

Montana Water Supply Outlook Report May 1, 2012



Picture: Madison Plateau SNOTEL Site near West Yellowstone

Water Supply Outlook Report and Federal - State - Private Cooperative Snow Surveys

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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the Western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated high in the mountains during winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Predictions are based on careful measurements of snow water equivalent at selected index points. Precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and antecedent streamflow data are combined with snowpack data to prepare runoff forecasts. Streamflow forecasts are coordinated by Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Weather Service hydrologists. This report presents a comprehensive picture of water supply conditions for areas dependent upon surface runoff. It includes selected streamflow forecasts, summarized snowpack and precipitation data, reservoir storage data, and narratives describing current conditions.

Snowpack data are obtained by using a combination of manual and automated SNOTEL measurement methods. Manual readings of snow depth and water equivalent are taken at locations called snow courses on a monthly or semi-monthly schedule during the winter. In addition, snow water equivalent, precipitation and temperature are monitored on a daily basis and transmitted via meteor burst telemetry to central data collection facilities. Both monthly and daily data are used to project snowmelt runoff.

Forecast uncertainty originates from two sources: (1) uncertainty of future hydrologic and climatic conditions, and (2) error in the forecasting procedure. To express the uncertainty in the most probable forecast, four additional forecasts are provided. The actual streamflow can be expected to exceed the most probable forecast 50% of the time. Similarly, the actual streamflow volume can be expected to exceed the 90% forecast volume 90% of the time. The same is true for the 70%, 30%, and 10% forecasts. Generally, the 90% and 70% forecasts reflect drier than normal hydrologic and climatic conditions; the 30% and 10% forecasts reflect wetter than normal conditions. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty will become known and the additional forecasts will move closer to the most probable forecast.

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Basins across the state of Montana saw a great amount of variability weather-wise during the month of April. Snowpack across the state followed average trends during the first half of the month, with most basins reaching maximum snow water equivalent during the first two weeks of April. A major shift in the weather pattern occurred during the latter half of the month, as warm air from the southwest brought record setting temperatures and near average precipitation. Looking across the state the northern basins continue to be at or slightly above average, while the southern basins, feeling the effects of the warm temperatures, saw a decrease in basin snowpack percentages. Most notable is the Lower Yellowstone basin in Wyoming which has seen a substantial decrease in basin snowpack percentages through the whole month of April, after reaching snow water equivalent peak during March, nearly a month early.

Snowpack

Snowpack across the state has transitioned to an isothermal (at or above freezing) spring snowpack that is primed for runoff during the month of May. Some stream gauges across the state have seen above average flows in response to the spring snowmelt during the latter half of the month, but the cooler temperatures and a return to more seasonable weather have temporarily slowed our melt during the end of April. Looking forward to May, the weather will be a major driver in the timing of our spring runoff. With the snowpack already having moved to an isothermal spring snowpack, any future warm weather may have a greater effect on snowmelt rates and streamflow volume and timing.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE	APRIL % CHANGE
COLUMBIA	100	241	-10
KOOTENAI	129	244	+2
FLATHEAD	101	235	-5
UPPER CLARK FORK	80	226	-22
BITTERROOT	84	299	-22
LOWER CLARK FORK	107	253	-5
MISSOURI	73	213	-20
MISSOURI HEADWATERS	70	205	-20
JEFFERSON	64	192	-25
MADISON	78	224	-14
GALLATIN	80	195	-7
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	82	224	-22
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	72	220	-43
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	88	169	-12
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	86	349	-23
MILK (Bearpaw Mtns)	51	208	+26
ST. MARY	120	218	+8
ST. MARY & MILK	119	218	+20
YELLOWSTONE	69	215	-19
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	78	240	-12
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	59	199	-27
STATE-WIDE	86	230	-15

Precipitation

April mountain and valley precipitation across the state was 118 percent of average and 70 percent of last year, while the water year precipitation was 106 percent of average and 85 percent of last year. West of the Continental Divide, April mountain and valley precipitation was 111 percent of average and 58 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 110 percent of average and 86 percent of last year. East of the Divide, April mountain and valley precipitation was 122 percent of average and 79 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 103 percent of average and 85 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	APRIL % OF AVERAGE	WATER YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	111	110
KOOTENAI	129	116
FLATHEAD	120	110
UPPER CLARK FORK	104	105
BITTERROOT	96	107
LOWER CLARK FORK	112	110
MISSOURI	126	106
JEFFERSON	96	97
MADISON	132	106
GALLATIN	140	103
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	117	109
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	144	118
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	89	105
MILK	238	135
ST. MARY	87	115
YELLOWSTONE	95	98
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	115	101
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	81	97
STATEWIDE	118	106

Reservoirs

State-wide reservoir storage was 113 percent of average and 106 percent of last year. Reservoir storage west of the divide was 146 percent of average and 145 percent of last year. East of the Divide, reservoir storage was 104 percent of average and 96 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	146	101
KOOTENAI	156	108
FLATHEAD	141	96
UPPER CLARK FORK	117	114
BITTERROOT	157	94
LOWER CLARK FORK	121	114
MISSOURI	103	108
JEFFERSON	114	98
MADISON	117	100
GALLATIN	111	106
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	102	108
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	120	119
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	112	108
MILK	110	118
ST. MARY	150	119
YELLOWSTONE	108	106
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	108	120
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	108	106
STATEWIDE	113	106

Streamflow

State-wide, streamflows are forecast to be 93 percent of average. West of the divide streamflows are forecast to be 102 percent of average and east of the divide are forecast to be 85 percent of average.

Following are streamflow forecasts for the period May 1 through July 31. THE FIGURES IN THE TABLE BELOW ARE AN AVERAGE OF ALL FORECASTS WITHIN THE PARTICULAR BASIN AT THE 50 PERCENT EXCEEDANCE ONLY. FOR FORECASTS ABOVE AND BELOW THE 50 PERCENT EXCEEDANCE, LOOK TO THE SPECIFIC BASIN REPORTS. The figures below are the combined averages of the individual forecast points within the particular basin. Specific forecast probabilities are available in each individual River Basin Report.

RIVER BASIN	MAY-JULY THIS YEAR % OF AVERAGE	MAY-JULY LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	102	155
KOOTENAI	118	145
FLATHEAD	109	173
UPPER CLARK FORK	87	145
BITTERROOT	95	134
LOWER CLARK FORK	105	153
MISSOURI	87	149
JEFFERSON	55	133
MADISON	88	130
GALLATIN	91	129
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	79	136
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	104	178
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	103	154
MILK	138	192
ST. MARY	113	143
YELLOWSTONE	82	140
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	92	142
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	72	138
STATE-WIDE	93	149

NOTE: The MAY-JULY LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE column above is what was forecast last year at this same time, NOT what actually occurred.

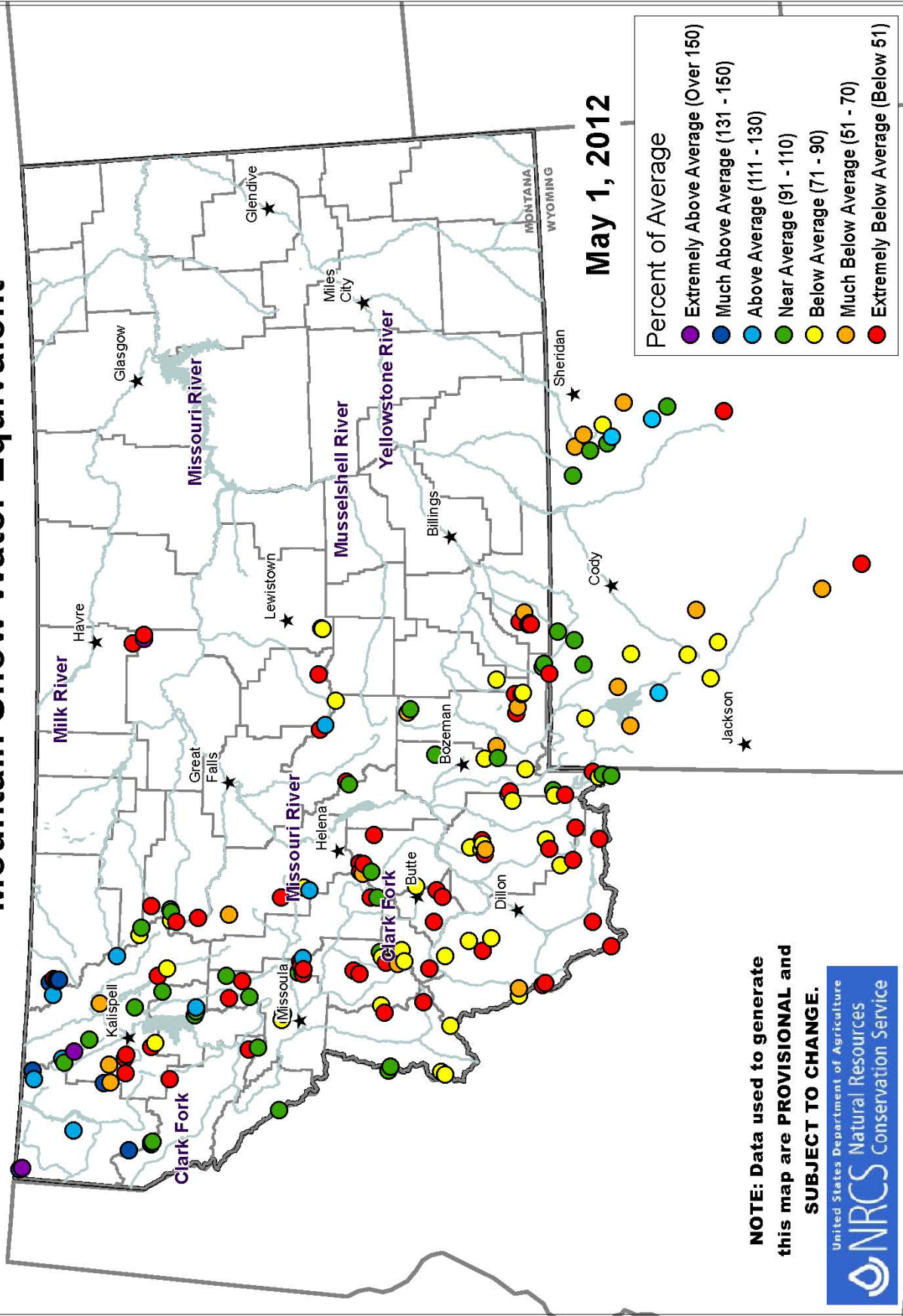
Surface Water Supply Index

The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is a measure of available surface water availability for the spring and summer months. Water users that rely on mountain precipitation can use the index to evaluate seasonal surface water supplies. The SWSI accounts for mountain snowpack, mountain precipitation, streamflow, reservoir storage, and soil moisture.

SWSI RATING	SURFACE WATER CONDITION
+3.0 to +4.0	Extremely Wet
+2.0 to +3.0	Moderately Wet
+1.0 to +2.0	Slightly Wet
-1.0 to +1.0	Near Average
-1.0 to -2.0	Slightly Dry
-2.0 to -3.0	Moderately Dry
-3.0 to -4.0	Extremely Dry

This Year SWSI	Last Year SWSI	Basin
+2.9	+2.3	Tobacco River
+2.6	+3.4	Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam
+3.9	+2.7	Kootenai River below Libby Dam
+2.4	+1.5	Fisher River
+3.4	+1.6	Yaak River
+2.5	+3.3	North Fork Flathead River
+2.2	+3.8	Middle Fork Flathead River
+4.0	+3.9	South Fork Flathead River
+3.4	+3.9	Flathead River at Columbia Falls
+2.5	+3.8	Swan River
+2.7	+3.5	Flathead River at Polson
+2.4	+3.7	Mission Valley
+2.0	+3.8	Little Bitterroot River
+1.0	+1.6	Clark Fork River above Milltown
+1.3	----	Clark Fork above Missoula
+2.3	+2.5	Blackfoot River
+1.9	+2.2	Bitterroot River
+1.5	+2.4	Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River
+2.3	+3.1	Clark Fork River below Flathead River
-0.3	+0.4	Beaverhead River
-0.7	+1.3	Ruby River
-1.0	+1.6	Big Hole River
0.0	+1.8	Boulder River (Jefferson)
+0.4	+1.9	Jefferson River
+0.3	+2.7	Madison River
0.0	+2.2	Gallatin River
+0.2	+1.8	Missouri River above Canyon Ferry
+0.3	+0.3	Missouri River below Canyon Ferry
+2.8	----	Smith River
+1.3	+2.6	Sun River
+1.2	+1.9	Teton River
+1.7	+2.5	Birch/Dupuyer Creeks
-1.2	----	Upper Judith River
+0.7	+2.5	Marias River above Tiber
+2.2	+2.8	Marias River below Tiber
+1.6	+2.9	Musselshell River
+1.5	+0.8	Missouri River above Ft. Peck
+0.3	+3.2	Missouri River below Ft. Peck
+2.6	+3.1	St. Mary River
+2.0	+2.5	Milk River
+0.1	+2.4	Dearborn River near Craig
+0.5	+3.4	Yellowstone River above Livingston
+0.9	+3.0	Shields River
-1.0	+3.4	Boulder River (Yellowstone)
-0.7	+3.1	Stillwater River
-2.3	+1.8	Rock/Red Lodge Creeks
+1.8	+3.3	Clarks Fork River
+0.4	+3.3	Yellowstone River above Bighorn River
-0.9	+3.3	Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake
-0.1	+1.8	Little Bighorn River
-0.2	+3.3	Yellowstone River below Bighorn River
-0.3	+2.6	Tongue River
-0.8	+2.2	Powder River

Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



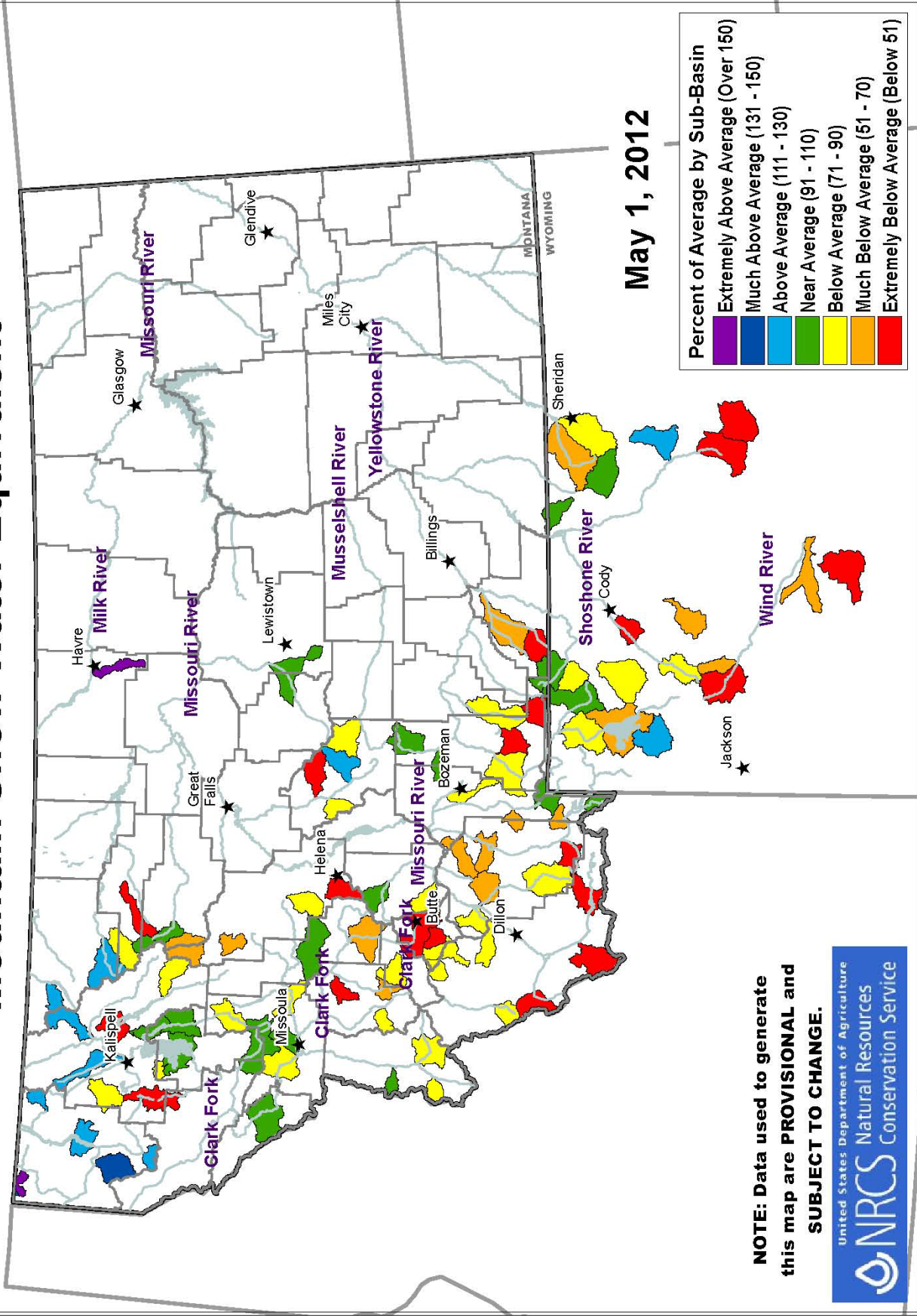
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- Percent of Average
- Extremely Above Average (Over 150)
 - Much Above Average (131 - 150)
 - Above Average (111 - 130)
 - Near Average (91 - 110)
 - Below Average (71 - 90)
 - Much Below Average (51 - 70)
 - Extremely Below Average (Below 51)

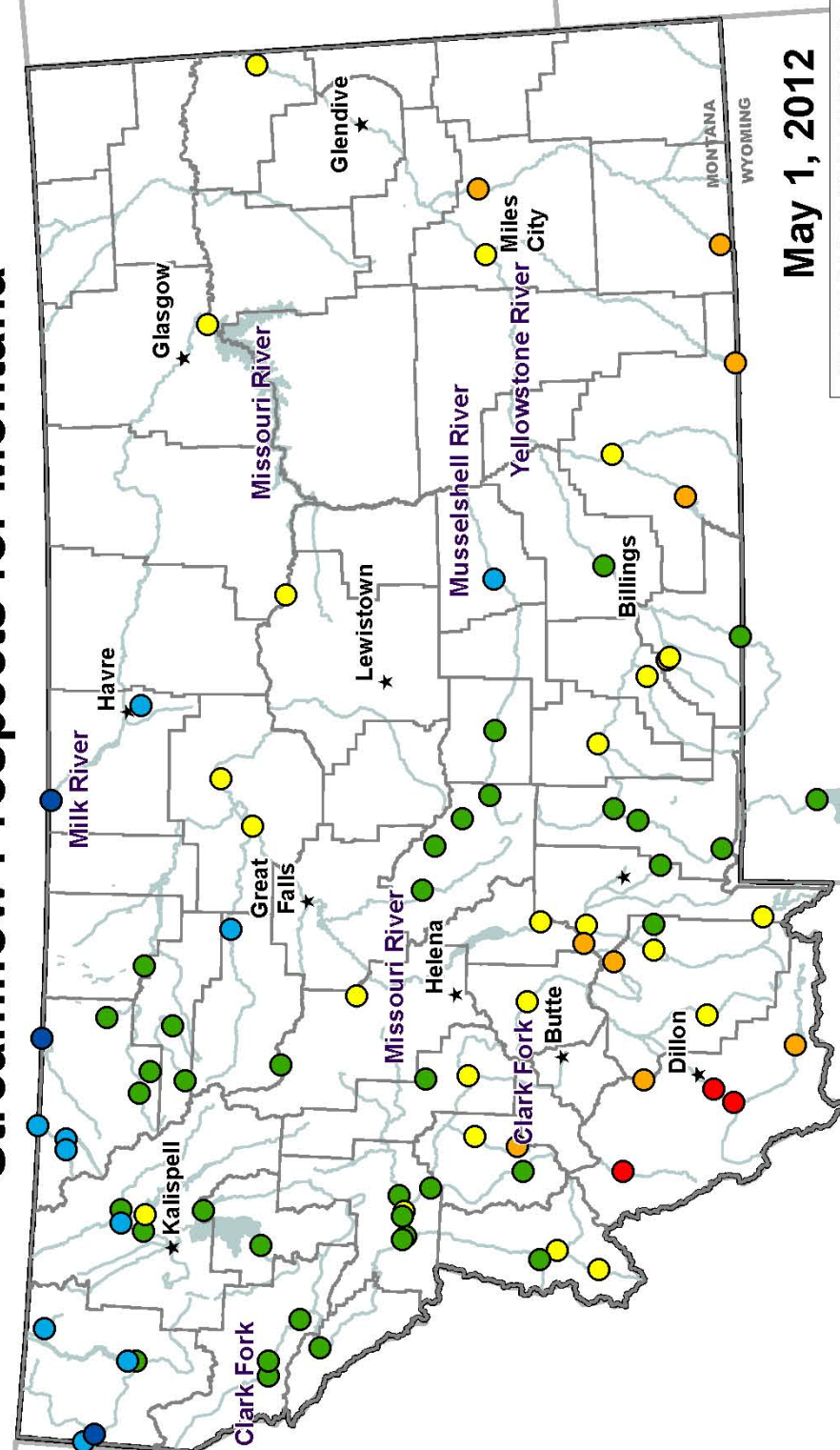
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Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



Streamflow Prospects for Montana



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STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS

- Extremely Above Average (Over 150)
- Much Above Average (131 - 150)
- Above Average (111 - 130)
- Near Average (91 - 110)
- Below Average (71 - 90)
- Much Below Average (51 - 70)
- Extremely Below Average (Below 51)

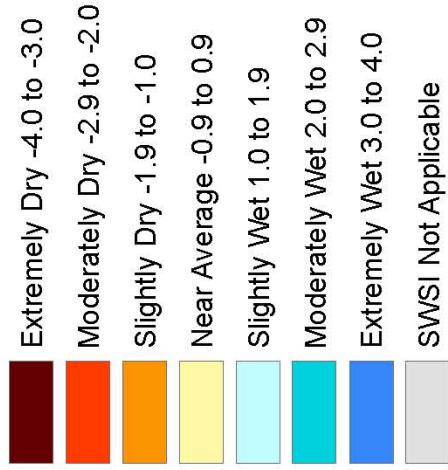
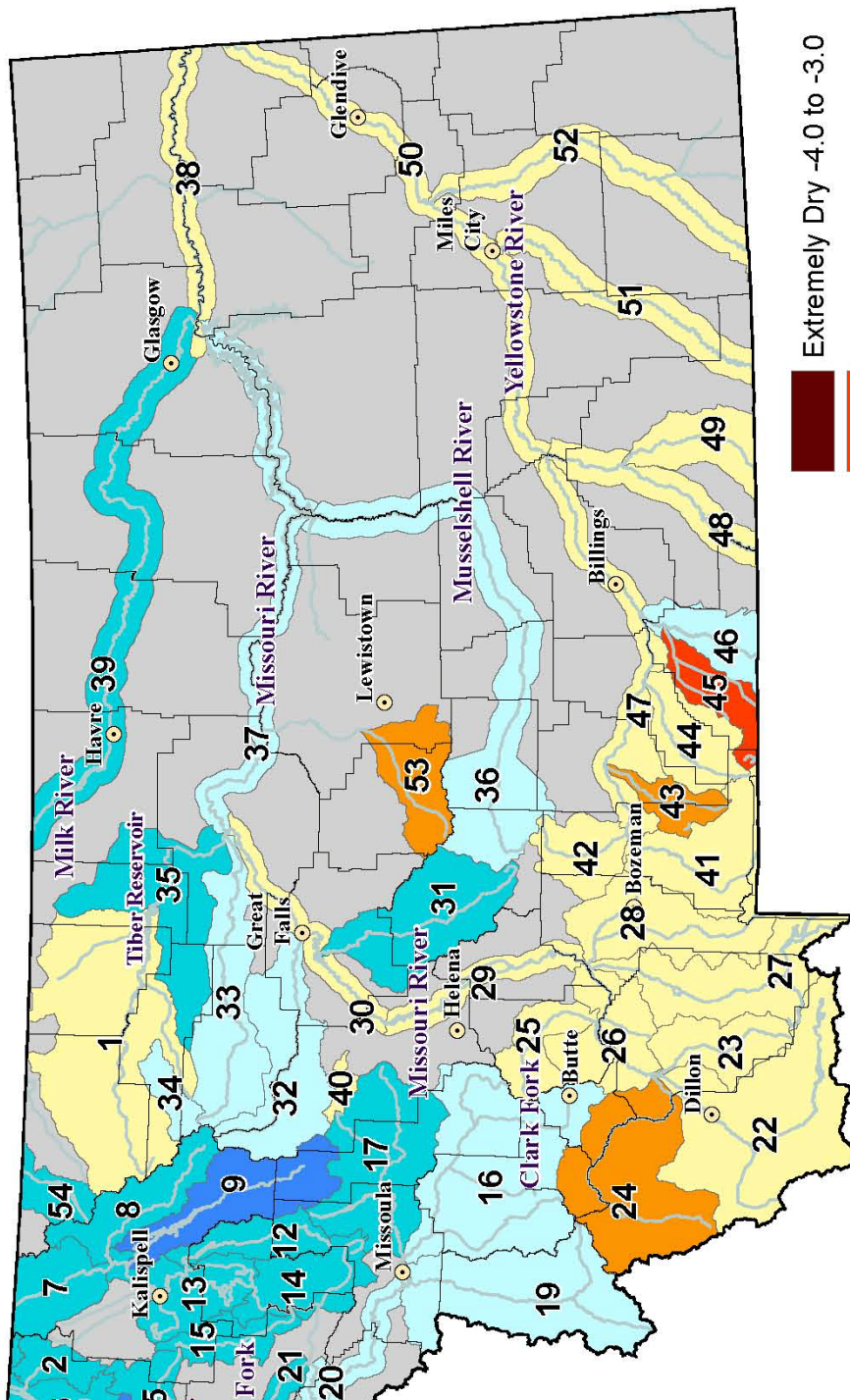
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Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Values

RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

- 1 Marias above Tiber Reservoir 0.7
- 2 Tobacco 2.9
- 3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam 2.6
- 4 Kootenai below Libby Dam 3.9
- 5 Fisher 2.4
- 6 Yaak 3.4
- 7 North FK. Flathead 2.5
- 8 Middle FK. Flathead 2.2
- 9 South FK. Flathead 4.0
- 10 Flathead at Columbia Falls 3.4
- 11 Stillwater/Whitefish Rivers
- 12 Swan 2.5
- 13 Flathead at Polson 2.7
- 14 Mission Valley 2.4
- 15 Little Bitterroot 2
- 16 Clark Fork above Milltown 1.0
- 17 Blackfoot 2.3
- 18 Clark Fork above Missoula 1.3
- 19 Bitterroot 1.9
- 20 Clark Fork River below Bitterroot 1.5
- 21 Clark Fork River below Flathead 2.3
- 22 Beaverhead -0.3
- 23 Ruby -0.7
- 24 Big Hole -1
- 25 Boulder (Jefferson) 0.4
- 26 Jefferson 0.4
- 27 Madison 0.3
- 28 Gallatin 0
- 29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry 0.2
- 30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry 0.3
- 31 Smith 2.8
- 32 Sun 1.3
- 33 Teton 1.2
- 34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks 1.7
- 35 Marias 2.2
- 36 Musselshell 1.6
- 37 Missouri above Fort Peck 1.5
- 38 Missouri below Fort Peck 0.3
- 39 Milk 2
- 40 Dearborn near Craig 0.1
- 41 Yellowstone above Livingston 0.5
- 42 Shields 0.9
- 43 Boulder (Yellowstone) -1
- 44 Stillwater -0.7
- 45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks -2.3
- 46 Clarks Fork Yellowstone 1.8
- 47 Yellowstone above Bighorn River 0.4
- 48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake -0.9
- 49 Little Bighorn -0.1
- 50 Yellowstone below Bighorn -0.2
- 51 Tongue -0.3
- 52 Powder -0.8
- 53 Upper Judith -1.2
- 54 Saint Mary 2.6



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BASIN SUMMARY OF
SNOW COURSE DATA

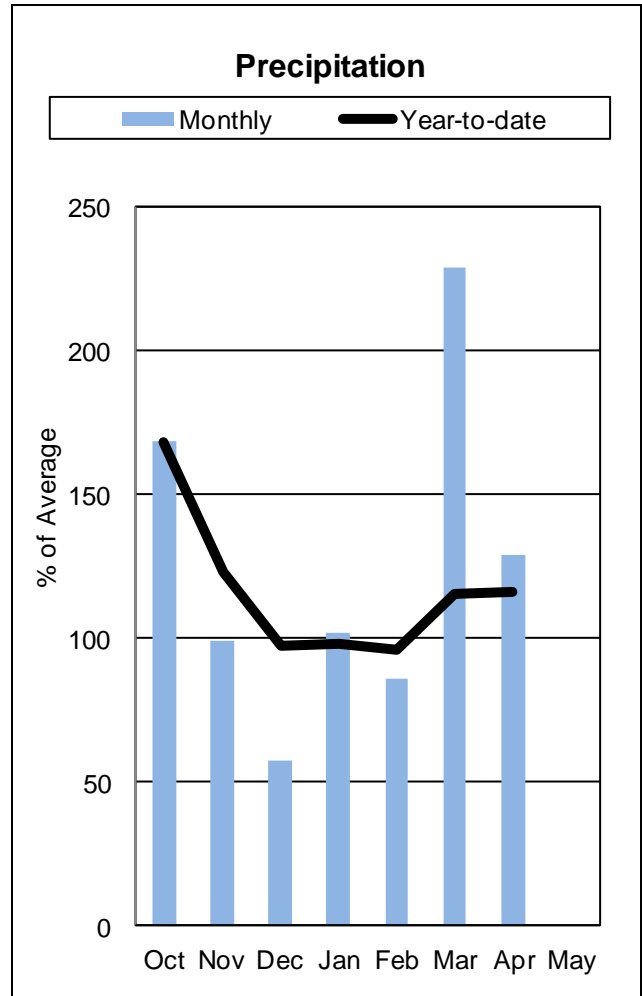
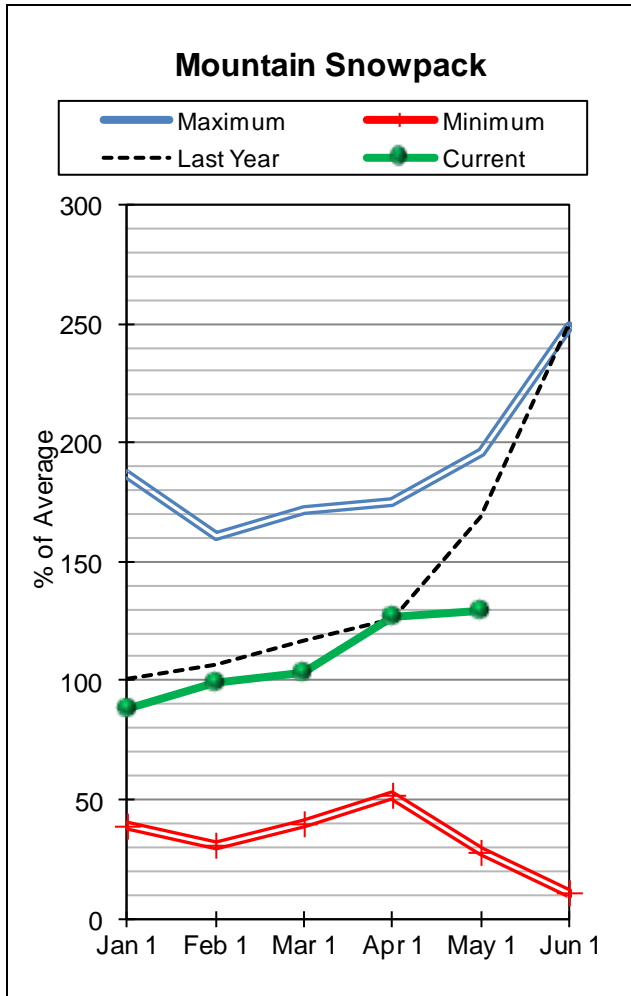
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SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
ABUNDANCE LAKE	8800	5/03/12	54	20.4	28.3	22.9
ALBRO LAKE SNOTEL	8300	5/01/12	40	16.4	22.6	23.3
ARCH FALLS	7350	5/03/12	24	9.1	15.7	13.1
ASHLEY DIVIDE	4820	4/26/12	0	.0	7.6	1.1
ASHLEY LAKE	4000	4/26/12	0	.0	1.8	1.2
BADGER PASS SNOTEL	6900	5/01/12	78	38.9	52.5	36.2
BANFIELD MTN SNOTEL	5600	5/01/12	54	20.0	26.0	17.1
BAREE CREEK	5500	4/25/12	93	44.8	57.4	40.3
BAREE MIDWAY	4600	4/25/12	74	33.6	40.9	27.4
BAREE TRAIL	3800	4/25/12	3	1.2	10.8	1.3
BARKER LAKES SNOTEL	8250	5/01/12	38	12.6	21.1	16.2
BASIN CREEK SNOTEL	7180	5/01/12	13	4.3	12.3	10.0
BASSOO PEAK	5150	4/26/12	4	1.4	13.0	3.2
BEAGLE SPGS SNOTEL	8850	5/01/12	10	2.9	14.8	9.3
BEAR BASIN	8150	5/01/12	---	15.7	30.7	21.2
BEAVER CREEK SNOTEL	7850	5/01/12	42	16.1	27.7	18.8
BIG SNOWY	7150	4/24/12	50	20.0	35.0	22.5
BISSON CREEK SNOTEL	4920	5/01/12	9	3.4	21.0	3.6
BLACK BEAR SNOTEL	7950	5/01/12	100	42.1	57.9	39.9
BLACK MOUNTAIN	7750	4/27/12	43	15.3	22.3	16.9
BLACK PINE SNOTEL	7100	5/01/12	8	3.0	18.0	11.0
BLACKTAIL	5650	4/26/12	18	7.4	23.6	9.7
BLACKTAIL MTN SNOTEL	5650	5/01/12	17	7.0	25.0	--
BLOODY DICK SNOTEL	7550	5/01/12	13	5.6	16.3	10.9
BLUE LAKE	5900	5/02/12	47	19.0	32.6	22.4
BOTS SOTS	7750	4/27/12	0	.0	10.0	7.4
BOULDER MTN SNOTEL	7950	5/01/12	63	21.9	29.0	21.6
BOX CANYON SNOTEL	6700	5/01/12	0	.0	15.9	6.0
BOXELDER CREEK	5100	4/25/12	0	.0	8.2	2.6
BRACKETT CR SNOTEL	7320	5/01/12	53	21.6	35.8	21.5
BRANHAM LAKES	8850	4/27/12	74	26.6	37.6	32.2
BRUSH CREEK TIMBER	5000	4/25/12	9	5.4	18.6	3.6
BURNT MTN SNOTEL	5880	5/01/12	0	.0	3.9	1.0
CABIN CREEK	5200	4/25/12	0	.0	6.2	1.4
CALVERT CR SNOTEL	6430	5/01/12	0	.0	8.8	2.4
CAMP SENIA	7890	4/27/12	20	5.0	9.8	7.6
CARROT BASIN SNOTEL	9000	5/01/12	74	28.2	36.5	31.0
CHESSMAN RESERVOIR	6200	4/26/12	0	.0	7.6	1.7
CHICKEN CREEK	4060	4/26/12	24	10.1	20.9	5.4
CLOVER MDW SNOTEL	8800	5/01/12	46	15.5	23.1	19.4
COLE CREEK SNOTEL	7850	5/01/12	34	12.8	17.0	19.7
COLLEY CREEK	6300	4/24/12	0	.0	9.6	4.3
COMBINATION SNOTEL	5600	5/01/12	0	.0	4.5	1.2
COPPER BOTTOM SNOTEL	5200	5/01/12	0	.0	4.8	4.5
COPPER CAMP SNOTEL	6950	5/01/12	91	48.4	62.5	--
COPPER MOUNTAIN	7700	4/25/12	21	7.6	15.5	10.0
COTTONWOOD CREEK	6400	4/27/12	2	.5	9.8	7.3
COYOTE HILL	4200	4/27/12	0	.0	8.2	2.6
CRYSTAL LAKE SNOTEL	6050	5/01/12	40	11.1	27.7	9.4
DAISY PEAK SNOTEL	7600	5/01/12	28	9.2	17.4	11.0
DALY CREEK SNOTEL	5780	5/01/12	0	.0	12.7	5.3
DARKHORSE LK. SNOTEL	8700	5/01/12	74	29.7	42.9	35.4
DAVIS CREEK	5400	4/24/12	79	36.8	35.7	20.2
DEADMAN CR SNOTEL	6450	5/01/12	6	1.9	17.4	5.9
DISCOVERY BASIN	7050	4/28/12	22	7.8	16.6	9.4
DIVIDE SNOTEL	7800	5/01/12	14	4.4	15.8	12.0
DUPUYER CREEK SNOTEL	5750	5/01/12	2	.4	15.9	7.9

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EAST FORK R.S.	5400	4/25/12	0	.0	.3	.7
ELK HORN SPRINGS	7800	5/03/12	0	.0	13.4	7.5
EMERY CREEK SNOTEL	4350	5/01/12	8	3.8	22.2	7.4
FATTY CREEK	5500	5/02/12	61	25.9	43.4	23.4
FISHER CREEK SNOTEL	9100	5/01/12	108	39.7	51.4	37.8
FLATTOP MTN SNOTEL	6300	5/01/12	129	53.1	64.7	46.7
FLEECER RIDGE	7500	4/27/12	10	2.4	13.6	8.7
FOOLHEN	8280	5/03/12	40	14.8	22.0	17.7
FOUR MILE	6900	4/26/12	0	.0	9.3	6.2
FROHNER MDWS SNOTEL	6480	5/01/12	0	.0	11.3	6.5
GARVER CREEK SNOTEL	4250	5/01/12	28	10.2	14.4	3.2
GRAVE CRK SNOTEL	4300	5/01/12	24	10.4	25.2	7.0
GRIFFIN CR DIVIDE	5150	4/26/12	0	.0	14.1	4.9
GUNSIGHT LAKE	6300	5/02/12	93	38.6	57.6	--
HAND CREEK SNOTEL	5030	5/01/12	12	3.8	16.4	6.8
HAWKINS LAKE SNOTEL	6450	5/01/12	94	41.2	43.5	28.9
HEBGEN DAM	6550	5/01/12	0	.0	14.0	6.6
HELL ROARING DIVIDE	5770	4/26/12	68	30.1	48.3	29.0
HERRIG JUNCTION	4850	4/28/12	56	25.6	35.8	22.9
HOODOO BASIN SNOTEL	6050	5/01/12	110	46.2	59.2	45.7
ICEBERG LAKE NO 3	5600	4/26/12	76	36.3	44.6	27.7
INDEPENDENCE	7850	4/23/12	38	15.5	25.8	16.1
INTERGAARD	6450	4/29/12	0	.0	7.4	6.1
JOSEPHINE LOWER NO 9	4900	4/26/12	35	16.0	26.2	13.0
KRAFT CREEK SNOTEL	4750	5/01/12	0	.0	14.8	5.2
LAKEVIEW RDG. SNOTEL	7400	5/01/12	0	.0	15.6	8.7
LEMHI RIDGE SNOTEL	8100	5/01/12	2	.6	17.1	10.9
LICK CREEK SNOTEL	6860	5/01/12	22	7.1	18.8	10.1
LITTLE PARK	7400	4/27/12	22	6.8	22.4	15.9
LOGAN CREEK	4300	4/25/12	2	.9	10.4	1.7
LONE MOUNTAIN SNOTEL	8880	5/01/12	45	16.0	32.3	20.8
LOWER TWIN SNOTEL	7900	5/01/12	48	18.0	21.8	21.3
LUBRECHT SNOTEL	4680	5/01/12	0	.0	.0	.5
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 3	5450	4/30/12	0	.0	3.8	1.7
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 4	4650	4/30/12	0	.0	.0	.1
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 6	4040	4/30/12	0	.0	.0	.0
LUBRECHT HYDROPLOT	4200	4/30/12	0	.0	.0	.1
MADISON PLT SNOTEL	7750	5/01/12	59	25.0	38.0	24.2
MANY GLACIER SNOTEL	4900	5/01/12	11	1.3	21.0	5.7
MARIAS PASS	5250	4/25/12	32	14.1	26.9	12.5
MIDDLE MILL CREEK	7850	4/27/12	32	9.7	19.9	15.1
MILL CREEK	7500	4/24/12	16	5.8	18.9	10.3
MONUMENT PK SNOTEL	8850	5/01/12	52	20.7	32.6	23.2
MOSS PEAK SNOTEL	6780	5/01/12	110	45.7	70.7	41.8
MOUNT ALLEN NO 7	5700	4/26/12	119	55.9	44.3	41.7
MT LOCKHART SNOTEL	6400	5/01/12	45	20.9	34.9	21.2
MULE CREEK SNOTEL	8300	5/01/12	37	12.8	23.3	17.0
N.E. ENTRANCE SNOTEL	7350	5/01/12	4	.5	17.2	7.1
NEVADA RIDGE SNOTEL	7020	5/01/12	34	15.9	25.0	14.4
NEW WORLD	6900	4/29/12	24	8.7	24.3	--
NEZ PERCE CMP SNOTEL	5650	5/01/12	19	8.5	16.8	10.8
NEZ PERCE PASS	6570	4/25/12	22	10.6	23.4	14.2
N.F. ELK CR SNOTEL	6250	5/01/12	25	9.2	18.6	8.0
NF JOCKO SNOTEL	6330	5/01/12	83	45.2	67.0	44.4
NOISY BASIN SNOTEL	6040	5/01/12	96	39.9	76.6	43.8
NOTCH	8500	5/03/12	41	15.6	26.4	19.4
PETERSON MDW SNOTEL	7200	5/01/12	21	6.7	15.3	11.0
PICKET PIN LOWER	6200	4/25/12	0	.0	3.4	--
PICKET PIN MIDDLE	7250	4/25/12	0	.0	13.9	--
PICKET PIN UPPER	8100	4/25/12	42	15.2	26.4	--
PICKFOOT CRK SNOTEL	6650	5/01/12	0	.0	18.1	6.4
PIEGAN PASS NO 6	5500	4/26/12	101	47.0	38.3	35.5
PIKE CREEK SNOTEL	5930	5/01/12	14	6.9	27.7	--

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
PIPESTONE PASS	7200	4/25/12	0	.0	9.2	4.8
PLACER BASIN SNOTEL	8830	5/01/12	49	17.0	26.6	19.8
POORMAN CR SNOTEL	5100	5/01/12	85	41.0	60.0	30.0
PORCUPINE SNOTEL	6500	5/01/12	13	2.4	10.6	3.6
PTARMIGAN	5800	4/26/12	79	35.1	45.4	33.5
REVAIS CREEK	4800	4/25/12	0	.0	.0	.5
ROCK CREEK	5600	4/24/12	0	.0	18.1	4.4
ROCK CREEK MEADOW	8160	4/26/12	47	17.6	29.2	22.7
ROCKER PEAK SNOTEL	8000	5/01/12	44	15.5	23.0	16.6
ROCKY BOY SNOTEL	4700	5/01/12	6	2.1	5.5	1.2
SACAJAWEA SNOTEL	6550	5/01/12	30	9.1	24.4	12.8
SADDLE MTN SNOTEL	7900	5/01/12	54	21.7	35.5	26.5
S.F. SHIELDS SNOTEL	8100	5/01/12	67	19.0	24.8	19.6
SHORT CREEK SNOTEL	7000	5/01/12	0	.0	9.2	4.7
SHOWER FALLS SNOTEL	8100	5/01/12	70	25.2	33.2	26.9
SKALKAHO SNOTEL	7260	5/01/12	50	20.5	32.6	25.4
SLEEPING WOMAN SNTL	6150	5/01/12	33	13.3	27.5	13.4
SMUGGLER MINE	6960	4/27/12	10	2.2	13.9	7.6
SPOTTED BEAR MTN.	7000	5/02/12	16	5.9	22.1	7.6
SPUR PARK SNOTEL	8100	5/01/12	77	26.6	34.6	23.2
STAHL PEAK SNOTEL	6030	5/01/12	102	41.9	59.3	37.1
STEMPLE PASS	6600	4/26/12	21	7.9	14.5	9.3
STORM LAKE	7780	4/28/12	30	10.6	20.4	14.3
STRYKER BASIN	6180	4/28/12	83	35.7	47.7	32.6
STUART MOUNTAIN SNTL	7400	5/01/12	80	34.7	52.4	32.3
TAYLOR ROAD	4080	4/25/12	0	.0	.0	.3
TEN MILE LOWER	6600	4/26/12	0	.0	10.9	4.5
TEN MILE MIDDLE	6800	4/26/12	24	7.8	14.1	11.2
TEPEE CREEK SNOTEL	8000	5/01/12	18	6.8	17.8	13.6
TIMBERLINE CREEK	8850	4/27/12	21	6.9	17.2	17.3
TIZER BASIN SNOTEL	6840	5/01/12	0	.0	14.5	9.5
TRAIL CREEK	7090	5/03/12	0	.0	12.2	6.1
TRINKUS LAKE	6100	5/02/12	100	44.7	58.6	40.8
TRUMAN CREEK	4060	4/26/12	0	.0	1.8	.1
TV MOUNTAIN	6800	5/02/12	37	14.8	29.5	17.1
TWELVEMILE SNOTEL	5600	5/01/12	18	8.0	18.6	8.8
TWIN CREEKS	3580	5/02/12	0	.0	9.1	1.7
TWIN LAKES SNOTEL	6400	5/01/12	80	39.2	52.6	38.5
UPPER HOLLAND LAKE	6200	5/02/12	71	30.7	53.3	33.5
WALDRON SNOTEL	5600	5/01/12	15	7.0	17.5	6.4
WARM SPRINGS SNOTEL	7800	5/01/12	66	25.5	33.3	23.7
WEST YELL'ST SNOTEL	6700	5/01/12	0	.0	13.2	6.1
WHISKEY CREEK SNOTEL	6800	5/01/12	31	12.9	24.7	15.2
WHITE MILL SNOTEL	8700	5/01/12	72	26.2	36.1	26.4
WHITE PINE RIDGE	8850	5/03/12	0	.0	8.0	5.6
WOOD CREEK SNOTEL	5960	5/01/12	14	4.7	16.2	8.5
WRONG CREEK	5700	4/27/12	9	3.8	15.5	7.7
WRONG RIDGE	6800	5/01/12	---	12.7E	25.6	17.0

Kootenai River Basin in Montana



Snowpack conditions in the Kootenai River Basin as of May 1 were well above average. Snow water content was 129 percent of average and 75 percent of last year. Snowpack in the Kootenai in Canada was well above average. Snow water content was 130 percent of average and 95 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 131 percent of average and 58 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 89 percent of average and 73 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 116 percent of average and 88 percent of last year.

Lake Koocanusa storage at the end of April was 156 percent of average and 145 percent of average.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 118 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.9 in the Tobacco River; +2.6 in the Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam; +3.9 in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam; +2.4 in the Fisher River; and +3.4 in the Yaak River.

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		30%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Tobacco R nr Eureka	MAY-JUL	110	126	137	125	148	164	110
	MAY-SEP	123	141	154	124	167	185	124
Libby Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	MAY-JUL	5020	5620	5890	115	6160	6750	5120
	MAY-SEP	6150	6790	7070	116	7360	7990	6120
Fisher River nr Libby	MAY-JUL	121	144	160	103	176	199	155
	MAY-SEP	132	157	174	102	191	215	170
Yaak River nr Troy	MAY-JUL	380	430	465	133	500	550	350
	MAY-SEP	400	455	490	132	525	580	370
Kootenai R at Leonia (1,2)	MAY-JUL	5750	6670	7090	115	7510	8430	6170
	MAY-SEP	7130	7990	8390	116	8780	9640	7250

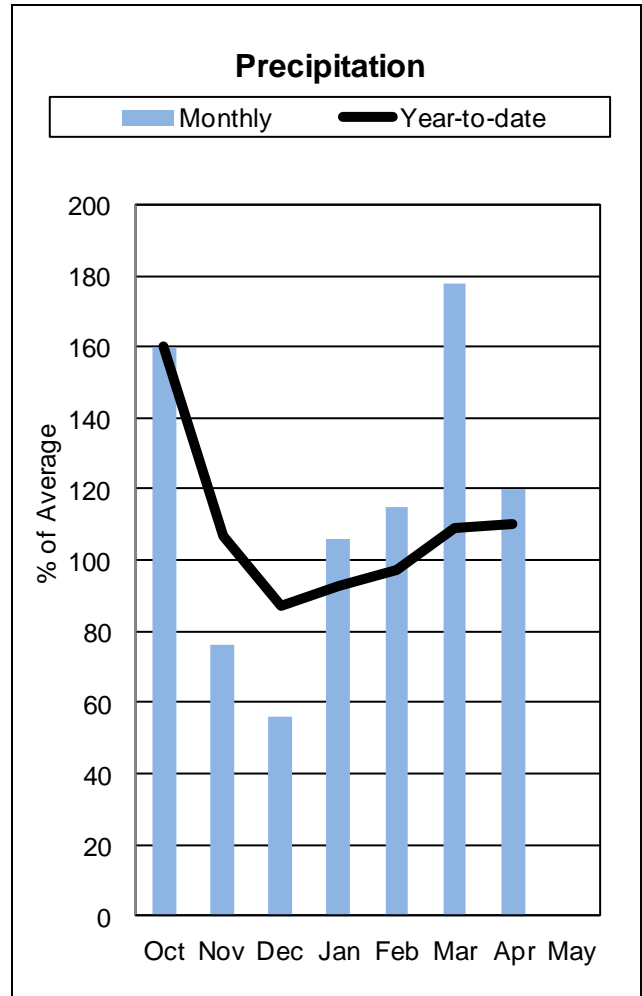
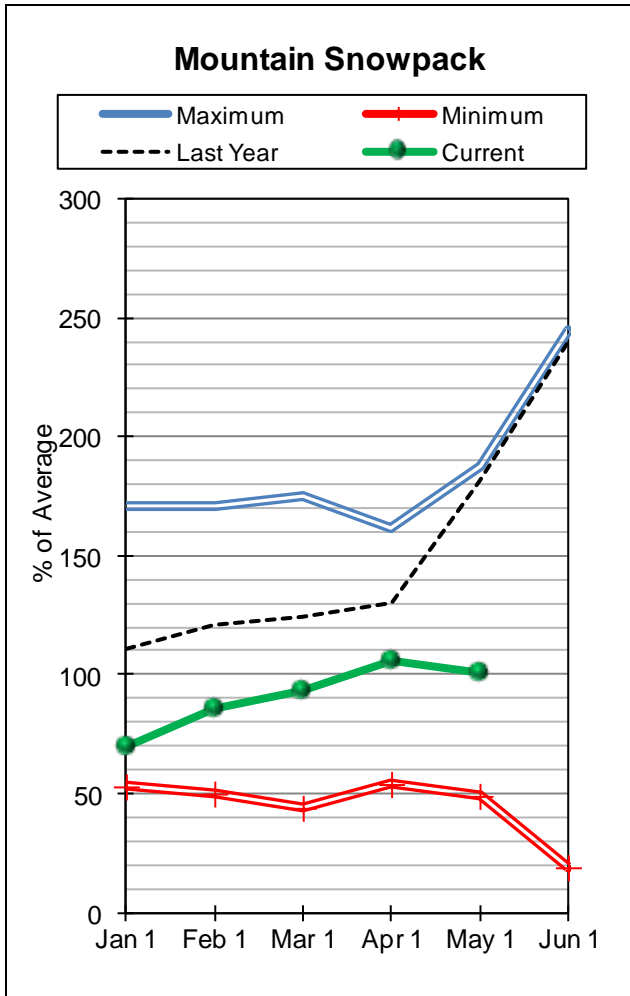
KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April					KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
LAKE KOOCANUSA	5748.0	3047.0	2108.0	1948.9	KOOTENAY in CANADA	17	95	130
					KOOTENAI MAINTSTEM	4	81	125
					TOBACCO	3	67	117
					FISHER	5	62	112
					YAAK	4	91	159
					KOOTENAI in MONTANA	15	75	127
					KOOTENAI ab BONNERS FERRY	32	82	129

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Flathead River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Flathead River Basin were near average on May 1. Snow water content was 101 percent of average and 54 percent of last year. Snowpack in the Flathead of Canada was well above average. Snow water content was 120 percent of average and 63 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 119 percent of average and 58 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 133 percent of average and 85 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 110 percent of average and 82 percent of last year.

Hungry Horse Reservoir storage at the end of April was 143 percent of average and 157 percent of last year. Flathead Lake storage at the end of April was 140 percent of average and 132 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 109 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.5 in the North Fork Flathead River; +2.2 in the Middle Fork Flathead River; +4.0 in the South Fork Flathead River; +3.4 in the Flathead River at Columbia Falls; +2.5 in the Swan River; +3.4 in the Flathead River at Polson; +2.4 in the Mission Valley; +2.0 in the Little Bitterroot River.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>					30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)	
		90%		50%		10%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)		(1000AF)
NF Flathead R nr Columbia Falls	MAY-JUL	1450	1570	1650	116	1720	1840	1420
	MAY-SEP	1640	1760	1850	116	1940	2070	1600
MF Flathead R nr West Glacier	MAY-JUL	1240	1380	1460	105	1550	1690	1390
	MAY-SEP	1390	1530	1630	106	1730	1870	1540
SF Flathead R nr Hungry Horse	MAY-JUL	950	1040	1100	100	1160	1250	1100
	MAY-SEP	1040	1140	1200	100	1260	1360	1200
Hungry Horse Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	MAY-JUL	1230	1430	1530	90	1620	1830	1710
	MAY-SEP	1320	1550	1650	90	1760	1980	1840
Flathead R at Columbia Falls (2)	MAY-JUL	4190	4540	4780	103	5010	5360	4630
	MAY-SEP	4690	5080	5340	105	5600	5990	5110
Ashley Ck nr Marion (2)	MAY	2.0	2.7	3.1	111	3.5	4.2	2.8
Swan R nr Bigfork	MAY-JUL	430	470	500	106	530	570	470
	MAY-SEP	505	555	585	106	615	665	550
Flathead Lake Inflow (1,2)	MAY-JUL	4620	5250	5530	104	5810	6440	5320
	MAY-SEP	5090	5810	6130	105	6460	7170	5840
Mill Ck ab Bassoo Ck nr Niarada	MAY-JUL	2.0	2.8	3.3	118	3.8	4.6	2.8
	MAY-SEP	2.3	3.1	3.6	116	4.1	4.9	3.1
South Crow Ck nr Ronan	MAY-JUL	7.9	9.1	9.9	108	10.7	11.9	9.2
	MAY-SEP	9.2	10.5	11.4	108	12.3	13.6	10.6
Mission Ck nr St. Ignatius	MAY-JUL	22	24	25	104	26	28	24
	MAY-SEP	25	27	29	104	31	33	28
Sf Jocko R nr Arlee	MAY-JUL	31	34	36	124	38	41	29
	MAY-SEP	35	39	41	124	43	47	33
NF Jocko R bl Tabor Feeder Canal	MAY-JUL	30	32	33	122	34	36	27
	MAY-SEP	31	34	35	121	36	39	29

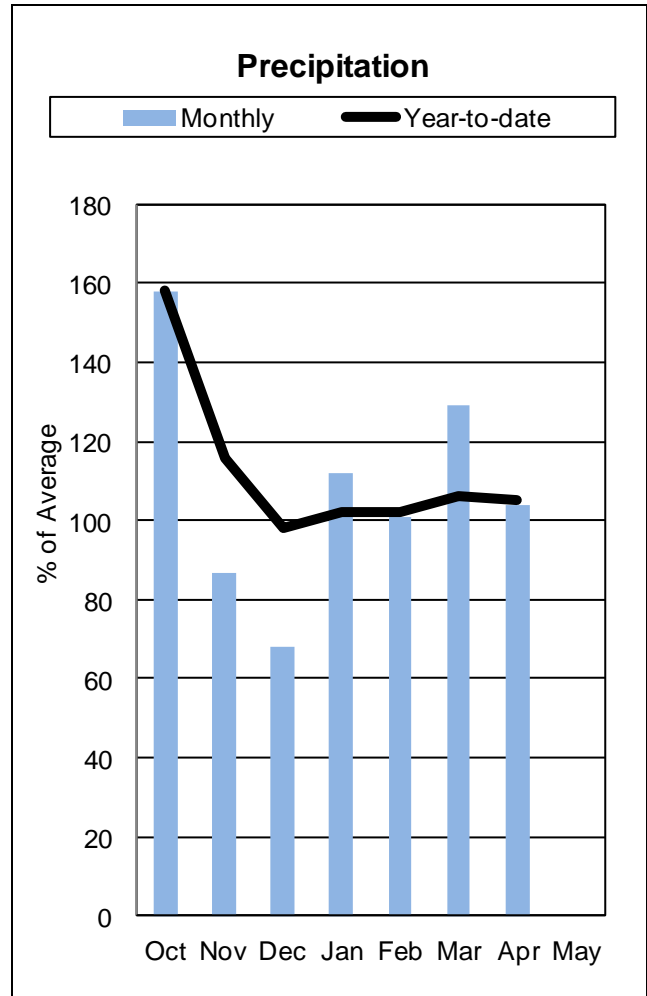
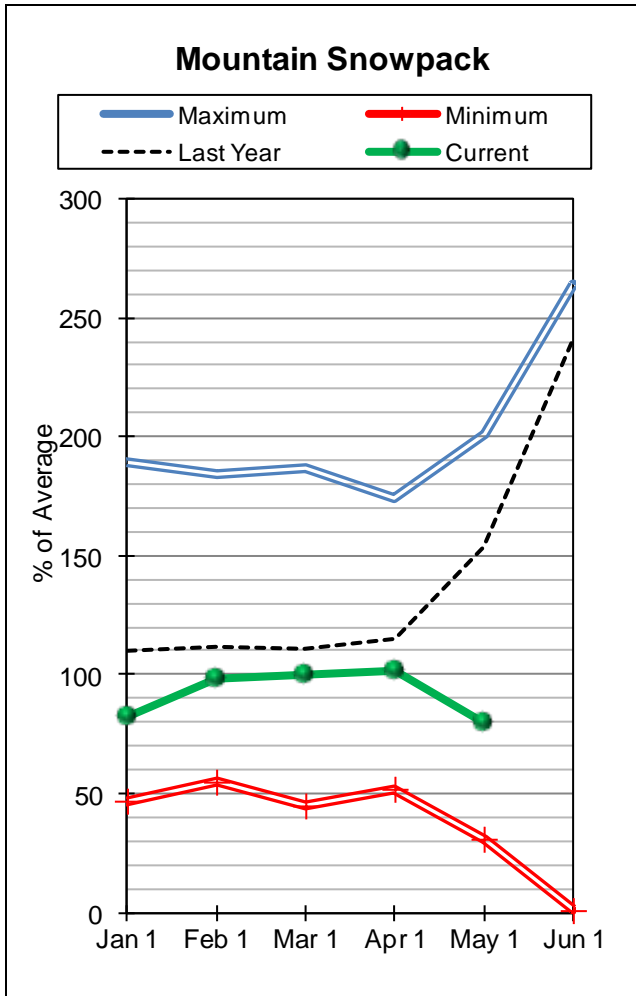
FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April					FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
CAMAS (4)	45.2	39.0	26.0	29.9	NF FLATHEAD in CANADA	4	63	120
LOWER JOCKO LAKE	6.4	2.4	0.0	0.7	NF FLATHEAD in MONTANA	7	66	110
MISSION VALLEY (8)	100.0	44.9	28.9	47.1	MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD	4	62	107
HUNGRY HORSE	3451.0	2805.0	1786.0	1954.8	SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD	6	55	93
FLATHEAD LAKE	1791.0	1303.0	988.2	931.9	STILLWATER-WHITEFISH	10	50	102
					SWAN	7	60	100
					MISSION VALLEY	4	49	105
					LITTLE BITTERROOT-ASHLEY	6	18	44
					JOCKO	5	61	100
					FLATHEAD in MONTANA	35	55	101
FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN	39	56	103					

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Upper Clark Fork River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin were below average on May 1. Snow water content was 80 percent of average and 56 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 101 percent of average and 56 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 136 percent of average and 118 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 105 percent of average and 85 percent of last year.

East Fork Rock Creek storage was 136 percent of average and 105 percent of last year; and Nevada Creek storage was 115 percent of average and 117 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 87 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.0 in the Clark Fork River above Milltown; and +2.3 in the Blackfoot River.

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		30%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Little Blackfoot R nr Garrison	MAY-JUL	26	41	51	81	61	76	63
	MAY-SEP	29	46	57	81	68	85	70
Flint Ck nr Southern Cross	MAY-JUL	2.8	6.0	8.2	70	10.4	13.6	11.7
	MAY-SEP	3.1	7.1	9.8	69	12.5	16.5	14.2
Flint Ck bl Boulder Ck	MAY-JUL	16.7	29	37	77	45	57	48
	MAY-SEP	24	38	48	76	58	72	63
Lower Willow Ck Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY	1.3	3.0	4.2	71	5.4	7.1	5.9
	MAY-JUL	2.6	5.2	6.9	68	8.6	11.2	10.2
MF Rock Ck nr Philipsburg	MAY-JUL	36	47	54	92	61	72	59
	MAY-SEP	41	53	61	91	69	81	67
Rock Ck nr Clinton	MAY-JUL	141	191	225	94	260	310	240
	MAY-SEP	164	220	255	93	290	345	275
Clark Fork R ab Milltown	MAY-JUL	210	345	440	86	535	670	510
	MAY-SEP	270	420	520	85	620	770	610
Nevada Ck nr Helmville	MAY	3.1	5.4	6.9	100	8.4	10.7	6.9
	MAY-JUL	6.2	10.4	13.3	96	16.2	20	13.9
Blackfoot R nr Bonner	MAY-JUL	550	635	690	102	745	830	675
	MAY-SEP	625	715	775	101	835	925	765
Clark Fork R ab Missoula	MAY-JUL	785	995	1140	96	1280	1490	1190
	MAY-SEP	930	1160	1310	96	1460	1690	1370

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012

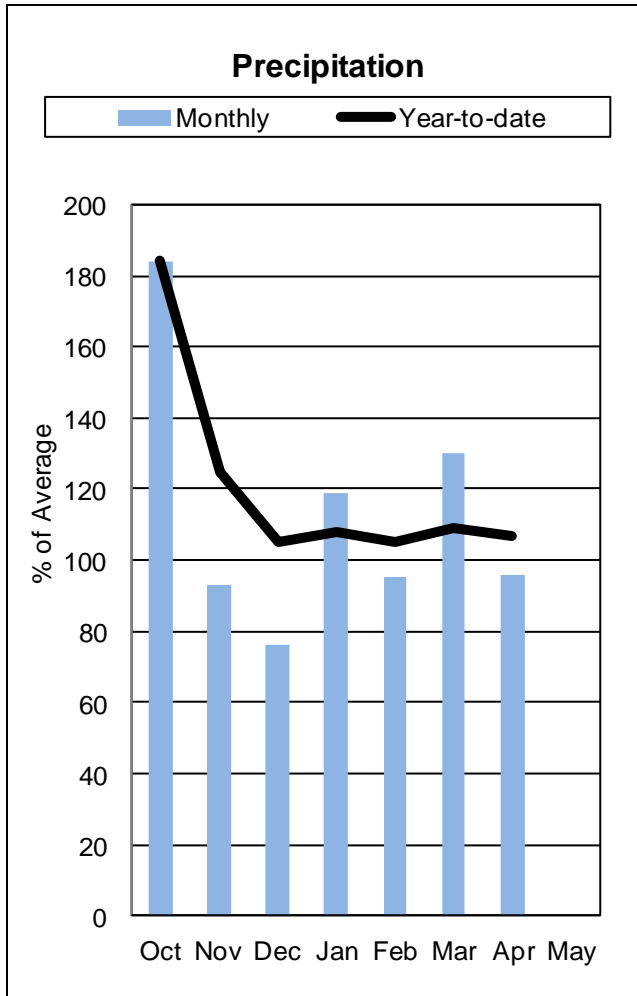
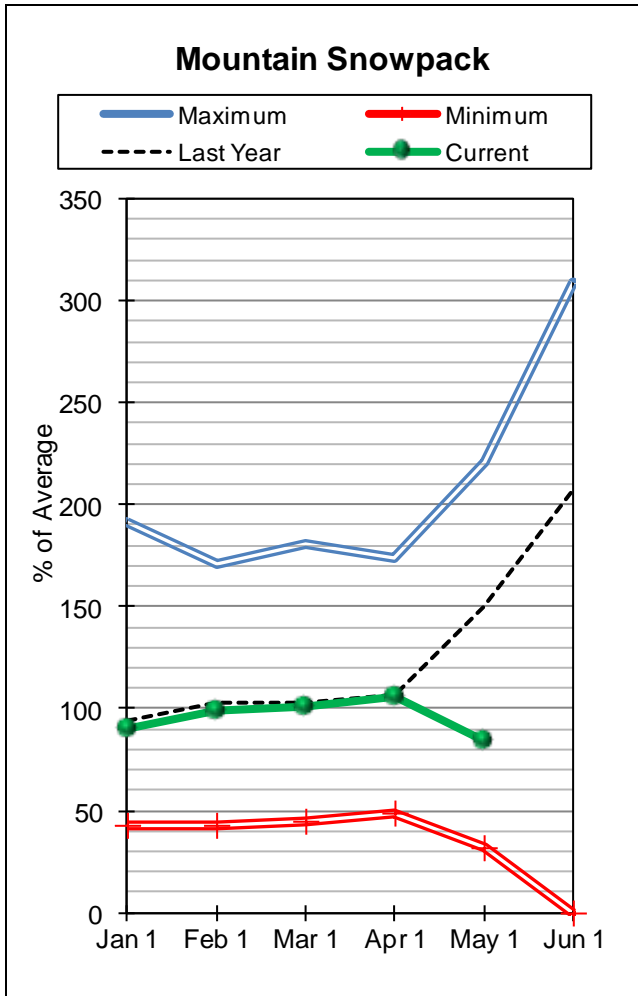
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
EAST FORK ROCK CREEK	15.6	13.3	12.7	9.8	CLARK FORK ab FLINT CREEK	9	57	81
GEORGETOWN LAKE	31.0	29.0	---	26.5	FLINT CREEK	6	34	53
LOWER WILLOW CREEK	4.9	4.9	---	3.7	ROCK CREEK	3	55	75
NEVADA CREEK	12.6	11.5	9.8	10.0	CLARK FORK ab BLACKFOOT	16	51	73
					BLACKFOOT	12	63	96
					UPPER CLARK FORK BASIN	27	56	80

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Bitterroot River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Bitterroot River Basin were below average on May 1. Snow water content was 84 percent of average and 57 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 98 percent of average and 57 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 75 percent of average and 114 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 107 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.

Painted Rocks Lake storage was 189 percent of average and 164 percent of last year and Como storage was 131 percent of average and 171 percent of last year.

Assuming near average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 95 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.9 in the Bitterroot River.

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		30%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
WF Bitterroot R nr Conner (2)	MAY-JUL	77	98	112	90	126	147	125
	MAY-SEP	82	107	124	90	141	166	138
Bitterroot R nr Darby	MAY-JUL	265	325	365	90	405	465	405
	MAY-SEP	310	370	415	90	460	520	460
Como Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	58	65	70	106	75	82	66
	MAY-SEP	61	69	74	106	79	87	70
Bitterroot R nr Missoula	MAY-JUL	825	950	1040	95	1130	1260	1100
	MAY-SEP	910	1050	1150	95	1250	1390	1210

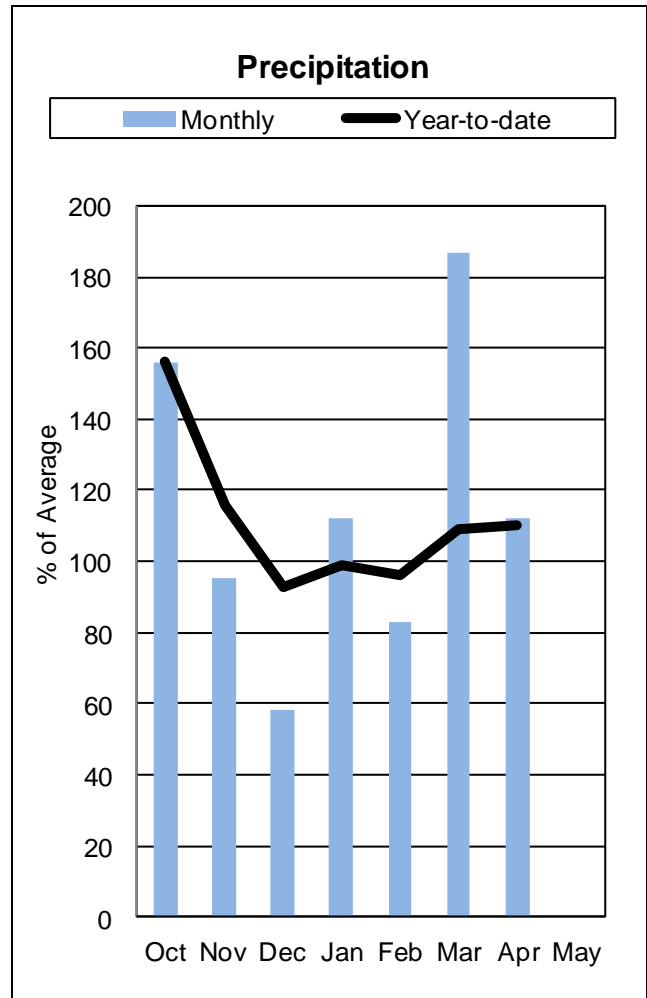
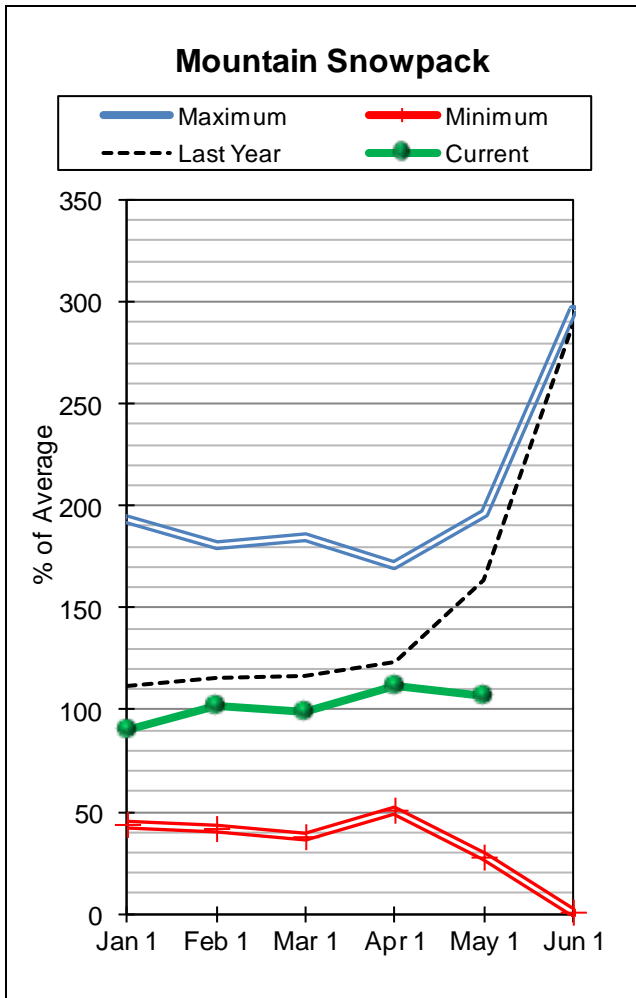
BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April					BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
PAINTED ROCKS LAKE	31.7	32.4	19.8	17.1	WEST FORK BITTERROOT	3	54	79
COMO	34.9	27.3	16.0	20.9	EAST SIDE BITTERROOT	4	52	73
					WEST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	63	96
					BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN	9	57	84

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Lower Clark Fork River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Lower Clark Fork River Basin were near average on May 1. Snow water content was 107 percent of average and 64 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 112 percent of average and 58 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 111 percent of average and 78 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 110 percent of average and 86 percent of last year.

Storage at the end of April in Noxon Rapids was 121 percent of average and 107 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 105 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.5 in the Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River and +2.3 in the Clark Fork River below Flathead River.

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LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

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Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		30%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Clark Fork R bl Missoula	MAY-JUL	1640	1960	2180	95	2400	2720	2290
	MAY-SEP	1860	2210	2450	95	2690	3040	2580
Clark Fork R at St. Regis (1)	MAY-JUL	2410	2990	3260	109	3530	4110	2980
	MAY-SEP	2750	3380	3680	109	3970	4600	3370
Clark Fork R nr Plains (1,2)	MAY-JUL	7440	8620	9150	106	9690	10900	8630
	MAY-SEP	8320	9660	10300	107	10900	12200	9610
Thompson R nr Thompson Falls	MAY-JUL	117	145	164	103	183	210	159
	MAY-SEP	138	169	190	103	210	240	185
Prospect Ck at Thompson Falls	MAY-JUL	71	83	91	105	99	111	87
	MAY-SEP	80	92	100	104	108	120	96
Clark Fork at Whitehorse Rpds (1,2)	MAY-JUL	8660	9930	10500	110	11100	12300	9590
	MAY-SEP	9760	11200	11800	110	12500	13900	10700

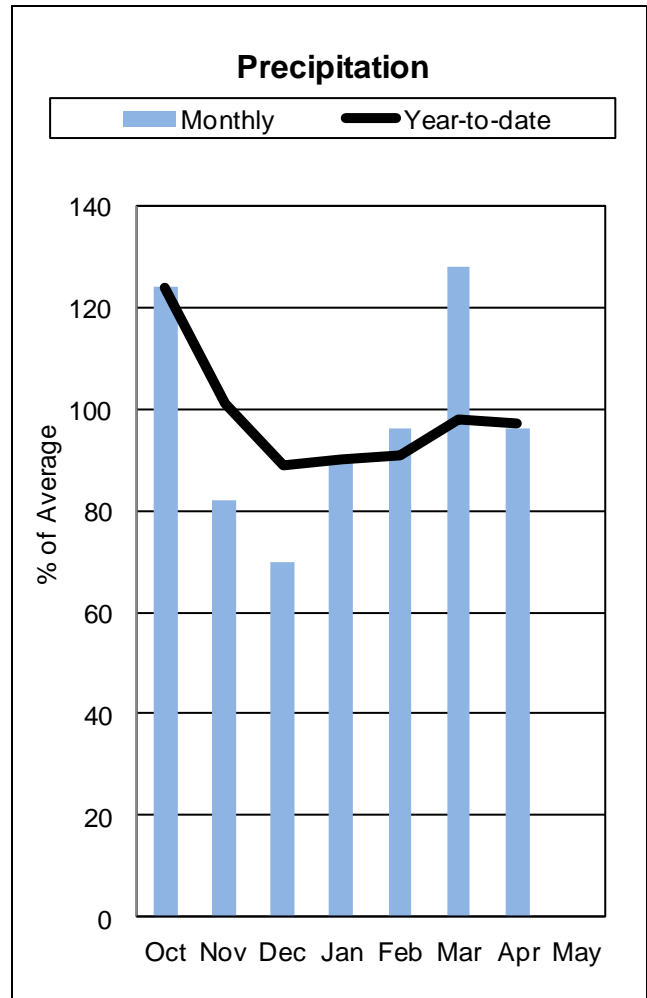
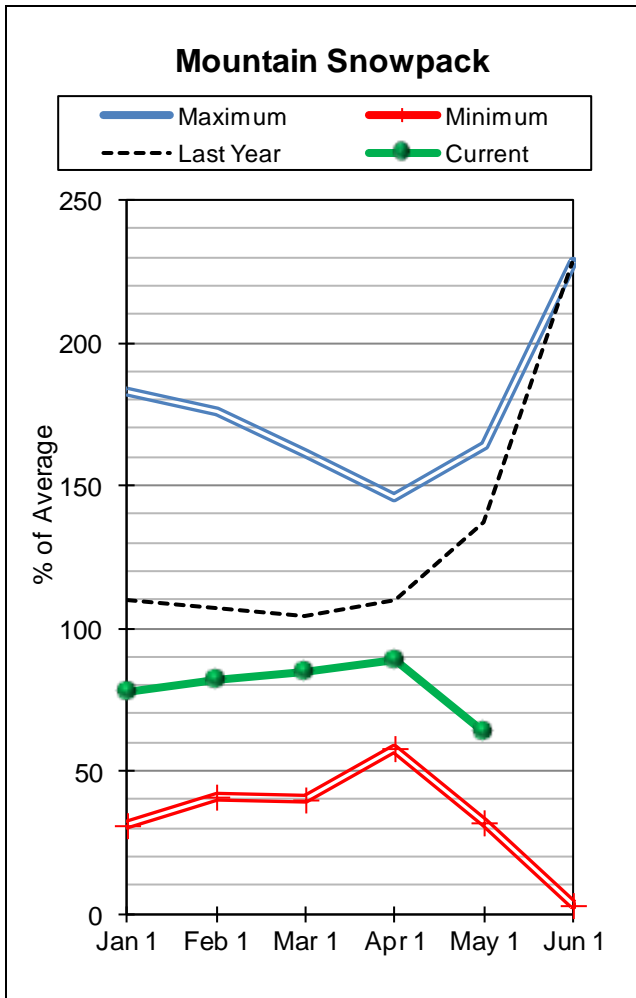
LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April					LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
NOXON RAPIDS	335.0	329.8	309.3	272.3	LOWER CLARK FORK BASIN	12	64	107

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Jefferson River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Jefferson River Basin were well below average on May 1. Snow water content was 64 percent of average and 47 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 98 percent of average and 69 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 74 percent of average and 102 percent of last year based on one station. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 97 percent of average and 83 percent of last year.

Lima storage was 134 percent of average and 164 percent of last year; Clark Canyon storage was 109 percent of average and 107 percent of last year; Ruby River storage was 105 percent of average and 101 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 55 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.3 in the Beaverhead River; -0.7 in the Ruby River; -1.0 in the Big Hole River; 0.0 in the Boulder River; and +0.4 in the Jefferson River near Three Forks.

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		10%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Lima Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	20	31	39	56	47	58	70
	MAY-SEP	21	34	43	55	52	65	78
Clark Canyon Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	-8.0	14.0	29	32	53	88	90
	MAY-SEP	0.0	25	43	37	69	106	116
Beaverhead R at Barretts (2)	MAY-JUL	-7.0	24	50	42	72	108	120
	MAY-SEP	2.0	41	68	44	94	134	153
Ruby R Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	32	46	55	74	64	78	74
	MAY-SEP	41	57	68	75	79	95	91
Big Hole R at Wisdom	MAY-JUL	13.6	21	34	36	54	83	95
	MAY-SEP	15.0	23	38	37	59	91	104
Big Hole R nr Melrose	MAY-JUL	125	220	290	56	355	455	520
	MAY-SEP	139	250	325	57	400	510	575
Jefferson R nr Twin Bridges (2)	MAY-JUL	61	220	330	52	440	600	635
	MAY-SEP	48	220	350	49	480	670	710
Boulder R nr Boulder	MAY-JUL	26	41	51	75	61	76	68
	MAY-SEP	28	44	55	73	67	84	75
Willow Ck Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	2.0	6.7	9.9	65	13.7	19.2	15.2
	MAY-SEP	3.9	9.1	12.5	71	15.9	22	17.5
Jefferson R nr Three Forks (2)	MAY-JUL	54	225	345	58	465	635	600
	MAY-SEP	60	255	390	57	525	720	680

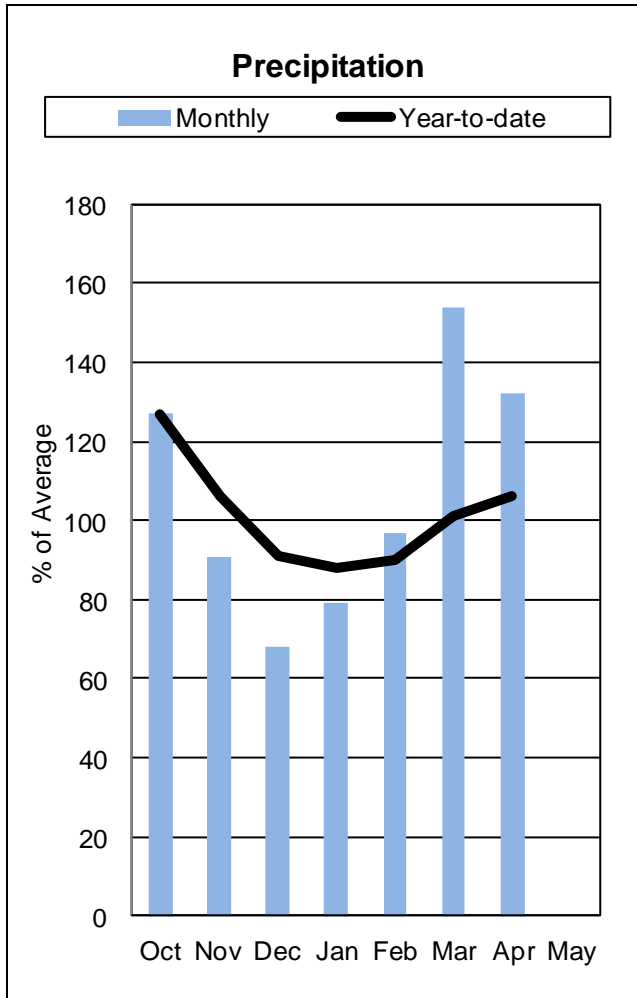
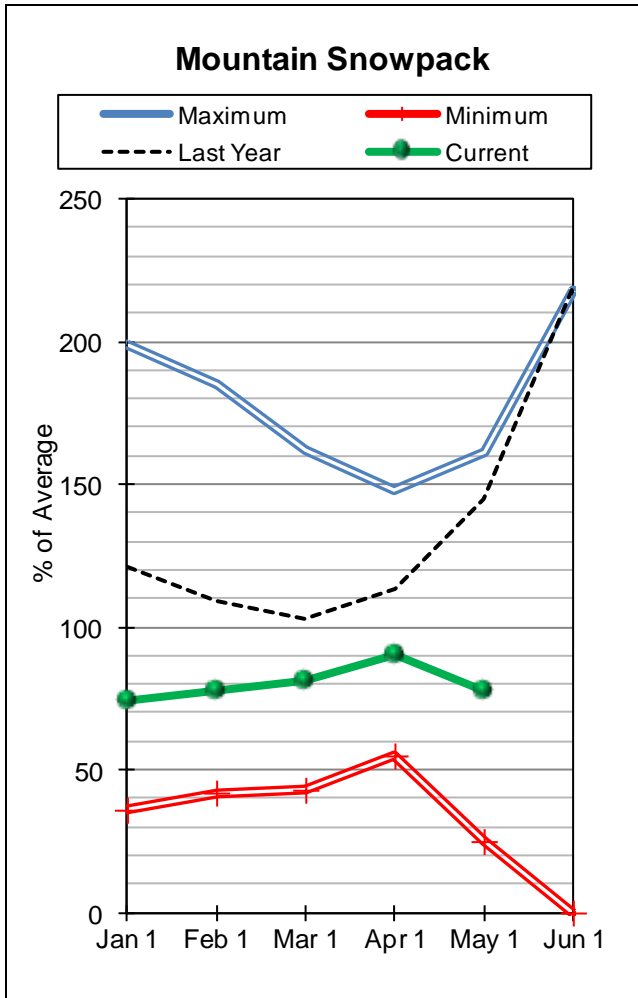
JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April					JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
LIMA	84.0	77.2	47.0	57.5	BEAVERHEAD	12	39	57
CLARK CANYON	255.6	175.7	163.7	160.6	RUBY	9	57	70
RUBY RIVER	38.8	38.0	37.7	36.3	BIGHOLE	13	50	68
					BOULDER	6	41	60
					JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN	33	47	64

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Madison River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Madison River Basin were well below average on May 1. Snow water content was 78 percent of average and 56 percent of last year.

Mountain and valley precipitation during April was 132 percent of average and 88 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 106 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.

Ennis Lake storage at the end of April was 93 percent of average and 108 percent of last year and Hebgen Lake storage was 121 percent of average and 118 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 88 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.3 for the Madison River.

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		30%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Hebgen Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	250	280	300	90	320	350	335
	MAY-SEP	340	375	400	90	425	460	445
Ennis Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	385	450	495	85	540	605	580
	MAY-SEP	515	590	645	86	700	775	750

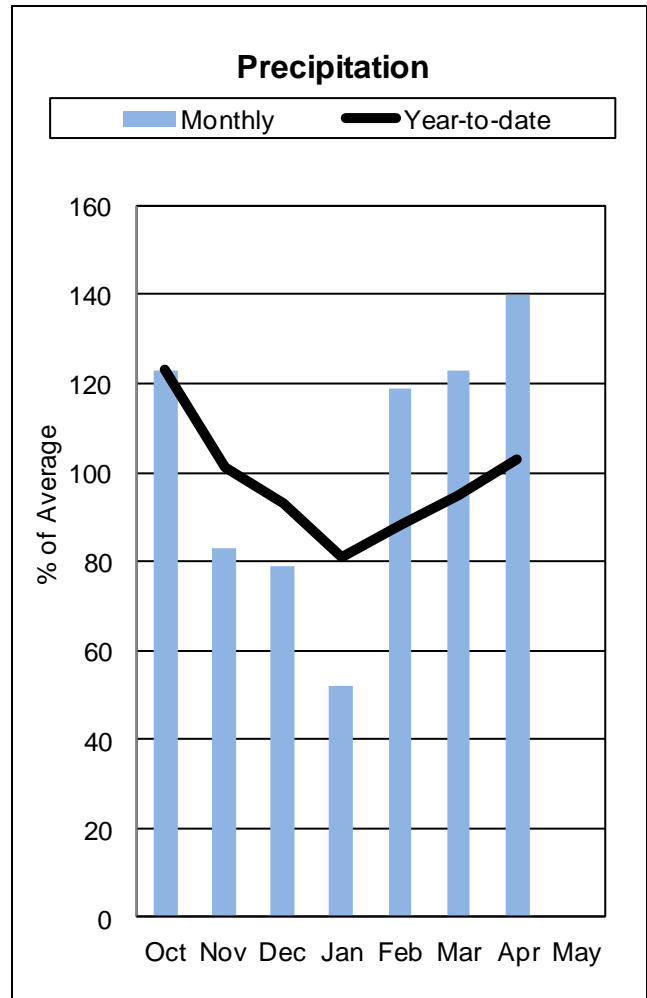
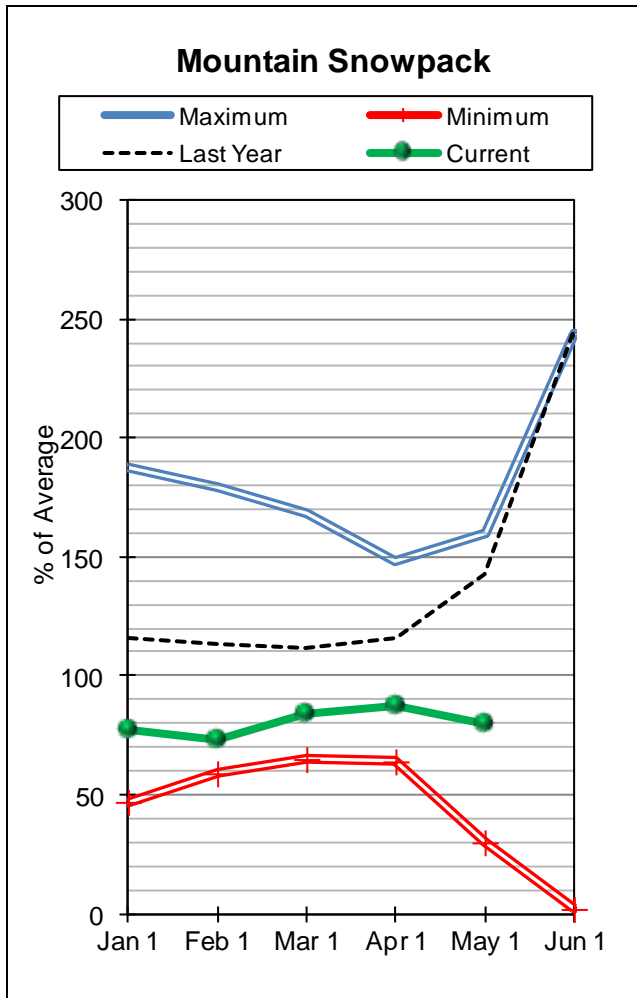
Reservoir	MADISON RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April				MADISON RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg	Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	% of Average
ENNIS LAKE	41.0	31.4	29.2	33.8	MADISON abv HEBGEN LAKE	5	55	87
HEBGEN LAKE	377.5	307.0	259.8	254.6	MADISON blw HEBGEN LAKE	10	52	69
					MADISON RIVER BASIN	15	53	75

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Gallatin River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Gallatin River Basin were below average on May 1. Snow water content was 88 percent of average and 55 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 138 percent of average and 92 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 154 percent of average and 110 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 103 percent of average and 85 percent of last year.

Middle Creek storage was 111 percent of average and 105 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 91 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.0 for the Gallatin River.

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GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

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Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>				30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)		
		90% (1000AF)		70% (1000AF)					Chance Of Exceeding *	
		50% (1000AF)	91 (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)					
Gallatin R nr Gateway	MAY-JUL	300	345	370	91	395	440	405		
	MAY-SEP	355	405	435	91	465	515	480		
Hyalite Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	15.5	17.3	18.5	93	19.7	21	20		
	MAY-SEP	17.6	19.6	21	91	22	24	23		
Gallatin R at Logan	MAY-JUL	245	325	375	88	425	505	425		
	MAY-SEP	295	385	450	89	515	605	505		

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April					GALLATIN RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012			
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
MIDDLE CREEK	10.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	UPPER GALLATIN	7	54	75
					HYALITE	3	54	83
					BRIDGER	2	51	90
					GALLATIN RIVER BASIN	12	54	79

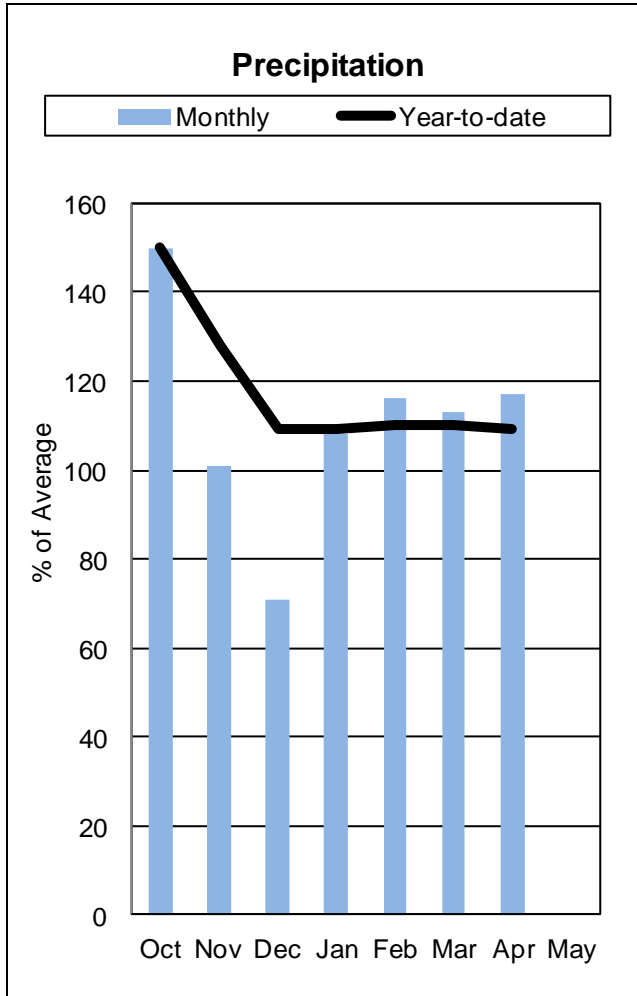
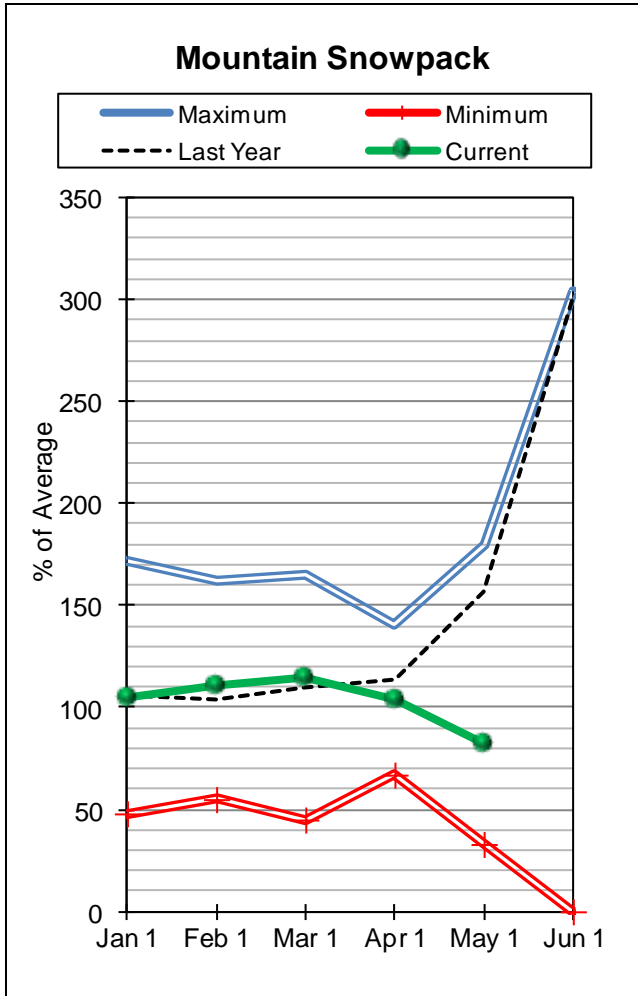
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Missouri Mainstem River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Headwaters Missouri Mainstem River Basin were well below average on May 1. Snow water content was 72 percent of average and 46 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 104 percent of average and 56 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 139 percent of average and 100 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 109 percent of average and 85 percent of last year.

Canyon Ferry Lake storage was 109 percent of average and 118 percent of last year; Helena Valley storage was 92 percent of average and 79 percent of last year; Lake Helena storage was 94 percent of average and 101 percent of last year; Hauser & Helena storage was 124 percent of average and 101 percent of last year; Holter Lake storage was 105 percent of average and 101 percent of last year; and Fort Peck Lake storage was 102 percent of average and 93 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 79 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.2 in the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry; +0.3 in the Missouri River below Canyon Ferry; +1.5 in the Missouri River above Fort Peck; and +0.3 in the Missouri River below Fort Peck.

MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		===== Wetter =====>>				
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Missouri R at Toston (2)	MAY-JUL	825	1100	1290	76	1480	1750	1700
	MAY-SEP	995	1340	1570	77	1800	2140	2040
Dearborn R nr Craig	MAY-JUL	44	70	87	82	104	130	106
	MAY-SEP	51	78	96	87	114	141	110
Missouri R at Fort Benton (2)	MAY-JUL	1130	1620	1950	78	2280	2770	2500
	MAY-SEP	1400	1990	2400	78	2810	3400	3080
Missouri R nr Virgelle (2)	MAY-JUL	1330	1900	2280	79	2660	3230	2890
	MAY-SEP	1600	2290	2750	79	3210	3900	3500
Missouri R nr Landusky (2)	MAY-JUL	1390	1990	2400	78	2810	3410	3080
	MAY-SEP	1620	2410	2910	78	3410	4200	3750
Missouri R bl Fort Peck Dam (2)	MAY-JUL	1450	2050	2460	80	2870	3470	3080
	MAY-SEP	1740	2450	2940	80	3430	4140	3670
Lake Sakakawea Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	3870	5500	6610	79	7720	9350	8370
	MAY-SEP	5040	6440	7740	79	9040	10400	9810

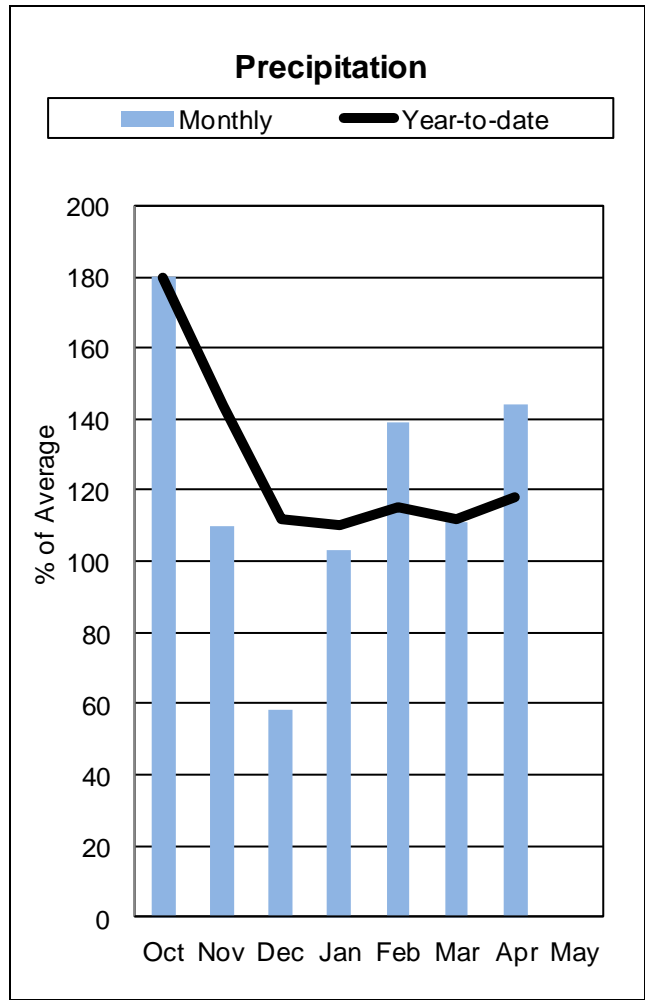
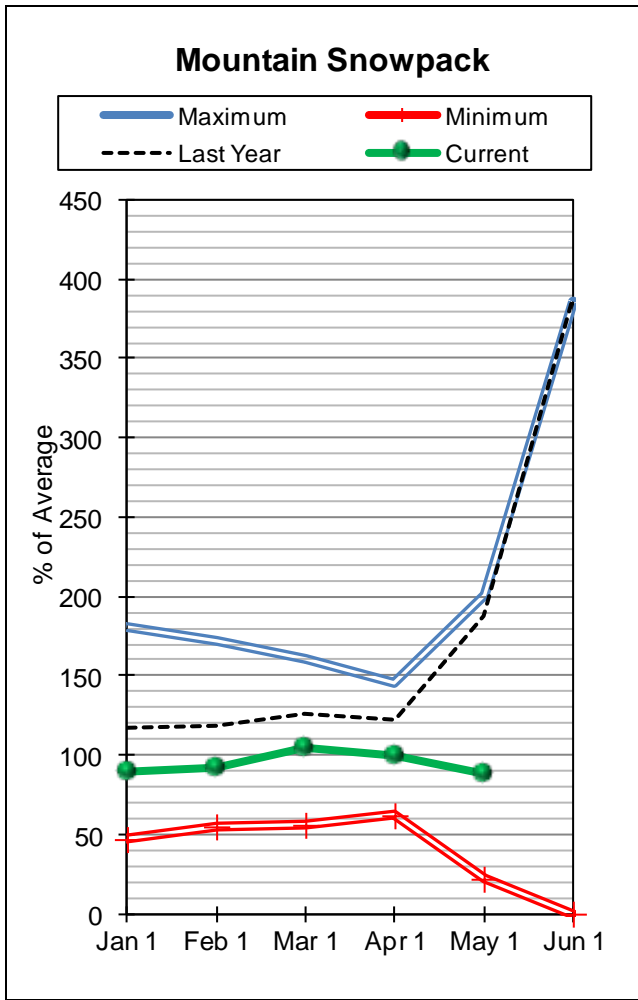
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Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
CANYON FERRY LAKE	2043.0	1610.0	1363.0	1483.5	HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	9	46	72
HELENA VALLEY	9.2	7.0	8.9	7.6	SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	11	48	88
LAKE HELENA	12.7	11.0	10.9	11.7	SUN-TETON-MARIAS	10	47	86
HAUSER & HELENA	74.6	74.4	73.9	60.1	MAINSTEM ab FT PECK RES	29	46	82
HOLTER LAKE	81.9	81.1	80.0	77.1	MILK RIVER BASIN	3	15	51
FORT PECK LAKE	18910.0	15370.0	16520.0	15122.0	MISSOURI MAINSTEM BASIN	32	46	82

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Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins



Snowpack conditions in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins were below average May 1. Snow water content was 88 percent of average and 48 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Smith River Basin was 91 percent of average and 53 percent of last year; the Judith River Basin was 90 percent of average and 46 percent of last year; and the Musselshell Basin River was 79 percent of average and 52 percent of last year.

Mountain and valley precipitation during April in the Smith-Belts was 128 percent of average and 67 percent of last year; in the Judith was 163 percent of average and 77 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell was 126 percent of average and 61 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation for the greater basin, beginning October 1, 2011, was 118 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.

Smith River storage was 114 percent of average and 95 percent of last year; Ackley storage was 111 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; Bair storage was 131 percent of average and 97 percent of last year; Martinsdale storage was 120 percent of average and 94 percent of last year; and Deadman's Basin was 120 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 104 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.8 in the Smith River, -1.2 in the Upper Judith River, and +1.6 in the Musselshell River.

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		10%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Sheep Ck nr White Sulphur Springs	MAY-JUL	10.0	13.0	15.0	99	17.0	20	15.1
	MAY-SEP	11.8	15.4	17.9	99	20	24	18.1
Smith R bl Eagle Ck (2)	MAY-JUL	66	93	112	98	131	158	114
	MAY-SEP	73	106	129	99	152	185	130
NF Musselshell R nr Delpine	MAY-JUL	1.6	3.0	4.0	108	5.0	6.4	3.7
	MAY-SEP	2.1	3.8	4.9	107	6.0	7.7	4.6
SF Musselshell R ab Martinsdale	MAY-JUL	12.3	31	44	96	57	76	46
	MAY-SEP	13.1	33	46	92	59	79	50
Musselshell R at Harlowton (2)	MAY-JUL	19.5	50	71	109	92	123	65
	MAY-SEP	18.6	52	74	107	96	129	69
Musselshell R nr Roundup (2)	MAY-JUL	61	79	91	114	103	121	80
	MAY-SEP	60	79	92	112	105	124	82

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012

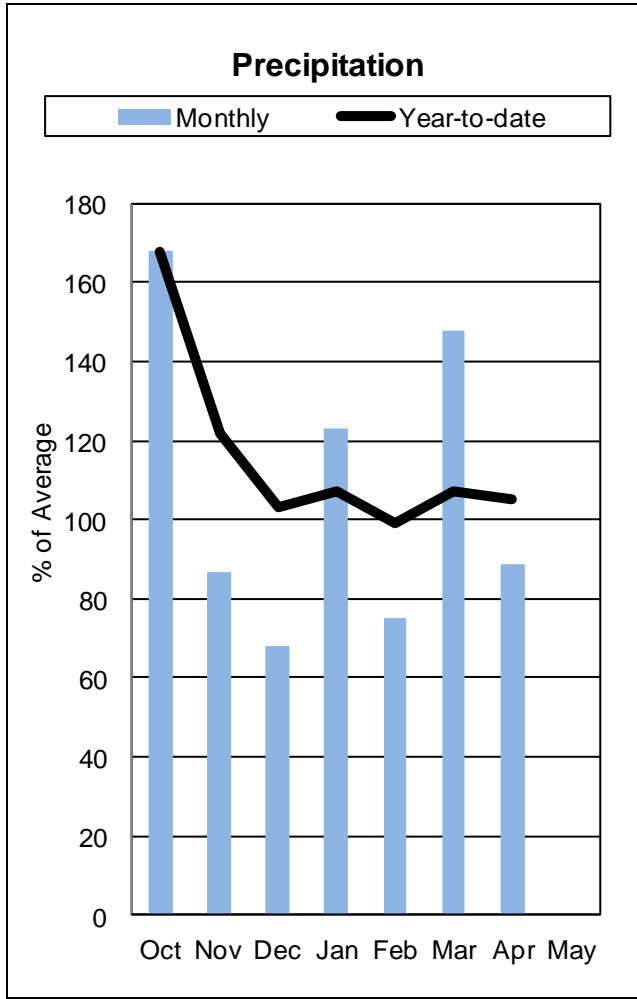
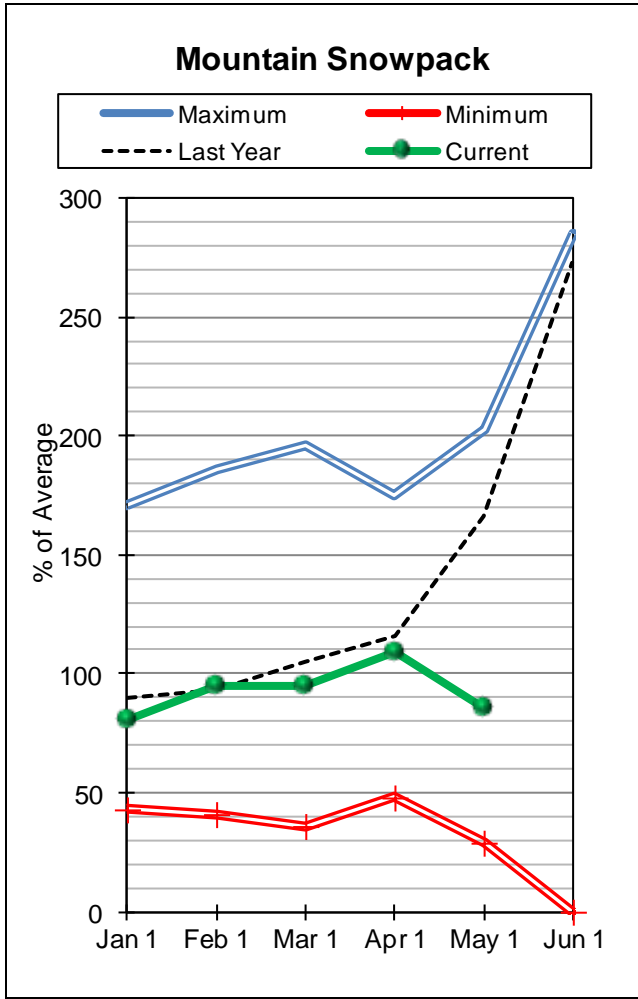
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
SMITH RIVER	10.6	10.3	10.8	9.0	SMITH	6	53	91
ACKLEY LAKE	7.0	4.2	4.3	3.8	HIGHWOOD	0	0	0
BAIR	7.0	7.2	7.4	5.5	JUDITH	6	46	90
MARTINSDALE	23.1	16.6	17.7	13.8	MUSSELSHELL	2	52	79
DEADMAN'S BASIN	72.2	70.5	68.4	58.9	SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	11	48	88

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Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins



Snowpack conditions in the Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins were below average on May 1. Snow water content was 86 percent of average and 47 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Sun River Basin was 75 percent of average and 43 percent of last year; the Teton River Basin was 80 percent of average and 41 percent of last year; and the Marias River Basin was 92 percent of average and 51 percent of last year.

Mountain and valley precipitation during April in the Sun was 72 percent of average and 41 percent of last year; in the Teton was 80 percent of average and 38 percent of last year; and in the Marias was 95 percent of average and 47 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation for the greater basin, beginning October 1, 2011, was 105 percent of average and 87 percent of last year.

Gibson storage was 118 percent of average and 358 percent of last year; Pishkun storage was 91 percent of average and 113 percent of last year; Willow Creek storage was 116 percent of average and 104 percent of last year; Lower Two Medicine Lake storage was not available; Swift storage was 78 percent of average and 322 percent of last year; Lake Frances storage was 124 percent of average and 101 percent of last year; and Lake Elwell (Tiber) storage was 112 percent of average and 97 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 103 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.3 in the Sun River; +1.2 in the Teton River; +1.7 in the Birch/Dupuyer Creeks; +0.7 in the Marias above Tiber Reservoir.

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions				Wetter		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		=====		=====		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding * 50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Gibson Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	315	355	380	92	405	445	415
	MAY-SEP	355	395	425	91	455	495	465
Two Medicine R nr Browning (2)	MAY-JUL	147	167	180	103	193	215	174
	MAY-SEP	159	180	195	104	210	230	187
Badger Ck nr Browning	MAY-JUL	63	74	81	107	88	99	76
	MAY-SEP	68	81	90	106	99	112	85
Swift Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	44	54	60	105	66	76	57
	MAY-SEP	53	64	72	104	80	91	69
Dupuyer Ck nr Valier	MAY-JUL	1.5	7.9	12.3	106	16.7	23	11.6
	MAY-SEP	1.9	9.1	14.0	105	18.9	26	13.3
Cut Bank Ck nr Browning	MAY-JUL	47	58	65	94	72	83	69
	MAY-SEP	51	63	71	93	79	91	76
Marias R nr Shelby (2)	MAY-JUL	215	300	360	104	420	505	345
	MAY-SEP	210	305	370	100	435	530	370
Teton R nr Dutton	MAY-JUL	9.9	32	47	112	62	84	42
	MAY-SEP	14.5	39	55	110	71	95	50

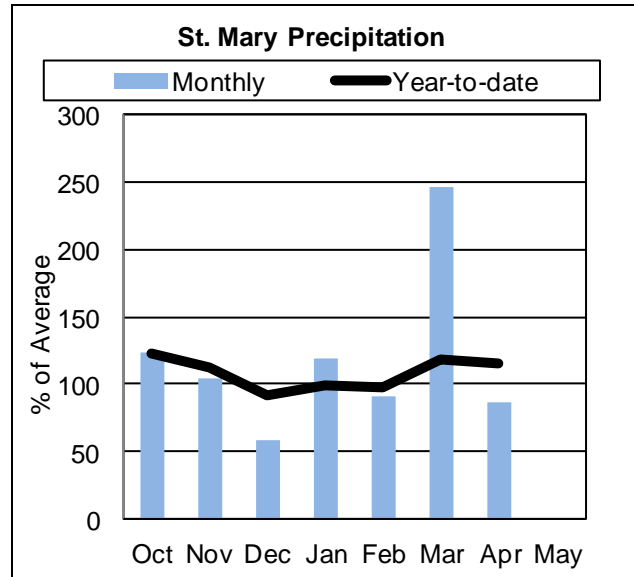
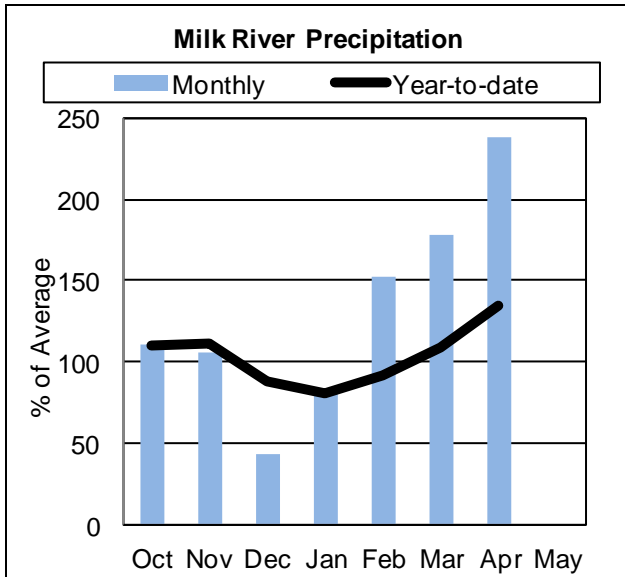
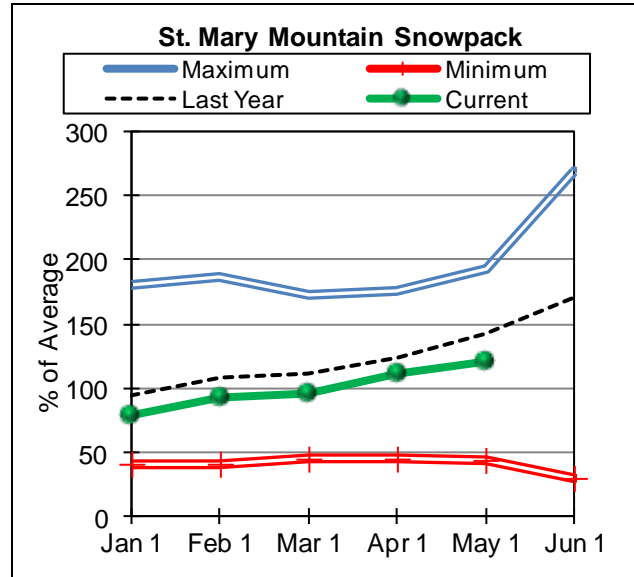
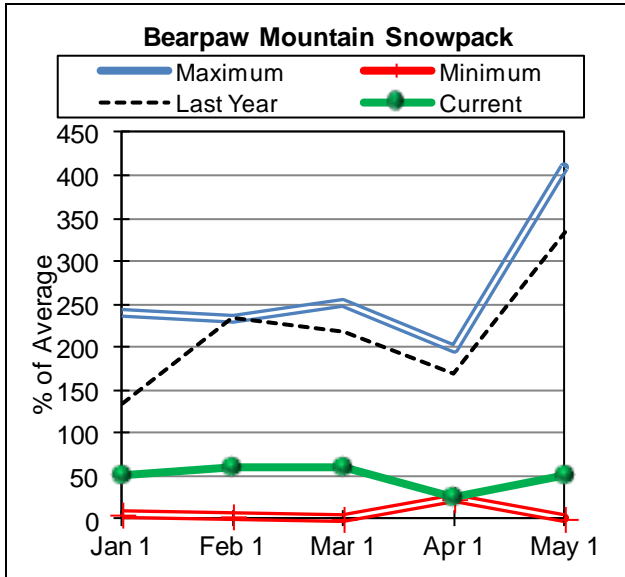
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Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
GIBSON	99.1	73.1	20.4	61.8	SUN	5	43	75
PISHKUN	32.0	23.4	20.8	25.8	TETON	3	41	80
WILLOW CREEK	32.2	29.3	28.1	25.3	MARIAS	4	51	92
LOWER TWO MEDICINE LAKE		NO REPORT			SUN-TETON-MARIAS	10	47	86
FOUR HORNS LAKE		NO REPORT						
SWIFT	30.0	14.5	4.5	18.5				
LAKE FRANCES	112.0	93.7	92.9	75.6				
LAKE ELWELL (TIBER)	1347.0	737.9	764.3	658.6				

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St. Mary and Milk River Basins



Snowpack in the Saint Mary River Basin was well above average on May 1. Snow water content was 120 percent of average and 86 percent of last year. The Milk River Basin (Bearpaw Mountains) was well below average. Snow water content was 51 percent of average and 15 percent of last year.

Mountain and valley precipitation in the St. Mary River Basin during April was 87 percent of average and 44 percent of last year; and in the Milk River Basin during April was 238 percent of average and 224 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation for both basins, beginning October 1, 2011, was 123 percent of average and 96 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows in the St. Mary are forecast to average 113 percent and the Milk to average 138 percent.

Lake Sherburne storage was 150 percent of average and 127 percent of last year; Fresno storage was 104 percent of average and 96 percent of last year; Beaver Creek storage was not available; and Nelson storage was 122 percent of average and 89 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.6 for the St. Mary and +2.0 for the Milk River.

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		Drier		Wetter		Wetter		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
		Chance Of Exceeding *						
				(% AVG.)				
Lake Sherburne Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	90	98	104	111	110	118	94
	MAY-SEP	105	114	121	108	128	137	112
St. Mary R nr Babb (2)	MAY-JUL	335	370	395	111	420	455	355
	MAY-SEP	395	435	465	109	495	535	425
St. Mary R at Int'l Boundary (2)	MAY-JUL	385	435	470	118	505	555	400
	MAY-SEP	450	505	545	115	585	640	475
Milk R at Western Crossing (3)	MAY-JUL	19.8	26	30	150	34	40	20
	MAY-SEP	22	29	34	148	39	46	23
Milk R at Eastern Crossing (2,3)	MAY-JUL	18.6	43	59	141	75	99	42
	MAY-SEP	28	52	69	141	86	110	49
Beaver Ck nr Havre	MAY-JUL	5.7	7.5	8.7	124	9.9	11.7	7.0

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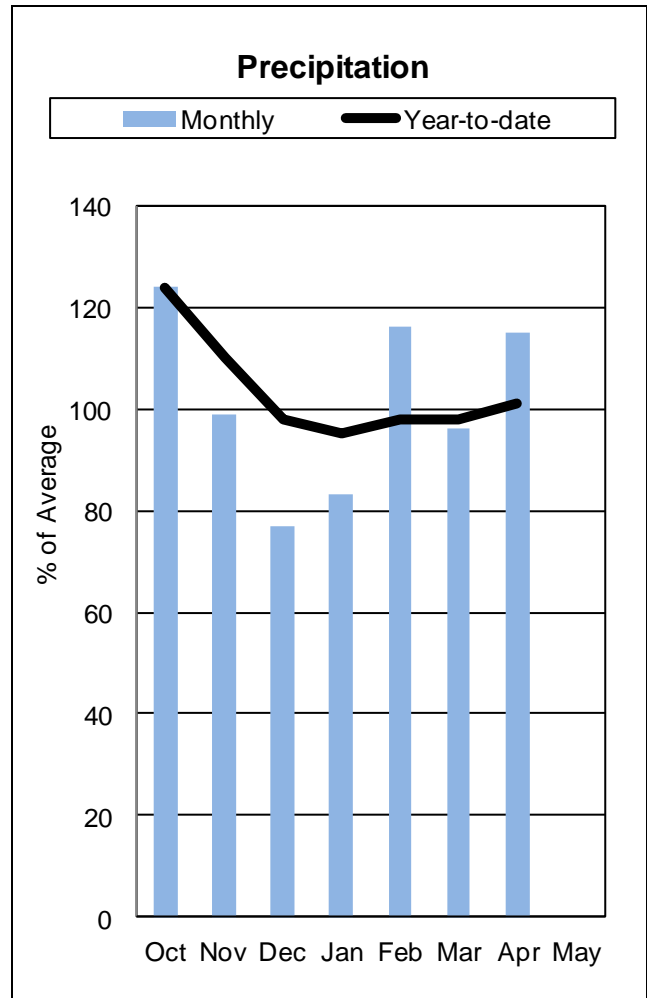
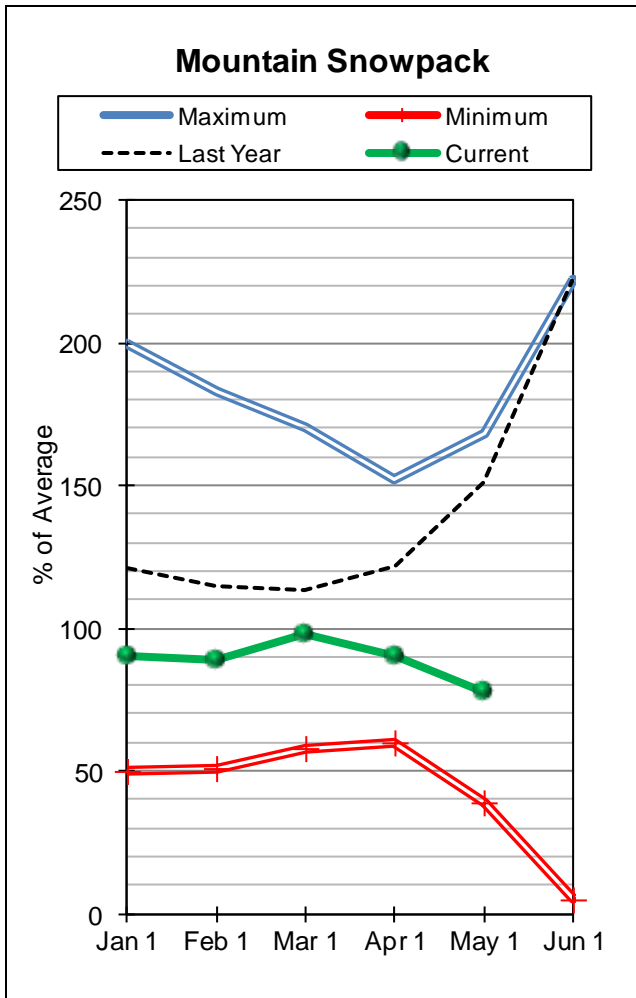
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
LAKE SHERBURNE	64.3	33.4	26.4	22.2	ST. MARY	7	86	120
FRESNO	127.0	94.4	98.7	90.9	BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	3	15	51
BEAVER CREEK		NO REPORT			CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	0	0	0
NELSON	66.8	52.2	58.5	42.7	MILK RIVER BASIN	3	15	51
					ST. MARY & MILK BASINS	10	83	119

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Upper Yellowstone River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Upper Yellowstone River Basin were below average on May 1. Snow water content was 78 percent of average and 51 percent of last year.

Mountain precipitation during April was 123 percent of average and 74 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during April was 77 percent of average and 83 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 101 percent of average and 81 percent of last year.

Mystic Lake storage was 90 percent of average and 100 percent of last year and Cooney storage was 109 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 92 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.5 in the Yellowstone River above Livingston; +0.9 in the Shields River; -1.0 in the Boulder River; -0.7 in the Stillwater River; -2.3 in the Rock/Red Lodge Creeks; +1.8 in the Clarks Fork River; and +0.4 in the Yellowstone River above Bighorn River.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>					30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)	
		90%		50%		10%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)		(1000AF)
Yellowstone R at Yellowstone Lake	MAY-JUL	440	500	540	97	580	640	555
	MAY-SEP	590	665	715	93	765	840	770
Yellowstone R at Corwin Springs	MAY-JUL	1240	1400	1500	97	1600	1760	1550
	MAY-SEP	1460	1650	1780	95	1900	2090	1870
Yellowstone R at Livingston	MAY-JUL	1380	1570	1700	96	1830	2020	1770
	MAY-SEP	1650	1880	2030	94	2180	2410	2150
Shields R nr Livingston	MAY-JUL	54	93	120	99	147	186	121
	MAY-SEP	59	104	134	97	164	210	138
Boulder R at Big Timber	MAY-JUL	189	220	240	87	260	290	275
	MAY-SEP	200	235	260	87	285	320	300
West Rosebud Ck nr Roscoe (2)	MAY-JUL	48	52	55	95	58	62	58
	MAY-SEP	60	67	71	95	75	82	75
Stillwater R nr Absarokee (2)	MAY-JUL	330	380	415	88	450	500	470
	MAY-SEP	390	455	495	88	535	600	560
Clarks Fk Yellowstone R nr Belfry	MAY-JUL	480	520	550	107	580	620	515
	MAY-SEP	520	570	605	106	640	690	570
Cooney Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	10.7	17.7	22	58	27	34	38
	MAY-SEP	16.3	24	30	61	36	44	49
Yellowstone R at Billings (2)	MAY-JUL	2240	2750	3090	95	3430	3940	3250
	MAY-SEP	2640	3240	3650	95	4060	4660	3850

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Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012

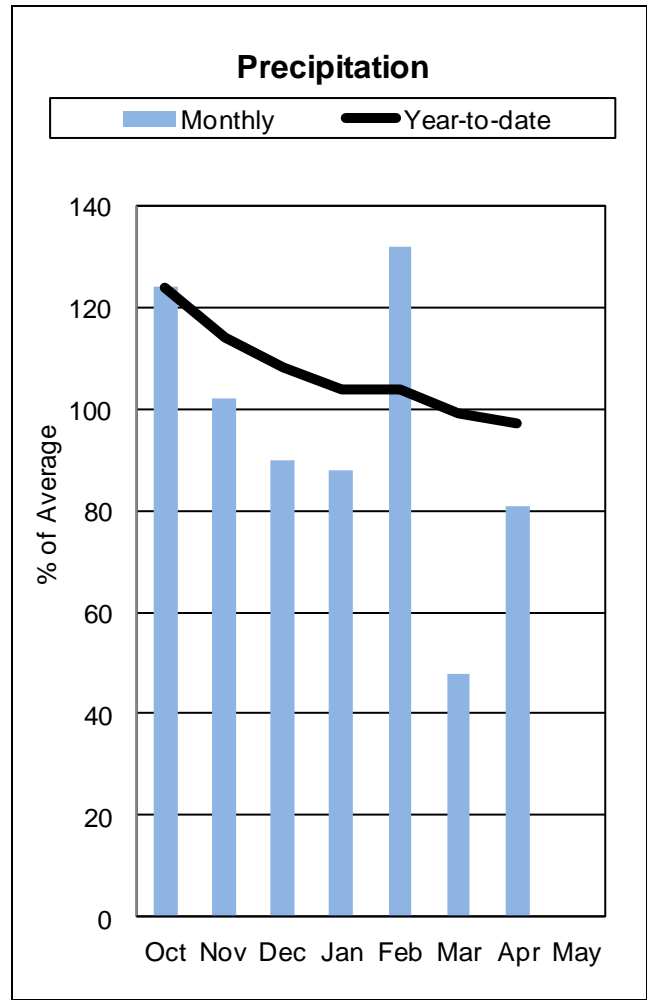
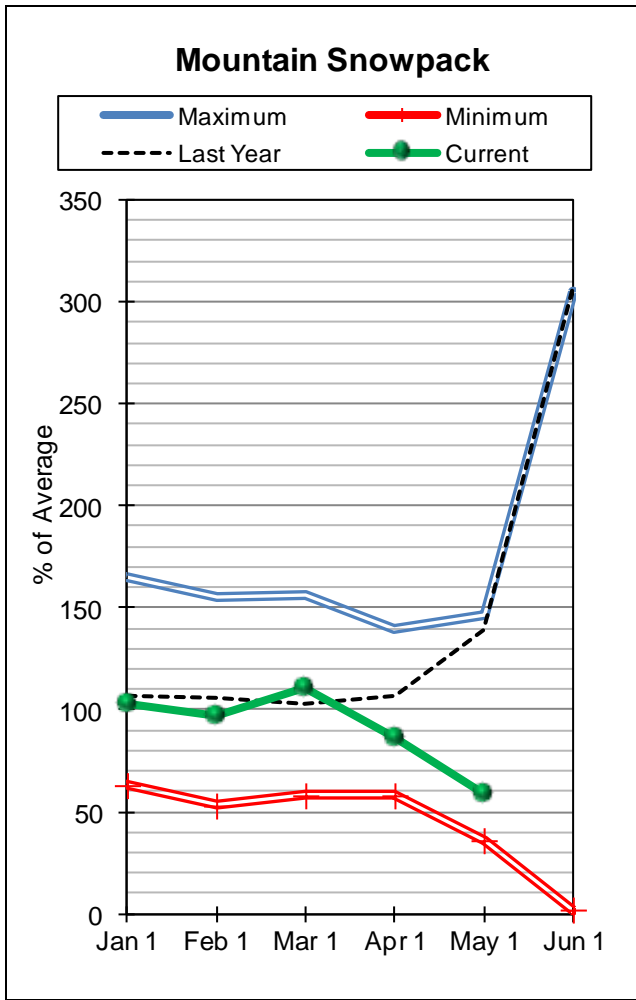
Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
MYSTIC LAKE	21.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON	16	52	80
COONEY	27.4	22.8	25.4	20.9	SHIELDS	4	54	91
					BOULDER-STILLWATER	4	46	82
					RED LODGE-ROCK CREEK	5	43	47
					CLARK'S FORK	7	63	91
					UPPER YELLOWSTONE BASIN	32	51	78

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Lower Yellowstone River Basin



Snowpack conditions in the Lower Yellowstone River Basin were well below average on May 1. Snow water content was 59 percent of average and 41 percent of last year.

Mountain and valley precipitation during April was 81 percent of average and 54 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2011, was 97 percent of average and 82 percent of last year.

Bighorn Lake storage was 104 percent of average and 100 percent of last year and Tongue River storage was 209 percent of average and 130 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, May through July streamflows are forecast to average 72 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.9 in the Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake; -0.1 in the Little Bighorn River; -0.2 in the Yellowstone River below Bighorn River; -0.3 in the Tongue River; and -0.8 in the Powder River.

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		90%		50%		10%		
		(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Bighorn R nr St. Xavier (2)	MAY-JUL	410	645	805	55	965	1200	1470
	MAY-SEP	410	670	850	52	1030	1290	1630
Little Bighorn R nr Hardin	MAY-JUL	64	82	94	86	106	124	110
	MAY-SEP	75	94	107	85	120	139	126
Tongue R nr Dayton (2)	MAY-JUL	38	54	65	72	76	92	90
	MAY-SEP	47	64	76	74	88	105	103
Big Goose Ck nr Sheridan	MAY-JUL	23	32	37	76	42	51	49
	MAY-SEP	30	38	44	76	50	58	58
Little Goose Ck nr Bighorn	MAY-JUL	15.6	21	24	75	27	32	32
	MAY-SEP	22	27	31	78	35	40	40
Tongue River Reservoir Inflow (2)	MAY-JUL	43	97	133	67	169	225	199
	MAY-SEP	56	113	152	68	191	250	225
Yellowstone R at Miles City (2)	MAY-JUL	2730	3490	4010	82	4530	5290	4890
	MAY-SEP	3180	4070	4680	82	5290	6180	5740
Powder R at Moorhead	MAY-JUL	25	76	111	62	146	197	178
	MAY-SEP	42	96	132	66	168	220	200
Powder R nr Locate	MAY-JUL	10.0	75	119	61	163	230	195
	MAY-SEP	22	93	141	64	189	260	220
Yellowstone R nr Sidney (2)	MAY-JUL	2710	3490	4010	81	4530	5310	4950
	MAY-SEP	3140	4040	4650	81	5260	6160	5760

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2012

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage ***			Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of	
		This Year	Last Year	Avg			Last Yr	Average
BIGHORN LAKE	1356.0	824.3	821.9	791.9	WIND RIVER (Wyoming)	18	30	42
TONGUE RIVER	79.1	66.1	50.9	31.7	SHOSHONE RIVER (Wyoming)	6	52	68
					BIGHORN RIVER (Wyoming)	19	51	73
					LITTLE BIGHORN (Wyoming)	2	66	86
					TONGUE RIVER (Wyoming)	7	50	77
					POWDER RIVER (Wyoming)	7	31	54
					LOWER YELLOWSTONE BASIN (41	41	59

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