

# Oregon Water Supply Availability Committee

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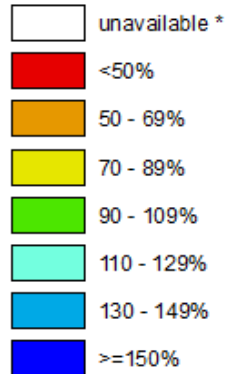
# Statewide SNOTEL Snowpack is 71% of normal

## Oregon SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

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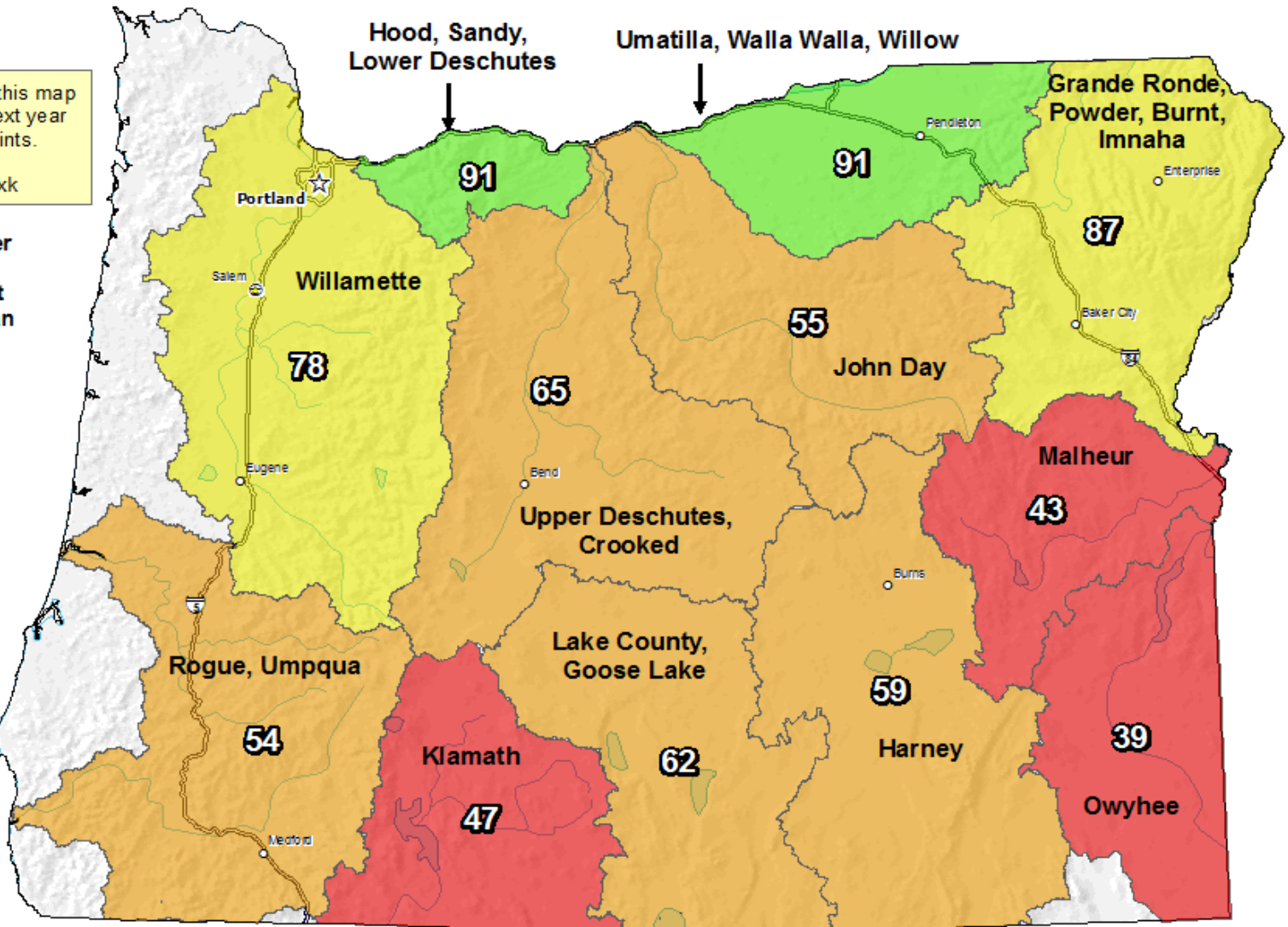
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Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Basin-wide Percent of 1981-2010 Median

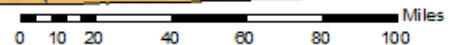


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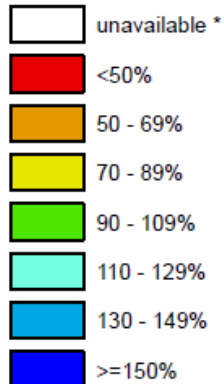
# Statewide SNOTEL Snowpack is 41% of normal

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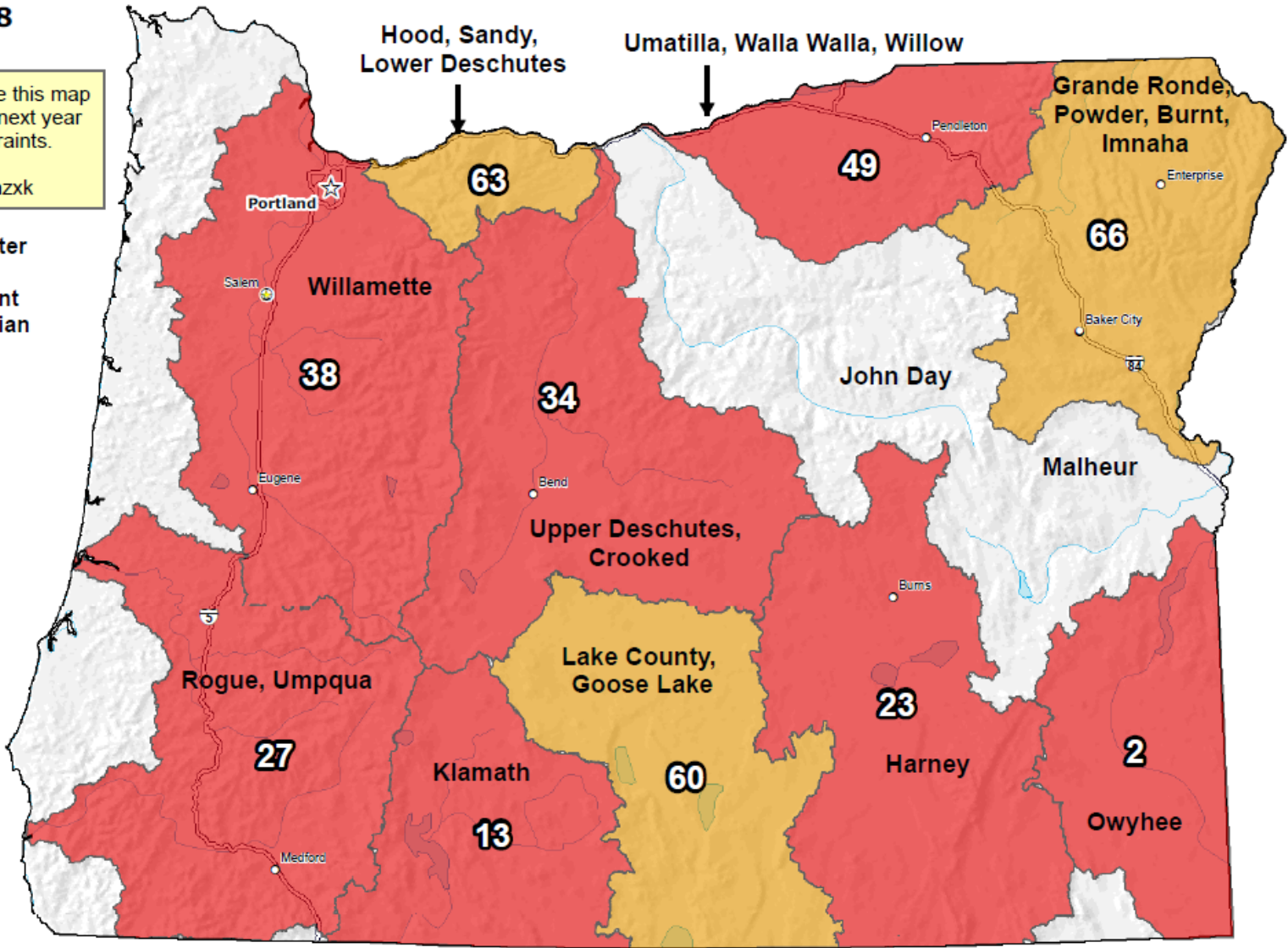
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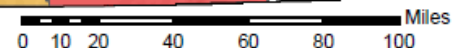


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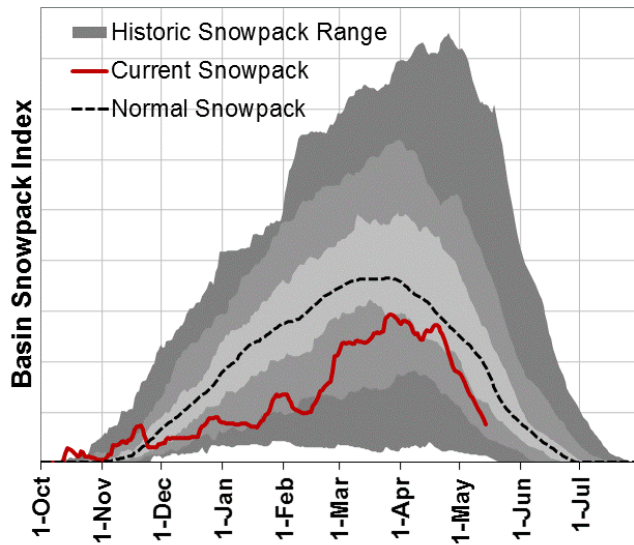
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## Basin SWE Summary – May 14, 2018 – Statewide SWE % of Normal = 46%

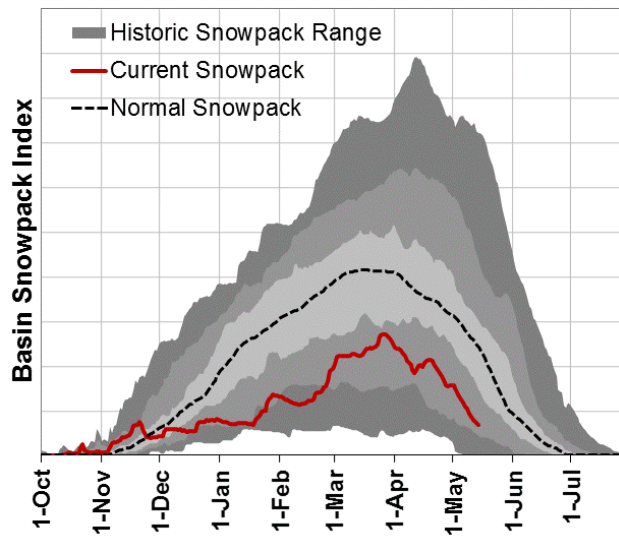
<b>Willamette</b>	<b>7/23 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE (0 site with SWE below 4000')</b>
<b>Rogue, Umpqua</b>	<b>3/12 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE (0 sites with SWE below 5000')</b>
<b>Hood, Sandy, Lower Deschutes</b>	<b>5/8 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE</b>
<b>Upper Deschutes, Crooked</b>	<b>4/14 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE (1 site with SWE below 5000')</b>
<b>Klamath</b>	<b>1/18 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE (Annie Springs, Crater Lake, 6010')</b>
<b>Lake County, Goose Lake</b>	<b>1/9 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE</b>
<b>Umatilla, Walla Walla, Willow</b>	<b>3/8 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE (All sites with SWE above 4920')</b>
<b>John Day</b>	<b>0/13 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE</b>
<b>Harney</b>	<b>0/9 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE</b>
<b>Grande Ronde, Powder, Burnt, Imnaha</b>	<b>6/17 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE (All sites with SWE above 4920')</b>
<b>Malheur</b>	<b>0/3 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE</b>
<b>Owyhee</b>	<b>0/8 SNOTEL sites with measurable SWE</b>

# Water Year 2018 – May 14<sup>th</sup>

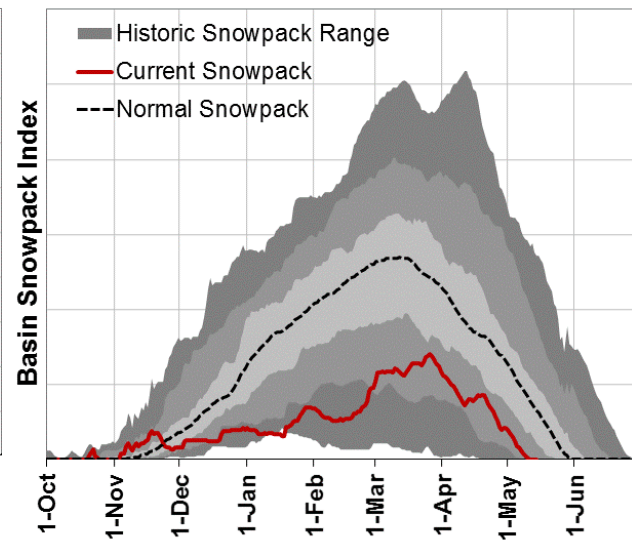
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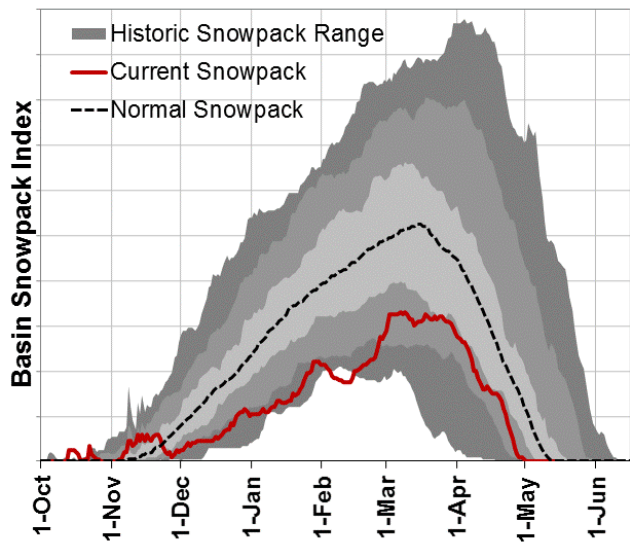
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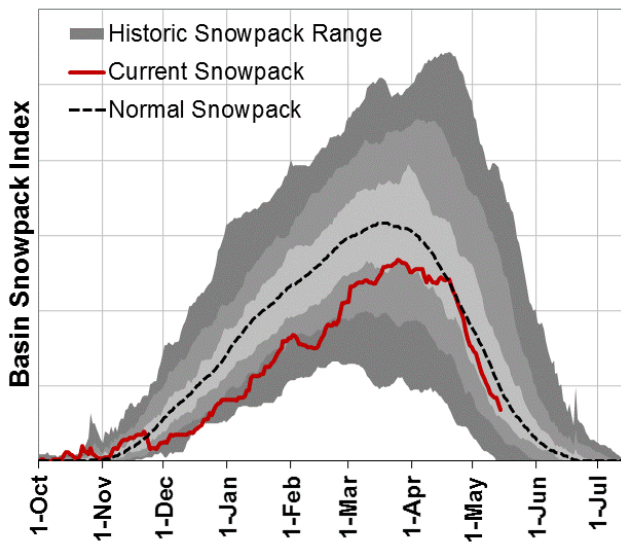
## Klamath



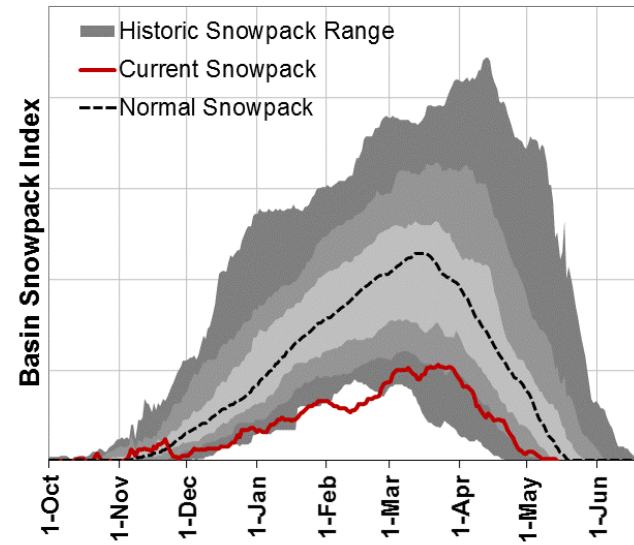
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## Grande Ronde/Powder/Burnt



## Owyhee/Malheur



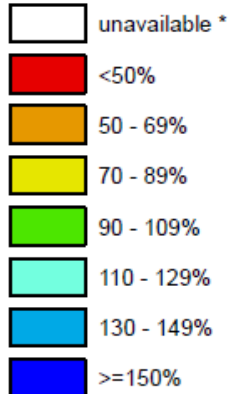
# Statewide SNOTEL Precipitation is 91% of normal on May 14, 2018

## Oregon SNOTEL Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation % of Normal

May 15, 2018

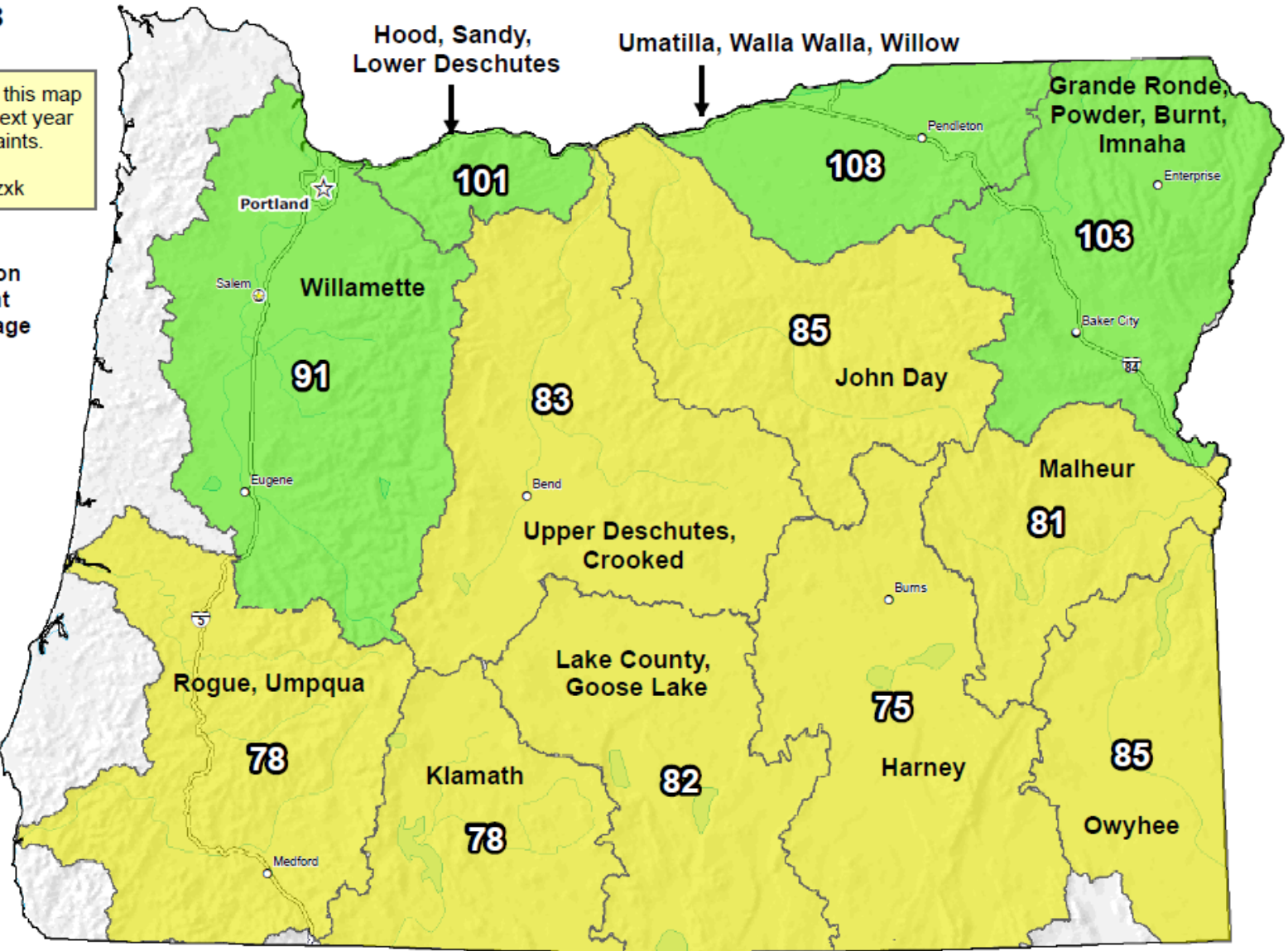
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Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation Basin-wide Percent of 1981-2010 Average

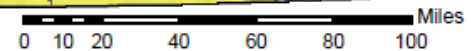


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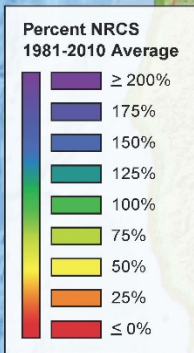
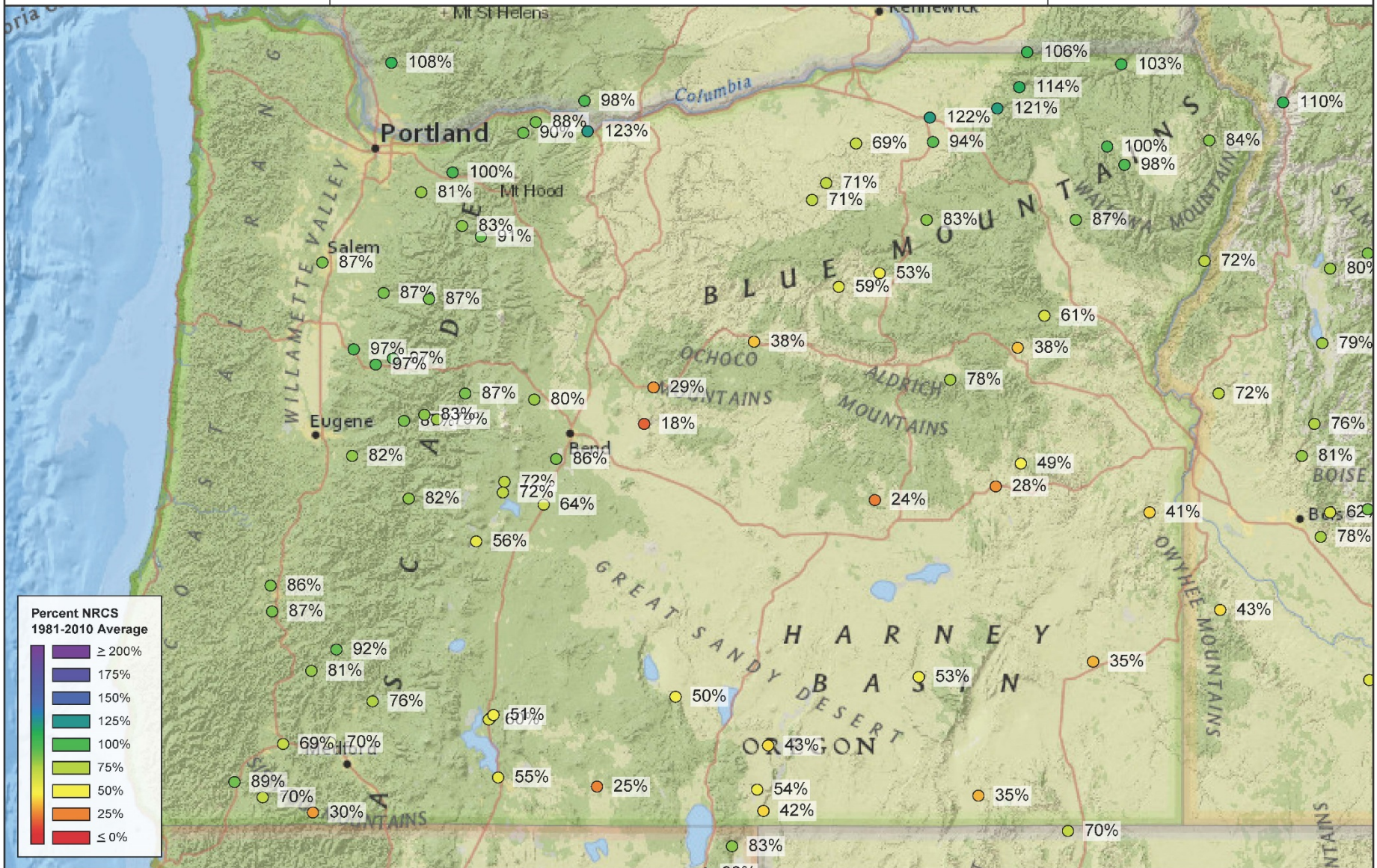


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Forecast Volume,  
50% Exceedance Probability

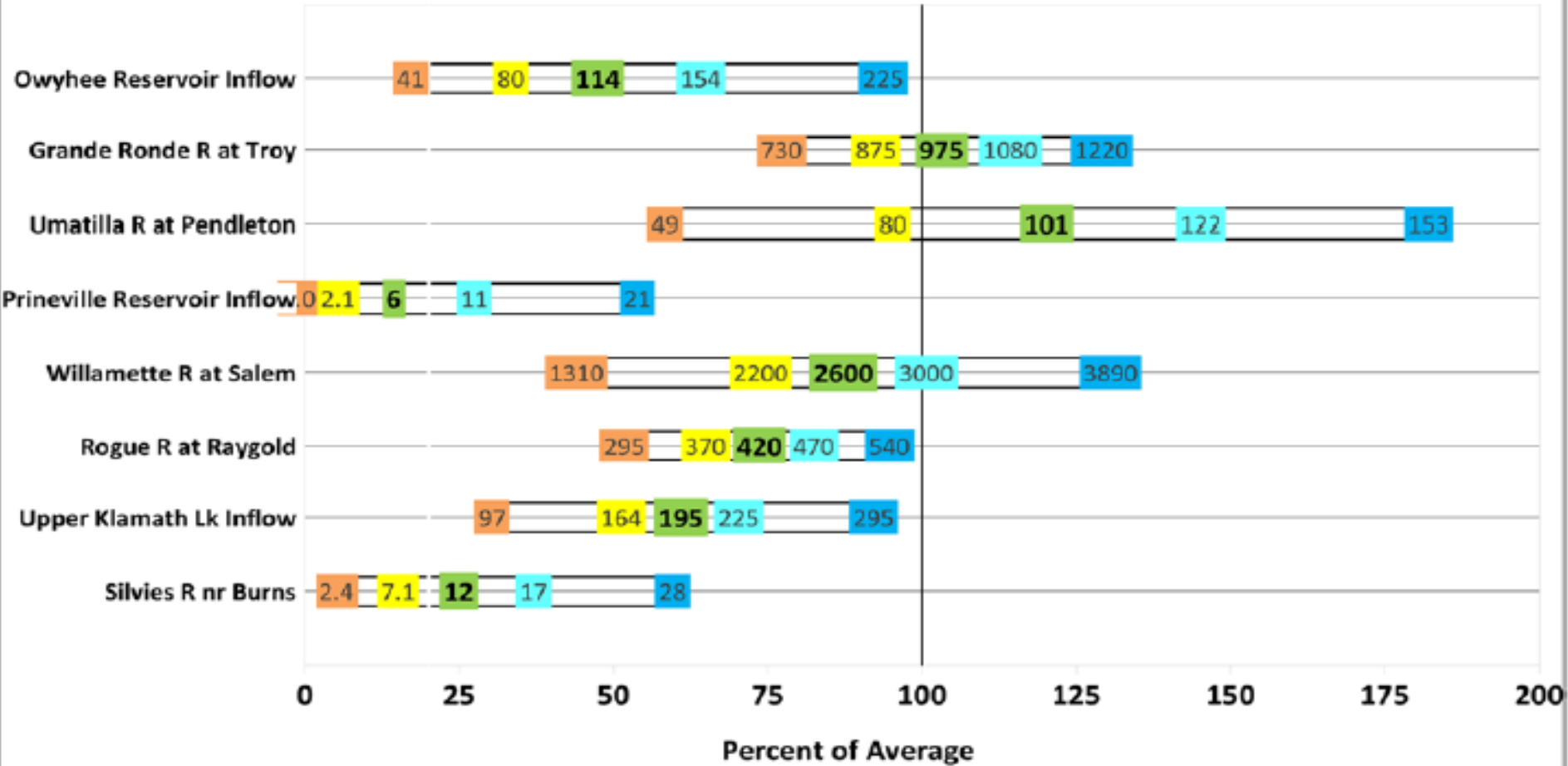
Percent NRCS 1981-2010 Average

Primary Period, May 1, 2018



# Summary of Streamflow Forecasts across Oregon

## May through September Forecast Volumes at a Selection of Streamflow Points (Volumes listed in KAF)



**Legend:** ←-----Drier-----Future Conditions-----Wetter-----→

<b>90% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)</b> There is a 90% chance that flows will exceed this volume.	<b>70% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)</b> There is a 70% chance that flows will exceed this volume.	<b>50% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)</b> There is a 50% chance that flows will exceed this volume.	<b>30% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)</b> There is a 30% chance that flows will exceed this volume.	<b>10% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)</b> There is a 10% chance that flows will exceed this volume.
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## USGS Update on Surface Water Conditions

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USGS ORWSC

**Provisional Data Statement**

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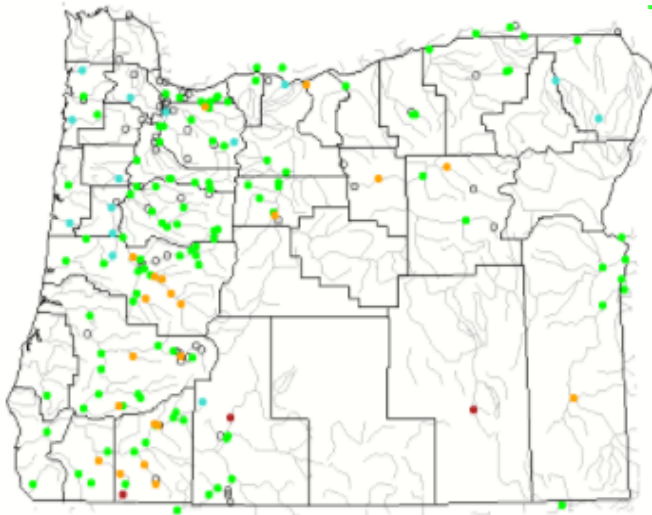
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Map of 28-day average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the year (Oregon)

Oregon or Water-Resources Regions

Monday, May 14, 2018

From  
May 15



Search USGS streamgage

Choose a data retrieval option and select a location on the map

- List of all stations
  Single station
  Nearest stations

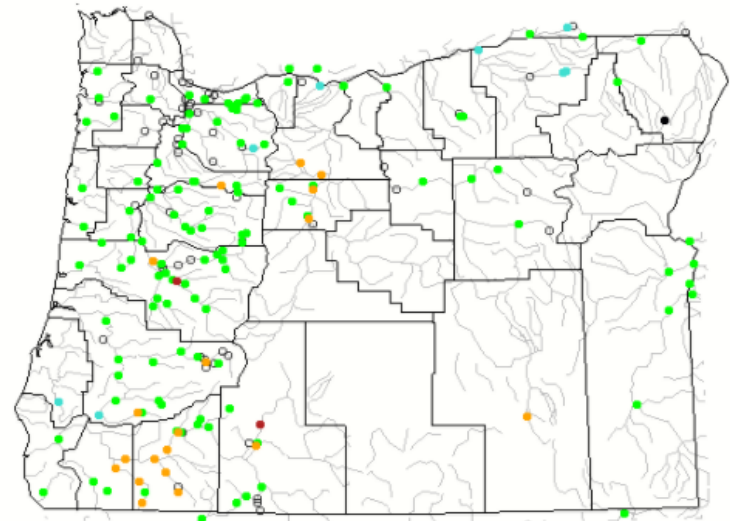
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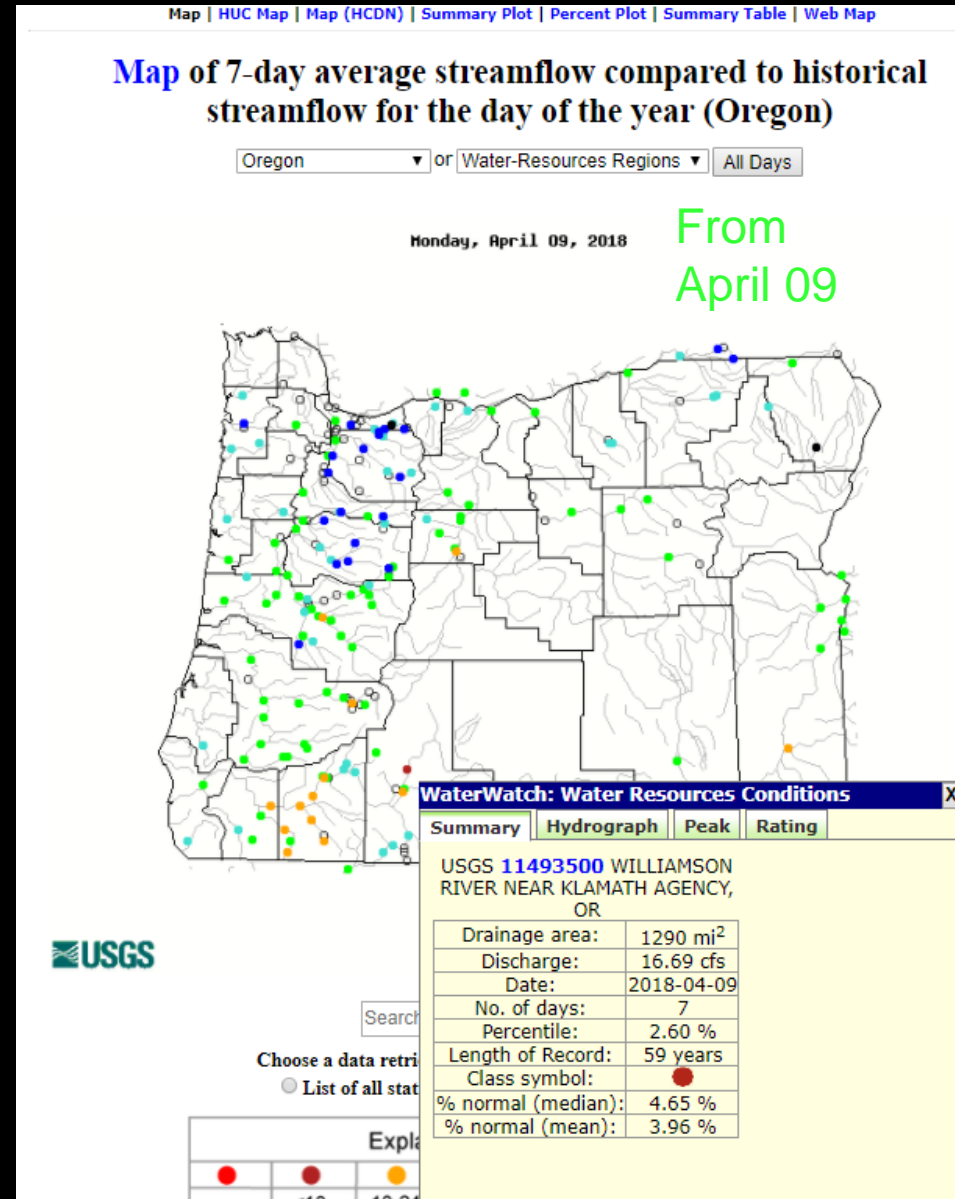
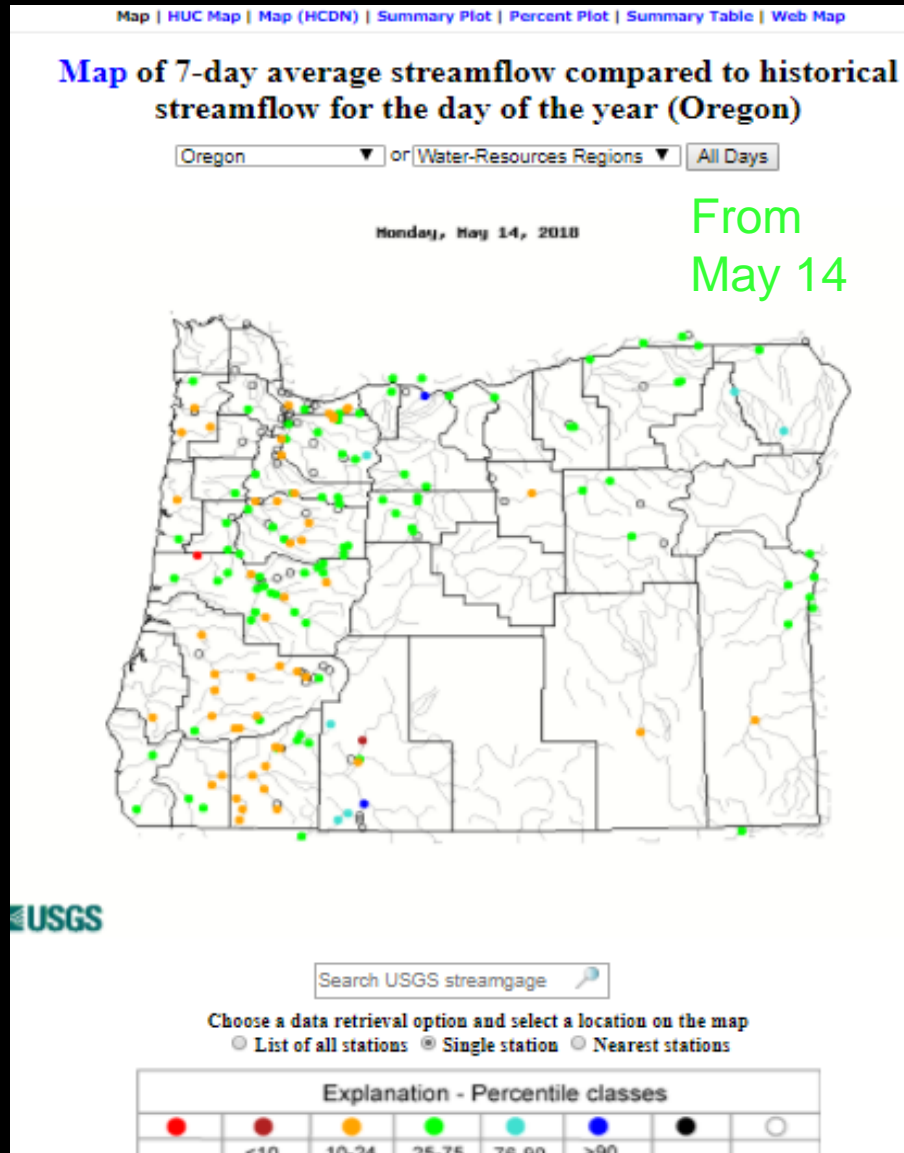
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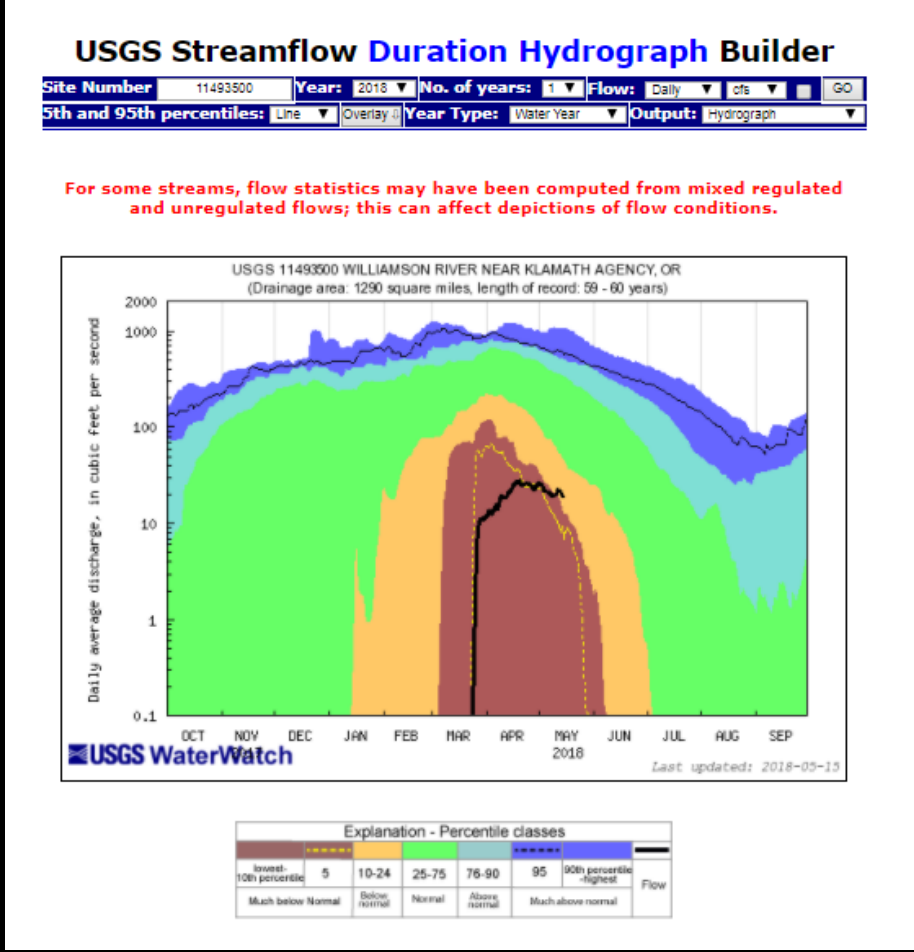
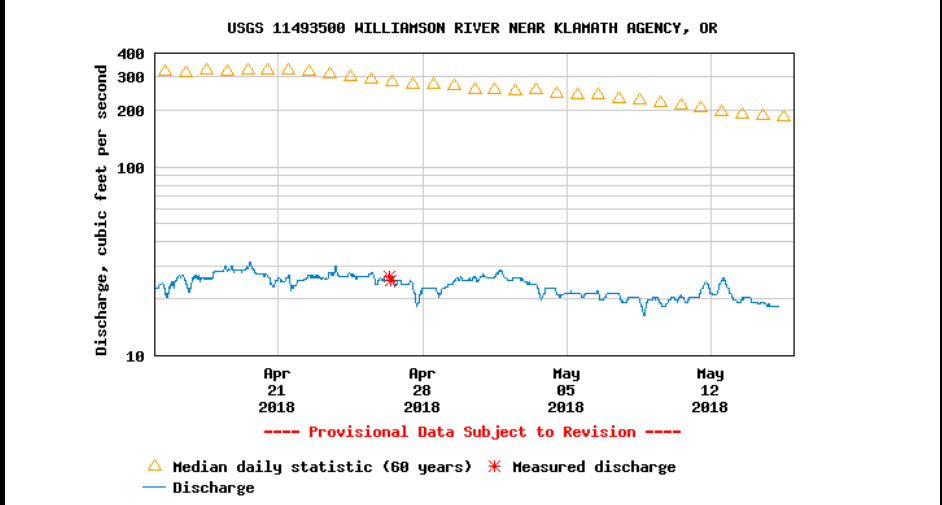
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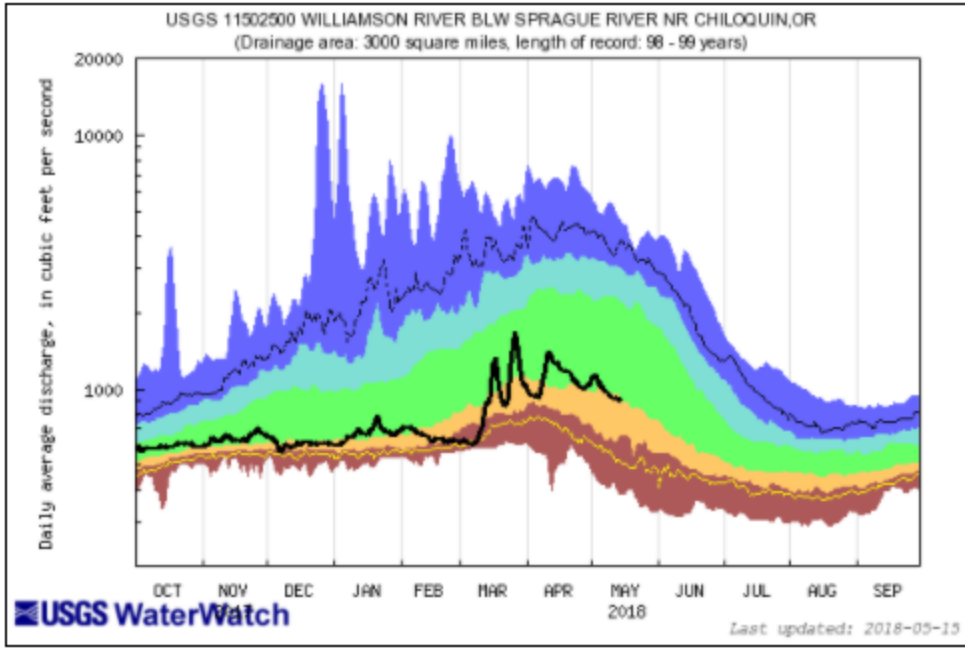
# Oregon Map of 7-day average streamflow compared to historical streamflow for the day of the year



# KLAMATH BASIN 11493500 WILLIAMSON RIVER NEAR KLAMATH AGENCY, OR



# KLAMATH BASIN

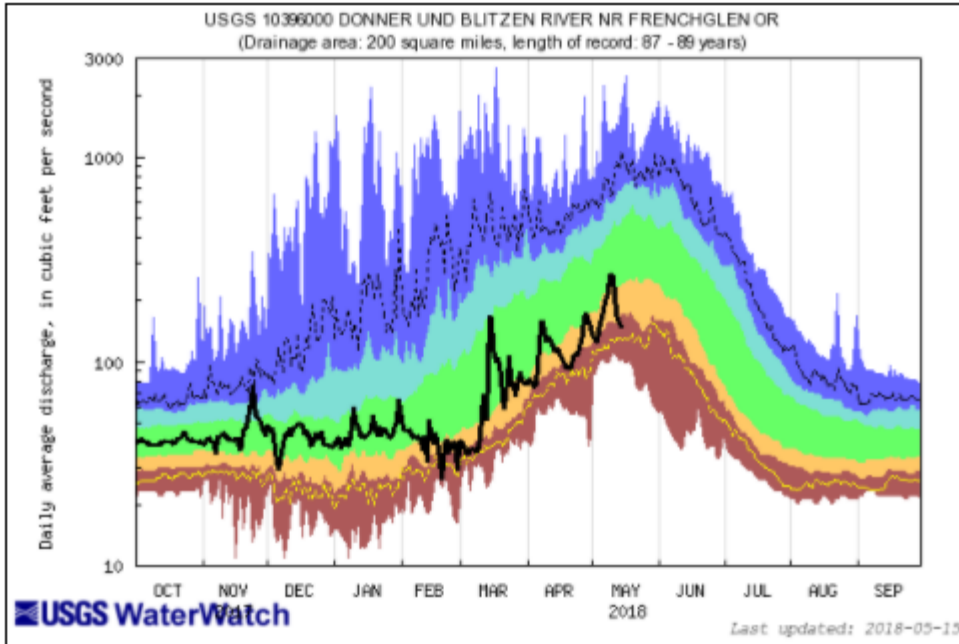


Explanation - Percentile classes							
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	99th percentile - highest	Flow
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal			

Monthly Avg. 1,111 cfs  
61% of Avg. for April  
(1981-2010)

\* March 55% Avg.

# DONNER BLITZEN & HARNEY BASIN



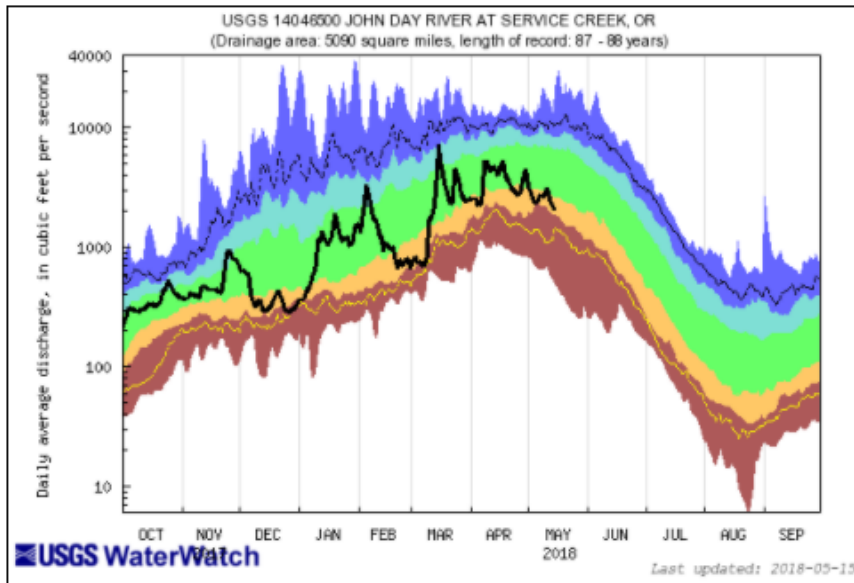
Monthly Avg. 116 cfs  
52% of Avg. for April  
(1981-2010)

\*45% Avg. Feb.  
42% of Avg. March

Explanation - Percentile classes						
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile-highest
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		Flow

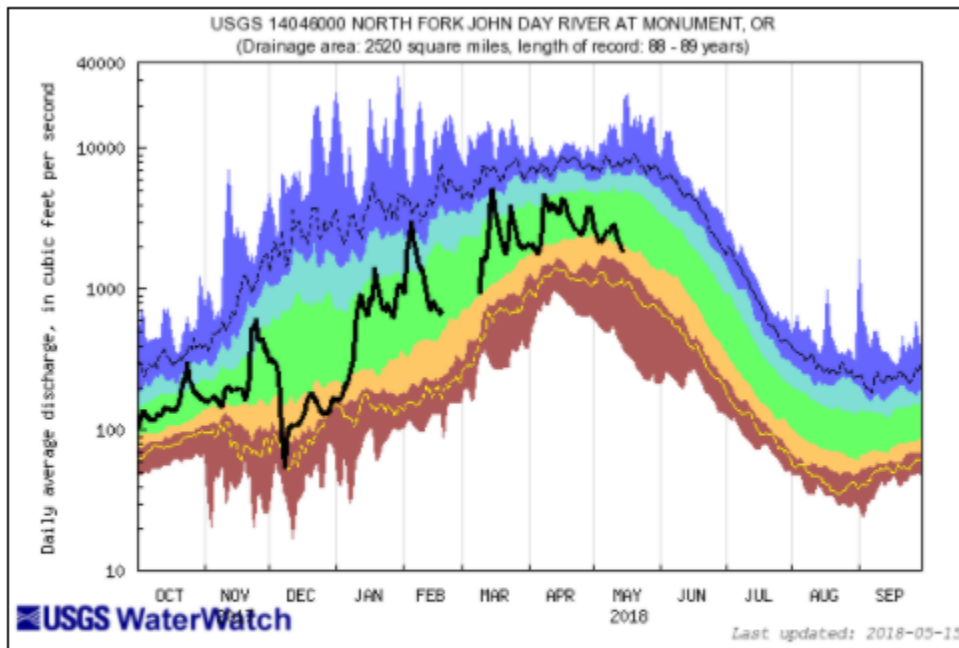


# UPPER JOHN DAY



Monthly Avg. 3658 cfs  
69% of Average for April  
(1981-2010)

\*56% Avg. in Feb. & 57% in March

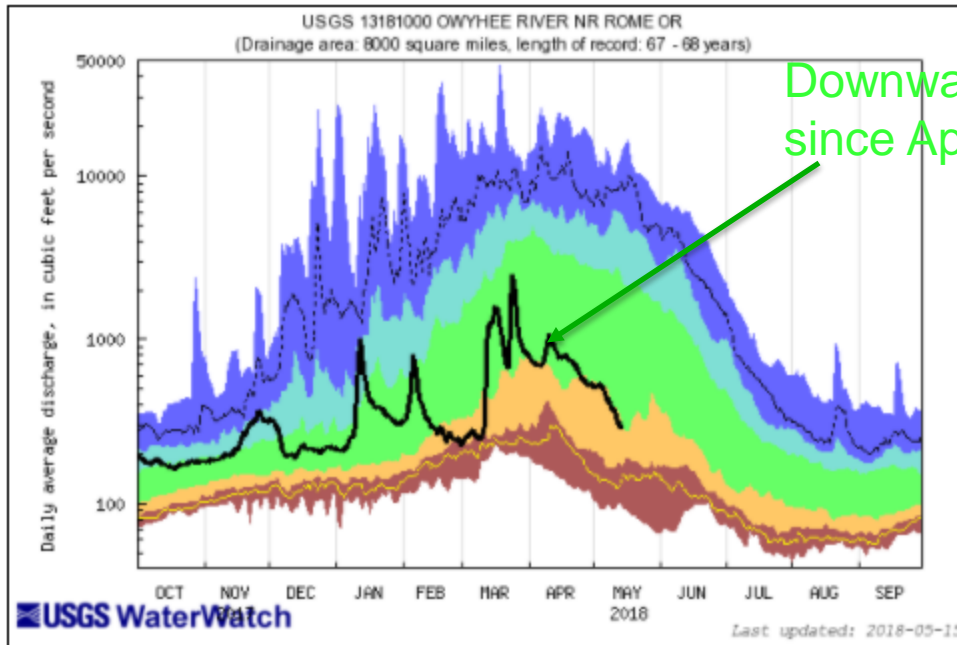


Although a bump up in % of Average of flow for April flow is trending towards Below normal & Much below normal

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# OWYEE BASIN

and unregulated flows; this can affect depictions of flow conditions.



Downward Trend  
since April meeting

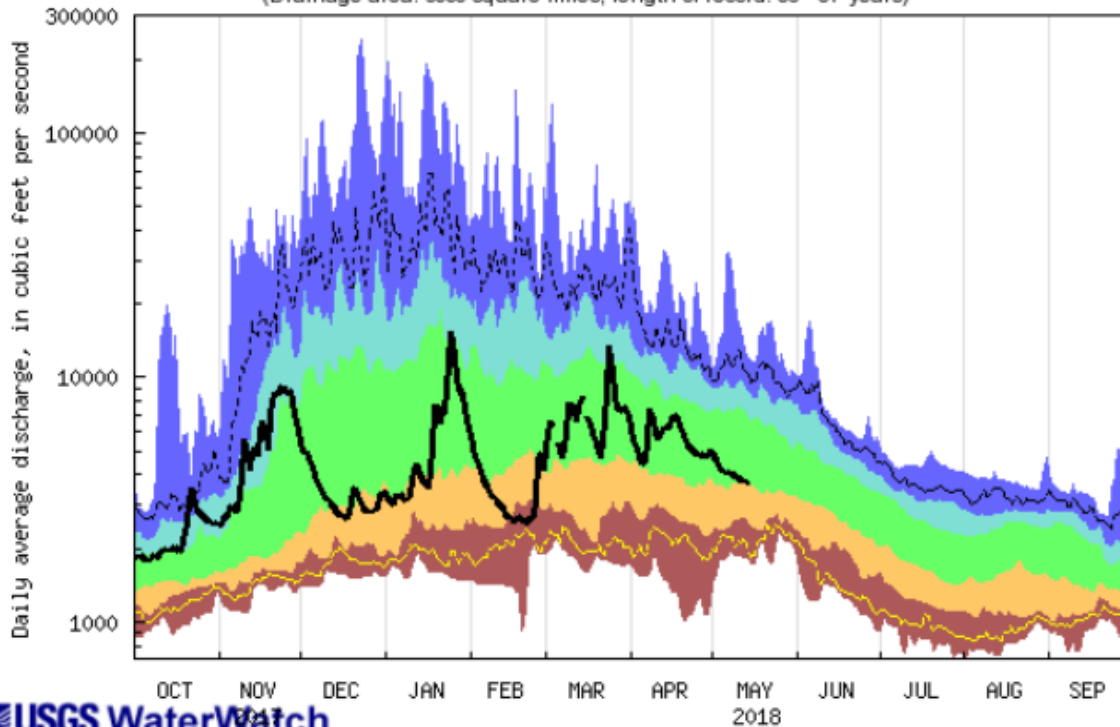
Monthly Avg. 736 cfs  
27% of Average for  
(1981-2010)

\*Feb 2018 was 29% Avg.  
32% of Average for March

Explanation - Percentile classes					
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10th-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95 90th percentile -highest
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	Flow

# ROGUE/UMPQUA BASIN

USGS 14372300 ROGUE RIVER NEAR AGNESS, OR  
(Drainage area: 3939 square miles, length of record: 56 - 57 years)



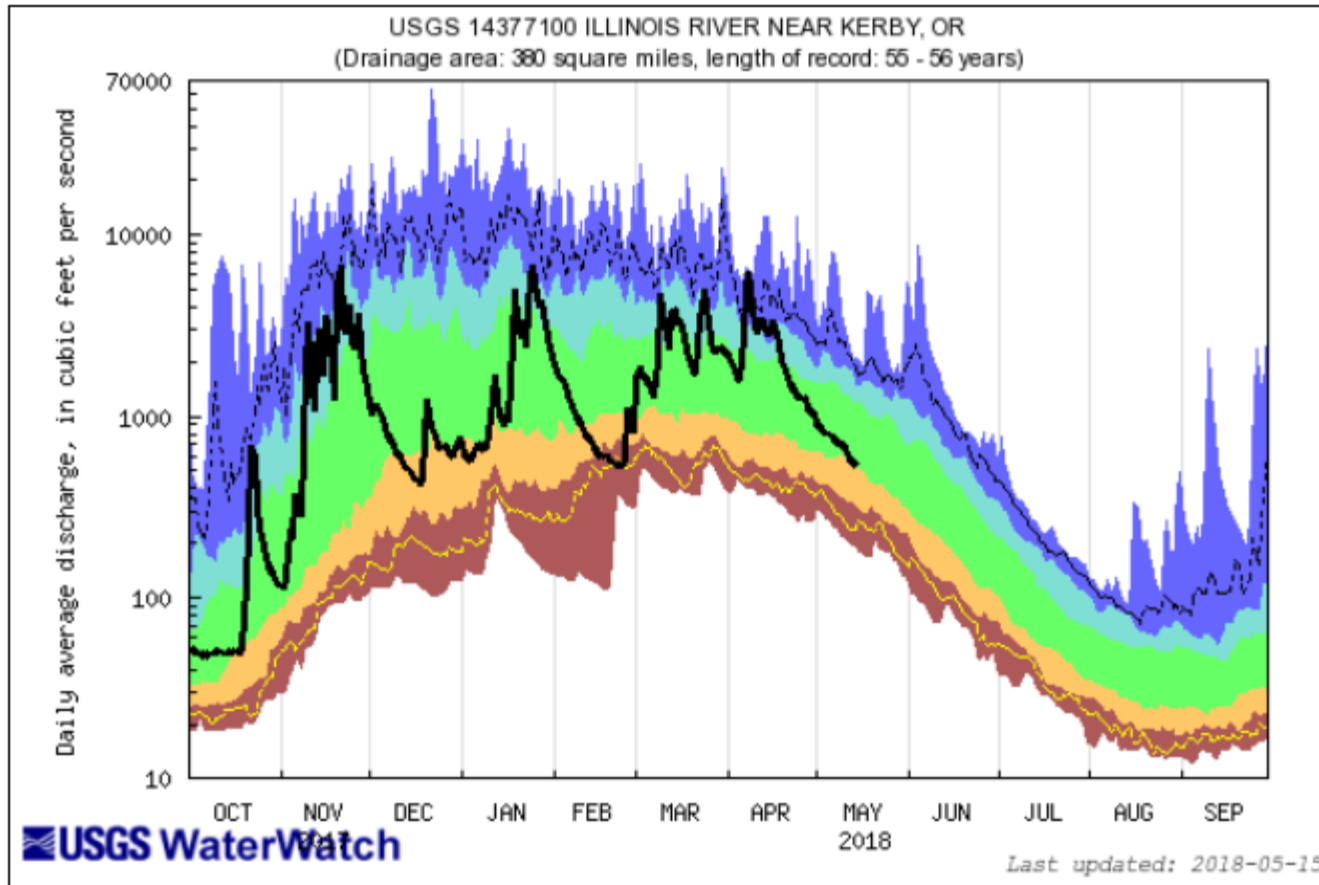
Monthly Avg. 9424 cfs  
88% of Average for April  
(1981-2010)

\* Feb 2018 was 36% Avg.  
& 86% for March

Explanation - Percentile classes

lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile-highest	Flow
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal			

# ROGUE/UMPQUA BASIN



Non  
Regulated  
site with flows  
Approaching  
"Below  
normal"

Explanation - Percentile classes

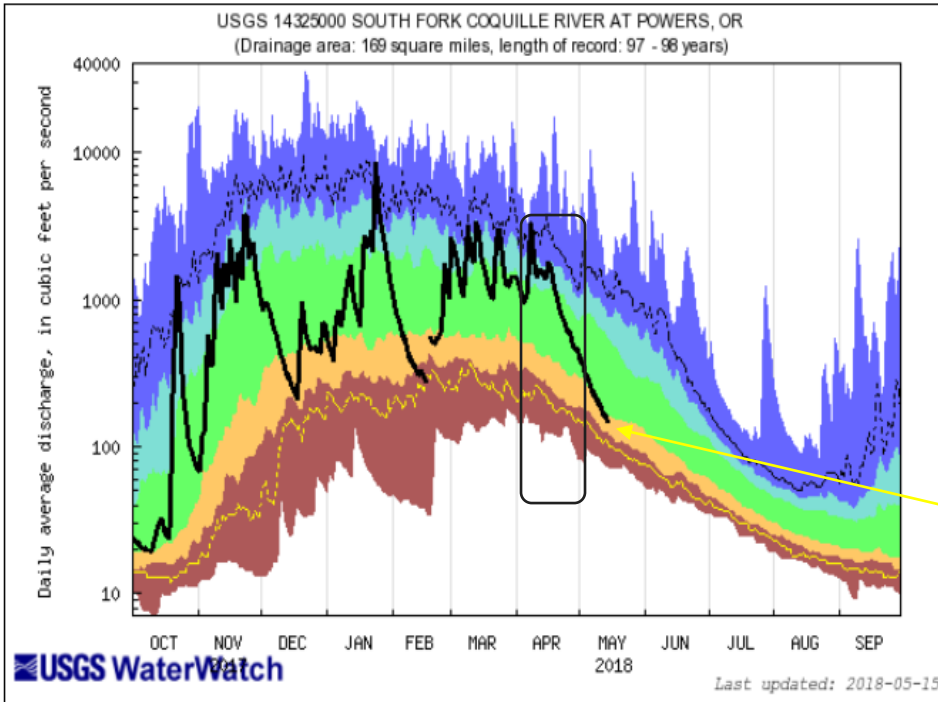
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	90th percentile - highest
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# SOUTH COAST

Monthly Avg. 1,206 cfs  
 130% of Avg. for April  
 (1981-2010)

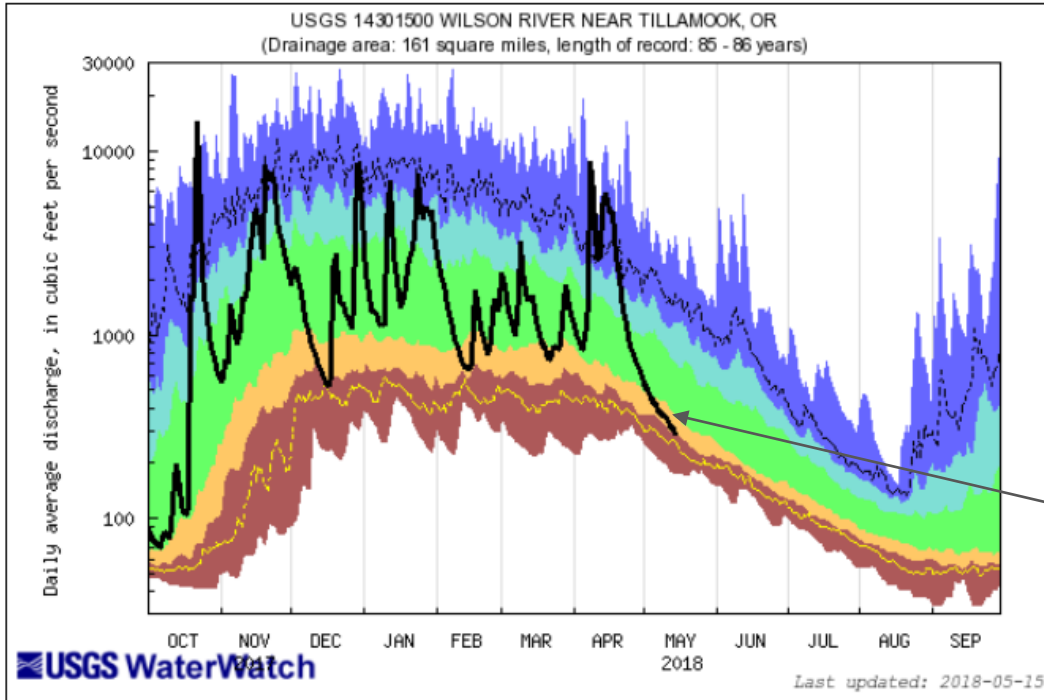
Feb 40% of Avg. & 147 % in March

\* May flows lower.



Explanation - Percentile classes						Flow
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	
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# North COAST

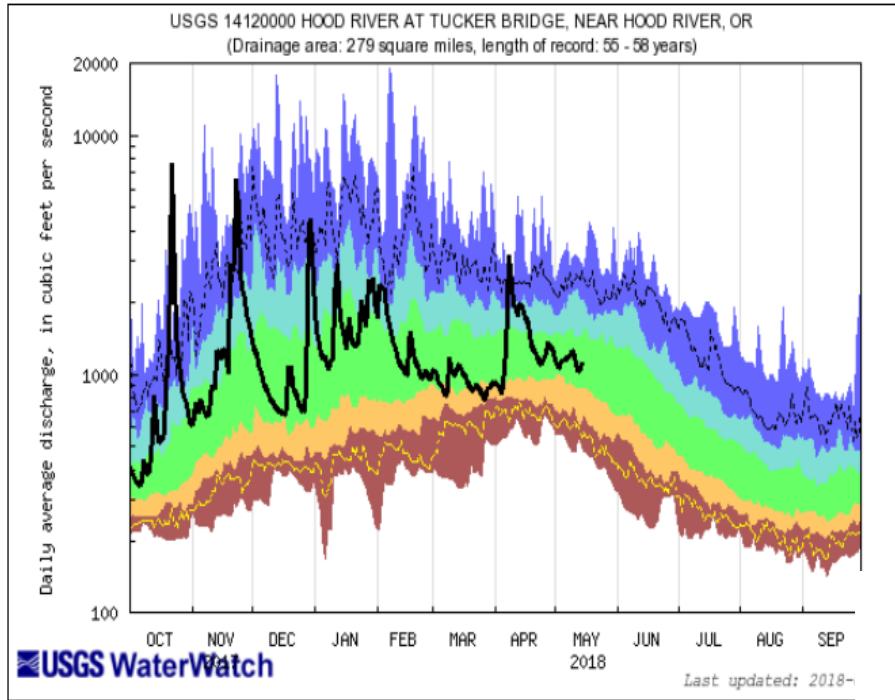


Monthly Avg. 2469 cfs  
208% of Avg. for April  
(1981-2010)

May?

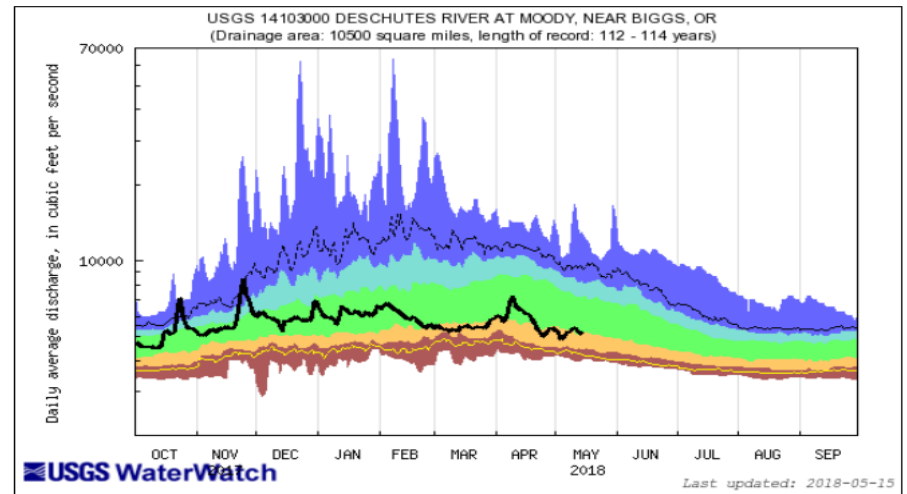
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# LOWER DESCHUTES / MT HOOD



Explanation - Percentile classes						Flow
lowest-10th percentile	5	10-24	25-75	76-90	95	
Much below Normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Monthly Avg. 2570 cfs  
118% of Avg. for April  
(1981-2010)



Explanation - Percentile classes						Flow
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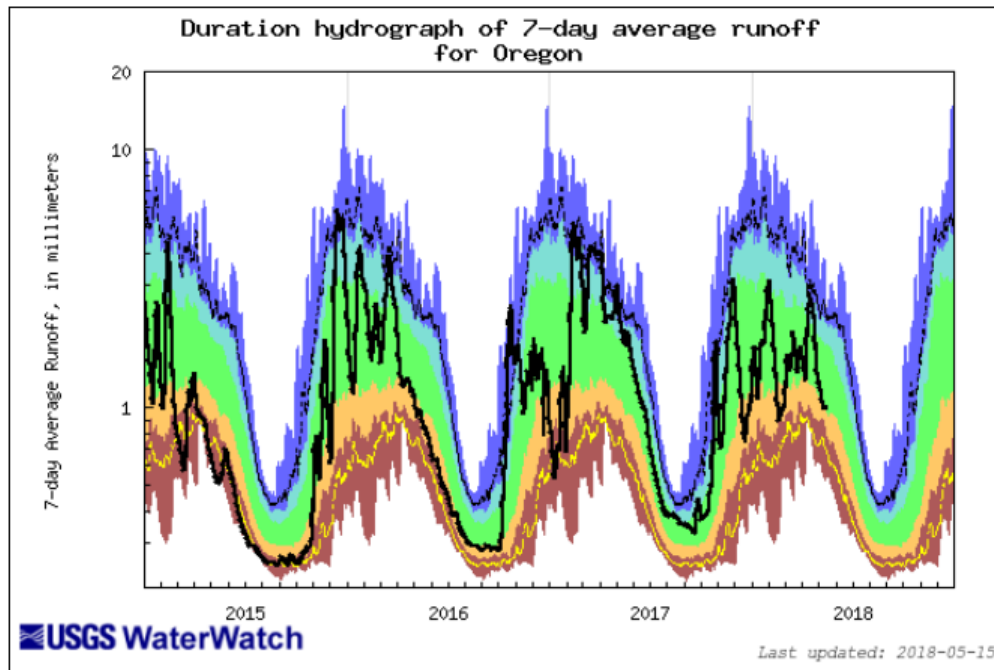
# Other SWSI Basins

	SWSI Basin	cfs	% Avg. March		
Willamette River at Salem	Willamette	29,594	126	34	91
Wilson River near Tillamook	North Coast	2,469	208	82	119
Umpqua River near Elkton	Rogue/Umpqua	9,424	102	-16	71
(*)Deep Creek above Adel	Lake County	277	75	133	65
(*)Chewaucan River near Paisley	Lake County	301	84	171	74



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Power Point “USGS Update on Surface Water Conditions”

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Water Availability Report By: Tiffany Rae  
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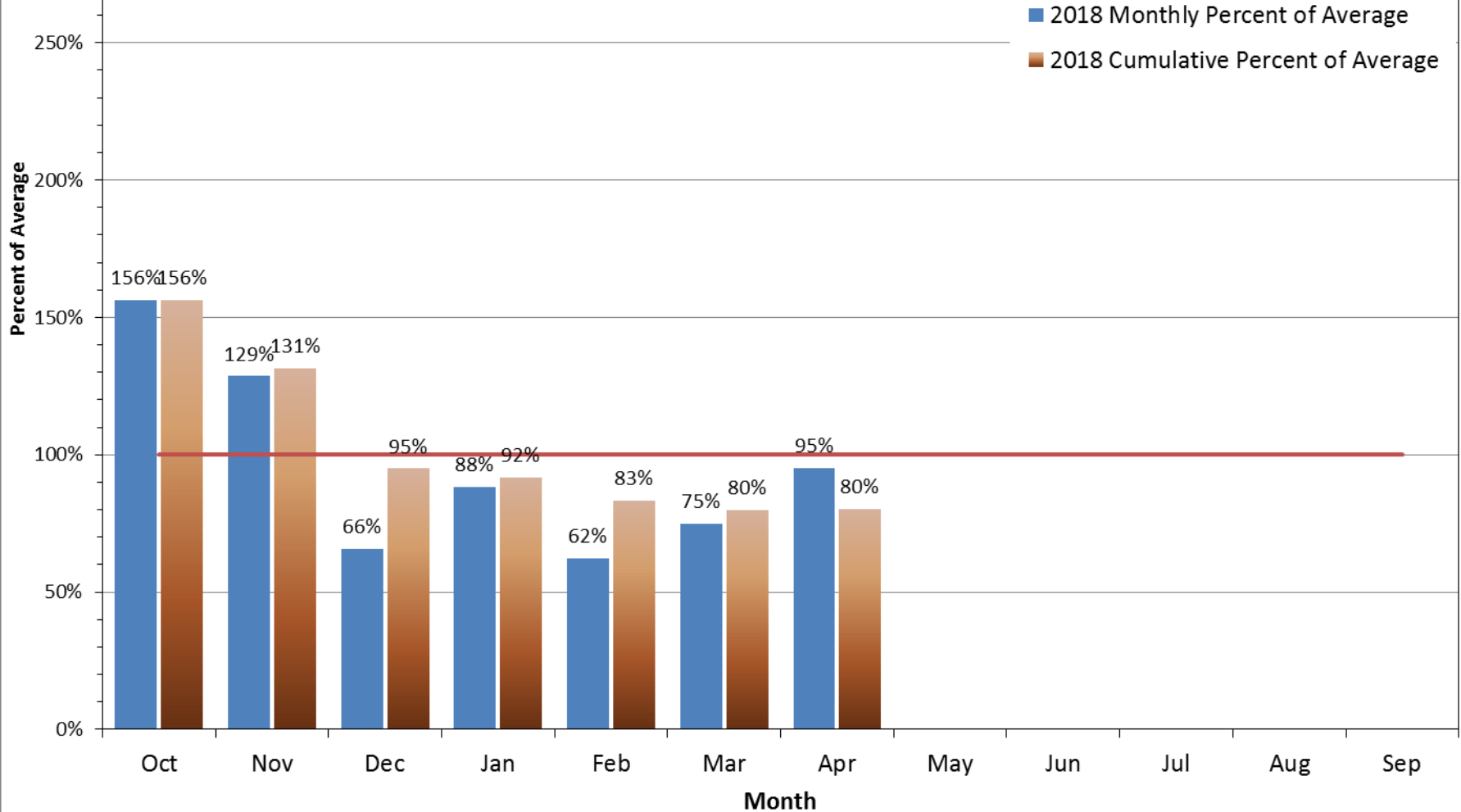
# Surface Water Conditions Report

## Water Supply Availability Committee



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## 2018 Statewide Percent of Average Stream Flow



# Percent of Average Streamflow Month of April, 2018

## Percent of Average Streamflow

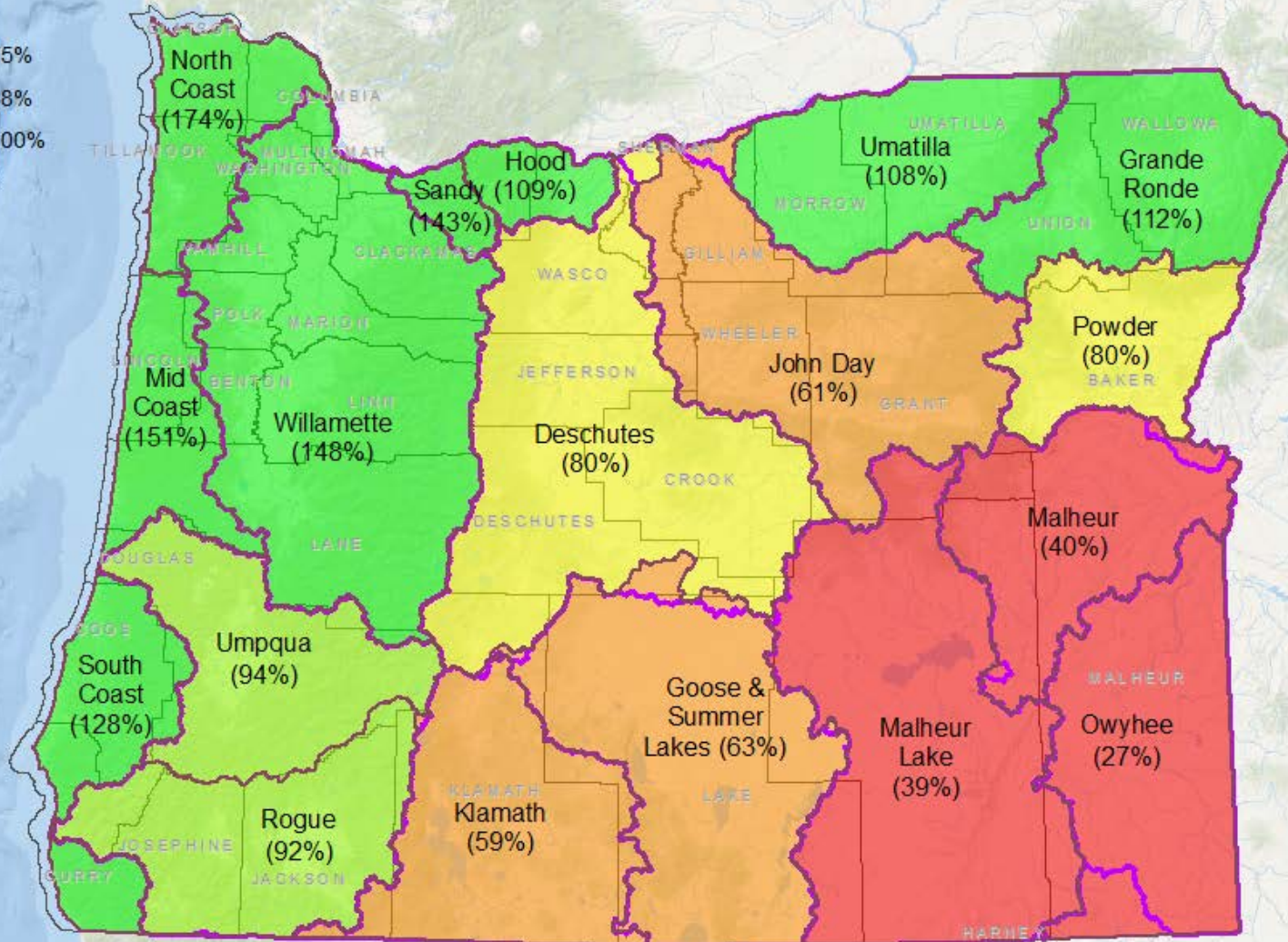
### WRD Basin

- < 50%
- 50% - 75%
- 76% - 88%
- 89% - 100%
- > 100%

### NRCS Basin

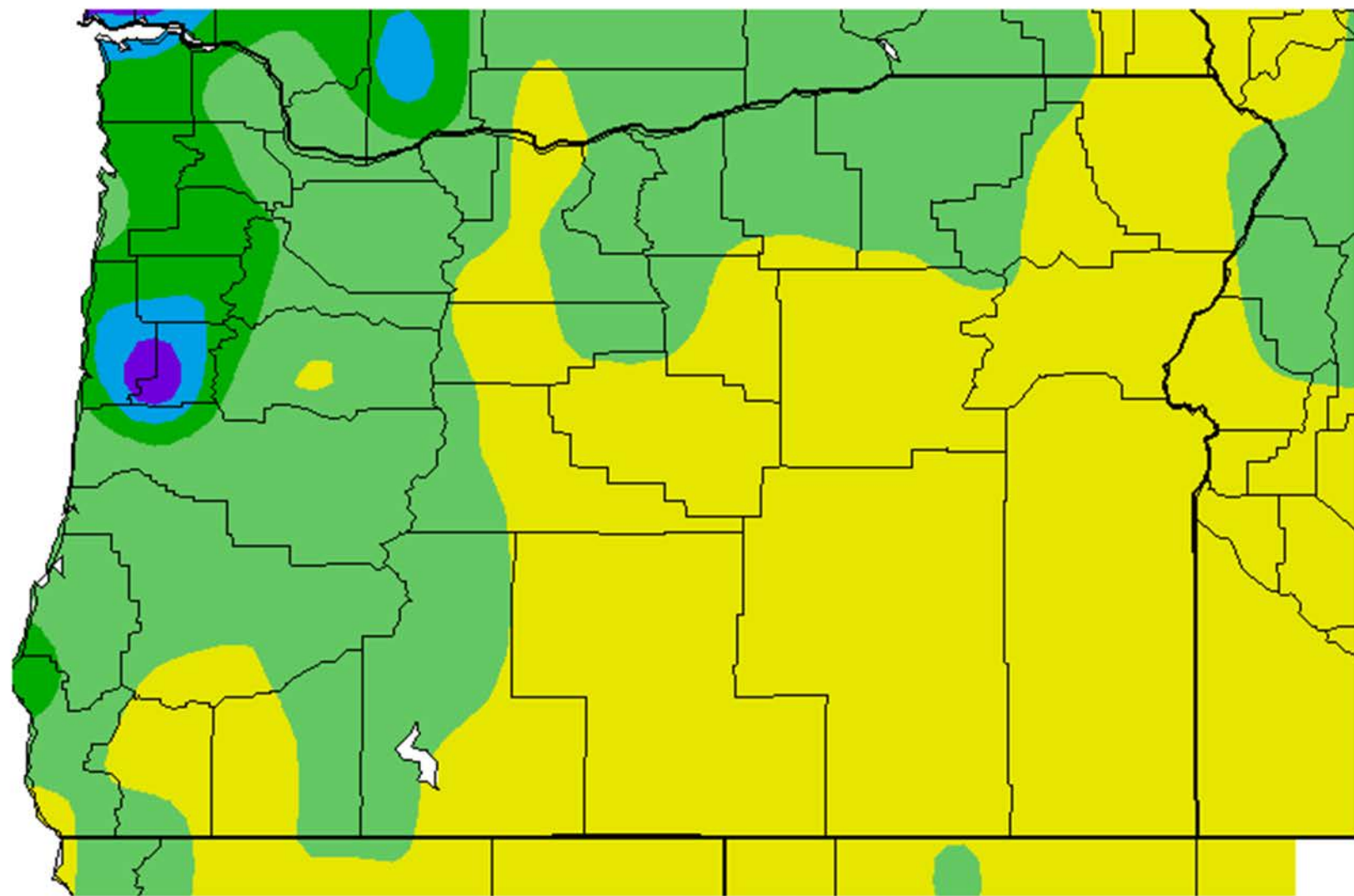


### County



Average streamflow data are based on 30 years of record (1981-2010). All data represent free-flowing streams unaffected by significant man-made control structures such as dams or diversion works.

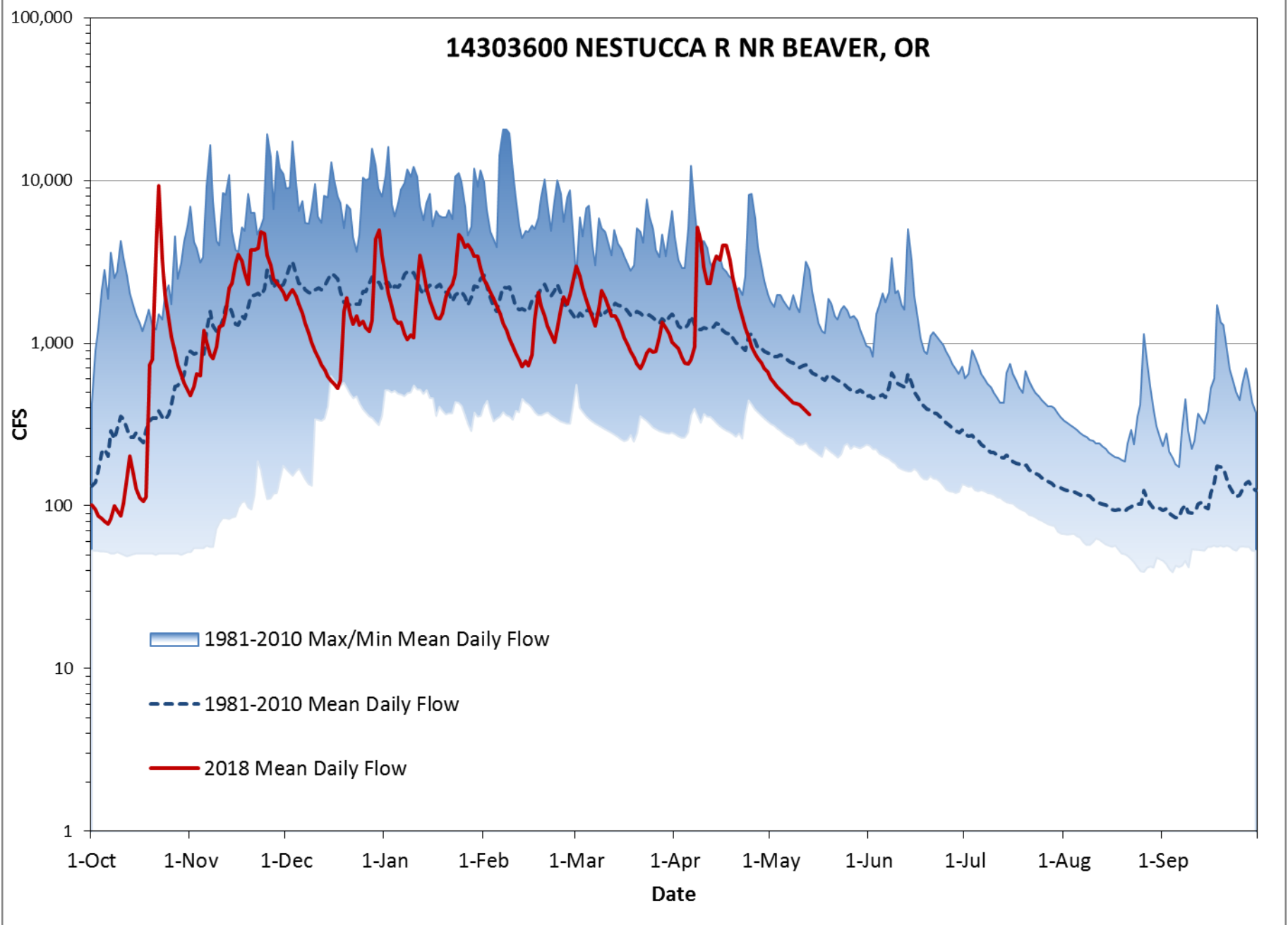
Precipitation Departure from Average (in.)  
4/7/2018 – 5/6/2018



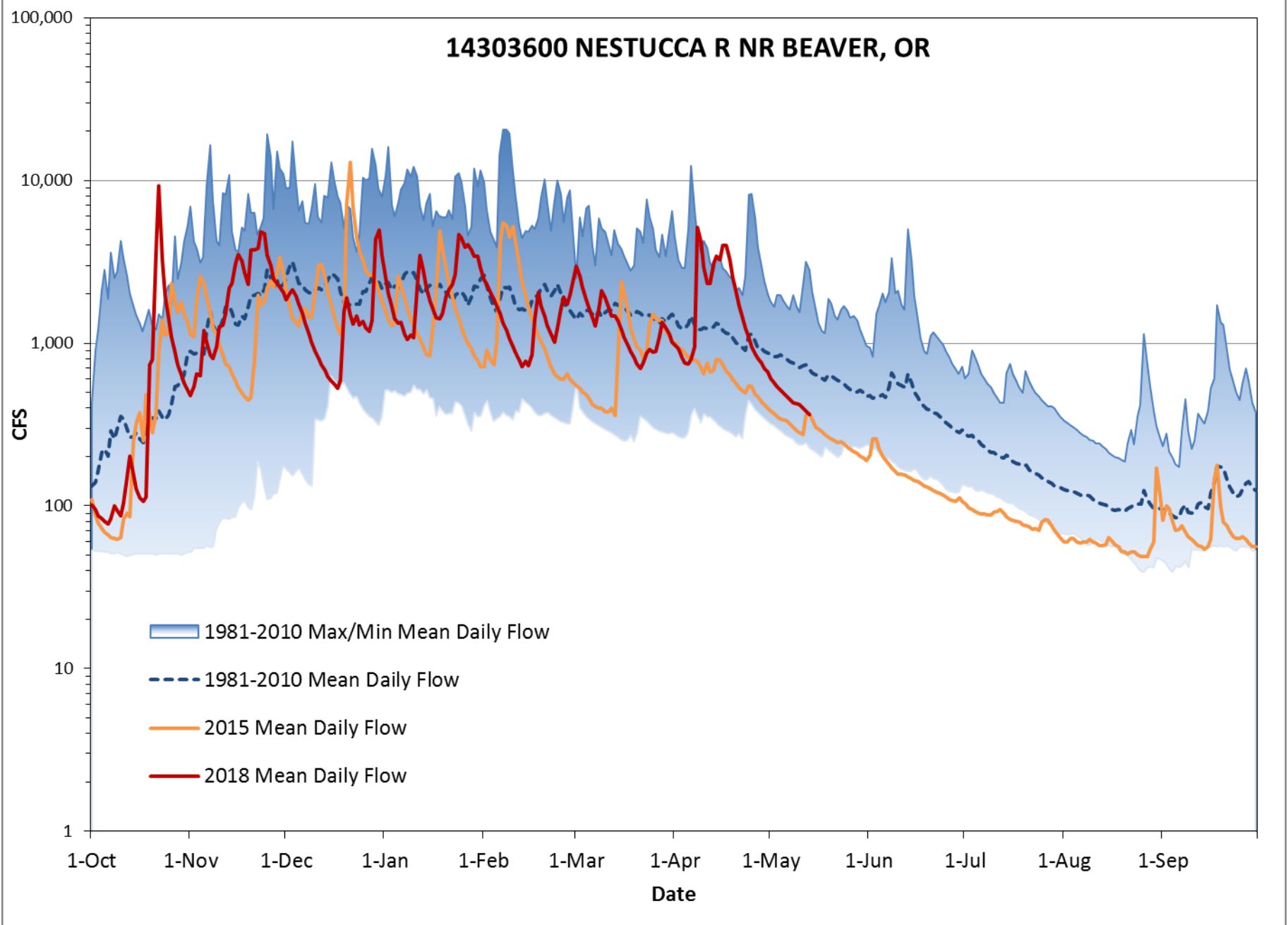
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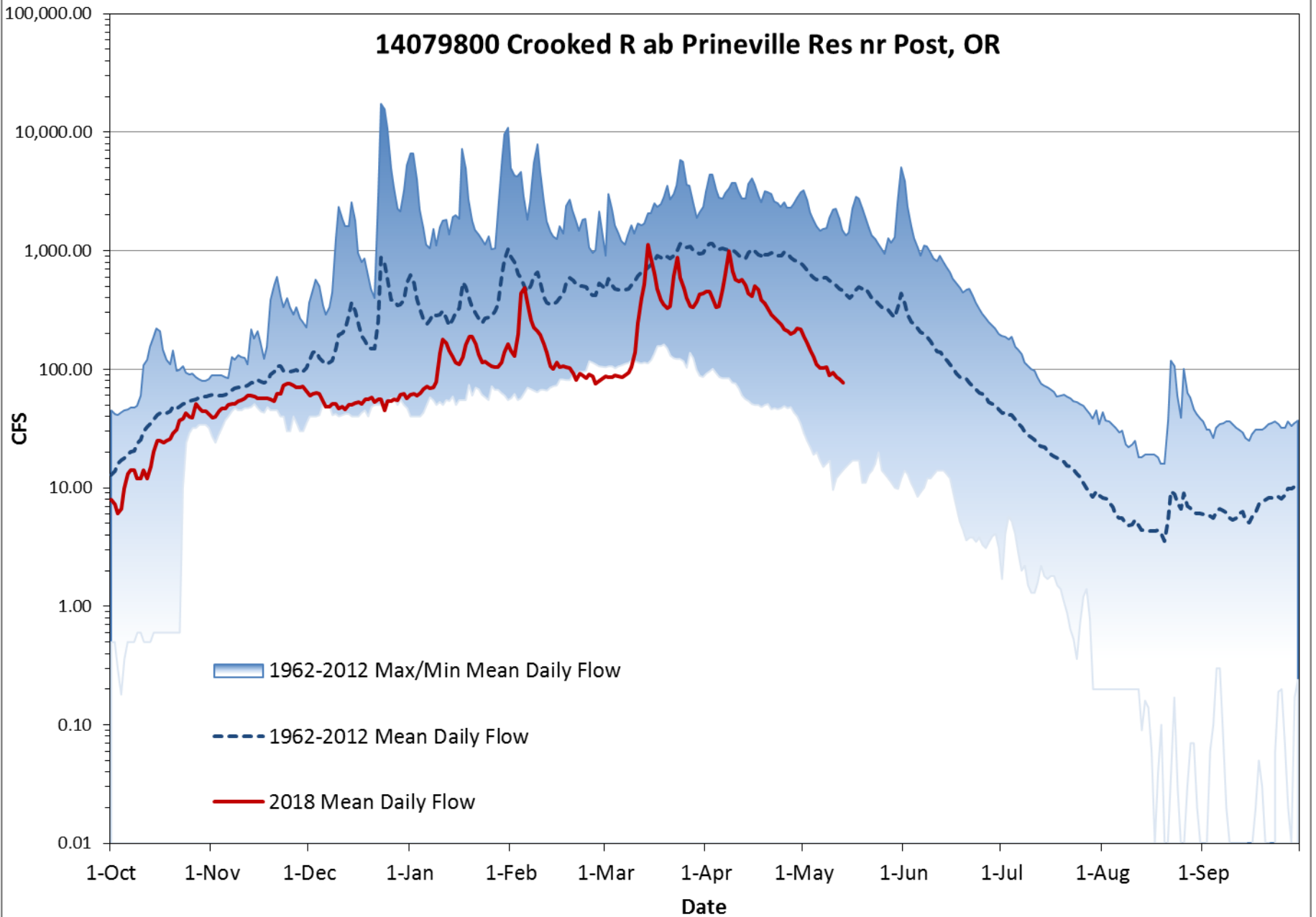
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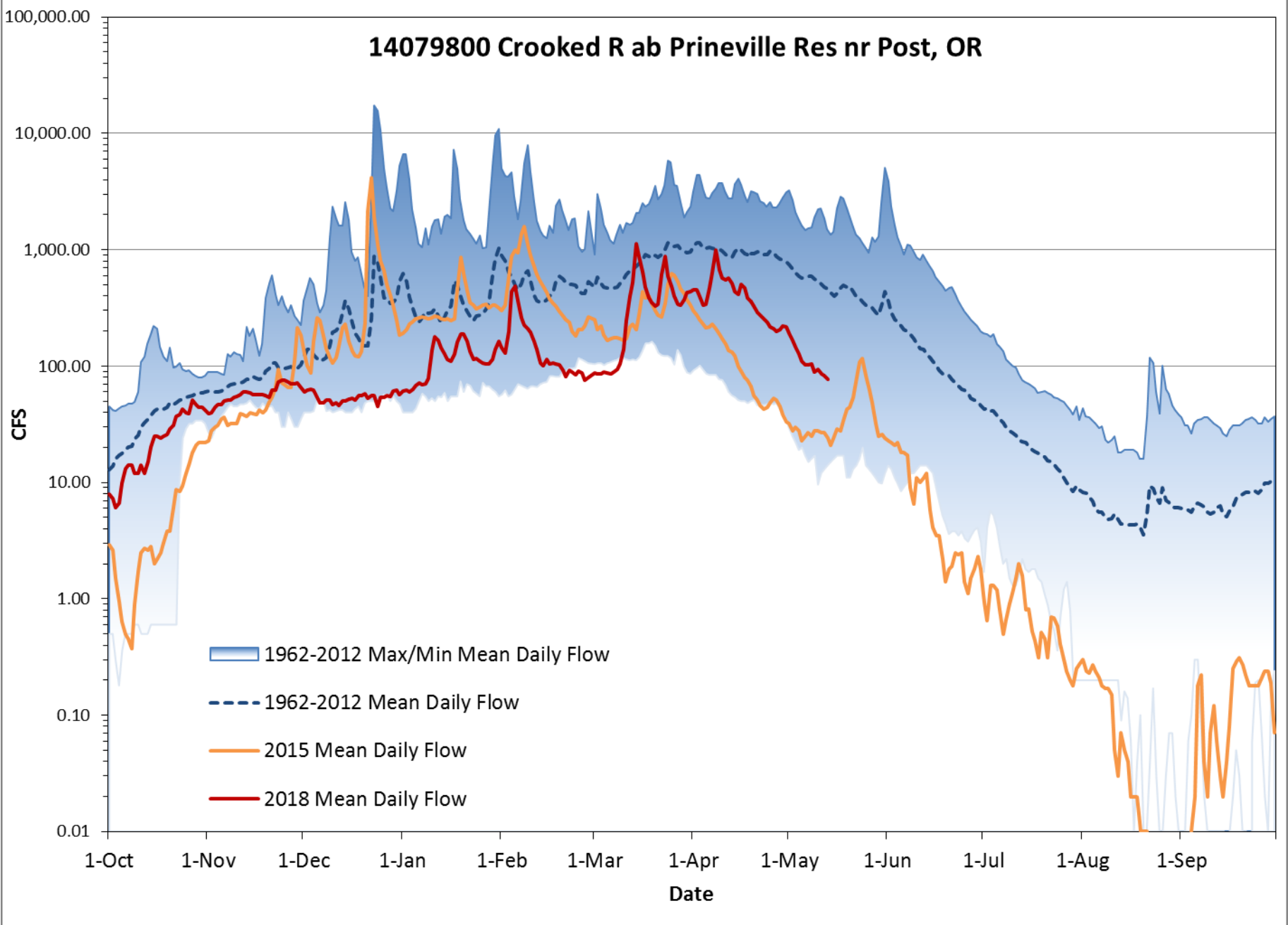


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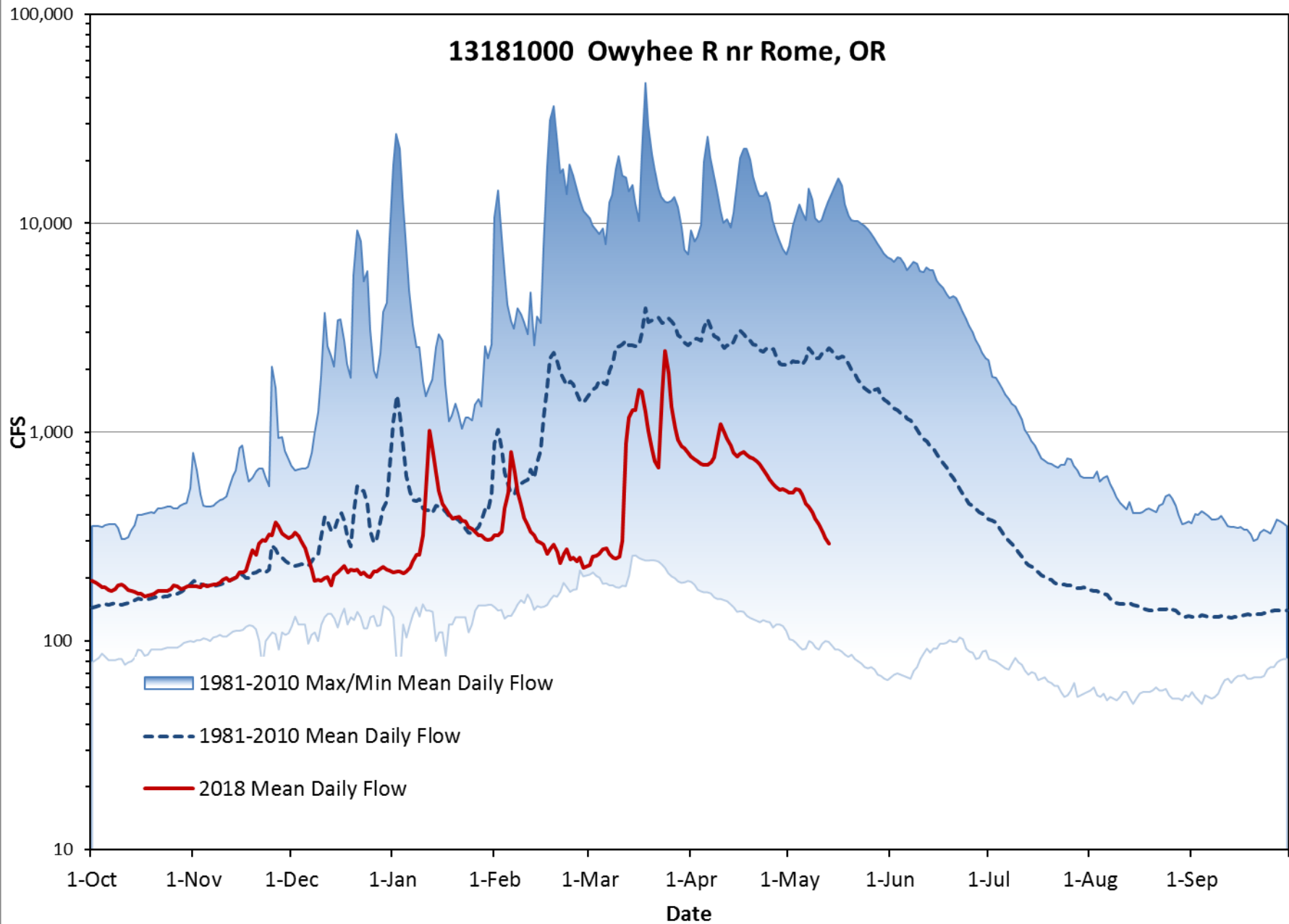




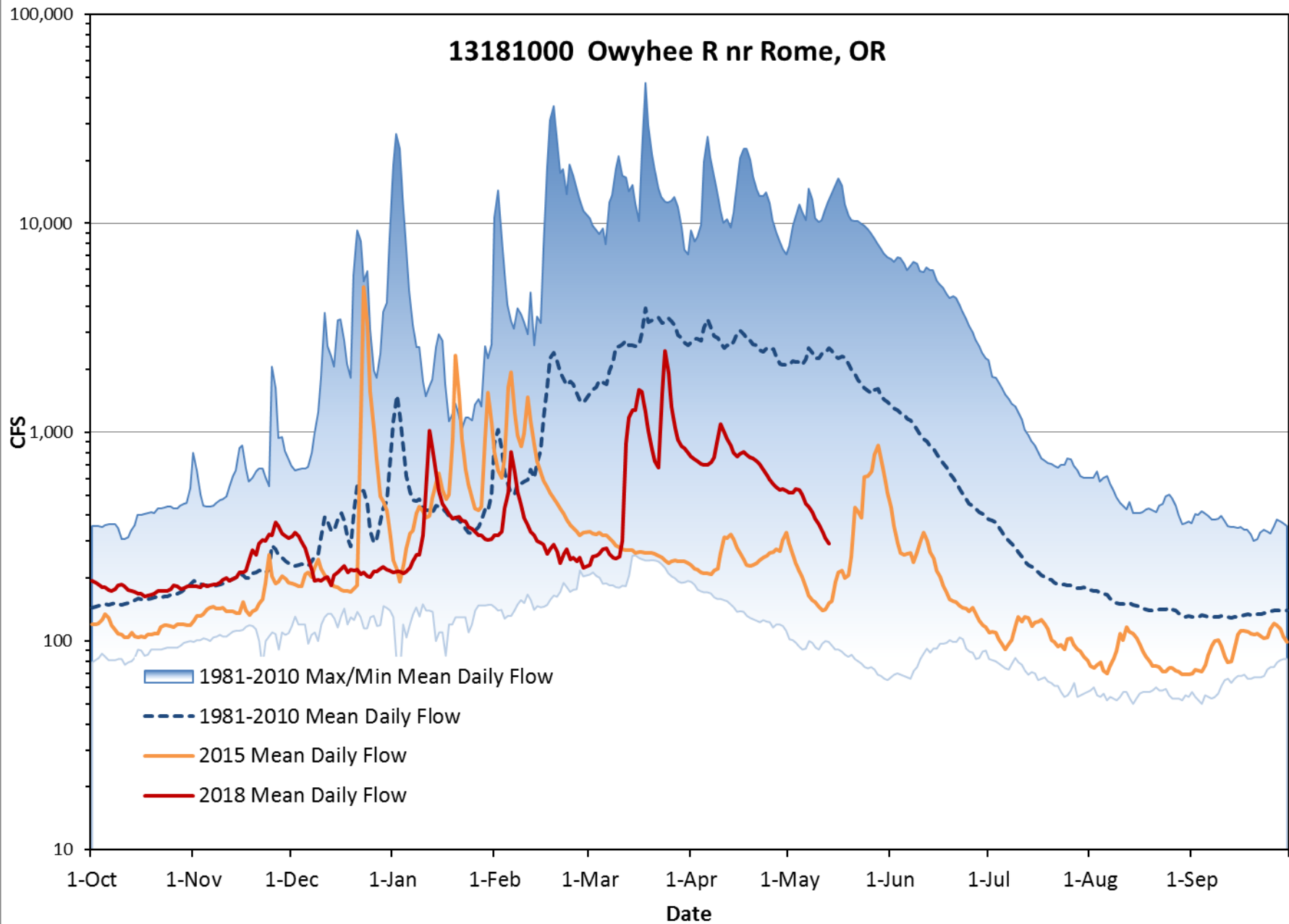
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**Thank you.**

# Reservoir Storage Summary for the end of April, 2018

## Percent of Average Storage

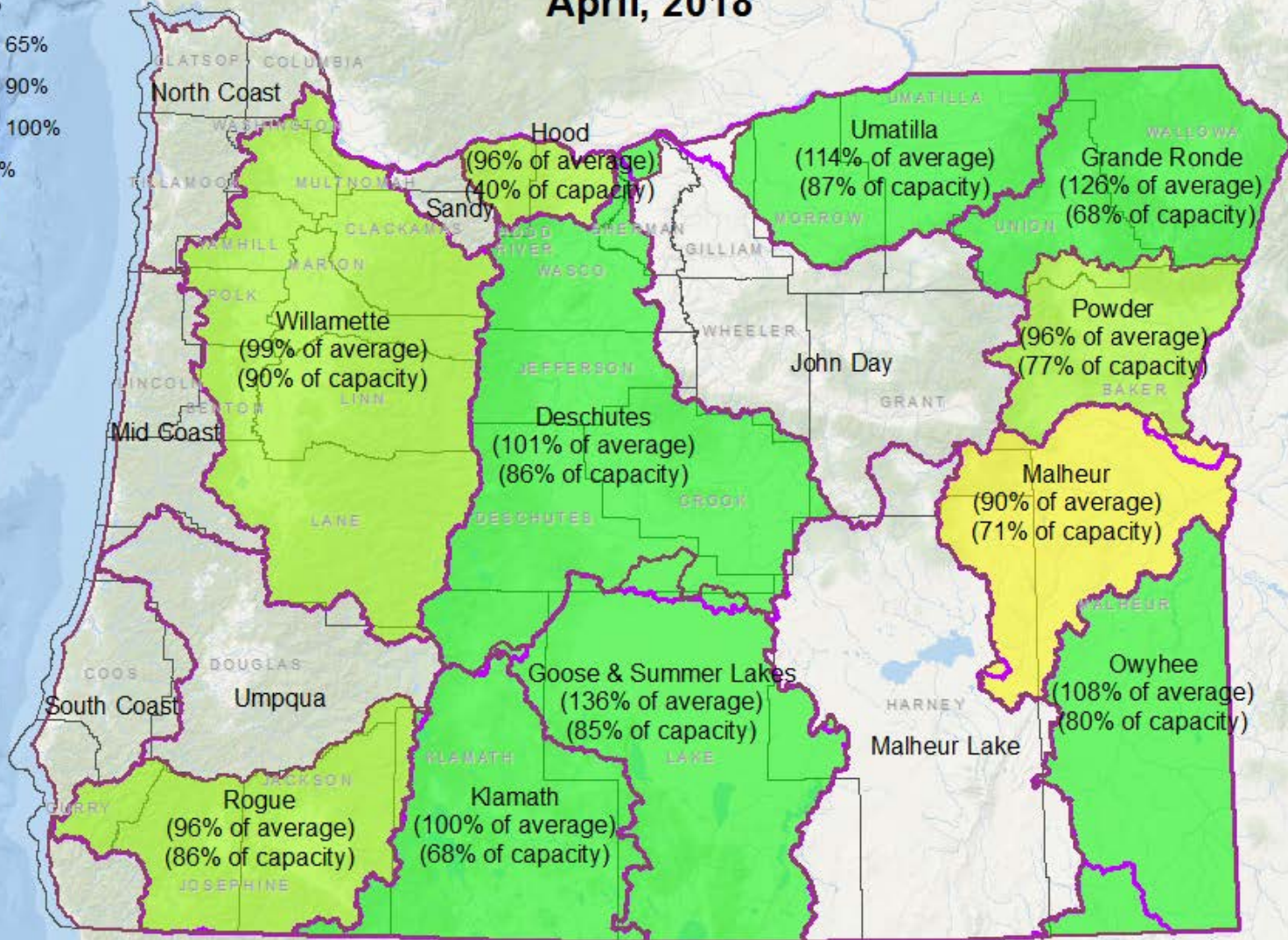
WRD Basin

- < 50%
- 50% - 65%
- 66% - 90%
- 91% - 100%
- > 100%

NRCS Basin



County



NRCS Basinwide Summary: May 1, 2018  
(averages based on 1981-2010 reference period)



# Oregon Water Supply Availability

*May 15, 2018 National Weather Service Update*

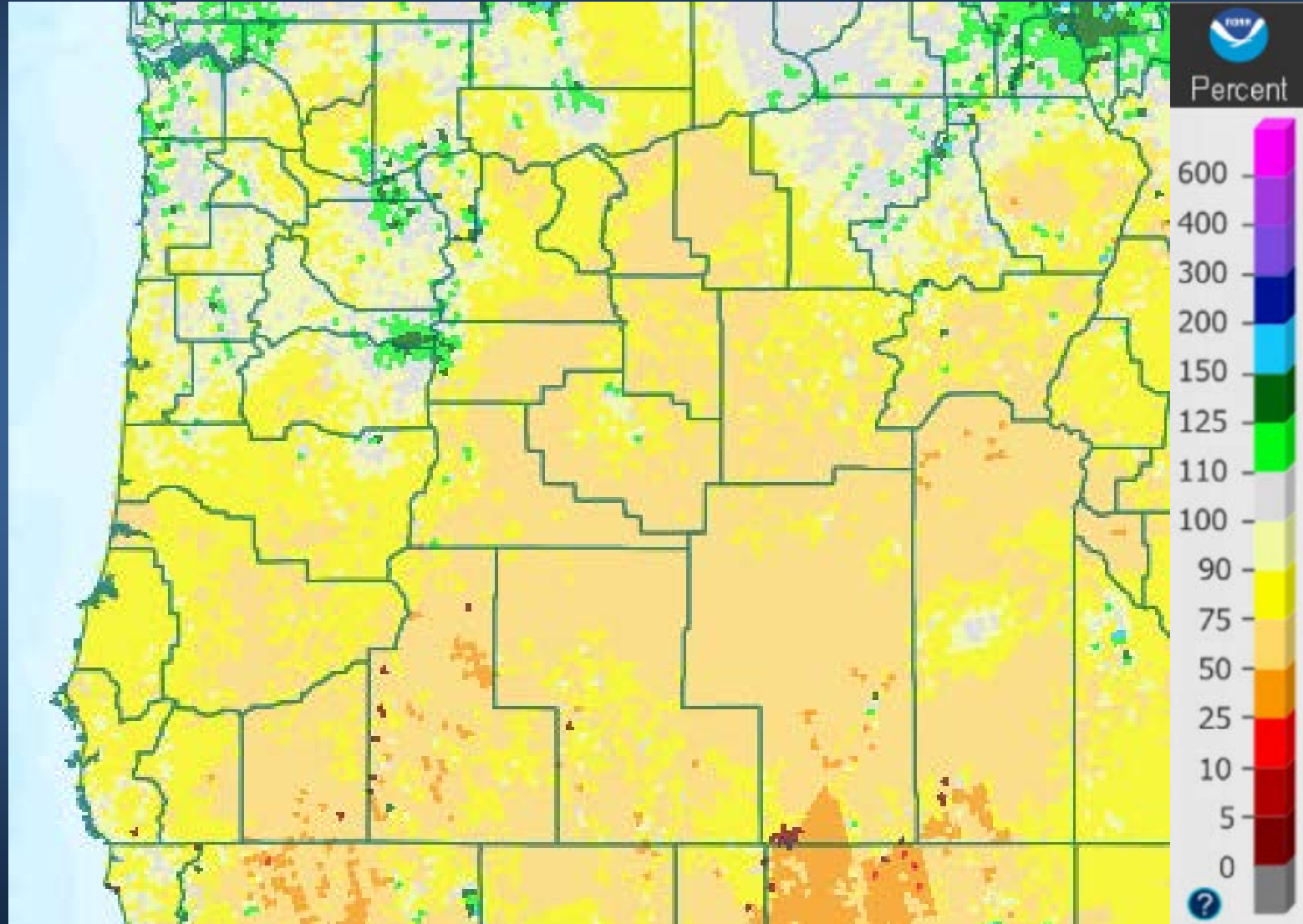


Andy Bryant, NWS Portland



# WY2018 Precipitation thus far

May 14<sup>th</sup> Water Year Precipitation to Date - Percent of Average

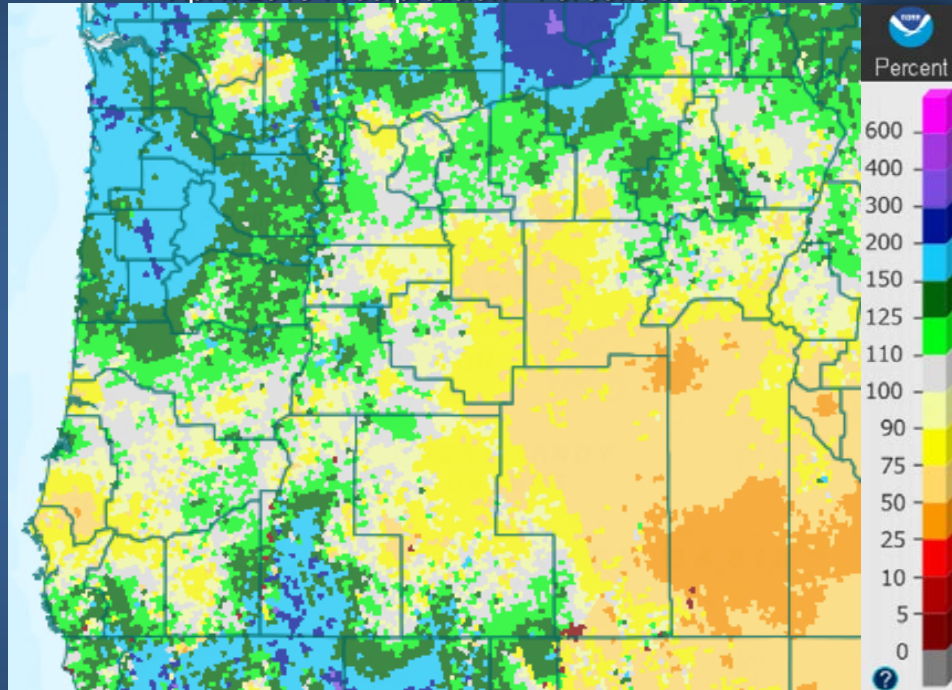


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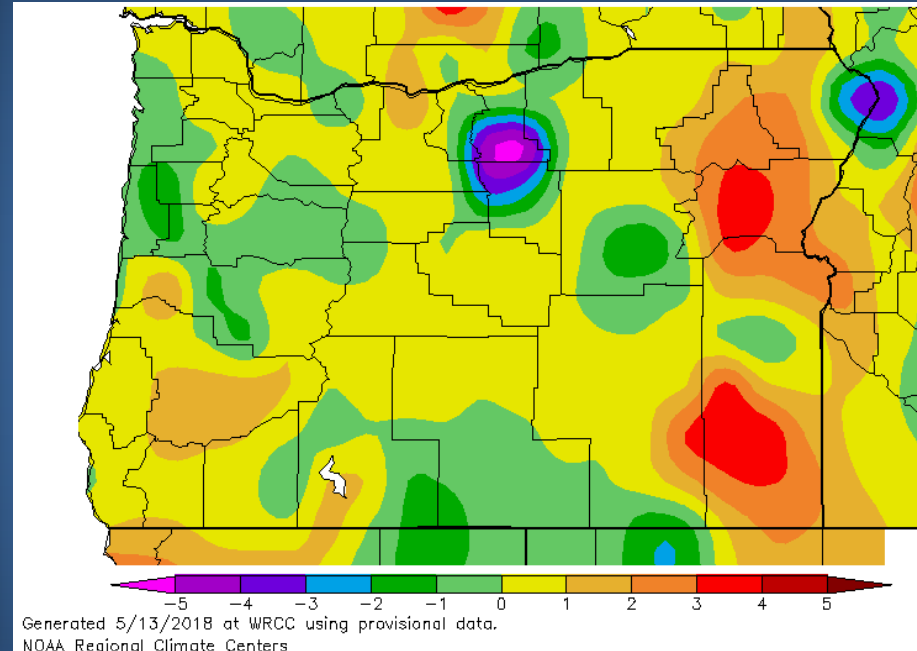


# Recent Conditions Precipitation & Temperatures

April 2018 Precipitation - Percent of Ave



3/14/2018 - 5/12/2018 Temperatures (deg F) - Dep from Ave



Generated 5/13/2018 at WRCC using provisional data.  
NOAA Regional Climate Centers

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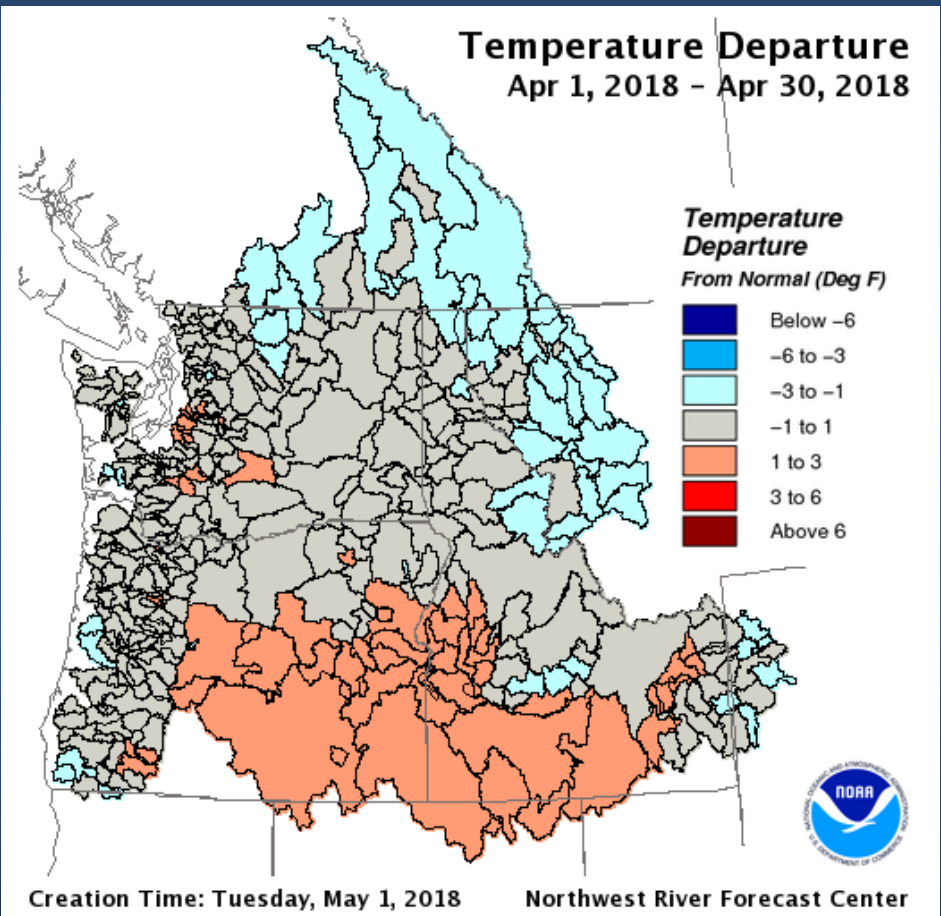
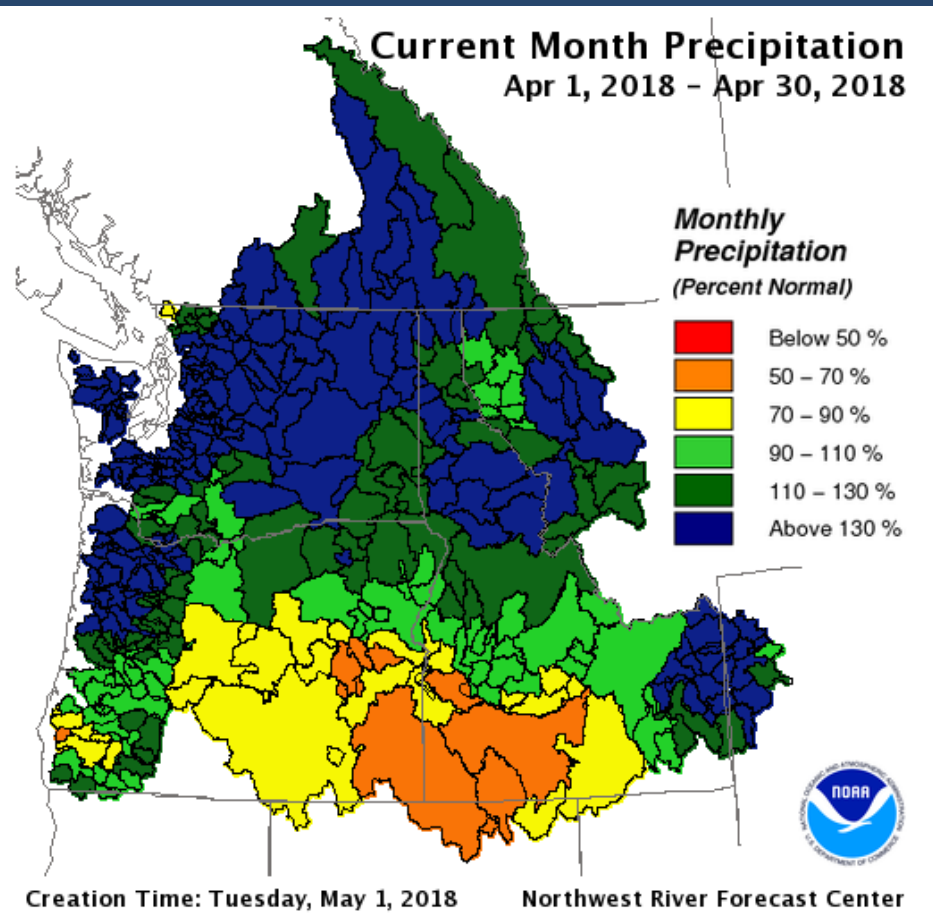




# April 2018

## Precipitation & Temperatures

### *Columbia Basin Conditions*



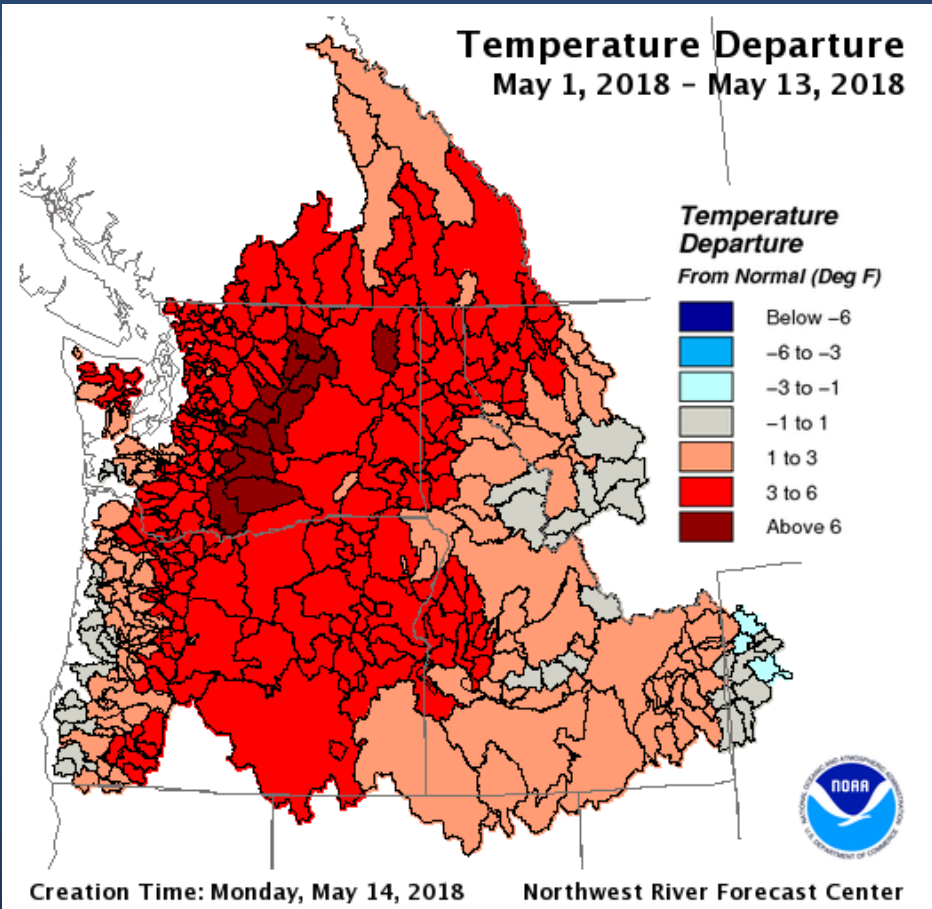
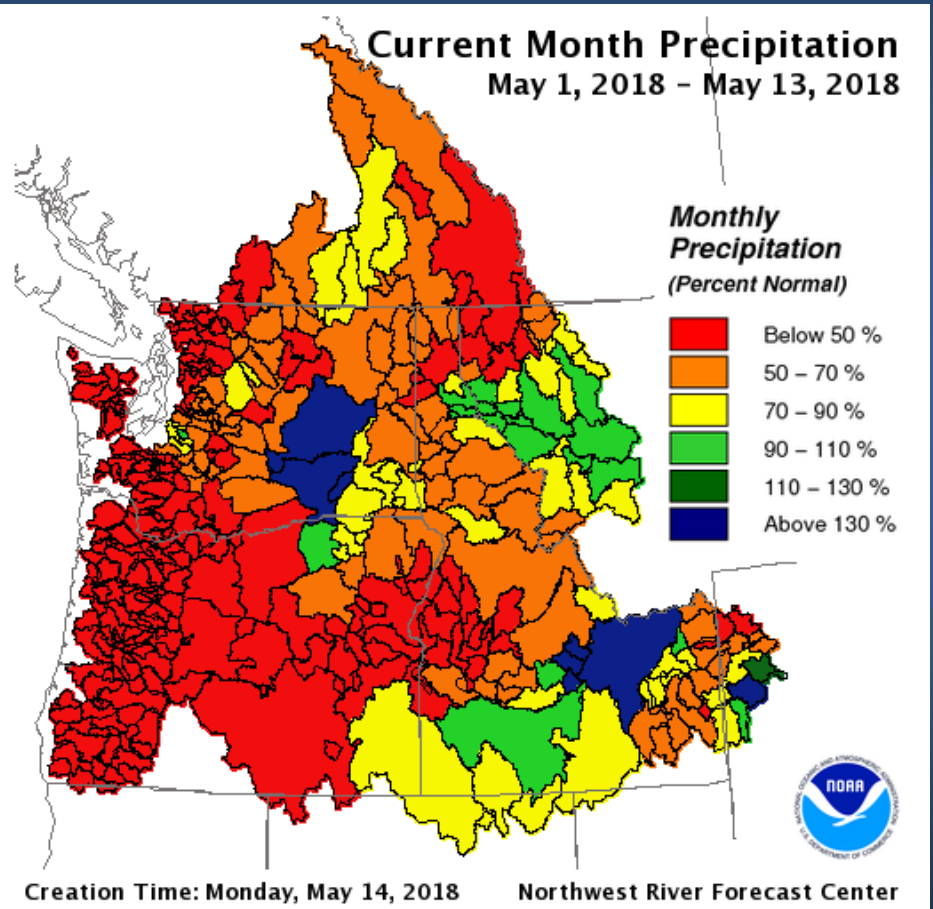
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# May 1 - 14, 2018

## Precipitation & Temperatures

### *Columbia Basin Conditions*



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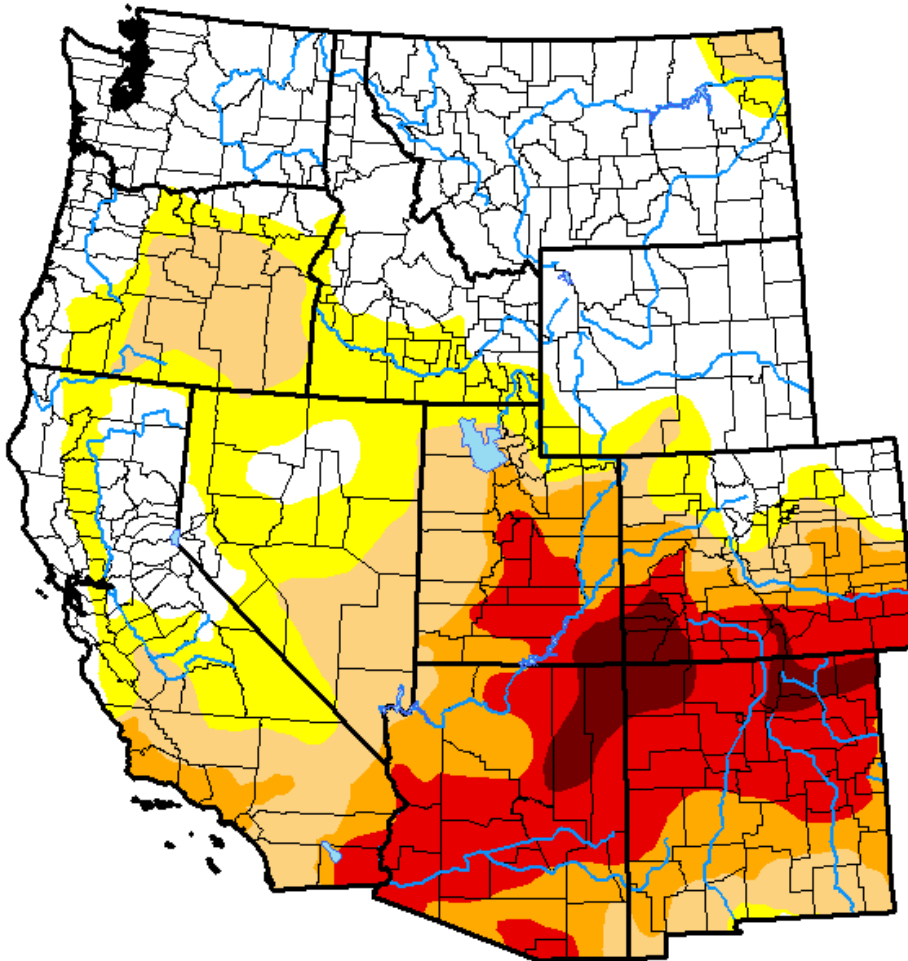
# Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor West






**May 8, 2018**

*(Released Thursday, May. 10, 2018)*

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



***Intensity:***

-  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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

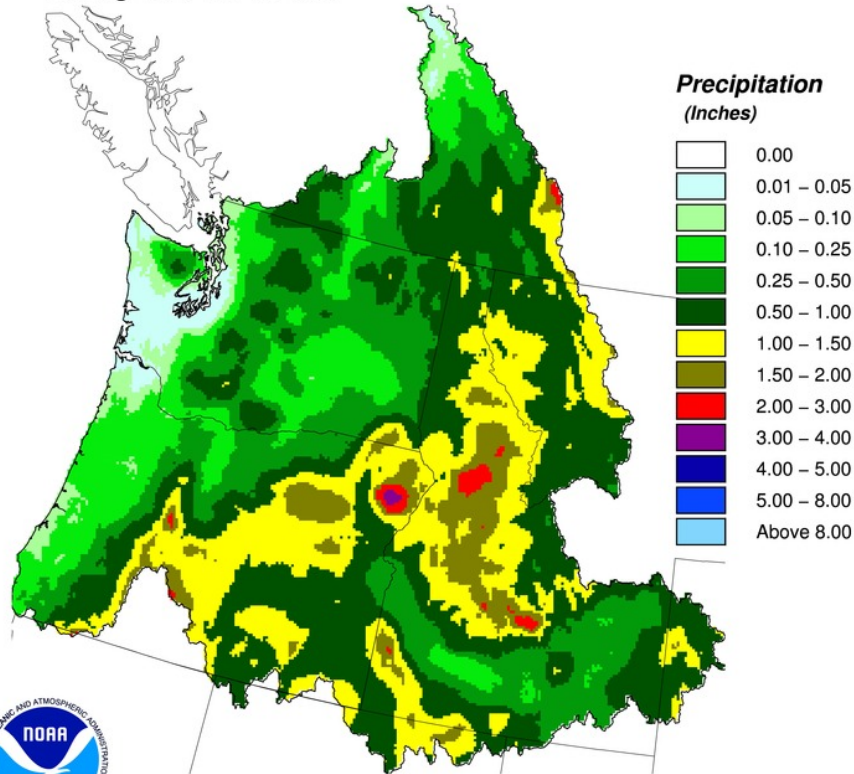


# Mid-May Outlook

## May 15-24, 2018 Forecast Precipitation

### 10 Day QPF

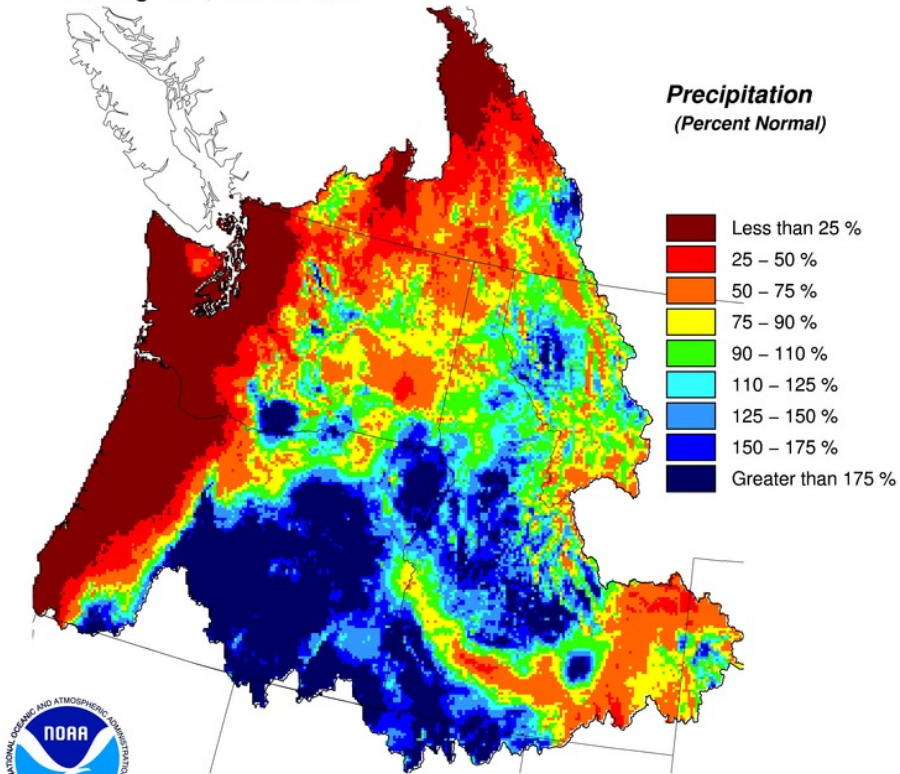
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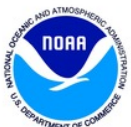
### 10 Day QPF (Percent of Climatology)

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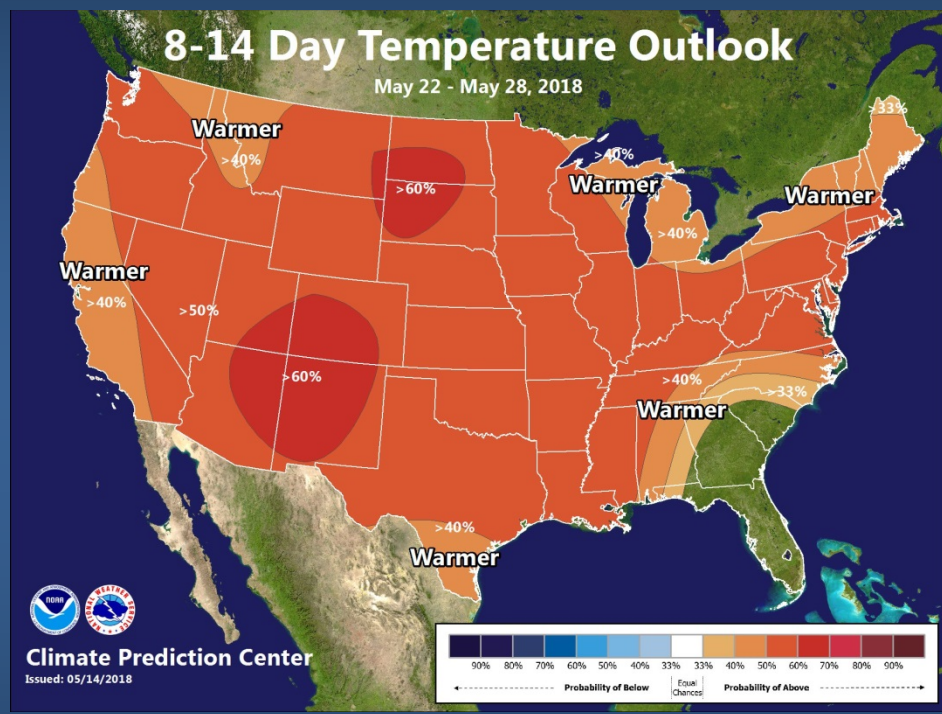
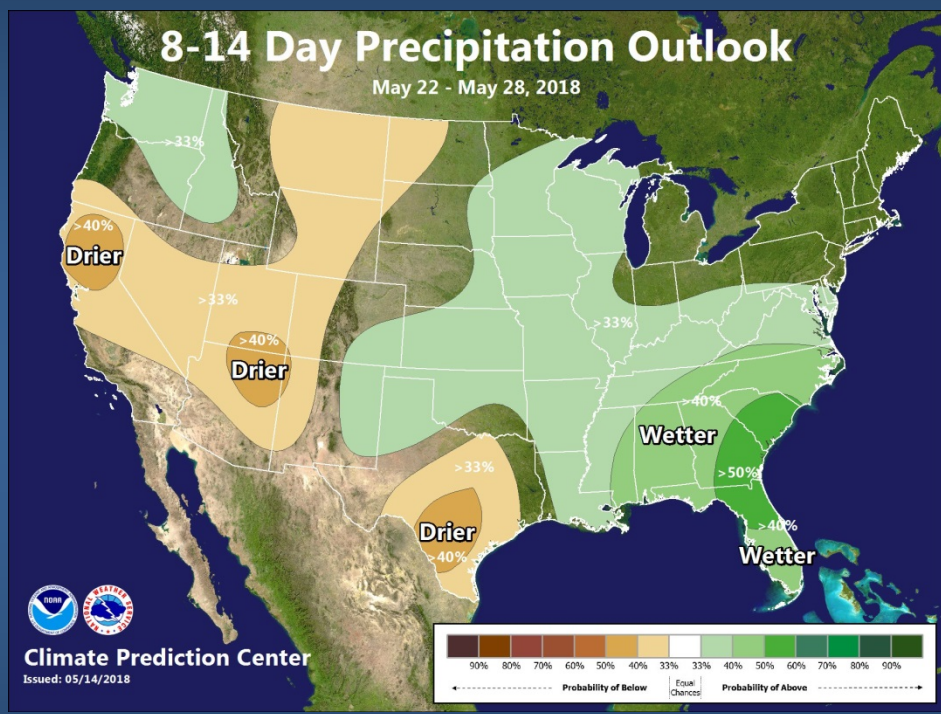
Temperatures near to above average for second half of May





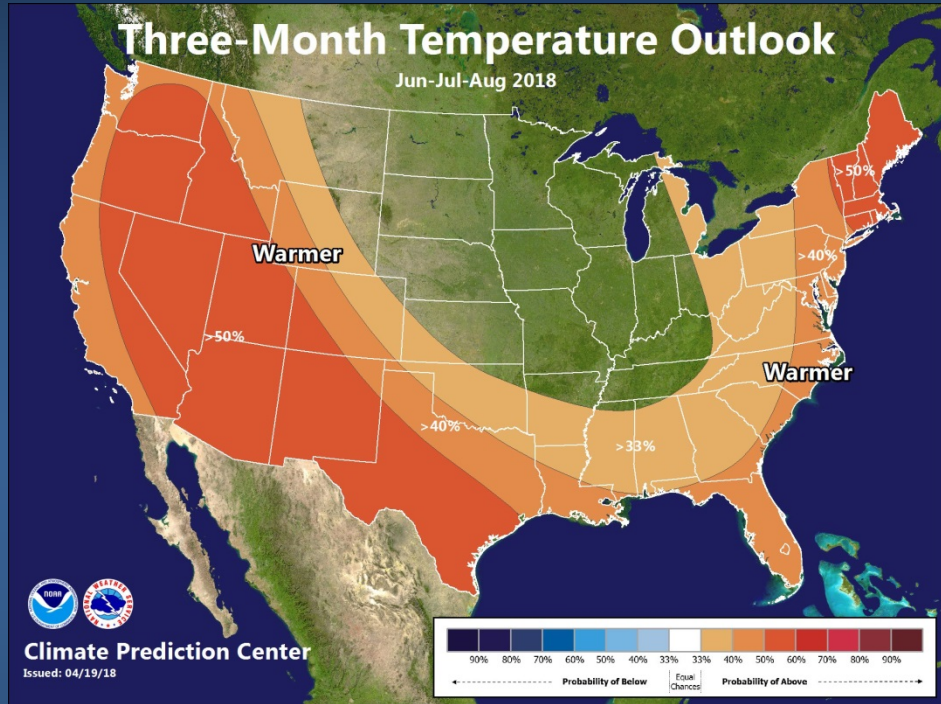
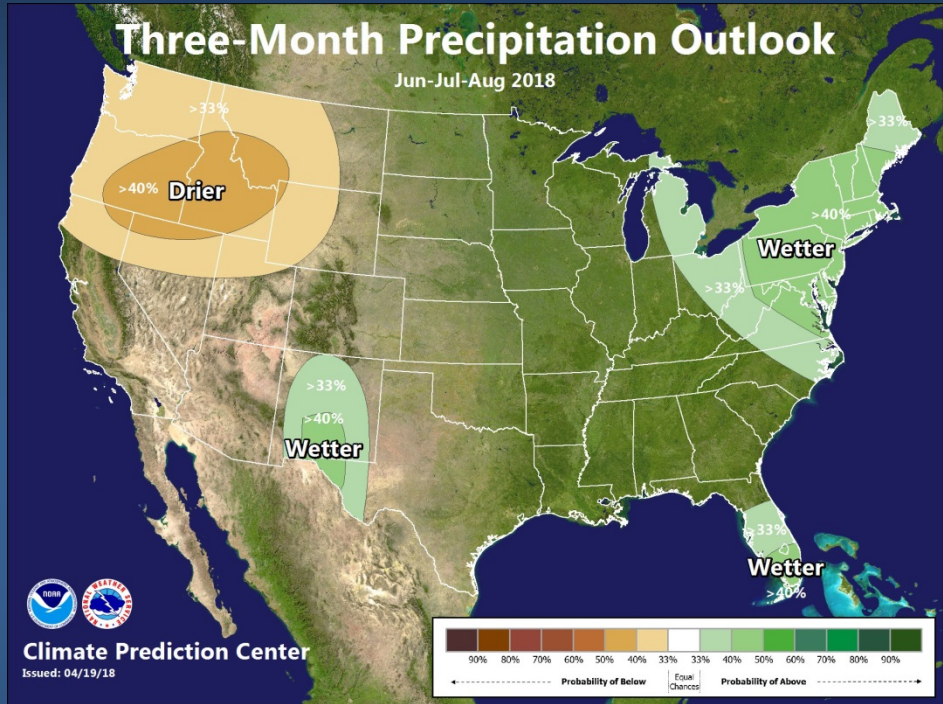
# Late-May Outlook

## May 22-28, 2018 Precipitation & Temperature Outlook





# Outlook for June-July-August 2018

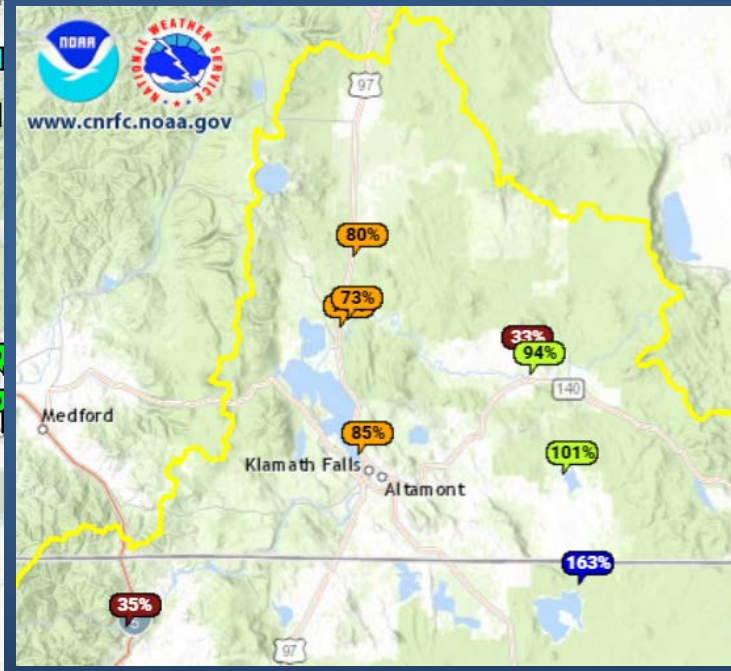
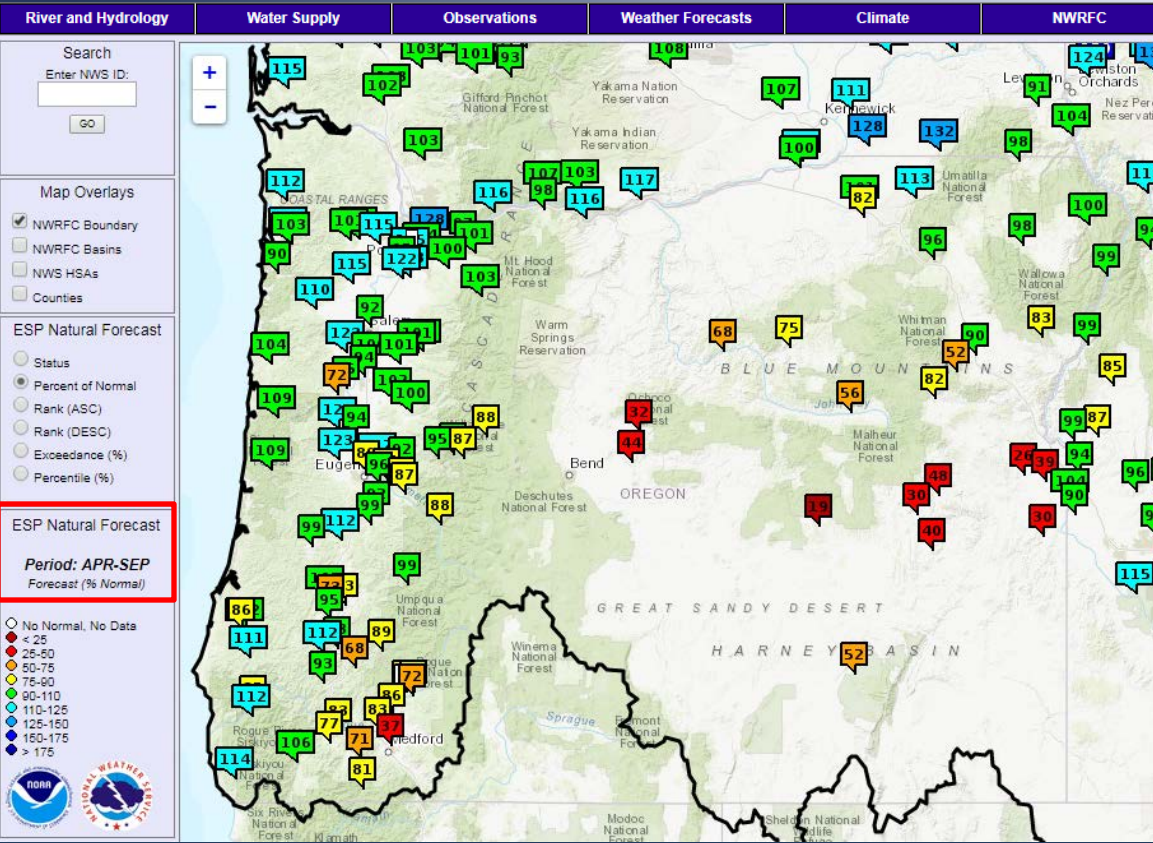




# Water Supply Forecasts from early April



## Northwest River Forecast Center ESP Natural Forecast



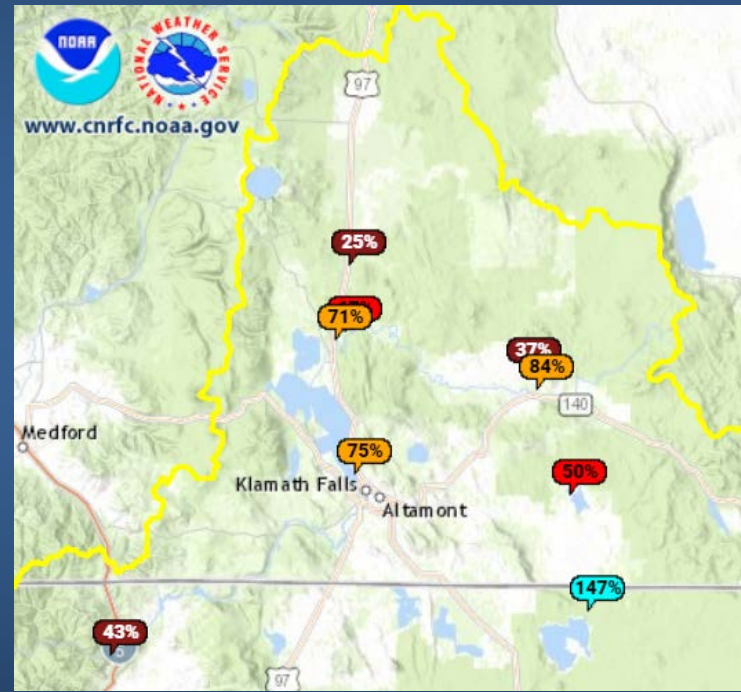
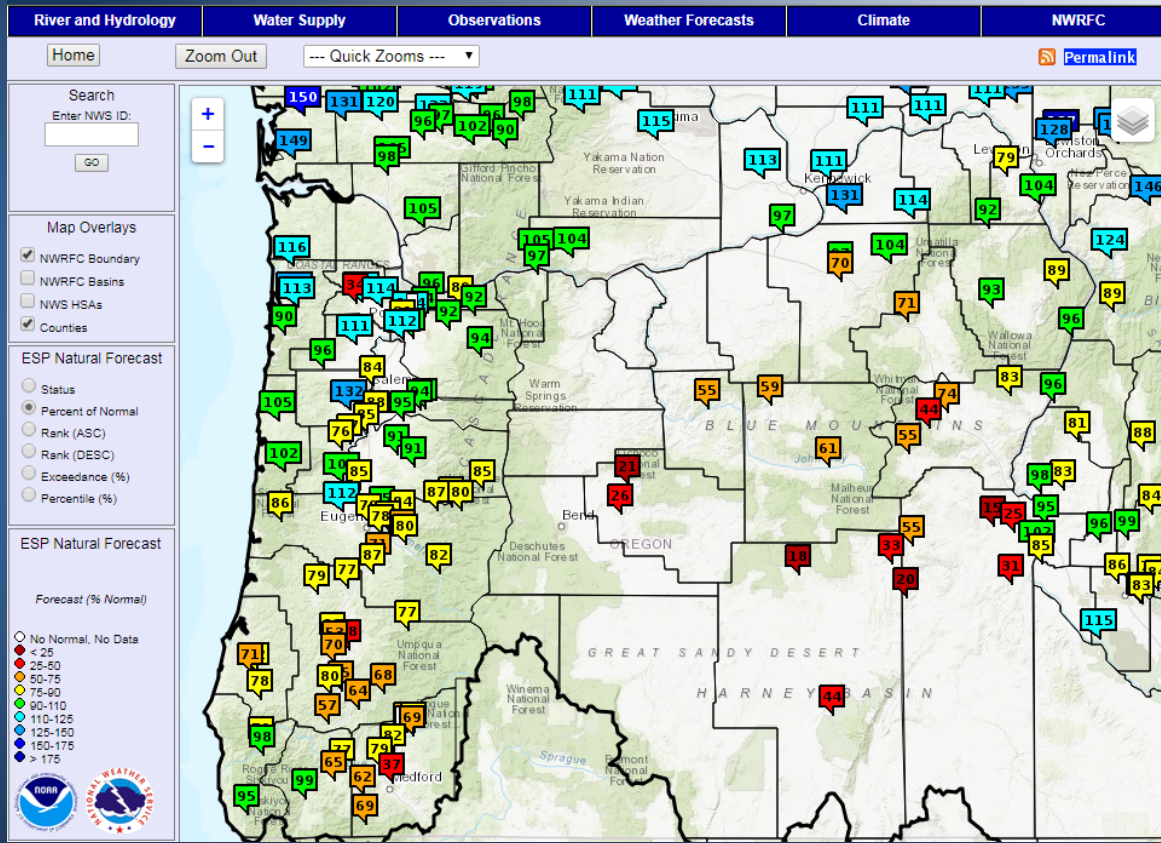
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# Water Supply Forecasts as of May 14<sup>th</sup>



## Northwest River Forecast Center ESP Natural Forecast



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# Observed Water Year Runoff

## % of Average for Oct 1, 2017 - May 14, 2018

