

# Oregon Water Supply Availability Committee

## January 14, 2021



Little Meadows SNOTEL  
South Santiam Watershed  
December 15, 2020

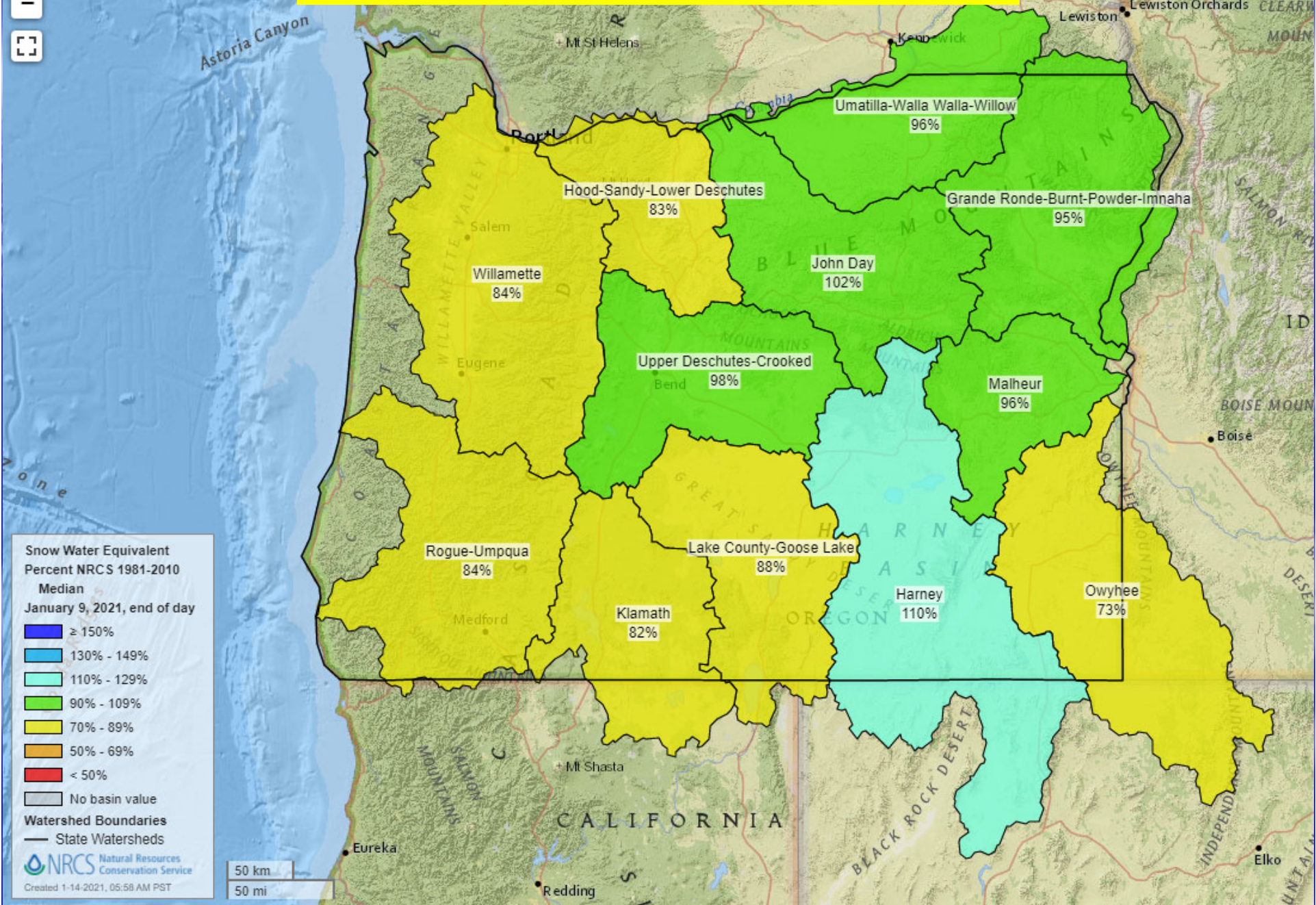
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Selected Stations: 106

Print/Export

# January 9<sup>th</sup> Statewide SNOTEL Snowpack was 89% of normal



Snow Water Equivalent  
Percent NRCS 1981-2010  
Median  
January 9, 2021, end of day

- ≥ 150%
- 130% - 149%
- 110% - 129%
- 90% - 109%
- 70% - 89%
- 50% - 69%
- < 50%

No basin value  
 Watershed Boundaries  
 State Watersheds

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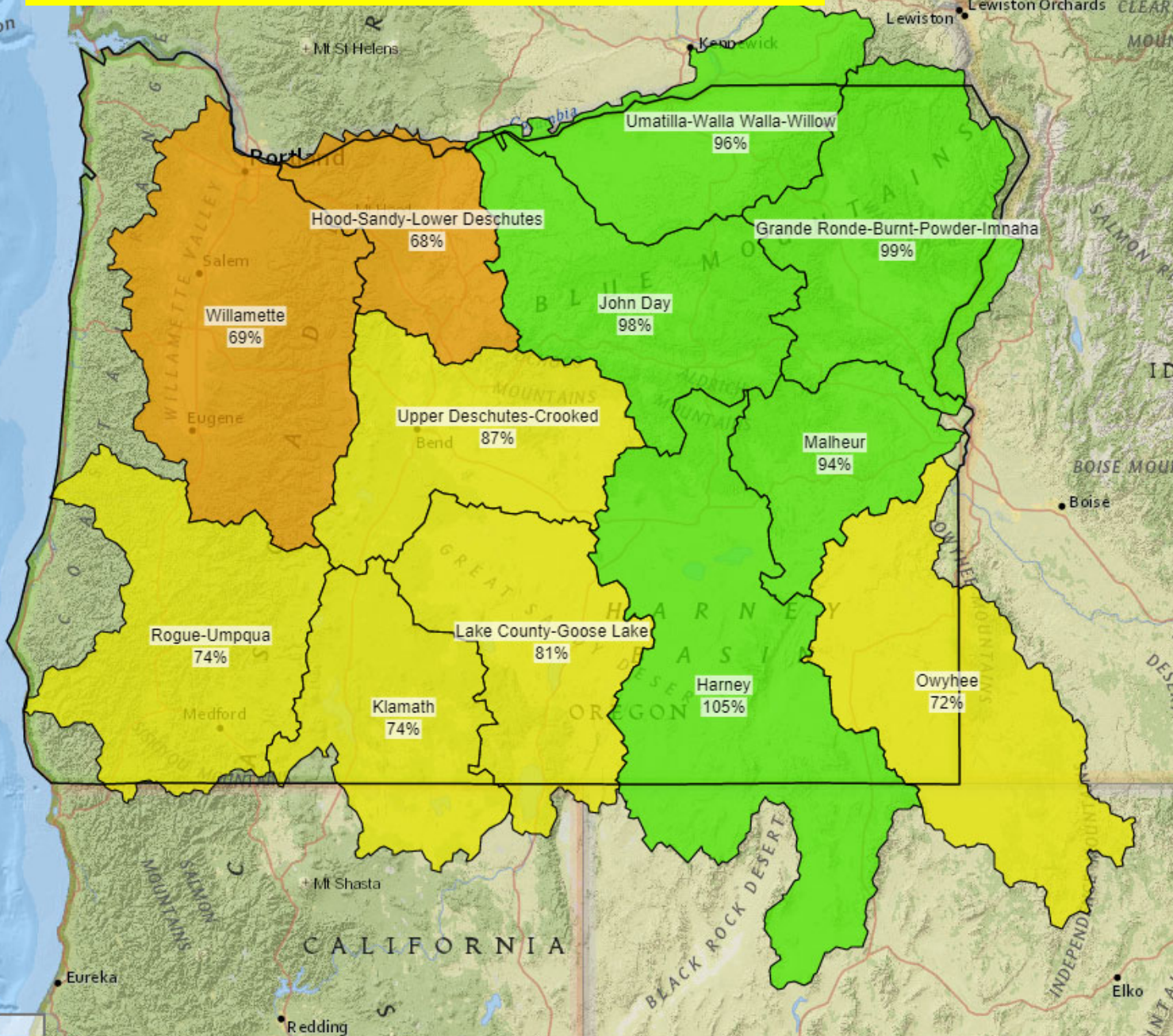
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50 mi



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# January 13<sup>th</sup> Statewide SNOTEL Snowpack is 80% of normal

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**Snow Water Equivalent**  
Percent NRCs 1981-2010  
Median  
January 13, 2021, end of day

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- < 50%
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**Watershed Boundaries**  
— State Watersheds

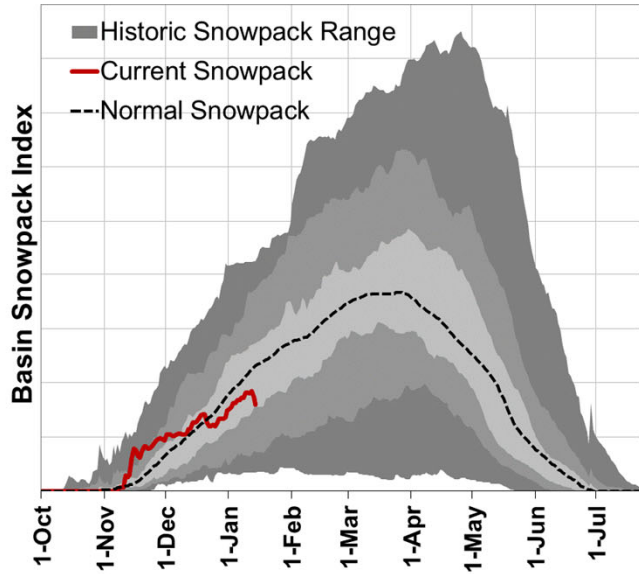
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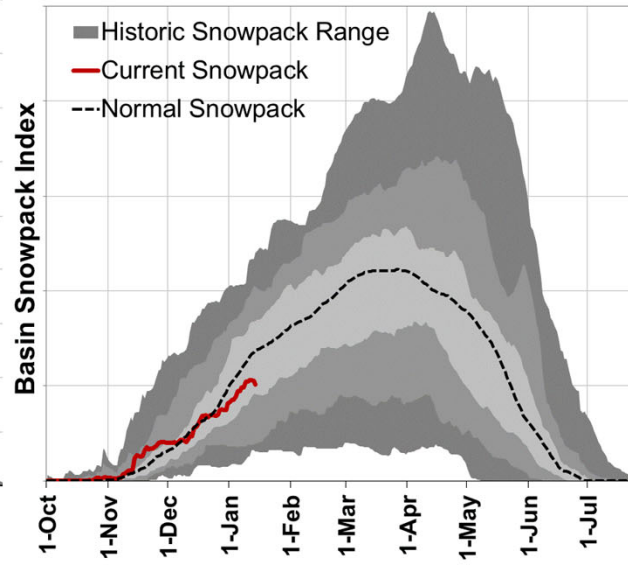


# SNOWPACK GRAPHS – January 14, 2021

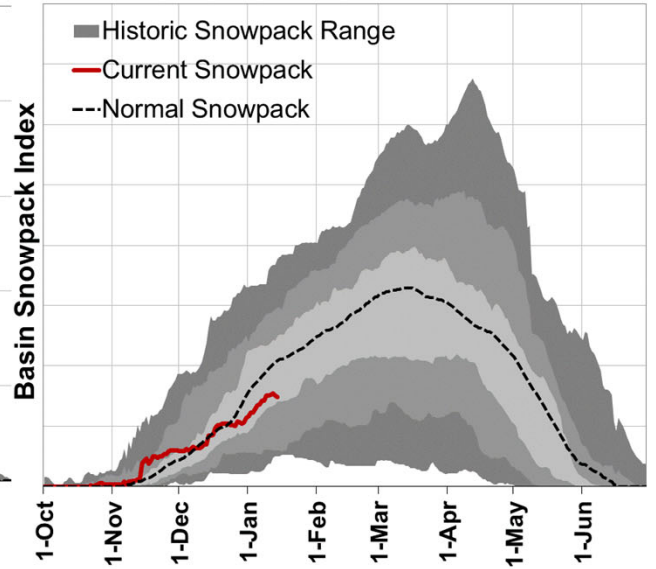
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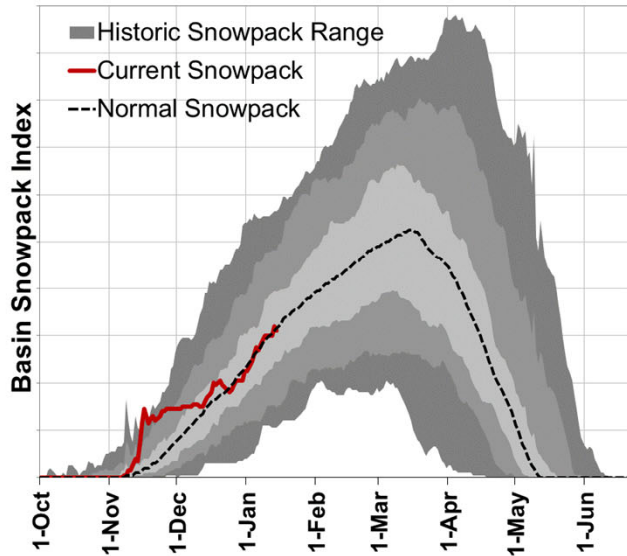
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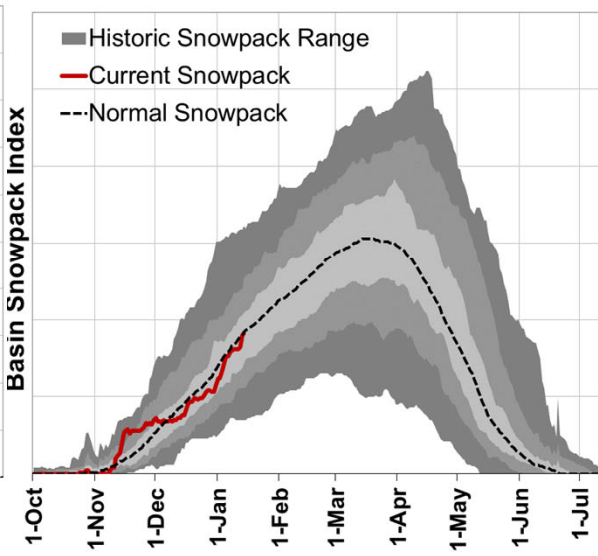
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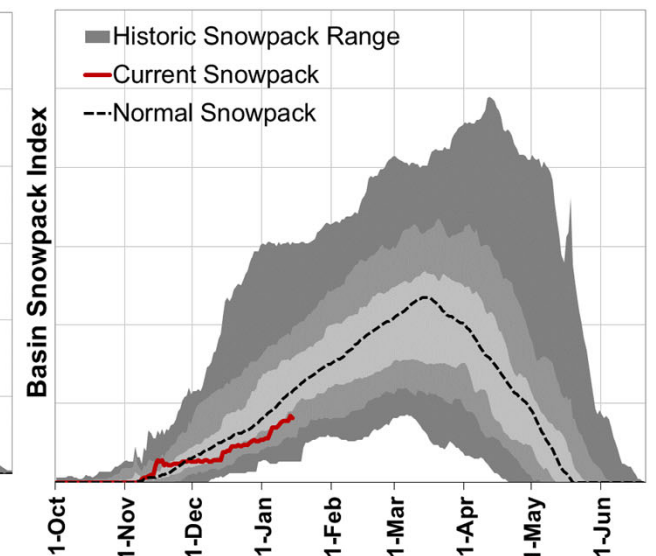
## John Day



## Grande Ronde-Burnt-Powder-Imnaha



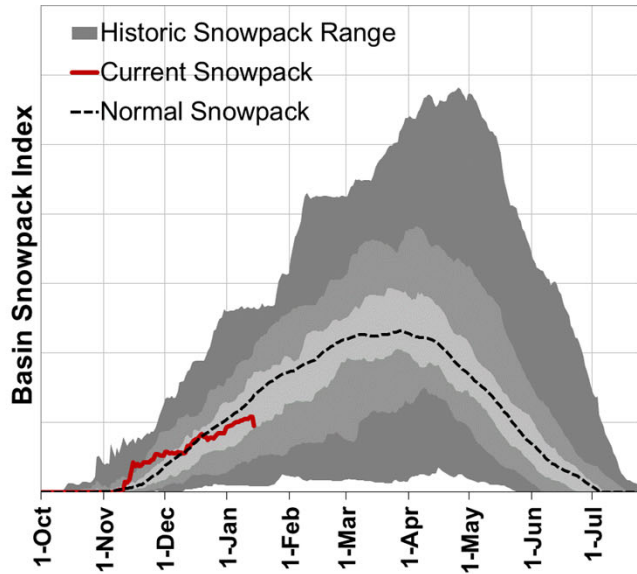
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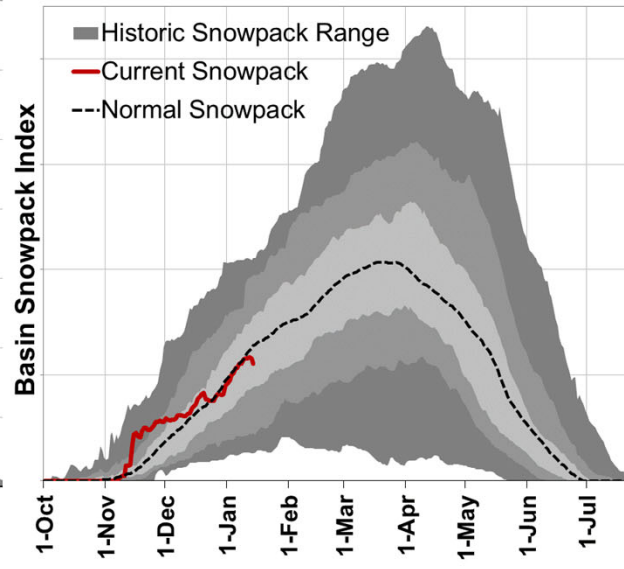


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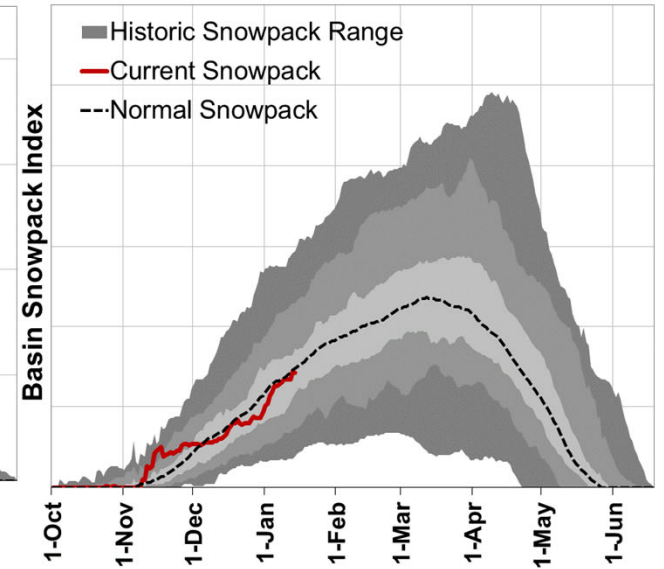
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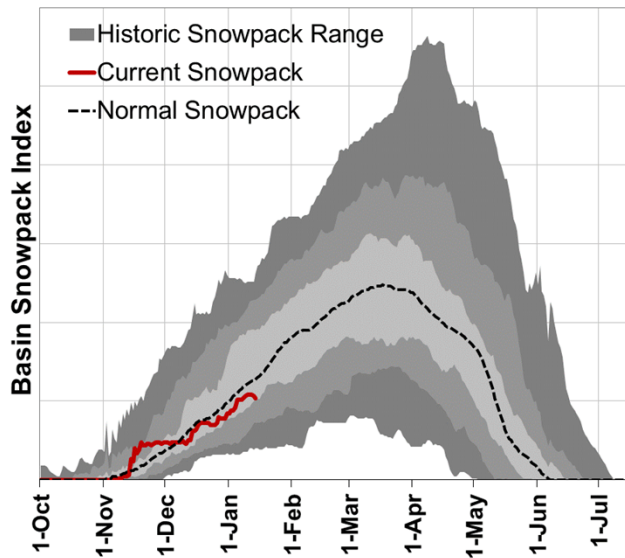
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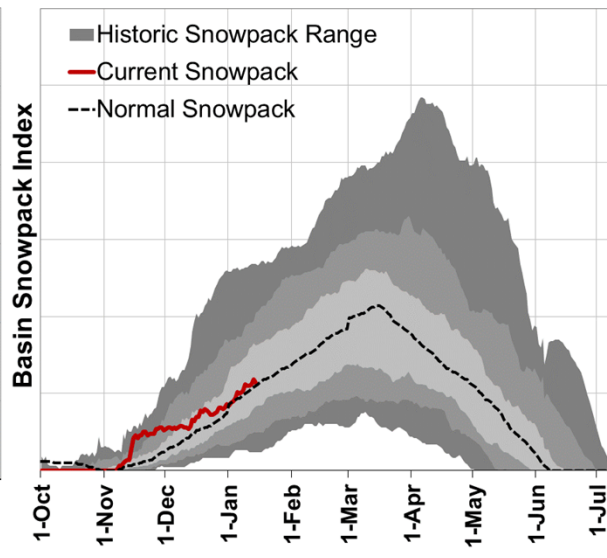
## Umatilla-Walla Walla-Willow



## Lake County-Goose Lake



## Harney





# January 9<sup>th</sup> Statewide SNOTEL Water Year Precipitation was 90% of average



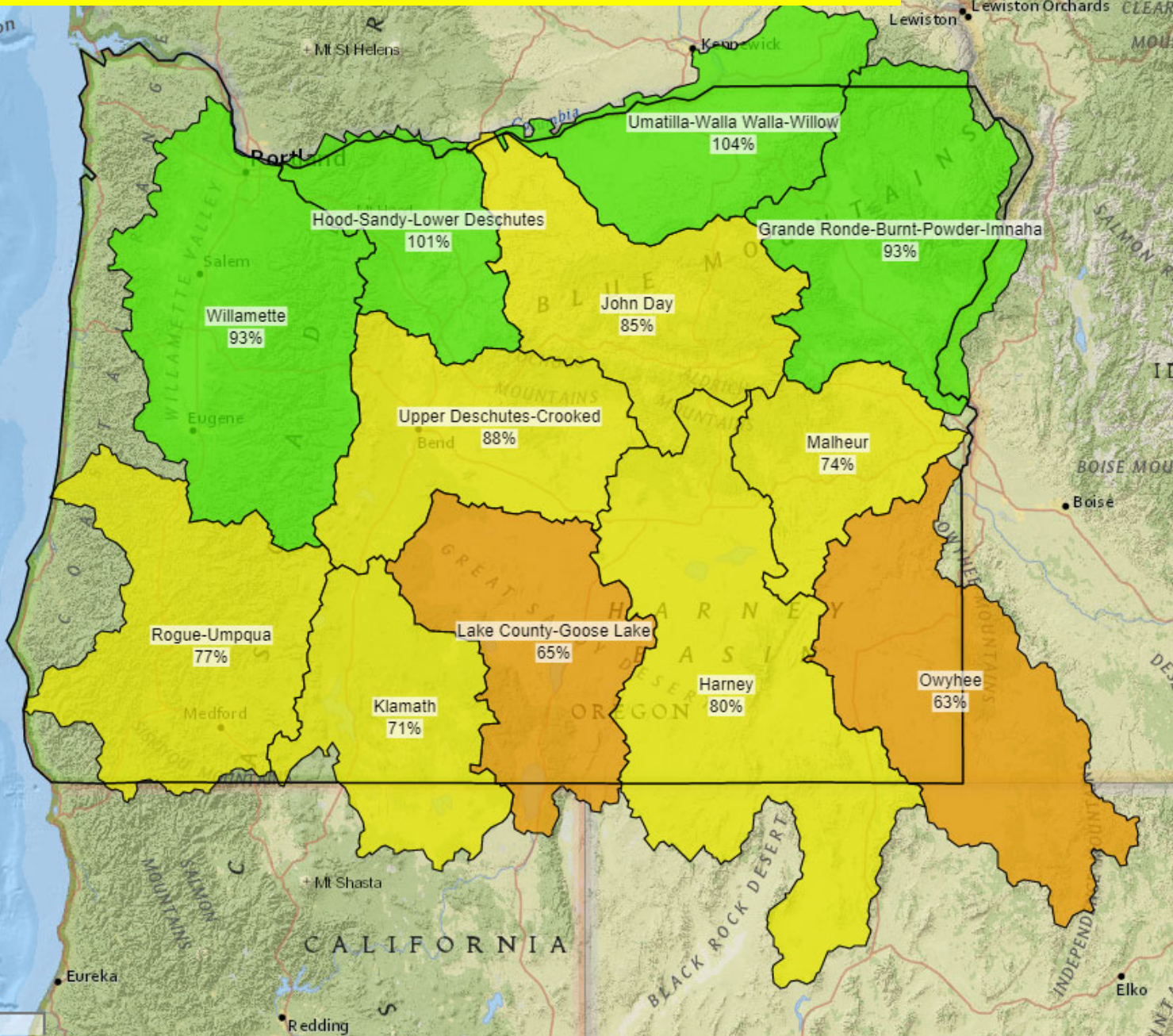
Water Year to Date  
Precipitation  
Percent NRCS 1981-2010  
Average  
October 1, 2020 through  
January 9, 2021

- ≥ 150%
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Watershed Boundaries  
— State Watersheds

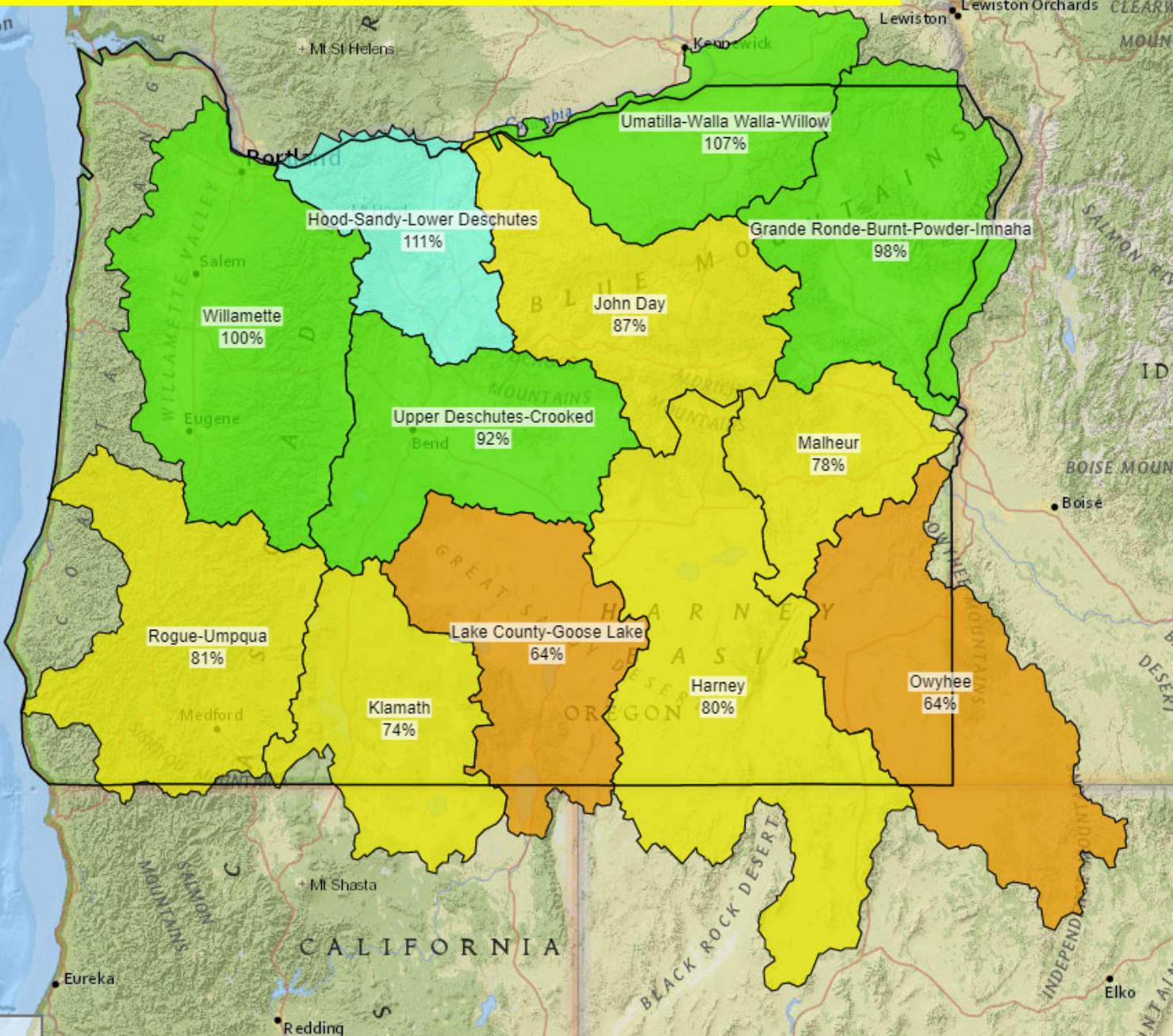
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50 km  
50 mi





# January 13<sup>th</sup> Statewide SNOTEL Water Year Precipitation is 95% of average



**Water Year to Date Precipitation**  
 Percent NRCS 1981-2010 Average  
 October 1, 2020 through January 13, 2021

- ≥ 150%
- 130% - 149%
- 110% - 129%
- 90% - 109%
- 70% - 89%
- 50% - 69%
- < 50%
- No basin value

**Watershed Boundaries**  
 — State Watersheds

**NRCS** Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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50 km  
 50 mi



Selected Stations: 1128

# SNOTEL Water Year Percentile (POR) by Station January 13, 2021, 2020 (End of Day)

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Water Year to Date  
Precipitation  
Percentile (POR)  
October 1, 2020 through  
January 9, 2021

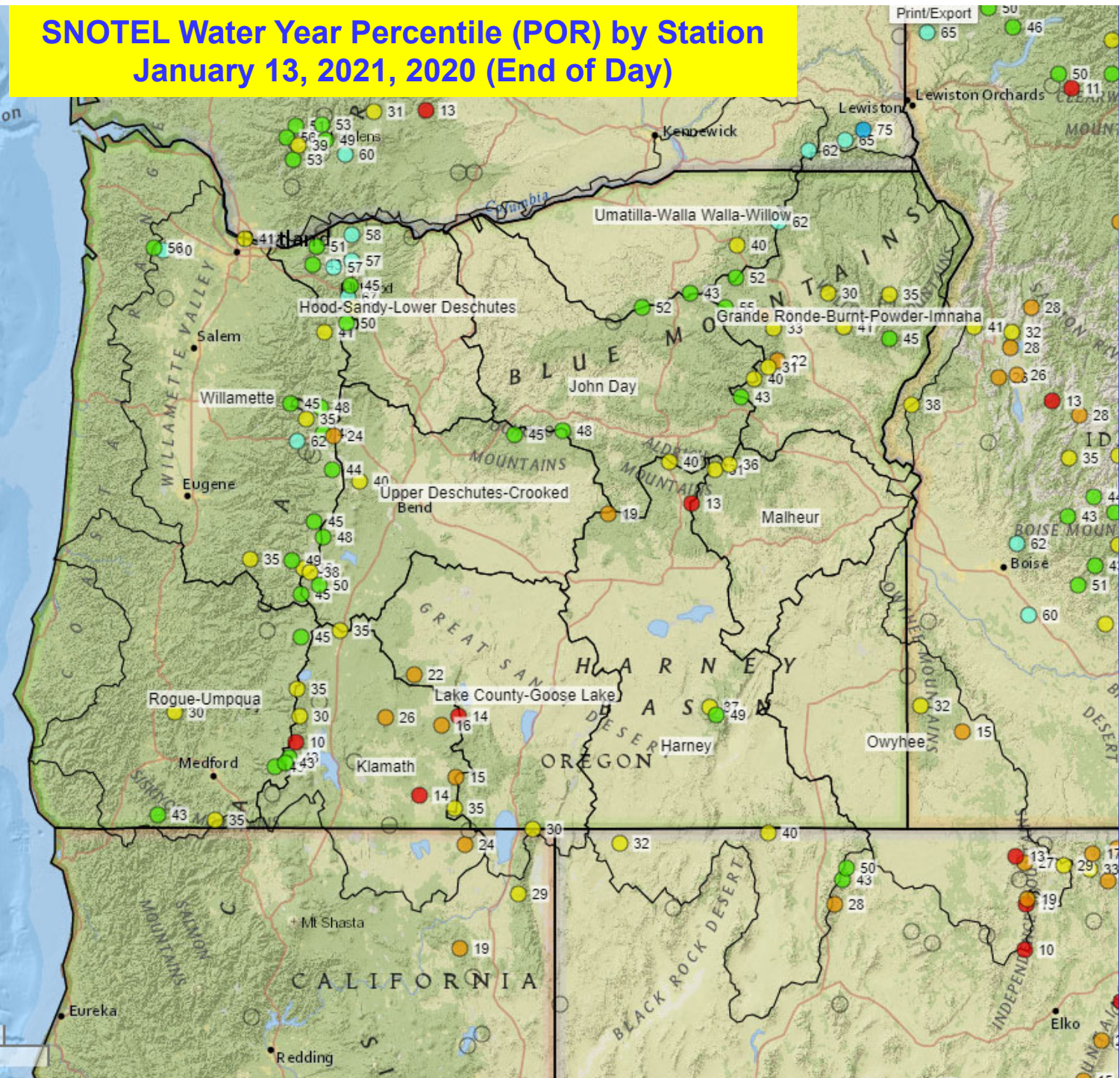
- ≥ 85
- 71 - 84
- 57 - 70
- 43 - 56
- 29 - 42
- 15 - 28
- < 15

⊖ Observation missing  
 Watershed Boundaries  
 — State Watersheds  
 Sites with less than 20 years of data  
 or low variability excluded

**NRCS** Natural Resources  
Conservation Service

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50 km  
50 mi





Selected Stations: 1128

# SNOTEL Percentile (POR) by Station November 1, 2019 through January 13, 2021 (End of Day)



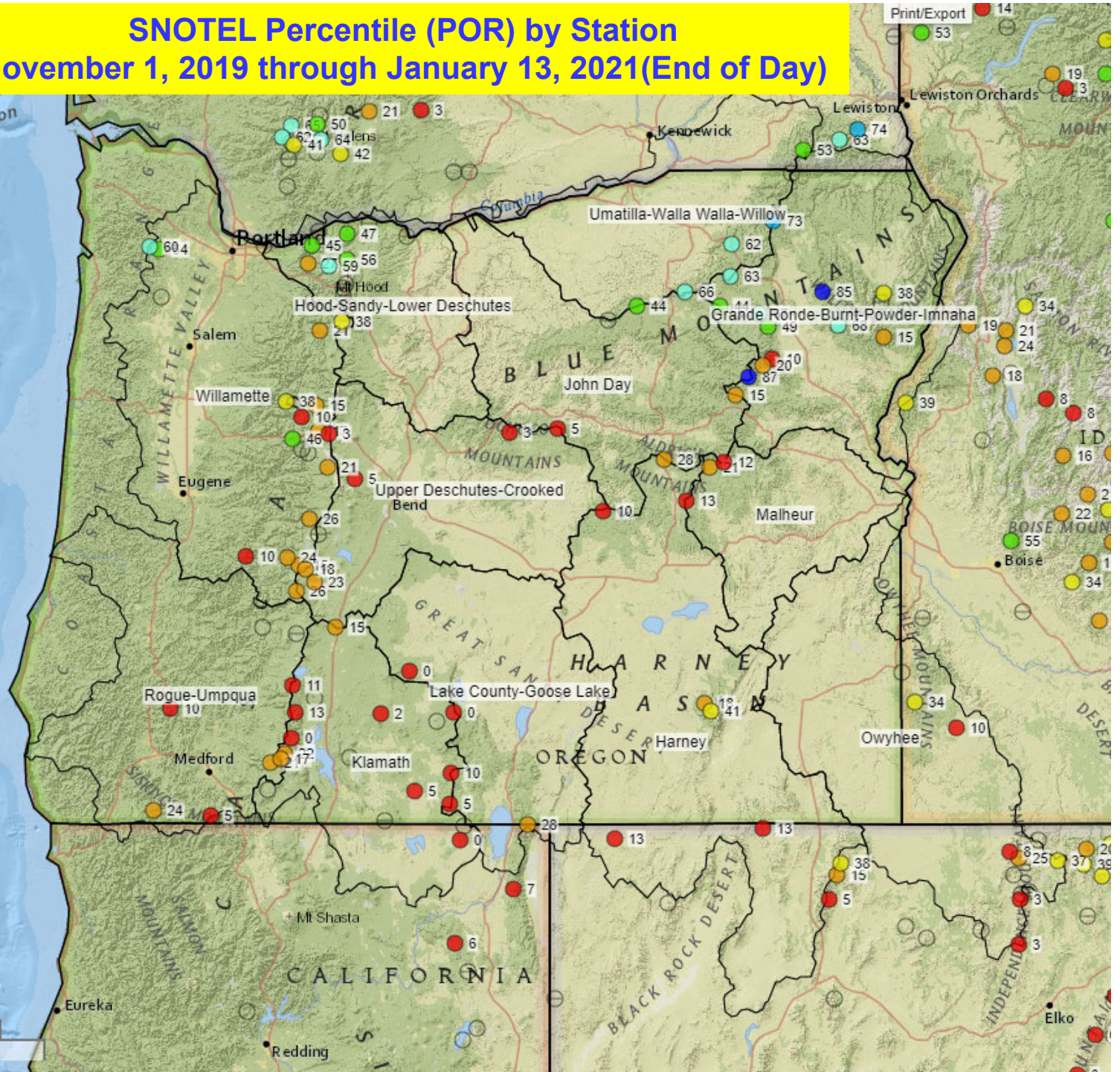
440 day Precipitation Percentile (POR)  
November 1, 2019 through January 13, 2021

- ≥ 85
- 71 - 84
- 57 - 70
- 43 - 56
- 29 - 42
- 15 - 28
- < 15

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 Watershed Boundaries  
 — State Watersheds  
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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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50 km  
50 mi





Selected Stations: 1128

# SNOTEL 440-day Precipitation Records by Station November 1, 2019 through January 13, 2021 (End of Day)

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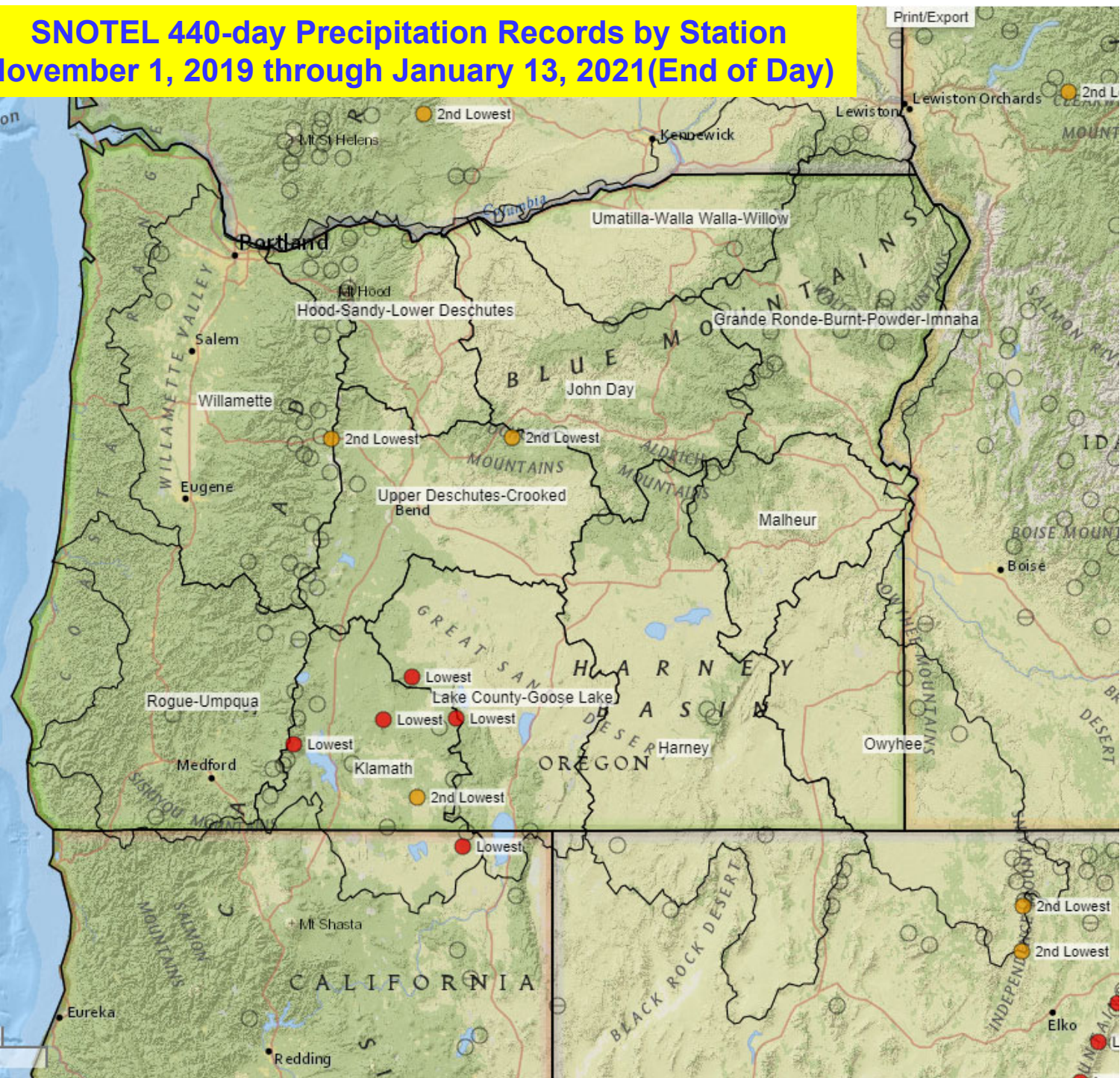


**440 day Precipitation Records (POR)**  
November 1, 2019 through January 13, 2021

- Highest
- 2nd Highest
- 2nd Lowest
- Lowest
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- Watershed Boundaries**
- State Watersheds
- Sites with less than 20 years of data or low variability excluded

**NRCS** Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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50 km  
50 mi

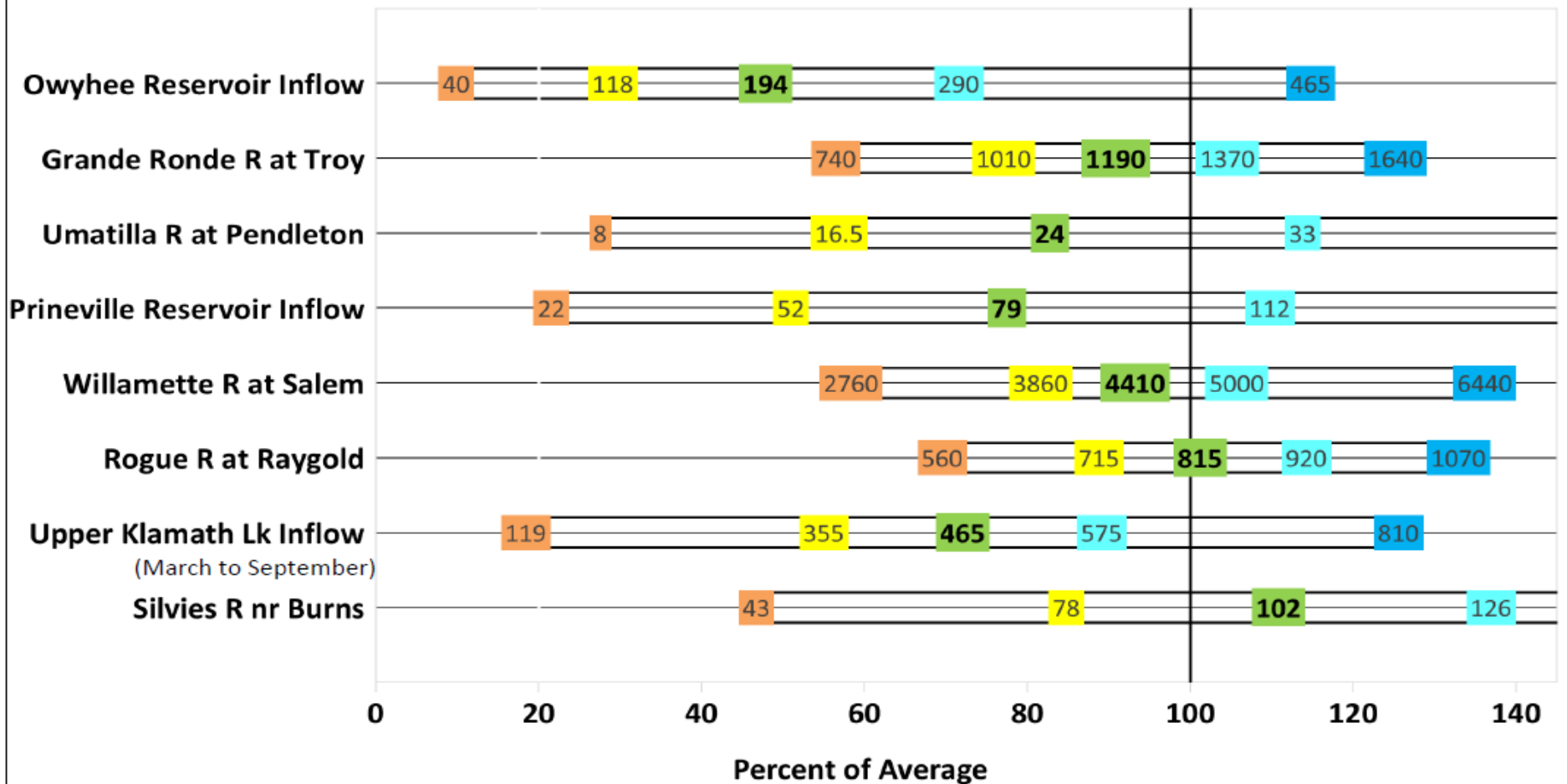




January 2021

# Summary of Streamflow Forecasts across Oregon

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



Legend:

←-----Drier-----Future Conditions-----Wetter-----→

**90% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)**  
There is a 90% chance that flows will exceed this volume.

**70% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)**  
There is a 70% chance that flows will exceed this volume.

**50% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)**  
There is a 50% chance that flows will exceed this volume.

**30% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)**  
There is a 30% chance that flows will exceed this volume.

**10% Exceedance Forecast (KAF)**  
There is a 10% chance that flows will exceed this volume.



Selected Stations: 880

Print/Export

# January 1, 2021 Streamflow Volume Forecast April – September % of Average 50% Exceedance Probability

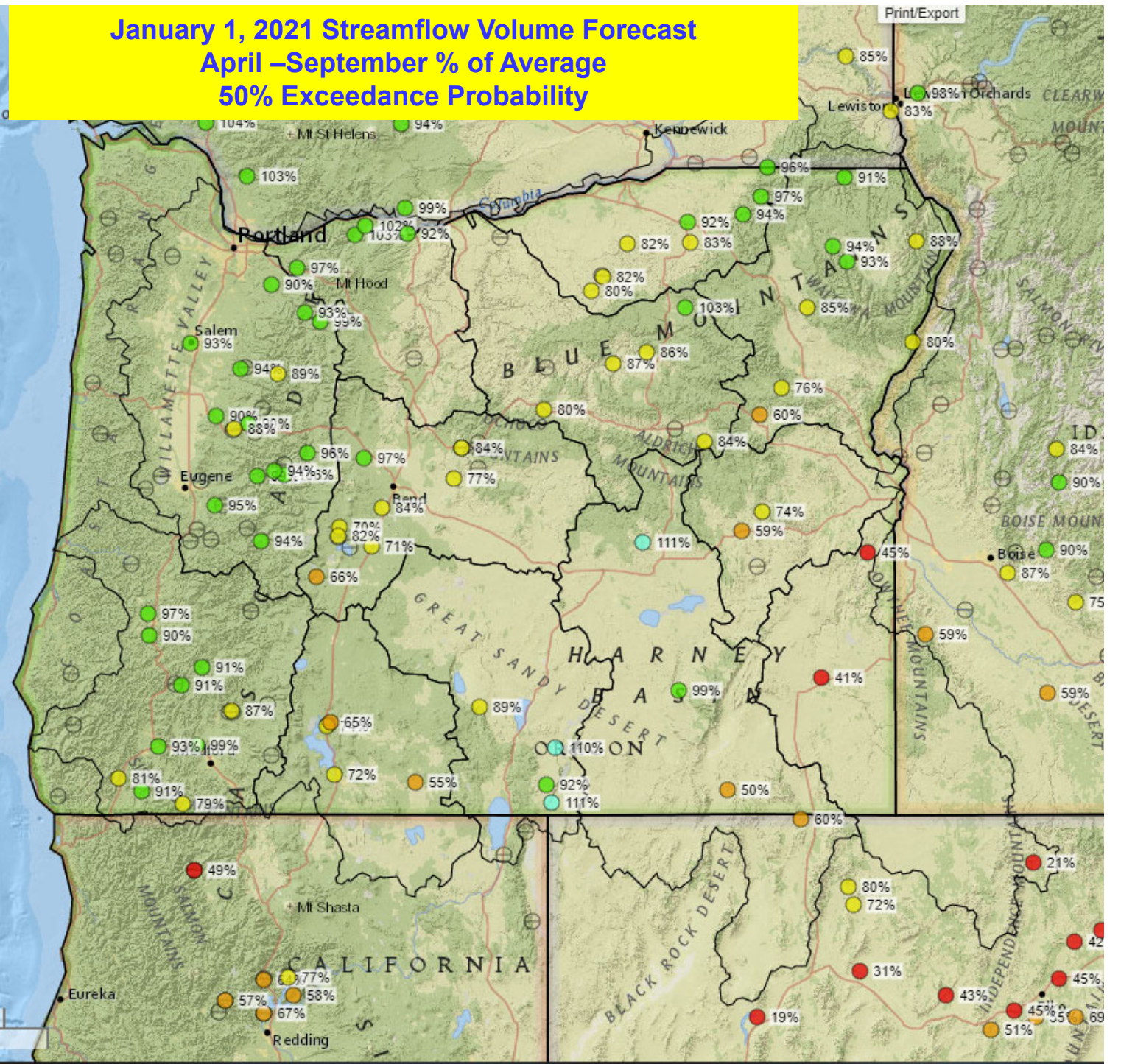
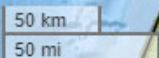


**Forecast Volume**  
50% Exceedance Probability  
Percent NRCS 1981-2010  
Average  
Primary Period  
January 1, 2021

- ≥ 150%
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- 90% - 109%
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- < 50%

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Watershed Boundaries  
— State Watersheds

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# Thank you

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# Oregon WSAC

## National Weather Service Precipitation & Temperatures Update

January 14, 2021

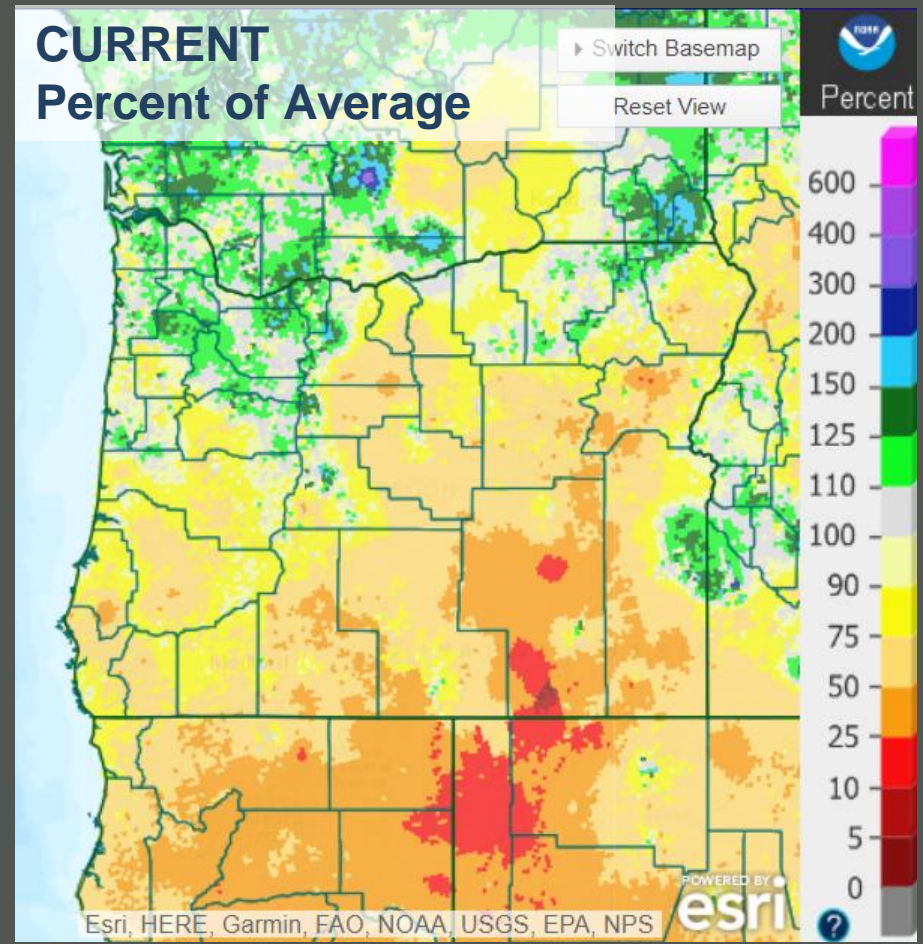
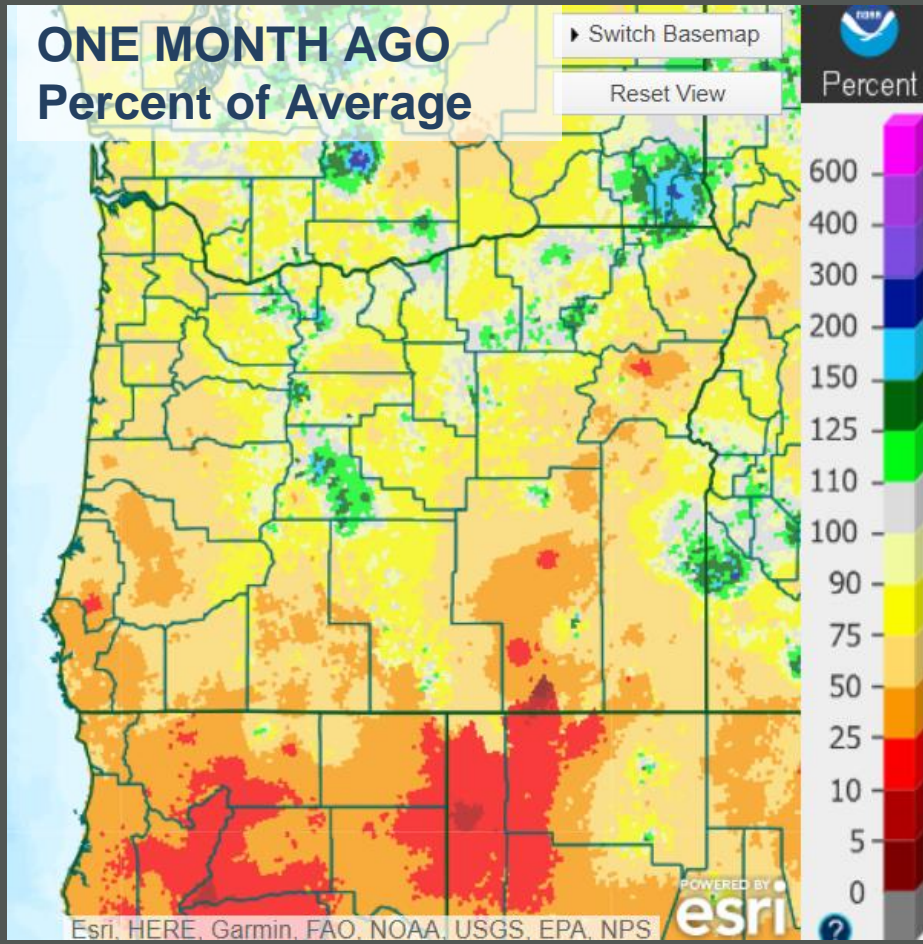
Andy Bryant  
NOAA/NWS Portland  
Weather Forecast Office

S Yamhill R near Sheridan





# Water Year Precipitation



Improvement western third of state, little change elsewhere

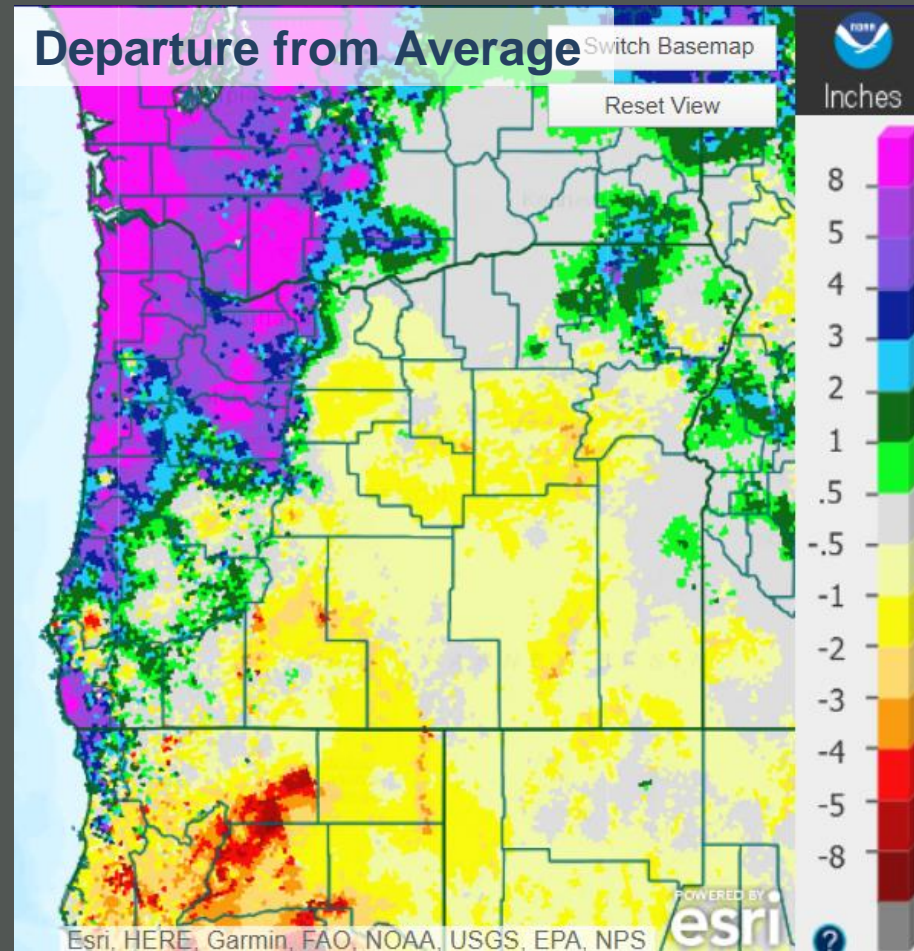
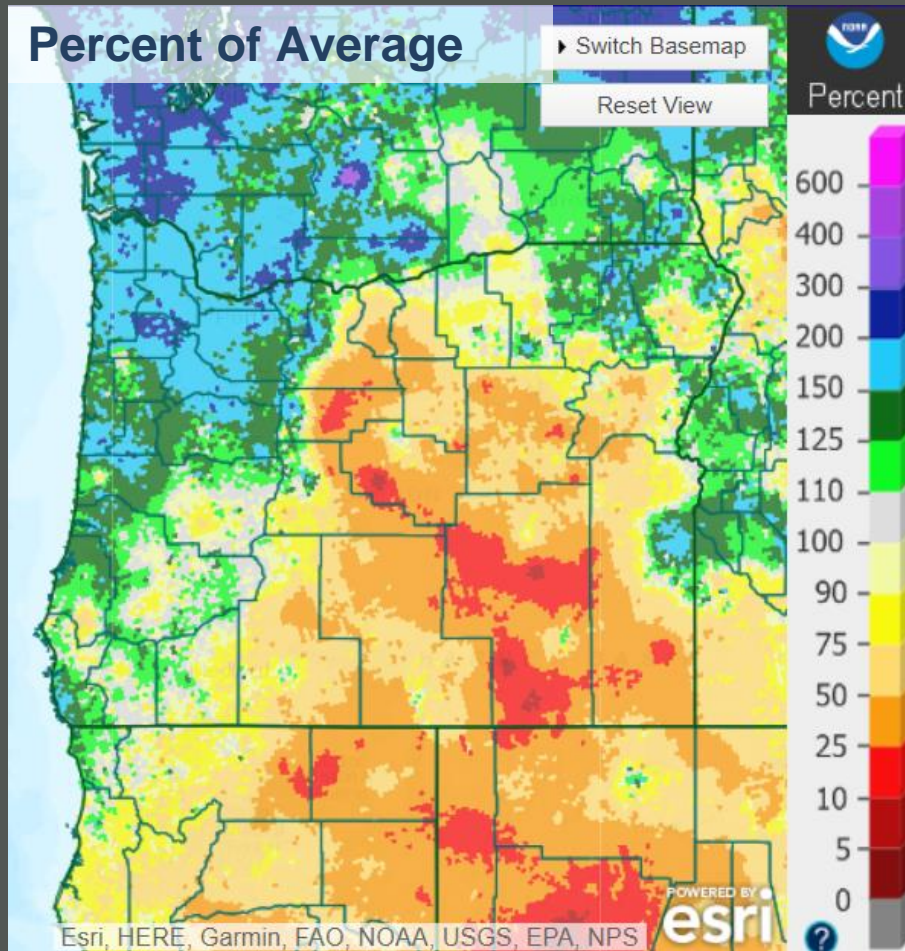
Precipitation Data as of January 13, 2021

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# Precipitation – Past 30 Days



Precipitation Data as of December 9, 2020

Source: [water.weather.gov/precip/index.php?location\\_type=wfo&location\\_name=pqr](http://water.weather.gov/precip/index.php?location_type=wfo&location_name=pqr)





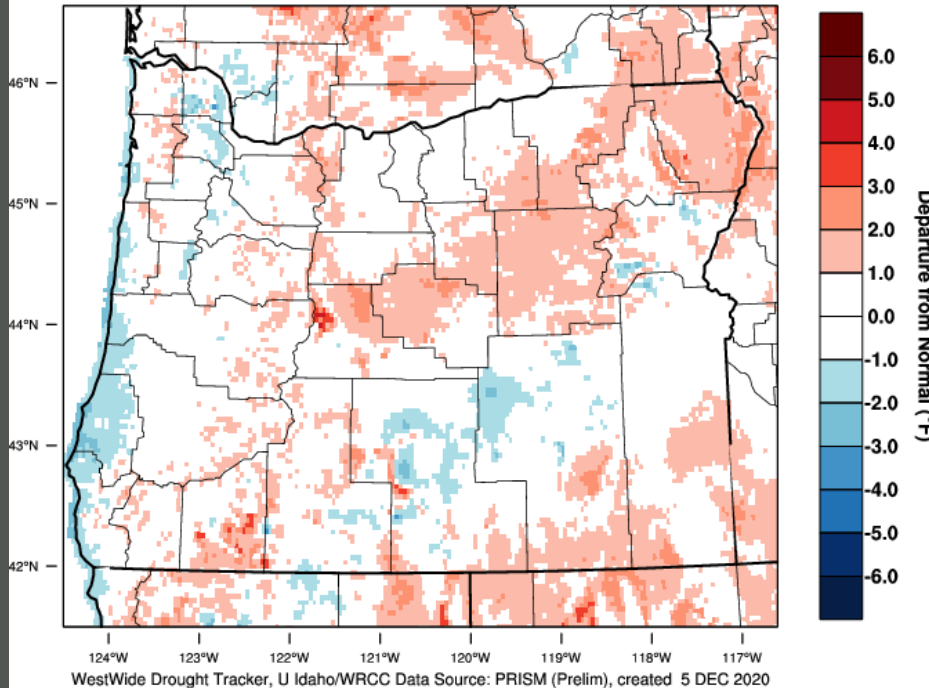
# Recent Temperatures

November 2020

December 2020

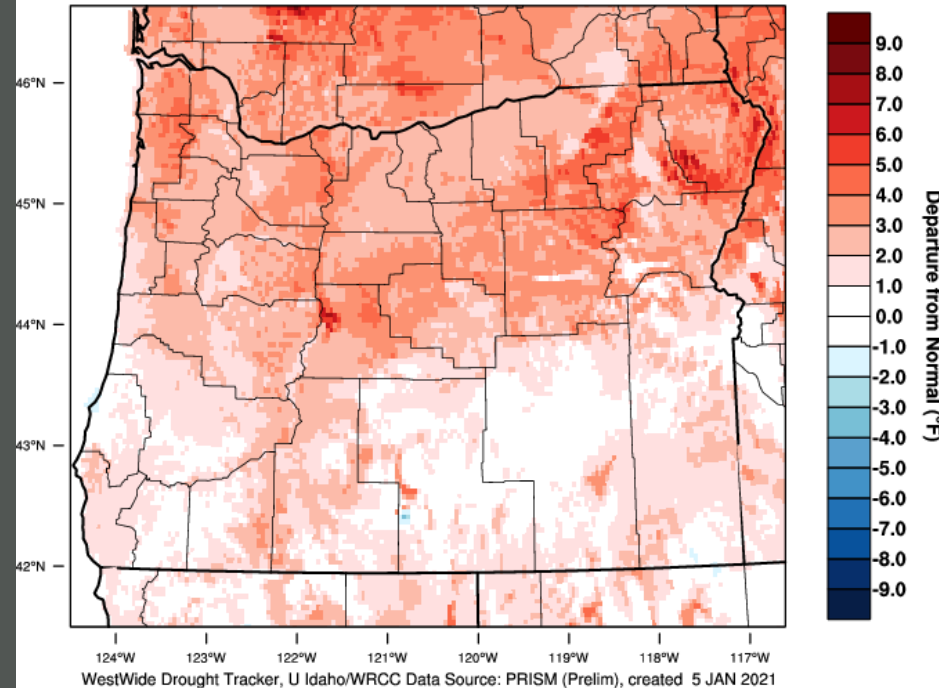
Oregon - Mean Temperature

November 2020 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



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December 2020 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal







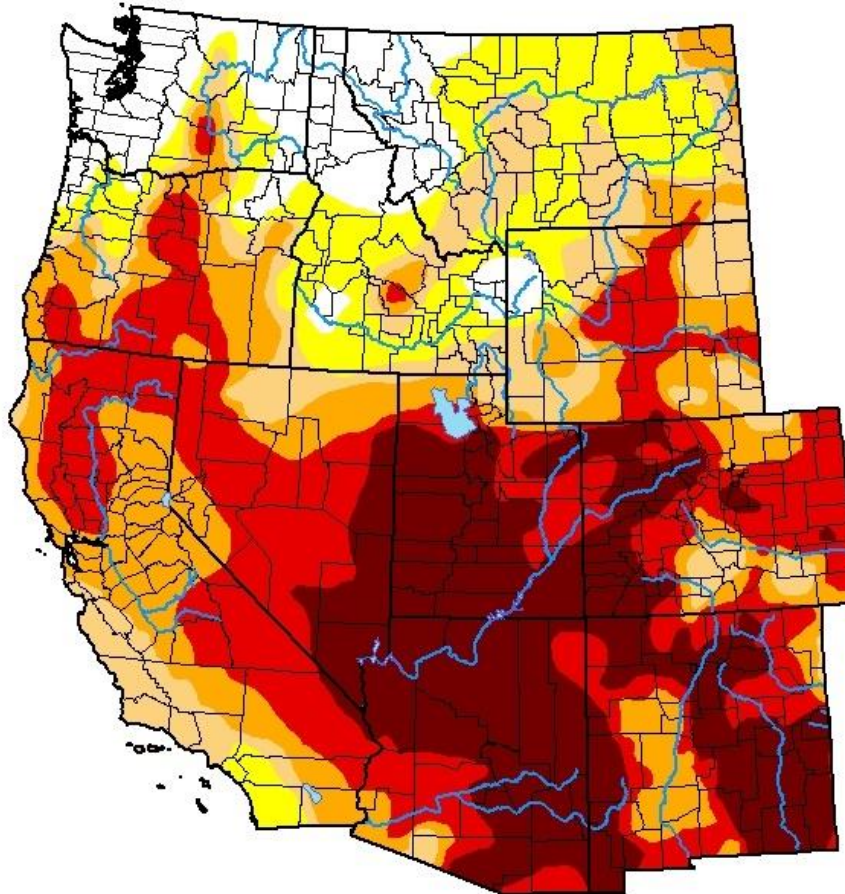
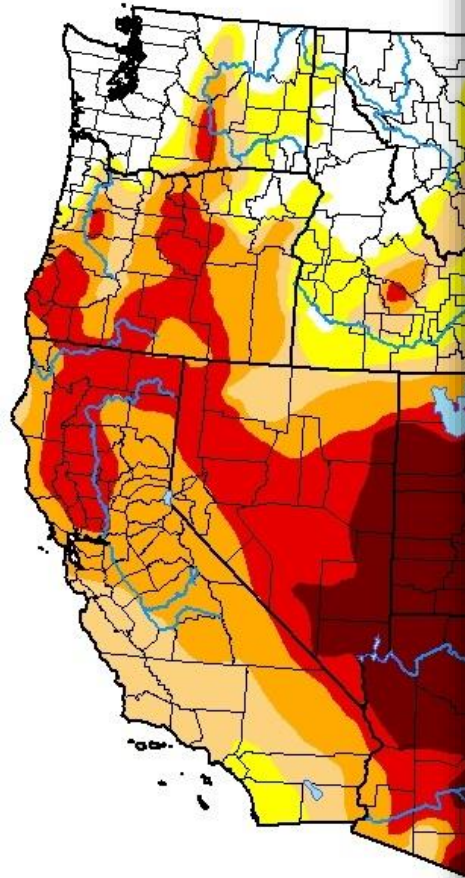
# Drought Monitor

**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**West**


**December 8, 2020**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020)

**U.S. Drought Monitor**  
**West**

**January 12, 2021**  
(Released Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



***Intensity:***

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

***Author:***

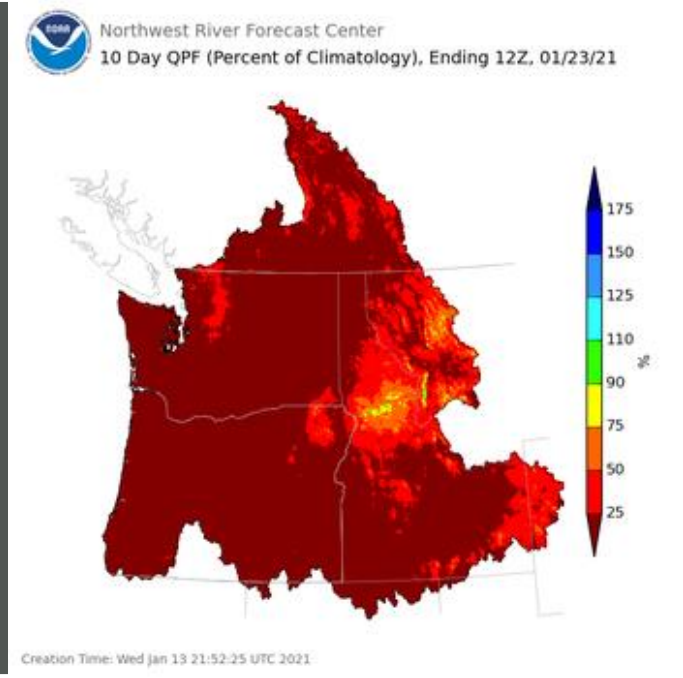
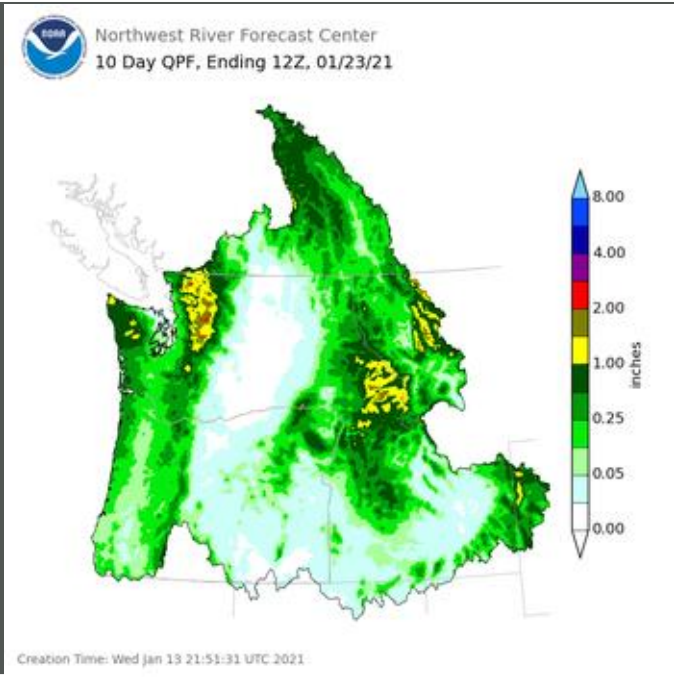
Deborah Bathke  
National Drought Mitigation Center



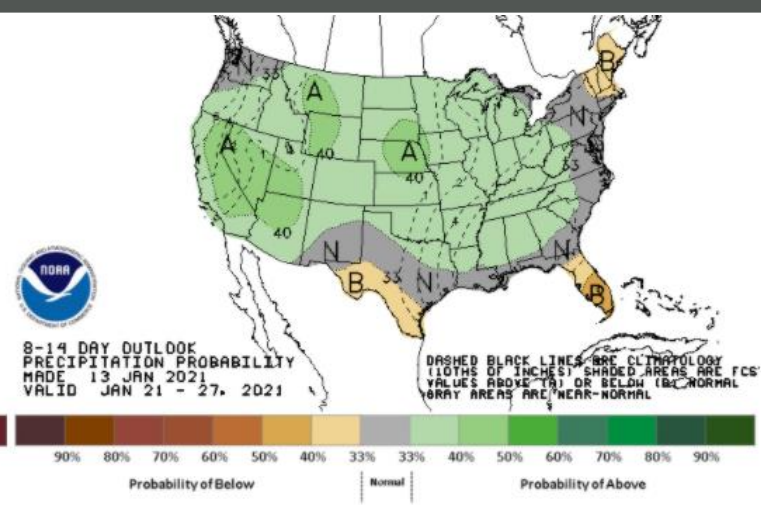
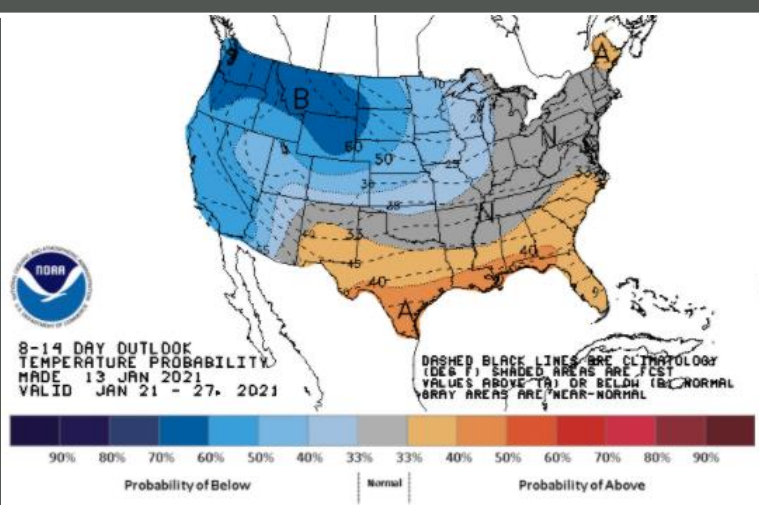


# Mid January Outlook

## NWRFC 10-DAY PRECIPITATION



## CPC 8 - 14 DAY OUTLOOK

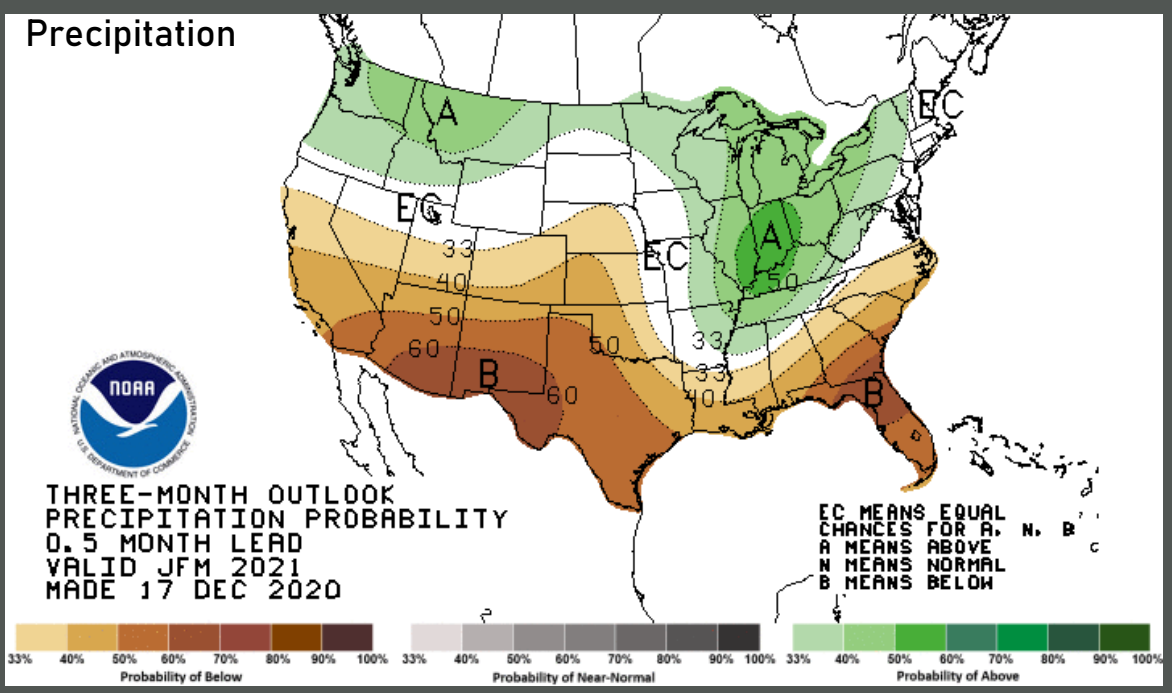
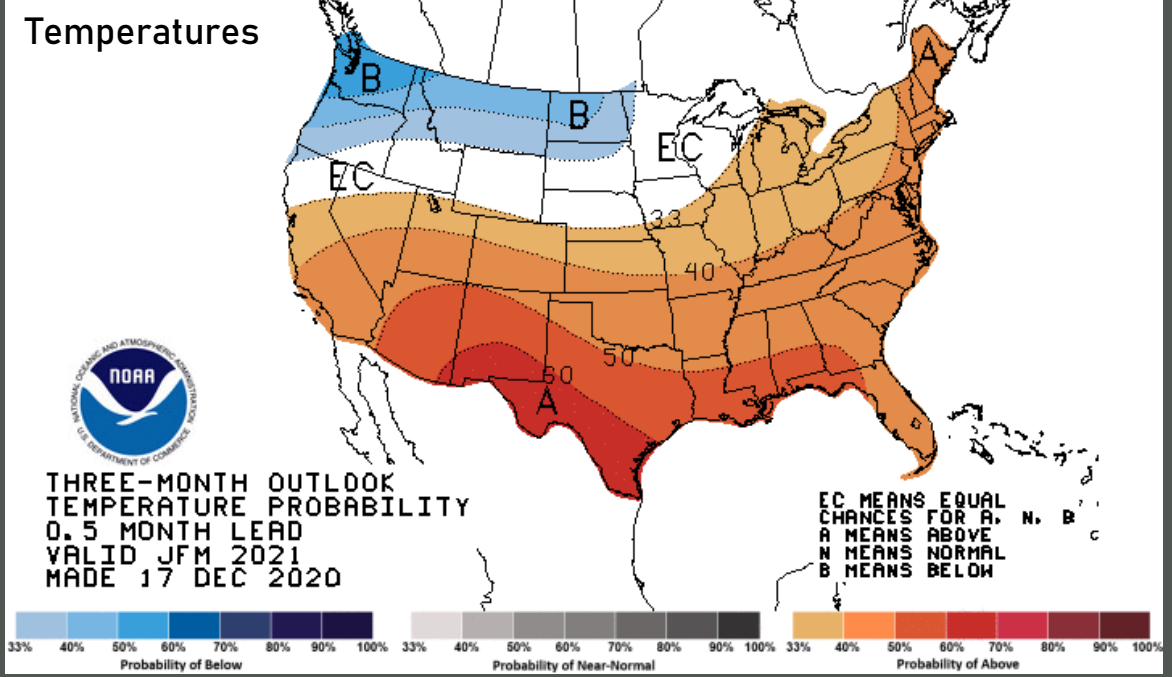






# Climate Prediction Center Outlook

Jan - Mar 2021



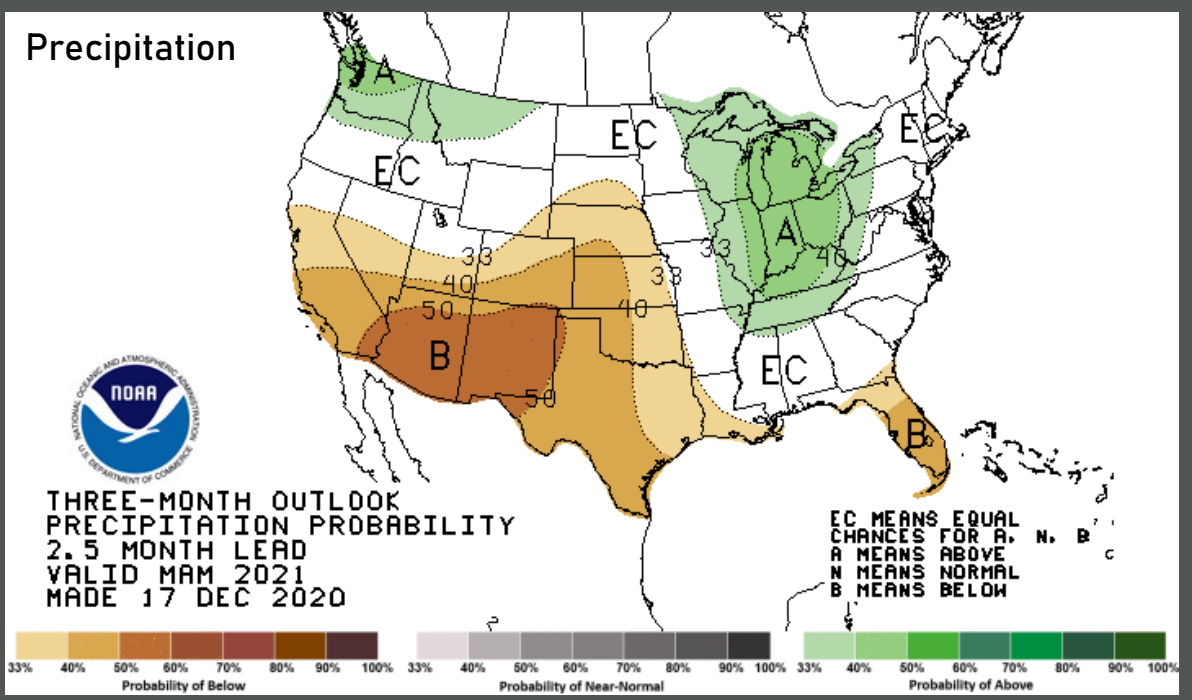
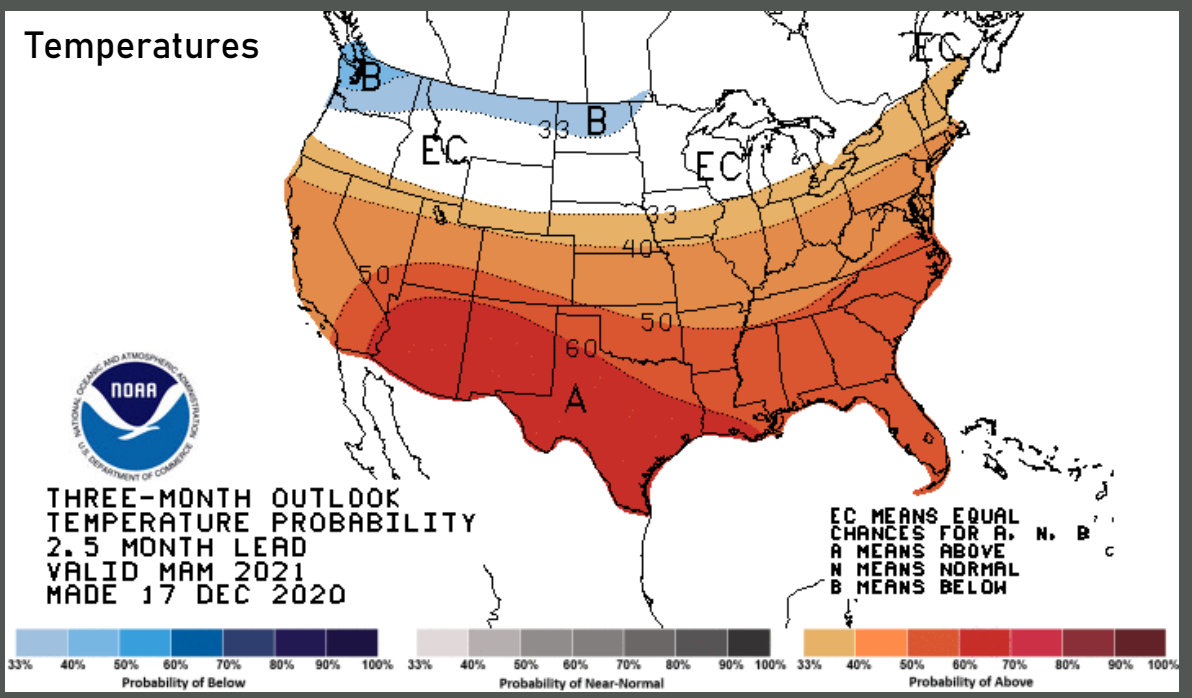
La Niña  
Advisory  
in effect





# Climate Prediction Center Outlook

Mar - May 2021

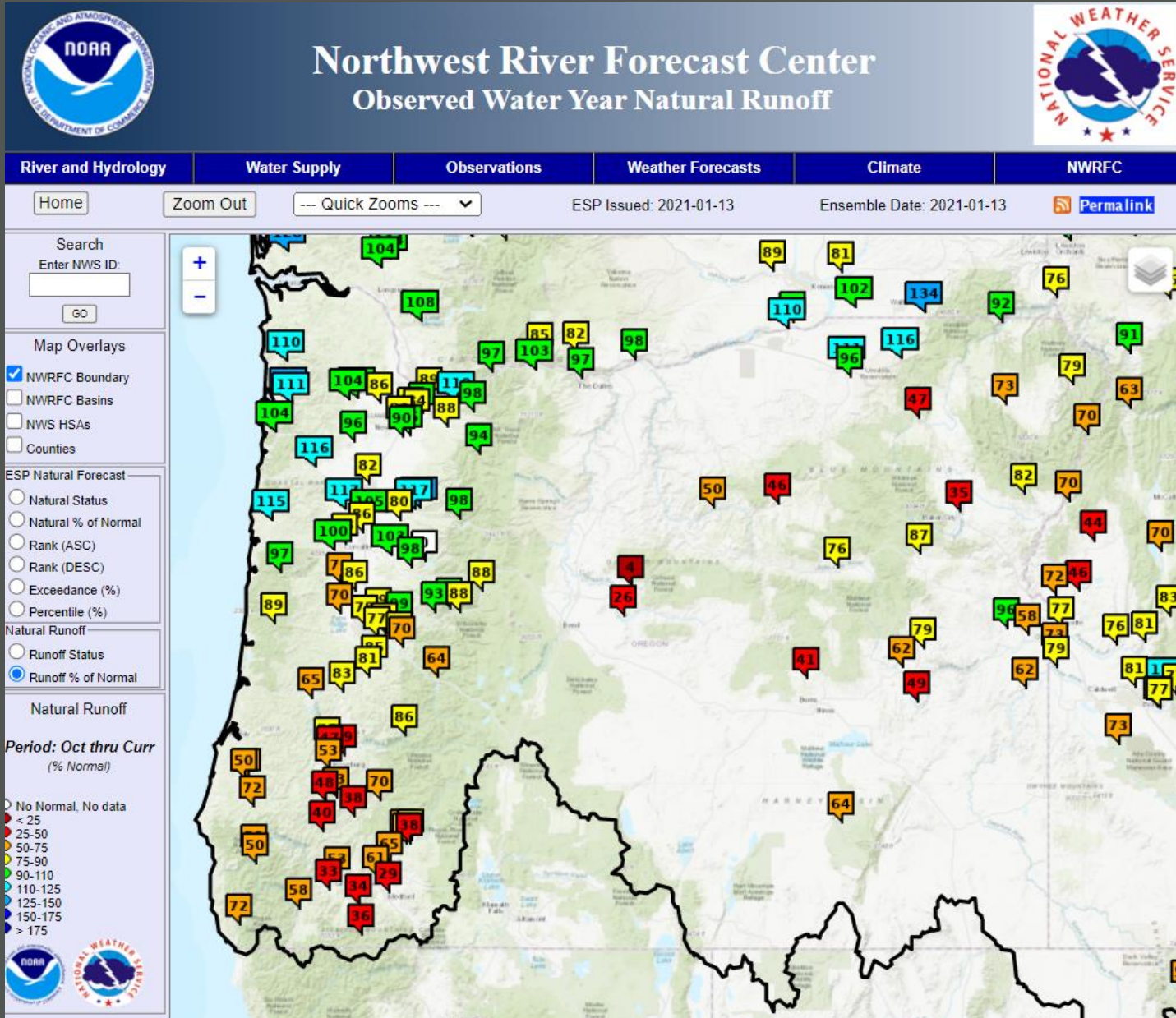


La Niña Advisory in effect





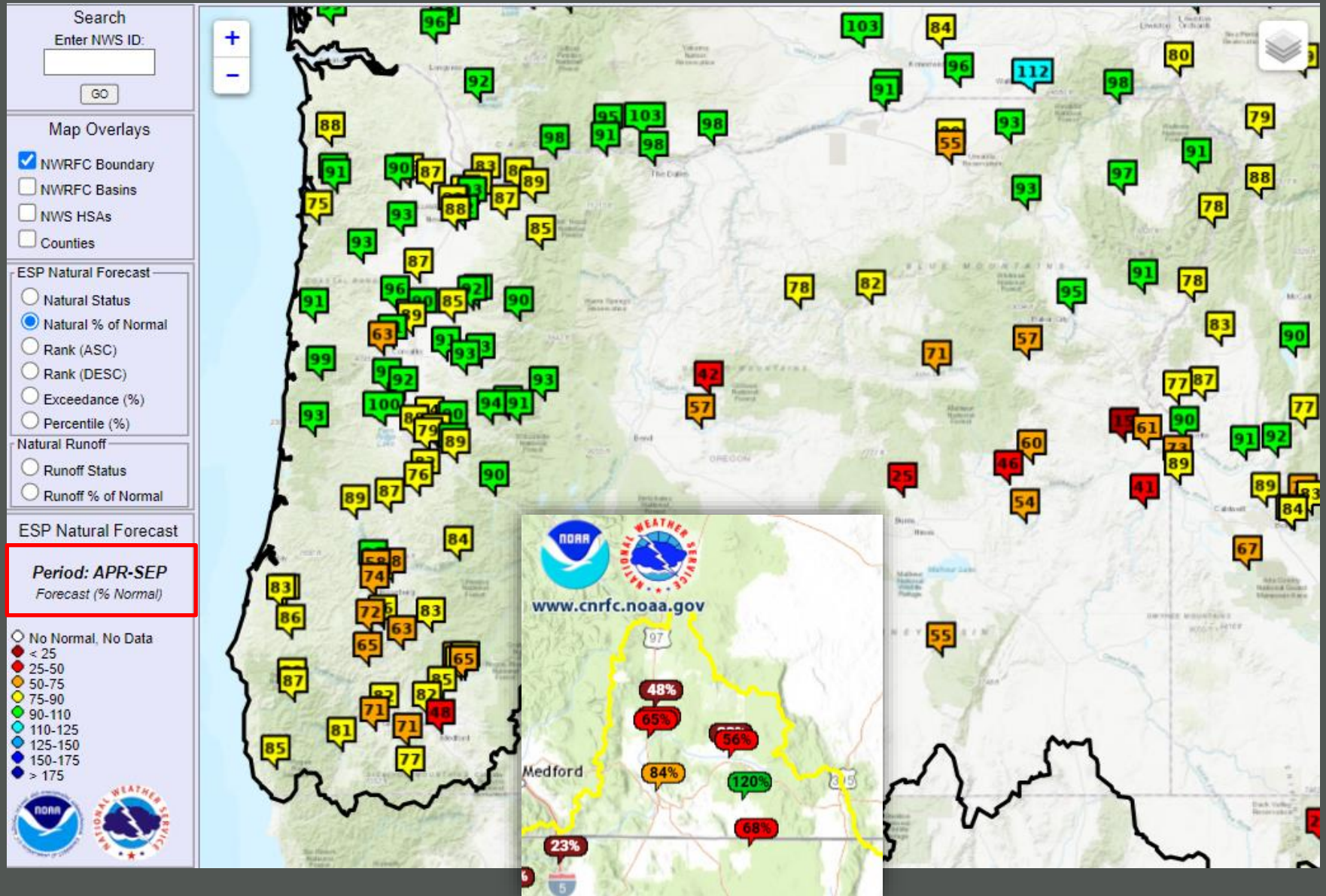
# Water Year Runoff





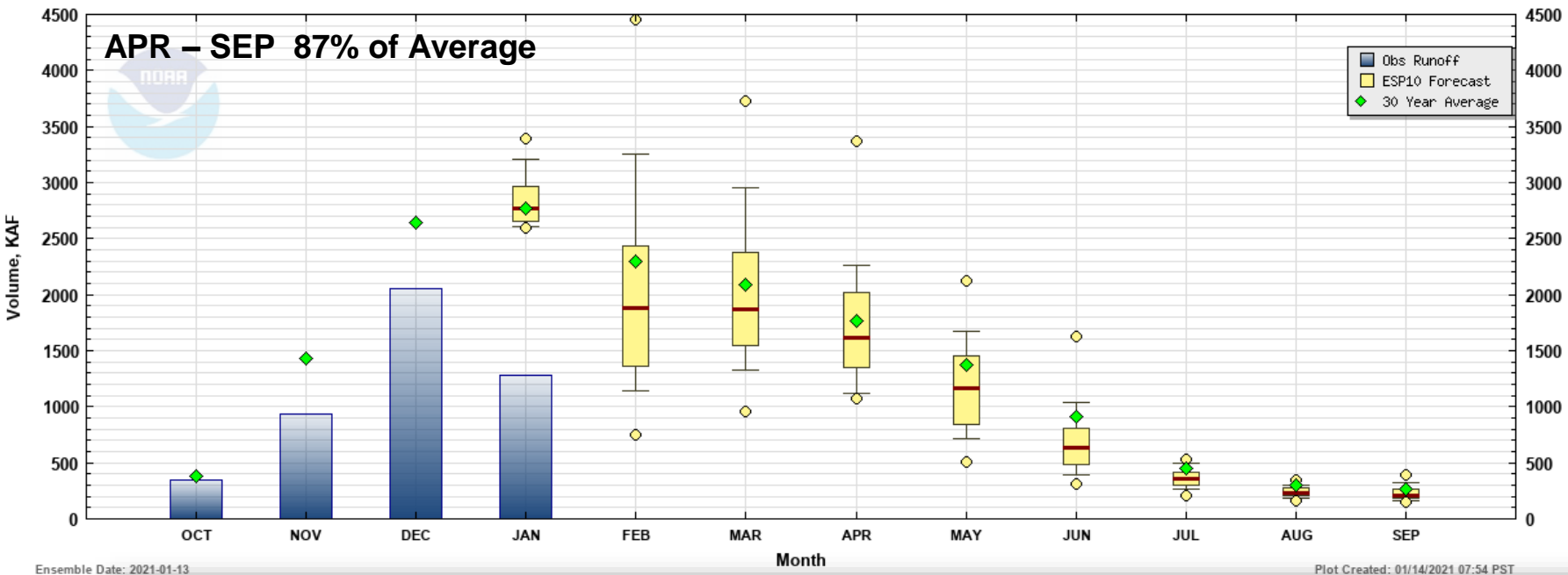


# Seasonal Water Supply Forecasts

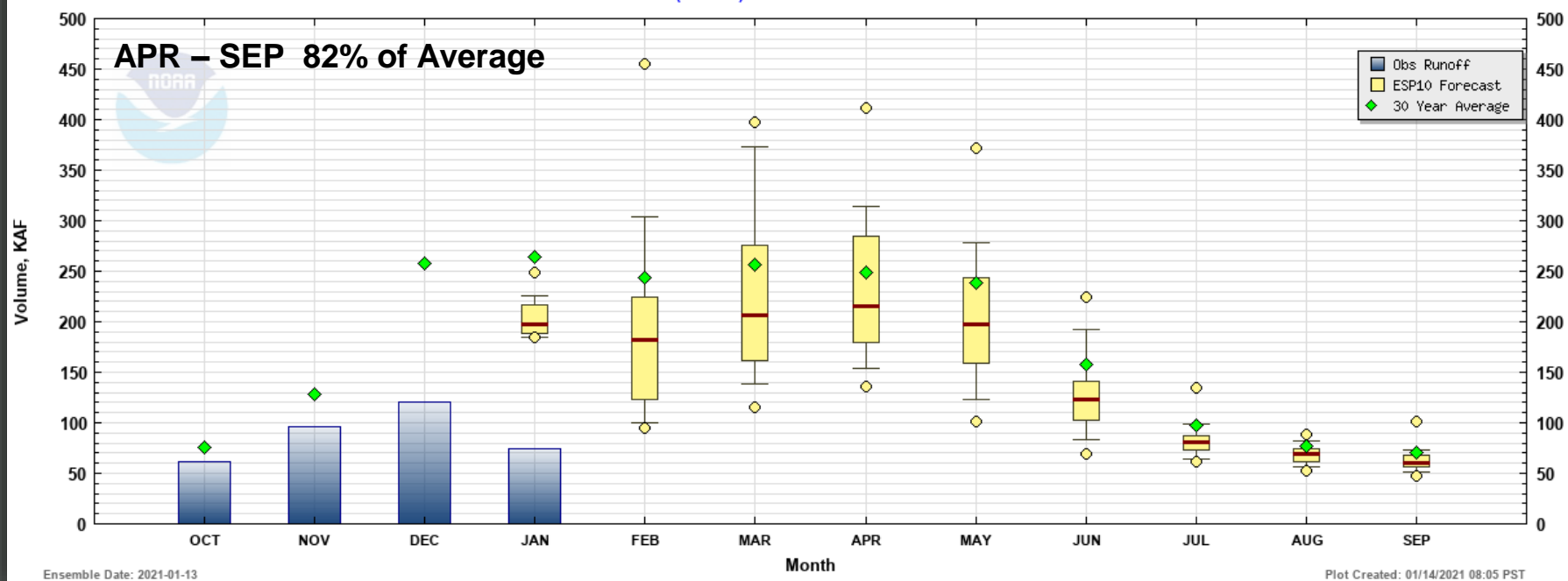




Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2021  
(SLMO3) WILLAMETTE - AT SALEM



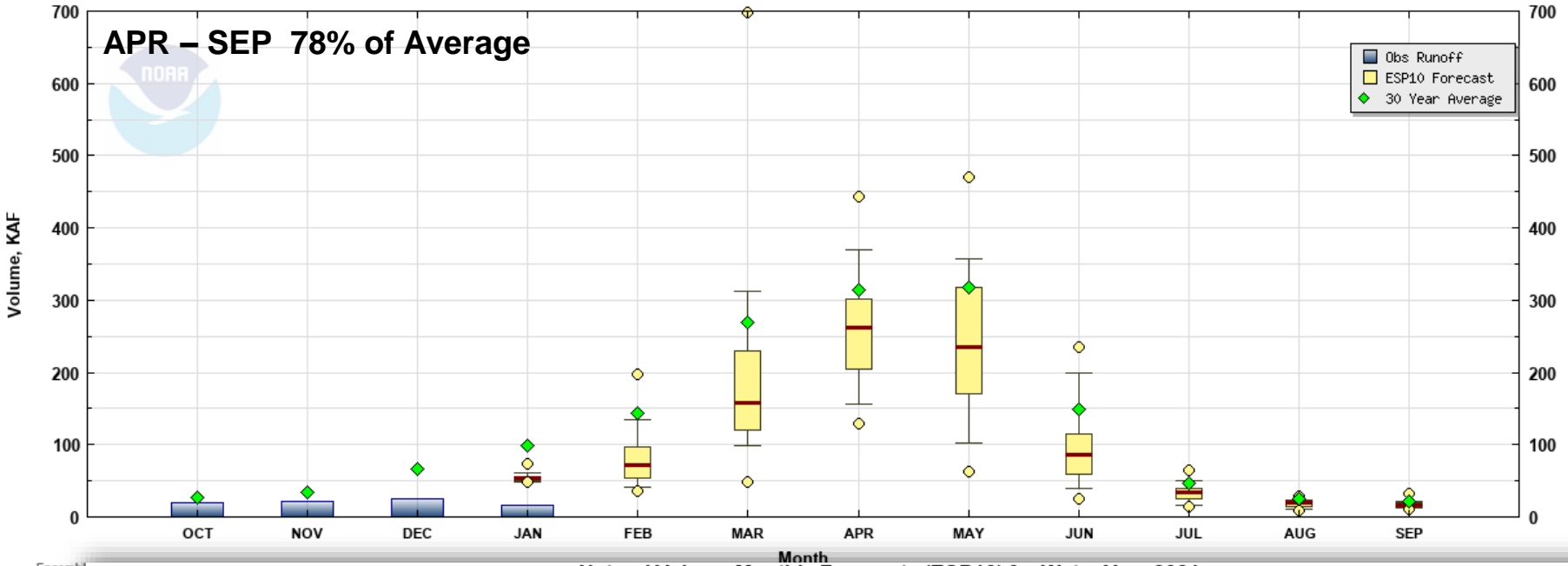
Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2021  
(RYG03) ROGUE - AT RAYGOLD





Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2021

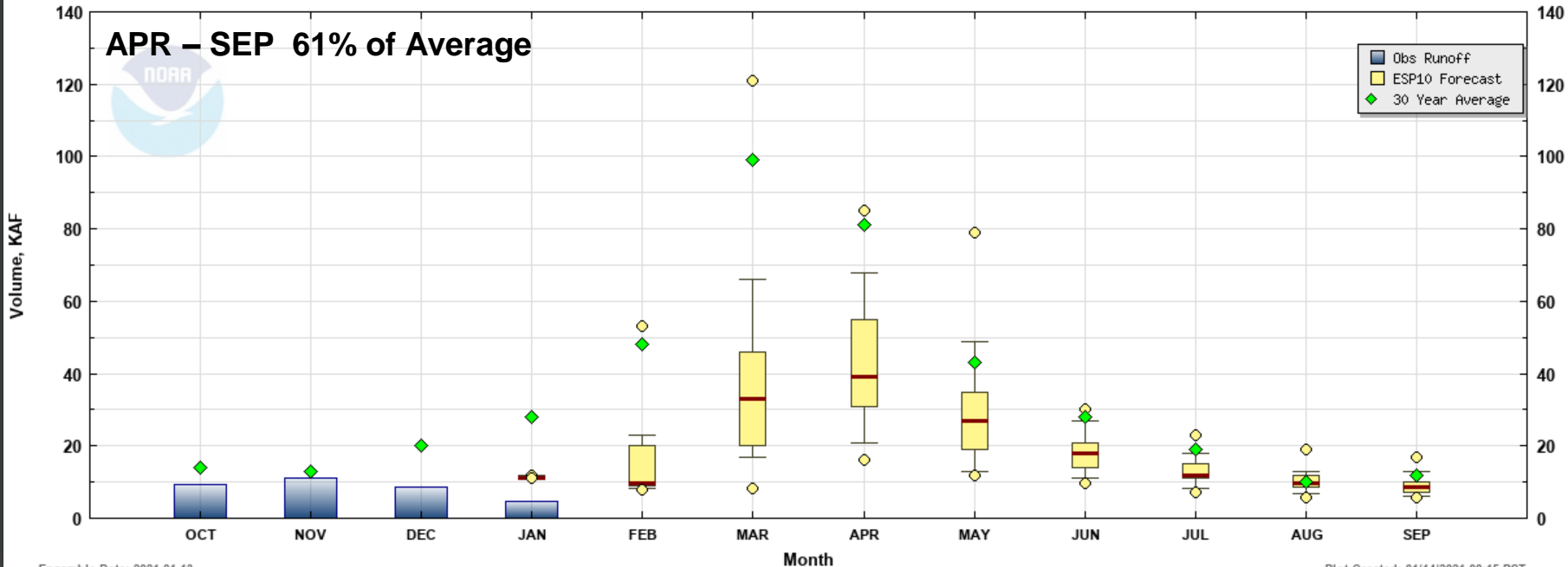
(SERO3) JOHN DAY - AT SERVICE CK



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Natural Volume Monthly Forecasts (ESP10) for Water Year 2021

(VALO3) MALHEUR - NEAR VALE







# Water Supply Briefings

## NWRFC Water Supply Forecast Monthly Briefing Schedule

Monthly water supply briefings will be held January through late spring on the first Thursday of each month. Please refer to the schedule below for briefing dates and times. The briefings are composed of two parts, a telephone conference call and a web-based presentation. The conference call can be joined by calling the number provided below prior to start of the briefing. Enter the provided access code when prompted. To view the web-based presentations, you will need to [register](#) prior to each briefing. The briefing slides will be available from the NWRFC [presentations](#) page soon after the briefing.

2021 Schedule for <i>Live Water Supply Briefings</i>				
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
7	4	4	1	6
<i>All presentations held at 10:00am PDT/PST, unless noted otherwise</i>				
<a href="#">Click here for Registration Information</a>				

Telephone Conference Call Number (same for all briefings):

(415) 930-5321

Pass Code:

524-795-021





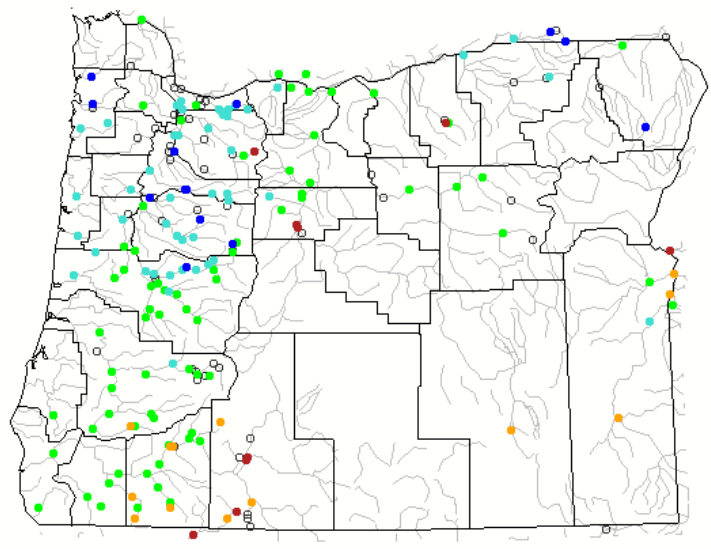


# Streamflow Conditions

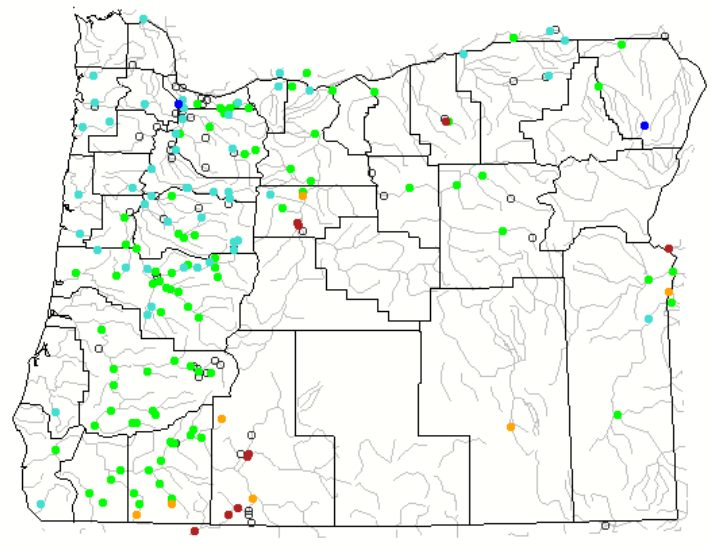
**28-day Average Streamflow  
(as compared to Historical Record)**

**7-day Average Streamflow  
(as compared to Historical Record)**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021



Tuesday, January 12, 2021



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

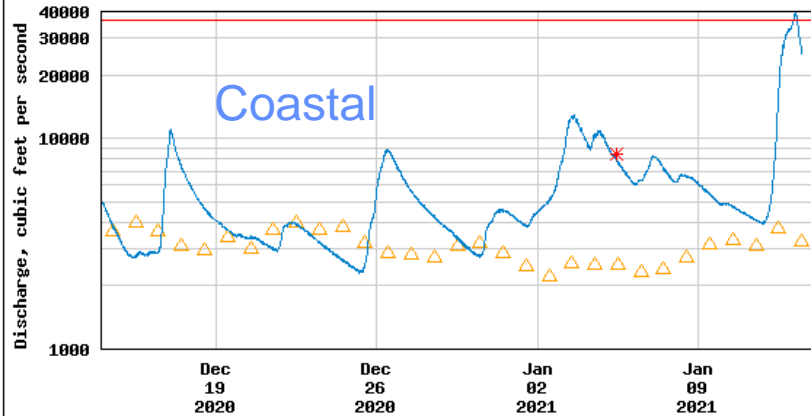




# Southern Oregon



USGS 14400000 CHETCO RIVER NEAR BROOKINGS, OR

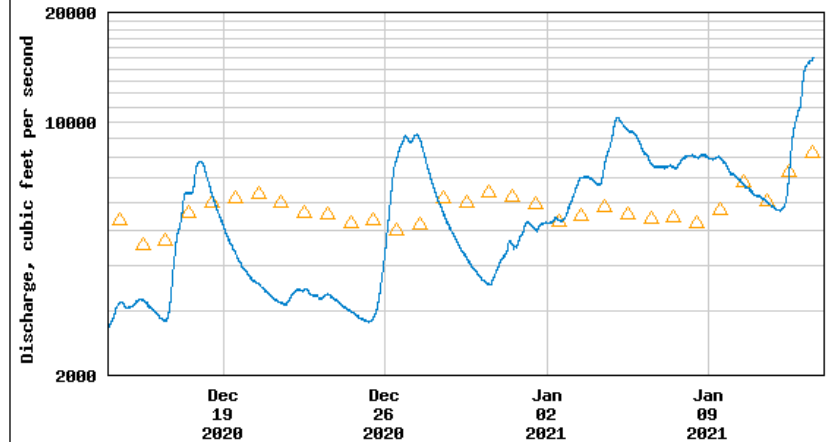


---- Provisional Data Subject to Revision ----

- △ Median daily statistic (51 years)    \* Measured discharge
- Discharge    — 2-year recurrence interval



USGS 14372300 ROGUE RIVER NEAR AGNESS, OR

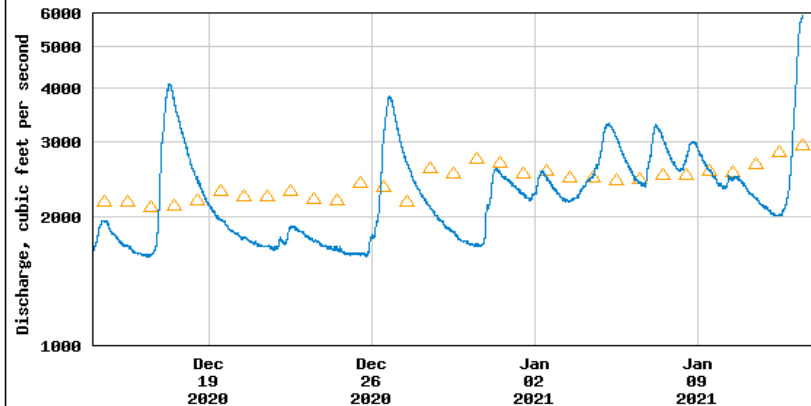


---- Provisional Data Subject to Revision ----

- △ Median daily statistic (60 years)    — Discharge



USGS 14359000 ROGUE RIVER AT RAYGOLD NEAR CENTRAL POINT, OR

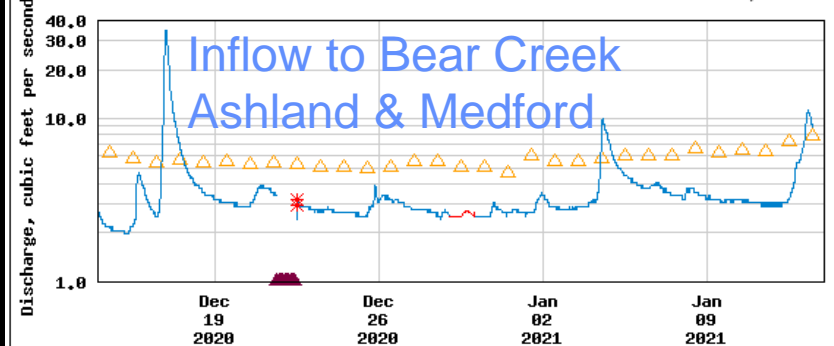


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- △ Median daily statistic (115 years)    — Discharge



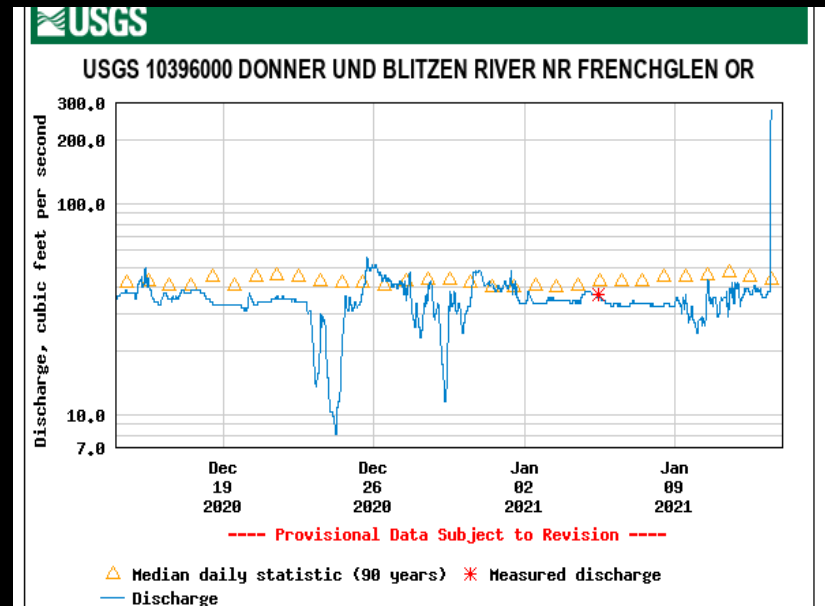
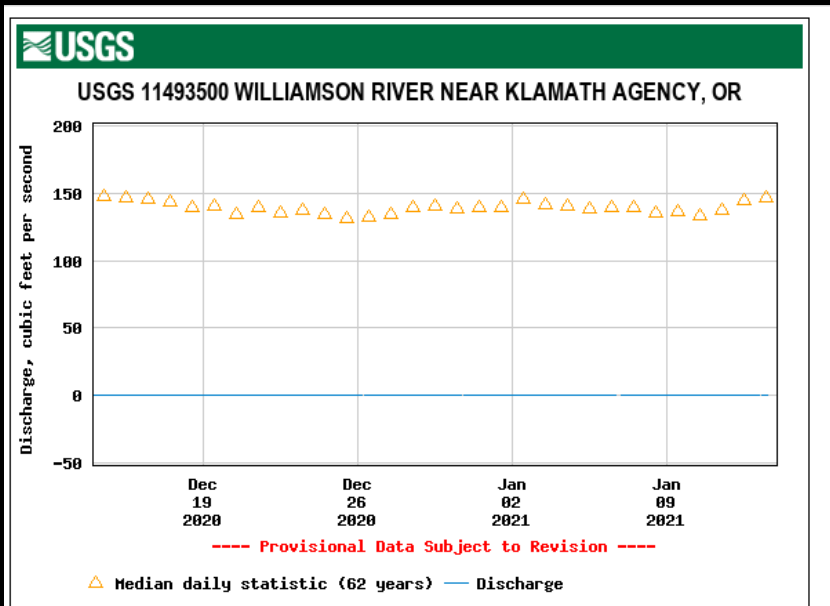
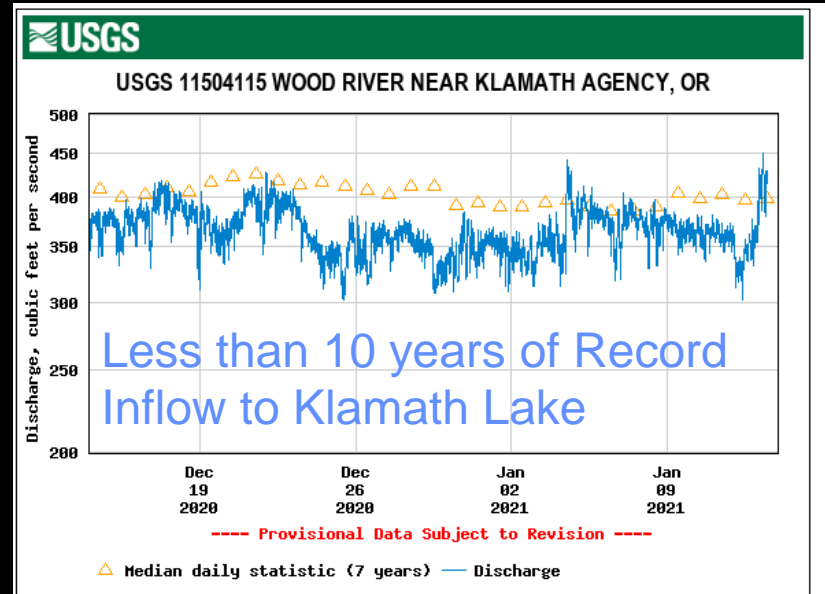
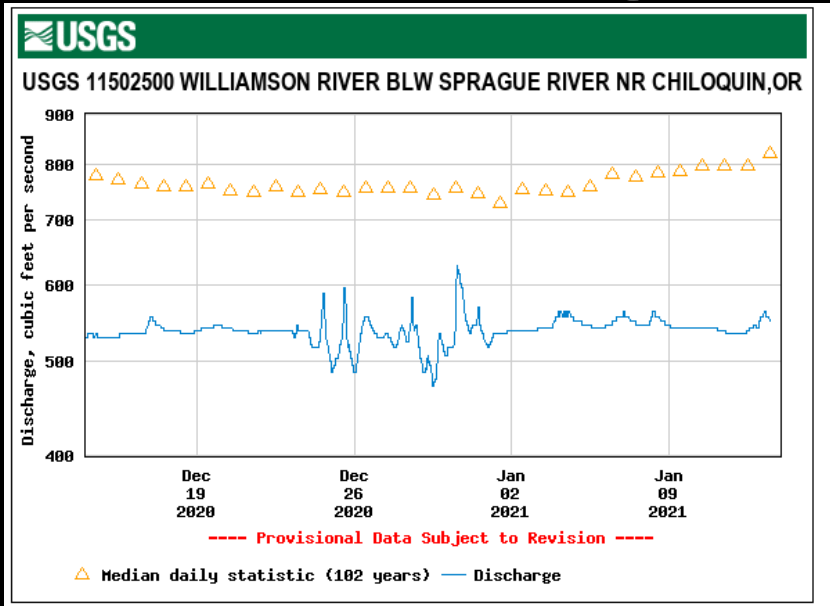
USGS 14353500 EAST FORK ASHLAND CREEK NEAR ASHLAND, OR



---- Provisional Data Subject to Revision ----

- △ Median daily statistic (35 years)
- Discharge
- Estimated discharge
- ▲ Value affected by equipment malfunction.
- \* Measured discharge

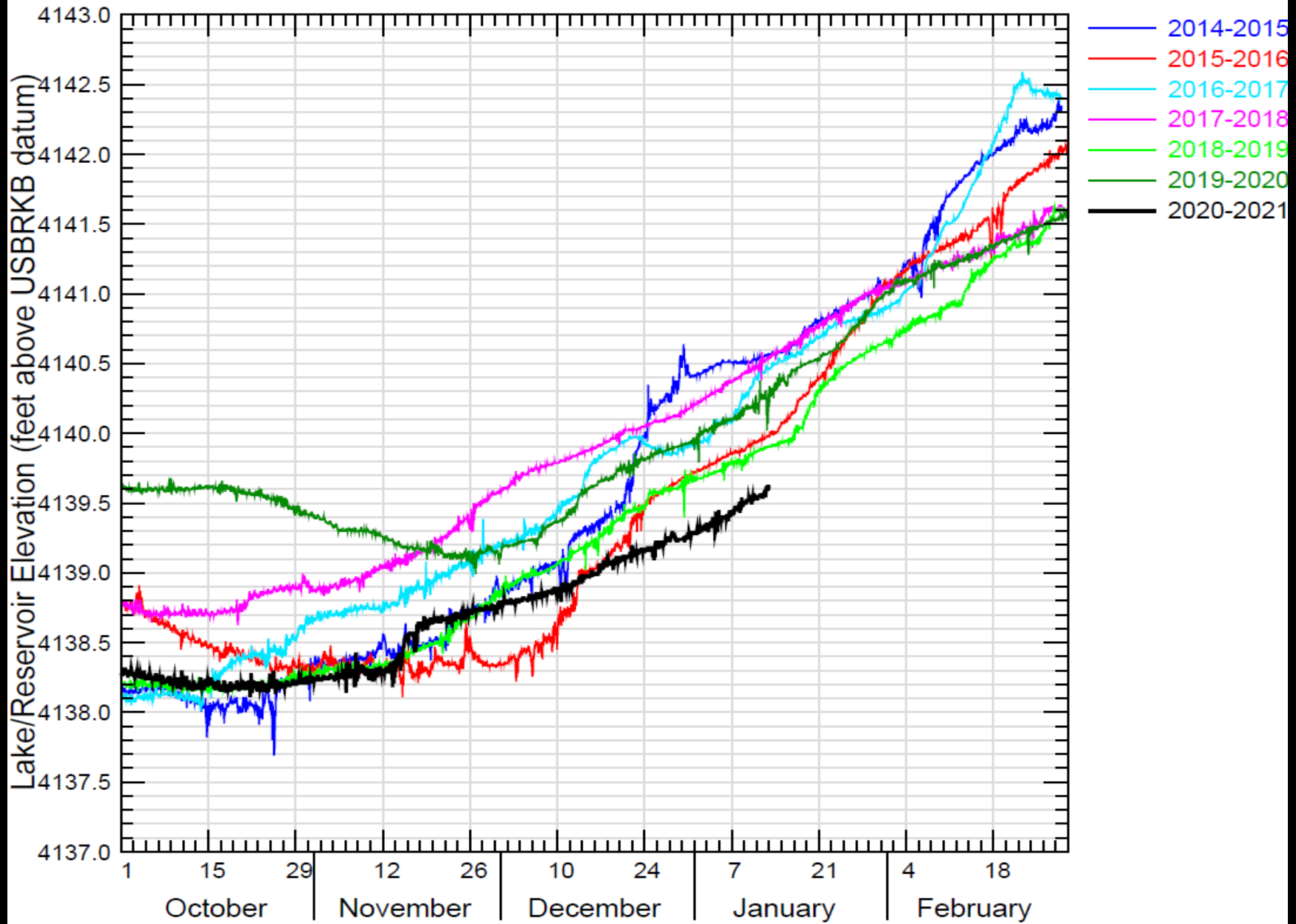
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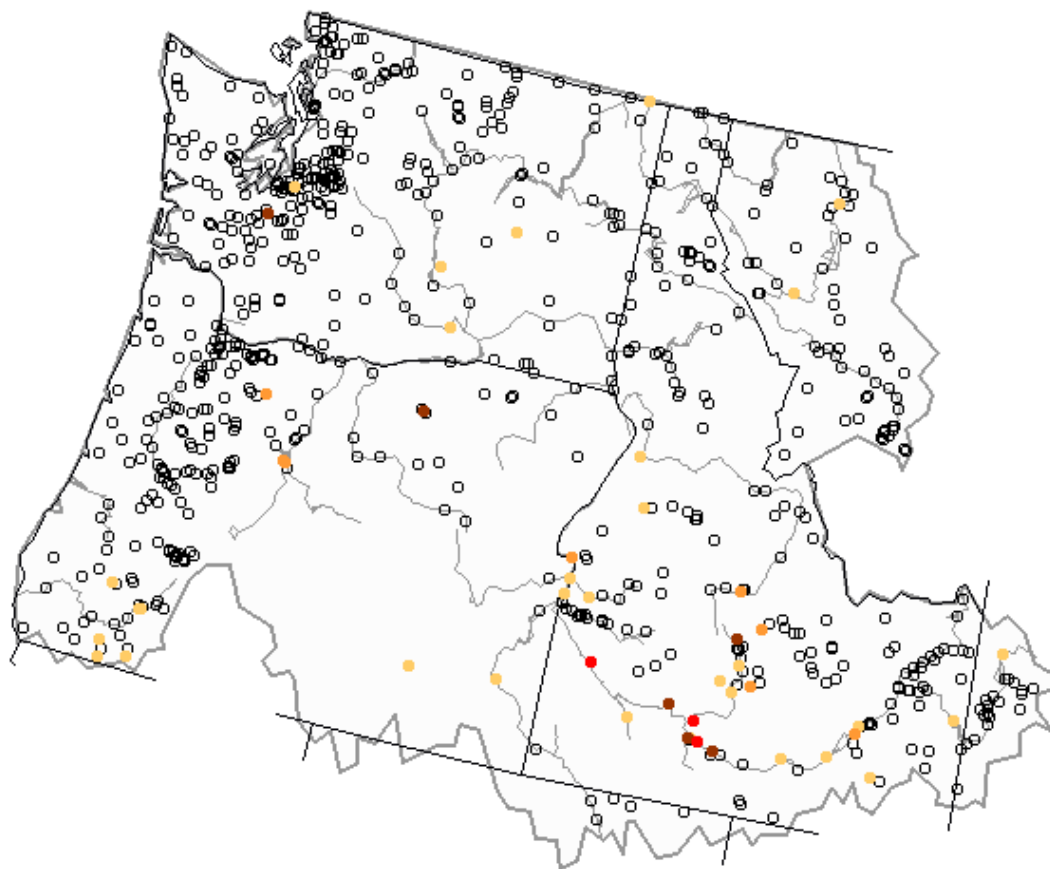


# Upper Klamath Lake nr Klamath Falls, OR [weighted/mean] (11507001)

Data from U.S. Geological Survey



Tuesday, January 12, 2021



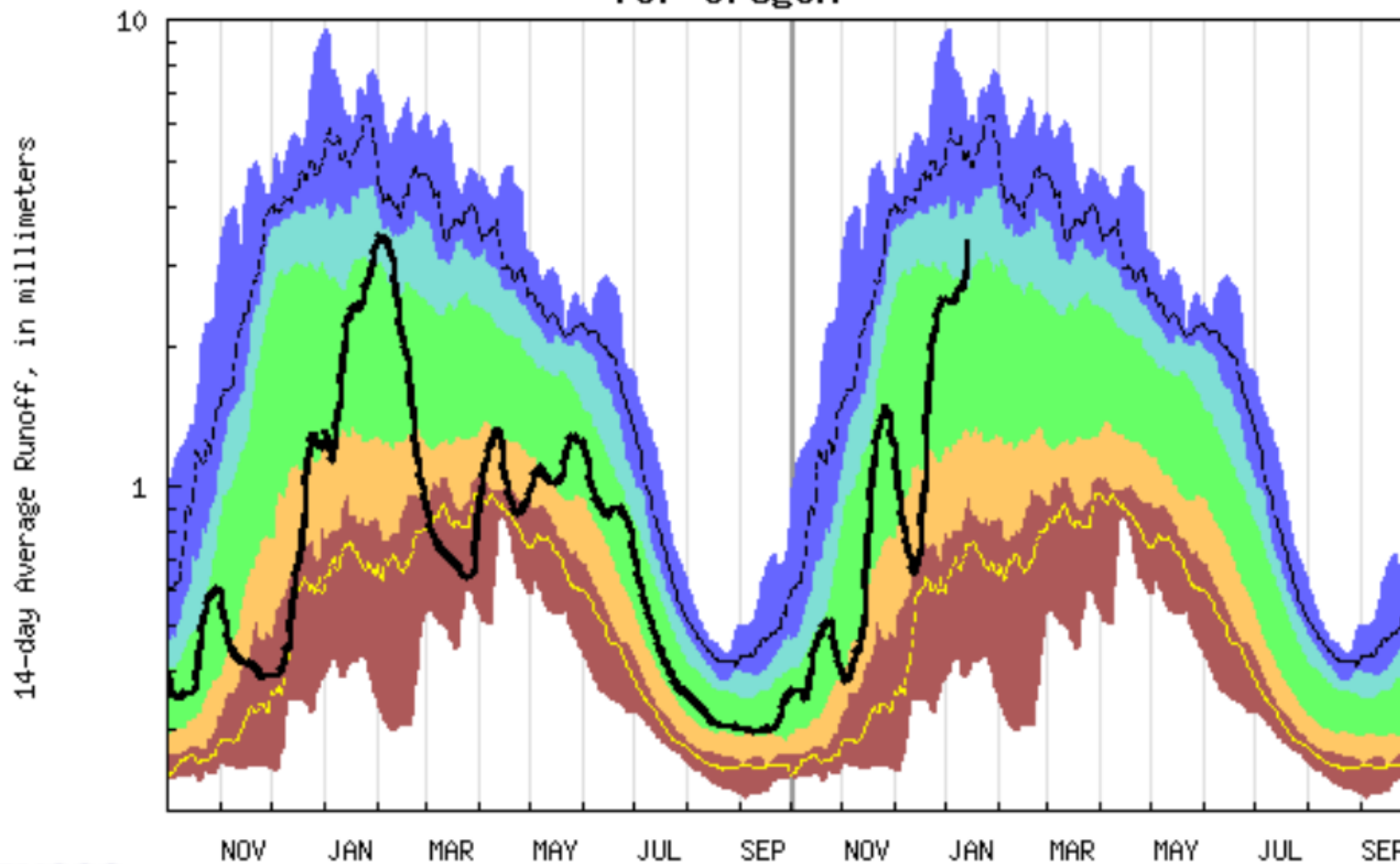
**Map of below normal  
28-day average  
streamflow compared to  
historical streamflow for  
the day of year  
(Pacific Northwest)**

Explanation - Percentile classes				
New low	<=5	6-9	10-24	Not ranked
Extreme hydrologic drought	Severe hydrologic drought	Moderate hydrologic drought	Below normal	





# Duration hydrograph of 14-day average runoff for Oregon



**USGS WaterWatch**

Last updated: 2021-01-14

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		Runoff

# Water Supply Conditions Report

## Water Supply Availability Committee



Ryan Andrews  
Oregon Water Resources  
Department  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Stream: Willamina Cr. 1



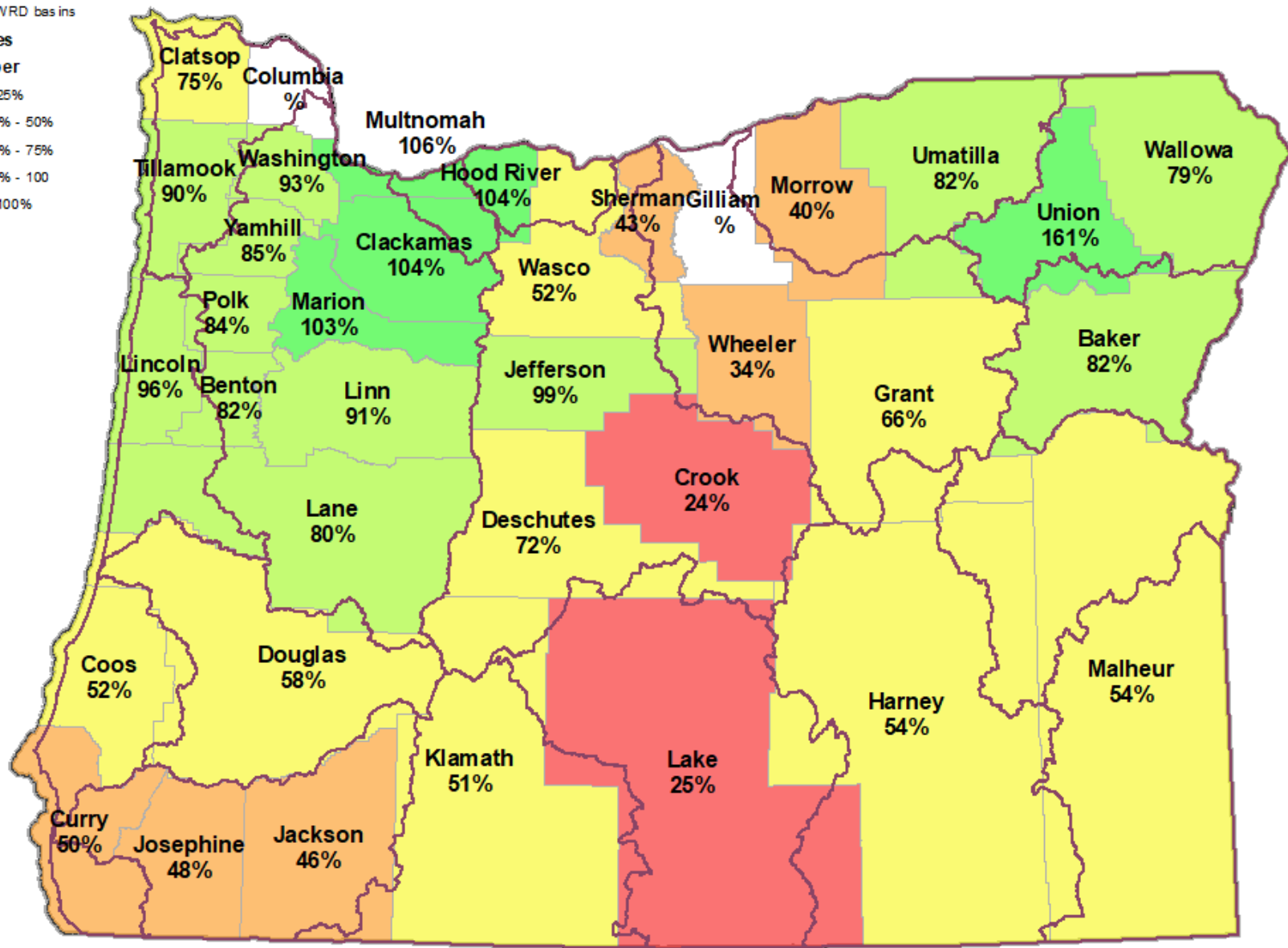
# Percent of Average Streamflow - December 2020

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## Counties

### December

- < 25%
- 26% - 50%
- 51% - 75%
- 76% - 100%
- > 100%



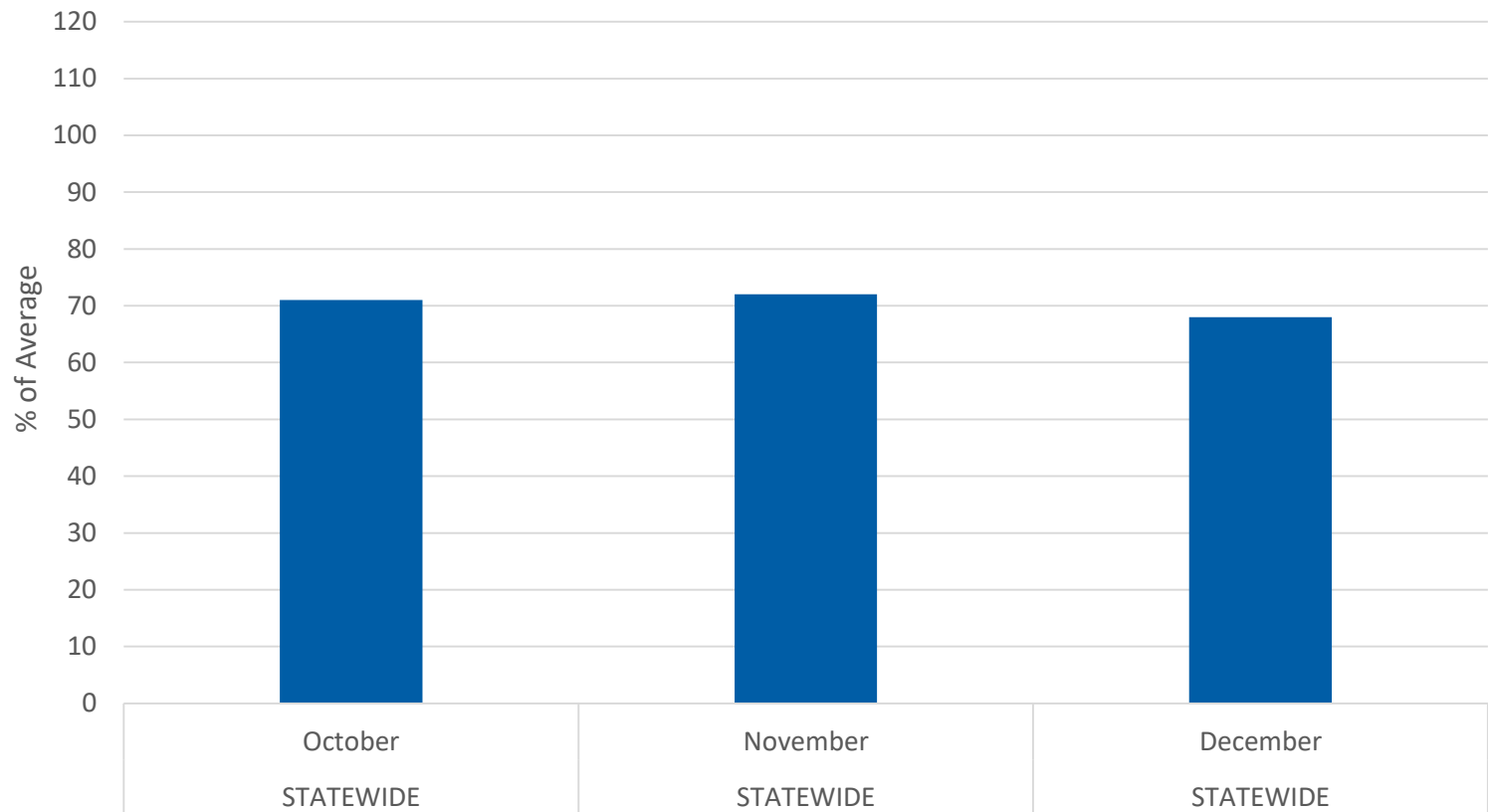
The background features a stylized landscape with brown mountains, white clouds, and a blue sky. In the foreground, there are green rolling hills and a blue river. A table is overlaid on this background.

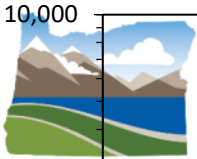
## % of Average

Basin	October	November	December	# of Data Points
East	73	73	63	45
West	76	73	80	42
Statewide	71	72	68	87



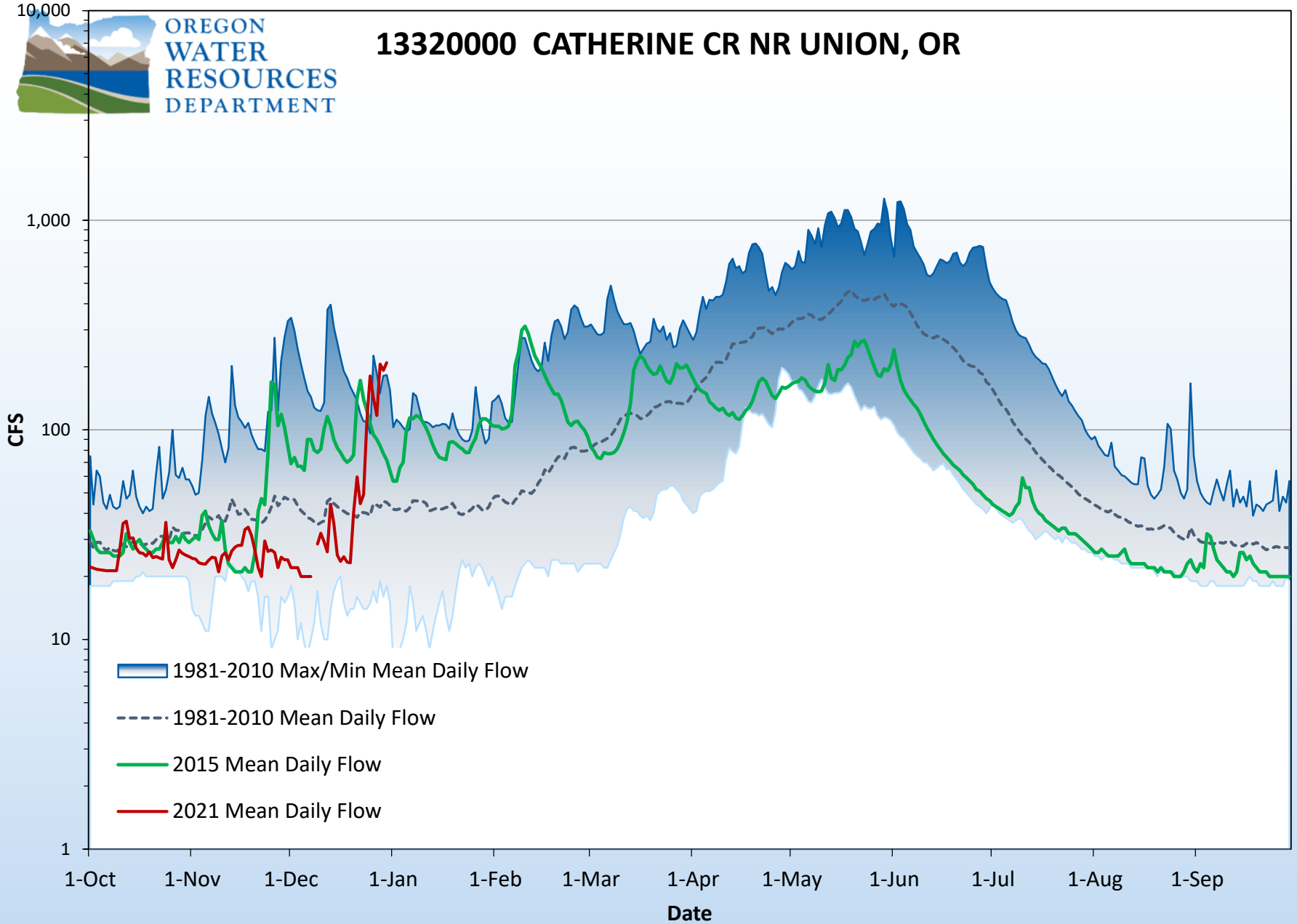
## WY 2021 Statewide



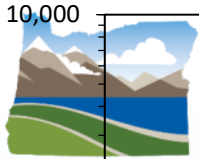


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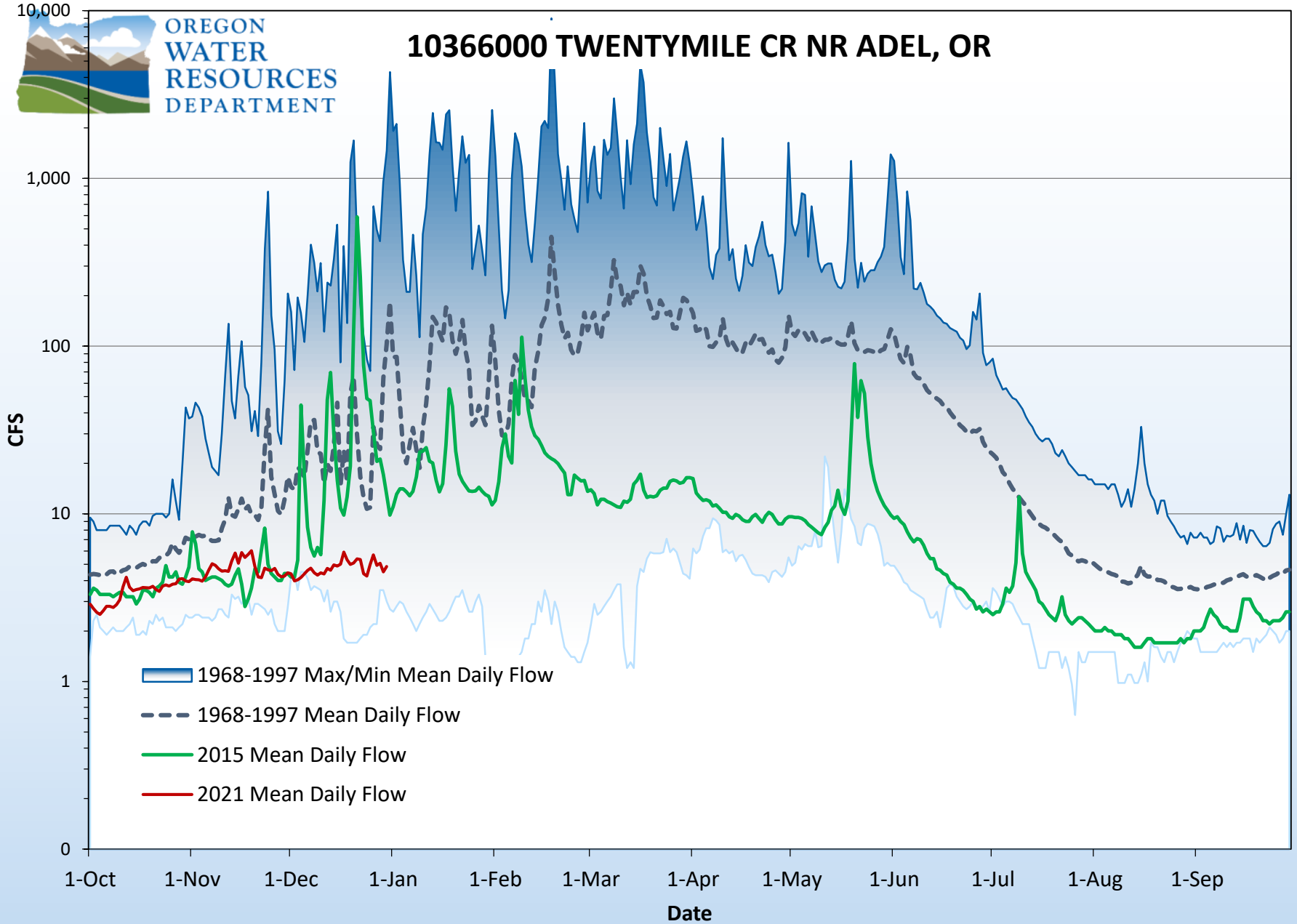


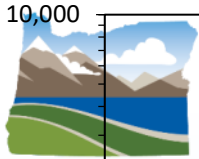




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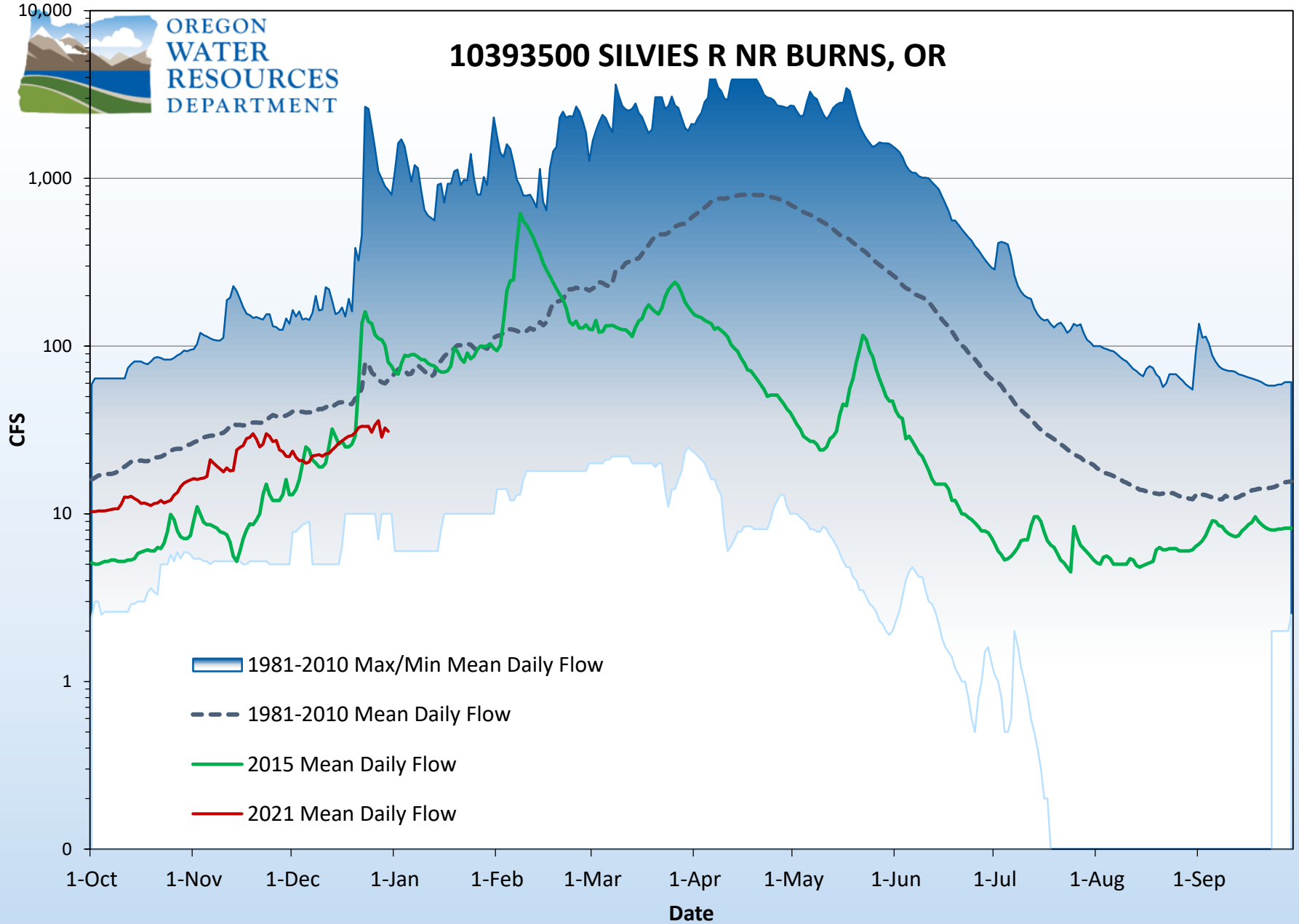
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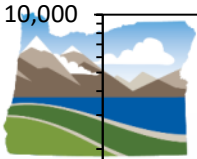


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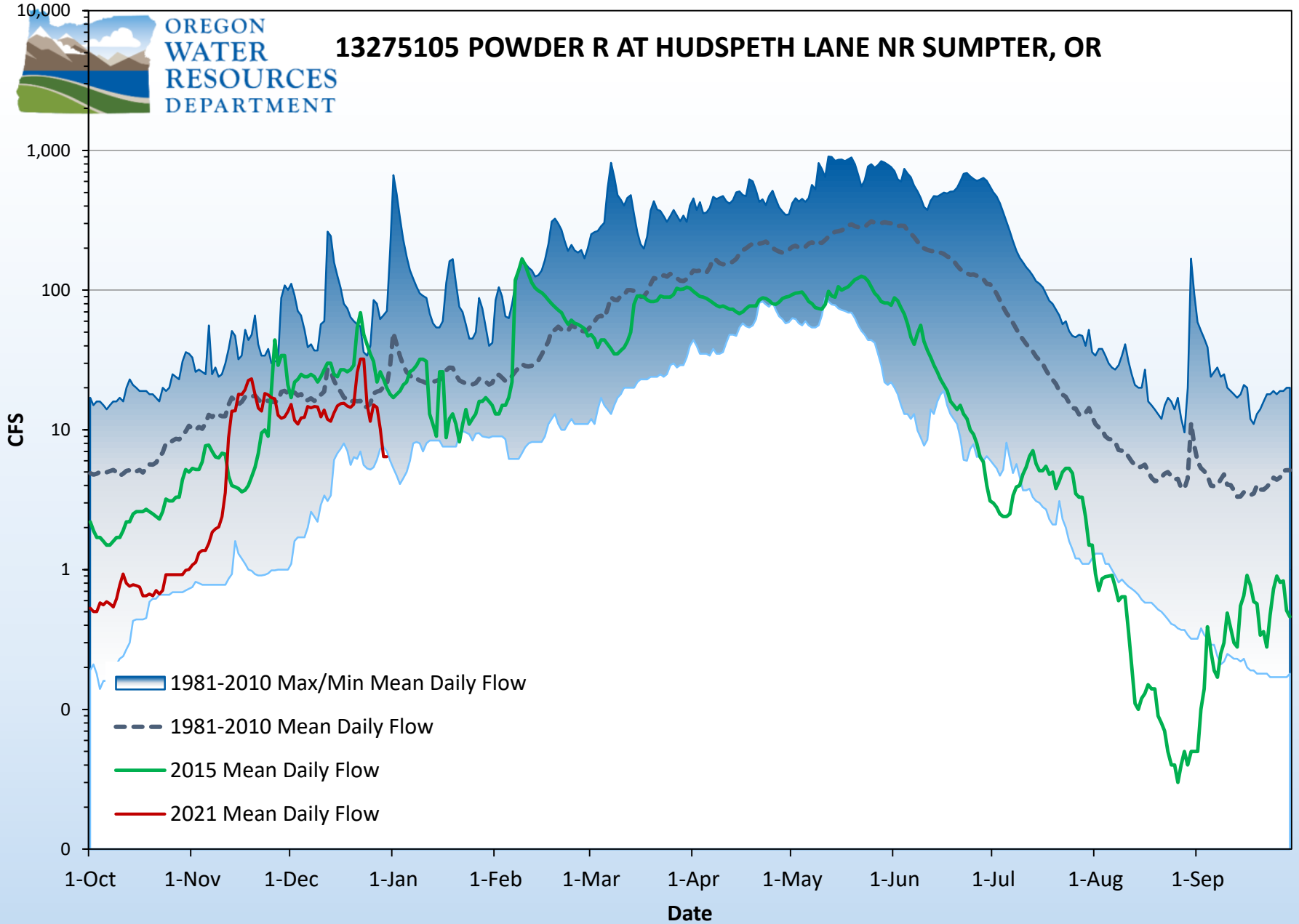


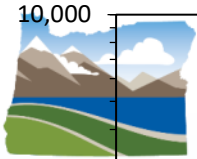




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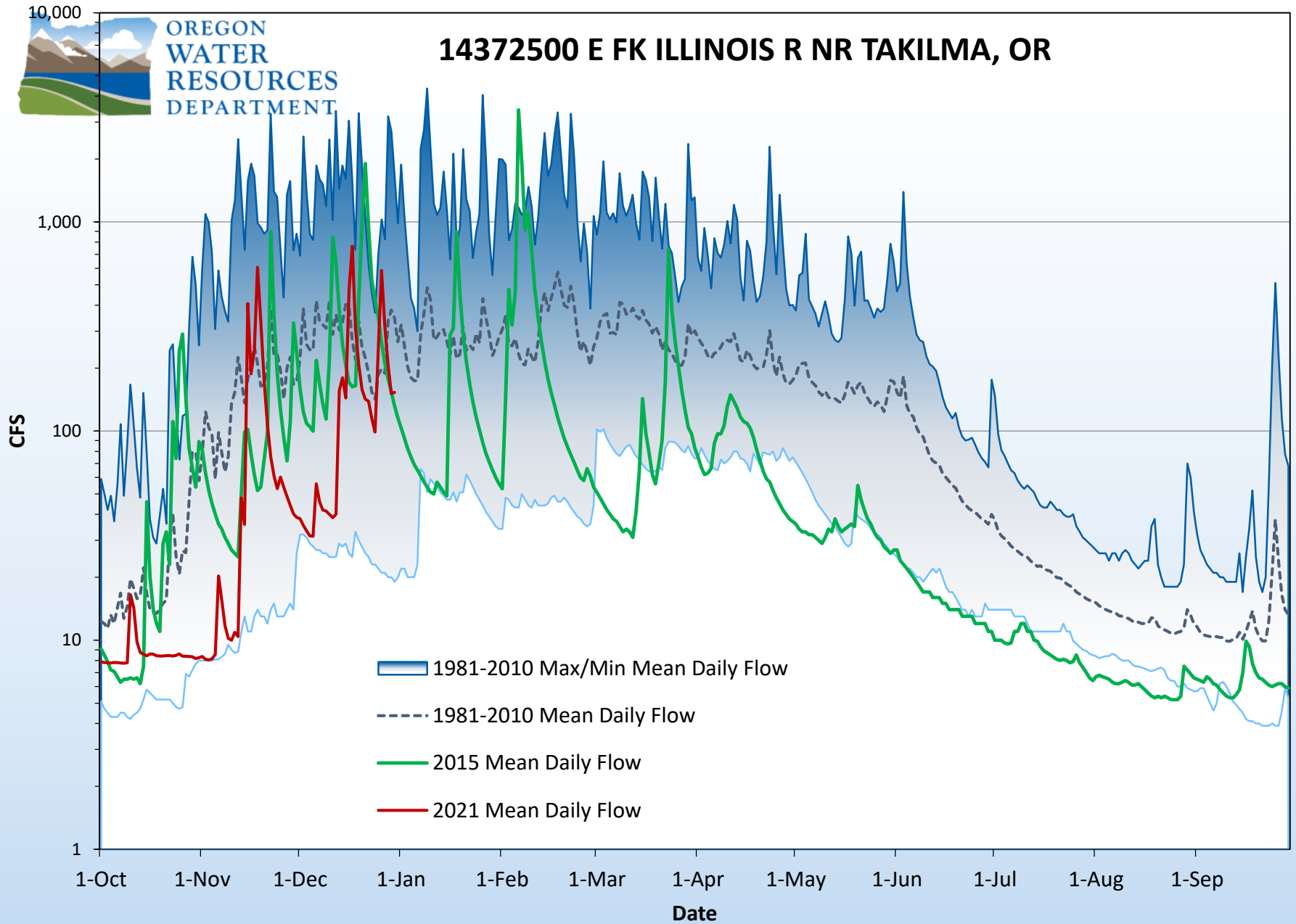
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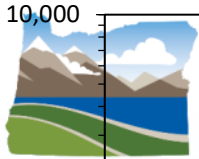


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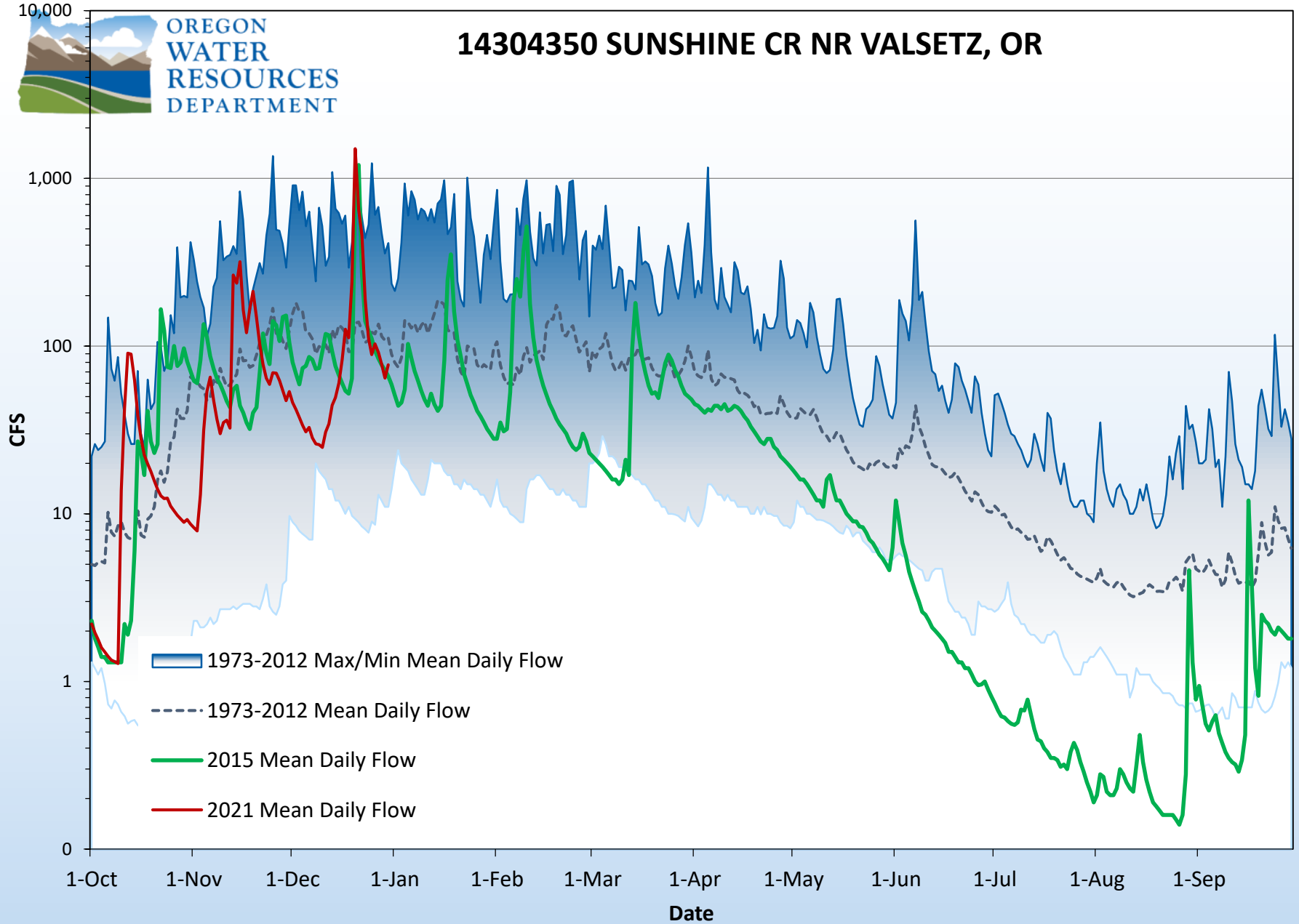




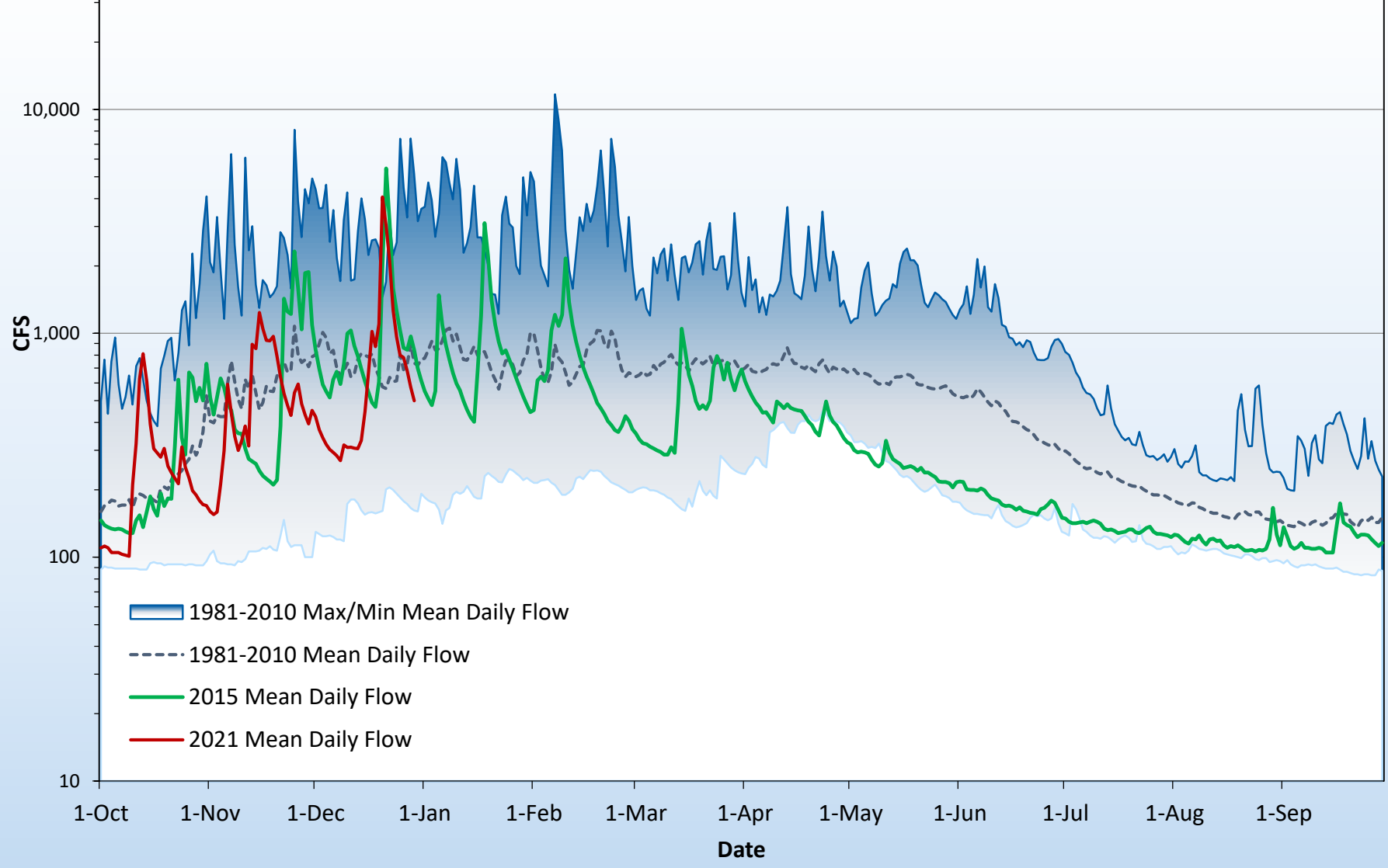


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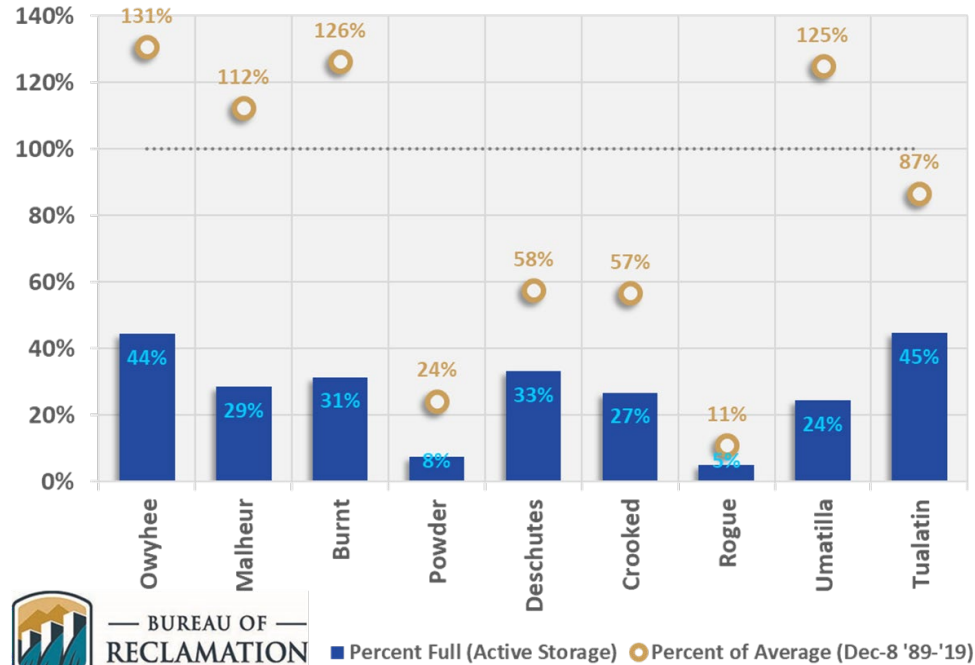
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Meeting

January 14, 2021

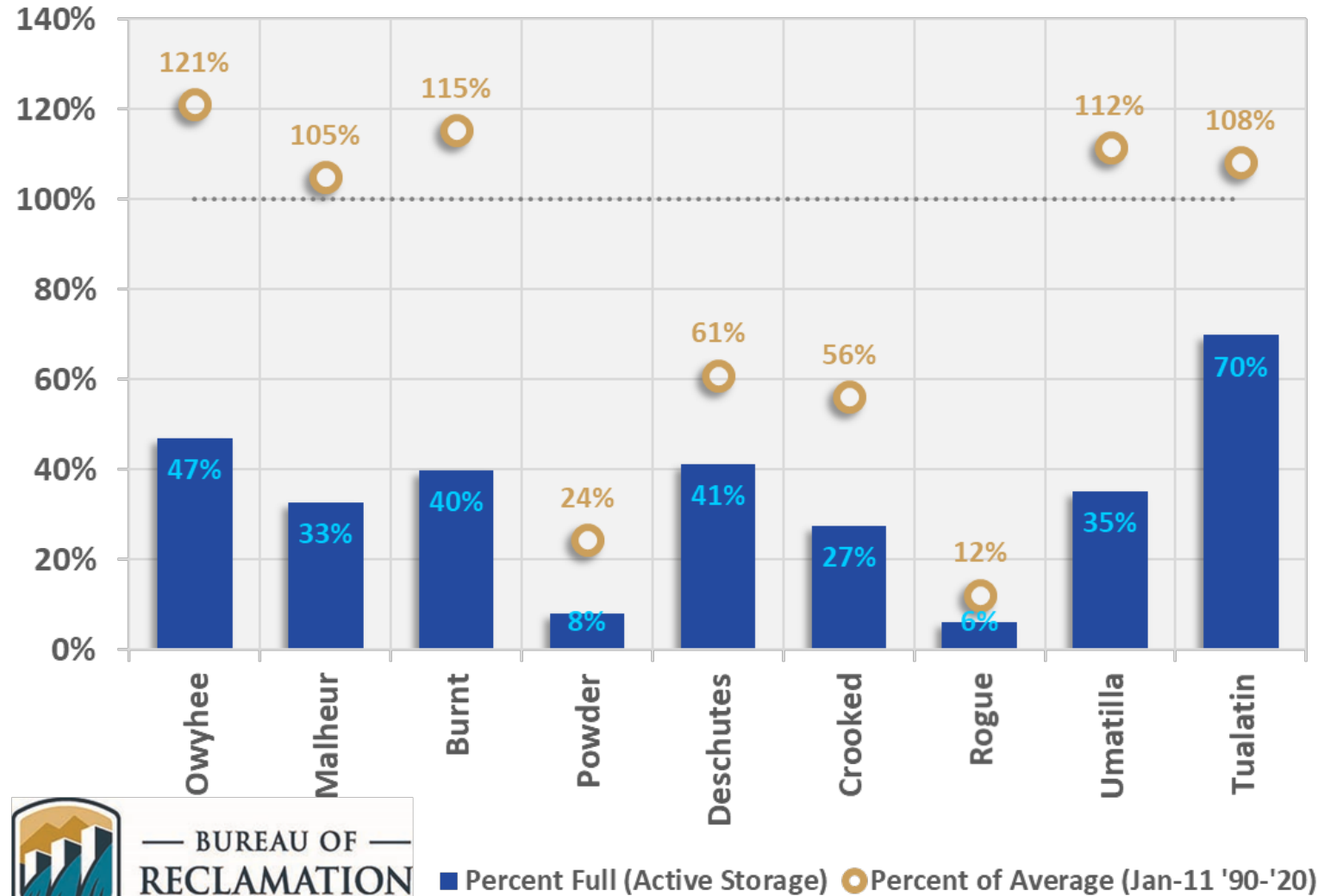


# Reservoir Storage Conditions

Oregon Reservoir Storage (Dec 8 2020)



Oregon Reservoir Storage (Jan 11 2021)



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■ Percent Full (Active Storage) ● Percent of Average (Dec-8 '89-'19)

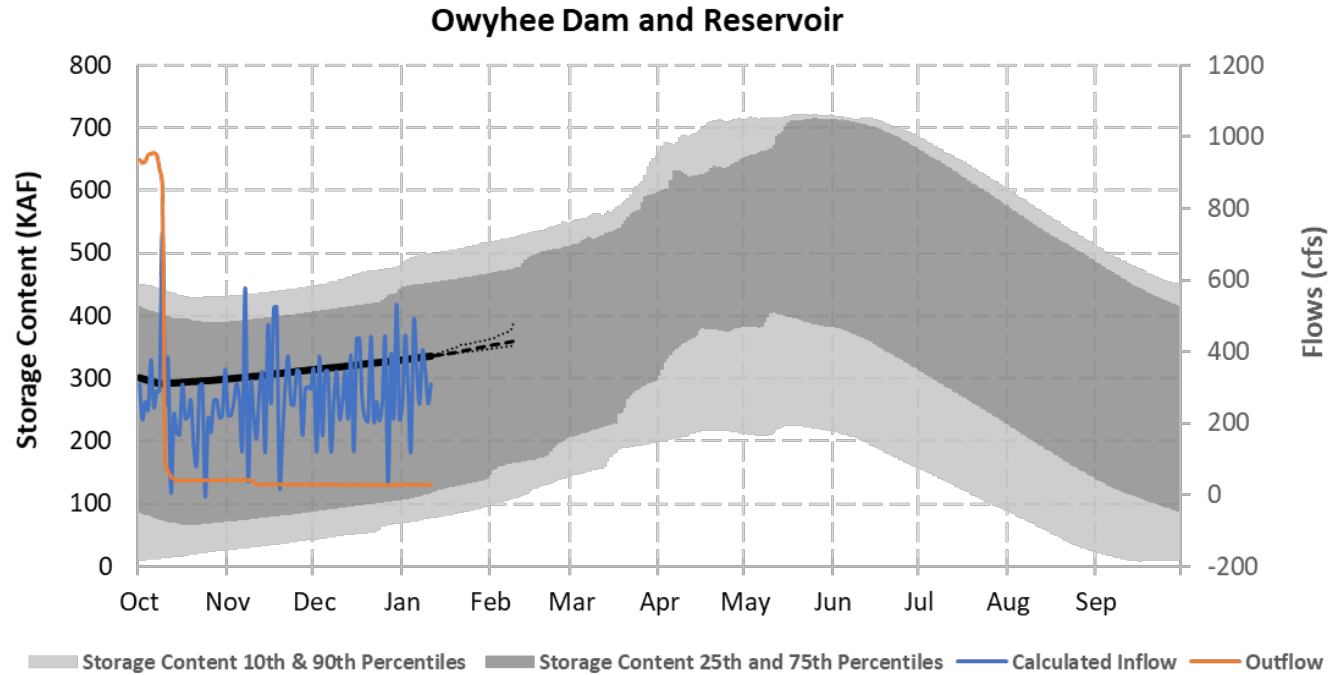
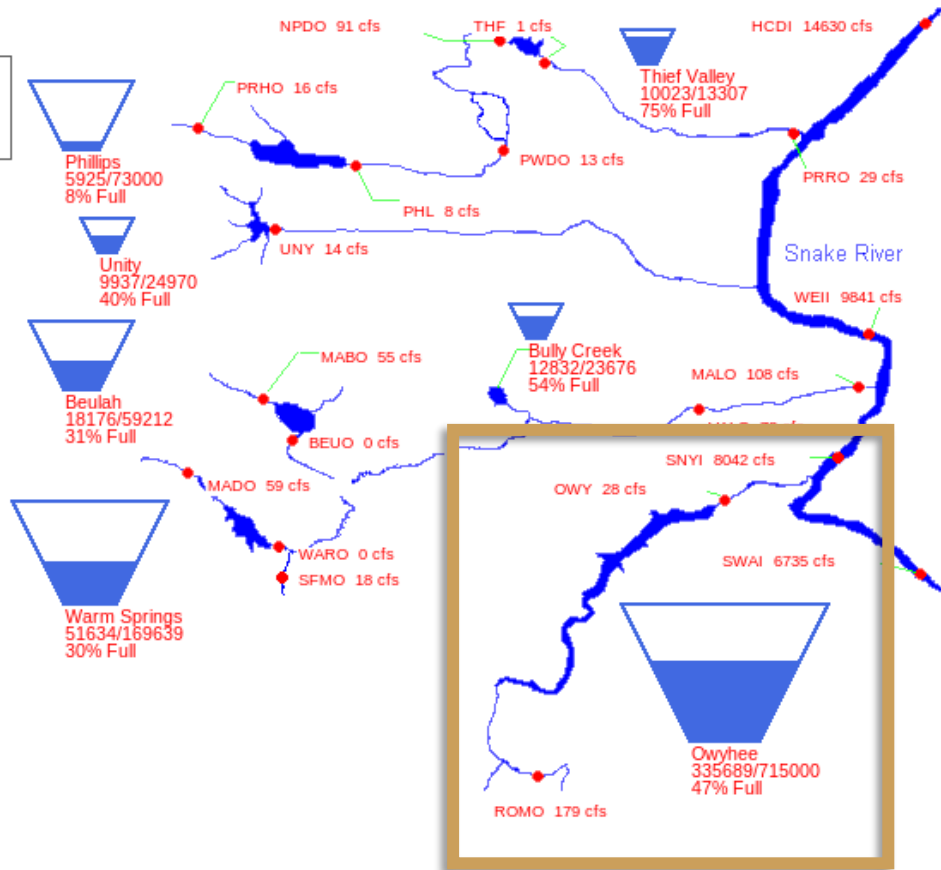
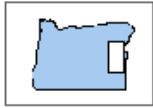


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# Owyhee River Basin

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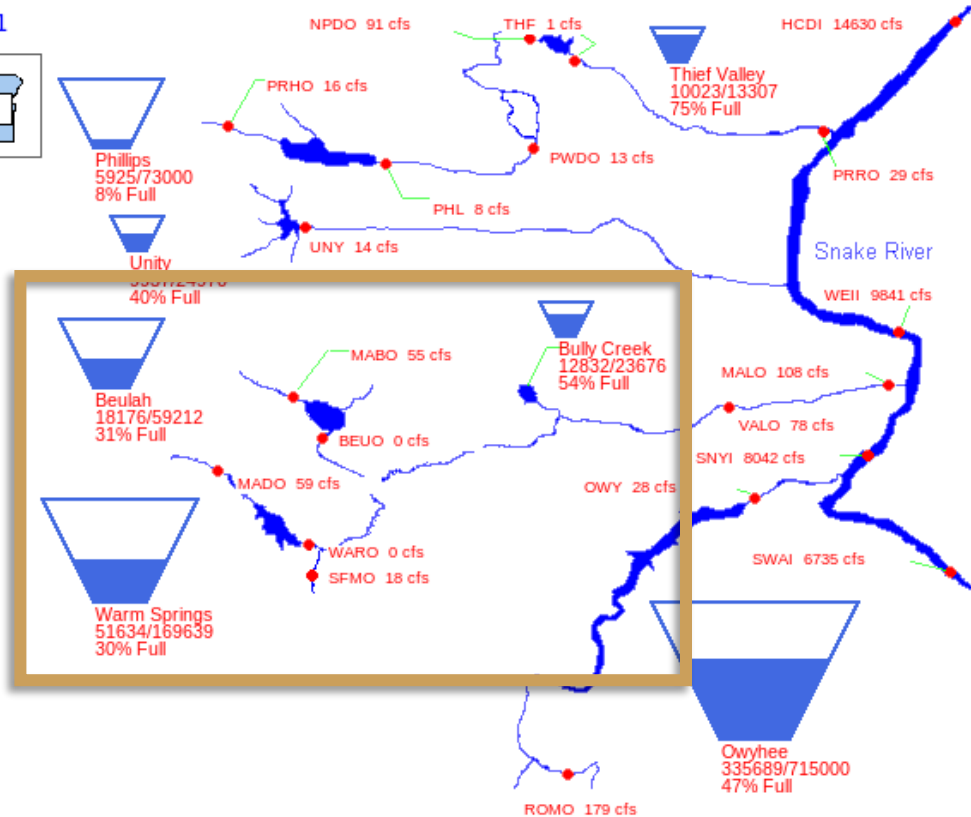
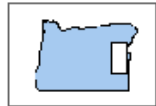


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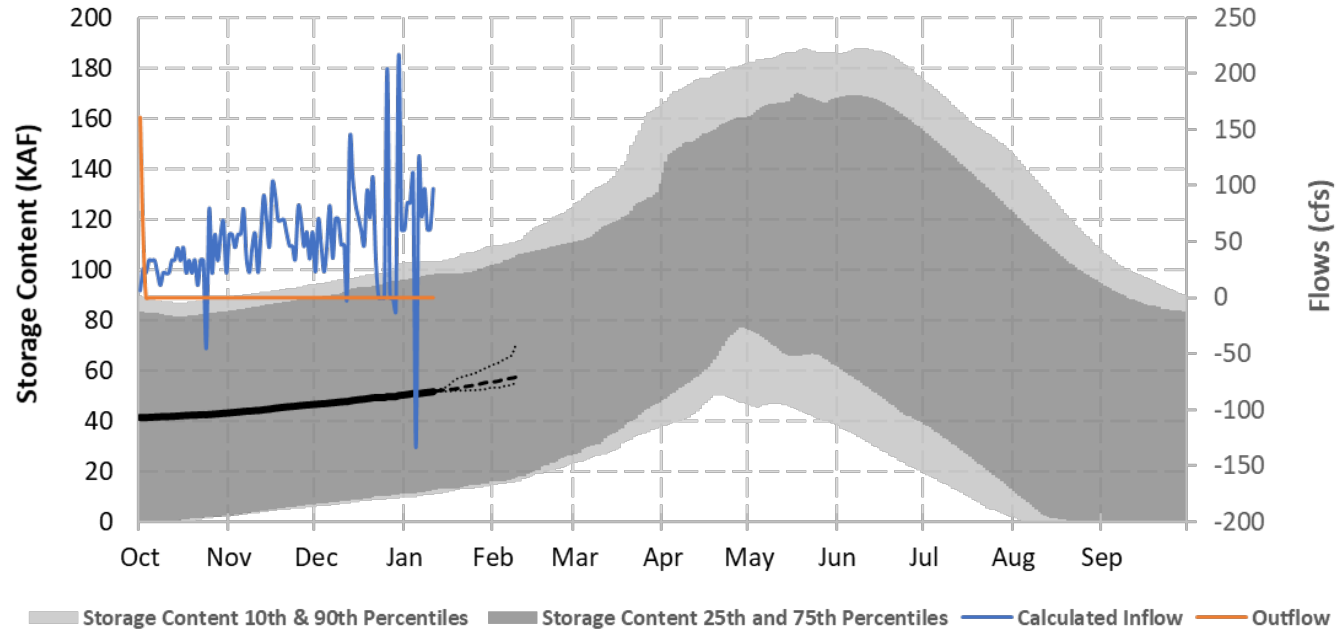


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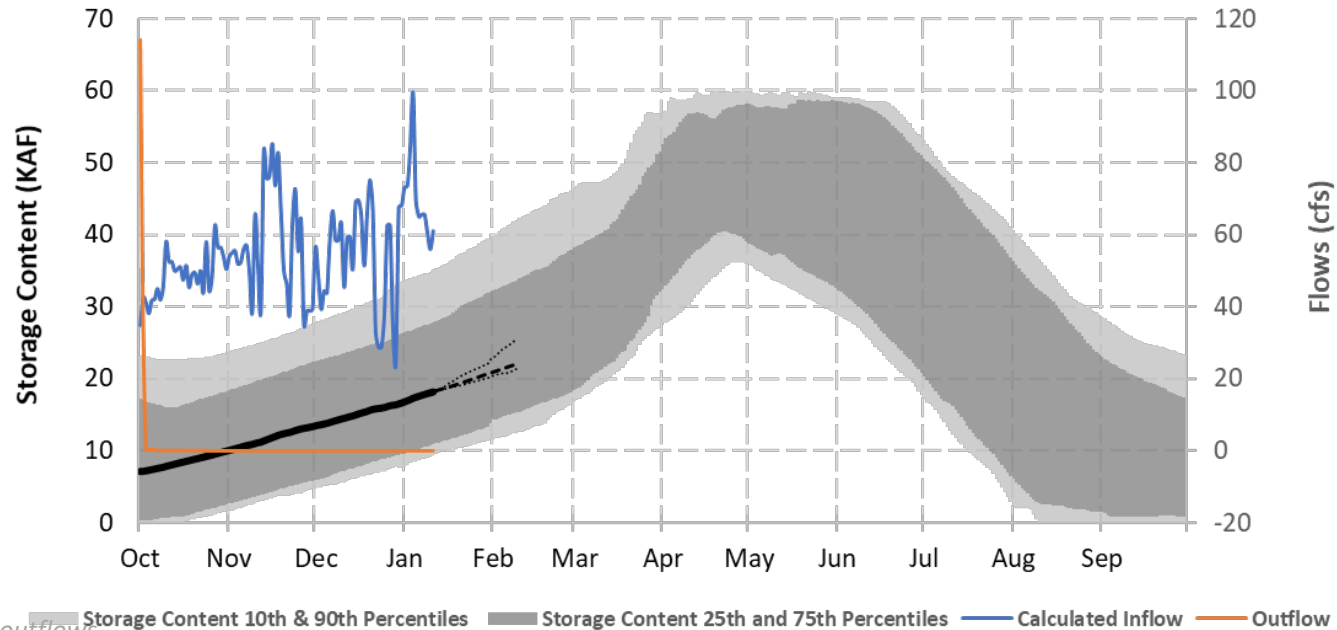
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### Warm Springs Dam and Reservoir



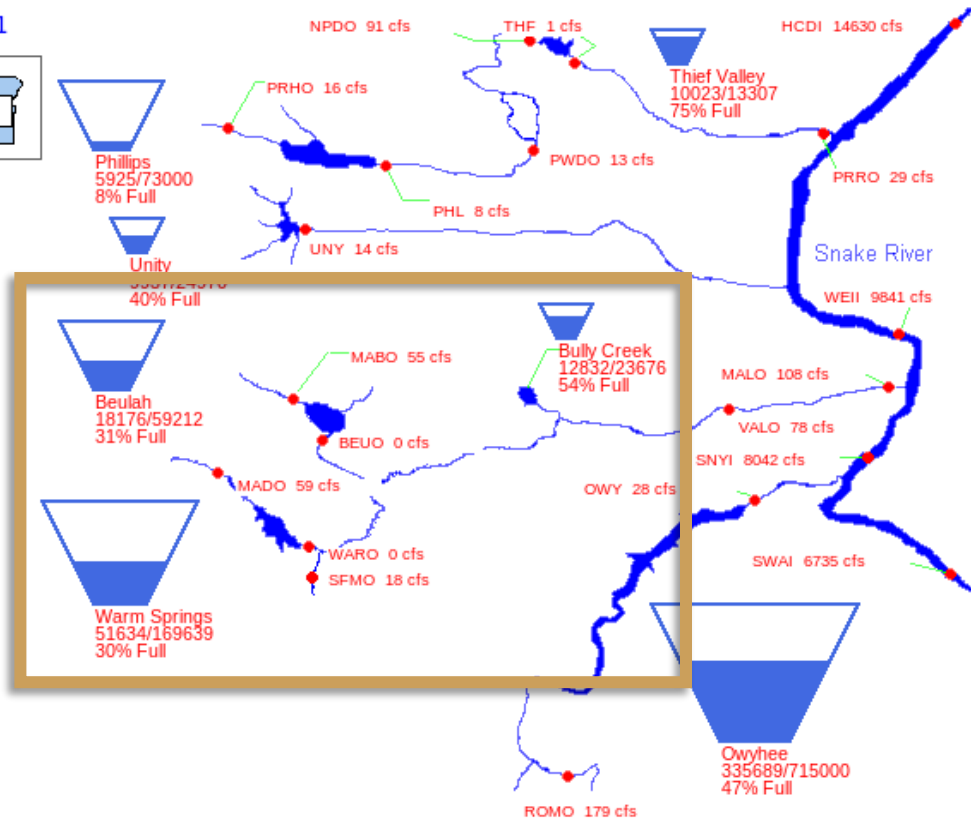
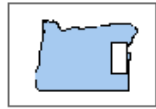
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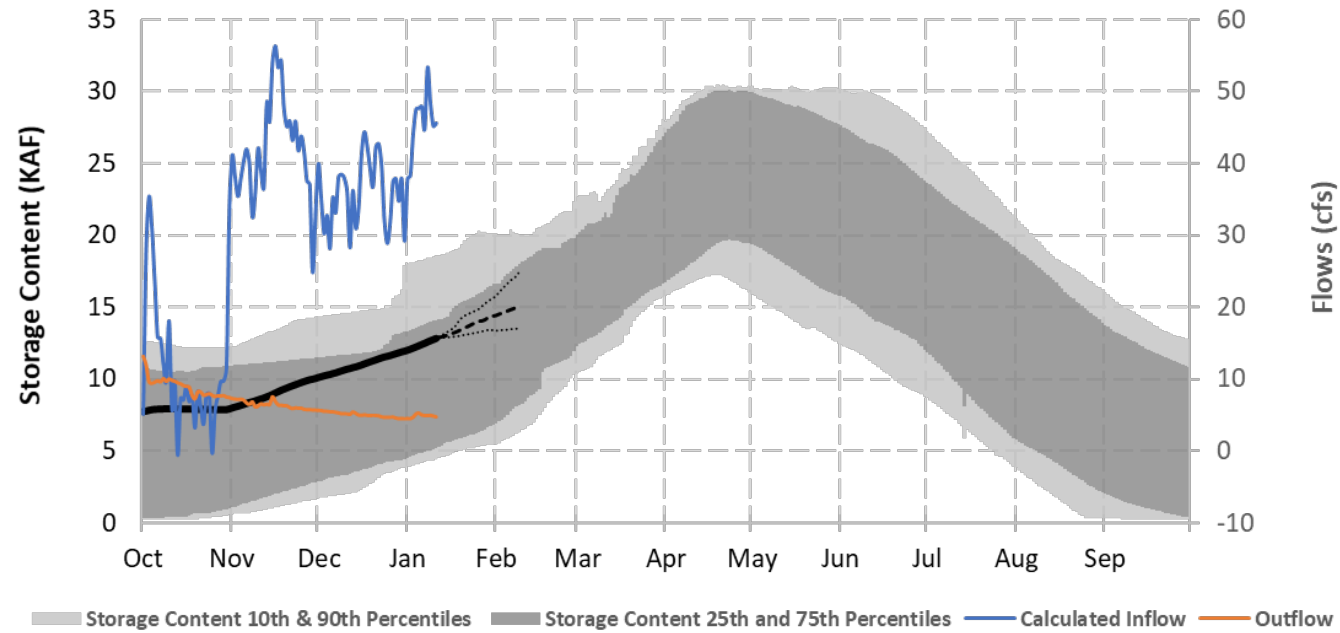
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# Malheur River Basin

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### Bully Creek Dam and Reservoir

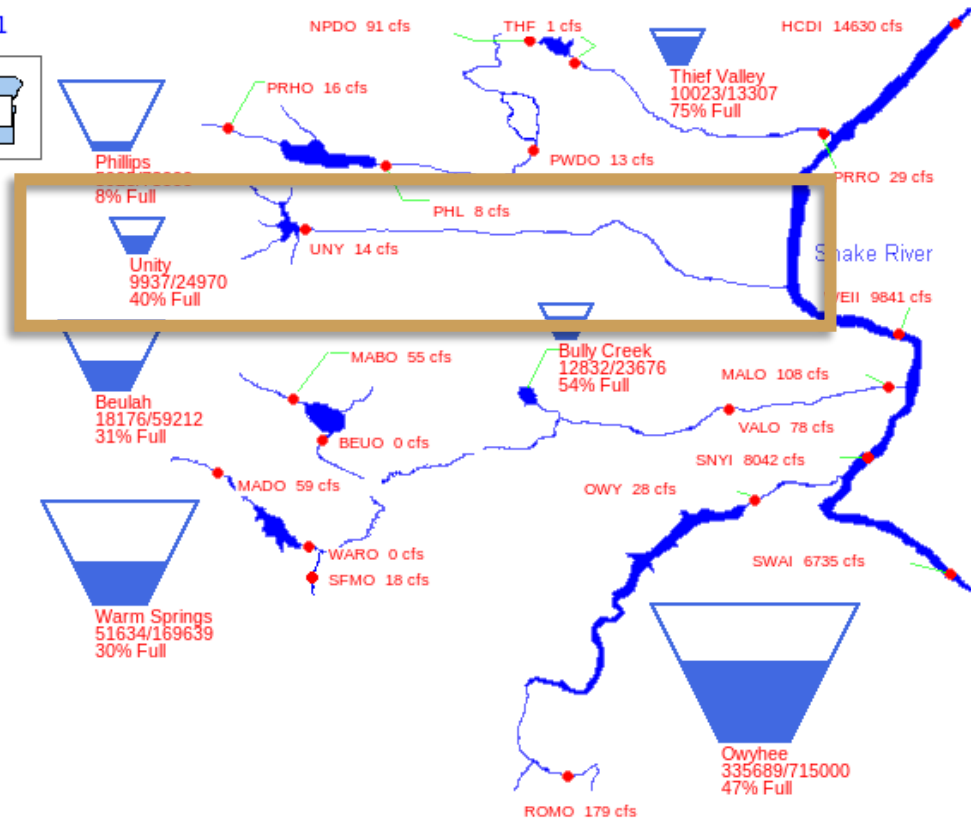
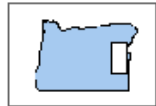


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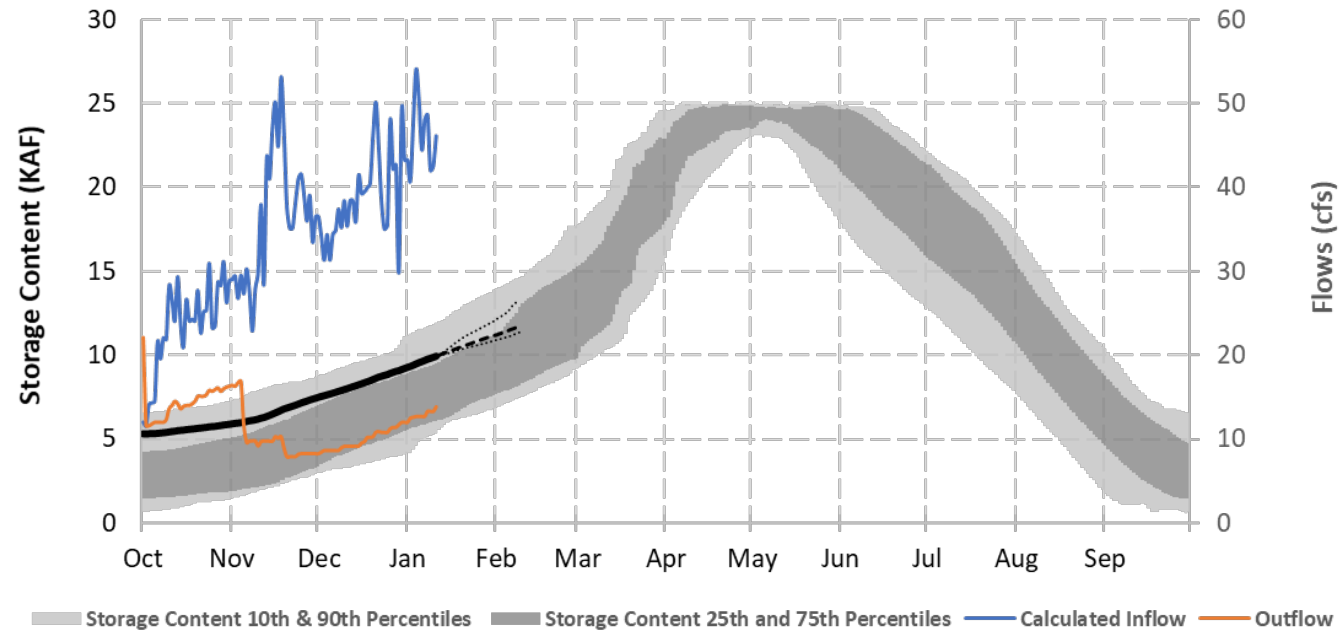


# Burnt River Basin

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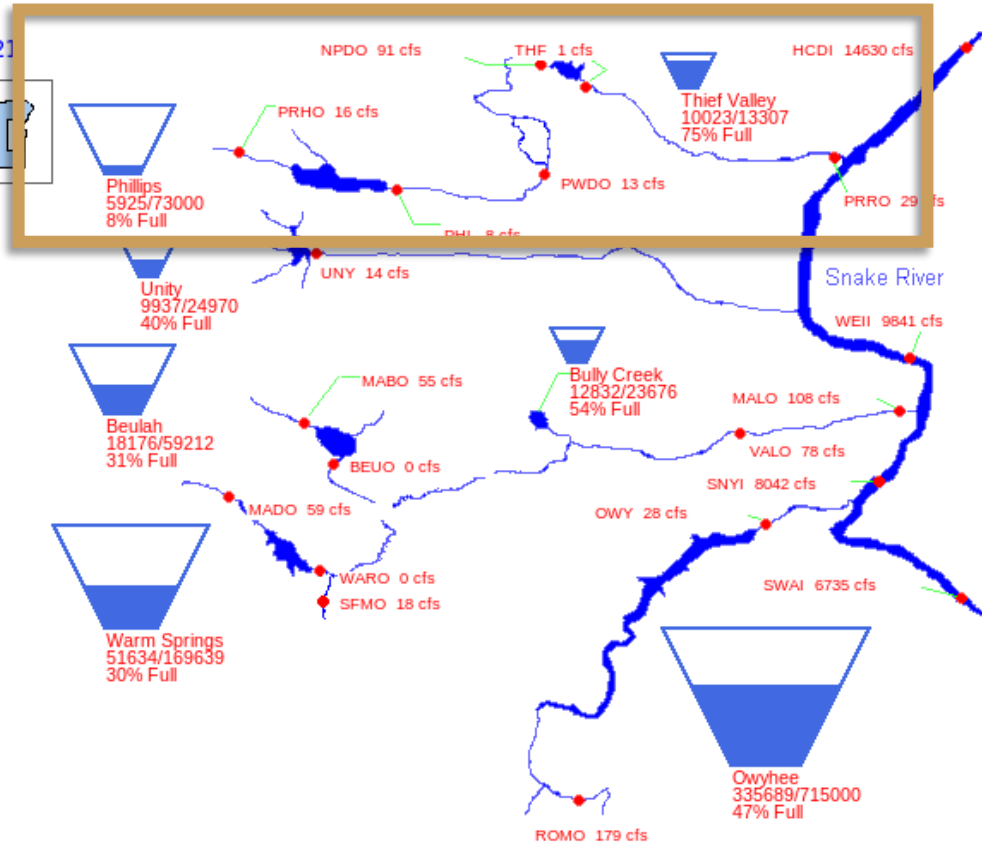
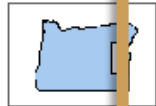
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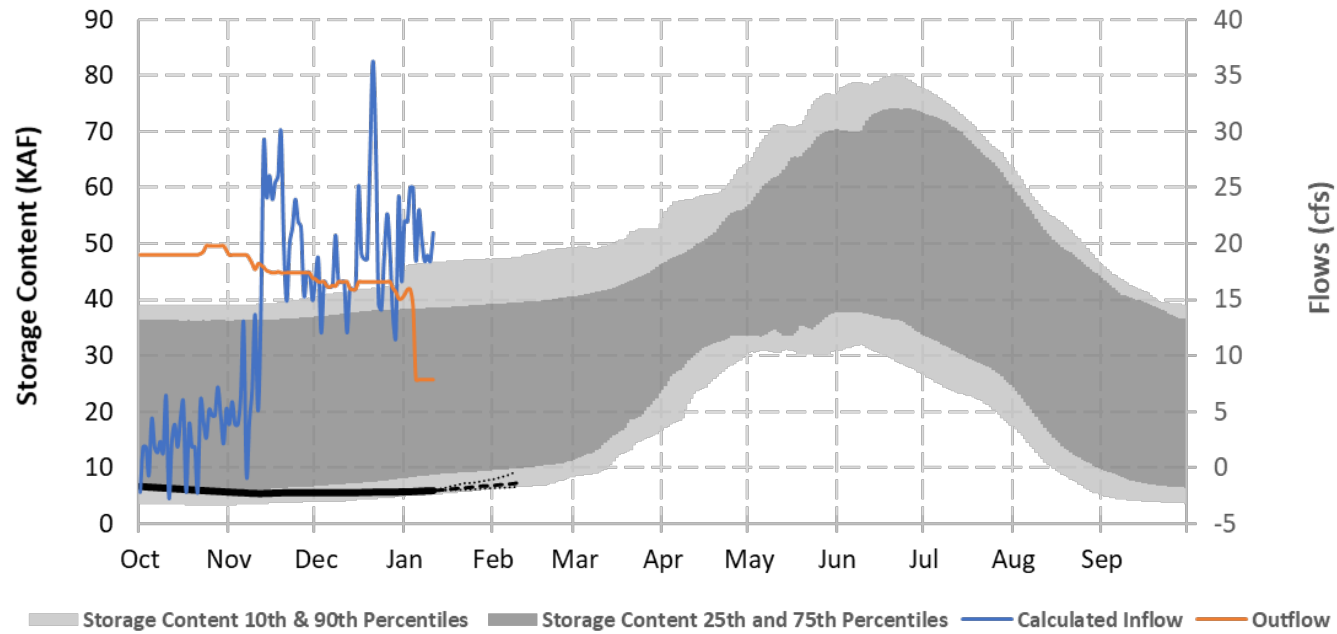
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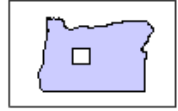
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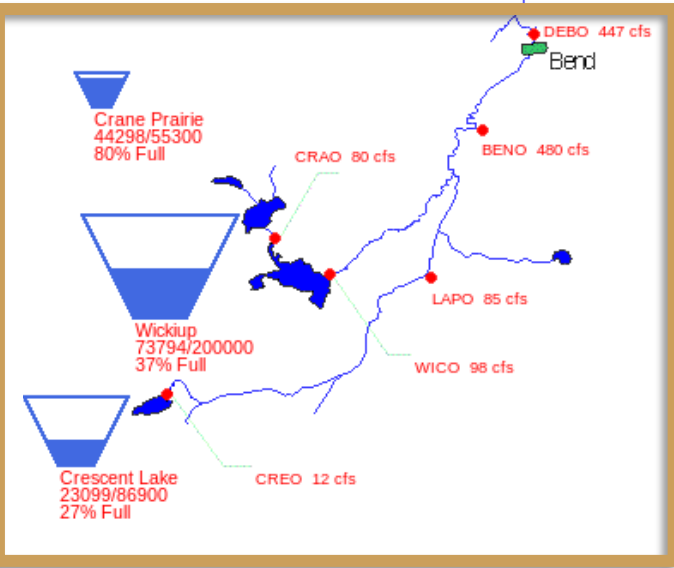
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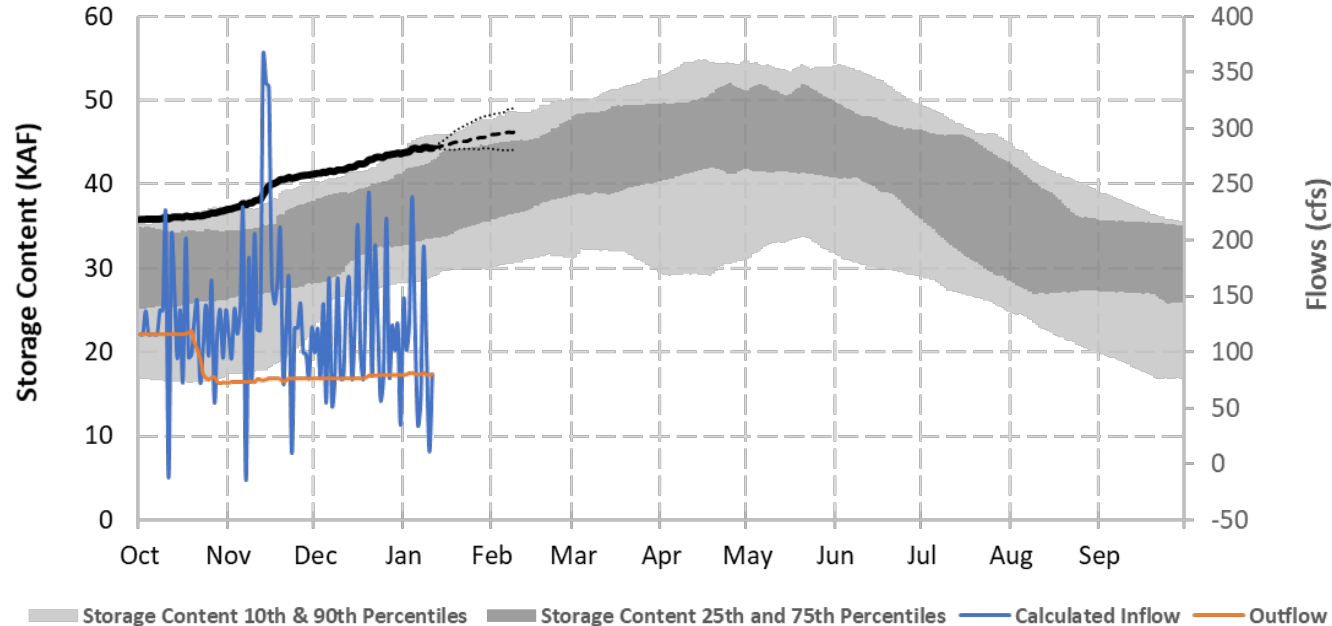
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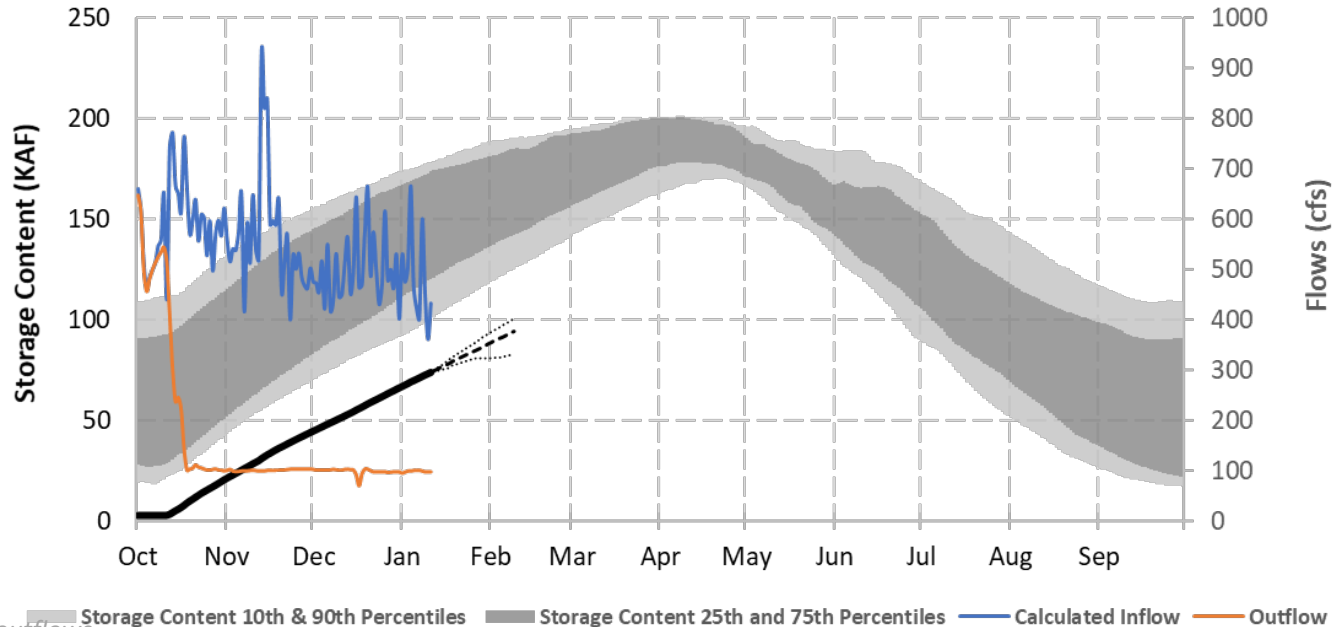
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## Crane Prairie Dam and Reservoir



## Wickiup Dam and Reservoir

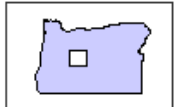


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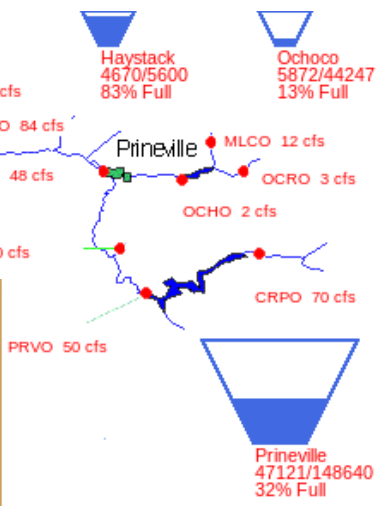
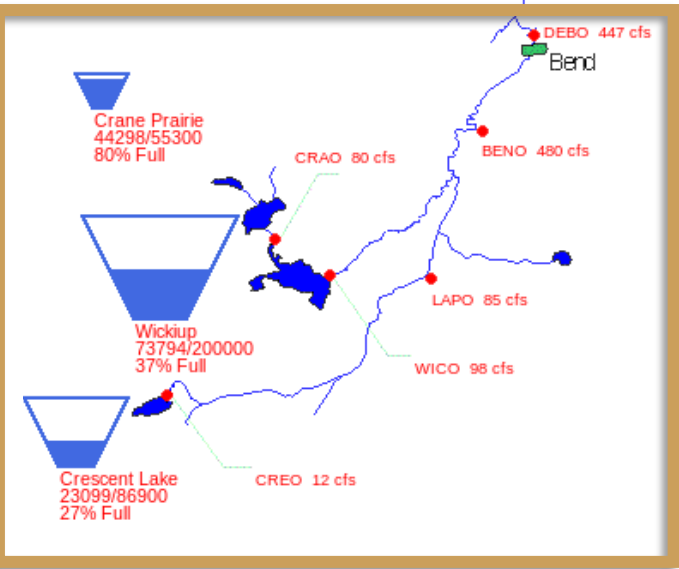


# Deschutes River Basin

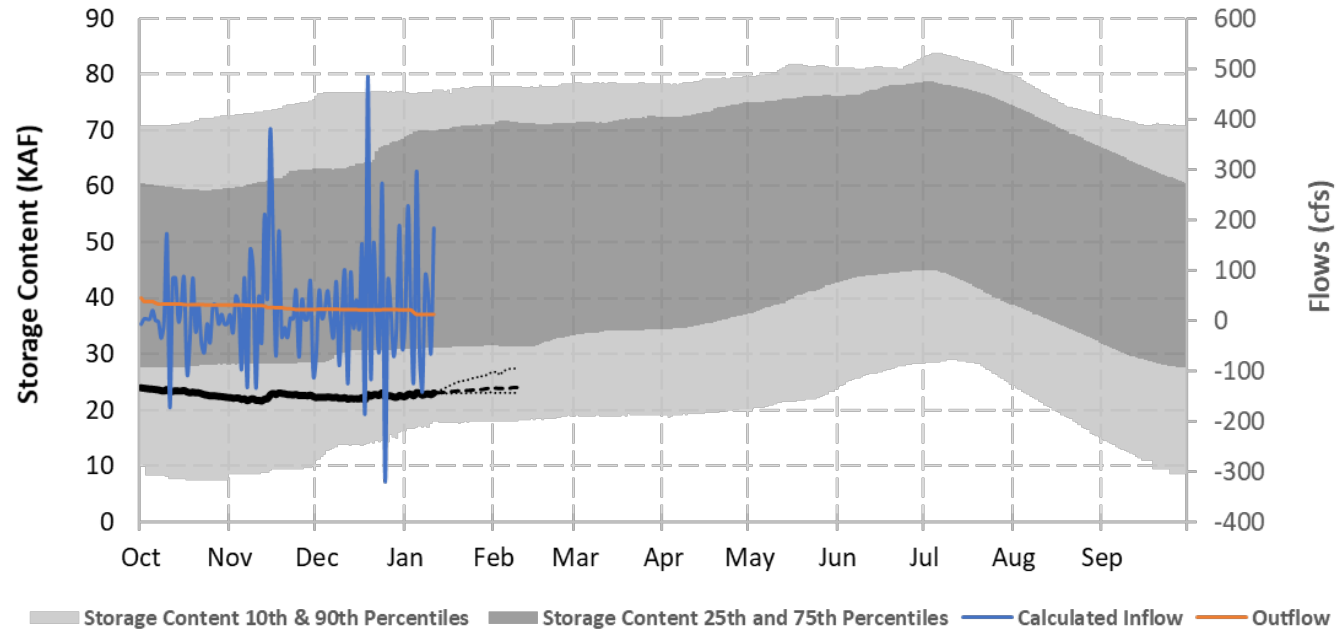
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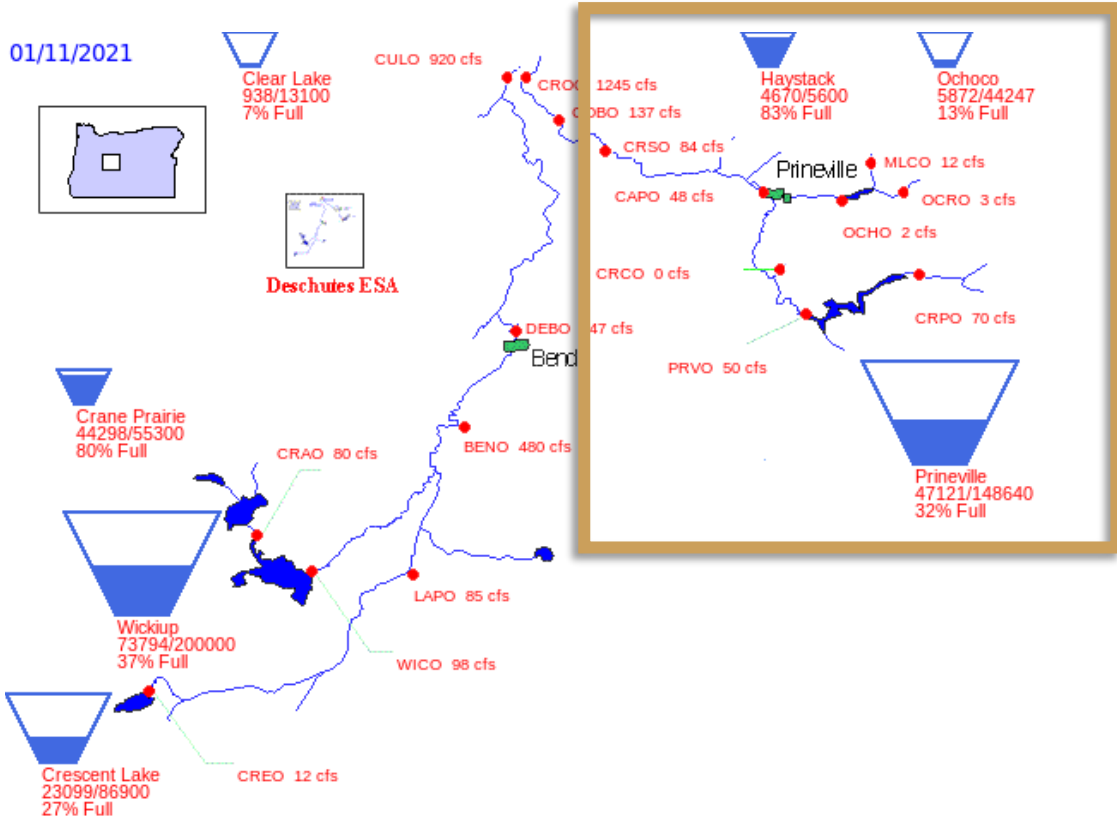
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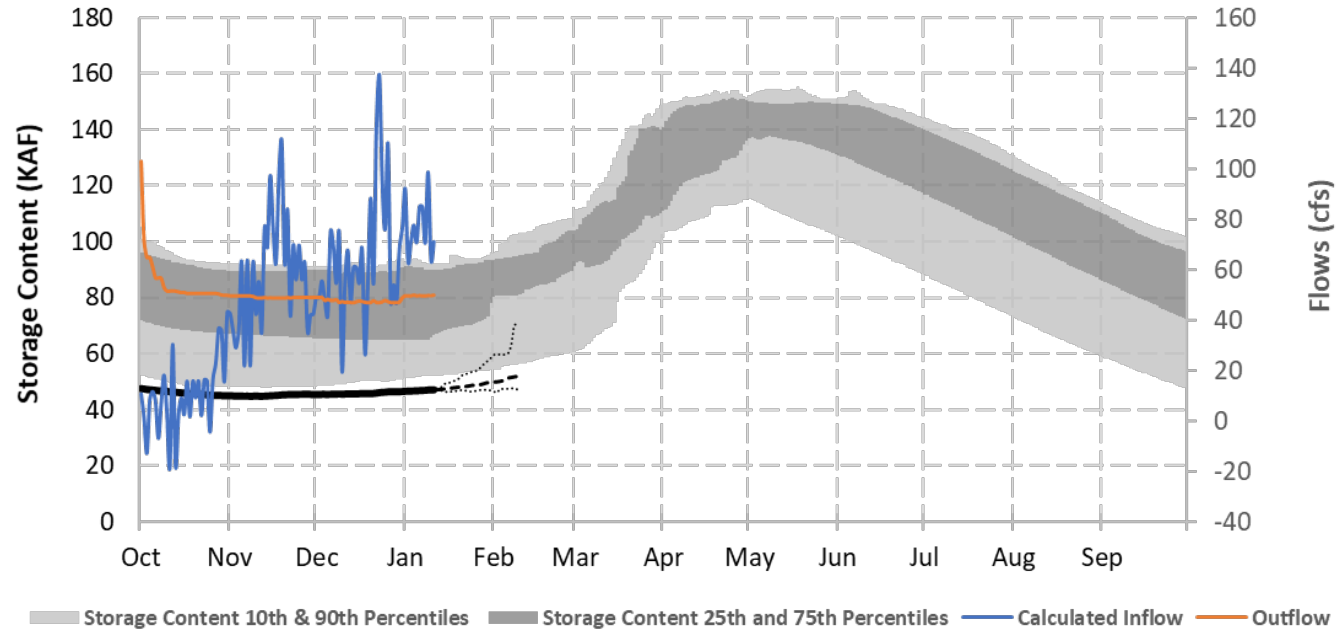
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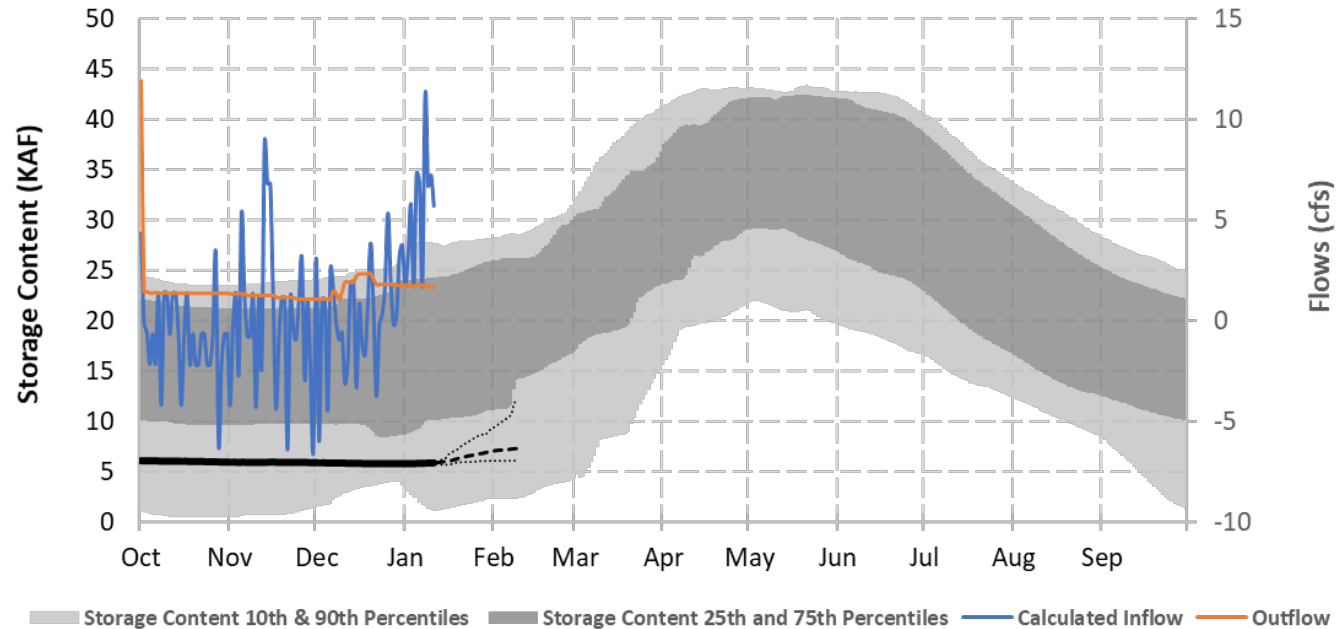
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### Bowman Dam - Prineville Reservoir



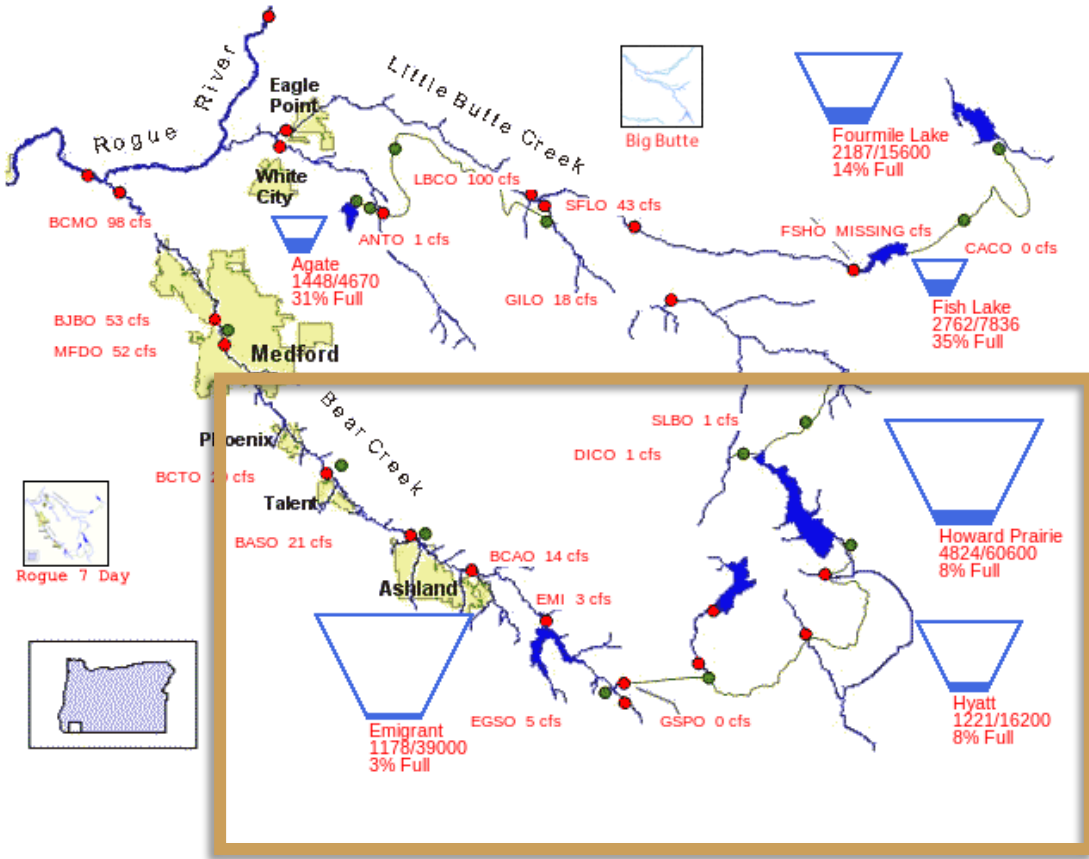
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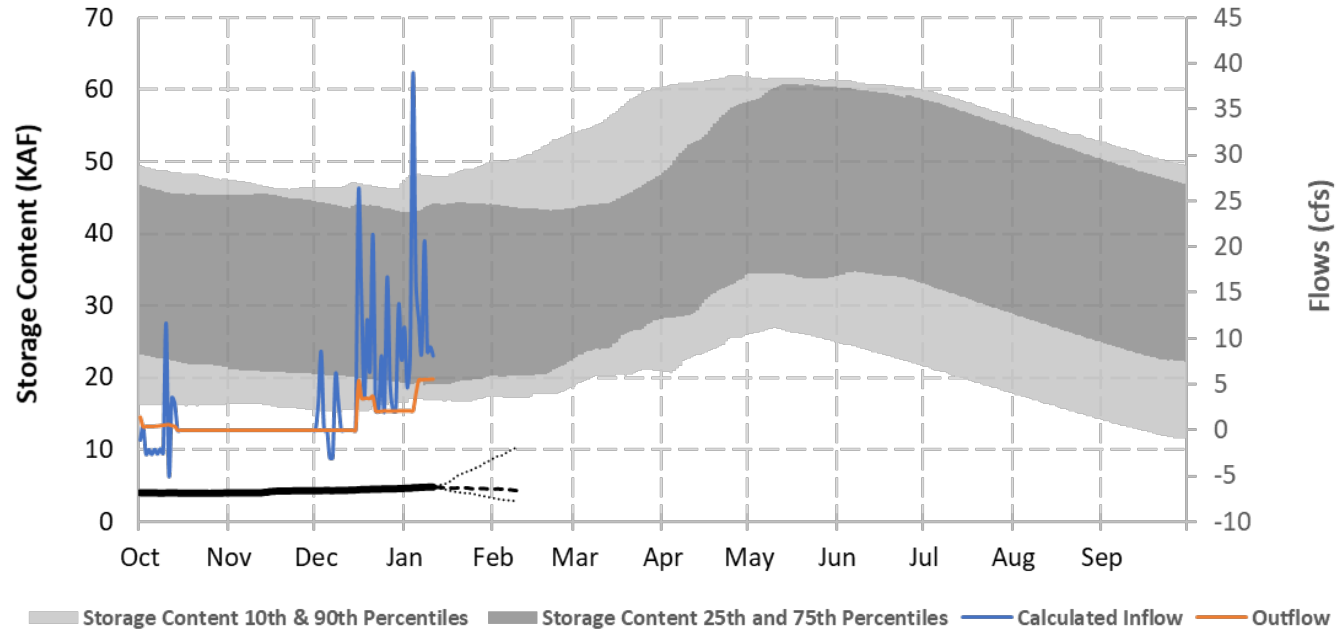
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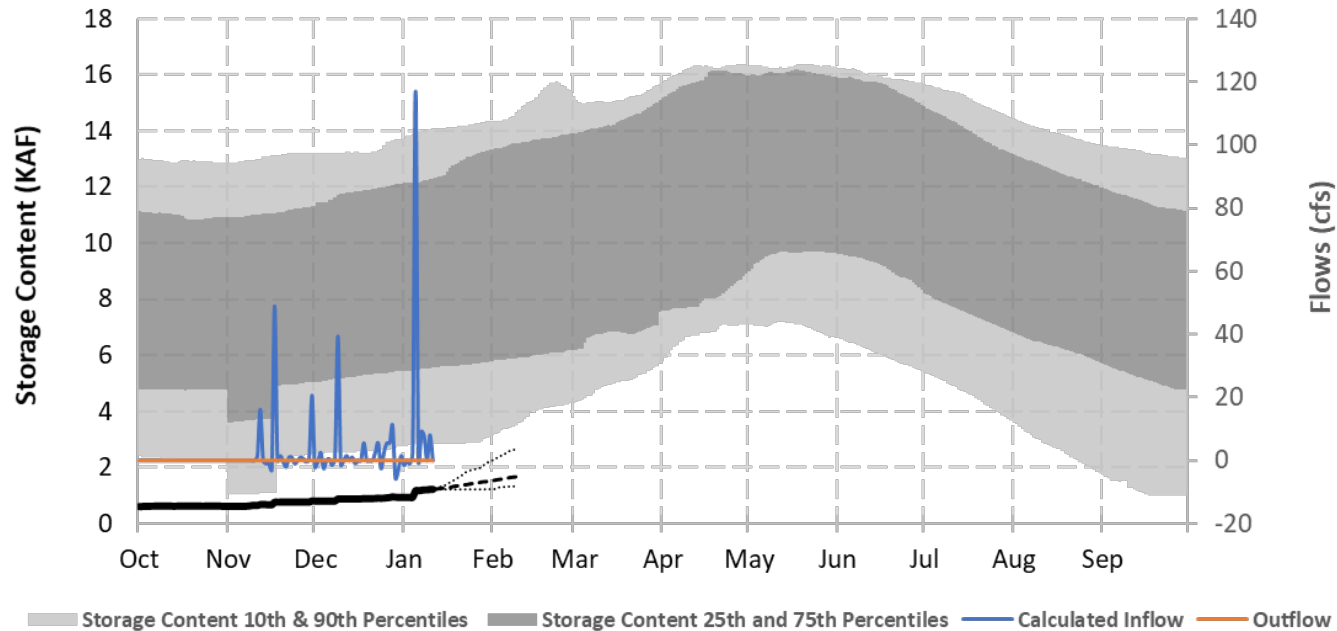
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### Howard Prairie Dam and Lake



### Hyatt Dam and Reservoir

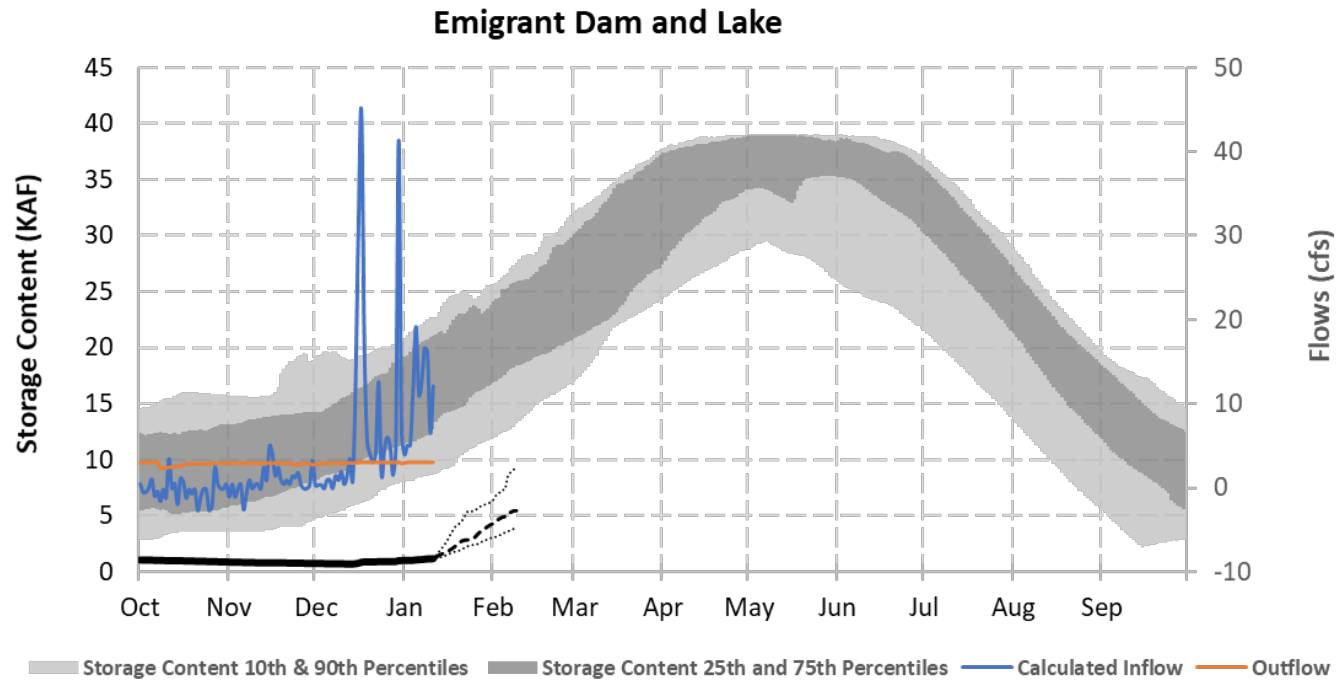
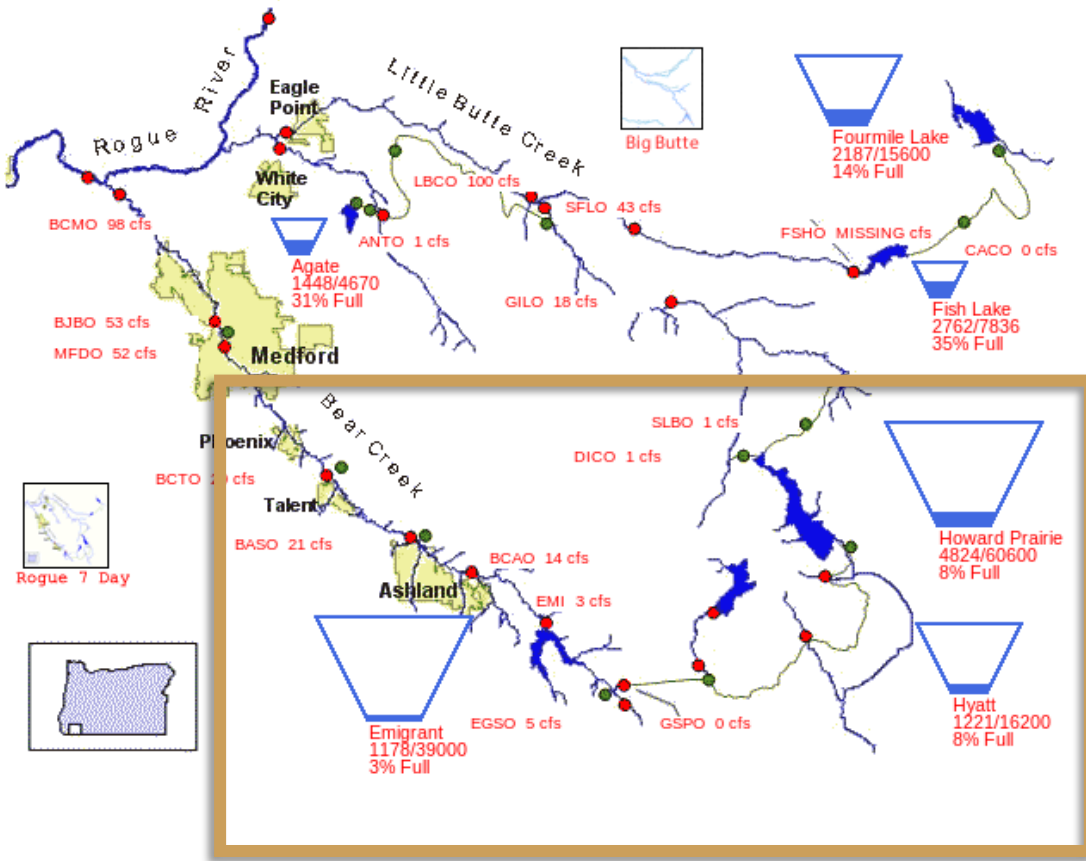


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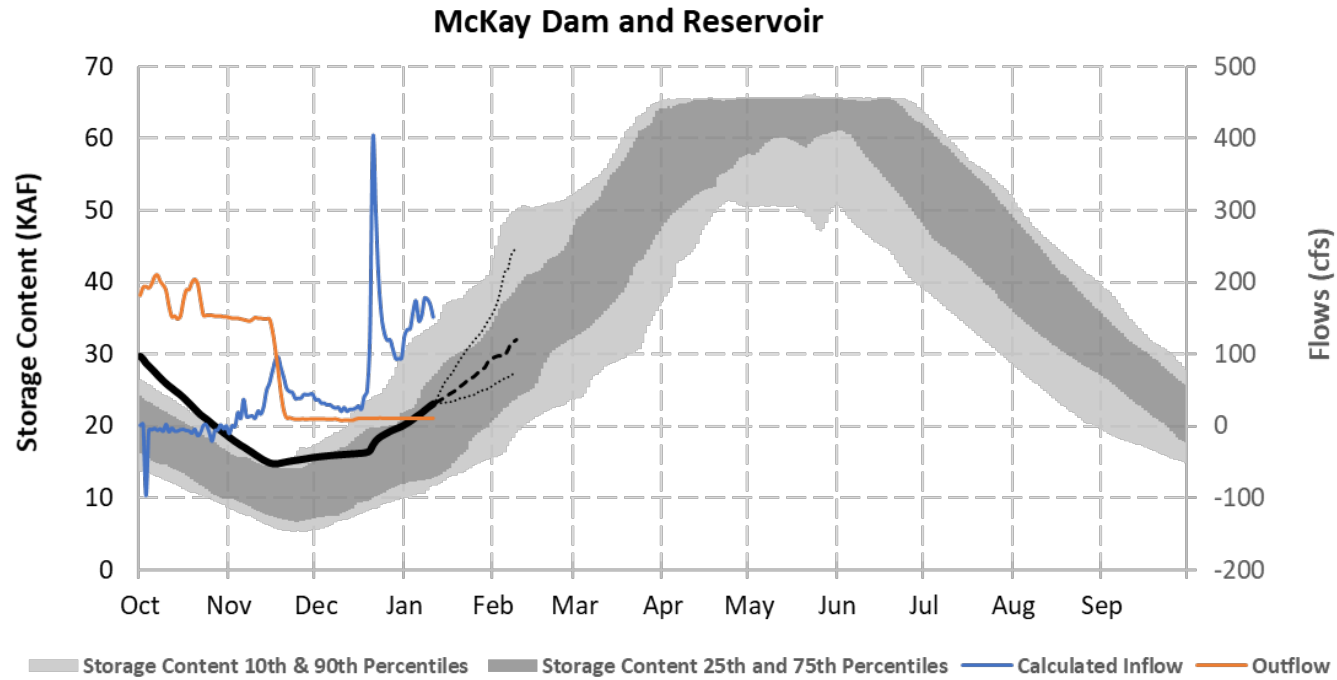
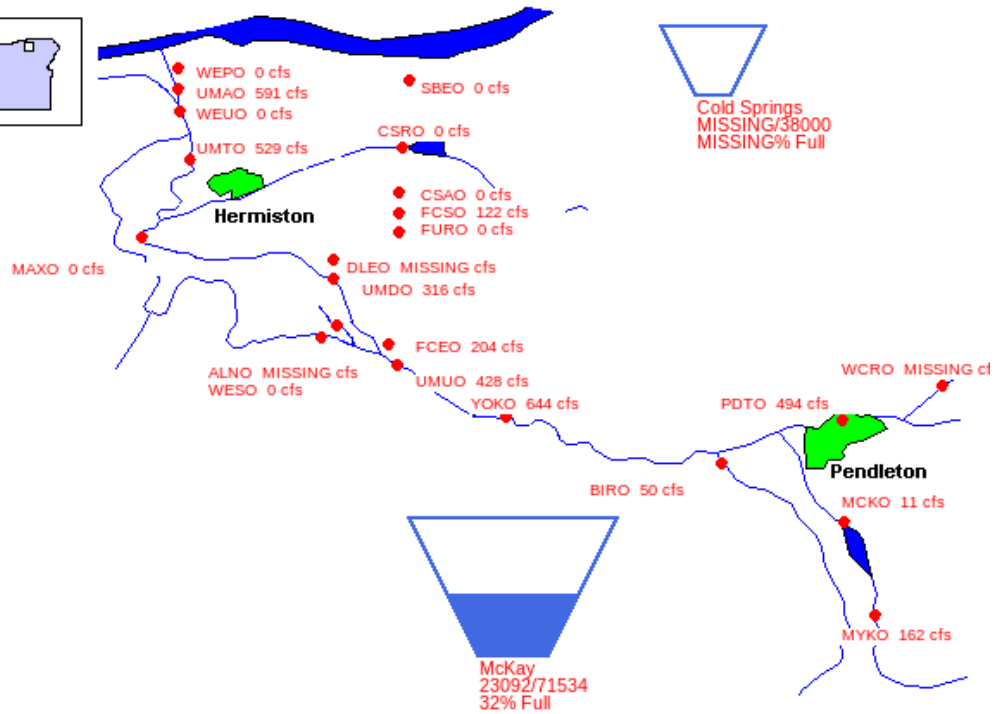
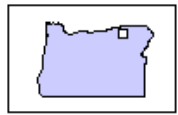
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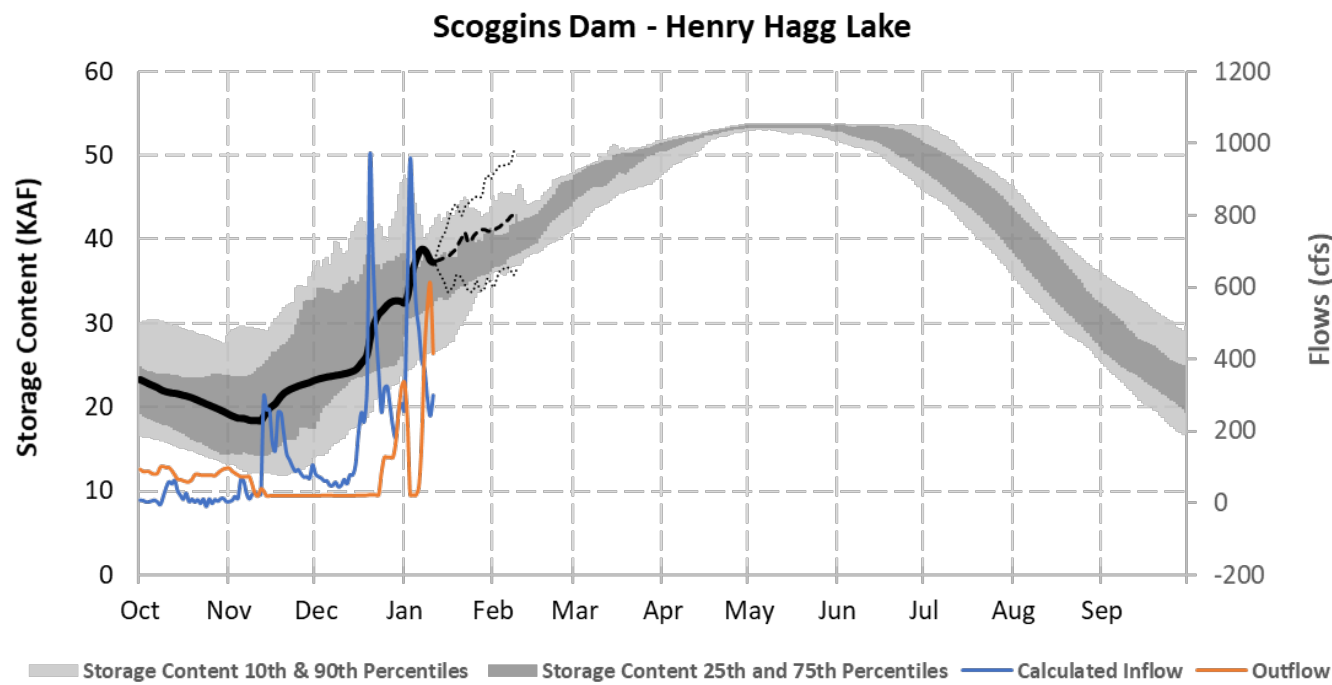
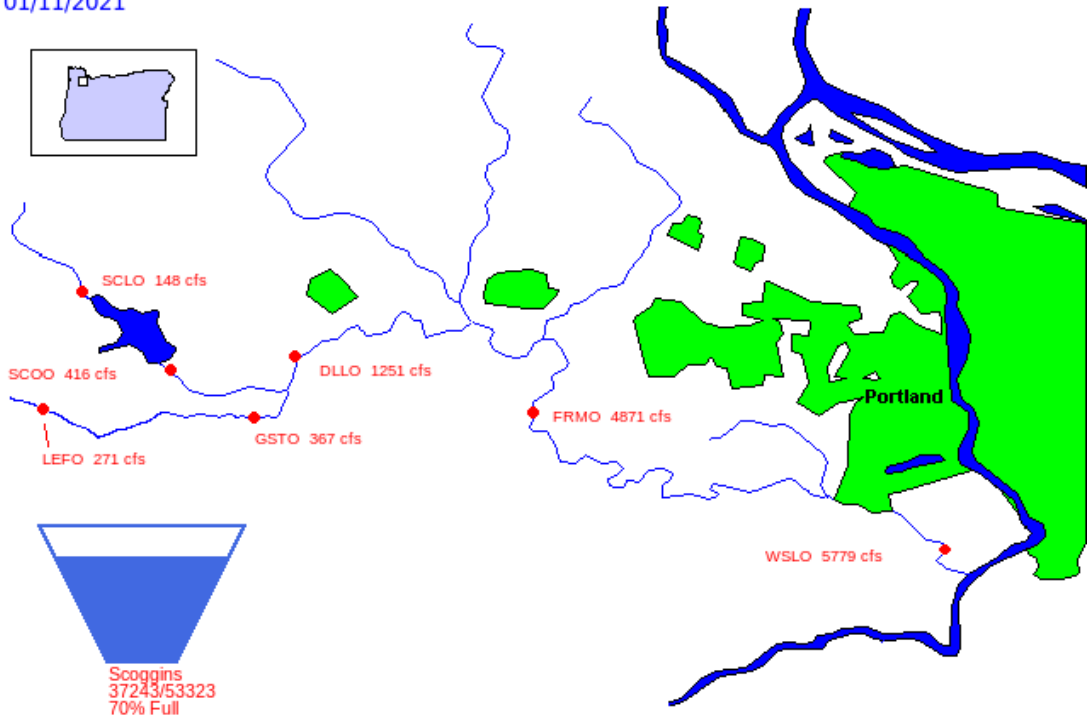
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# Tualatin River Basin

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