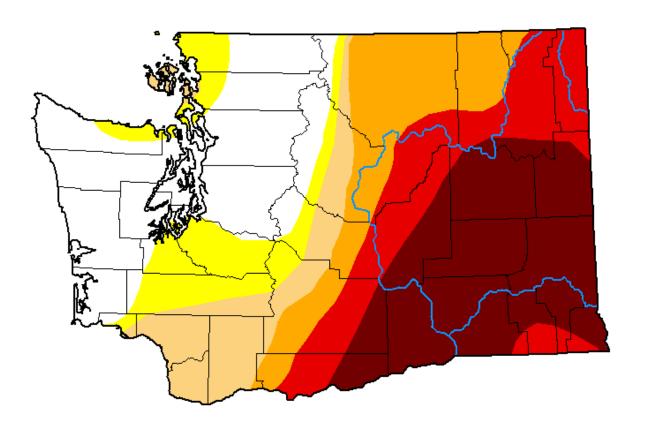
 Probability of drought ending for 4 eastern-most climate divisions is 2-4%

U.S. Drought Monitor

Washington

October 12, 2021

(Released Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021)
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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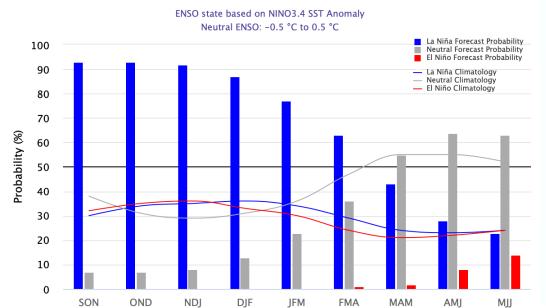






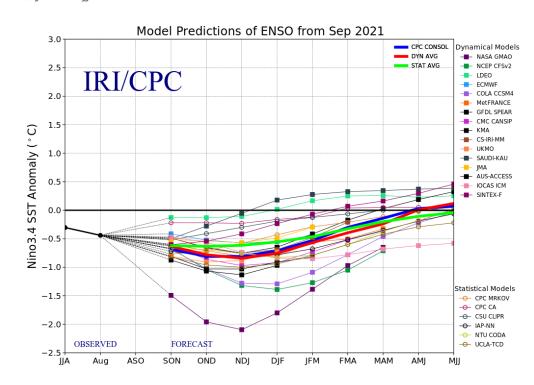
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Early-October 2021 CPC/IRI Official Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

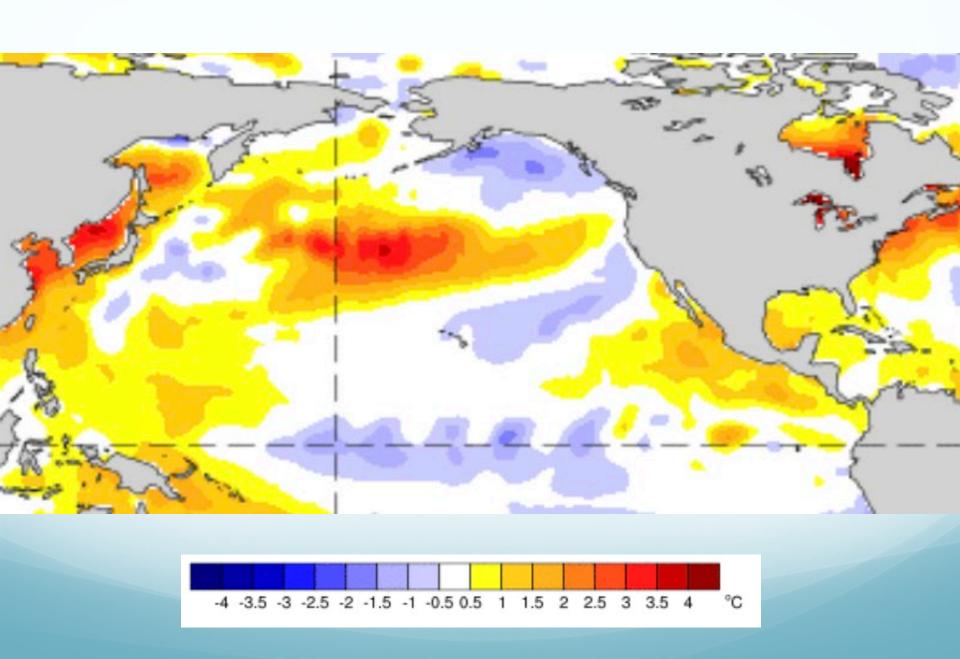


Season

ENSO Predictions



SST Anomalies: 03-09 Oct 2021



WA Statewide Temperature Anomalies (F) during Back-to-Back La Nina Years

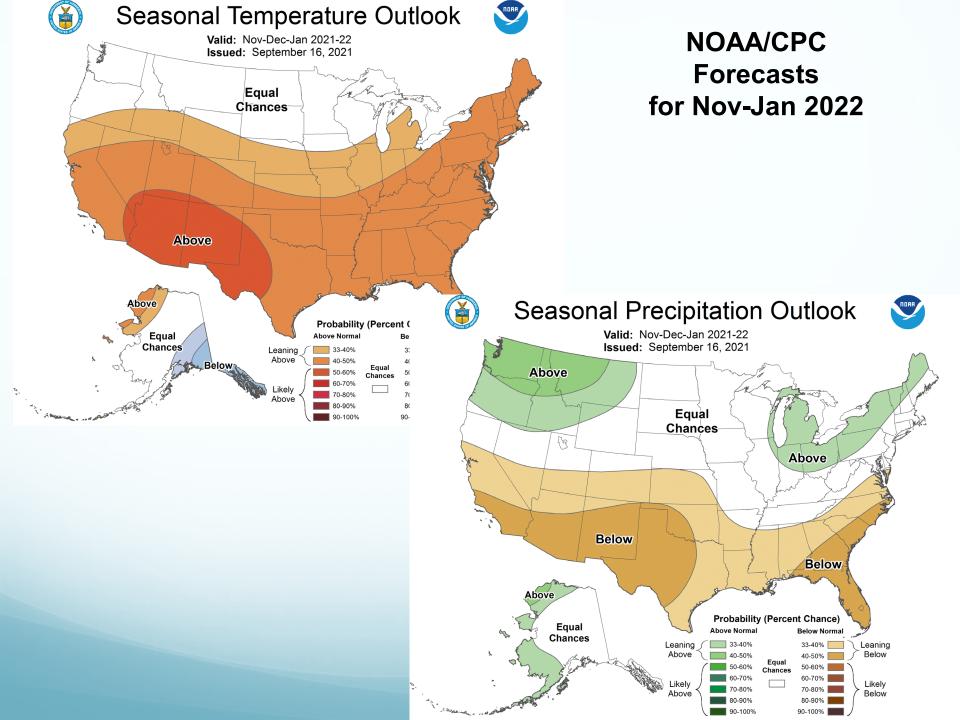
Winter	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
1949-50	0.1	-9.1
1954-55	0.9	-4.8
1970-71	-1.8	-2.2
1998-99	0.3	0.6
2007-08	-1.1	-2.1
2010-11	-0.2	-1.5
2016-17	0.2	-3.7
2020-21	1.3	-0.1
Average	0.0 +/- 1.0	-2.9 +/- 3.1

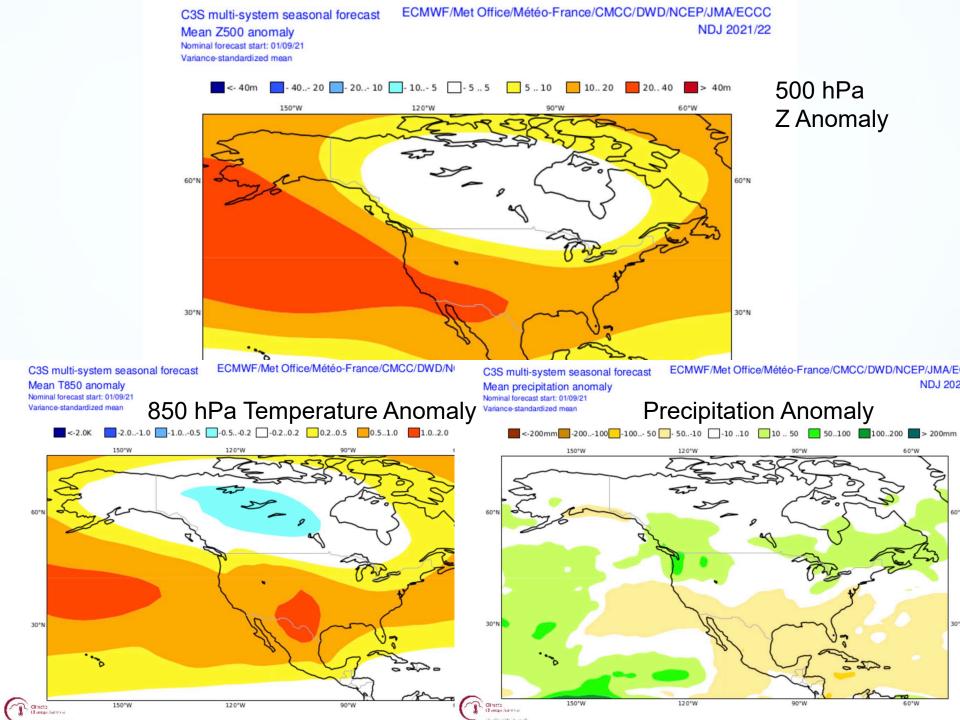
Winter	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
1950-51	0.5	-3.9
1955-56	-4.1	-5.6
1971-72	-2.1	-2.5
1999-00	2.2	-0.5
2008-09	-0.9	-2.6
2011-12	-0.8	-1.1
2017-18	-0.7	0.1
2021-22	?	?
Average	-0.8 +/- 2.0	-2.3 +/- 2.0

WA Statewide Precipitation Anomalies (in.) during Back-to-Back La Nina Years

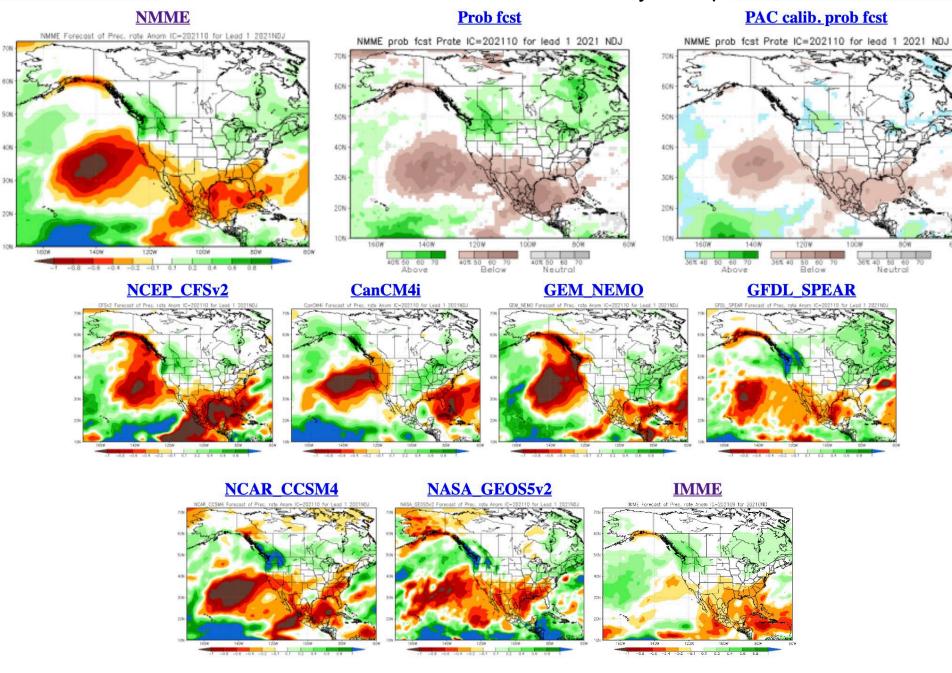
Winter	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
1949-50	1.24	6.35
1954-55	-2.13	-3.31
1970-71	0.47	5.22
1998-99	5.94	6.83
2007-08	-0.08	-1.67
2010-11	0.85	3.29
2016-17	5.17	4.20
2020-21	-0.48	0.39
Average	1.4 +/- 2.8	2.7 +/- 3.8

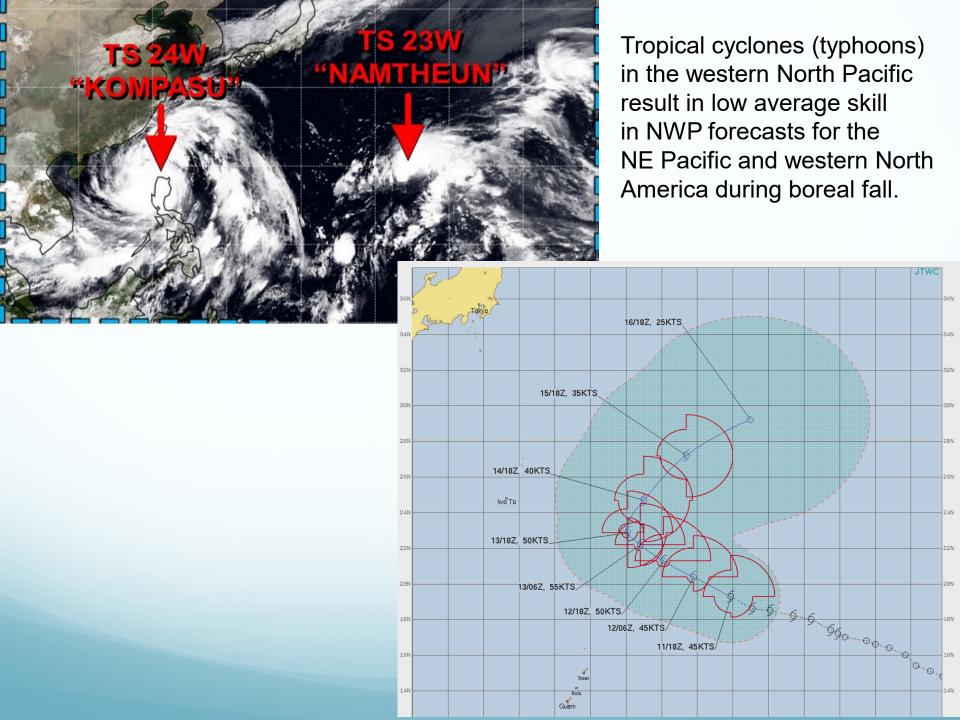
Winter	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
1950-51	5.67	4.12
1955-56	8.14	3.43
1971-72	0.13	6.46
1999-00	1.94	-0.83
2008-09	-2.01	-2.04
2011-12	-4.28	3.84
2017-18	2.09	0.28
2021-22	?	?
Average	1.7 +/- 4.3	2.2 +/- 3.1





November – January Precipitation Anomalies

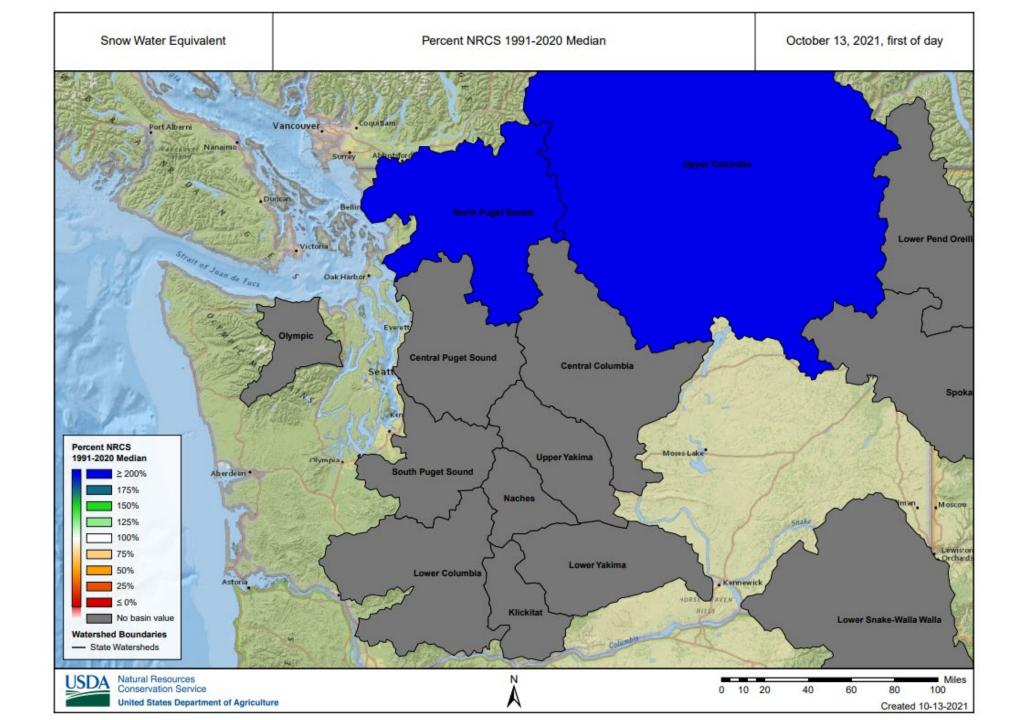




Summary

- The wet season is getting off to a decent start
- There is a long way to go in terms catching up on precipitation, particularly east of the Cascades
- It is likely that La Nina will kick in later this calendar year; the autumn of the 2nd of back-to-back La Nina years tends to be wet. Be a hero and adopt a storm drain.
- No, the OWSC is not in the pocket of the ski resort industry...



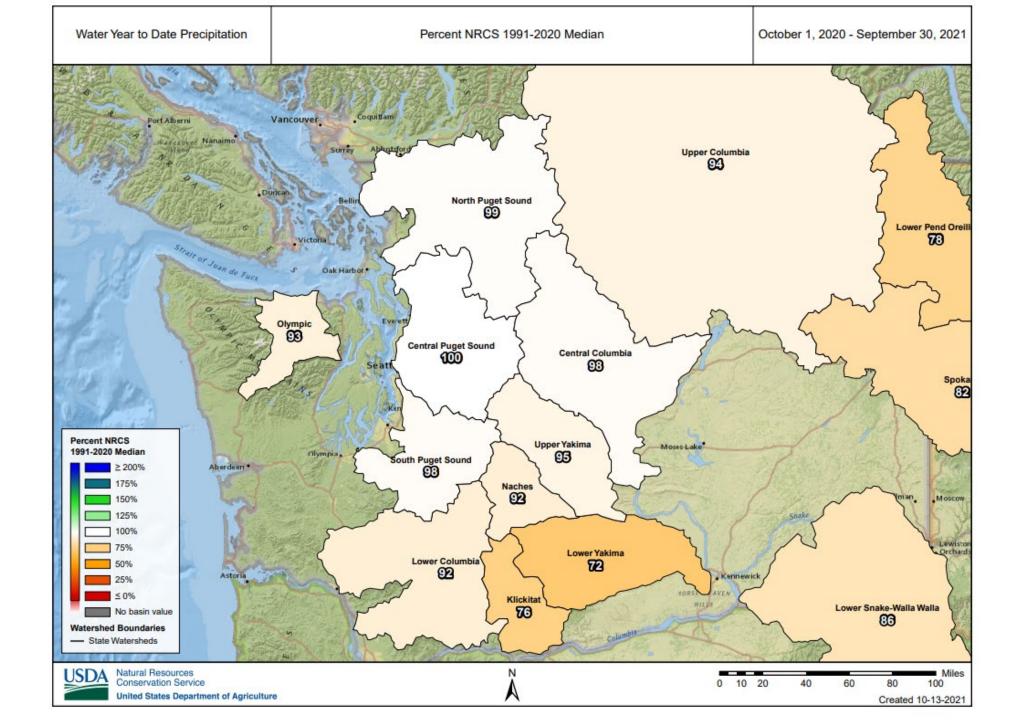


UPPER COLUMB	IA						
Swamp Creek	3930	0.2	0.0(21)	*	0.6	1.0(21)	60
Gold Mountain	4390	0.0	N/A	*	0.1	N/A	*
Salmon Meadows	4460	0.0	0.0	*	0.1	0.2	50
Muckamuck	4470	0.0	N/A	*	-M	N/A	*
Sentinel Butte	4680	0.2	0.0(17)	*	-М	0.2(17)	*
Rainy Pass	4890	0.0	0.0	*	0.4	1.1	36
Moses Mtn	5010	0.0	0.0(29)	*	0.1	0.2(29)	50
Gold Axe Camp	5360	0.3	0.0(10)	*	0.0	0.2(10)	0
Harts Pass	6490	0.4	0.1	400*	0.4	1.4	29
Basin Index (%	Basin Index (%)			1100*			39

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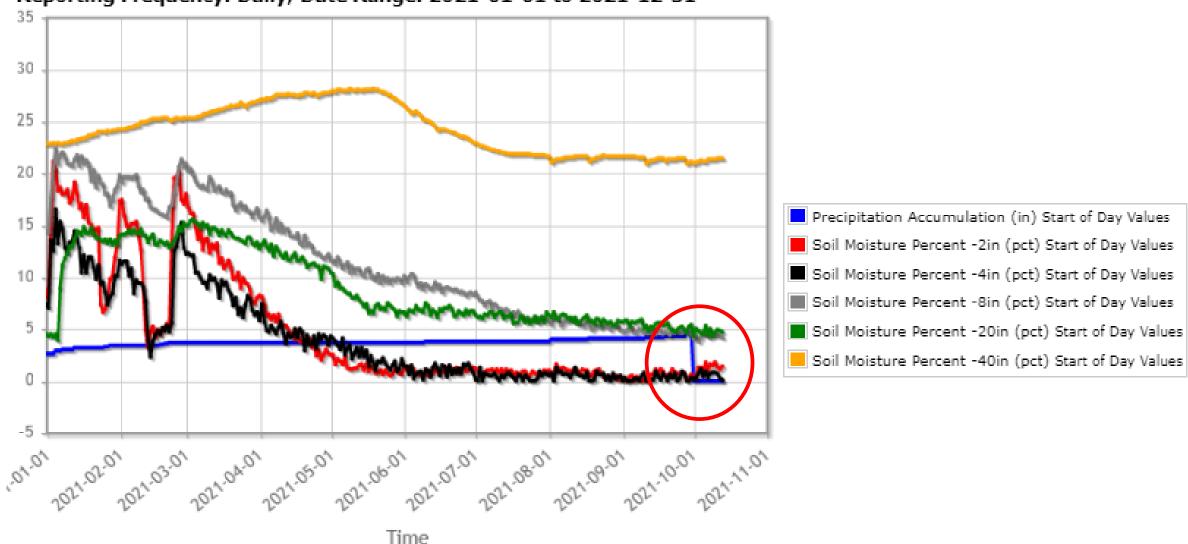
NORTH PUGET	SOUN	D					
Hozomeen Camp	1690	-M	N/A	*	0.6	1.0(20)	60
Elbow Lake	3040	0.4	0.0(25)	*	3.7	4.5(25)	82
Marten Ridge	3520	0.3	0.0(14)	*	4.4	4.0(14)	110
Beaver Pass	3630	0.2	0.0(19)	*	1.4	2.2(19)	64
Swamp Creek	3930	0.2	0.0(21)	*	0.6	1.0(21)	60
Wells Creek	4030	0.2	0.0(25)	*	2.4	2.1(25)	114
Thunder Basin	4320	0.2	0.0	*	1.3	1.8	72
Rainy Pass	4890	0.0	0.0	*	0.4	1.1	36
MF Nooksack	4970	0.7	0.0(18)	*	3.1	3.2(18)	97
Easy Pass	5270	0.9	0.0(11)	*	-М	N/A	*
Brown Top	5830	0.8	0.0(11)	*	-М	N/A	*
Lyman Lake	5980	1.4	0.0	*	1.2	2.0	60
Harts Pass	6490	0.4	0.1	400*	0.4	1.4	29
Basin Index (%			5700*			80	



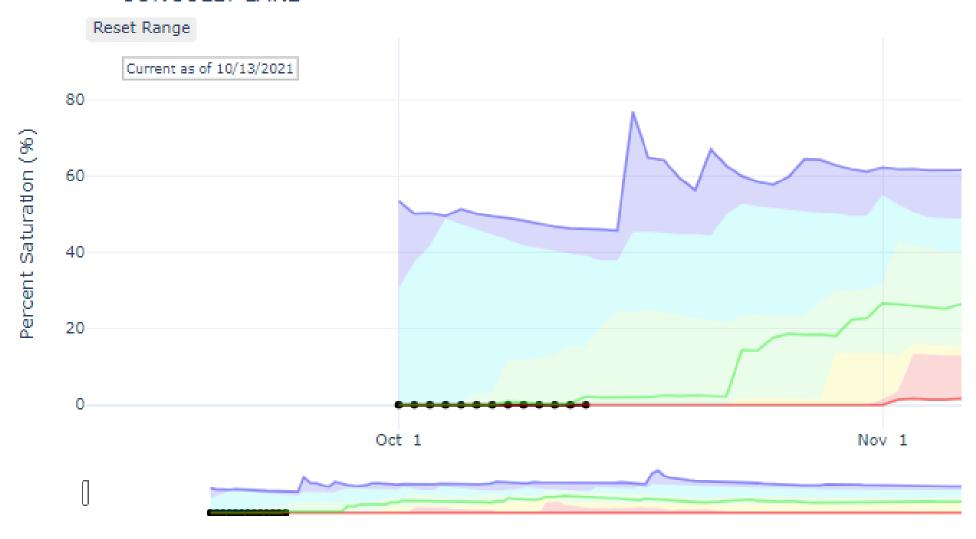




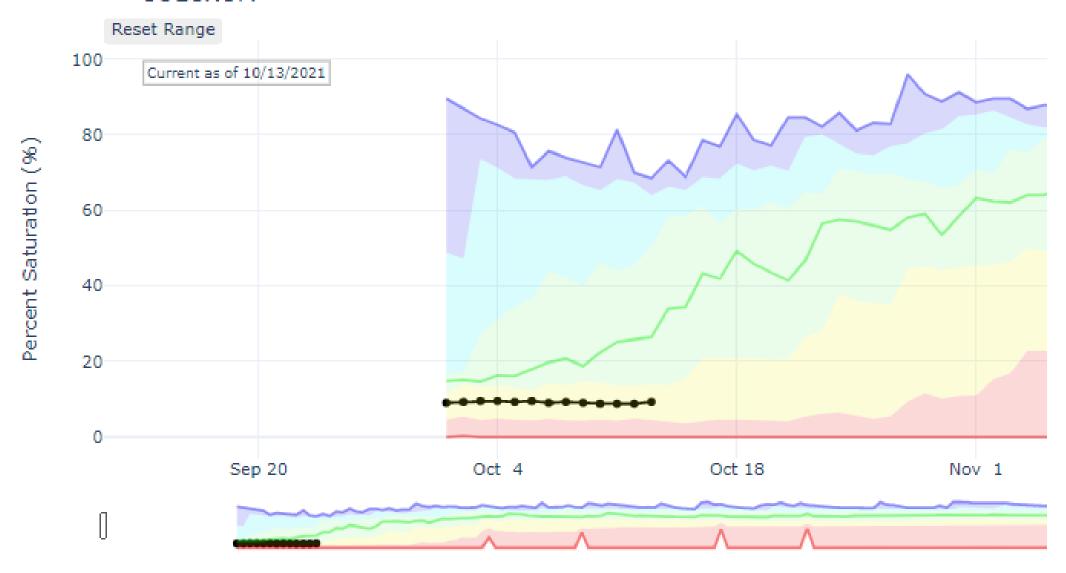
Lind #1 (2021) Washington SCAN Site - 1640 ft Reporting Frequency: Daily; Date Range: 2021-01-01 to 2021-12-31



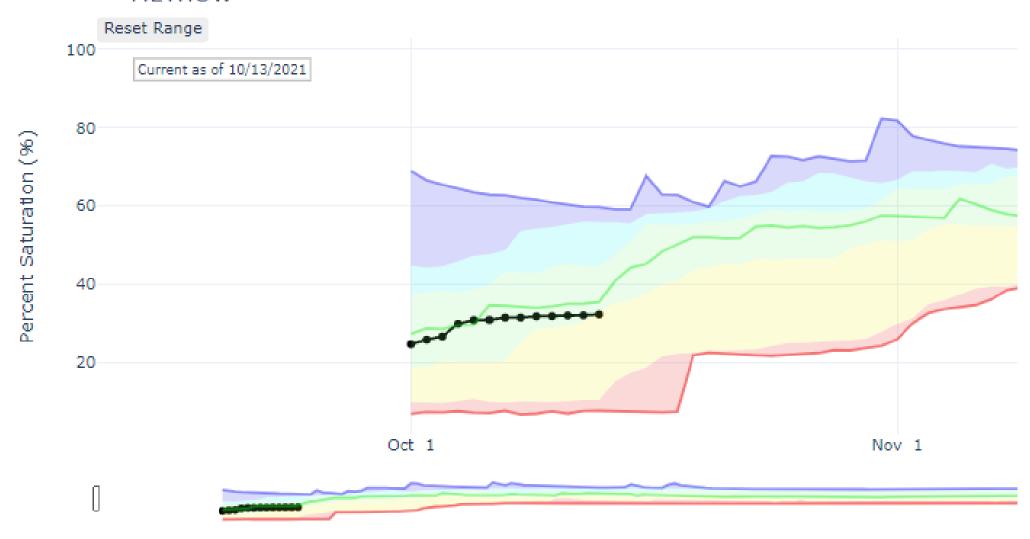
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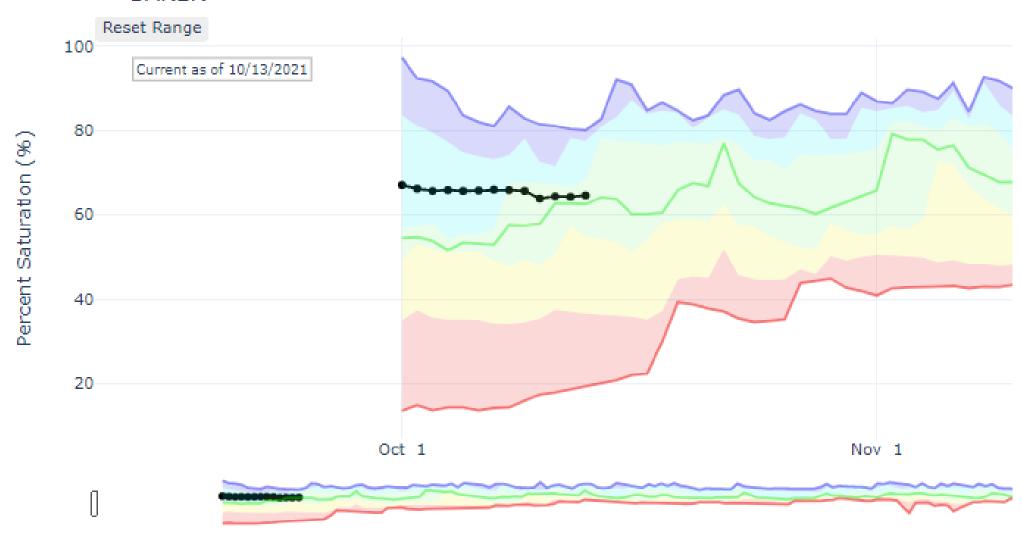
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DEPTH AVERAGED SOIL SATURATION IN COWLITZ



DEPTH AVERAGED SOIL SATURATION IN BAKER

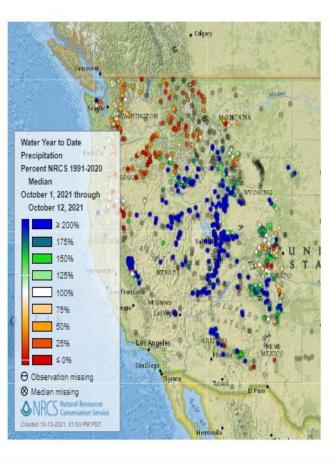


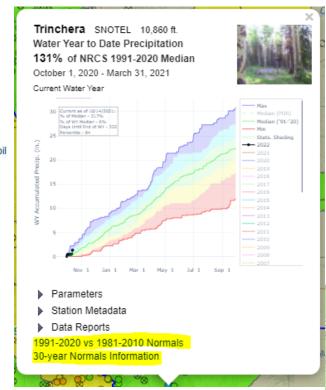


Welcome to the National Water and Climate Center

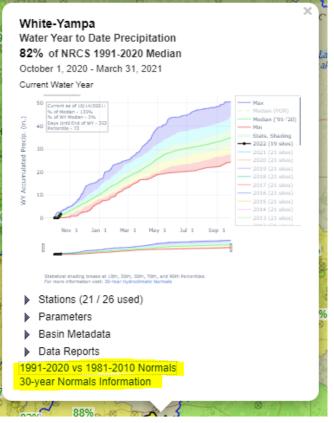
As part of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the National Water and Climate Center supports the Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program and Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN) Pilot Program for the U.S.

Current Conditions: Precipitation | Streamflow | Snow Water Equivalent





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Snow & Climate Monitoring > 30-Year Normals

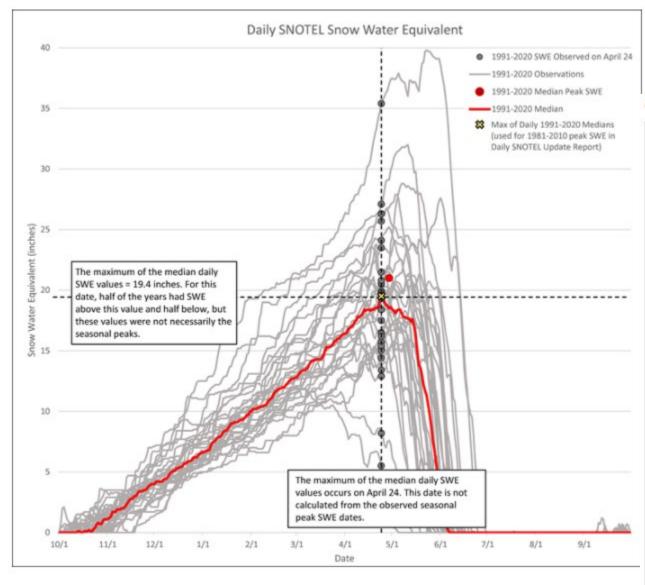
1991-2020 Climatic and Hydrologic Normals

The Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting (SSWSF) normals are site-specific measures of central tendency (either the median or average) for a data type, such as snow water equivalent (SWE). The statistics are calculated over a 30-year period and updated each decade, in agreement with World Meteorological Organization (WMO) standards. This 30-year reference period was chosen to characterize the current hydroclimatology at each station. The most recent medians and averages have been updated to include data for the water years 1991-2020. The National Water and Climate Center (NWCC) also provides medians and averages for the 1981-2010 and 1971-2000 reference periods for stations with sufficient data.

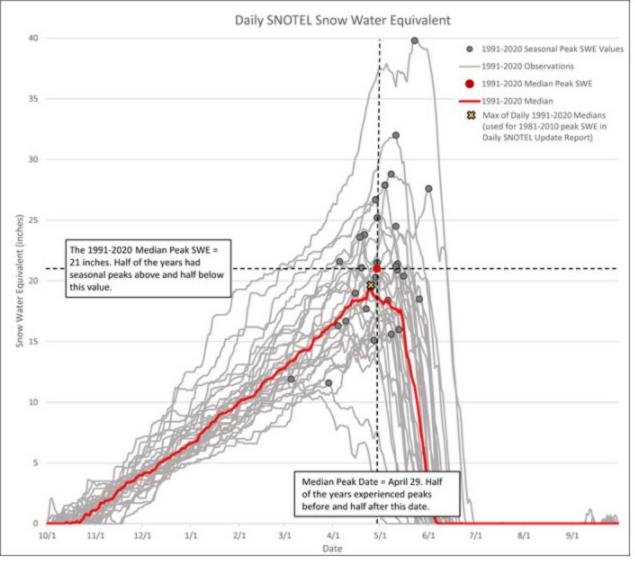
The normals available from the NWCC include the median and average for SWE, snow depth (snow courses only), precipitation, volumetric streamflow, and reservoir storage. Values are calculated from data collected by NRCS-managed stations and external agencies such as the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), National Weather Service (NWS), state agencies, and private organizations. Normals are calculated for various durations including daily, month-to-date, semi-monthly, monthly, seasonal, and annual based on the data type.



Old Method for Calculating 1981-2010 Median Peak SWE



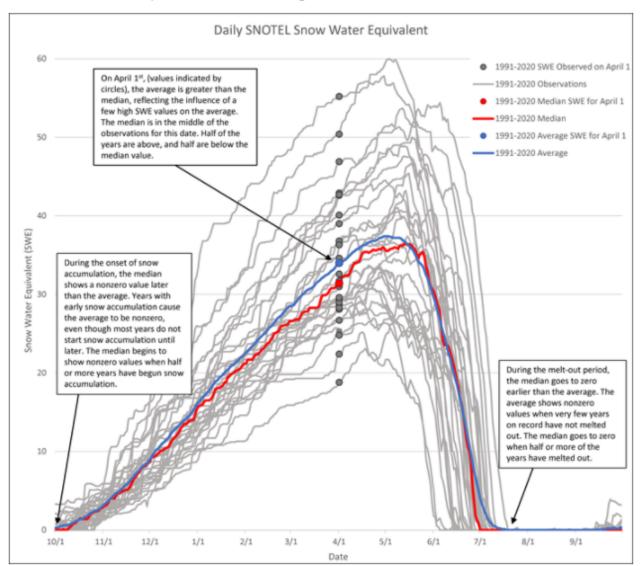
New Method for Calculating 1991-2020 Median Peak SWE



Median vs. Average

The median is the middle point for a range of observations, and it may differ from the average for the same dataset. Because the median skew the distribution of the observations. Many stations collecting hydroclimatic data are prone to these extreme events, where a few high half have been less during the reference period. The median also remains a valid measure of central tendency for datasets that have no

1991-2020 Median SWE compared to the 1991-2020 Average



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1991-2020 Normals Overview

Calculation Methods

Differences Between 1991-2020 and Previous Normals

Median vs. Average

Retrieving 1991-2020 Normals

Retrieving 1991-2020 Normals

NRCS normals are available from several NWCC applications. Following are some of the primary sources for retrieving these data interest.

Select a state and element type to display the monthly 1991-2020 Climatic and Hydrologic Medians and Averages.

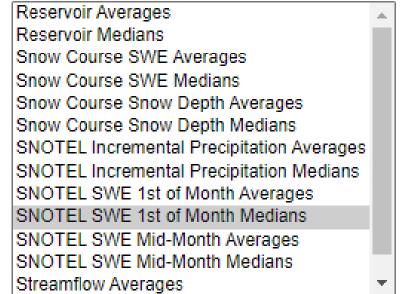
Reports

Select a state and type of Normal to display the 1991-2020 data.

Select State

Alaska Arizona California Colorado Idaho Montana Nevada New Mexico Oregon South Dakota Utah Washington Wyoming

Select Type of Monthly Normals



View Normals

Note: The report contains a title with a time period of "Oct 1990 to Sept 1991" and a column labelled "Water Year" with an entry of "1991." These are artifacts of the Report Generator software and should be ignored.

Report Generator 2.0

View Station Information

Create/Modify Report	View Report	Report Details
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Reporting Frequency: Semimonthly; Date Range: Oct 1990 to Sep 1991

(As of: Wed Oct 13 13:26:59 GMT-08:00 2021)
Provisional data, subject to revision

			Jan 1st Half	Jan 2nd Half	Feb 1st Half	Feb 2nd Half	Mar 1st Half	Mar 2nd Half	Apr 1st Half	-
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21B48	Alpine Meadow	1991			70		90		92	
17A07	Baird #2	1991			25		28		20	
21A04	Beaver Creek Trail	1991	22		34		40		28	
21A01	Beaver Pass	1991	44		59		68		71	
19A24	Bonaupart South	1991							20	
17A02	Boyer Mountain	1991			52		56		57	
21A28	Brown Top Ridge AM	1991	91		119		134		145	
19A20	Browns Pass	1991			14		17		4	
21C36	Bumping Lake New	1991	24		42		46		36	
17A08	Chewelah 2	1991			44		48		50	
21803	City Cabin	1991			18		24		12	
20A22	Cloudy Pass AM	1991			97		108		134	

Washington SNOTEL Snow/Precipitation Update Report

Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites

Provisional data, subject to revision

Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00) for Wednesday, October 13, 2021

		Snow Water Equivalent			Water Year-to-Date Precipitation		
Basin Site Name	Elev (ft)	Current (in)	Median (in)	Pct of Median	Current (in)	Median (in)	Pct of Median
Site Name	(IL)	(1117)	(111)	Mediali	(111)	()	Median
SPOKANE							
Sherwin	3200	0.0	0.0	*	-M	0.6	*
Ragged Mountain	4210	-М	0.0(14)	*	-M	0.6(14)	*
Humboldt Gulch	4250	0.0	0.0	*	0.5	0.8	62
Mica Creek	4510	0.0	0.0	*	0.4	0.9	44
Quartz Peak	4700	0.0	0.0	*	0.1	0.6	17
Lookout	5190	0.0	0.0	*	0.2	0.9	22
Mosquito Ridge	5260	0.2	0.0	*	0.1	0.8	12
Sunset	5540	0.0	0.0	*	0.7	1.0	70
Lost Lake	6110	0.3	0.0	*	0.2	1.0	20
Basin Index (%	b)			*			37
LOWER PEND O	REIL	LE					
Quartz Peak	4700	0.0	0.0	*	0.1	0.6	17
Bunchgrass Mdw	5000	0.4	0.0	*	-M	0.8	*
Hidden Lake	5040	0.9	0.0(20)	*	0.7	1.5(20)	47
Mosquito Ridge	5260	0.2	0.0	*	0.1	0.8	12
Schweitzer Basin	6090	0.0	0.0	*	0.1	0.8	12
Basin Index (%	b)			*			27
UPPER COLUME	RTA						
Swamp Creek	3930	0.2	0.0(21)	*	0.6	1.0(21)	60
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Harts Pass	6490	0.4	0.1	400*	0.4	1.4	29
Basin Index (%	2)			1100*			39

-M = Missing data.

* = Analysis may not provide a valid measure of conditions.

N/A = Not available.

Footnotes for median and average:

(##) = If less than 30 years are available, this value specifies the number of years used for the median and average calculations.

Sites with less than 10 years available do not have medians or averages.

If the Basin Index (%) percent value is flagged as potentially invalid,

care should be taken to evaluate if the value is representative

of conditions in the basin.

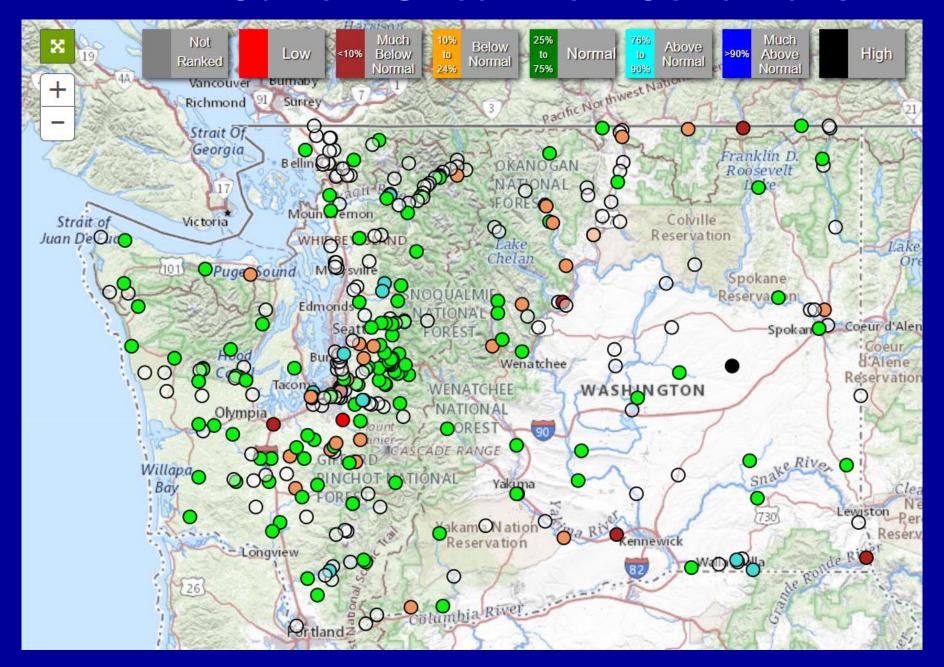
Streamflow Conditions in Washington State as of October 14, 2021

Presented
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on
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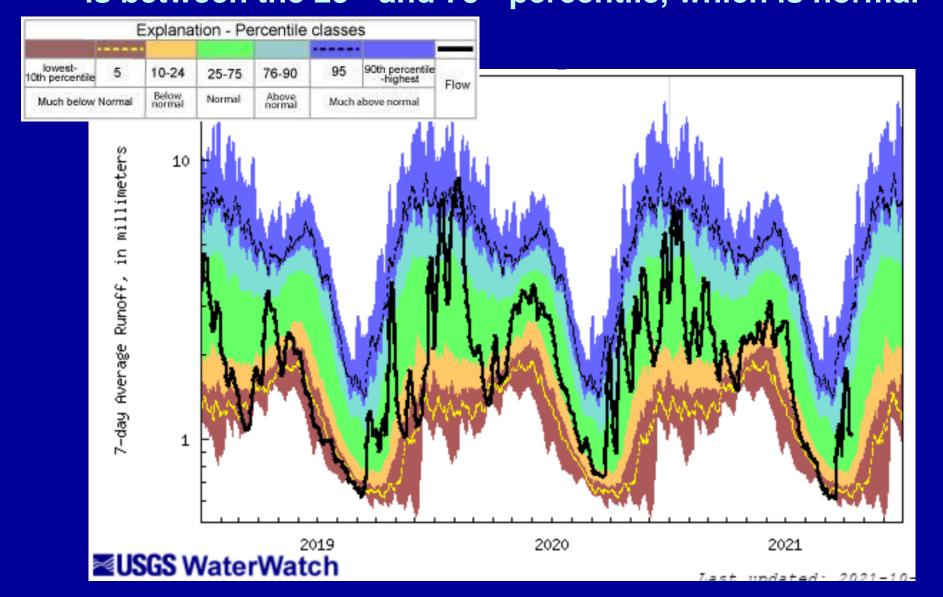
by <u>Nicholas Sutfin</u>



WA Current Streamflow Conditions

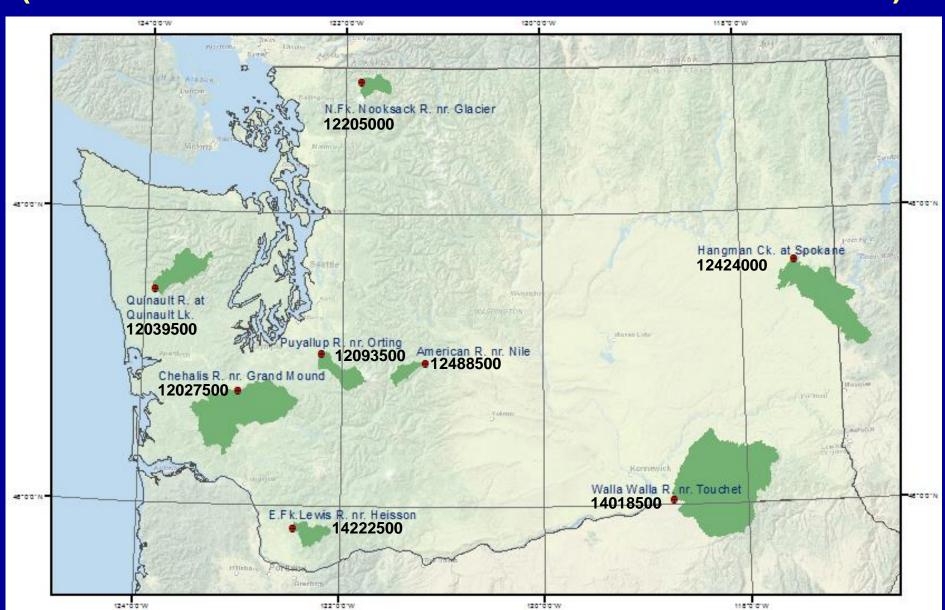


Duration Hydrograph, Washington State 7-day Average Streamflow (as of Oct. 14, 2021) is between the 25th and 75th percentile, which is normal

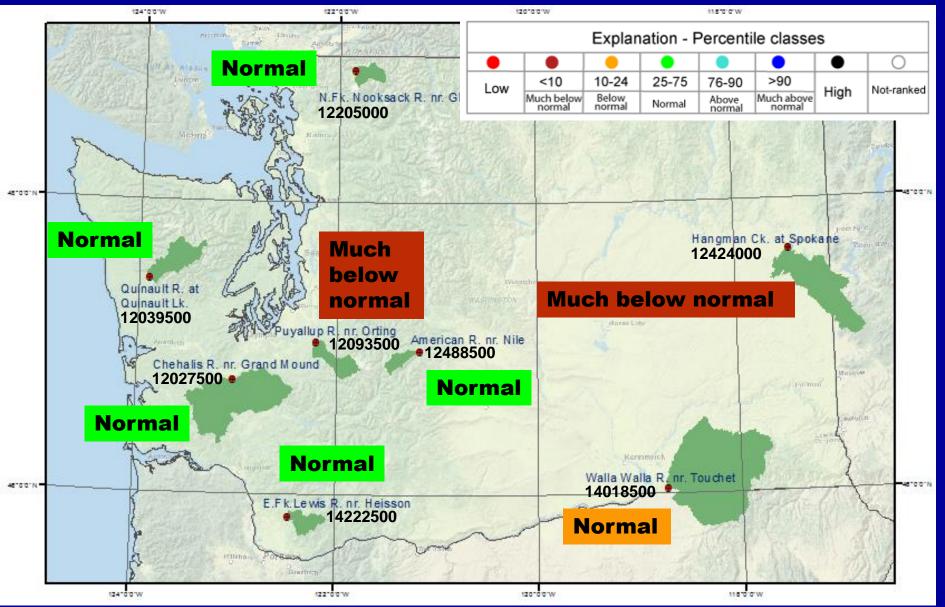


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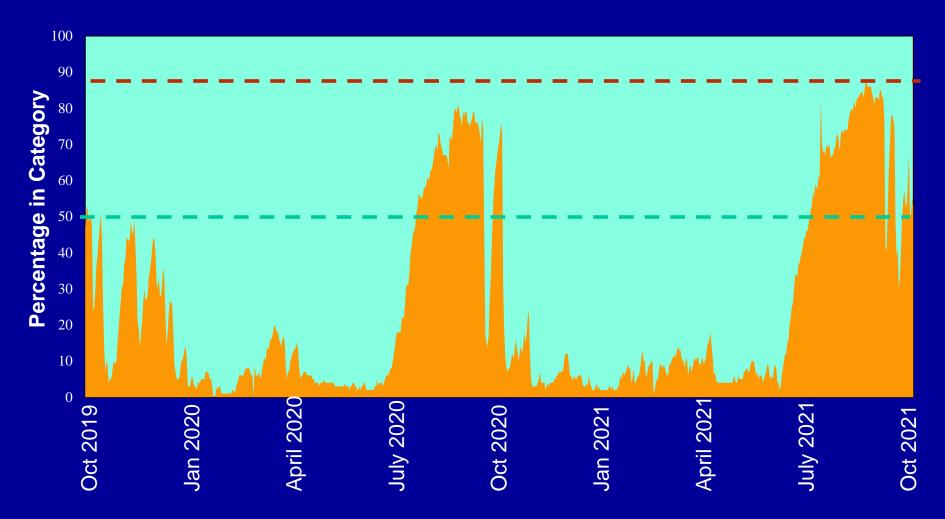
(Stations that measure natural or near-natural streamflow)



Index Gaging Stations, 7-day average streamflow (as of Oct 14, 2021)

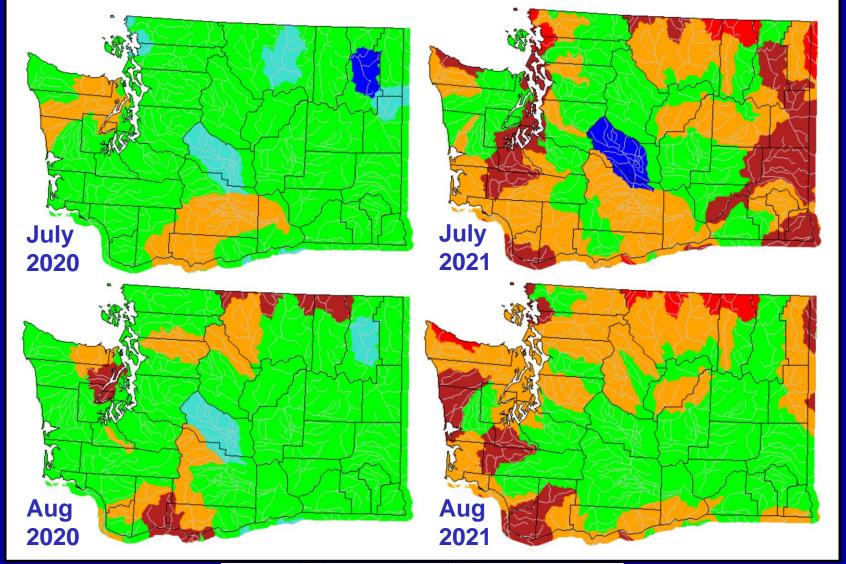


Daily streamflow in Washington Rivers compared to historical streamflow, Oct. 01, 2019 – Oct. 14, 2021





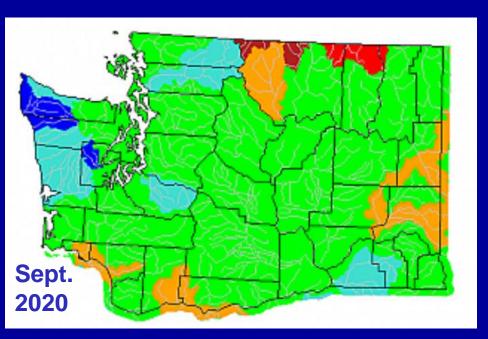
Average July & Aug. Streamflow 2020 & 2021

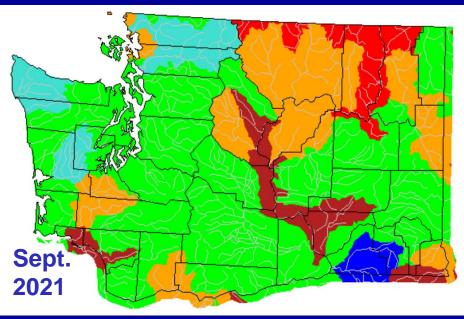




	Explan	ation -	Percent	ile class	ses		
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	Lligh	
Low	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	High	

Average Sept. Streamflow 2020 and 2021

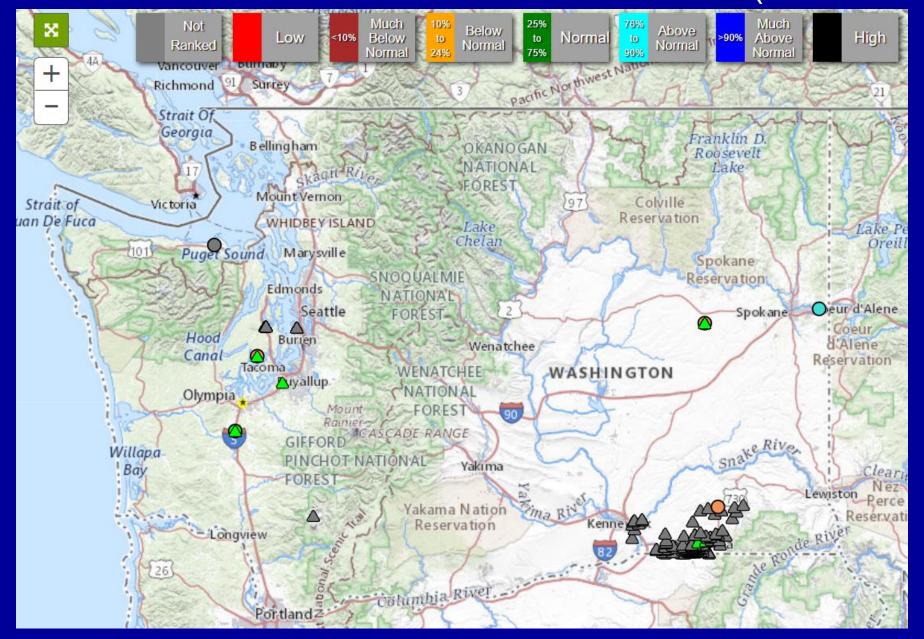




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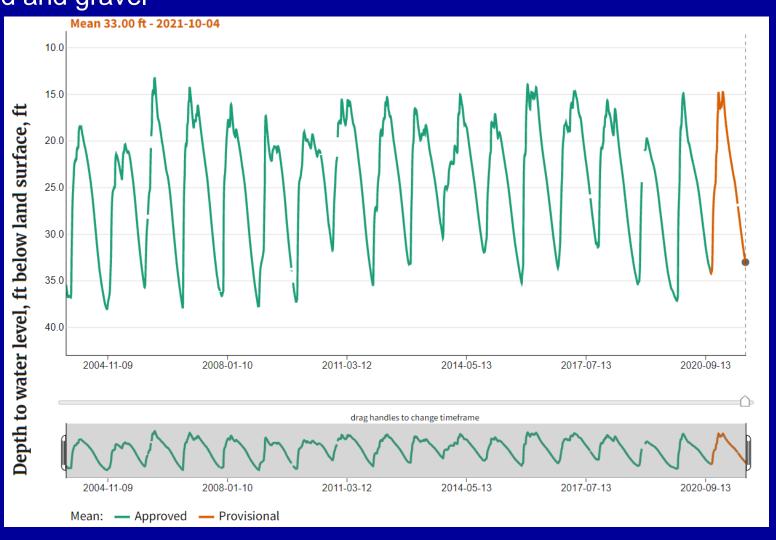
WA Current Groundwater Conditions (Oct. 15th)



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Scatter Creek well (465033122570202) in Thurston Co. (16N/02W-29L02P2)

- 82-ft deep
- Sand and gravel



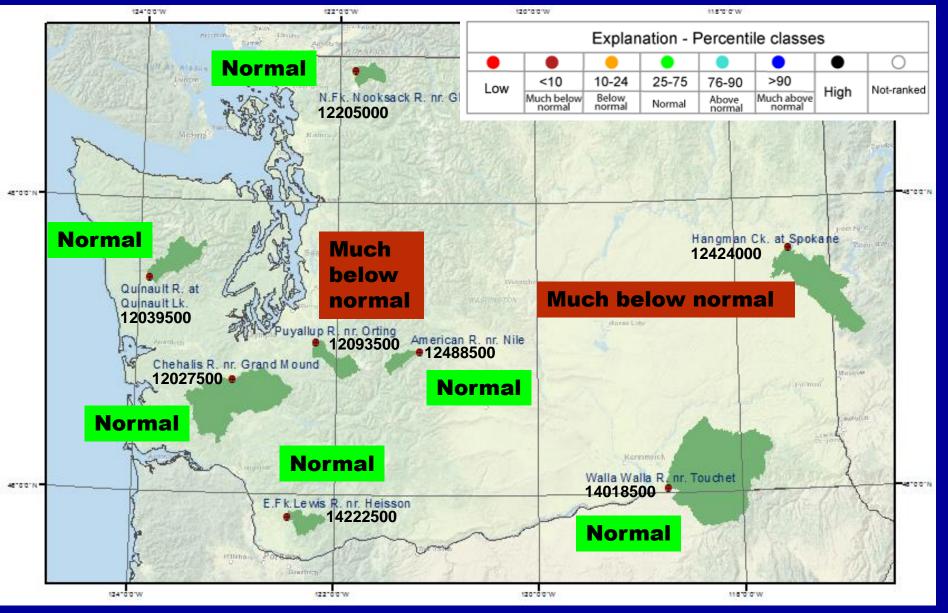
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Davenport well (473442118162201) in Thurston Co. (24N/36E-16A01)

- 117-ft deep
- Wanapum Basalt



Index Gaging Stations, 7-day average streamflow (as of Oct 14, 2021)



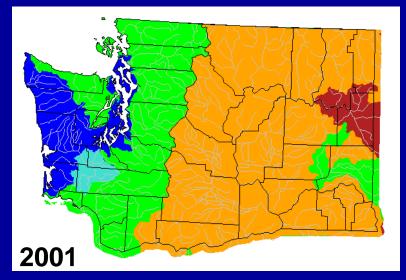
Summary Streamflow Conditions as of October 14, 2021

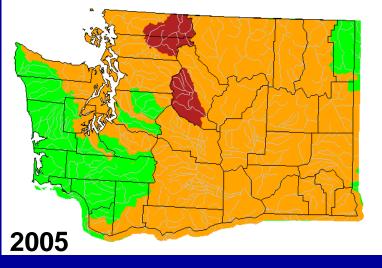
- 7-day average streamflow statewide is normal (between the 25th and 75th percentile). Much below normal (<10th percentile) conditions are present in parts of the central and eastern WA.
- 7-day average streamflow at eight index gaging stations:
 - West side:
 - Chehalis River nr. Grand Mound and EF Lewis River Normal
 - Quinault River Normal
 - Puyallup River nr. Orting and NF Nooksack River Much below normal
 - East side:
 - Hangman Creek Much below normal
 - Walla Walla River and American River Normal
- Index groundwater sites:
 - Davenport well (east) Normal
 - Scatter Creek well (west) Normal

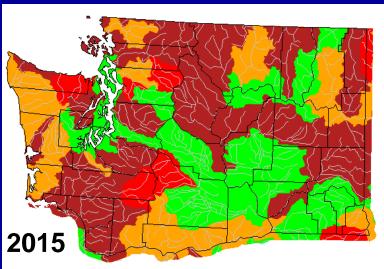


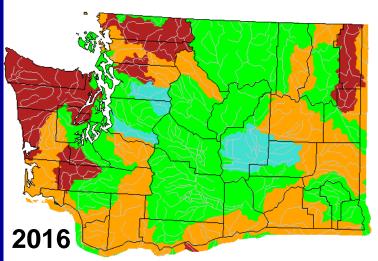
Average August 2001, 05, 15 & 16 Streamflow

(2001, 05 & 15 were years of statewide drought in Washington)







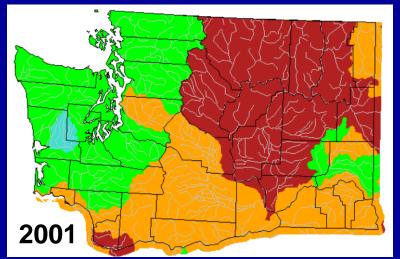


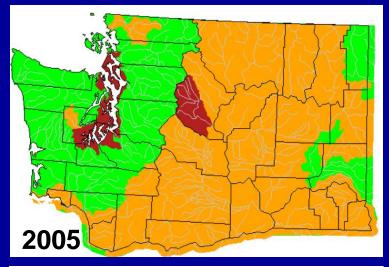


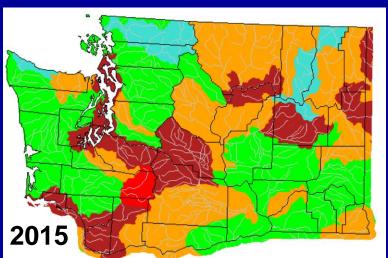
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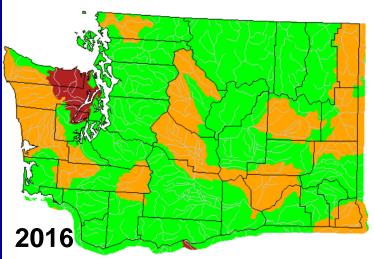
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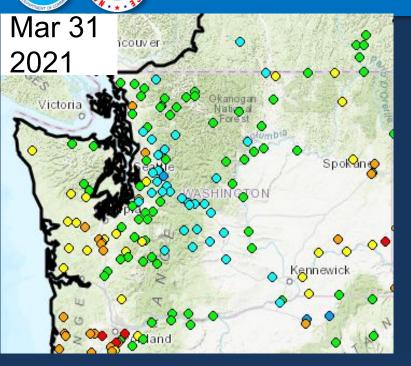


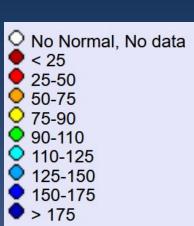


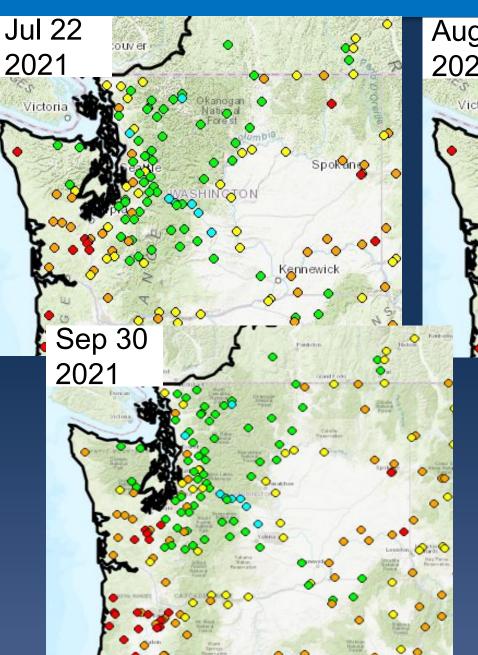
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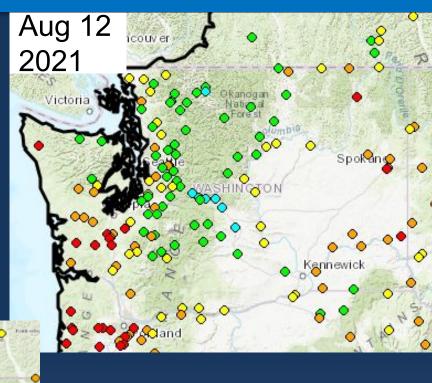


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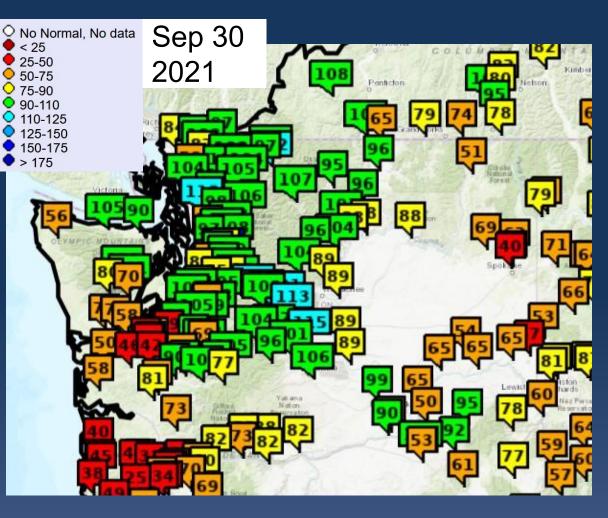








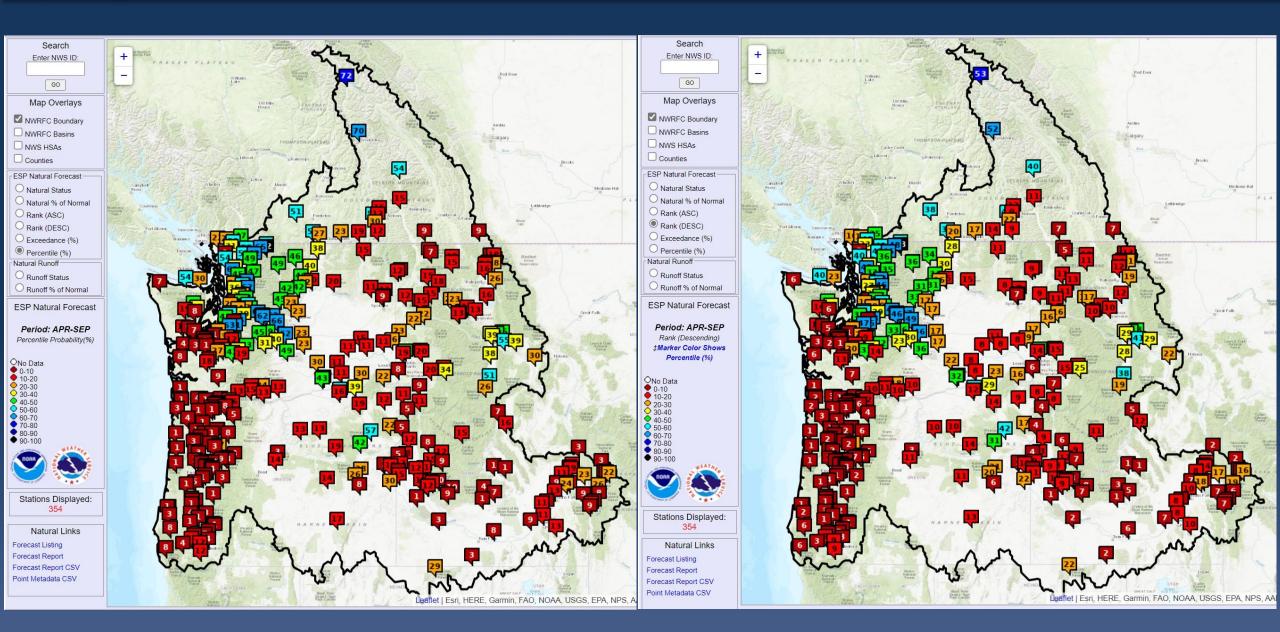
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Dungeness nr Sequim	96	90	-6
Chehalis at Porter	68	56	-12
Okanogan at Malott	96	88	-8
Methow nr Pateros	102	94	-8
Yakima at Parker	108	102	-6
Walla Walla nr Touchet	85	45	-40



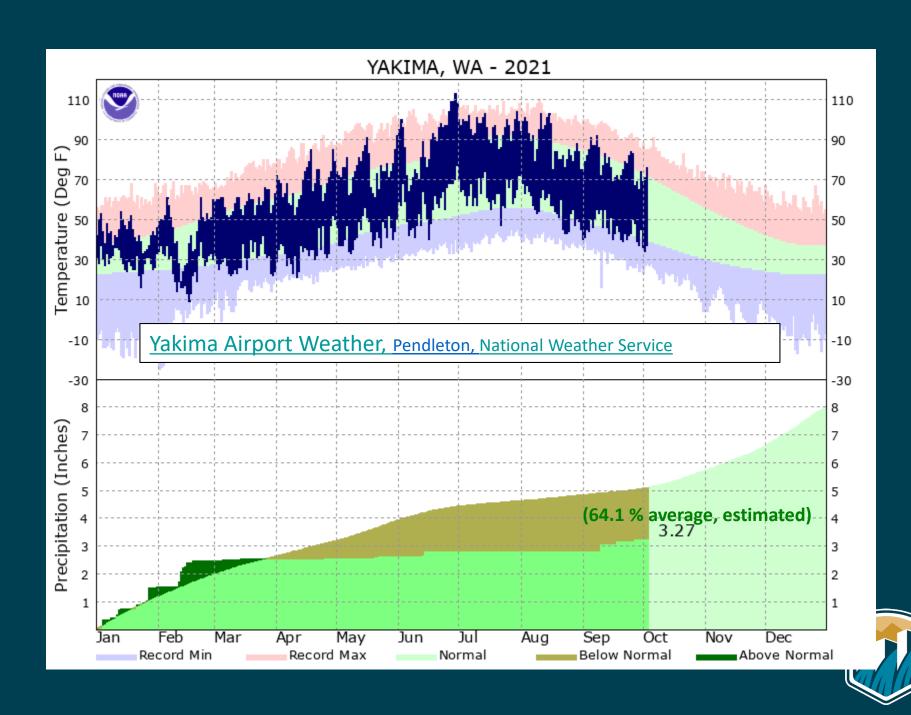
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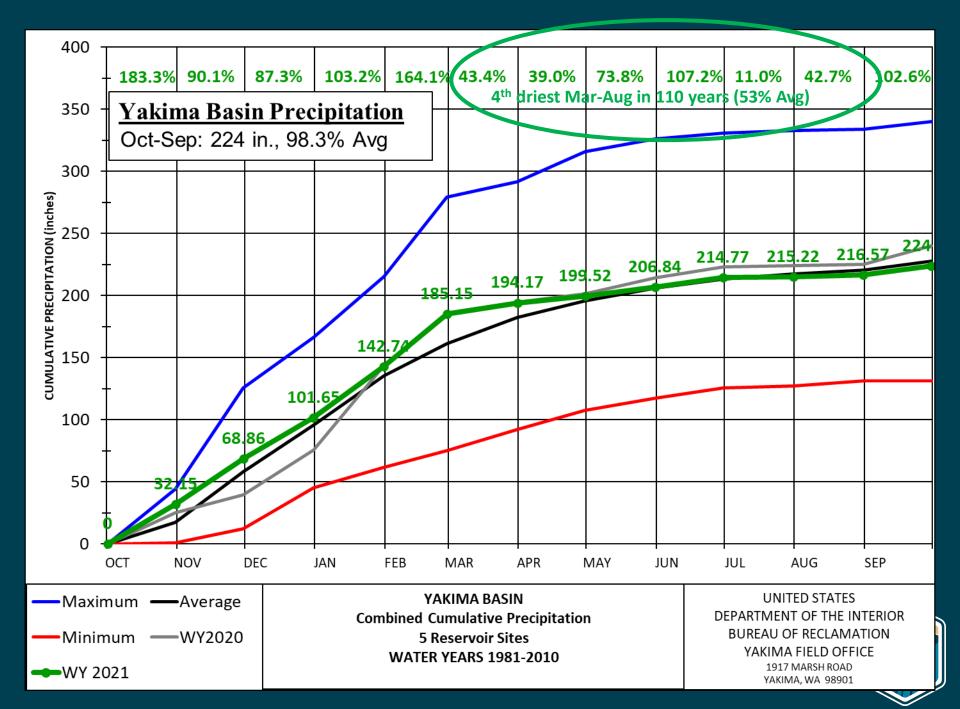


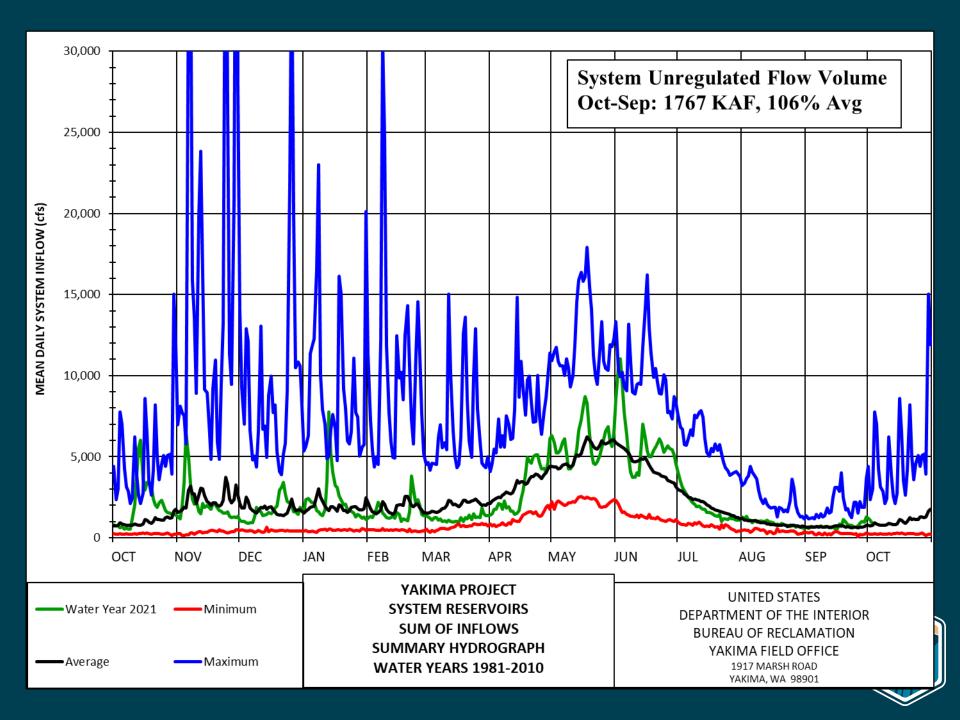


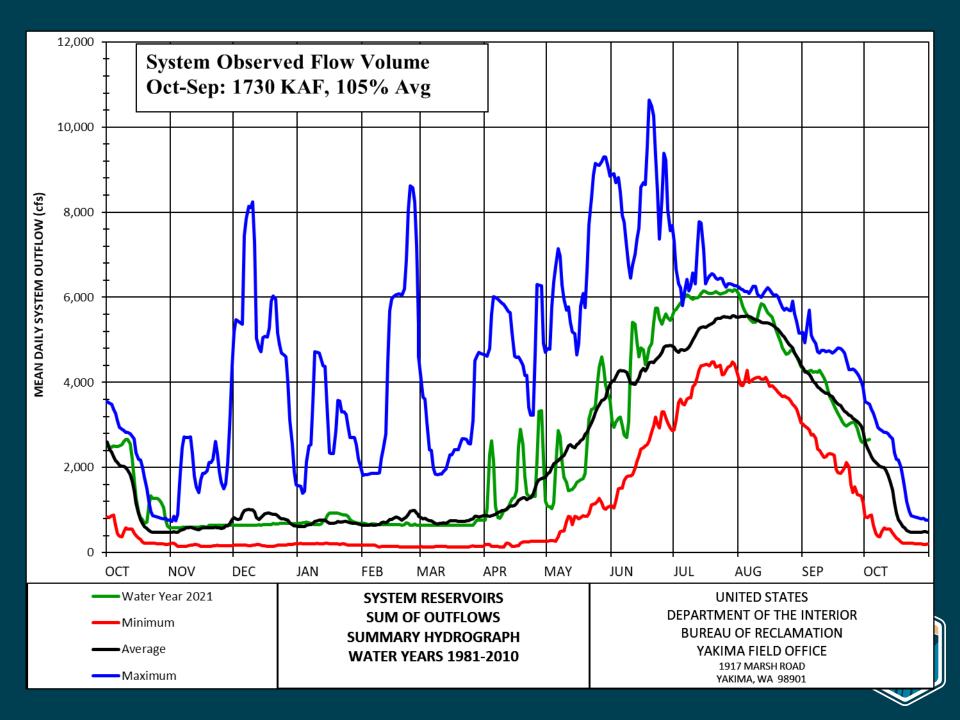
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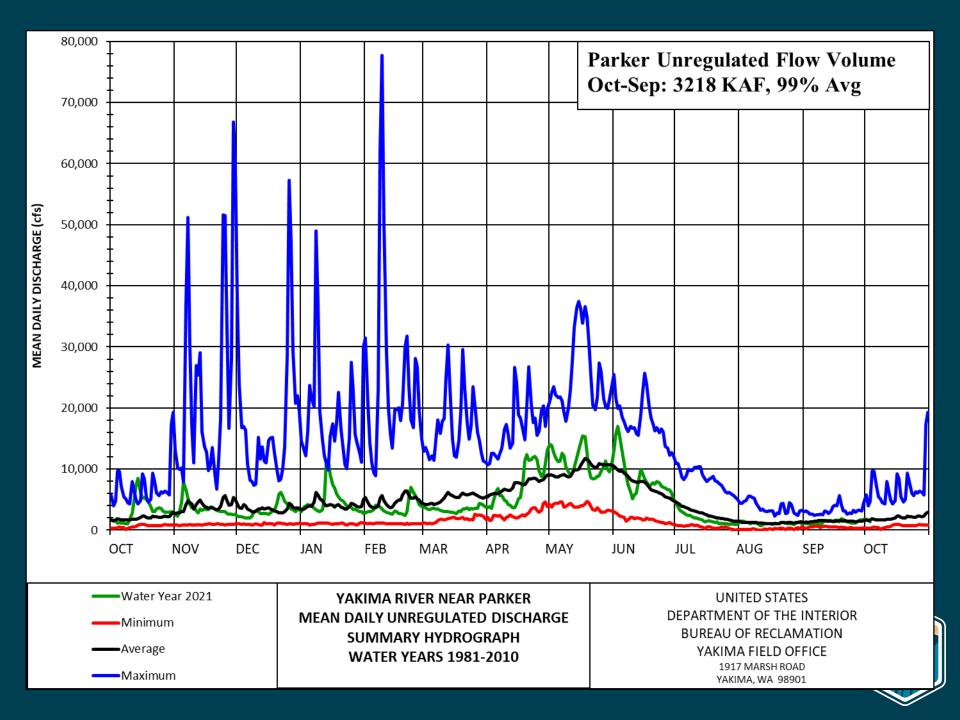
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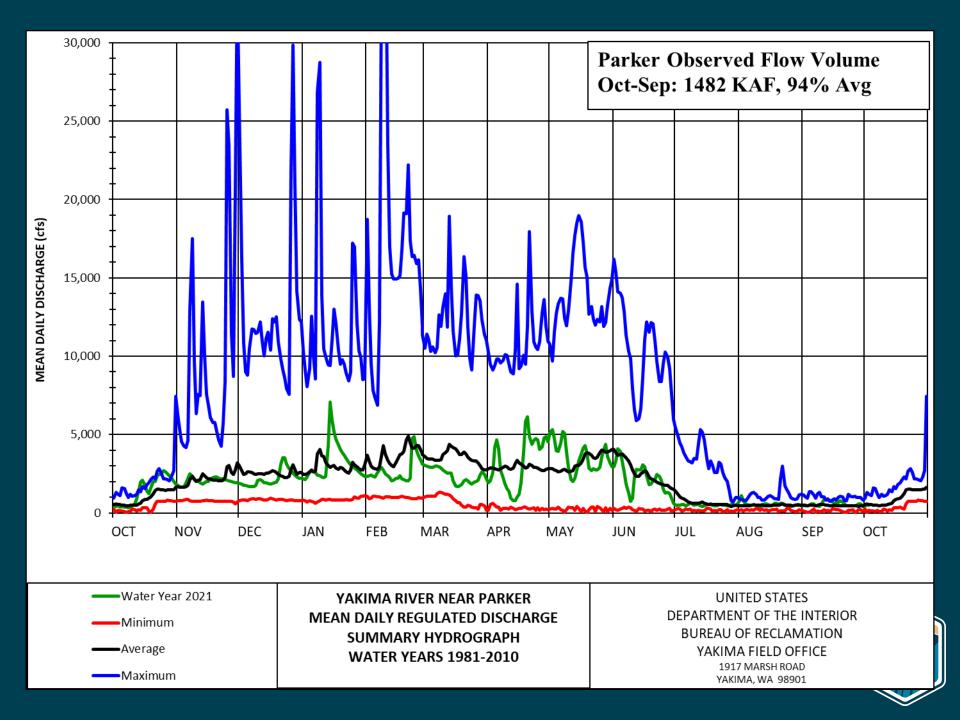


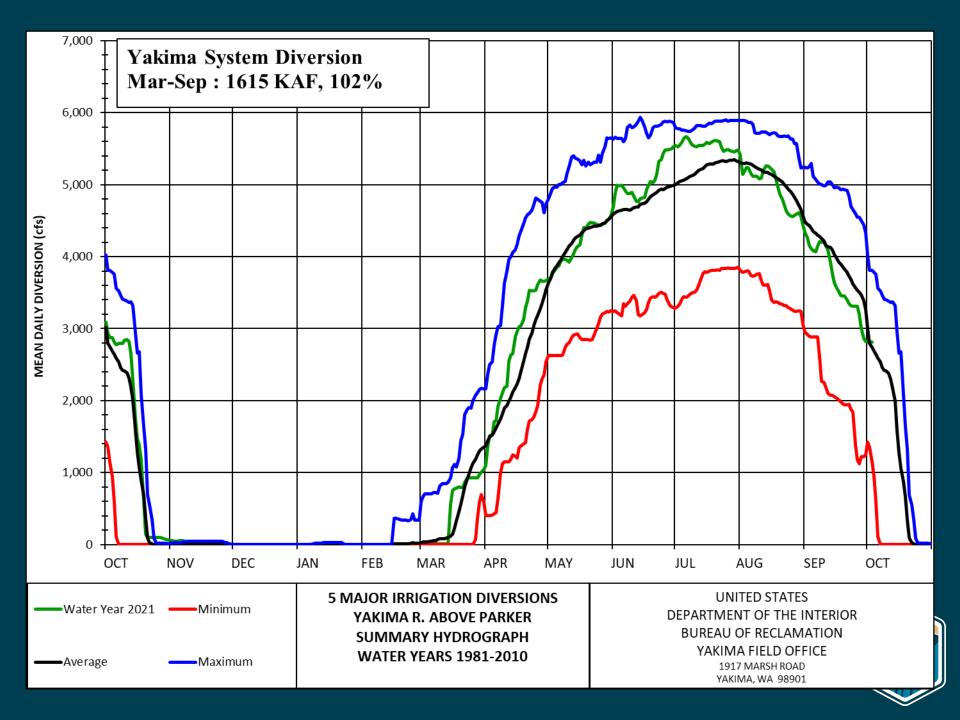


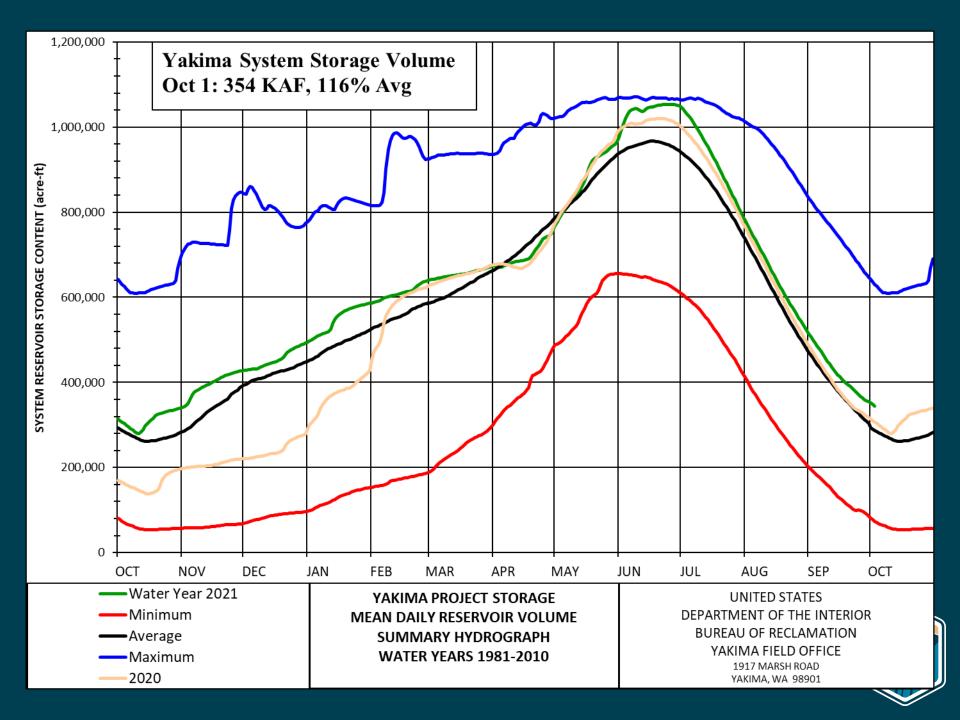


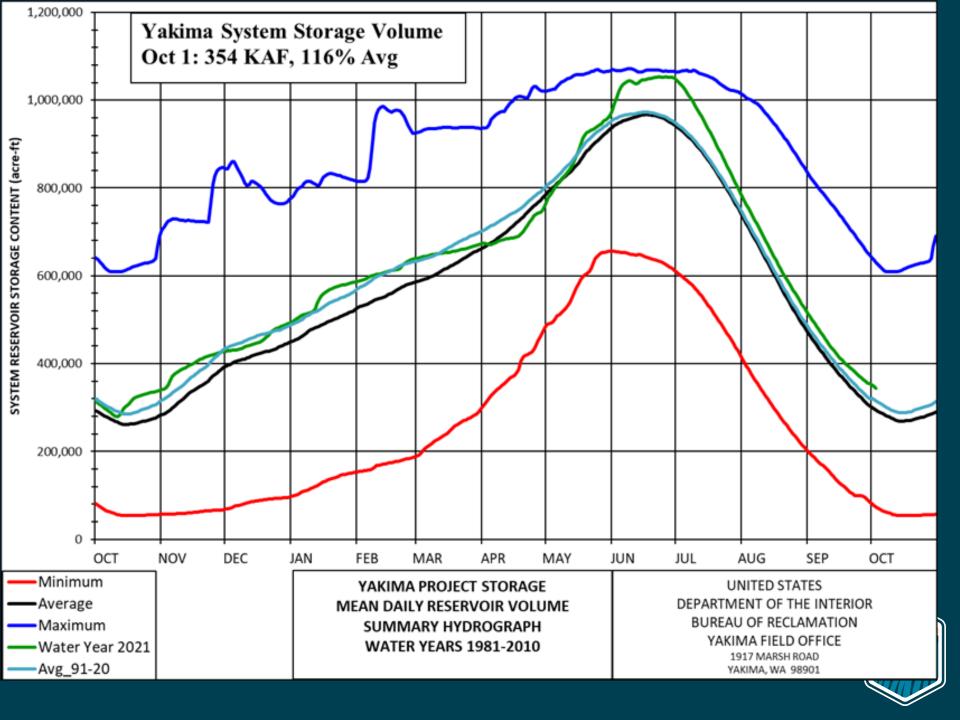




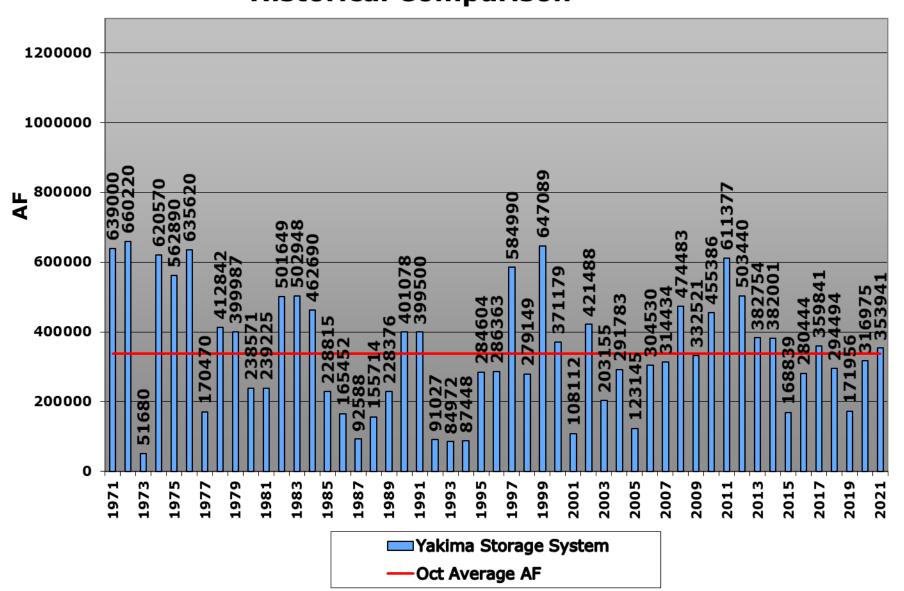








Yakima Basin Storage, Historical Comparison



Yakima Basin Forecasts

Seasonal retrospective

Yakima Basin	Forecast Anal	ysis, 2021
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Period	Average	Actual	Adopted	RFC	NRCS
Mar's Apr-Sep	2033	1902	2231	2243	2300
Apr-Sep	2033	1902	2166	2149	2170
May-Sep	1411	1461	1568	1648	1470
Jun-Sep	755	775	835	1001	735
Jul-Sep	294	261	278	385	221

Yakima Basin Forecast Analysis, 2021

Period	Average	Actual	Adopted	RFC	NRCS
Mar's Apr-Sep	2033	94%	110%	110%	113%
Apr-Sep	2033	94%	107%	106%	107%
May-Sep	1411	104%	111%	117%	104%
Jun-Sep	755	103%	111%	133%	97%
Jul-Sep	294	89%	94%	131%	75%

Yakima Basin Forecasts Seasonal retrospective

