

Topic: Washington Water Supply Availability Committee

Meeting (WSAC)

Time: Jul 22, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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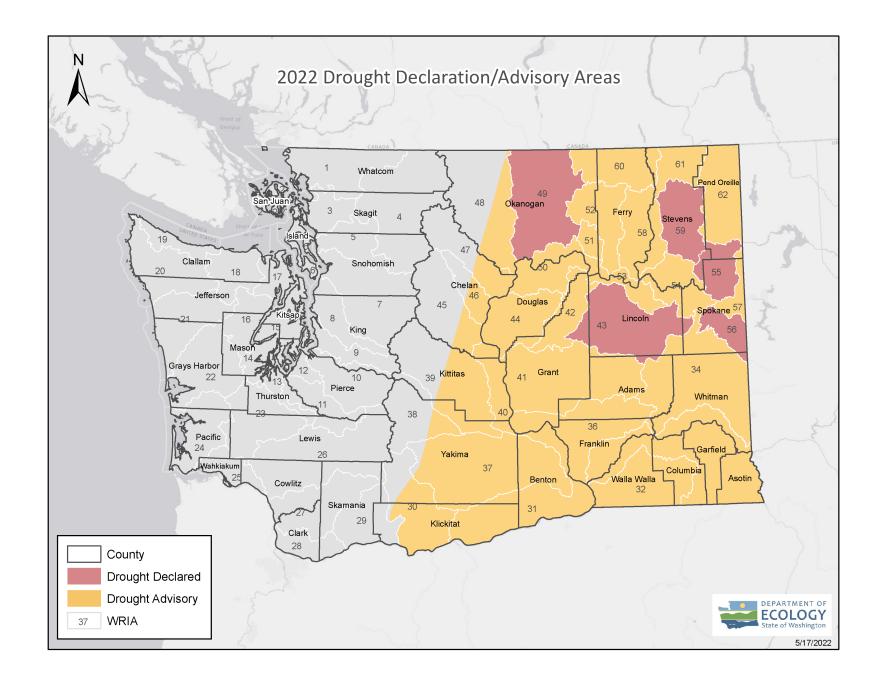
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#### Water Supply Availability Committee

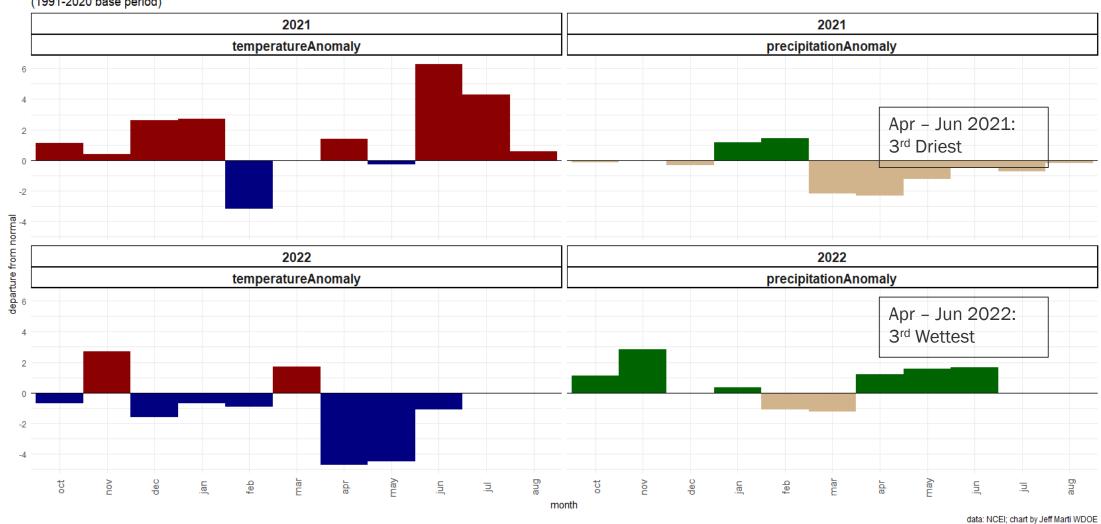
|            |             |                  | Friday, July 22, 2022  |  |
|------------|-------------|------------------|--|--|
| Start Time | End<br>Time | Duration,<br>min | Description  |  |
| 10:00      | 10:15       | 15               | Welcome & Introductions  | Jeff Marti                             |
| 10:15      | 10:20       | 5                | Mountain Report  | Scott Pattee, NRCS                     |
| 10:20      | 10:40       |                  | Regional Climate Setting ENSO  | Karin Bumbaco, OWSC<br>Nick Bond, OWSC |
| 10:40      | 10:55       | _                | Streamflow and Groundwater   | Nick Sutfin, USGS                      |
| 10:55      | 11:10       | 15               | Water Supply Forecasts   | Henry Pai, NWRFC                       |
| 11:10      | 11:30       |                  | Reports from other managers Insights regarding current declaration Next meeting: Friday October 14th | Jeff Marti                             |

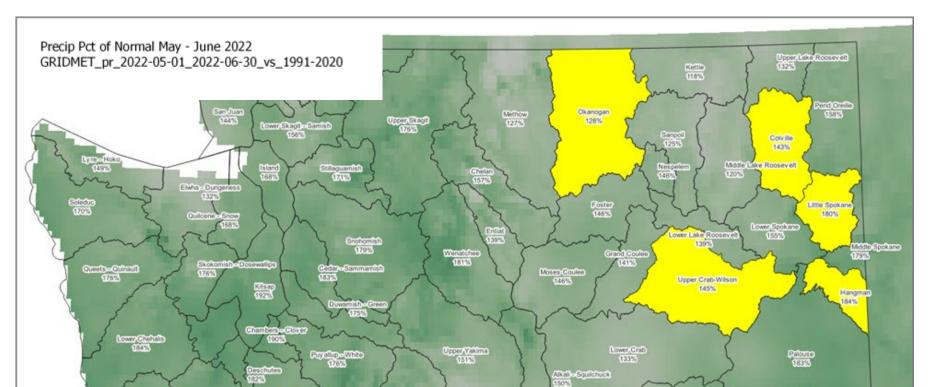






anomalies in temperature (°F), monthly precipitation (in), washington state (1991-2020 base period)





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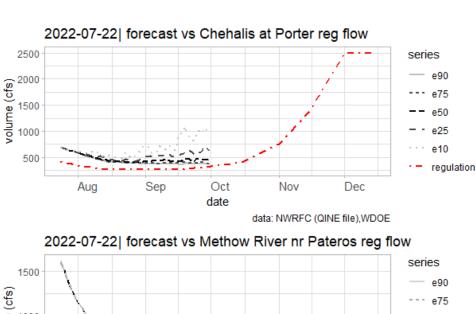


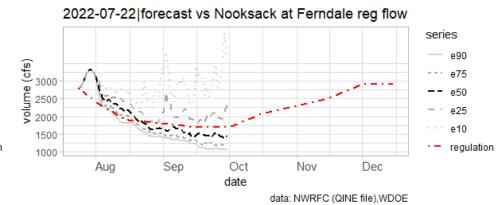
| Watershed Forecast<br>Location | Forecasted April – September Runoff (Percent of Normal) with revised streamflow forecasts | WRIA Number |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--|
| Okanogan at Oroville           | <del>60</del> 101   | 49          |  |  |
| Hangman Creek at Spokane       | <del>74</del> 161   | 56          |  |  |
| Little Spokane at Dartford     | <del>69</del> 91  | 55          |  |  |
| Colville near Kettle Falls     | <del>58</del> 86  | 59          |  |  |

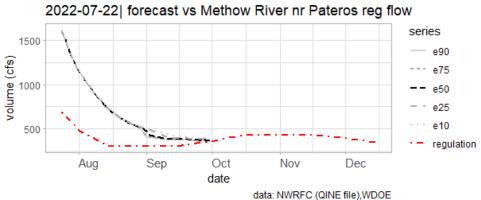


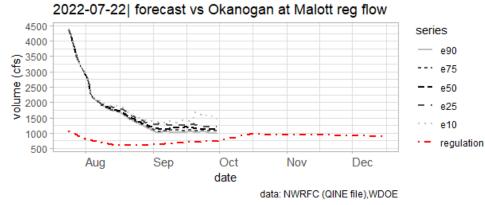
#### NWRFC MONTHLY STREAMFLOW FORECASTS | Forecast Date:2022-07-21

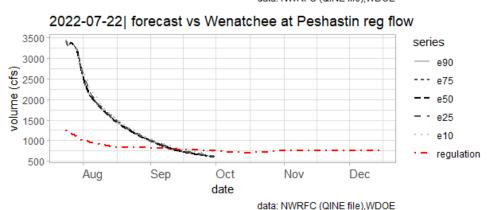
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|---------|----------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| 30 K    | Clickitat      | KLICKITAT - NEAR PITT          | 1.25 | 1.3  | 1.33 |
| 32 V    | Valla Walla    | MILL CREEK - NR WALLA WALLA    | 1.35 |      | 0.89 |
| 32 V    | Valla Walla    | WALLA WALLA - NEAR TOUCHET     | 1.9  |      | 1.51 |
| 34 F    | alouse         | PALOUSE - AT HOOPER            | 2.5  | 1.3  | 0.79 |
| 34 F    | alouse         | SF PALOUSE - AT PULLMAN        | 2.33 | 1    | 0.33 |
|         | Snake River    | SNAKE - NEAR ANATONE           | 0.93 | 0.88 |      |
| 37 I    | ower Yakima    | YAKIMA - AT KIONA              | 1.17 |      | 0.94 |
| 37 I    | ower Yakima    | YAKIMA - NEAR PARKER           | 1.25 | 1.05 | 0.96 |
|         | Vaches         | BUMPING - BELOW BUMPING DAM    | 1.14 | 0.75 | 0.83 |
| 38 N    | Vaches         | NACHES - NEAR CLIFFDEL         | 1.28 | 0.75 | 0.83 |
| 38 N    | Vaches         | NACHES - NEAR NACHES           | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.82 |
| 38 N    | Vaches         | TIETON - AT TIETON DAM         | 1.24 | 1.16 | 1.12 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | CLE ELUM - NEAR ROSLYN         | 1.4  | 0.8  | 0.55 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | KACHESS - NEAR EASTON          | 1    | 0.71 | 0.49 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | TEANAWAY - BELOW FORKS         | 1.41 | 1.38 | 1.14 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | YAKIMA - AT EASTON             | 1.03 |      | 0.69 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | YAKIMA - AT UMTANUM            | 1.26 | 0.97 | 0.85 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | YAKIMA - NEAR MARTIN           | 1.31 | 0.79 | 0.79 |
|         | Jpper Yakima   | YAKIMA - NEAR HORLICK          | 1.26 | 0.92 | 0.84 |
|         | Venatchee      | WENATCHEE - AT PESHASTIN       | 1.48 | 1.27 | 1.07 |
| 46 E    | Entiat         | ENTIAT - NEAR ARDENVOIR        | 1.31 | 1    | 1.05 |
| 47 C    | Chelan         | CHELAN - LAKE CHELAN DAM       | 1.63 | 1.13 | 0.91 |
| 47 C    | Chelan         | STEHEKIN - AT STEHEKIN         | 1.47 | 1.19 | 1.03 |
| 48 N    | Methow         | METHOW - AT WINTHROP           | 1.39 | 1.11 | 0.94 |
| 48 N    | Methow         | METHOW - NEAR PATEROS          | 1.51 | 1.18 | 1    |
| 49 C    | Okanogan       | OKANOGAN - AT MALOTT           | 1.63 | 1.12 | 1.08 |
|         | Okanogan       | OKANOGAN - AT OROVILLE         | 2.69 |      | 1.06 |
|         | Okanogan       | OKANOGAN - NEAR TONASKET       | 1.66 | 1.14 | 1.08 |
|         | Okanogan       | SIMILKAMEEN - NEAR NIGHTHAWK   | 1.35 | 0.91 | 0.95 |
|         | ower Spokane   | SPOKANE - AT LONGLAKE          | 2.01 | 0.93 | 0.81 |
|         | ittle Spokane  | LITTLE SPOKANE - AT DARTFORD   | 1.07 | 1.08 | 1.2  |
|         | Hangman        | HANGMAN CREEK - AT SPOKANE     | 1.44 | 1.33 | 1.27 |
|         | Middle Spokane | SPOKANE - AT SPOKANE           | 2.11 | 0.9  | 0.76 |
|         | Colville       | COLVILLE - AT KETTLE FALLS     | 1.42 | 1.03 | 0.93 |
| 60 K    | Cettle         | KETTLE - AT LAURIER            | 1.61 | 1.12 | 0.92 |
| 60 K    | Cettle         | KETTLE - NEAR FERRY            | 1.56 | 1.24 | 1.07 |
| NA C    | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - BLO ROCK ISLAND DAM | 1.68 | 1.64 | 1.35 |
| NA C    | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - CHIEF JOSEPH DAM    | 1.69 | 1.66 | 1.37 |
| NA C    | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - GRAND COULEE DAM    | 1.69 | 1.66 | 1.37 |
| NA C    | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - MCNARY DAM          | 1.57 | 1.51 | 1.27 |
| NA C    | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - PRIEST RAPIDS DAM   | 1.68 | 1.64 | 1.35 |
| NA C    | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - ROCKY REACH DAM     | 1.68 | 1.64 | 1.36 |
|         | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - THE DALLES DAM      | 1.56 | 1.49 | 1.26 |
|         | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - WANAPUM DAM         | 1.68 | 1.64 | 1.35 |
|         | Columbia River | COLUMBIA - WELLS DAM           | 1.69 | 1.65 |      |

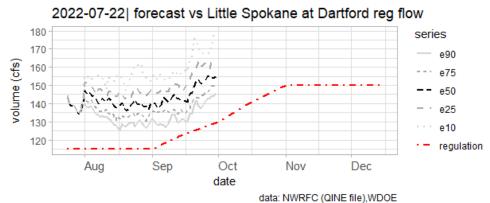










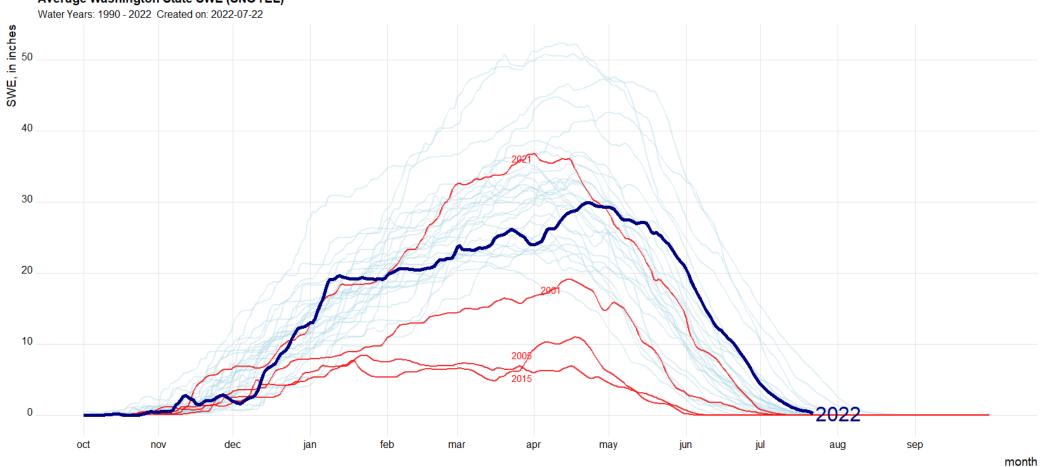


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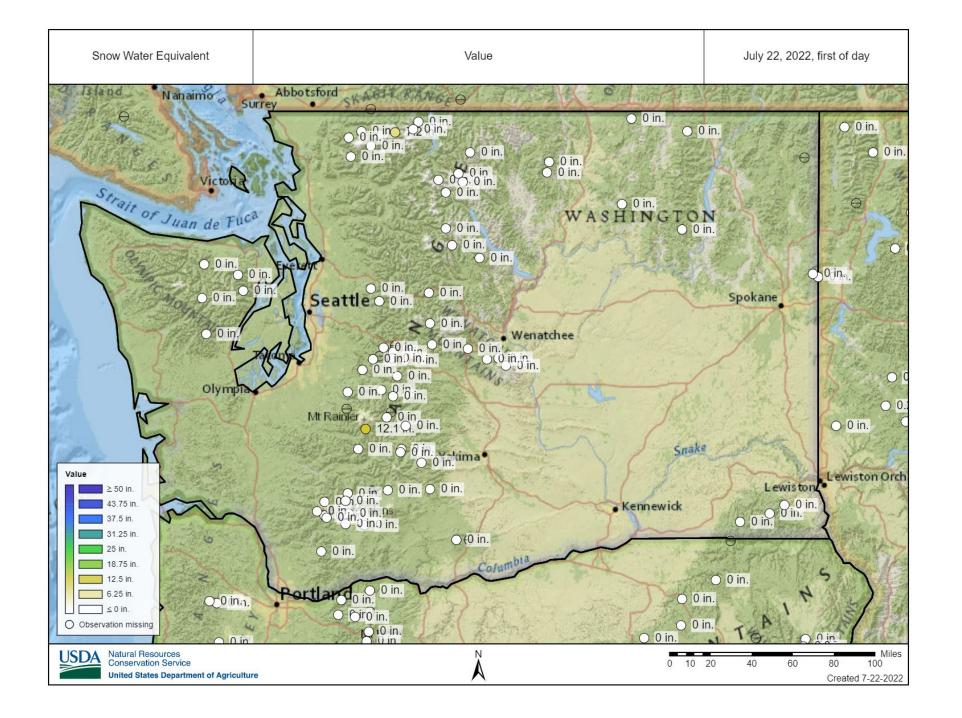
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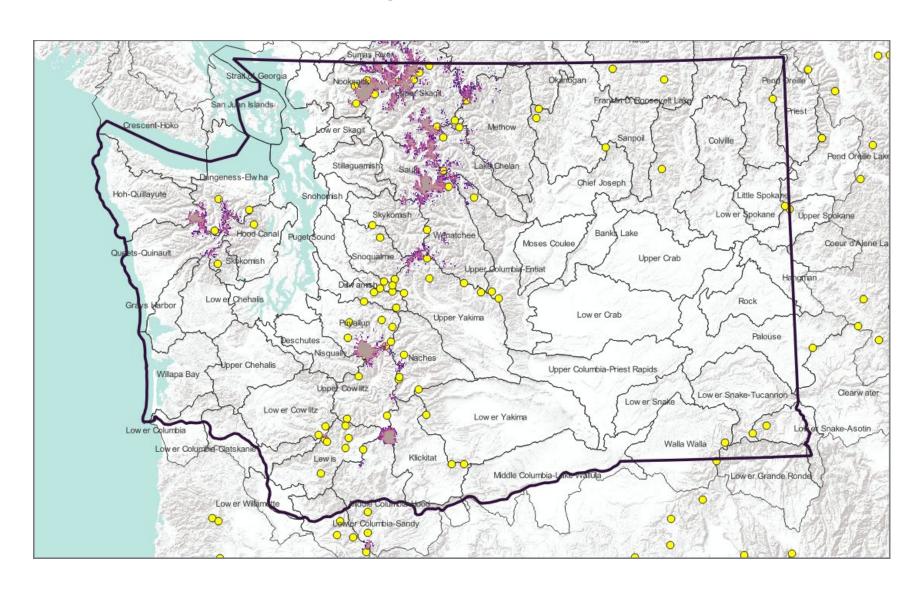
#### Average Washington State SWE (SNOTEL)



Data: NRCS



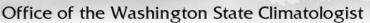
# SNOTEL locations in relation to current snow extent (SNODAS) July 22, 2022















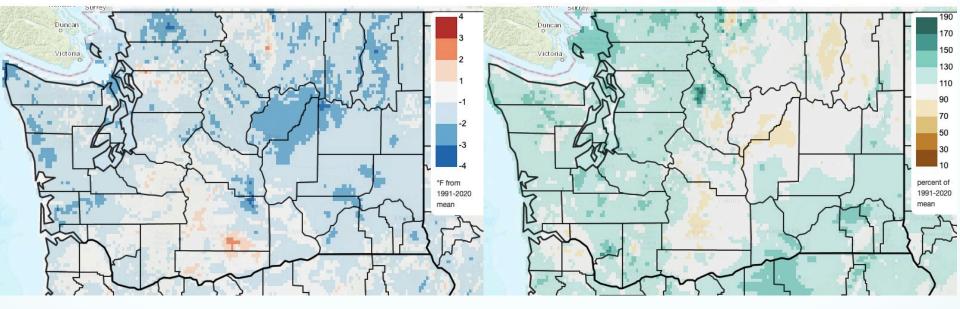
# Current Conditions and Seasonal Outlook

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University of Washington
22 July 2022

### Water Year 2022

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Since Oct 1st 2021/10/01 - 2022/07/19

Total Precipitation Anomaly, Since Oct 1st 2021/10/01 - 2022/07/19

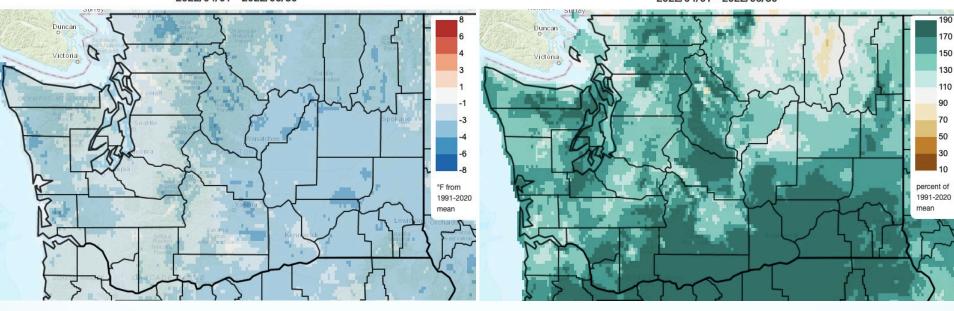


- Average WA Oct-Jun temperatures below-normal\* (-1.1°F)
- Average WA Oct-Jun precipitation above normal (+6.28") ranking as the 13<sup>th</sup> wettest

## April-June 2022

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last 3 Full Months 2022/04/01 - 2022/06/30

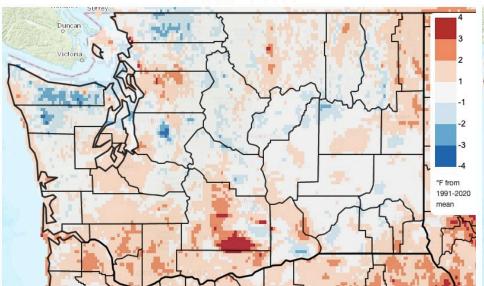
Total Precipitation Anomaly, Last 3 Full Months



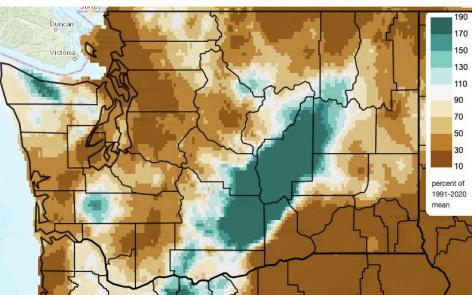
- Average WA Apr-Jun temperatures 3.4°F below normal, ranking as the 6<sup>th</sup> coldest
- Average WA Apr-Jun precipitation above normal (+4.44") ranking as the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest

# July 2022

Mean Daily Temperature Anomaly, Last 15 Days 2022/07/05 - 2022/07/19

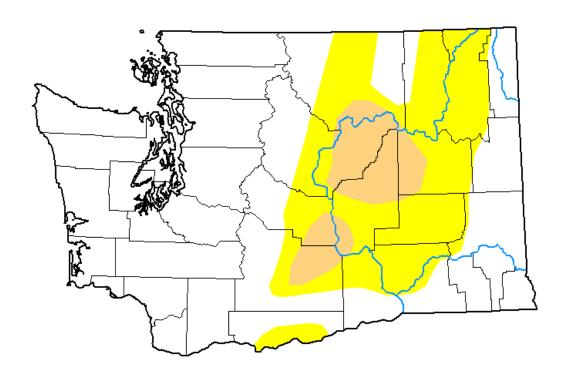


Total Precipitation Anomaly, Last 15 Days 2022/07/05 - 2022/07/19



# **Washington**

July 19, 2022 (Released Thursday, Jul. 21, 2022) 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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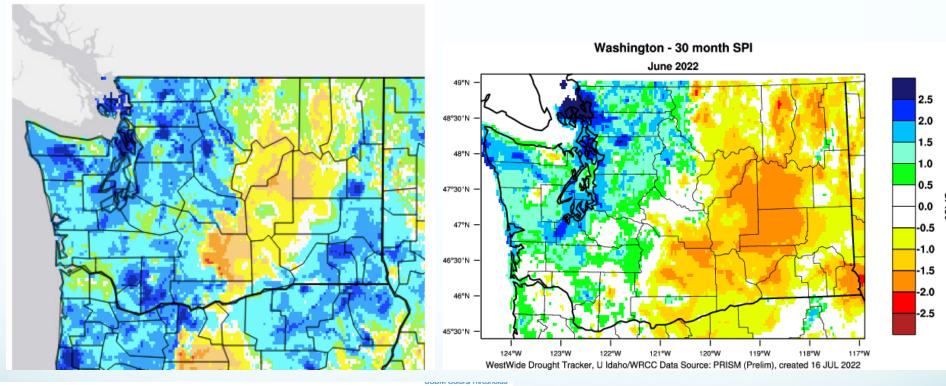






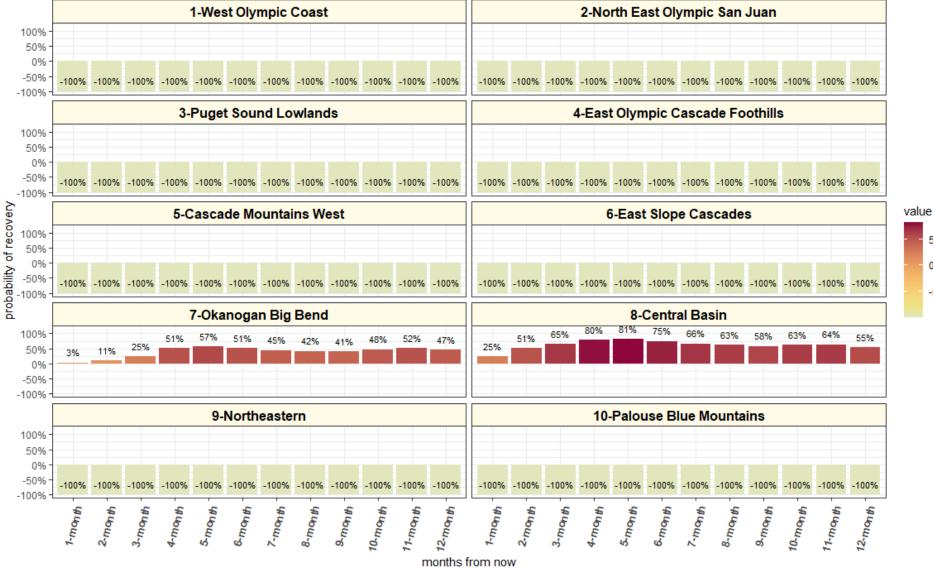
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#### Palmer Drought Severity Index Jul. 19, 2022



| Exceptional  | Extreme | Severe | Moderate | Abnormal | Noutral | Abnormal | Moderate |         | Extreme | Exceptional |  |
|--------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|-------------|--|
| Wet          | Wet     | Wet    | Wet      | Wet      | Neutrai | Dry      | Drought  | Drought | Drought | Drought     |  |
| 0 percentile | 2       | 5      | 10       | 20       | 30      | 70       | 80       | 90      | 95      | 98 100      |  |

#### Probability of recovery from drought | 2022-07-21



Data: NOAA Drought Termination Tool

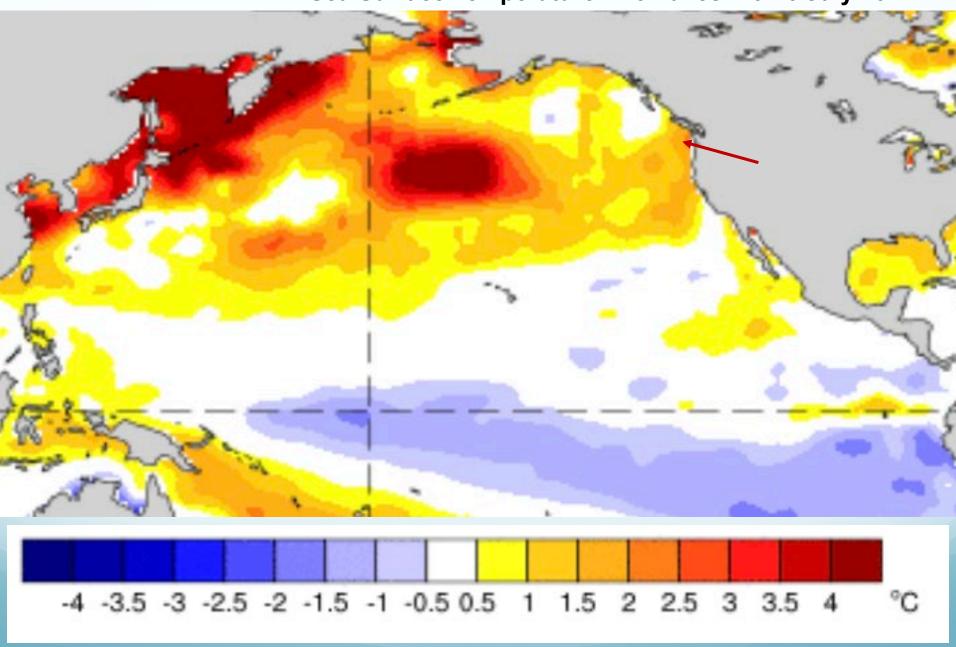
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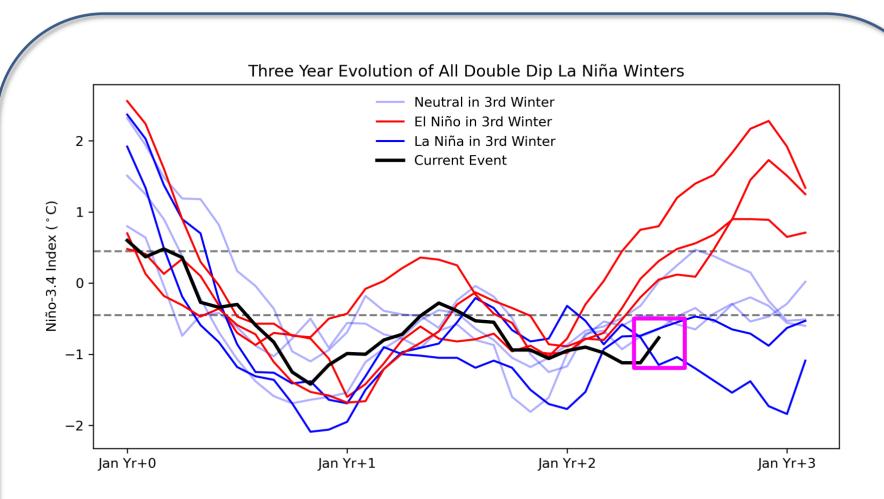
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Assumes climatological conditions for the remainder of the month. Monthly timesteps are not interdependent. A drought is considered to be ameliorated when the PHDI is raised to -2.0, and ended when above -0.5.

**Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: 10-16 July 2022** 

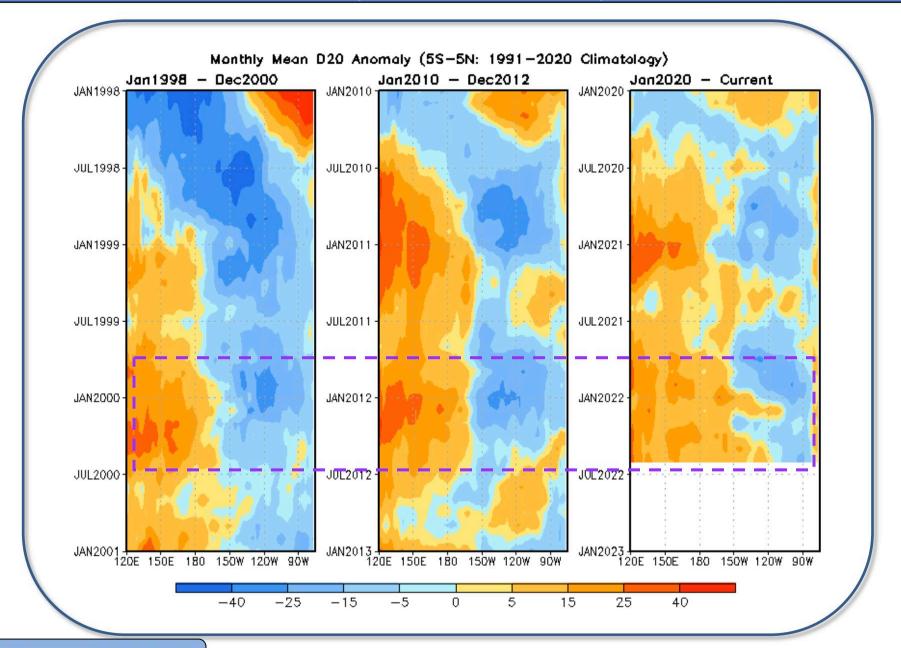


#### Nino3.4 Index Evolution in two-year La Ninas since 1950 (MICHELLE L'HEUREUX)

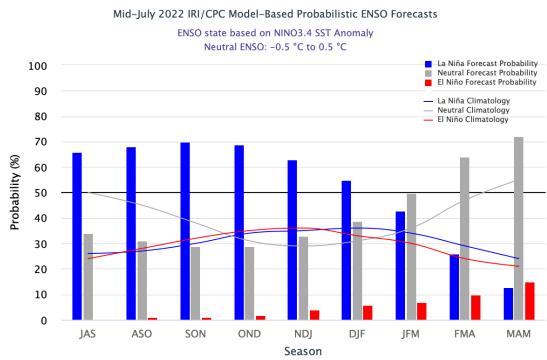


Three-year history of sea surface temperatures in the Niño-3.4 region of the tropical Pacific for 8 previous double-dip La Niña events. The color of the line indicates the state of ENSO for the third winter (red: El Niño, darker blue: La Niña, lighter blue: neutral). The black line shows the current event. Monthly Niño-3.4 index is from CPC using ERSSTv5.

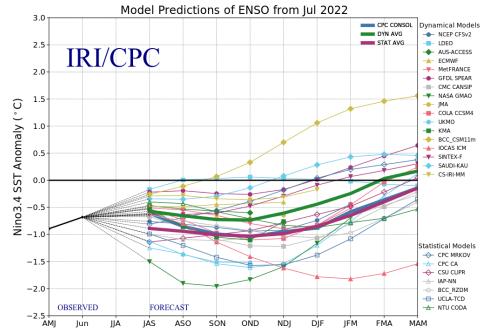
#### Evolution of Monthly Mean D20 Anomaly across [5S-5N]

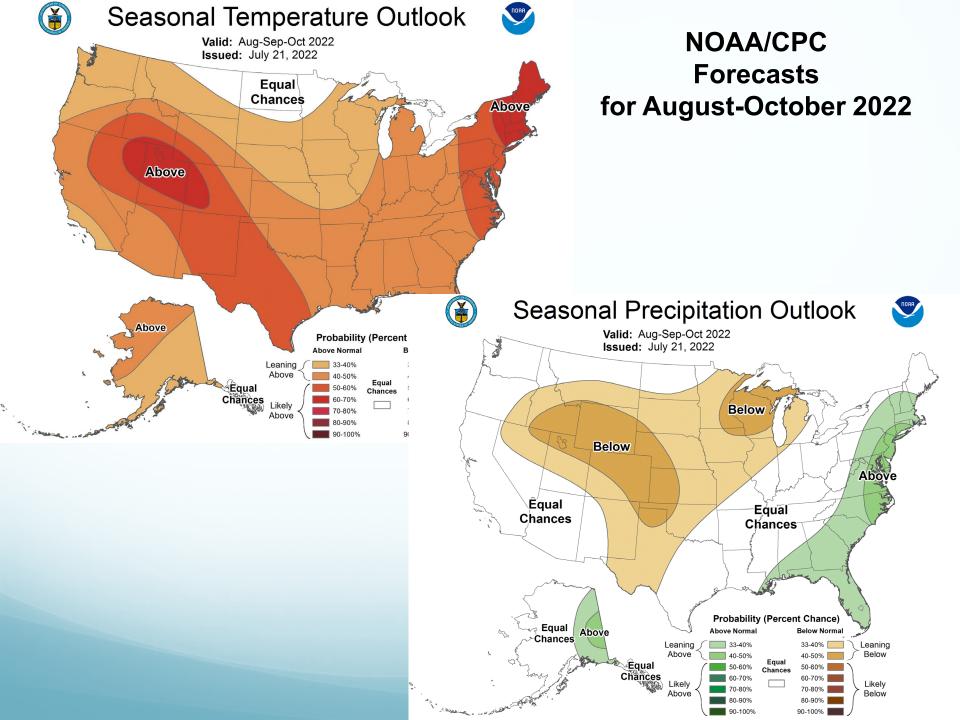


Data source: NCEP GODAS



Latest ENSO predictions indicate that La Nina is more likely than neutral conditions through the remainder of 2022



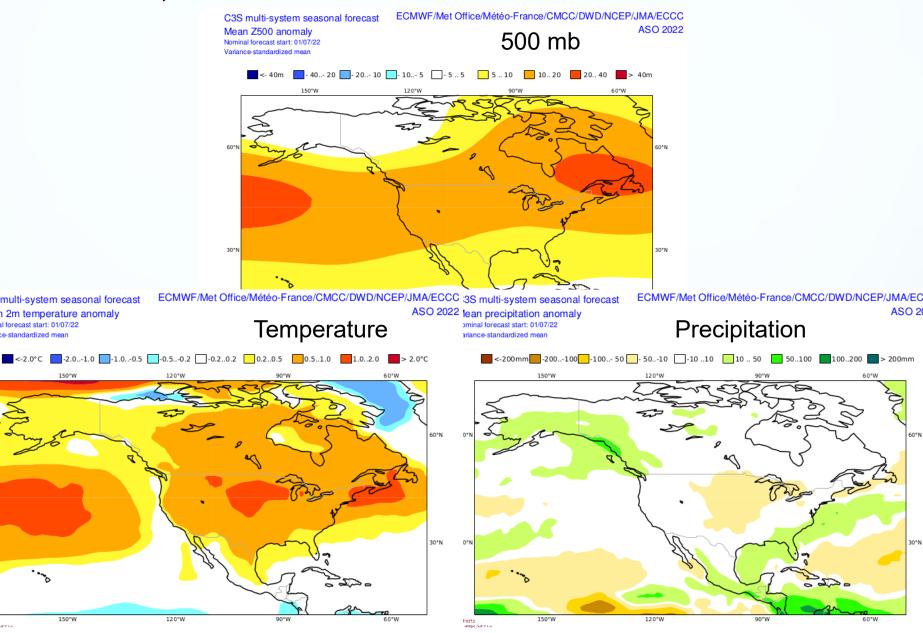


#### The remainder of summer into fall 2022 is liable to be warm in the PNW, based on recent trends and climate model simulations

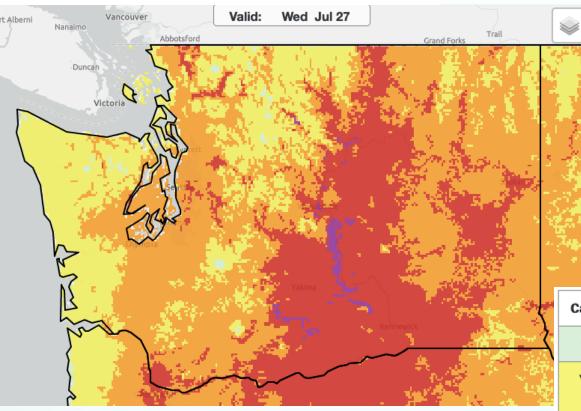
C3S multi-system seasonal forecast

Mean 2m temperature anomaly Nominal forecast start: 01/07/22

Variance-standardized mean



#### NWS Experimental HeatRisk



Issued 7/21

| Category | Level | Meaning  |
|----------|-------|--|
| Green    | 0     | No Elevated Risk   |
| Yellow   | 1     | Low Risk for those extremely sensitive to<br>heat, especially those without effective<br>cooling and/or adequate hydration                           |
| Orange   | 2     | Moderate Risk for those who are sensitive to heat, especially those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration                              |
| Red      | 3     | High Risk for much of the population,<br>especially those who are heat sensitive and<br>those without effective cooling and/or<br>adequate hydration |
| Magenta  | 4     | Very High Risk for entire population due to<br>long duration heat, with little to no relief<br>overnight   |

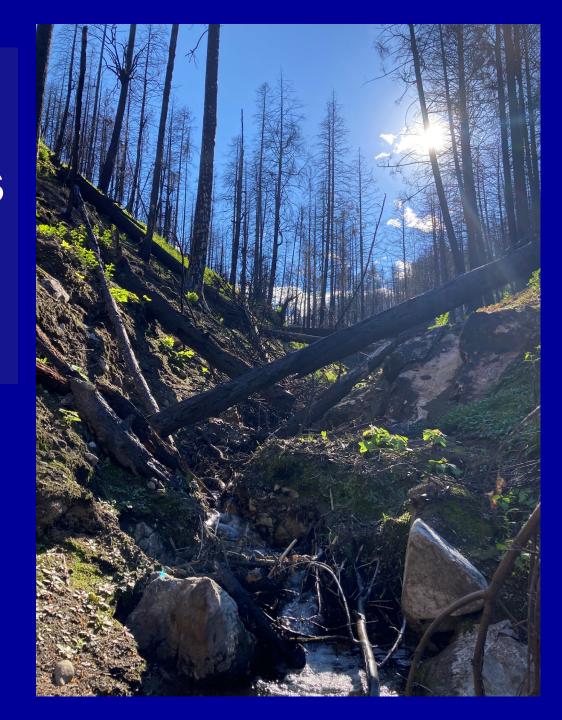
## Summary

- Water year has been cooler and wetter than normal, with a particularly cool and wet period in April-June
- Many improvements have been made to the U.S.
   Drought Monitor but the remaining dry depiction represents long term precipitation deficits
- It is unclear whether ENSO will provide much if any predictability for the next few seasons
- Open questions: the severity and duration of the upcoming heat wave for the Pacific NW and its implications

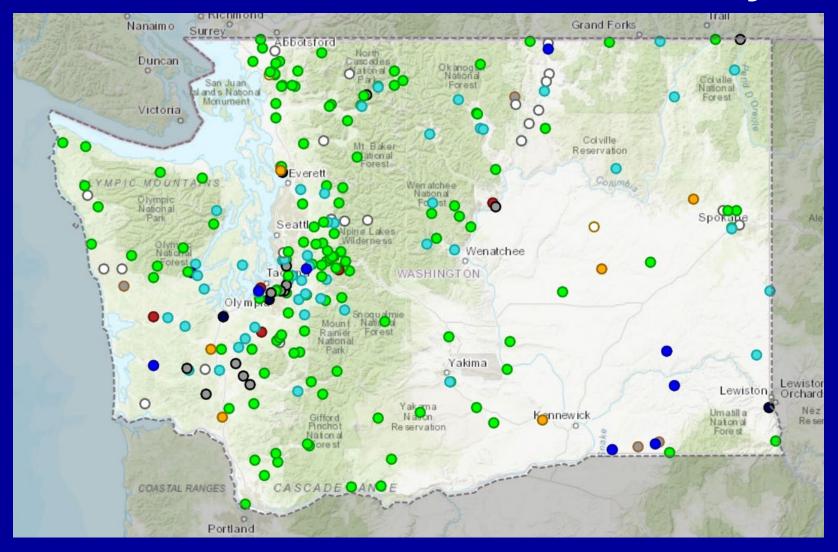
# Streamflow & Groundwater Conditions in Washington State as of 21 July, 2022

Presented to
The Washington State
Water Supply Availability Committee
on 21 July, 2022

by
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USGS Washington Water Science Center



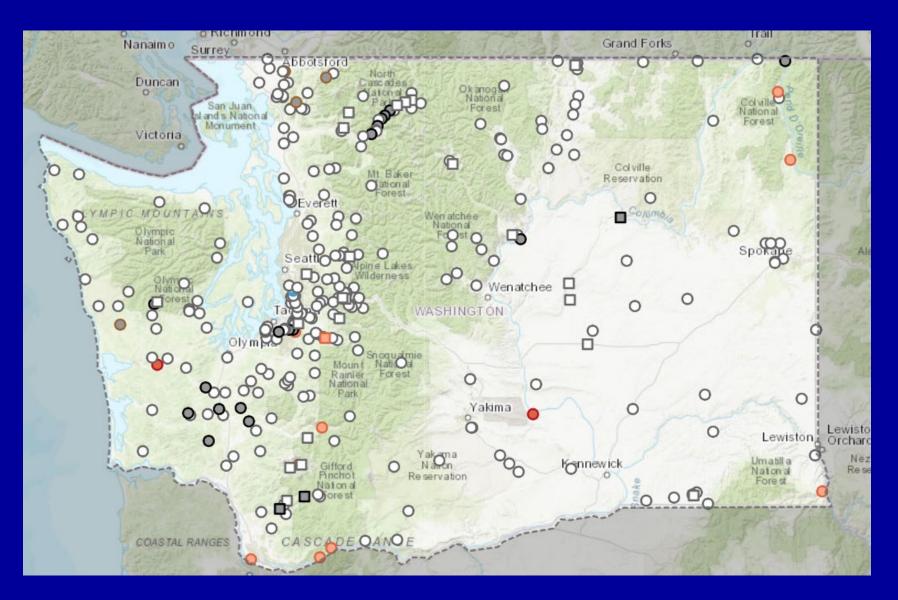
#### WA Current Streamflow Conditions, 21 July, 2022







#### Rising and Falling conditions of WA streams on 21 July, 2022



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</li>
- Water level falling ≥ 0.05 0.5 foot/hour
- Water level falling ≥ 0.5 1 foot/hour
- Water level falling ≥ 1 foot/hour

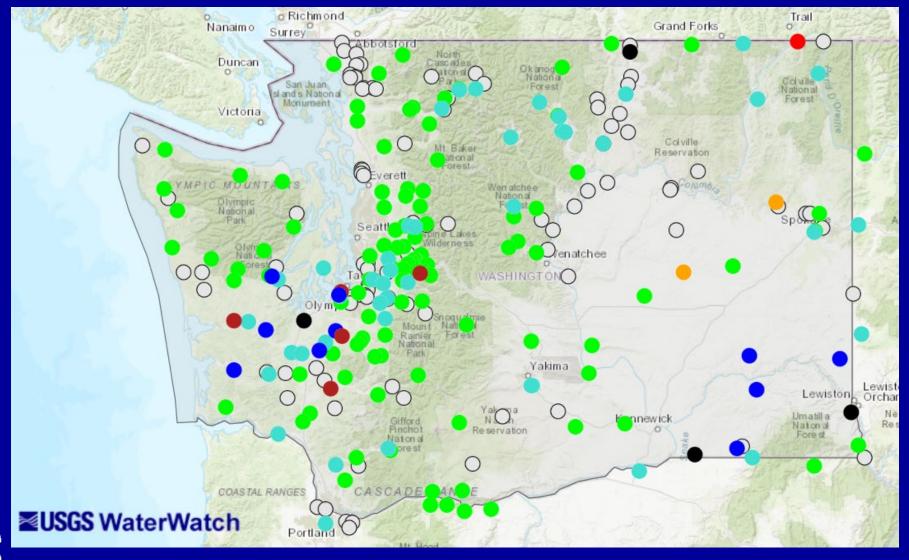
#### SHAPE - SITE TYPE

- Stream Lake
- Wetland

- Estuary
- Coastal



#### WA 7-day Average Streamflow Conditions as of 21 July, 2022

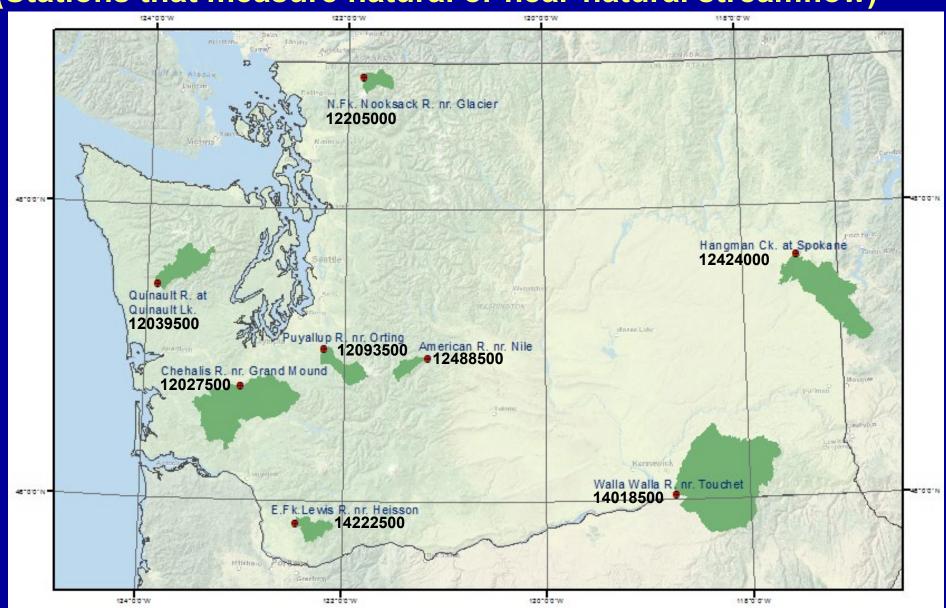






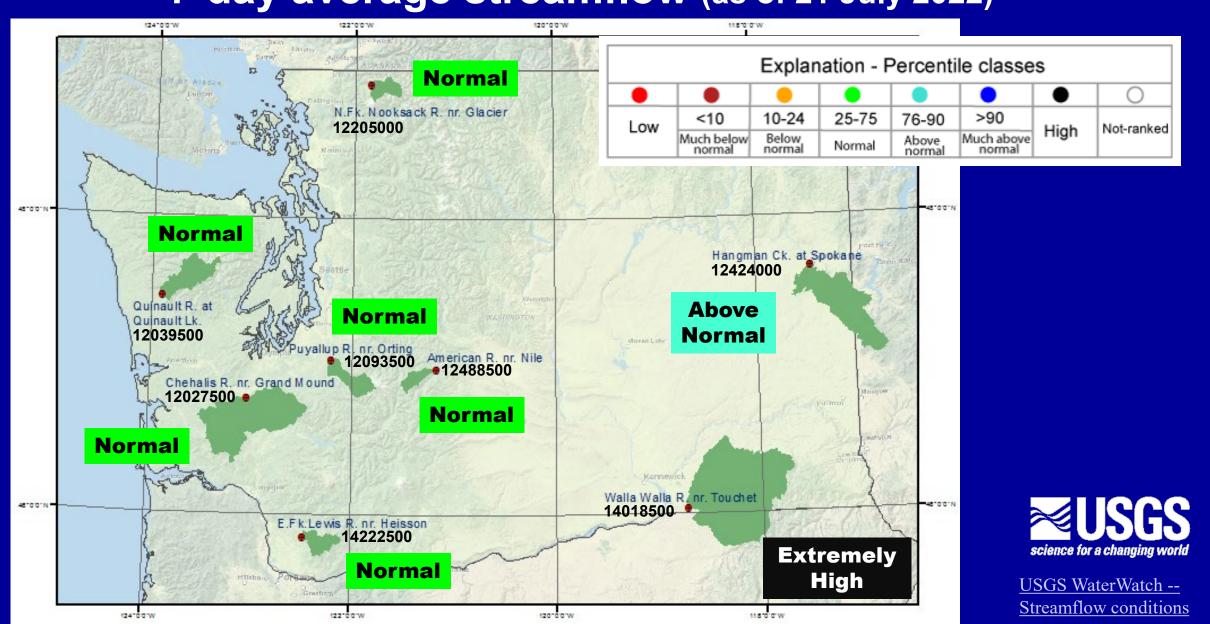
#### **Index Gaging Stations**

(Stations that measure natural or near-natural streamflow)

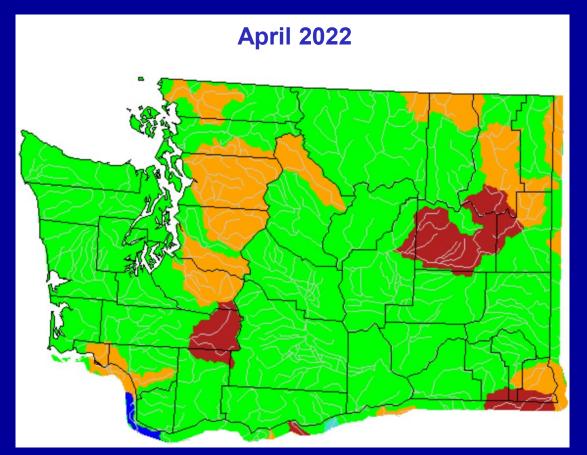


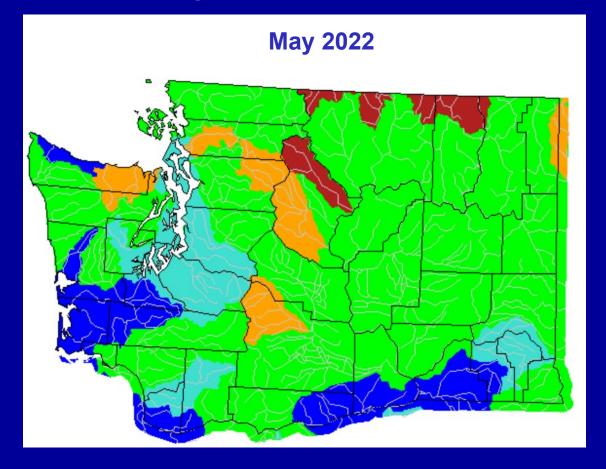


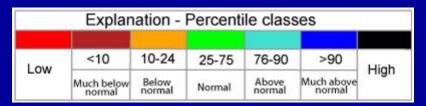
# Index Gaging Stations, 7-day average streamflow (as of 21 July 2022)



# Monthly average streamflow compared to historical record for April 2022 & May 2022

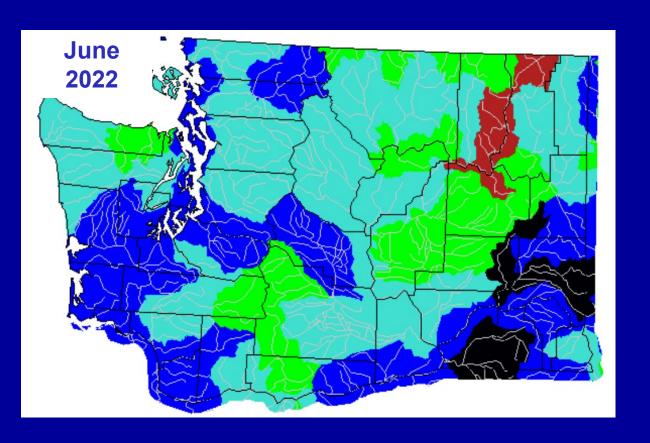


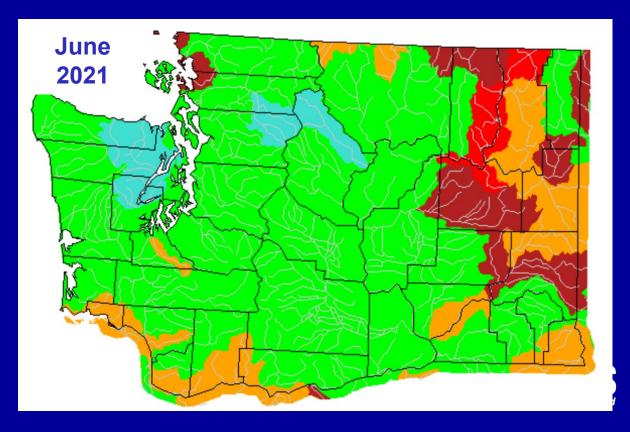






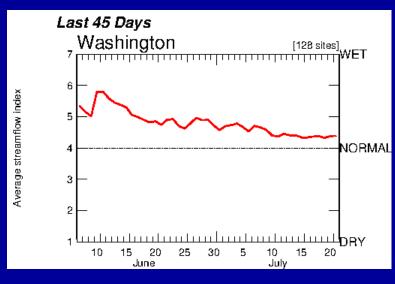
# Monthly average streamflow compared to historical record for June 2022

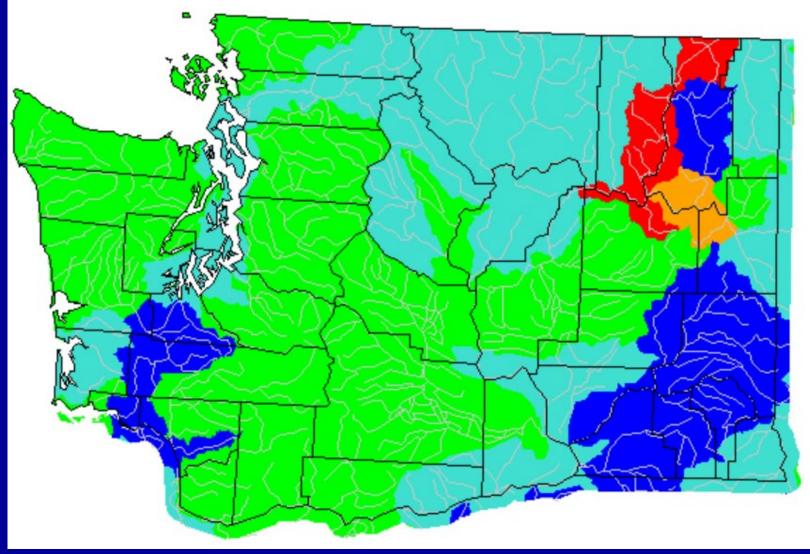




|     | Explan               | ation -         | Percent | ile class       | ses                  |      |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------|------|
| Low | <10                  | 10-24           | 25-75   | 76-90           | >90      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

#### WA 28-day Average Streamflow Conditions as of 22 July, 2022



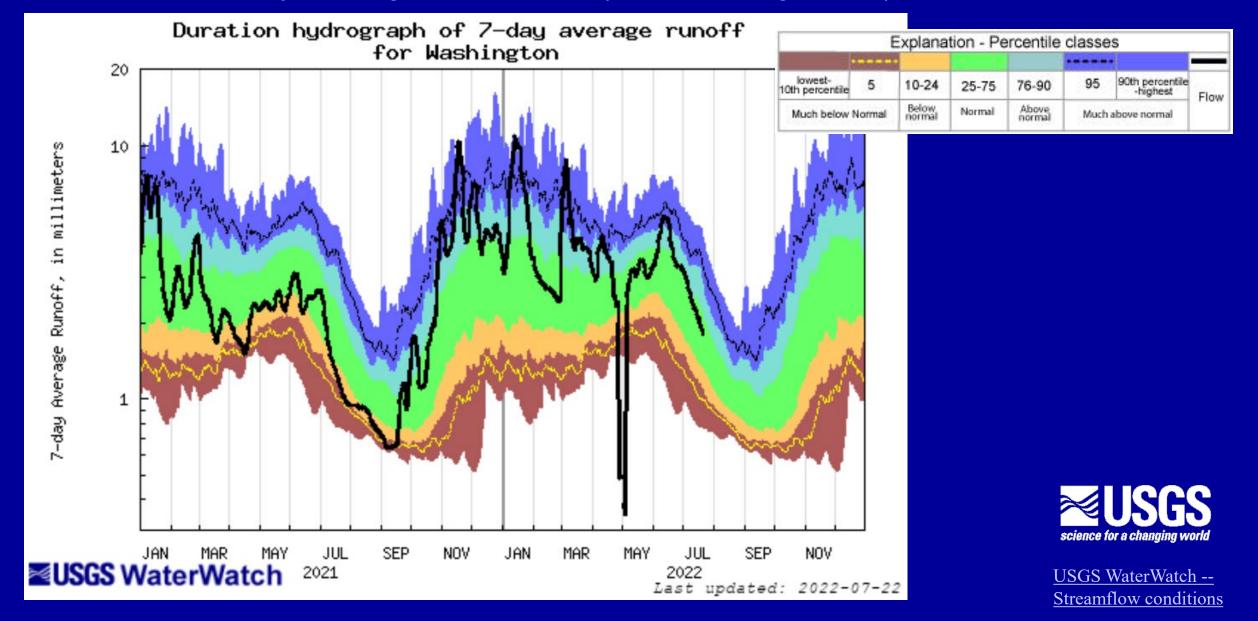




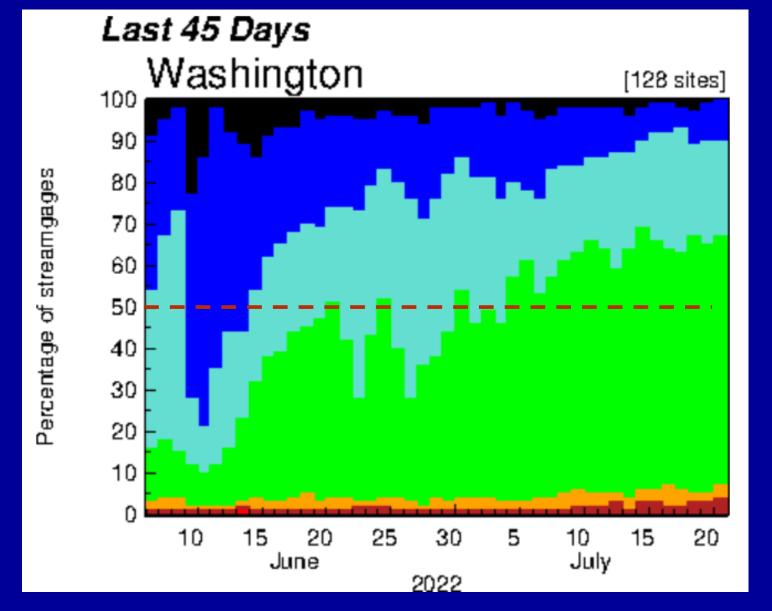


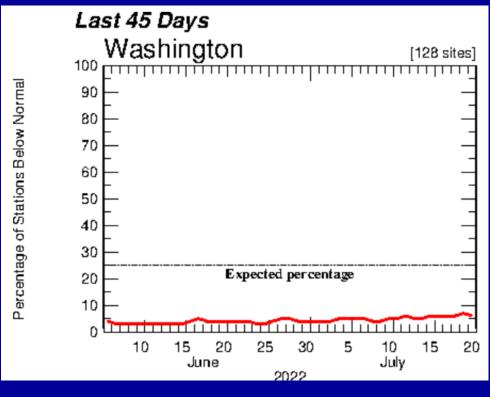
#### **Duration Hydrograph, Washington State**

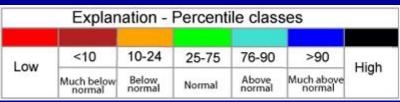
7-day Average Streamflow (as of 22 July, 2022) is normal



# Daily streamflow in Washington Rivers compared to historical streamflow, June - July 2022



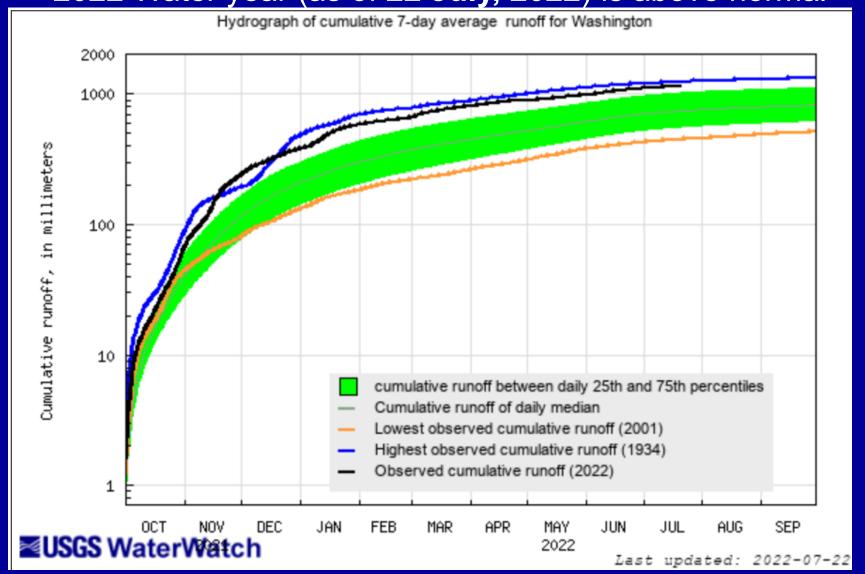






# Hydrograph of cumulative 7-day average Area-based Hydrograph, Washington State

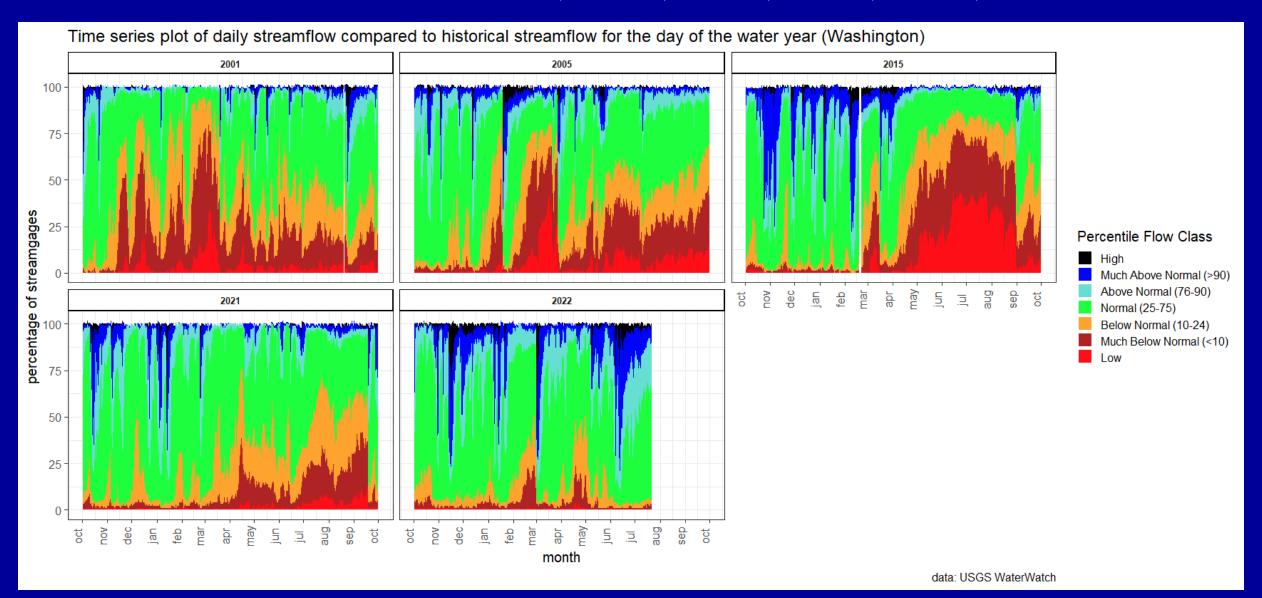
2022 Water year (as of 22 July, 2022) is above normal



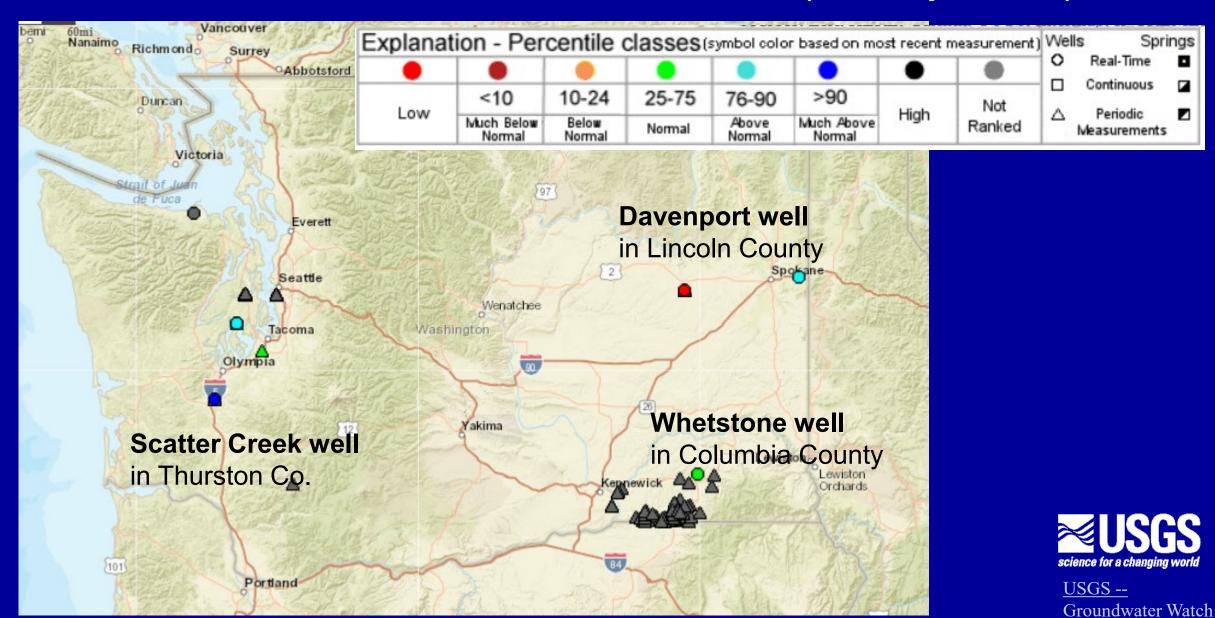


<u>USGS WaterWatch --</u> Streamflow conditions

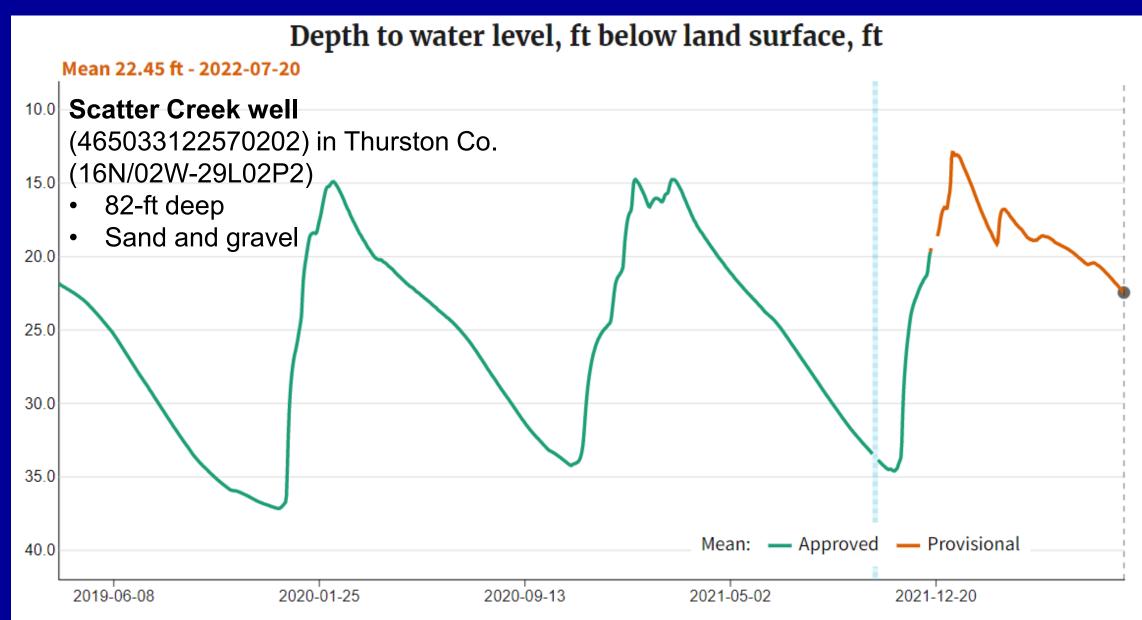
# Daily streamflow in Washington Rivers compared to historical streamflow, 2001, 2005, 2015, 2021, 2022



#### WA Current Groundwater Conditions (22 July, 2022)

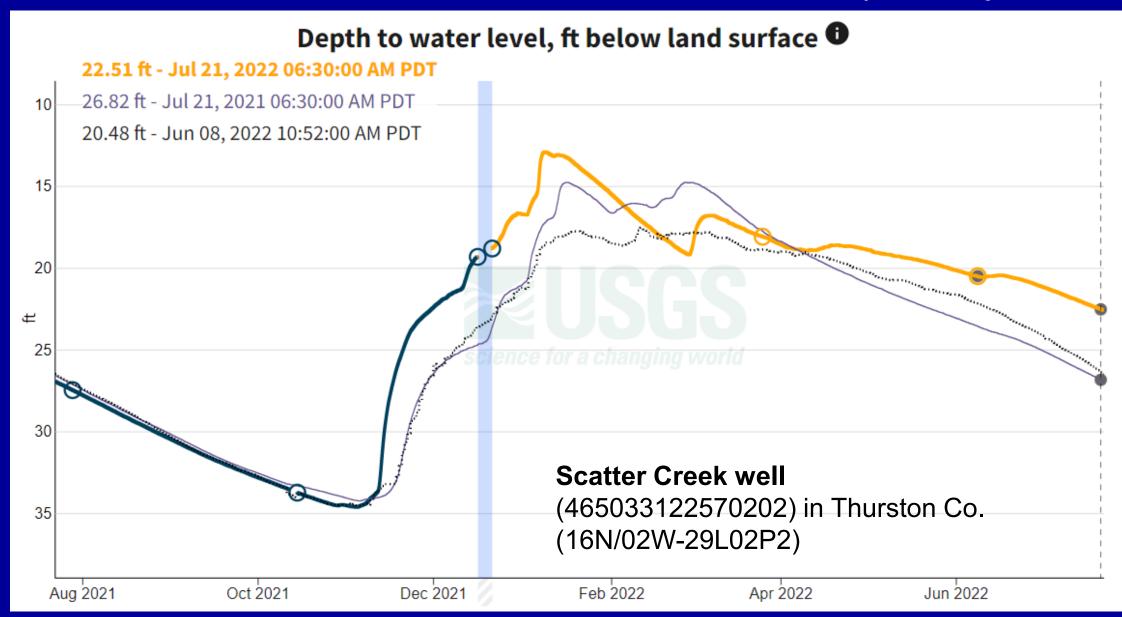


### Scatter Creek Well Groundwater Conditions (22 July, 2022)



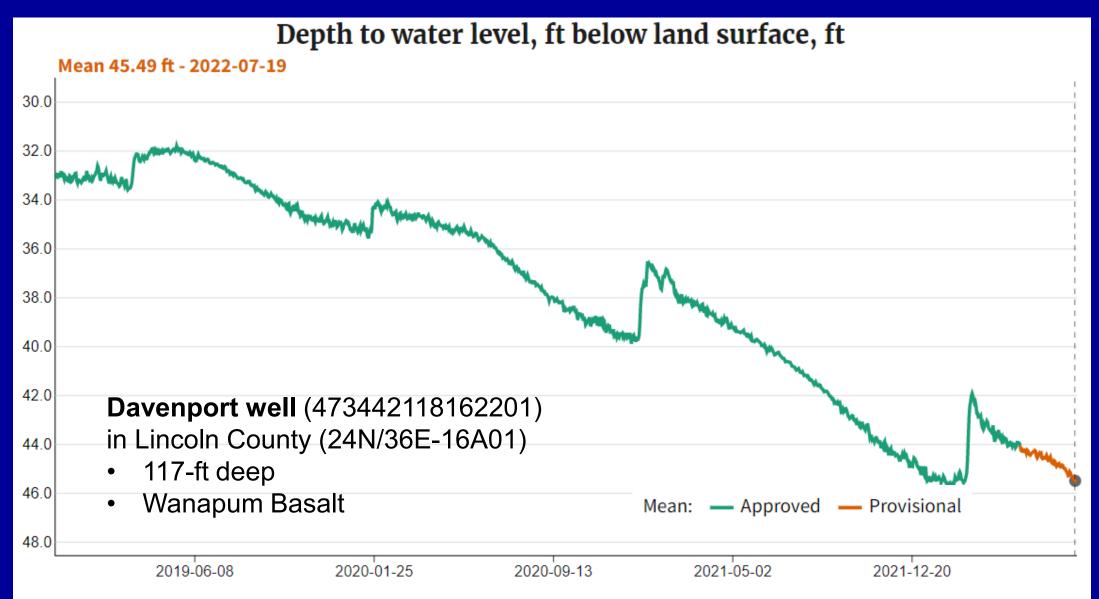


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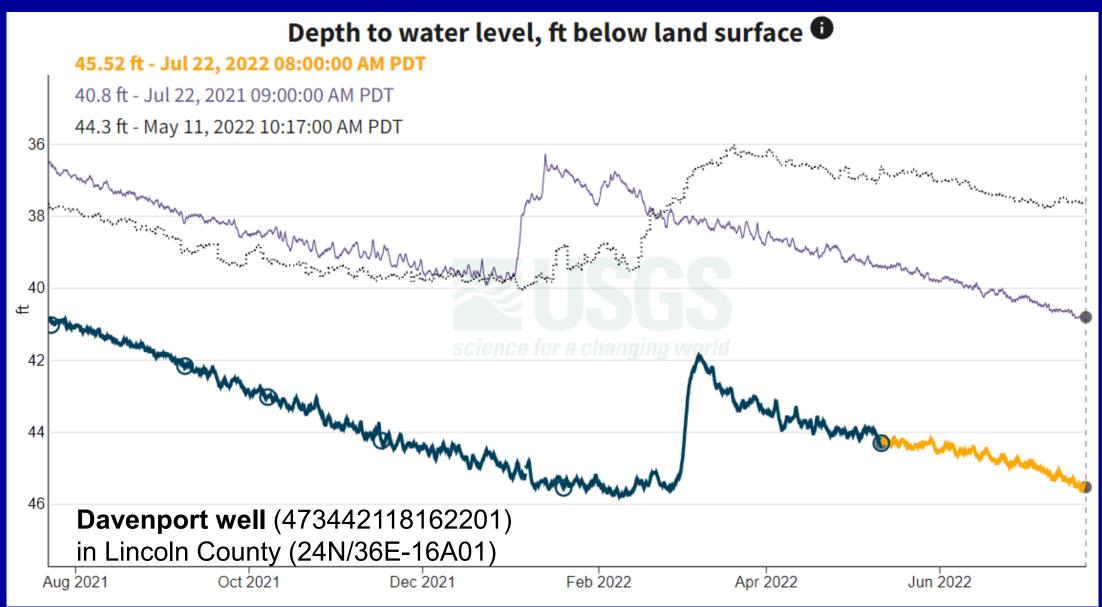


#### **Davenport Well Groundwater Conditions** (22 July, 2022)



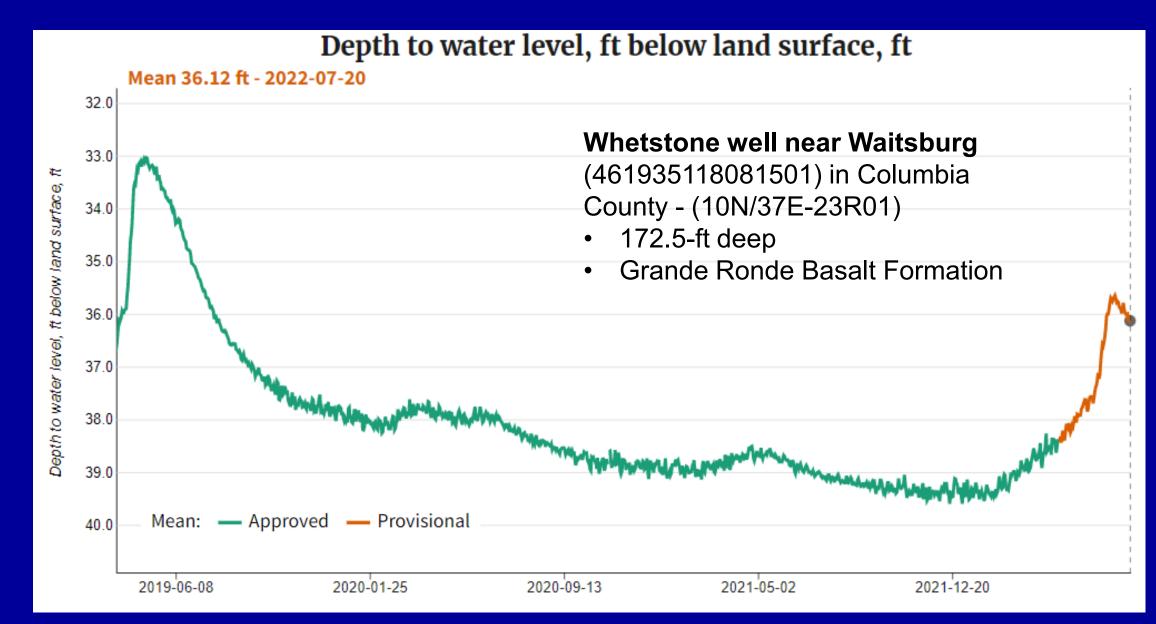


#### **Davenport Well Groundwater Conditions** (22 July, 2022)



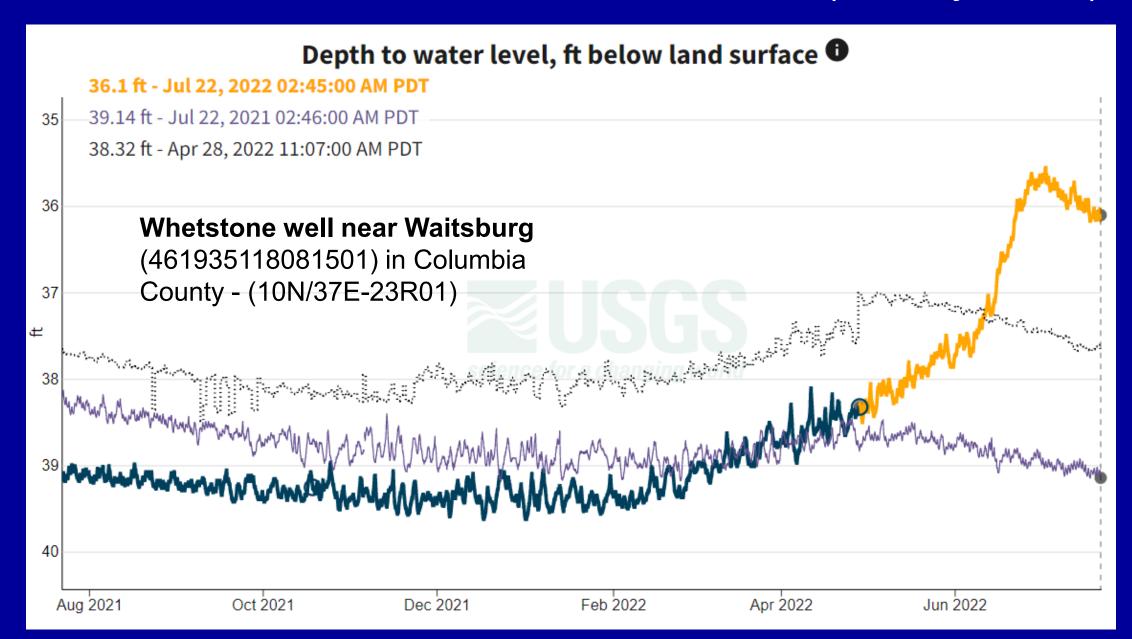


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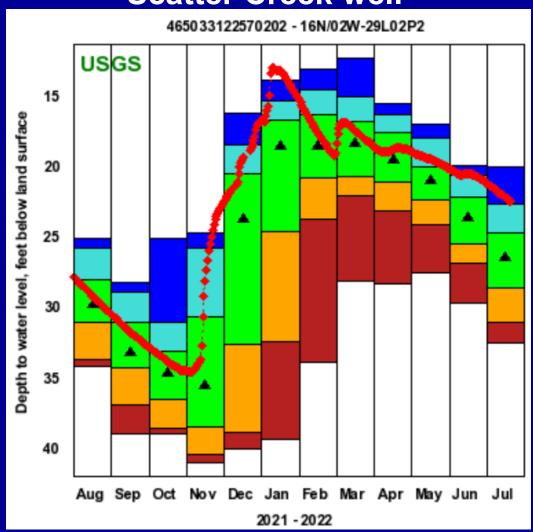
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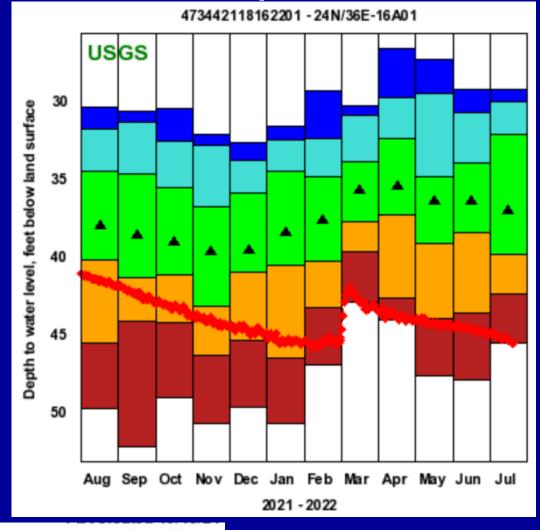


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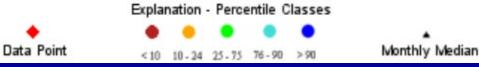
**Scatter Creek well** 



**Davenport well** 



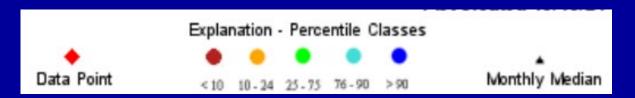


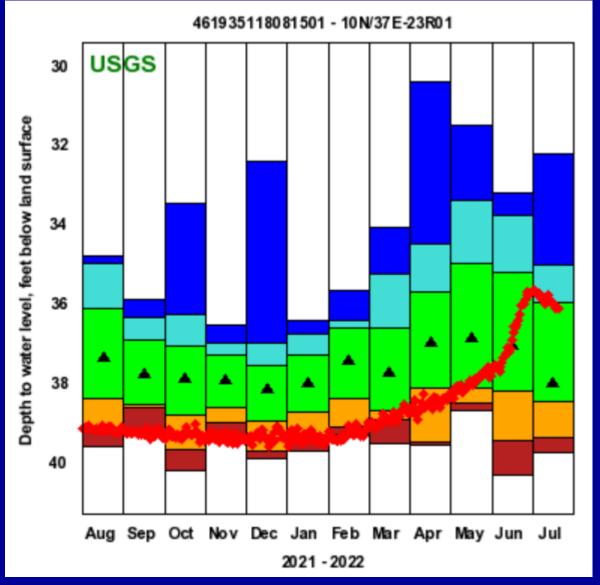


#### WA Current Groundwater Conditions (22 July, 2022)

Whetstone well near Waitsburg (461935118081501) in Columbia County (10N/37E-23R01)

- 172.5-ft deep
- Grande Ronde Basalt Formation







# Summary of Washington Streamflow & GW conditions as of 22 July, 2022

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

#### Western WA

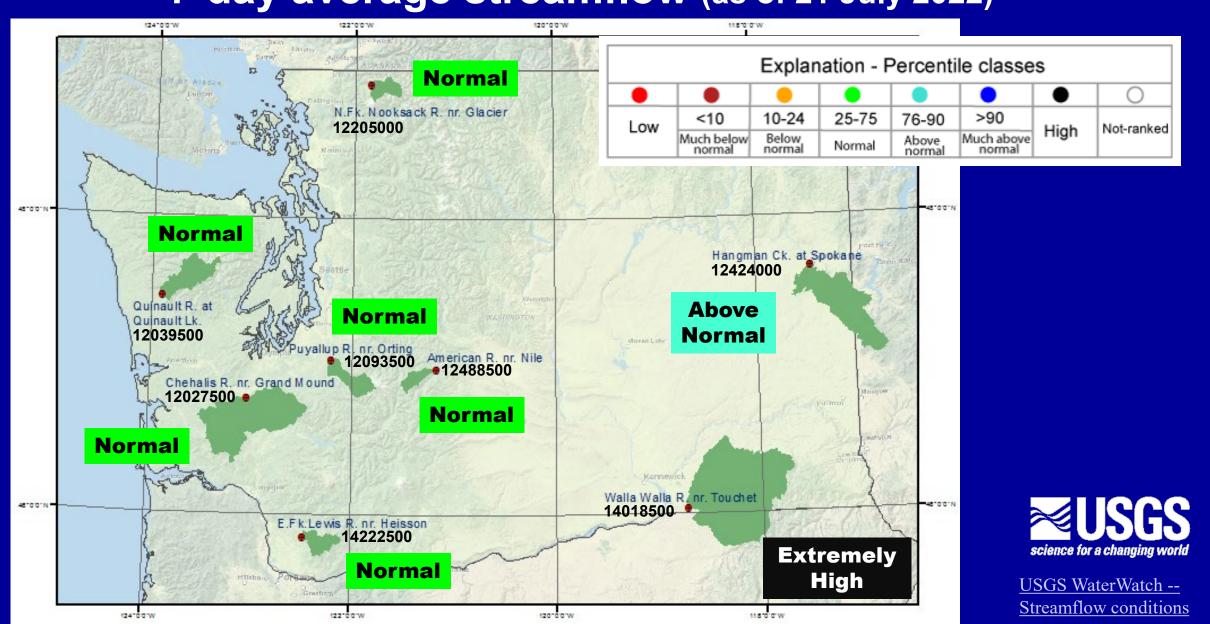
- Puyallup River nr. Orting Normal
- American River Normal
- Quinault River Normal
- EF Lewis River Normal
- Chehalis River nr. Grand Mound Normal
- NF Nooksack River Normal

#### Eastern WA

- Hangman Creek Above normal
- Walla Walla River <u>Extremely high</u>
- Index groundwater sites: (below normal)
  - Scatter Creek well (west) Much above normal
  - Davenport well (east) <u>Much below normal</u>
  - Waitsburg well Normal



# Index Gaging Stations, 7-day average streamflow (as of 21 July 2022)





#### NWS NWRFC and WFO







Washington Water Supply Availability Committee Meeting July 22, 2022

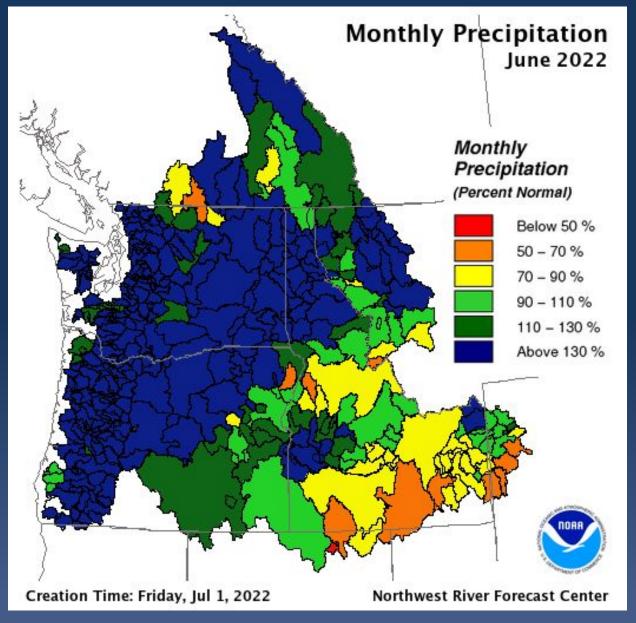


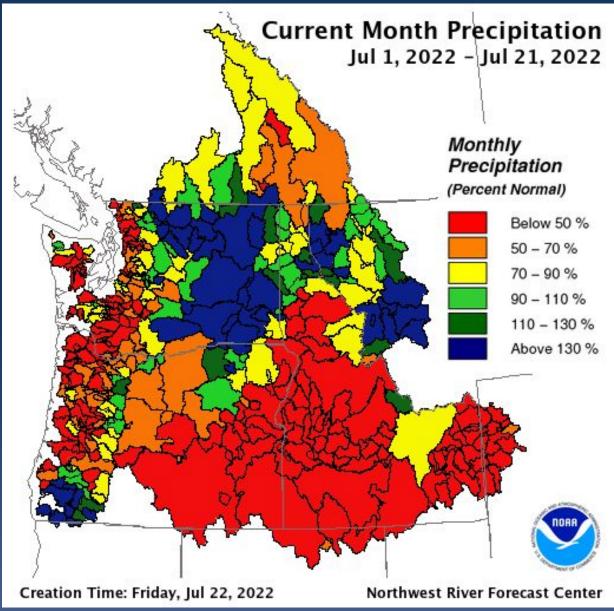
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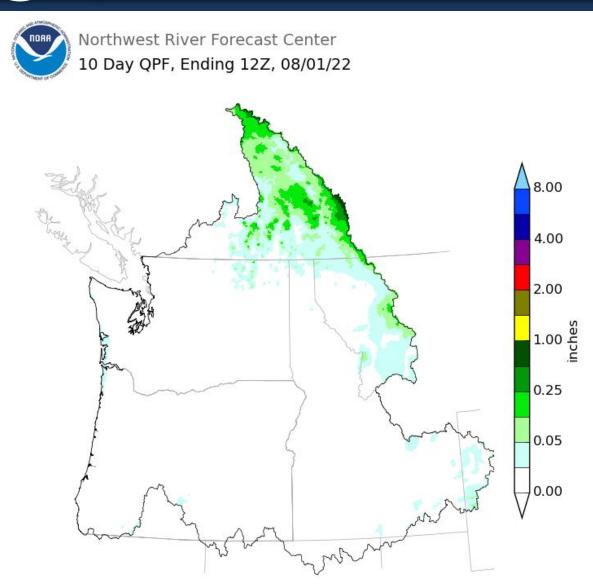
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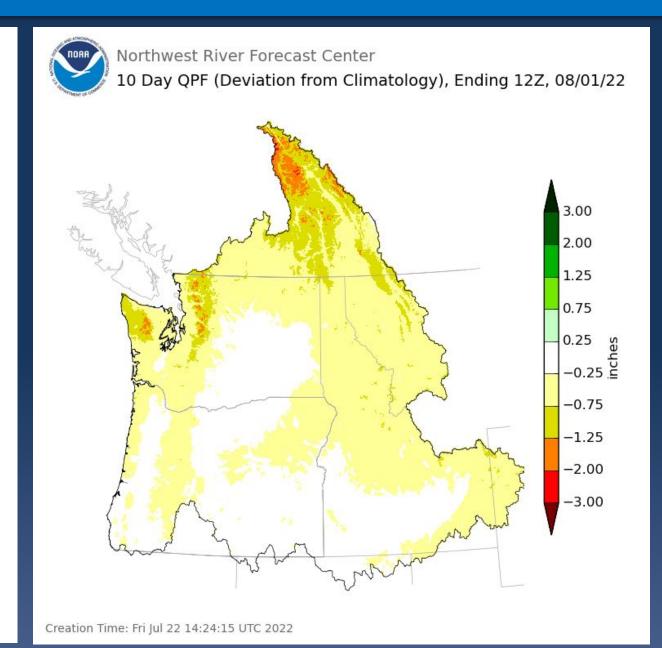






## Precipitation Forecast (July 23 - August 1)

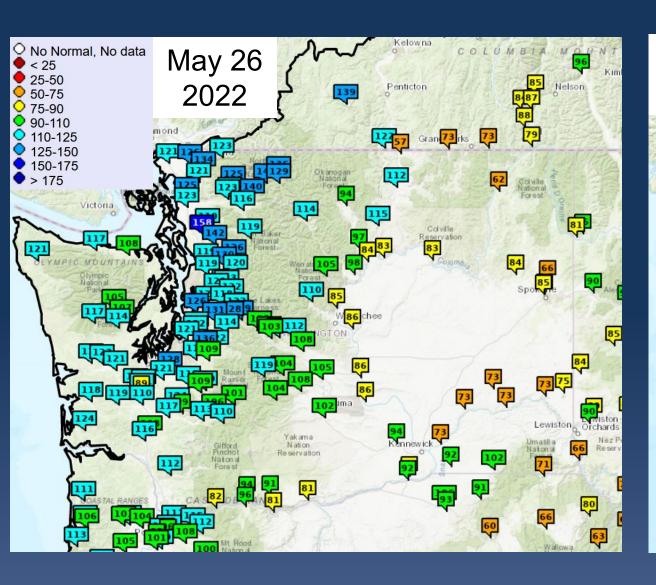


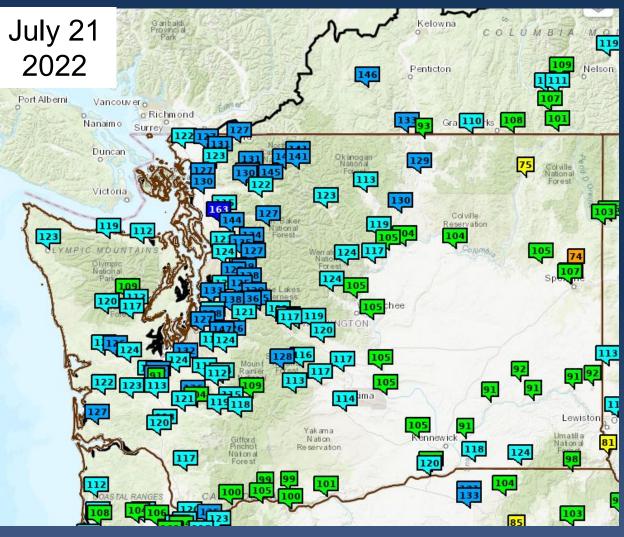


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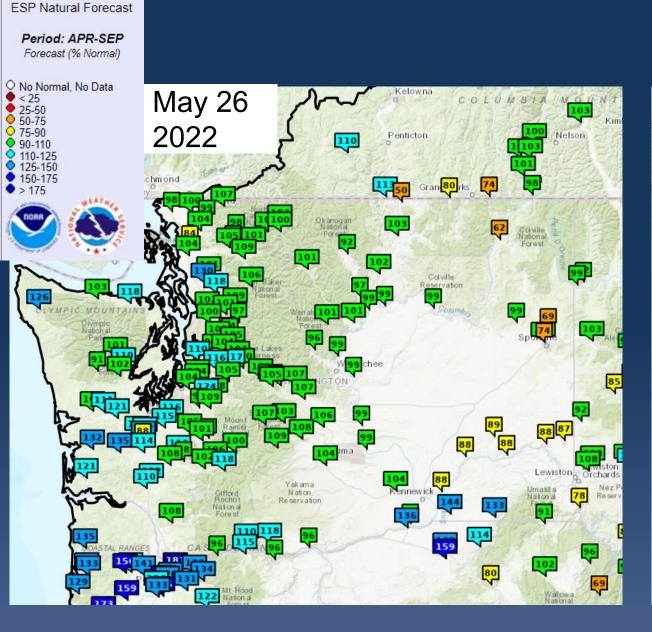
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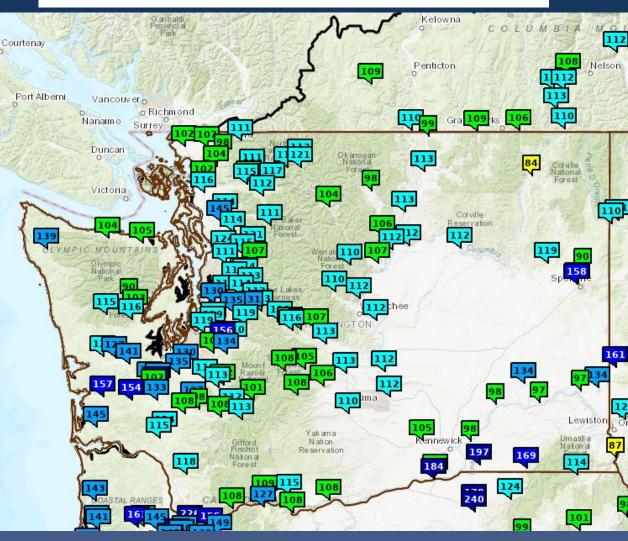




### Natural Apr-Sep Forecast (observed + forecast)



We are almost 4 months into this forecast period





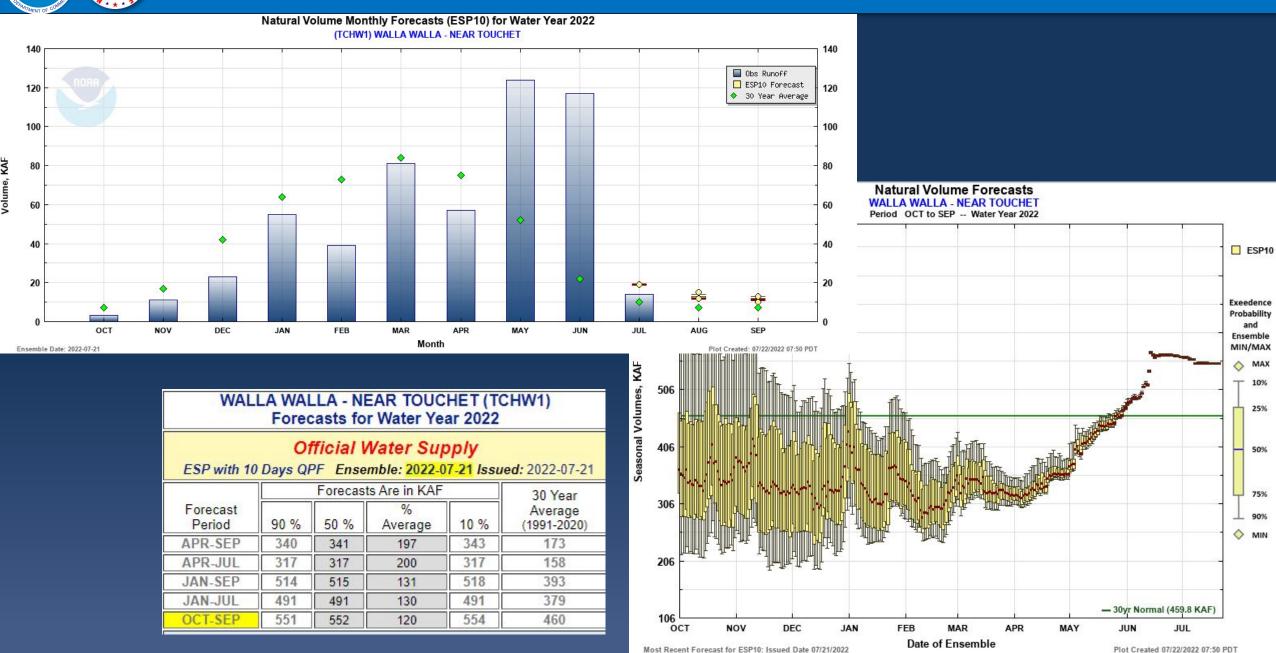
## Natural Runoff and Forecast Changes

| 0/ Navoral Dunaff Oat 1 July 21 |         |                     | % Normal Apr-Sep Forecast |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| % Normal Runoff Oct 1- Jul      |         | Δ since Apr 6       |                           |          |
| <u>Washington</u>               | <u></u> | <u> Since Apr 6</u> |                           | <u> </u> |
| Skagit nr Mt Vernon             | 130     | -9                  | 116                       | 17       |
| Dungeness nr Sequim             | 112     | -7                  | 105                       | 19       |
| Calawah nr Forks                | 123     | 2                   | 123                       | -3       |
| Chehalis at Porter              | 124     | 6                   | 141                       | 62       |
| Okanogan at Malott              | 130     | -42                 | 113                       | 7        |
| Methow nr Pateros               | 119     | -44                 | 106                       | 8        |
| Yakima at Parker                | 114     | -1                  | 110                       | 18       |
| Hangman Creek                   | 107     | 17*                 | 158                       | 103      |
| Walla Walla nr Touchet          | 118     | 46                  | 197                       | 134      |

<sup>\*</sup> Approximate value ~Apr 1st at Hangman Creek

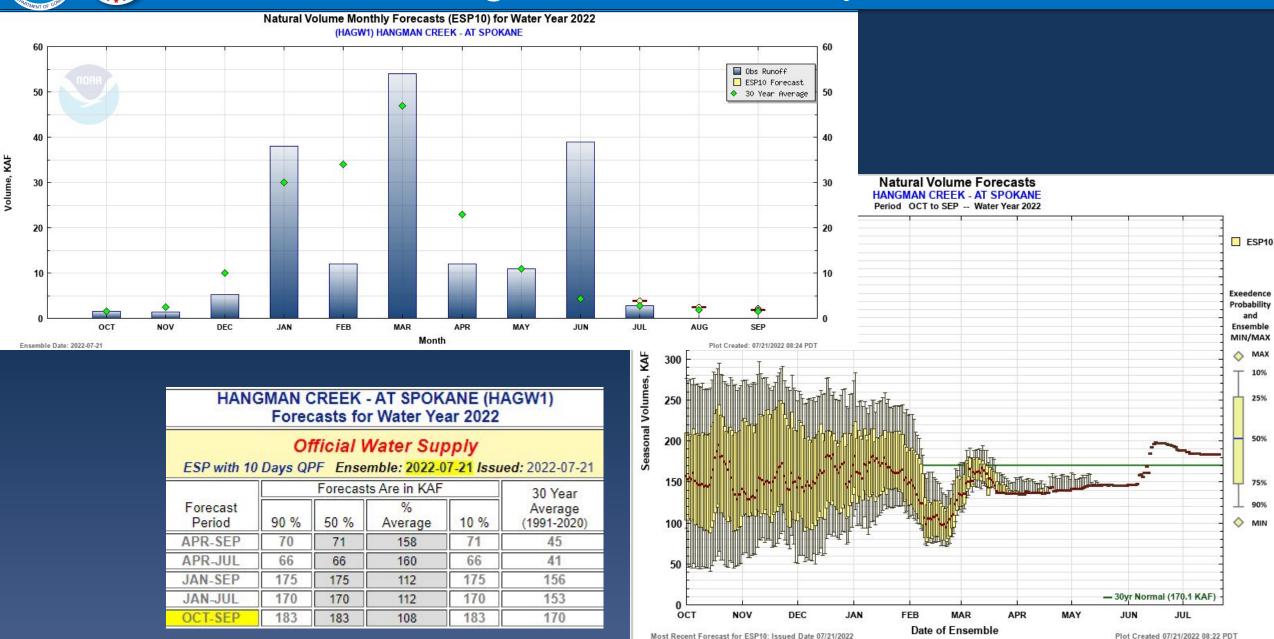


#### Walla Walla R near Touchet



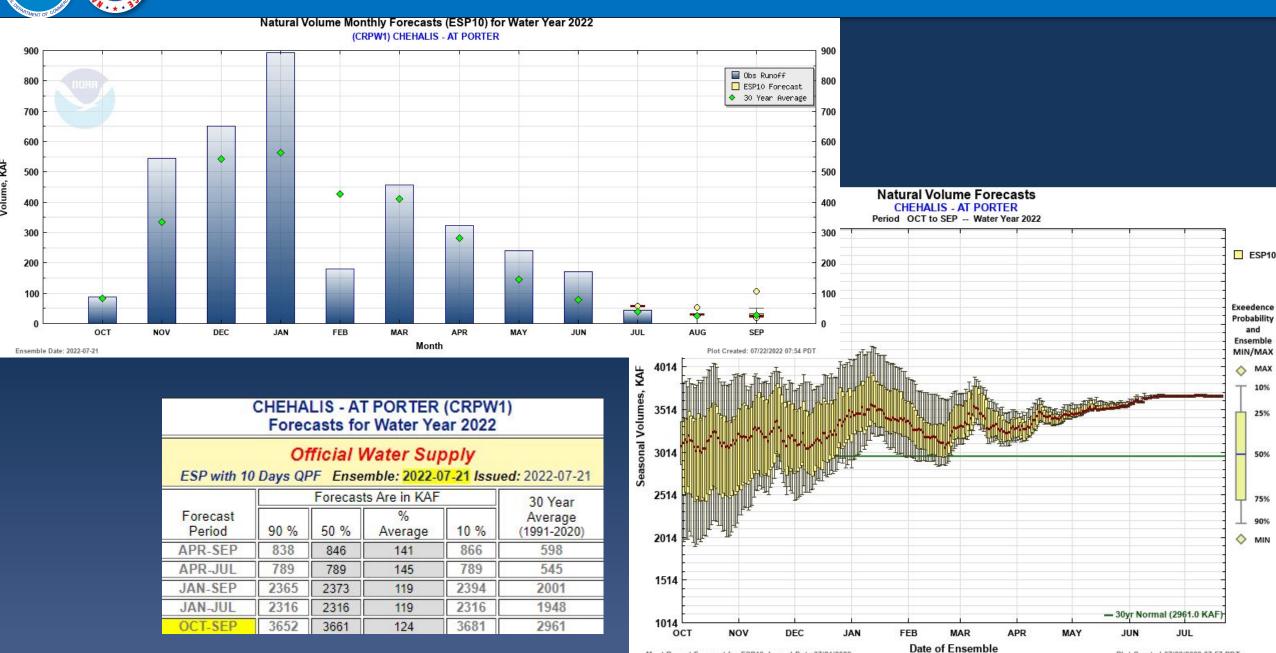


### Hangman Creek at Spokane





#### Chehalis R at Porter

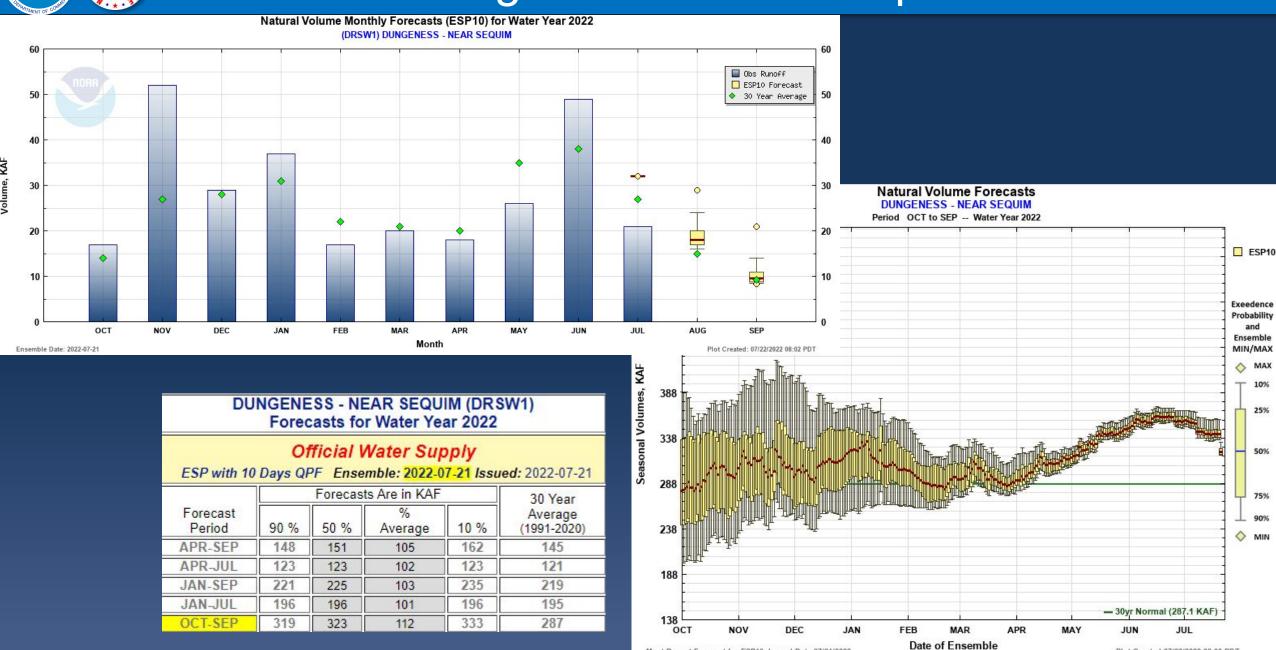


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### Dungeness R near Sequim

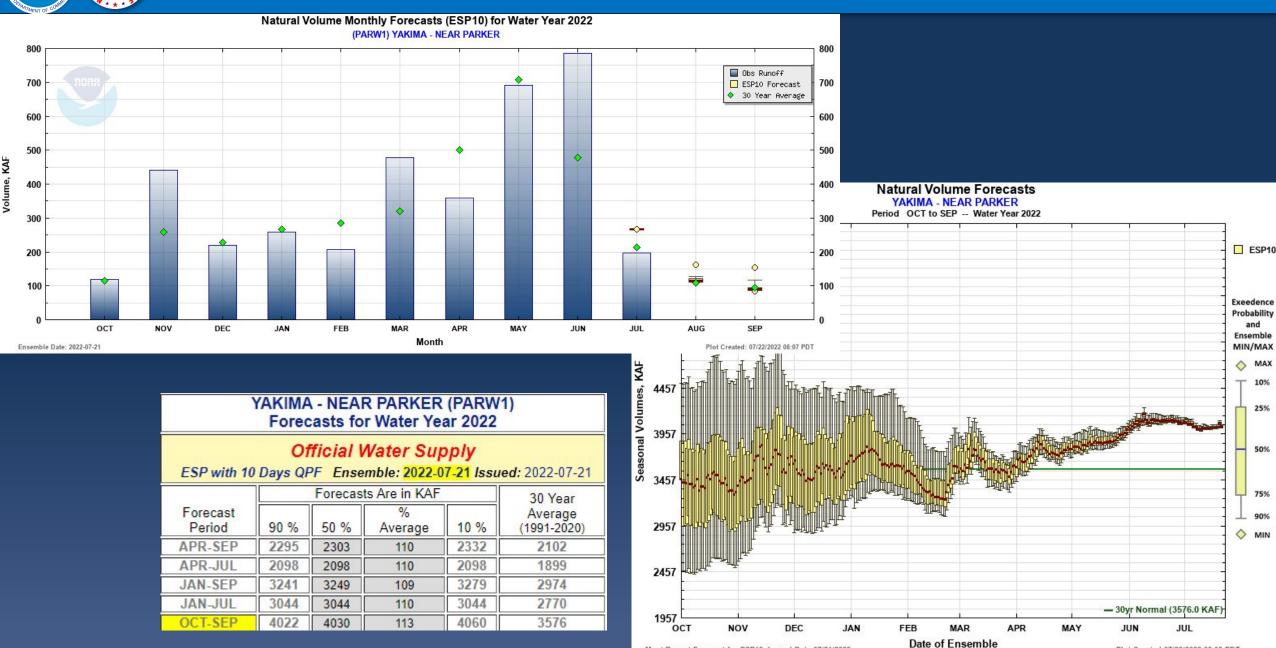


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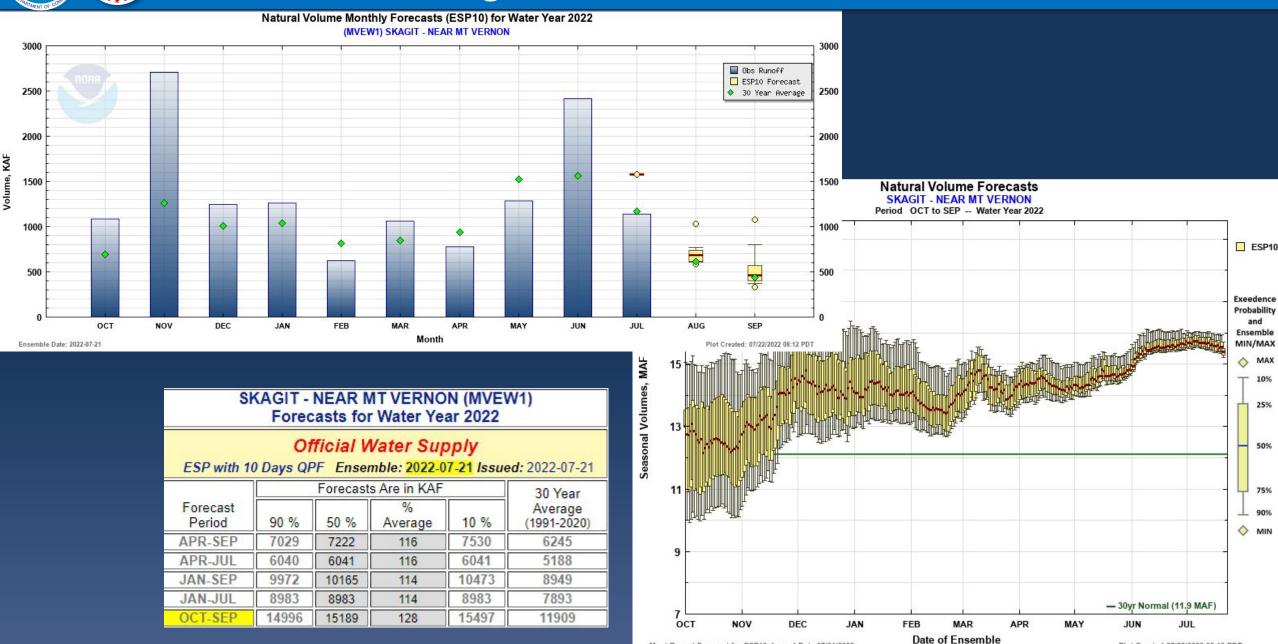


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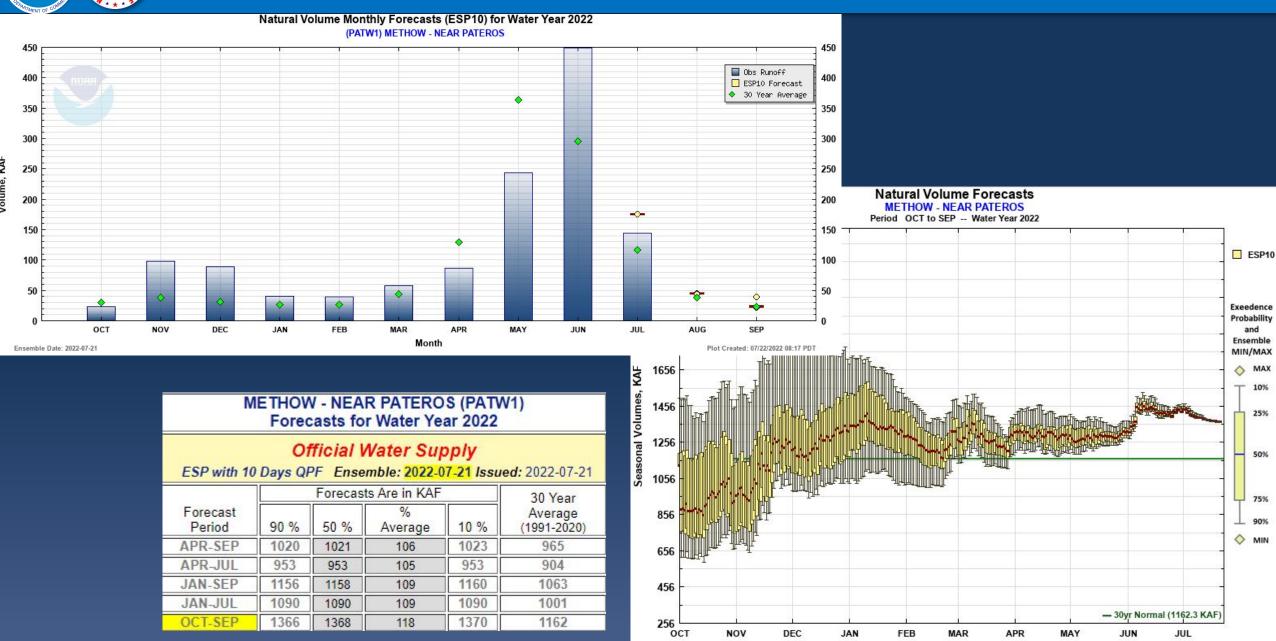


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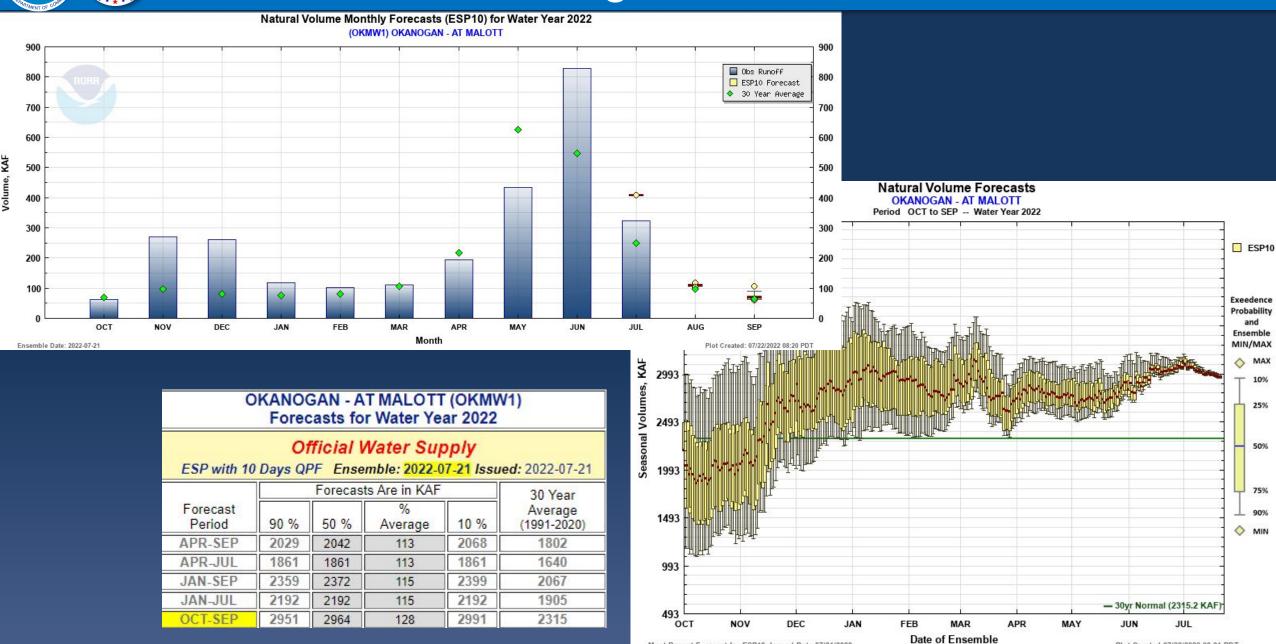
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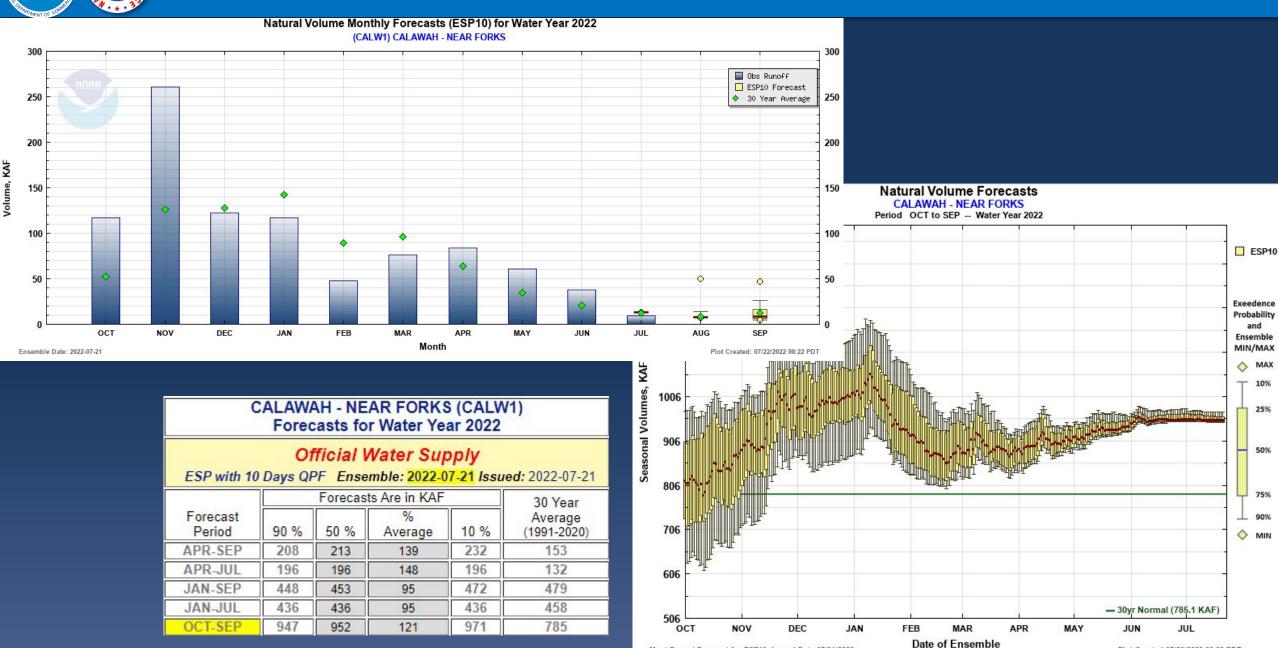


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#### Calawah R near Forks



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