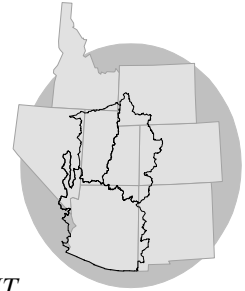


# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

## for the UPPER COLORADO

### *COLORADO BASIN RIVER FORECAST CENTER*

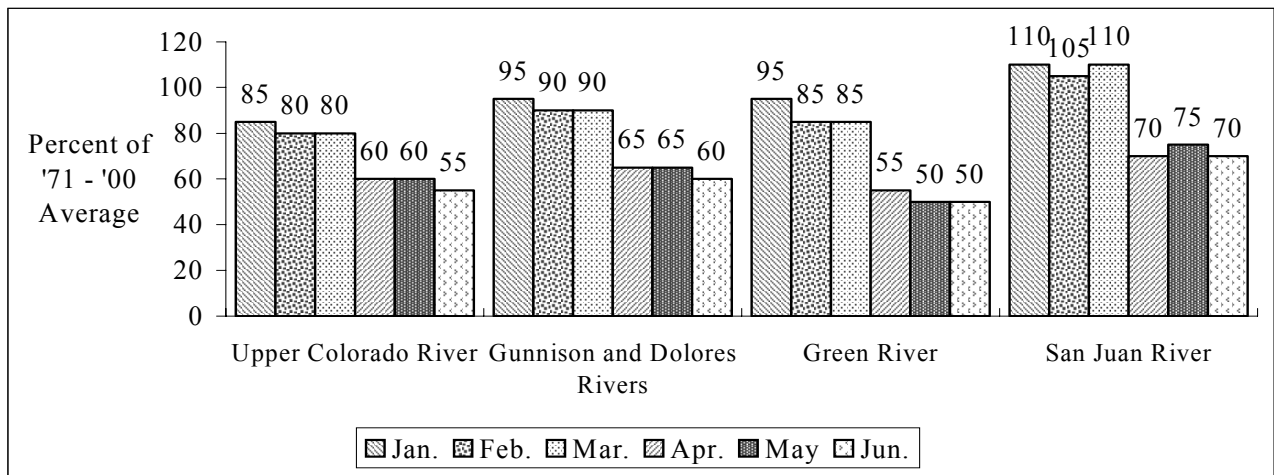
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May precipitation was much below average over most of the basin. This has left the seasonal precipitation through May ranging from below to near average. The Gunnison River Basin was in the best shape with 94% of average and the Upper Colorado above Glenwood Springs in the worst at 79% of the seasonal average. April-July runoff forecasts were lowered slightly over most areas and 5 to 15% of average over much of the Upper Colorado mainstem.

### APRIL - JULY VOLUME FORECASTS

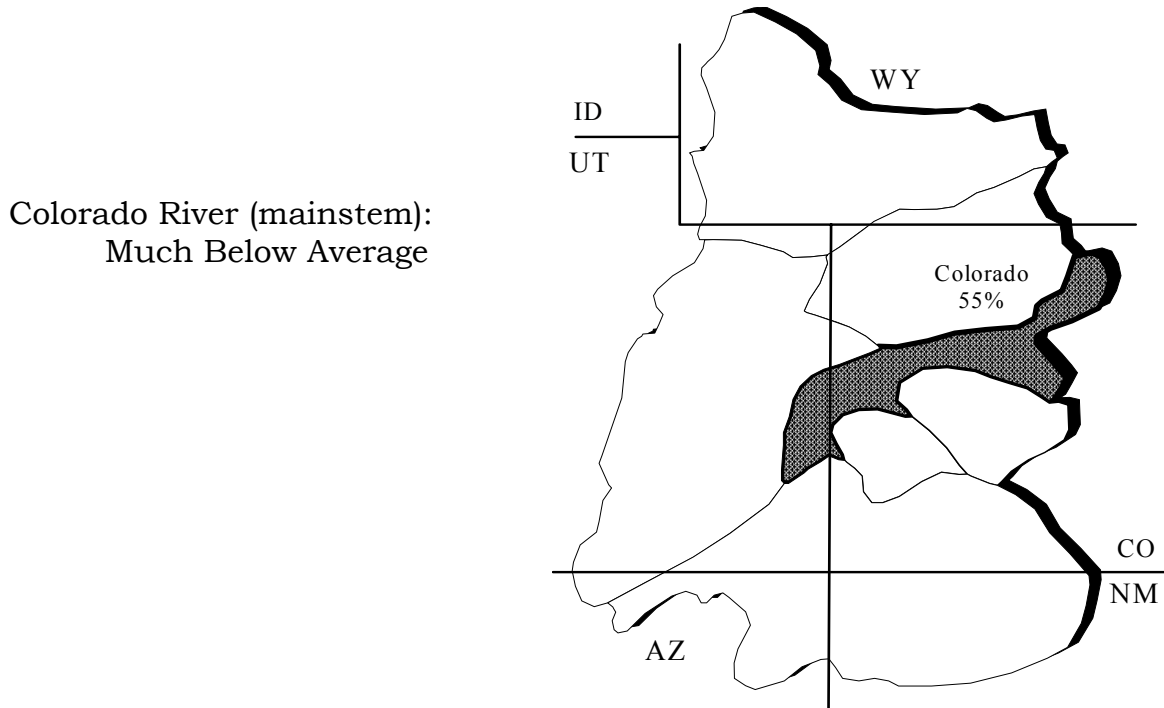


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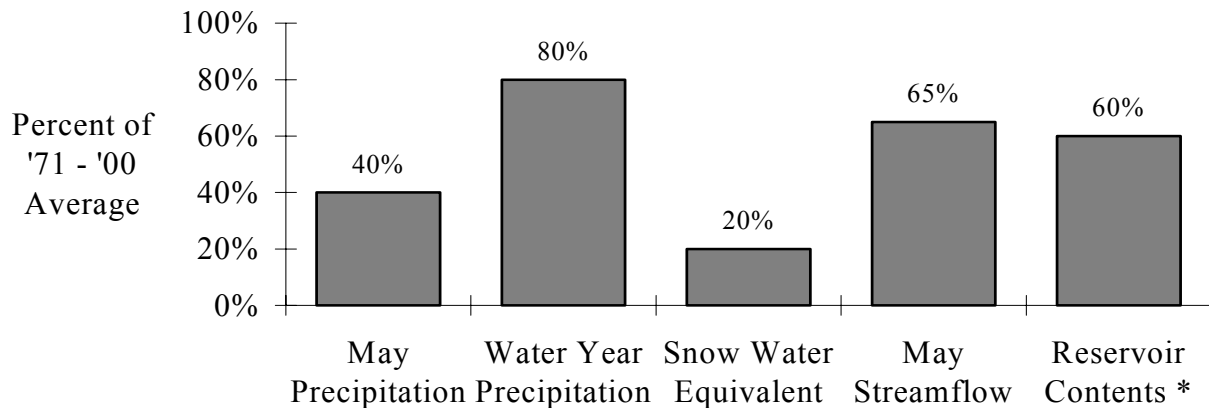
## UPPER COLORADO MAINSTEM

Precipitation in May was much below average as was streamflow. Given the amount of snowpack remaining, it was necessary to lower forecasts anywhere from 5 to 15% of average from those issued in May. A couple of points, notably those in the Roaring Fork drainage, were either not changed or just dropped slightly.

April-July streamflow forecasts for the Upper Colorado Mainstem are as follows:



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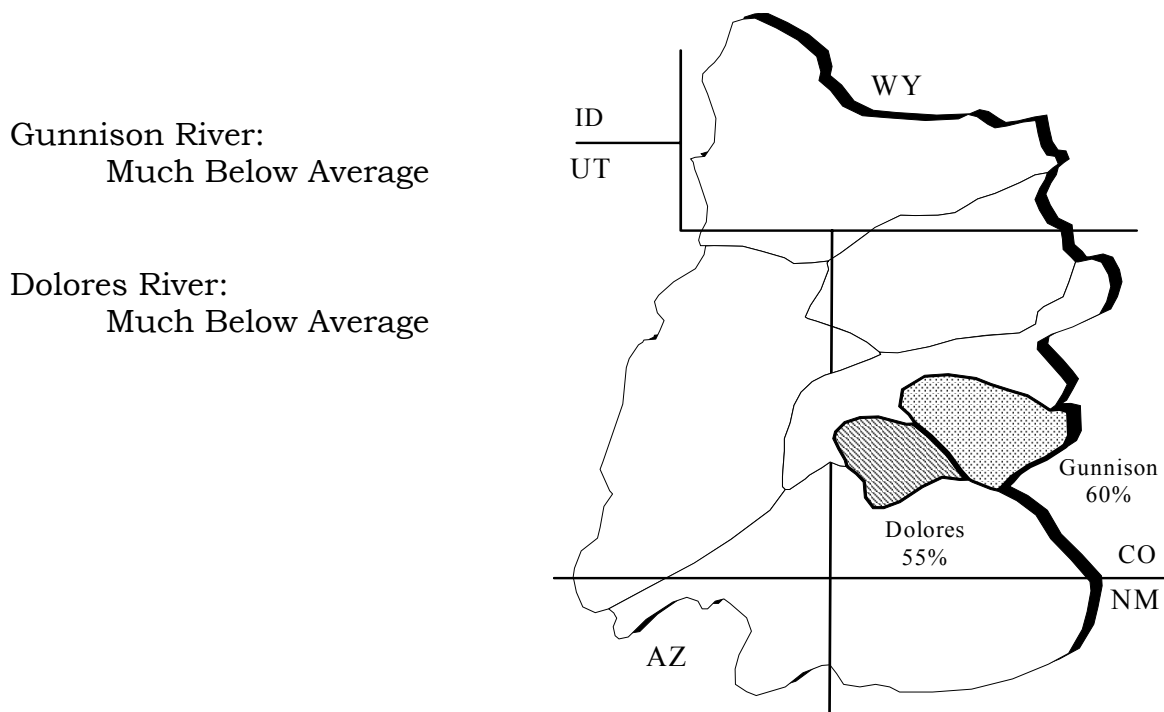
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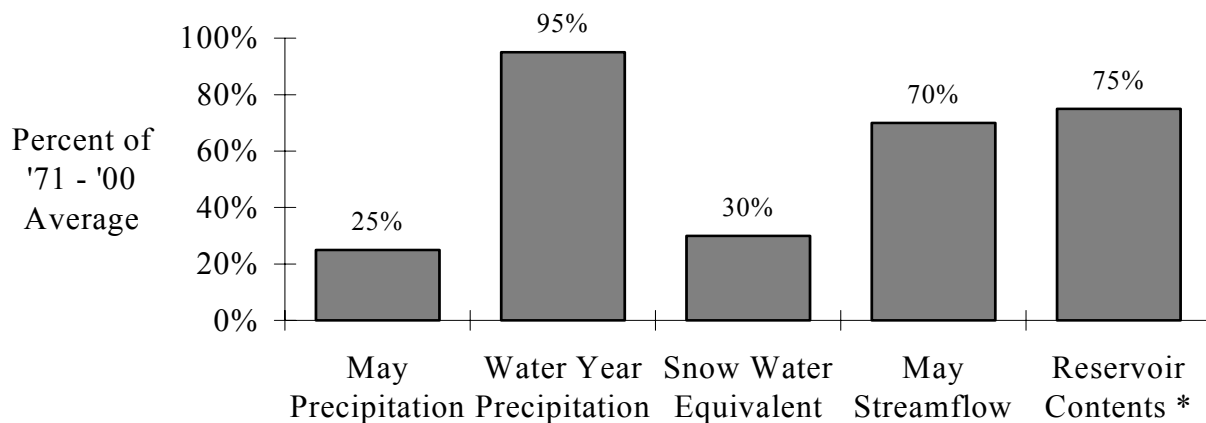
## GUNNISON AND DOLORES RIVERS

May was another very dry month with just 15% of average precipitation over the Dolores Basin and 25% of average over the Gunnison Basin. April-May observed streamflow ranged between 55% and 115% of average over the two basins. The June 1st April-July volume forecasts now range between 45% and 80% of average.

April-July streamflow forecasts for the Gunnison and Dolores Rivers are as follows:



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# GREEN RIVER

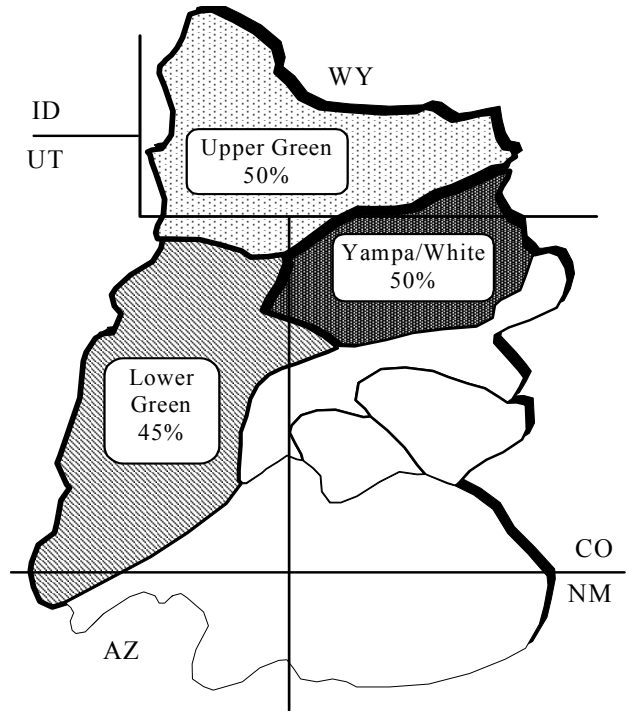
Below average precipitation was observed in May and snowpack exists only at the highest elevations. With the exception of the Green River above Fontenelle all streams are likely in their recession. Reductions were made to the April-July runoff forecasts in the Upper Green River Basin with minor adjustments elsewhere. Volumes between 20% and 65% of average are expected.

April-July streamflow forecasts for the Green River are as follows:

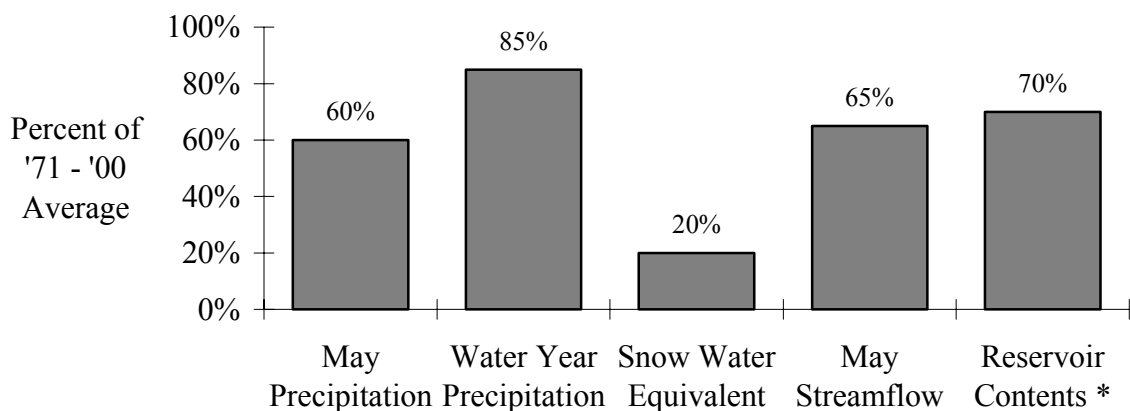
Upper Green River:  
Much Below Average

Yampa/White Rivers:  
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Lower Green River  
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Much Below Average



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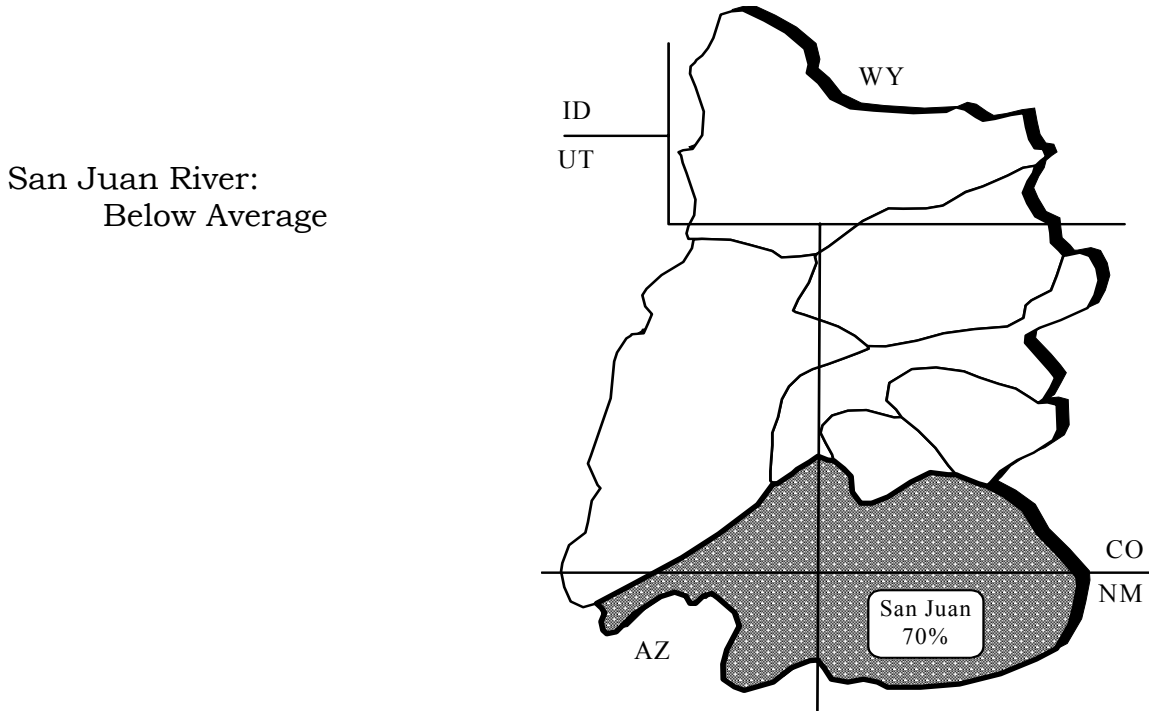
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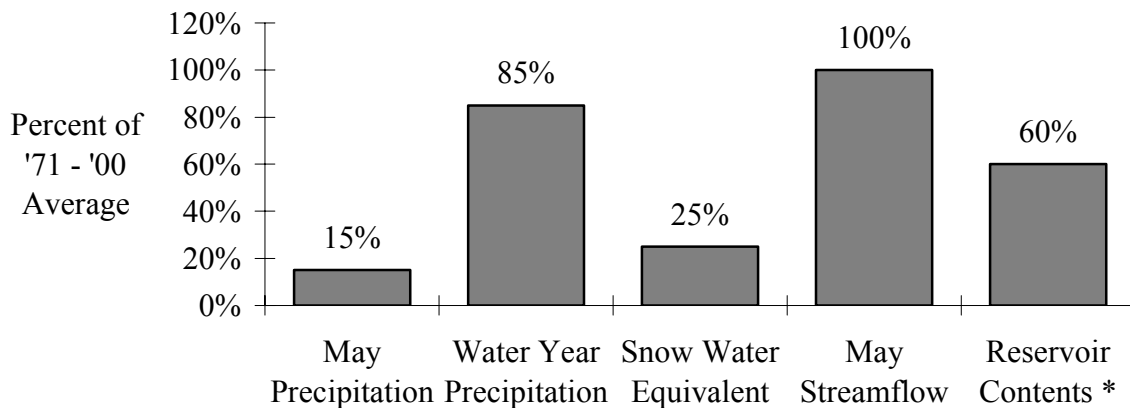
# SAN JUAN RIVER

Most runoff forecasts in the San Juan River Basin, when compared to those issued in May, varied from little change to drops of near 10% of average. May was very dry and warm and runoff flows were near average. Snow conditions have dropped to a meager 27% of average with most snow below 10,000 feet having melted out. April-July runoff volumes are expected to range from 41% to 88% of average.

April-July streamflow forecasts for the San Juan Basin are as follows:



## BASIN CONDITIONS - JUNE 1, 2004



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Specific site forecasts are listed beginning on page 10.

## SPECIFIC SITE FORECASTS

**Upper Colorado Mainstem:** April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

Stream	Station	Most Probable	Percent Avg.	Reas. Max	Reas. Min
COLORADO	LAKE GRANBY, GRANBY, NR	115	51	130	102
	DOTSERO, NR	675	47	960	505
	GLENWOOD SPRINGS, BLO	1150	53	1490	830
	CAMEO, NR	1180	49	1720	920
	CISCO, NR	2350	51	3320	1810
WILLOW CK	WILLOW CK RES, GRANBY, NR	20	39	30	12
FRASER	WINTER PARK	11	55	14.8	7.2
WILLIAMS FORK	WILLIAMS FORK RES, PARSHALL, N	55	58	68	43
MUDDY CK	WOLFORD MTN RES, BLO	23	38	30	18.3
BLUE	DILLON RES	80	48	108	52
	GREEN MTN RES	155	55	188	125
EAGLE	GYPSUM, BLO	185	55	230	150
FRYING PAN	RUEDI RES, BASALT, NR	80	57	109	58
ROARING FORK	GLENWOOD SPRINGS	425	60	585	290
PLATEAU CK	CAMEO, NR	75	65	137	50
MILL CK	MOAB, NR, SHELEY TUN, AT	2.2	44	4.1	1.85

## SPECIFIC SITE FORECASTS

**Gunnison and Dolores Basins:** April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

Stream	Station	Most Probable	Percent Avg.	Reas. Max	Reas. Min
TAYLOR	TAYLOR PARK RES	63	61	88	38
	ALMONT	94	57	140	55
EAST	ALMONT	125	65	160	90
GUNNISON	GUNNISON, NR	225	58	295	153
TOMICHI CK	GUNNISON	35	43	60	26
LAKE FORK	GATEVIEW	95	75	125	65
GUNNISON	MORROW POINT RES	465	59	660	350
	CRYSTAL RES	520	57	770	385
MUDDY CK	● PAONIA RES, BARDINE, NR	52	52	70	44
NF GUNNISON	SOMERSET, NR	185	61	240	146
SURFACE CK	CEDAREEDGE	10.2	60	14.7	8
UNCOMPAHGRE	RIDGWAY RES	80	78	100	64
	COLONA	100	72	133	72
	DELTA	65	56	110	38
GUNNISON	GRAND JUNCTION, NR	900	58	1250	795
DOLORES	DOLORES	170	64	200	146
	MCPHEE RES	195	61	235	170
	CISCO, NR	250	45	425	220
SAN MIGUEL	PLACERVILLE, NR	95	72	115	75

● = March - June forecast period.

**Green River Basin:** April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

Stream	Station	Most Probable	Percent Avg.	Reas. Max	Reas. Min
GREEN	DANIEL, NR, WARREN BRIDGE, AT	150	57	185	115
	GREEN RIVER, WY, NR	365	42	505	225
	GREEN RIVER, UT	1310	41	2060	790
PINE CK	FREMONT LK, ABV	67	64	80	54
NEW FORK	BIG PINEY, NR	180	46	245	115
BIG SANDY	FARSON, NR	35	60	43	27
BLACKS FORK	ROBERTSON, NR	54	57	66	42
EF SMITHS FORK	ROBERTSON, NR	16.8	54	19.1	14.8
HAMS FORK	FRONTIER, NR, POLE CK, BLO	32	49	43	23
	VIVA NAUGHTON RES	36	40	55	22
YAMPA	STAGECOACH RSVR, ABV	13	45	24	9.9
	STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	155	55	194	126
	MAYBELL, NR	525	53	685	395
ELK	MILNER, NR	190	58	240	163
ELKHEAD CK	ELKHEAD, NR	16	41	23	11.2
	MAYNARD GULCH, BLO	32	54	49	30
FORTIFICATION CK	● FORTIFICATION, NR	3.3	44	5.9	3
LITTLE SNAKE	SLATER, NR	88	55	128	64
	DIXON, NR	175	53	280	116
	LILY, NR	180	49	290	120

● = March - June forecast period.



**Green River Basin continued:** April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

Stream	Station	Most Probable	Percent Avg.	Reas. Max	Reas. Min
BIG BRUSH CK	VERNAL, NR, RED FLEET RES, ABV	13	62	18.7	11.8
ASHLEY CK	VERNAL, NR	32	62	44	20
WF DUCHESNE	HANNA, NR	9	38	15.5	4.2
ROCK CK	UPPER STILLWATER RES	45	55	66	24
	MOUNTAIN HOME, NR	47	53	64	30
DUCHESNE	TABIONA, NR	40	38	56	24
	DUCHESNE, NR, KNIGHT DIV, ABV	80	43	123	37
	MYTON	52	20	142	26
	RANDLETT, NR	65	20	295	33
STRAWBERRY	SOLDIER SPRINGS, NR	16	27	26	8.7
	DUCHESNE, NR	38	31	64	12
CURRANT CK	CURRANT CK RES	7	28	12.5	5
LAKE FORK	MOON LAKE RES, MTN HOME, NR	43	63	55	31
YELLOWSTONE	ALTONAH, NR	41	66	59	25
WHITEROCKS	WHITEROCKS, NR	33	59	45	22
WHITE	MEEKER, NR	160	55	213	131
	WATSON, NR	175	57	330	19
GOOSEBERRY CK	SCOFIELD, NR	4.8	40	7.6	2
PRICE	SCOFIELD RES, SCOFIELD, NR	17	37	24	10.2
WHITE	BLO TABBYUNE CK, SOLDIER SUMMI	5.5	32	9.5	4.7
HUNTINGTON CK	ELECTRIC LAKE	6.4	41	9.2	4.2
	HUNTINGTON, NR	20	40	28	11.8
SEELEY CK	JOES VLY RES, ORANGEVILLE, NR	30	52	45	14.7
FERRON CK	FERRON, NR	24	62	29	19.8
SEVEN MILE CK	FISH LAKE, NR	3.8	54	6	1.6
MUDDY CK	EMERY, NR	14	70	19	11.9

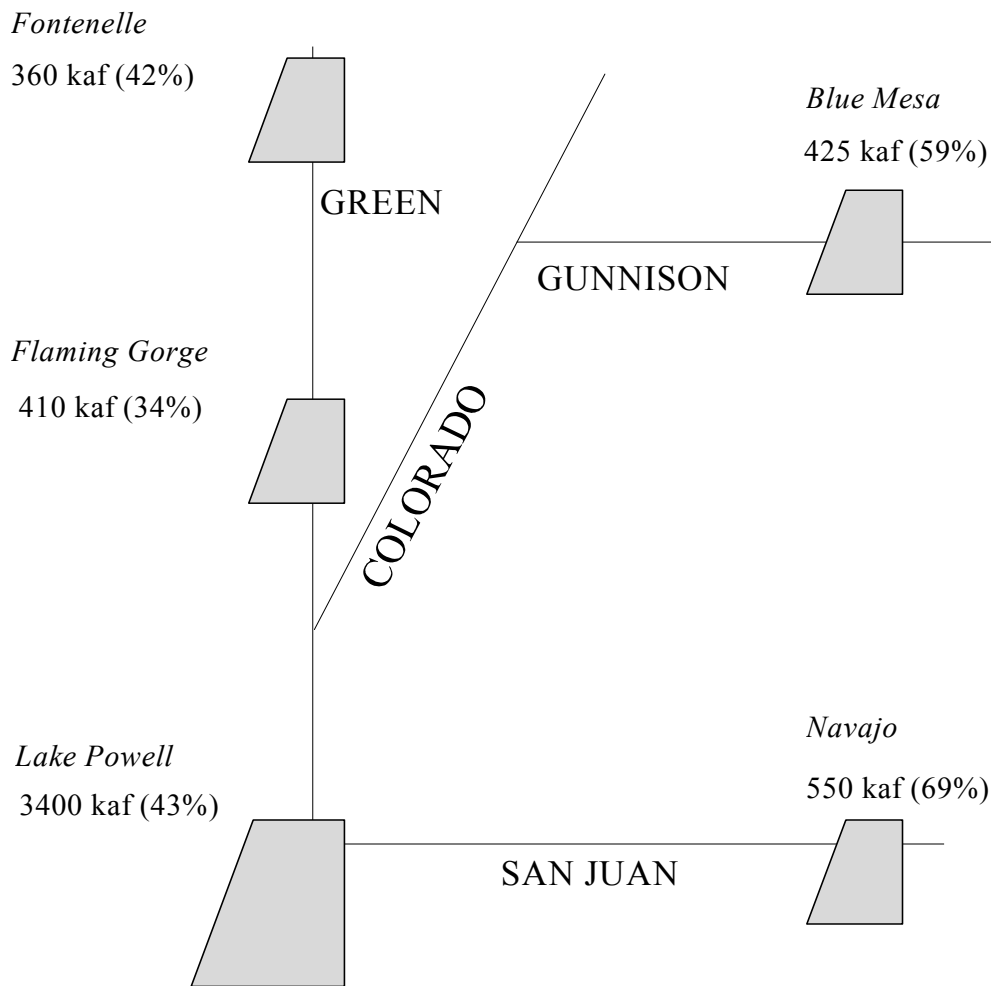
**San Juan River Basin:** April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

Stream	Station	Most Probable	Percent Avg.	Reas. Max	Reas. Min
SAN JUAN	PAGOSA SPRINGS	165	73	193	117
	CARRACAS, NR	270	67	375	200
	FARMINGTON	820	68	1060	660
	BLUFF, NR	810	66	1040	675
RIO BLANCO	PAGOSA SPRINGS, NR, BLANCO DAM	41	77	54	28
NAVAJO	CHROMO, NR, OSO DIV DAM, BLO	53	77	70	36
PIEDRA	ARBOLES, NR	180	78	205	154
LOS PINOS	VALLECITO RES, BAYFIELD, NR	165	80	235	93
ANIMAS	DURANGO	330	75	445	215
FLORIDA	LEMON RES, DURANGO, NR	51	88	64	38
LA PLATA	HESPERUS	16	64	22	13.8
MANCOS	MANCOS, NR	26	65	40	18
SOUTH CK	◆ LLOYD'S RSVR NR MONTICELLO, AB	0.65	50	1.39	0.55
RECAPTURE CK	◆ BLANDING, NR, JOHNSON CK, BLO	2.5	41	5.4	2

◆ = March - July forecast period.

# FLOOD CONTROL FORECASTS

**MOST PROBABLE FORECASTS**  
**2004 APRIL - JULY INFLOW VOLUMES**  
**(% OF '71 - '00 AVERAGE)**

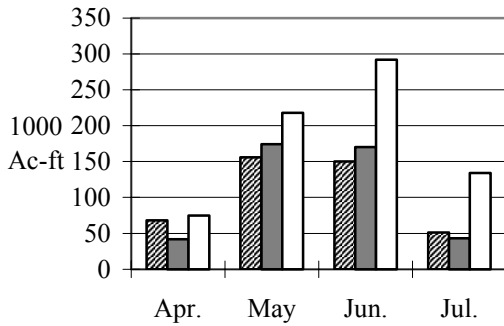


NOTE: Colorado River flood control forecasts account for a smaller set of upstream adjustments than water supply forecast points.

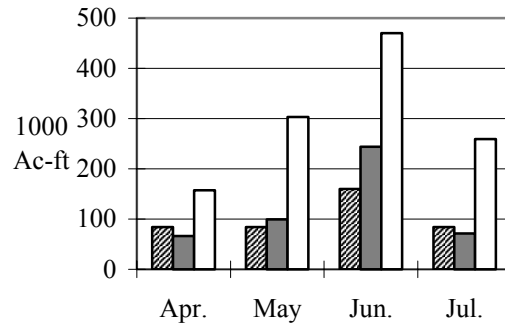
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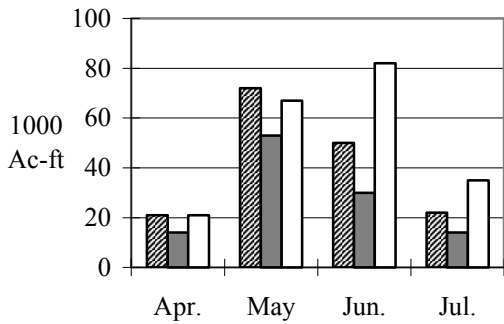
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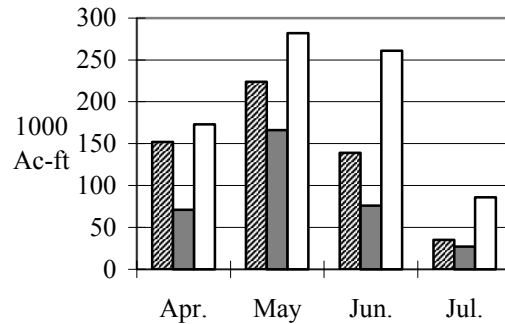
**Flaming Gorge Reservoir Inflow**



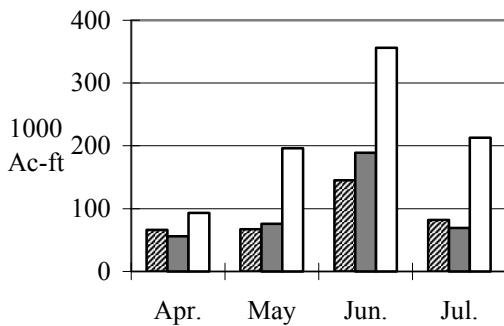
**Vallecito Reservoir Inflow**



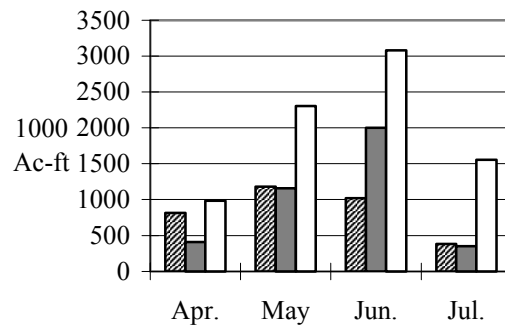
**Navajo Reservoir Inflow**



**Fontenelle Reservoir Inflow**

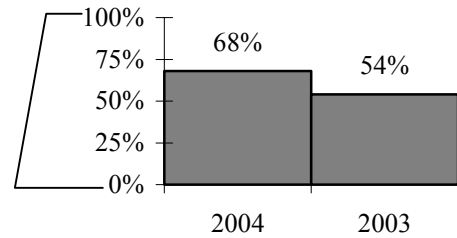
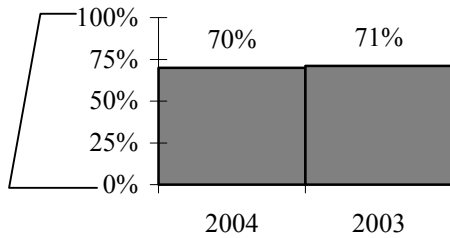


**Lake Powell Inflow**

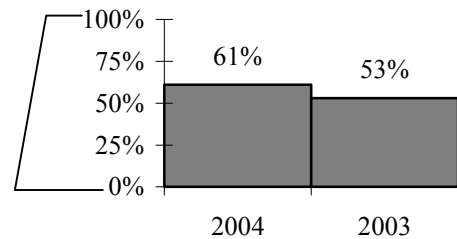
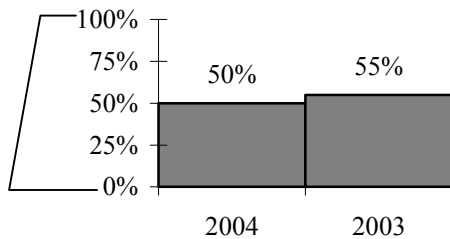


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## Percent of Usable Capacity



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 Combined  
 Upper Colorado, Gunnison, and Dolores  
 San Juan



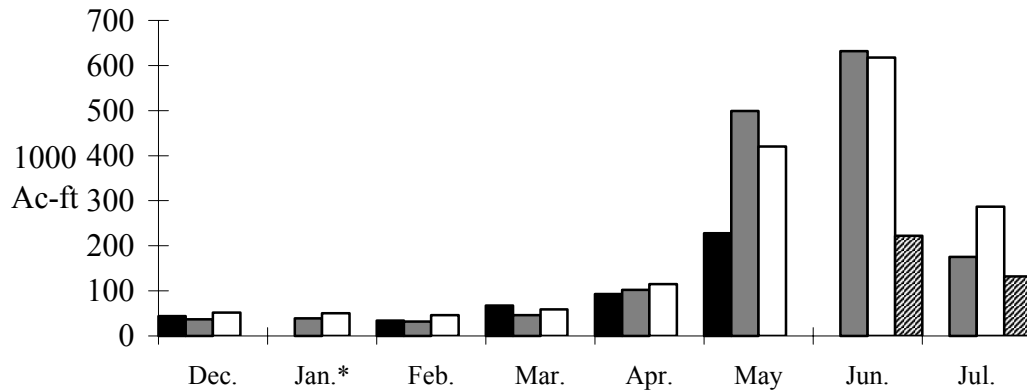
RESERVOIR (vol. in 1000 ac-ft)	Reservoir status	Usable Capacity	EOM Usable Contents	Percent Usable Capacity
Fontenelle	1,4	344.8	193.2	56
Flaming Gorge	1,4	3749	2595.1	69
Strawberry	1,4	1105.9	802.8	73
Starvation	1,4	165.3	151.7	92
Lake Granby	2,4	490.3	204.8	42
Dillon	2,4	254	223.1	88
Green Mountain	2,4	146.9	92.1	63
Taylor Park	2,4	106.2	90.6	85
Blue Mesa	2,4	829.5	564.1	68
Ridgway	2,4	83.2	73.5	88
McPhee	2,4	381.1	301.3	79
Vallecito	3,4	125.4	118	94
Navajo	3,4	1696	984.4	58
Lake Powell	4	24322	10566.3	43

- 1 = Green River reservoir status
- 2 = Upper Colorado River reservoir status
- 3 = San Juan River reservoir status
- 4 = Combined reservoir status

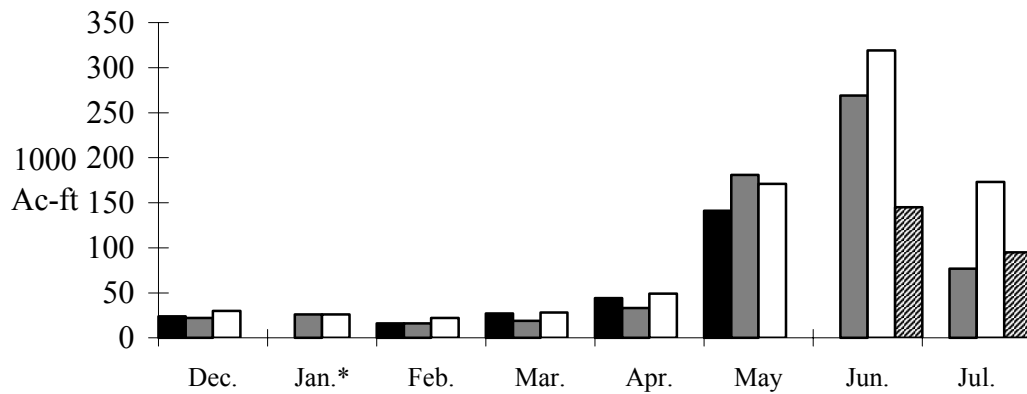
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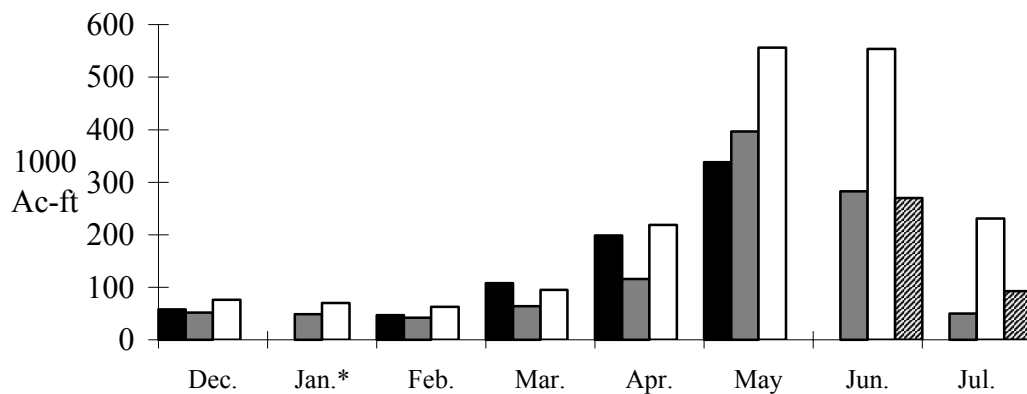
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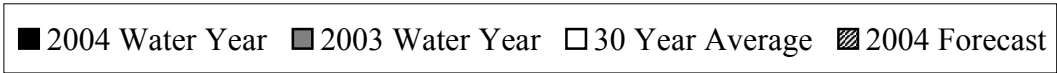
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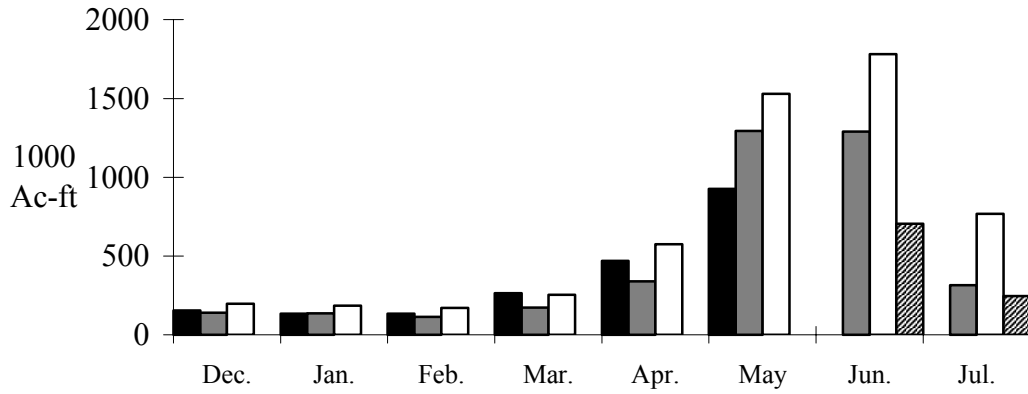
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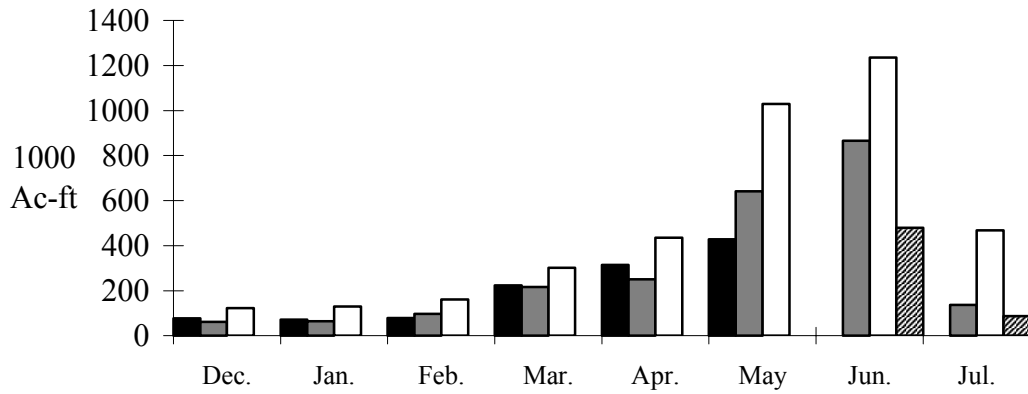
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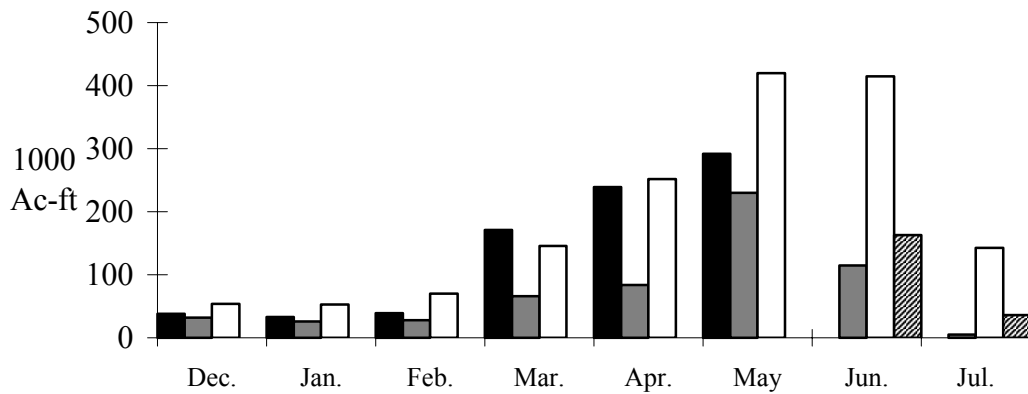
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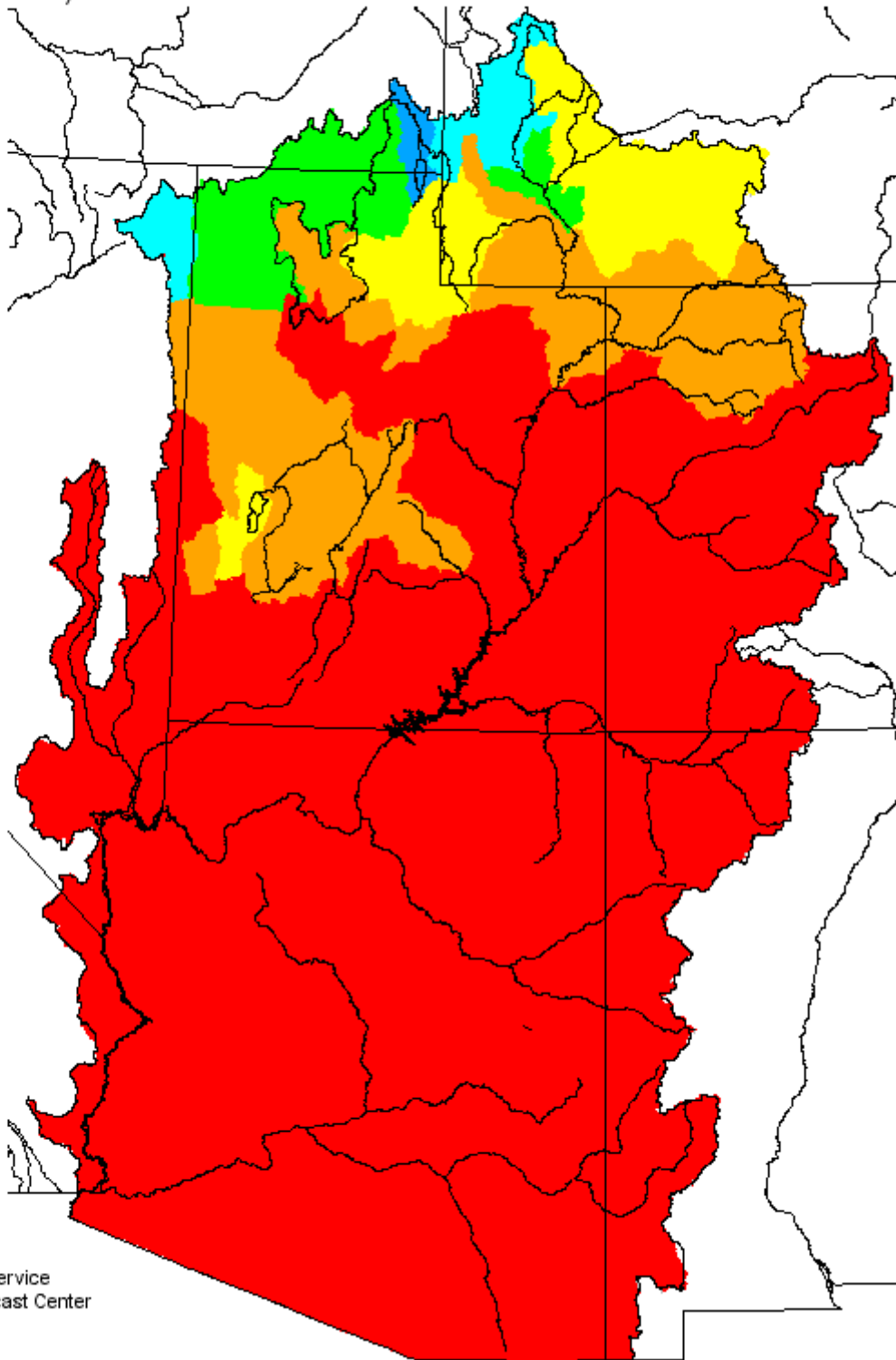
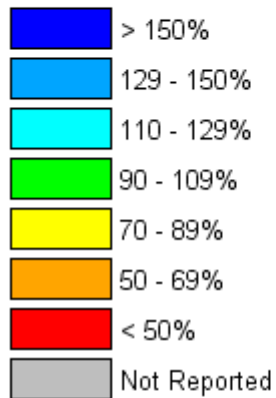
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# Monthly Precipitation for May 2004

(Averaged by Hydrologic Unit)

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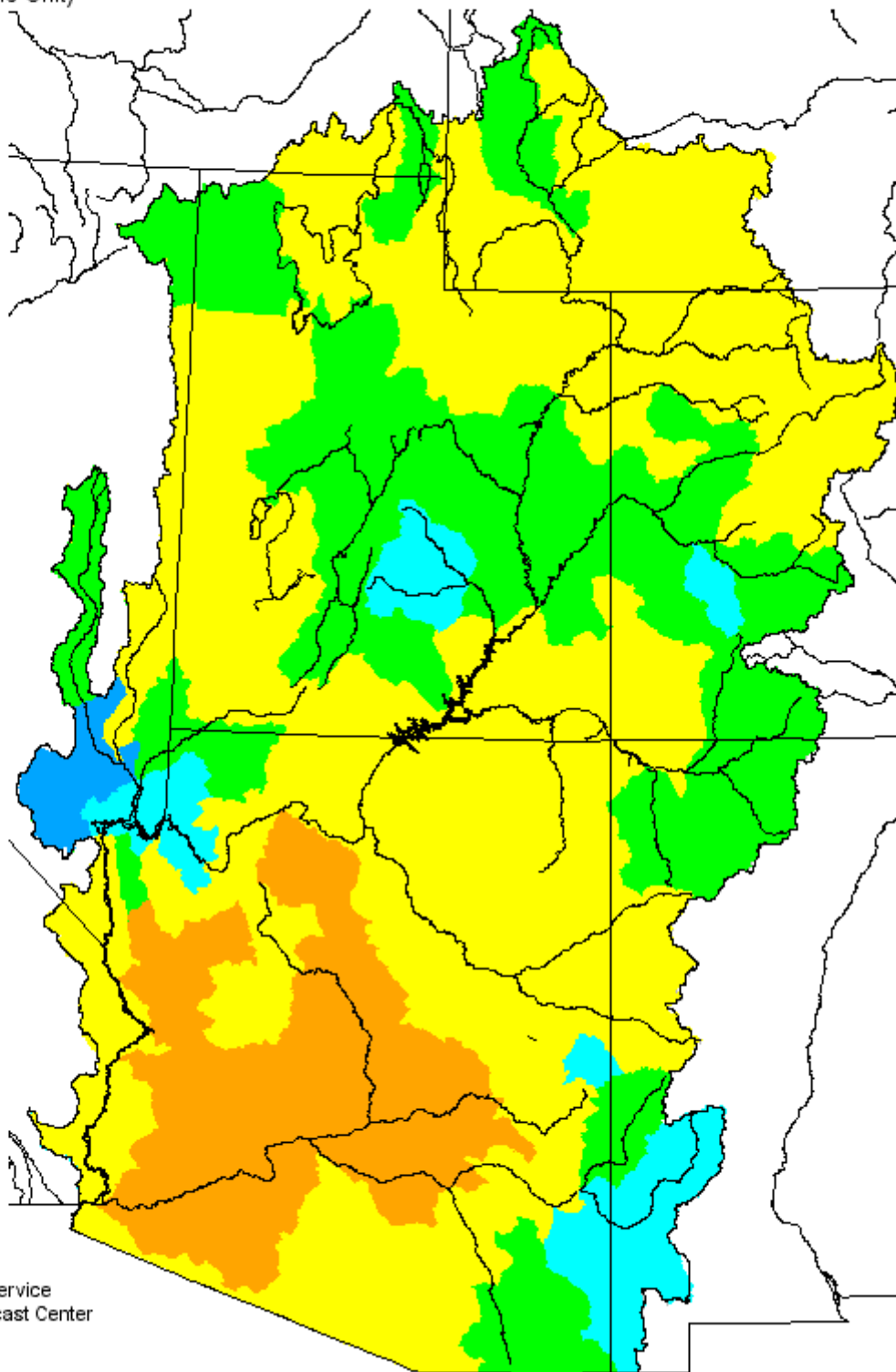
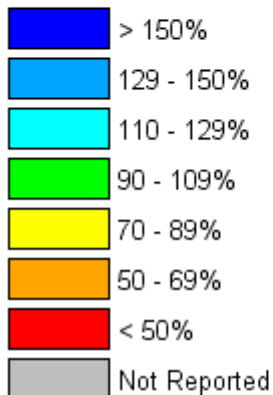
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# Seasonal Precipitation, October 2003 - May 2004

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Water supply forecasts take into consideration present hydrometeorological conditions and use average basin temperatures and precipitation for the forecast period. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty becomes known and monthly forecasts become more accurate.

Volume forecasts represent adjusted flows; that is, observed flows with upstream water use taken into account. Adjusted flows will closely approximate natural or unimpaired flows. However, not all upstream diversions or impoundments are measured or quantifiable. For specific adjustments used with each forecast point, consult the Guide to Water Supply Forecasting.

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### **DEFINITIONS:**

Acre-Foot:

The volume equal to one acre covered one foot deep (43,560 cubic feet).

Average:

The arithmetic mean. The sum of the values divided by the number of values.

Categories:

Much above Average Greater than 130%	Above Average 111-130%	Near Average 90-110%	Below Average 70-89%	Much Below Average- Less than 70%
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Forecast Period:

The period from April 1 through July 31.

Median:

The middle value. One half of the observed values are higher and half of the values are lower than this.

Most Probable Forecast:

Given the current hydrometeorological conditions to date, this is the best estimate of what the runoff volume will be this season.

Reasonable Maximum Forecast:

Given the current hydrometeorological conditions, the seasonal runoff that has a ten percent (10%) chance of being exceeded.

Reasonable Minimum Forecast:

Given the current hydrometeorological conditions, the seasonal runoff that has a ninety percent (90%) chance of being exceeded.

Water Year:

The period from October 1 through September 30.

NOTE: Data used in this report are provisional and are subject to revision.

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