

Montana

Water Supply

Outlook Report

January 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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Montana Water Supply Outlook Report as of January 1, 2012

Across the state the month of December yielded well below average precipitation to a mountain snowpack that was close to average at the beginning of the month. Although year-to-date precipitation is near average, snowpack has fallen to nearly 80 percent of average.

Snowpack

Typical snowpack accumulation on January 1 for the Columbia is 45 percent of maximum snowpack; Missouri is 42 percent; and Yellowstone is 43 percent. State-wide mountain snow water content was 82 percent of average and 74 percent of last year. West of the Divide snowpack was 78 percent of average and 73 percent of last year. East of the Divide snowpack was 88 percent of average and 80 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	78	73
KOOTENAI, MONTANA	88	88
KOOTENAI, CANADA	64	64
FLATHEAD, MONTANA	68	61
FLATHEAD, CANADA	101	73
UPPER CLARK FORK	82	77
BITTERROOT	90	96
LOWER CLARK FORK	90	83
MISSOURI	80	71
MISSOURI HEADWATERS	77	66
JEFFERSON	78	71
MADISON	74	62
GALLATIN	77	67
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	93	85
HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	105	99
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL ..	89	73
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	81	90
MILK (Bearpaw Mtns.)	50	44
ST. MARY	78	82
ST. MARY & MILK	76	79
YELLOWSTONE	97	87
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	90	75
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	103	99
STATEWIDE	82	74

Precipitation

December mountain and valley precipitation across the state was 66 percent of average and 59 percent of last year, while the water year precipitation was 95 percent of average and 86 percent of last year. West of the Continental Divide, December mountain and valley precipitation was 62 percent of average and 55 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 95 percent of average and 88 percent of last year. East of the Divide, December mountain and valley precipitation was 69 percent of average and 62 percent of last year and the water year precipitation was 95 percent of average and 85 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	DECEMBER % OF AVERAGE	WATER YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	62	95
KOOTENAI	57	97
FLATHEAD	56	87
UPPER CLARK FORK	69	98
BITTERROOT	76	105
LOWER CLARK FORK	58	93
MISSOURI	67	98
JEFFERSON	70	89
MADISON	68	91
GALLATIN	79	93
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	71	109
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	58	112
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	68	103
MILK	43	88
ST. MARY	58	92
YELLOWSTONE	76	86
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	77	99
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	90	108
STATEWIDE	66	95

Reservoirs

State-wide reservoir storage was 102 percent of average and 101 percent of last year. Reservoir storage west of the divide was 101 percent of average and 212 percent of last year. East of the Divide, reservoir storage was 102 percent of average and 100 percent of last year.

RIVER BASIN	% OF AVERAGE	% OF LAST YEAR
COLUMBIA	101	212
KOOTENAI	---	---
FLATHEAD	91	0
UPPER CLARK FORK	137	94
BITTERROOT	105	84
LOWER CLARK FORK	---	---
MISSOURI	102	100
JEFFERSON	124	102
MADISON	119	103
GALLATIN	137	84
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	101	100
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	138	91
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	112	100
MILK	130	97
ST. MARY	98	51
YELLOWSTONE	108	107
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	146	120
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	108	107
STATEWIDE	102	101

Streamflow

State-wide, streamflows are forecast to be 86 percent of average. West of the Divide streamflows are forecast to be 84 percent of average and east of the Divide are forecast to be 87 percent of average.

Following are streamflow forecasts for the period April 1 through July 31. THESE FORECASTS ASSUME NEAR NORMAL SPRING CONDITIONS AND DO NOT ACCOUNT FOR WELL BELOW AVERAGE (70% or less) OR WELL ABOVE AVERAGE (130% or more) SNOWMELT OR SPRING RAIN. 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	April-July THIS YEAR % OF AVERAGE	April-July LAST YEAR % OF AVERAGE
COLUMBIA	84	104
KOOTENAI	79	94
FLATHEAD	83	116
UPPER CLARK FORK	88	99
BITTERROOT	91	95
LOWER CLARK FORK	82	99
MISSOURI	81	99
JEFFERSON	71	106
MADISON	83	111
GALLATIN	89	100
MISSOURI MAINSTEM	80	103
SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL .	77	97
SUN-TETON-MARIAS	93	82
MILK	79	112
ST. MARY	97	98
YELLOWSTONE	99	97
UPPER YELLOWSTONE	90	107
LOWER YELLOWSTONE	107	86
STATEWIDE	86	101

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

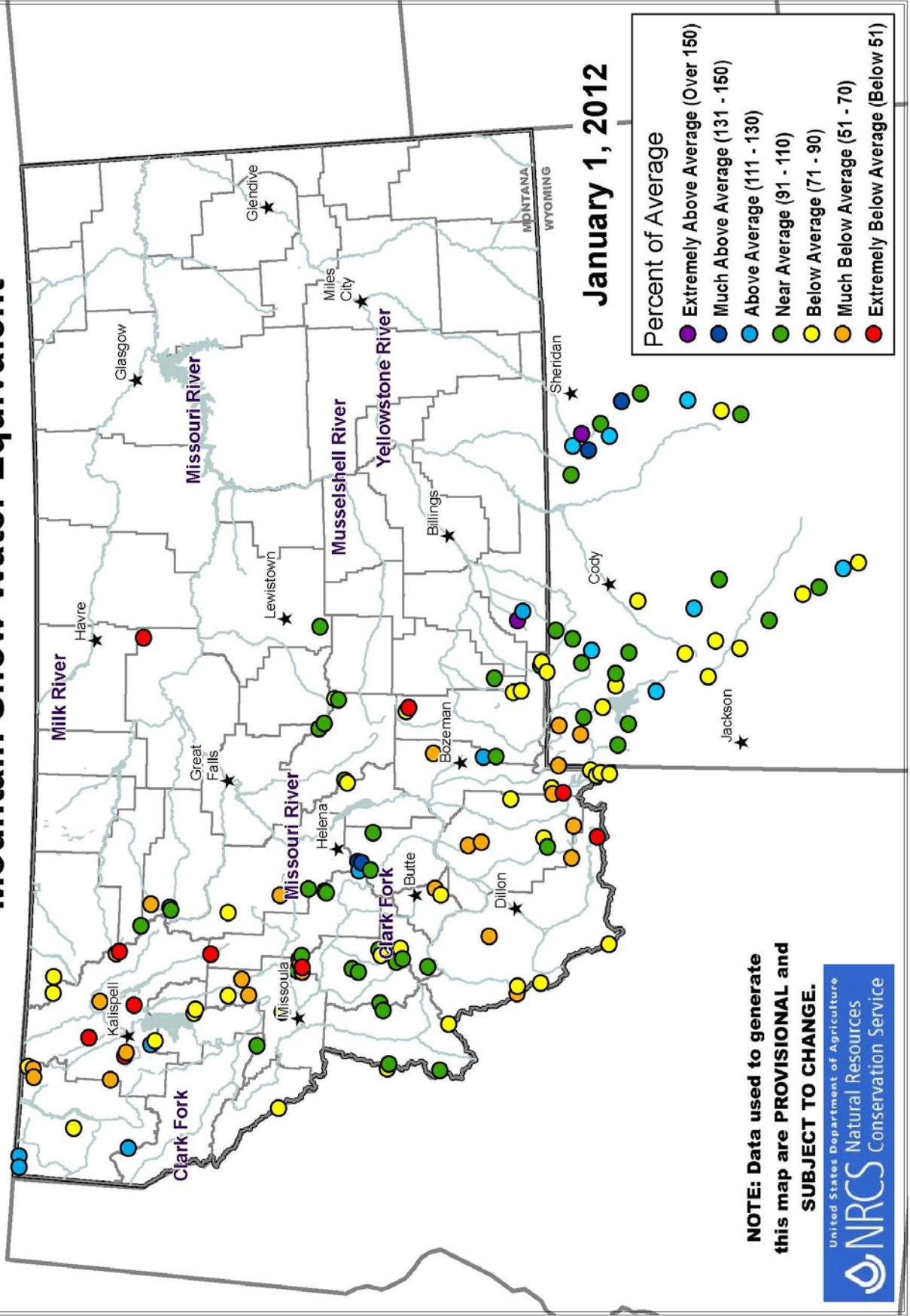
Surface Water Supply Index

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	Last Year	
SWSI	SWSI	Basi
-2.3	-2.3	Tobacco River
----	-0.4	Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam
----	+0.8	Kootenai River below Libby Dam
-1.2	+1.1	Fisher River
-0.6	0.0	Yaak River
-2.0	+0.7	North Fork Flathead River
-0.9	+1.3	Middle Fork Flathead River
----	+3.1	South Fork Flathead River
----	+1.6	Flathead River at Columbia Falls
-1.7	+2.3	Swan River
----	+1.0	Flathead River at Polson
-2.8	+3.2	Mission Valley
+1.6	-2.0	Little Bitterroot River
-0.3	+0.4	Clark Fork River above Milltown
-0.6	+1.8	Blackfoot River
0.0	+0.7	Bitterroot River
-1.1	+0.9	Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River
----	+1.0	Clark Fork River below Flathead River
+0.4	+2.0	Beaverhead River
----	+1.8	Ruby River
-1.0	+1.2	Big Hole River
+0.2	+0.5	Boulder River (Jefferson)
----	+1.9	Jefferson River
-0.5	+1.3	Madison River
-0.8	+1.0	Gallatin River
+0.1	+0.9	Missouri River above Canyon Ferry
-0.1	+0.7	Missouri River below Canyon Ferry
+2.7	+2.3	Smith River
0.0	-0.8	Sun River
+1.2	+0.4	Teton River
+1.2	-0.4	Birch/Dupuyer Creeks
+1.7	+2.7	Upper Judith River
+0.1	-0.3	Marias River above Tiber
----	+1.3	Marias River below Tiber
+0.6	+1.7	Musselshell River
+0.6	+0.8	Missouri River above Ft. Peck
-0.2	+1.0	Missouri River below Ft. Peck
+1.3	+1.2	St. Mary River
+1.6	+2.0	Milk River
-0.3	-1.1	Dearborn River near Craig
+0.1	+2.0	Yellowstone River above Livingston
-2.3	+2.4	Shields River
-1.1	+2.1	Boulder River (Yellowstone)
-0.8	+0.6	Stillwater River
----	+0.7	Rock/Red Lodge Creeks
+0.5	+2.1	Clarks Fork River
-0.1	+1.8	Yellowstone River above Bighorn River
+0.2	+0.5	Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake
+2.0	-0.5	Little Bighorn River
0.0	+1.2	Yellowstone River below Bighorn River
+2.8	-0.6	Tongue River
+1.7	-0.3	Powder River

Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



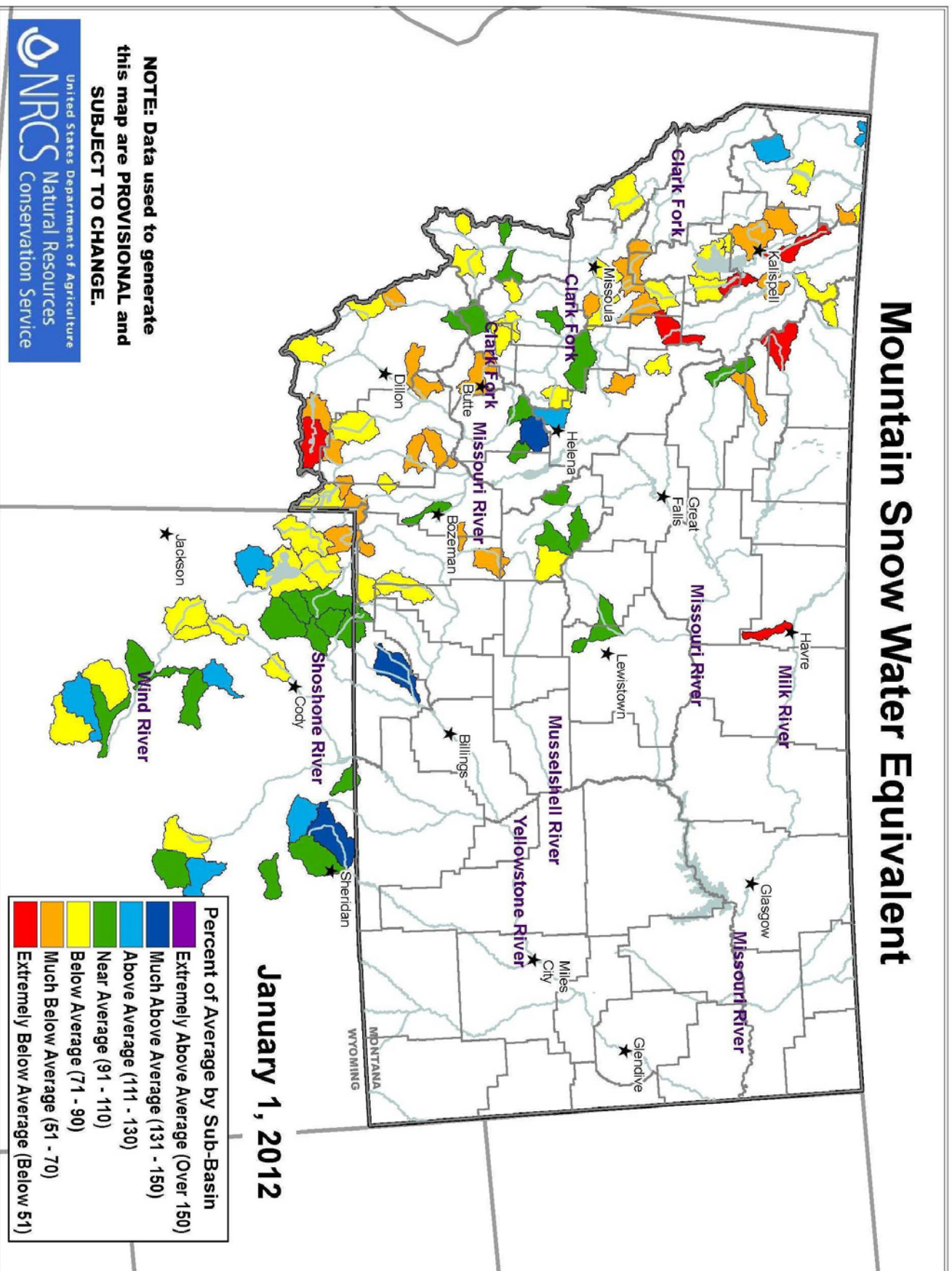
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- Percent of Average
- Extremely Above Average (Over 150)
 - Much Above Average (131 - 150)
 - Above Average (111 - 130)
 - Near Average (91 - 110)
 - Below Average (71 - 90)
 - Much Below Average (51 - 70)
 - Extremely Below Average (Below 51)

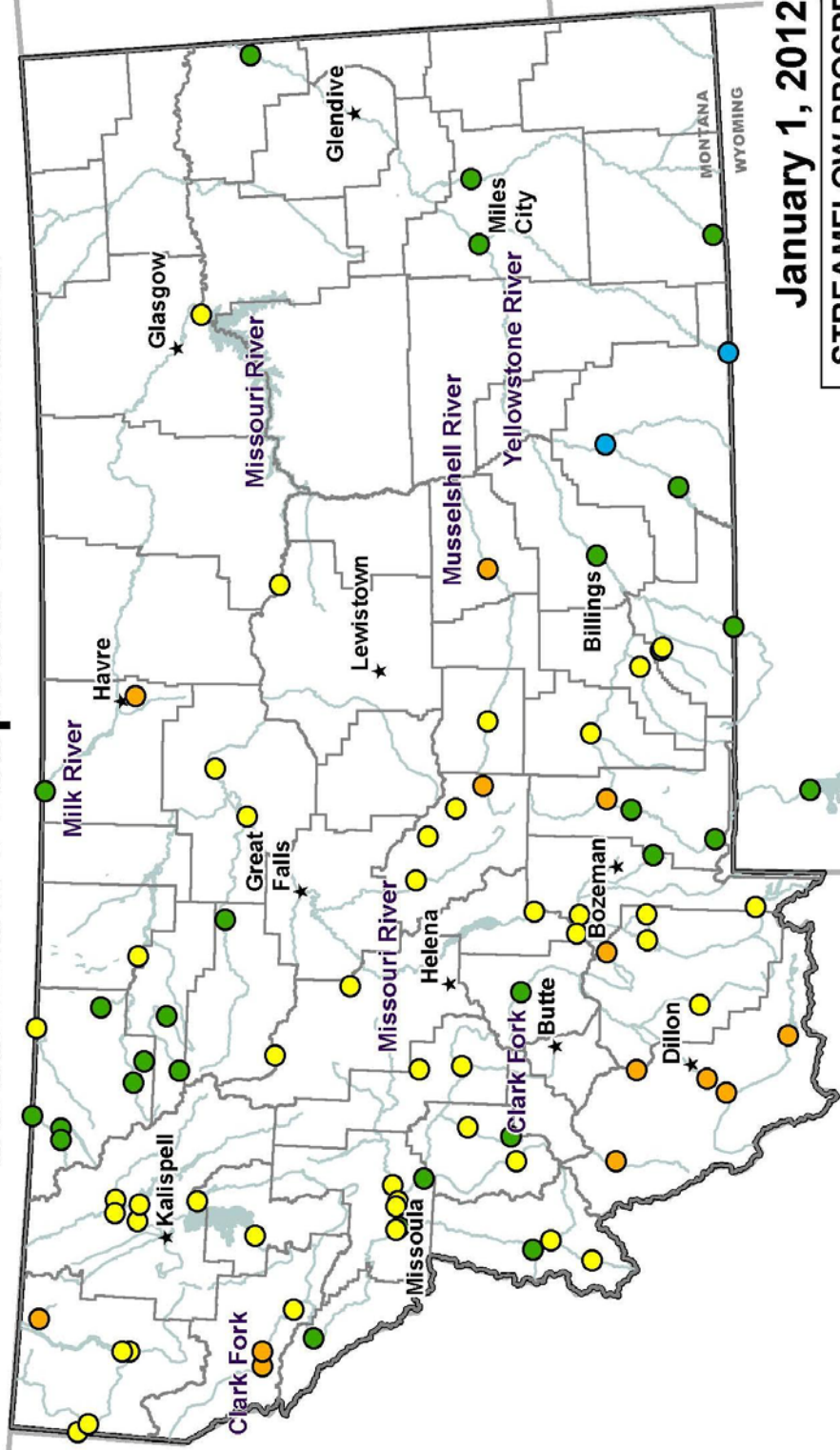
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Mountain Snow Water Equivalent



Streamflow Prospects for Montana



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STREAMFLOW PROSPECTS

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- Much Above Average (131 - 150)
- Above Average (111 - 130)
- Near Average (91 - 110)
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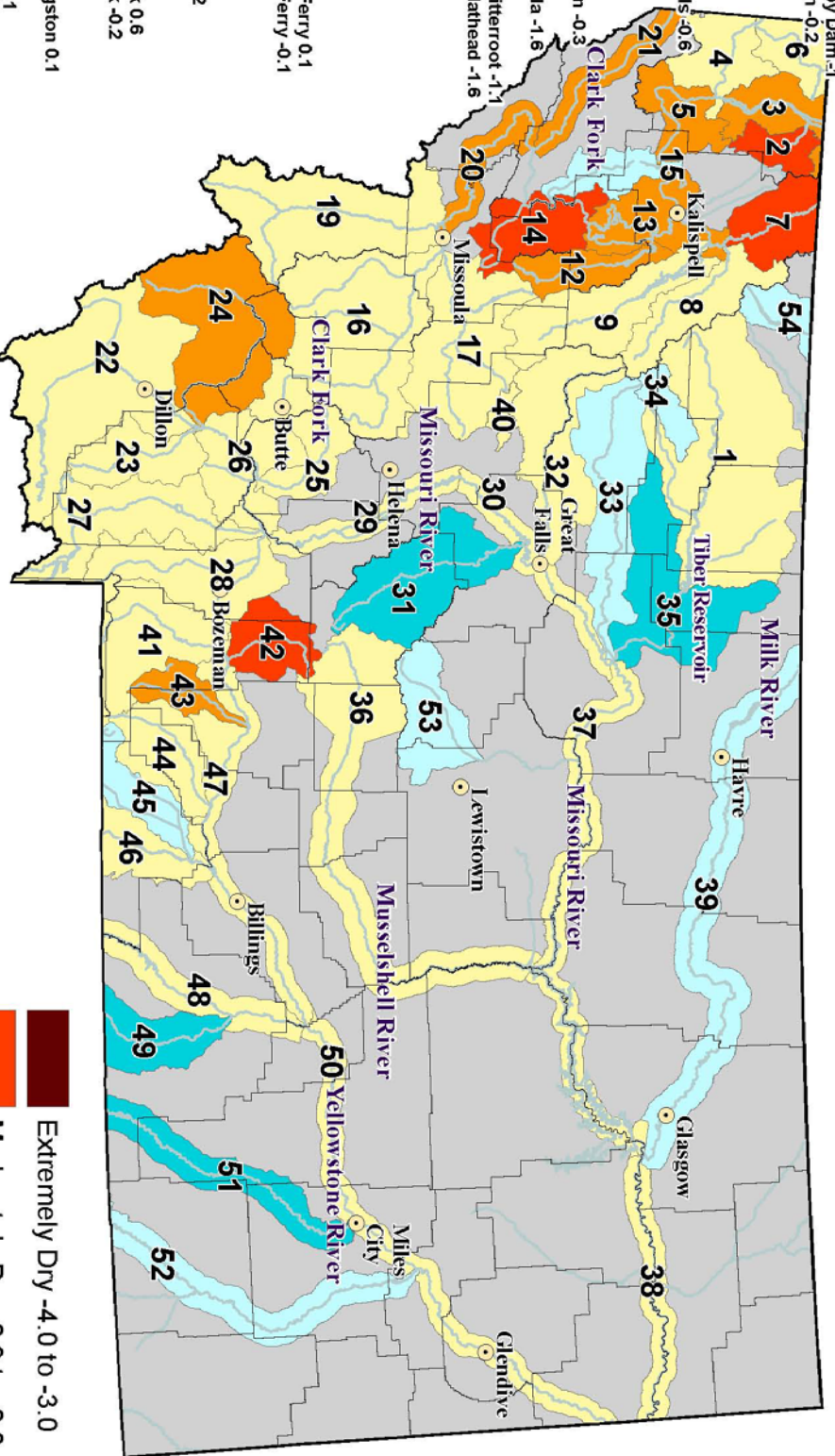
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Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Values

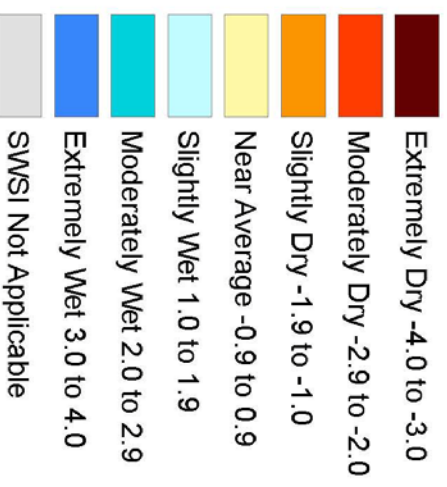
RIVER INDEX & SWSI VALUES

- 1 Marinas above Tiber Reservoir 0.1
- 2 Tobacco -2.3
- 3 Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam -1
- 4 Kootenai below Libby Dam -0.2
- 5 Fisher -1.2
- 6 Yaak -0.6
- 7 North FK, Flathead -2
- 8 Middle FK, Flathead -0.9
- 9 South FK, Flathead 0.4
- 10 Flathead at Columbia Falls -0.6
- 11 Swan -1.7
- 12 Flathead at Polson -1.8
- 13 Mission Valley -2.8
- 14 Clark Fork above Milltown -0.3
- 15 Little Bitterroot 1.6
- 16 Clark Fork above Missoula -1.6
- 17 Blackfoot -0.6
- 18 Clark Fork above Missoula -1.6
- 19 Bitterroot 0
- 20 Clark Fork River below Bitterroot -1.1
- 21 Clark Fork River below Flathead -1.6
- 22 Beaverhead 0.4
- 23 Ruby -0.6
- 24 Big Hole -1
- 25 Boulder (Jefferson) 0.2
- 26 Jefferson -0.6
- 27 Madison -0.5
- 28 Gallatin -0.8
- 29 Missouri above Canyon Ferry 0.1
- 30 Missouri below Canyon Ferry -0.1
- 31 Smith 2.7
- 32 Sun 0
- 33 Teton 1.2
- 34 Birch/Dupuyer Creeks 1.2
- 35 Maras 2.1
- 36 Musselshell 0.6
- 37 Missouri above Fort Peck 0.6
- 38 Missouri below Fort Peck -0.2
- 39 Milk 1.6
- 40 Dearborn near Craig -0.3
- 41 Yellowstone above Livingston 0.1
- 42 Shields -2.3
- 43 Boulder (Yellowstone) -1.1
- 44 Stillwater -0.8
- 45 Rock/Red Lodge Creeks 1.7
- 46 Clarks Fork Yellowstone 0.5
- 47 Yellowstone above Bighorn River -0.1
- 48 Bighorn below Bighorn Lake 0.2
- 49 Little Bighorn 2
- 50 Yellowstone below Bighorn 0
- 51 Tongue 2.8
- 52 Powder 1.7
- 53 Upper Judith 1.7
- 54 Saint Mary 1.3



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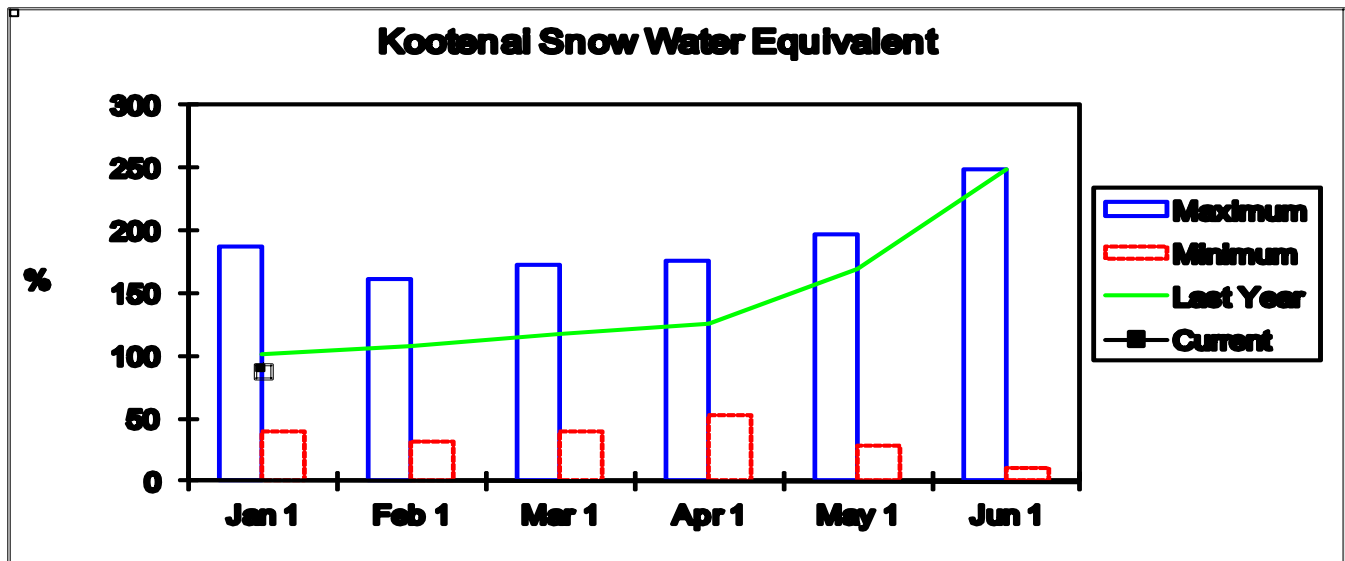


SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 71-00
ALBRO LAKE SNOTEL	8300	1/01/12	29	5.8	7.9	9.6
ASHLEY DIVIDE	4820	12/28/11	8	1.9	5.2	3.4
ASHLEY LAKE	4000	12/28/11	2	.5	2.8	2.6
BADGER PASS SNOTEL	6900	1/01/12	56	15.4	12.3	15.2
BANFIELD MTN SNOTEL	5600	1/01/12	39	8.0	7.2	9.0
BARKER LAKES SNOTEL	8250	1/01/12	24	5.3	6.3	6.7
BASIN CREEK SNOTEL	7180	1/01/12	14	2.6	3.9	3.7
BEAGLE SPGS SNOTEL	8850	1/01/12	19	3.1	5.5	3.7
BEAVER CREEK SNOTEL	7850	1/01/12	28	5.5	10.1	7.9
BISSON CREEK SNOTEL	4920	1/01/12	14	3.5	8.0	4.5
BLACK BEAR SNOTEL	7950	1/01/12	53	13.2	22.6	17.2
BLACK PINE SNOTEL	7100	1/01/12	23	4.7	5.6	5.2
BLACKTAIL	5650	1/02/12	20	5.3	8.8	6.8
BLACKTAIL MTN SNOTEL	5650	1/01/12	22	5.5	8.5	--
BLOODY DICK SNOTEL	7550	1/01/12	25	4.2	5.6	5.6
BOULDER MTN SNOTEL	7950	1/01/12	34	8.1	9.9	9.1
BOX CANYON SNOTEL	6700	1/01/12	20	3.9	5.5	4.5
BRACKETT CR SNOTEL	7320	1/01/12	23	4.7	11.0	8.9
BURNT MTN SNOTEL	5880	1/01/12	20	4.4	3.1	2.7
CALVERT CR SNOTEL	6430	1/01/12	20	4.2	4.8	3.9
CARROT BASIN SNOTEL	9000	1/01/12	44	9.8	13.9	13.1
CHESSMAN RESERVOIR	6200	12/27/11	11	2.1	1.5	1.5
CLOVER MDW SNOTEL	8800	1/01/12	29	6.8	8.5	8.1
COLE CREEK SNOTEL	7850	1/01/12	38	9.5	5.2	7.5
COMBINATION SNOTEL	5600	1/01/12	8	2.1	2.5	2.2
COPPER BOTTOM SNOTEL	5200	1/01/12	11	3.3	5.6	5.3
COPPER CAMP SNOTEL	6950	1/01/12	64	23.0	23.3	--
COYOTE HILL	4200	12/29/11	10	2.4	4.6	4.3
CRYSTAL LAKE SNOTEL	6050	1/01/12	21	5.0	9.1	5.4
DAISY PEAK SNOTEL	7600	1/01/12	19	4.0	5.1	4.7
DALY CREEK SNOTEL	5780	1/01/12	19	5.0	5.1	4.9
DARKHORSE LK. SNOTEL	8700	1/01/12	40	9.4	13.7	13.9
DEADMAN CR SNOTEL	6450	1/01/12	18	4.3	5.7	4.6
DISCOVERY BASIN	7050	12/30/11	18	3.3	4.7	4.2
DIVIDE SNOTEL	7800	1/01/12	19	3.2	6.7	4.8
DIX HILL	6400	1/01/12	21	4.6	6.1	4.5
DUPUYER CREEK SNOTEL	5750	1/01/12	12	2.7	3.8	4.4
EMERY CREEK SNOTEL	4350	1/01/12	14	4.3	7.7	7.0
FISHER CREEK SNOTEL	9100	1/01/12	62	15.7	18.6	16.3
FLATTOP MTN SNOTEL	6300	1/01/12	67	16.8	19.0	21.4
FROHNER MDWS SNOTEL	6480	1/01/12	20	4.5	3.9	3.4
GARVER CREEK SNOTEL	4250	1/01/12	23	6.2	5.4	5.2
GRAVE CRK SNOTEL	4300	1/01/12	20	4.9	7.2	7.7
HAND CREEK SNOTEL	5030	1/01/12	17	3.9	6.4	5.9
HAWKINS LAKE SNOTEL	6450	1/01/12	53	13.8	11.0	12.4
HEBGEN DAM	6550	12/29/11	13	2.3	5.2	5.1
HELL ROARING DIVIDE	5770	12/27/11	24	4.9	13.9	13.4
HOLBROOK	4530	12/31/11	10	1.9	3.9	4.2
HOODOO BASIN SNOTEL	6050	1/01/12	66	16.4	17.5	19.3
JOHNSON PARK	6450	12/30/11	11	2.7	3.4	2.8
KRAFT CREEK SNOTEL	4750	1/01/12	15	4.9	7.1	6.9
LAKEVIEW RDG. SNOTEL	7400	1/01/12	15	2.6	6.1	5.1
LEMHI RIDGE SNOTEL	8100	1/01/12	19	3.6	5.5	4.7
LICK CREEK SNOTEL	6860	1/01/12	25	6.1	4.9	5.3
LONE MOUNTAIN SNOTEL	8880	1/01/12	29	6.5	10.8	7.9
LOWER TWIN SNOTEL	7900	1/01/12	29	5.9	8.7	8.8
LUBRECHT SNOTEL	4680	1/01/12	12	2.9	3.5	2.6
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 3	5450	12/27/11	8	1.3	3.8	2.7
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 4	4650	12/27/11	3	.8	2.7	1.4
LUBRECHT FOREST NO 6	4040	12/27/11	10	1.7	3.3	1.6
LUBRECHT HYDROPLOT	4200	12/27/11	12	1.9	3.7	2.5
MADISON PLT SNOTEL	7750	1/01/12	38	8.8	14.6	11.2
MANY GLACIER SNOTEL	4900	1/01/12	20	5.3	7.8	7.0

MARIAS PASS	5250	12/23/11	16	4.1	7.7	7.3
MONUMENT PK SNOTEL	8850	1/01/12	33	7.0	12.2	9.9
MOSS PEAK SNOTEL	6780	1/01/12	51	13.8	24.9	16.8
MT LOCKHART SNOTEL	6400	1/01/12	40	9.9	9.4	9.5
MULE CREEK SNOTEL	8300	1/01/12	27	4.7	7.8	6.9
N.E. ENTRANCE SNOTEL	7350	1/01/12	19	3.6	5.9	5.0
NEVADA RIDGE SNOTEL	7020	1/01/12	31	6.7	7.6	6.8
NEZ PERCE CMP SNOTEL	5650	1/01/12	23	5.5	6.0	6.1
N.F. ELK CR SNOTEL	6250	1/01/12	21	4.7	6.3	5.1
NF JOCKO SNOTEL	6330	1/01/12	42	11.2	19.9	19.4
NOISY BASIN SNOTEL	6040	1/01/12	36	9.0	28.1	19.8
OPHIR PARK	7150	1/01/12	24	5.1	7.6	6.6
PETERSON MDW SNOTEL	7200	1/01/12	21	4.2	4.2	4.4
PICKFOOT CRK SNOTEL	6650	1/01/12	23	5.1	6.0	5.2
PIKE CREEK SNOTEL	5930	1/01/12	25	5.3	8.7	12.0
PIPESTONE PASS	7200	12/30/11	7	1.3	2.1	2.2
PLACER BASIN SNOTEL	8830	1/01/12	40	7.9	10.2	8.7
POORMAN CR SNOTEL	5100	1/01/12	53	15.2	19.3	13.4
PORCUPINE SNOTEL	6500	1/01/12	11	2.4	3.8	2.8
ROCKER PEAK SNOTEL	8000	1/01/12	31	6.5	6.9	6.4
ROCKY BOY SNOTEL	4700	1/01/12	3	1.1	2.5	2.2
SACAJAWEA SNOTEL	6550	1/01/12	16	3.9	7.0	5.1
SADDLE MTN SNOTEL	7900	1/01/12	46	9.3	12.7	11.7
S.F. SHIELDS SNOTEL	8100	1/01/12	19	3.7	7.5	7.5
SHORT CREEK SNOTEL	7000	1/01/12	13	2.9	3.8	2.9
SHOWER FALLS SNOTEL	8100	1/01/12	46	10.0	10.9	10.1
SKALKAHO SNOTEL	7260	1/01/12	42	9.3	9.9	10.3
SLEEPING WOMAN SNTL	6150	1/01/12	28	7.1	8.4	6.9
SPUR PARK SNOTEL	8100	1/01/12	36	9.1	10.5	10.0
STAHL PEAK SNOTEL	6030	1/01/12	40	11.1	19.8	17.1
STORM LAKE	7780	12/30/11	24	5.7	5.0	5.5
STUART MOUNTAIN SNTL	7400	1/01/12	47	11.8	18.4	15.1
TEN MILE LOWER	6600	12/27/11	18	3.5	3.1	3.0
TEPEE CREEK SNOTEL	8000	1/01/12	20	4.1	7.6	6.0
TIZER BASIN SNOTEL	6840	1/01/12	25	5.2	4.2	4.8
TRUMAN CREEK	4060	12/28/11	9	2.5	4.1	2.0
TWELVEMILE SNOTEL	5600	1/01/12	30	7.9	6.1	7.5
TWENTY-ONE MILE	7150	12/28/11	21	4.2	7.6	7.3
TWIN LAKES SNOTEL	6400	1/01/12	55	15.6	15.0	17.5
WALDRON SNOTEL	5600	1/01/12	22	6.0	5.1	5.2
WARM SPRINGS SNOTEL	7800	1/01/12	38	8.5	9.7	9.4
WEASEL DIVIDE	5450	1/04/12	43	11.7	13.7	15.2
WEST YELL'ST SNOTEL	6700	1/01/12	22	4.7	7.3	5.9
WHISKEY CREEK SNOTEL	6800	1/01/12	28	6.1	10.1	7.5
WHITE MILL SNOTEL	8700	1/01/12	33	9.1	13.1	11.1
WOOD CREEK SNOTEL	5960	1/01/12	17	3.5	5.0	4.2

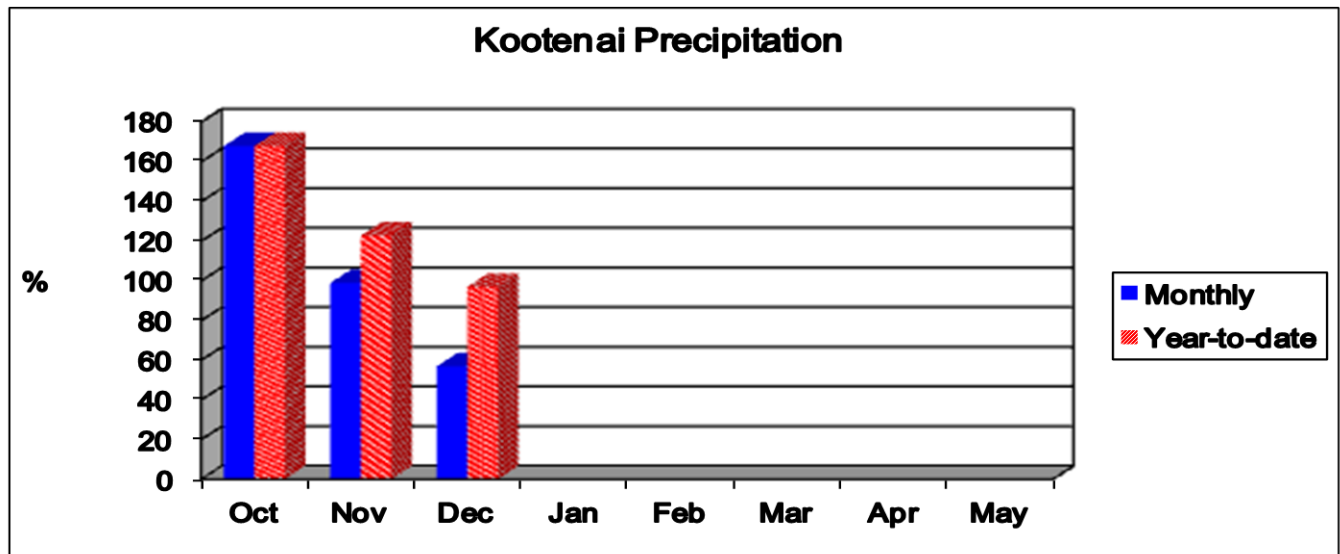
Kootenai River Basin in Montana

Snowpack conditions in the Kootenai River Basin as of January 1 were below average. Snow water content was 88 percent of average and 88 percent of last year. Snowpack in the Kootenai in Canada was above average. Snow water content was 64 percent of average and 64 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977 and 2005; May maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 2011 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 56 percent of average and 55 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 63 percent of average and 50 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 97 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.



There was insufficient data provided to calculate storage for Lake Koocanusa.

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

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -2.3 in the Tobacco River; insufficient data in the Kootenai Ft. Steele to Libby Dam; insufficient data in the Kootenai River below Libby Dam; -1.2 in the Fisher River; and -0.6 in the Yaak River.

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

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Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		===== Wetter =====>>		Chance Of Exceeding *		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Tobacco R nr Eureka	APR-JUL	56	79	95	70	111	134	136
	APR-SEP	63	89	106	71	123	149	150
Libby Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	3480	4320	4700	83	5080	5920	5640
	APR-SEP	4260	5110	5500	83	5880	6730	6640
Fisher River nr Libby	APR-JUL	91	144	180	78	215	270	230
	APR-SEP	98	153	190	78	225	280	245
Yaak River nr Troy	APR-JUL	215	310	370	80	430	525	465
	APR-SEP	235	325	390	80	455	545	490
Kootenai R at Leonia (1,2)	APR-JUL	4340	5400	5880	84	6360	7410	7040
	APR-SEP	5170	6240	6730	83	7220	8290	8120

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KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

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KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN in Montana
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2012

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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 KOOCANUSA		NO REPORT			KOOTENAY in CANADA	4	160	104
					KOOTENAI MAINTSTEM	3	97	96
					TOBACCO	3	68	69
					FISHER	1	61	66
					YAAK	2	122	114
					KOOTENAI in MONTANA	9	88	88
					KOOTENAI ab BONNERS FERRY	13	103	91

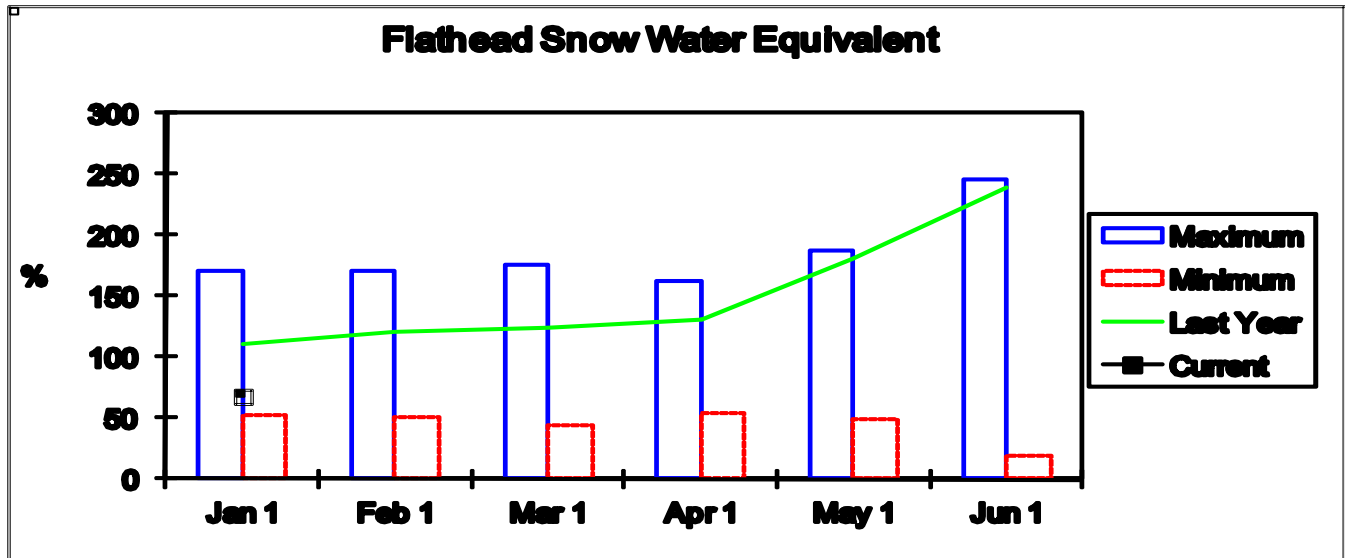
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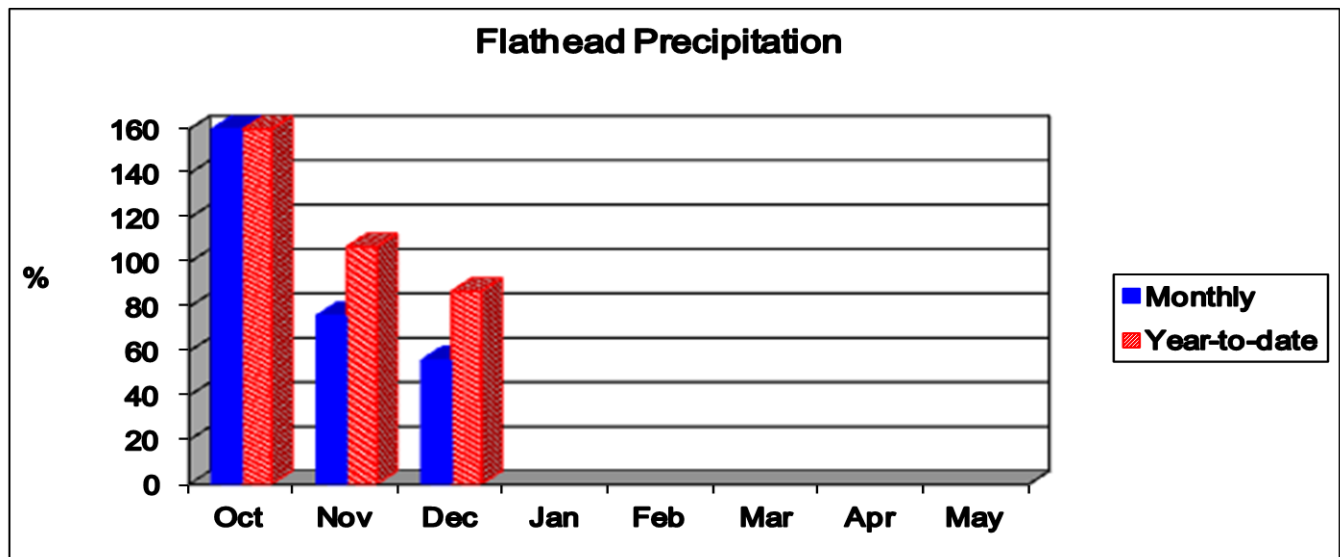
Flathead River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Flathead River Basin were well below average on January 1. Snow water content was 68 percent of average and 61 percent of last year. Snowpack in the Flathead of Canada is average based on one data site. Snow water content was 101 percent of average and 73 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum was in 2001; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1992; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum was in 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 57 percent of average and 52 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 51 percent of average and 32 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 87 percent of average and 81 percent of last year.



There was insufficient data provided to calculate storages for Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 83 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -2.0 in the North Fork Flathead River; -0.9 in the Middle Fork Flathead River; insufficient data in the South Fork Flathead River; insufficient data in the Flathead River at Columbia Falls; -1.7 in the Swan River; insufficient data in the Flathead River at Polson; -2.8 in the Mission Valley; +1.6 in the Little Bitterroot River.

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 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	APR-JUL	965	1180	1320	82	1470	1680	1620
	APR-SEP	1080	1310	1460	81	1610	1840	1800
MF Flathead R nr West Glacier	APR-JUL	1030	1250	1410	89	1560	1780	1590
	APR-SEP	1120	1350	1510	87	1670	1900	1740
SF Flathead R nr Hungry Horse	APR-JUL	690	875	1000	80	1120	1310	1250
	APR-SEP	740	930	1060	80	1190	1380	1330
Hungry Horse Reservoir Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	910	1310	1490	75	1670	2080	2000
	APR-SEP	990	1400	1590	75	1780	2190	2120
Flathead R at Columbia Falls (2)	APR-JUL	3200	3880	4340	81	4810	5490	5350
	APR-SEP	3530	4250	4730	81	5210	5920	5820
Ashley Ck nr Marion (2)	APR-JUL	2.5	4.1	5.2	72	6.3	7.9	7.2
	MARCH	0.0	0.5	0.8	80	1.2	1.7	1.1
Swan R nr Bigfork	APR-JUL	320	395	450	80	505	580	565
	APR-SEP	370	455	515	80	575	660	645
Flathead Lake Inflow (1,2)	APR-JUL	3170	4380	4930	80	5480	6700	6180
	APR-SEP	3500	4780	5360	80	5940	7220	6700
Mill Ck ab Basso Ck nr Niarada	APR-JUL	1.3	2.6	3.5	85	4.4	5.7	4.1
	APR-SEP	1.5	2.9	3.8	86	4.7	6.1	4.4
South Crow Ck nr Ronan	APR-JUL	6.5	8.0	9.0	89	10.0	11.5	10.1
	APR-SEP	7.4	9.1	10.2	89	11.3	13.0	11.5
Mission Ck nr St. Ignatius	APR-JUL	19.0	21	23	92	25	27	25
	APR-SEP	22	25	27	90	29	32	30
Sf Jocko R nr Arlee	APR-JUL	16.4	22	26	87	30	36	30
	APR-SEP	18.8	25	29	85	33	39	34
NF Jocko R bl Tabor Feeder Canal	APR-JUL	20	24	27	87	30	34	31
	APR-SEP	22	26	29	88	32	36	33

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	22.3	---	19.5	NF FLATHEAD in CANADA	1	0	47
LOWER JOCKO LAKE	6.4	0.0	---	0.1	NF FLATHEAD in MONTANA	6	67	67
MISSION VALLEY (8)	100.0	25.2	---	32.6	MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD	5	83	73
HUNGRY HORSE		NO REPORT			SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD	3	38	49
FLATHEAD LAKE		NO REPORT			STILLWATER-WHITEFISH	4	40	44
					SWAN	4	49	62
					MISSION VALLEY	3	56	80
					LITTLE BITTERROOT-ASHLEY	4	53	69
					JOCKO	3	64	73
					FLATHEAD in MONTANA	23	61	68
	FLATHEAD RIVER BASIN	24	61	67				

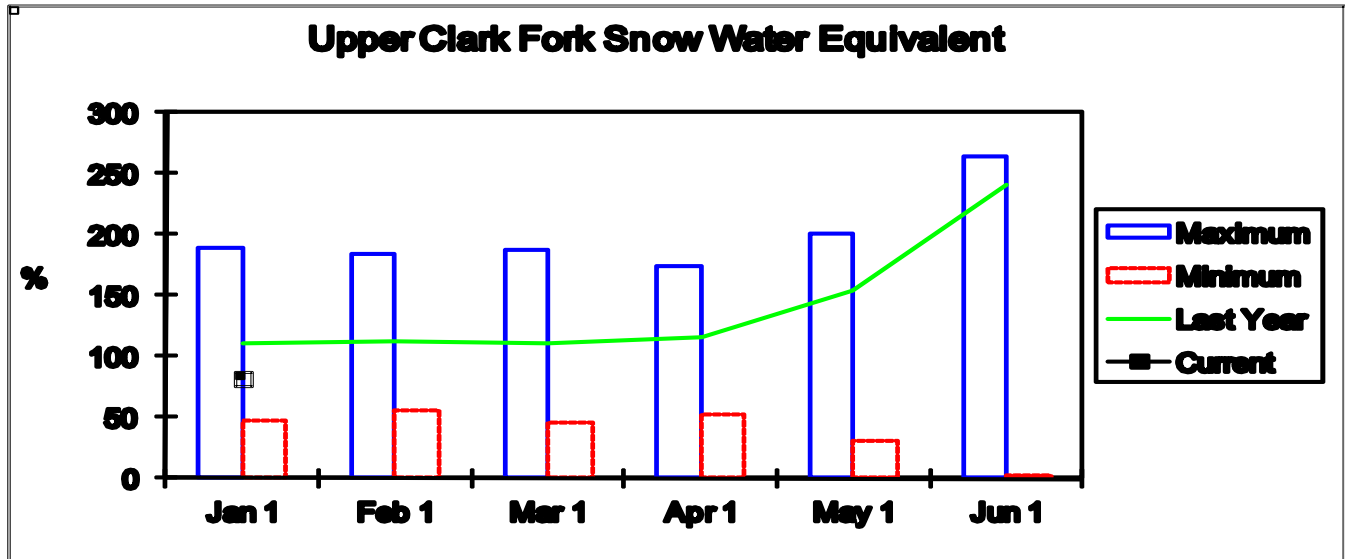
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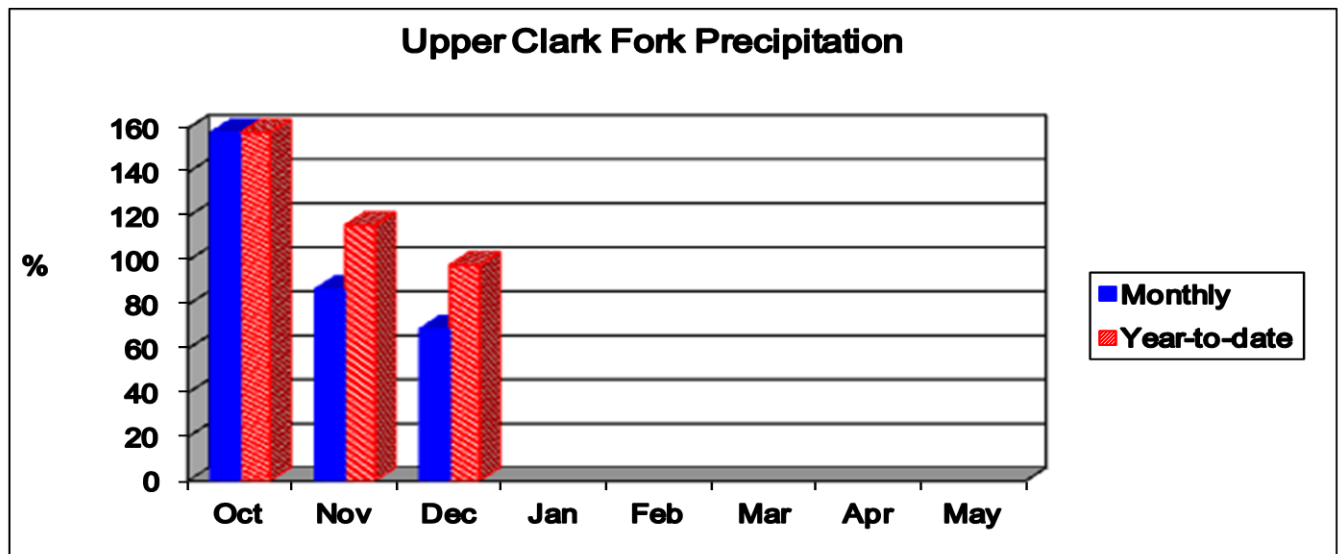
Upper Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin were below average on January 1. Snow water content was 82 percent of average and 77 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1987. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 69 percent of average and 64 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 67 percent of average and 47 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 98 percent of average and 92 percent of last year.



East Fork Rock Creek storage was 126 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; and Nevada Creek storage was 160 percent of average and 89 percent of last year.

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

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.3 in the Clark Fork River above Milltown; and -0.6 in the Blackfoot River.

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

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		===== Wetter =====>>				
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding * (% AVG.)	
Little Blackfoot R nr Garrison	APR-JUL	28	52	68	90	84	108	76
	APR-SEP	33	58	75	89	92	117	84
Flint Ck nr Southern Cross	APR-JUL	5.7	9.8	12.6	92	15.4	19.5	13.7
	APR-SEP	6.2	11.4	14.9	92	18.4	24	16.2
Flint Ck bl Boulder Ck	APR-JUL	23	39	50	89	61	77	56
	APR-SEP	31	50	63	89	76	95	71
Lower Willow Ck Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-MAY	2.7	5.4	7.3	89	9.2	11.9	8.2
	APR-JUL	3.5	8.1	11.2	90	14.3	18.9	12.5
MF Rock Ck nr Philipsburg	APR-JUL	38	49	57	89	65	76	64
	APR-SEP	42	55	63	88	71	84	72
Rock Ck nr Clinton	APR-JUL	144	205	245	91	285	345	270
	APR-SEP	166	230	275	90	320	385	305
Clark Fork R ab Milltown	APR-JUL	235	405	520	86	635	805	605
	APR-SEP	295	480	605	86	730	915	705
Nevada Ck nr Helmville	APR-MAY	3.2	6.5	8.7	85	10.9	14.2	10.3
	APR-JUL	5.7	11.0	14.6	84	18.2	24	17.3
Blackfoot R nr Bonner	APR-JUL	350	525	645	80	765	940	805
	APR-SEP	405	590	720	81	850	1040	890
Clark Fork R ab Missoula	APR-JUL	670	975	1180	84	1390	1690	1410
	APR-SEP	800	1120	1340	84	1560	1880	1600

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

UPPER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	10.3	10.5	8.2	CLARK FORK ab FLINT CREEK	8	84	91
GEORGETOWN LAKE		NO REPORT			FLINT CREEK	5	91	93
LOWER WILLOW CREEK		NO REPORT			ROCK CREEK	3	101	95
NEVADA CREEK	12.6	6.7	7.5	4.2	CLARK FORK ab BLACKFOOT	14	87	91
					BLACKFOOT	13	70	75
					UPPER CLARK FORK BASIN	24	77	82

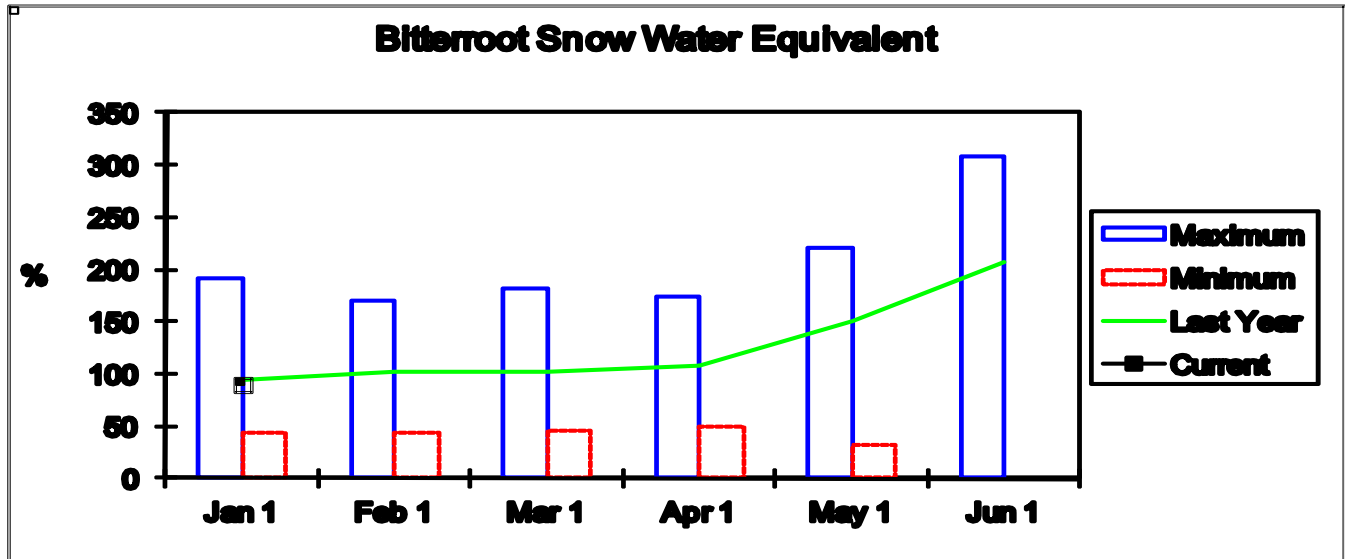
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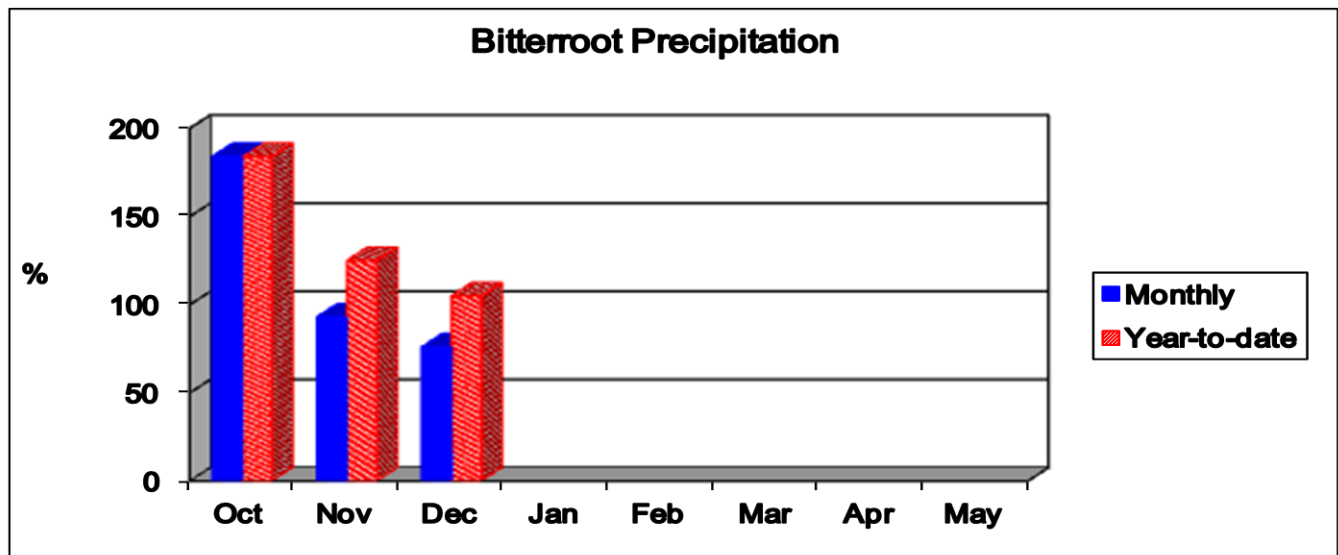
Bitterroot River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Bitterroot River Basin were below average on January 1. Snow water content was 90 percent of average and 96 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977 and 2005; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was 1972 and 1974 and 1974 and minimum swe was in 1987, 1992, 1994, and 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 75 percent of average and 70 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 87 percent of average and 66 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 105 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.



Painted Rocks Lake storage was 123 percent of average and 86 percent of last year and Como storage was 91 percent of average and 83 percent of last year.

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

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.0 in the Bitterroot River.

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 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)	
WF Bitterroot R nr Conner (2)	APR-JUL	60	98	124	87	150	188	143
	APR-SEP	65	107	135	86	163	205	157
Bitterroot R nr Darby	APR-JUL	210	325	400	87	475	590	460
	APR-SEP	260	375	450	87	525	640	515
Como Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	55	66	74	95	82	93	78
	APR-SEP	57	69	77	94	85	97	82
Bitterroot R nr Missoula	APR-JUL	690	970	1160	93	1350	1630	1250
	APR-SEP	755	1050	1250	91	1450	1740	1370

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	9.2	10.7	7.5	WEST FORK BITTERROOT	2	79	83
COMO	34.9	8.1	9.8	8.9	EAST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	85	88
					WEST SIDE BITTERROOT	3	106	91
					BITTERROOT RIVER BASIN	7	96	90

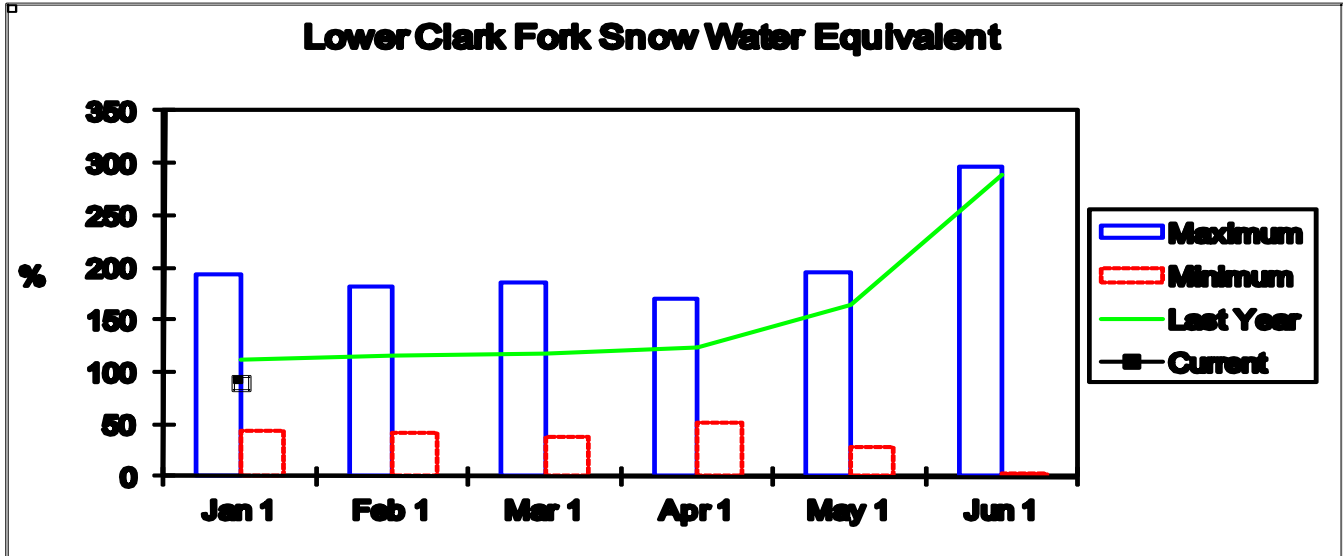
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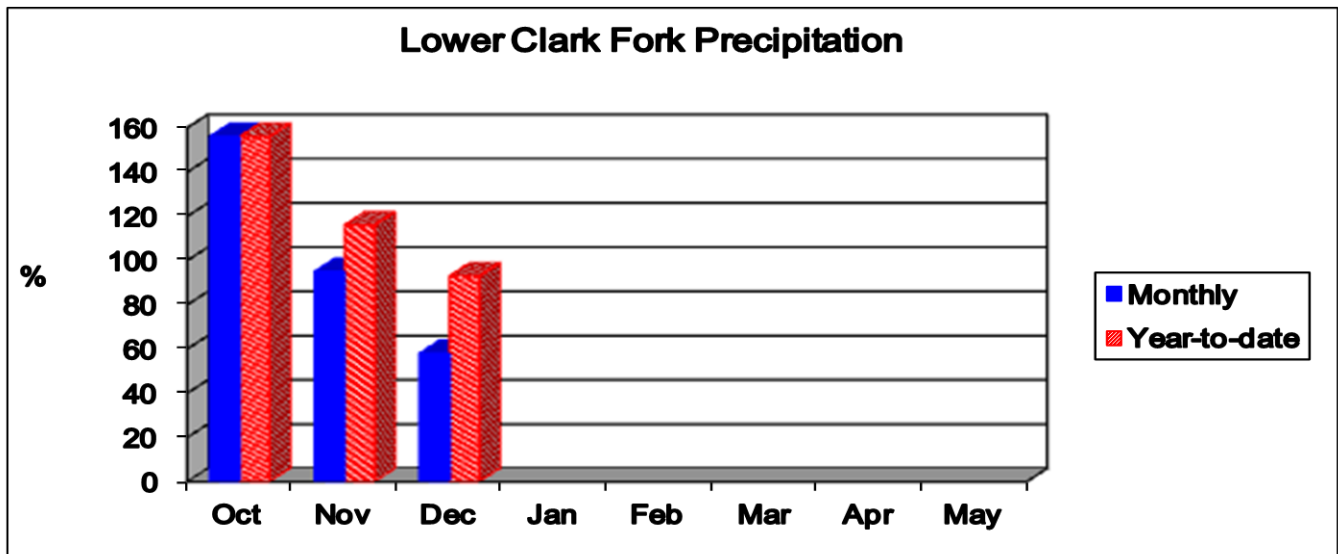
Lower Clark Fork River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Clark Fork River Basin were below average on January 1. Snow water content was 90 percent of average and 83 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1974 and minimum swe was in 1977. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 60 percent of average and 49 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 45 percent of average and 31 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 93 percent of average and 86 percent of last year.



There was insufficient data to calculate storage for Noxon Rapids.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 82 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -1.1 in the Clark Fork River below Bitterroot River and insufficient data in the Clark Fork River below Flathead River.

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

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Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions					30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)	
		<<===== Drier =====>>		===== Wetter =====>>				
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)		
Clark Fork R bl Missoula	APR-JUL	1470	2000	2360	89	2720	3250	2660
	APR-SEP	1680	2230	2610	88	2990	3540	2960
Clark Fork R at St. Regis (1)	APR-JUL	1980	2950	3390	96	3830	4800	3520
	APR-SEP	2260	3280	3740	96	4200	5210	3910
Clark Fork R nr Plains (1,2)	APR-JUL	5660	7660	8570	85	9480	11500	10100
	APR-SEP	6380	8490	9440	85	10400	12500	11100
Thompson R nr Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	56	103	135	66	167	215	205
	APR-SEP	70	120	154	67	188	240	230
Prospect Ck at Thompson Falls	APR-JUL	41	65	81	70	97	121	116
	APR-SEP	46	70	87	70	104	128	124
Clark Fork at Whitehorse Rpds (1,2)	APR-JUL	6410	8670	9700	86	10700	13000	11300
	APR-SEP	7270	9650	10700	86	11800	14200	12500

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LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

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LOWER CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2012

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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
NOXON RAPIDS		NO REPORT			LOWER CLARK FORK BASIN	7	83	90

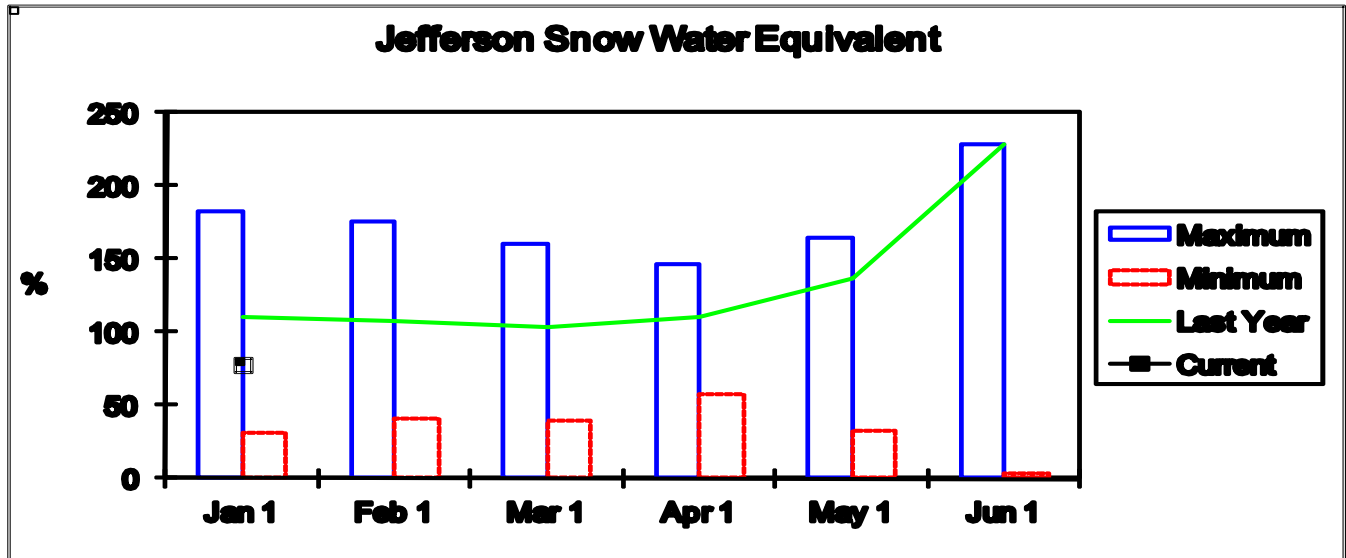
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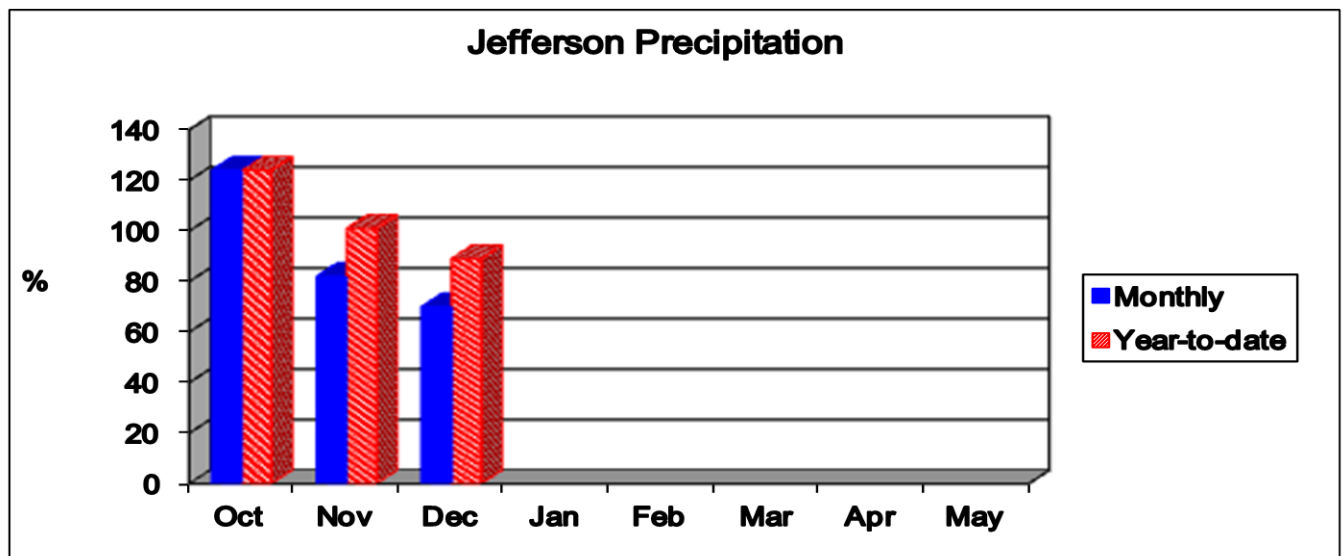
Jefferson River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Jefferson River Basin were well below average on January 1. Snow water content was 78 percent of average and 71 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; May maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 2011 and minimum in 1987. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 71 percent of average and 64 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 53 percent of average and 27 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 89 percent of average and 76 percent of last year.



Lima storage was 148 percent of average and 96 percent of last year; Clark Canyon storage was 119 percent of average and 104 percent of last year; and insufficient data on Ruby River storage.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 71 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.4 in the Beaverhead River; insufficient data in the Ruby River; -1.0 in the Big Hole River; +0.2 in the Boulder River; and insufficient data in the Jefferson River near Three Forks.

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<----- Drier ----- Future Conditions ----- Wetter ----->>				30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)				
		90% (1000AF)		50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)			30% (1000AF)		10% (1000AF)	
		70% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding *							
Lima Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	26	47	62	65	77	98	96		
	APR-SEP	24	48	65	63	82	106	104		
Clark Canyon Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	30	45	75	57	115	173	131		
	APR-SEP	36	53	89	57	133	197	156		
Beaverhead R at Barretts (2)	APR-JUL	42	63	106	63	157	235	168		
	APR-SEP	50	76	126	63	185	275	200		
Ruby R Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	37	57	70	83	83	103	84		
	APR-SEP	46	69	84	83	99	122	101		
Big Hole R at Wisdom	APR-JUL	30	44	76	63	111	162	121		
	APR-SEP	32	47	80	62	117	172	130		
Big Hole R nr Melrose	APR-JUL	168	320	425	70	530	680	610		
	APR-SEP	190	355	465	71	575	740	660		
Jefferson R nr Twin Bridges (2)	APR-JUL	210	355	525	67	695	945	785		
	APR-SEP	230	380	570	65	760	1040	880		
Boulder R nr Boulder	APR-JUL	44	62	74	95	86	104	78		
	APR-SEP	48	67	80	94	93	112	85		
Willow Ck Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	5.0	7.6	12.4	69	17.2	24	17.9		
	APR-SEP	5.6	8.6	13.8	69	19.0	27	20		
Jefferson R nr Three Forks (2)	APR-JUL	145	420	605	78	790	1060	780		
	APR-SEP	145	450	655	76	860	1170	860		

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	47.5	49.4	32.2	BEAVERHEAD	8	58	70
CLARK CANYON	255.6	163.2	157.0	137.5	RUBY	5	69	72
RUBY RIVER		NO REPORT			BIGHOLE	9	75	78
					BOULDER	4	89	95
					JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN	21	71	78

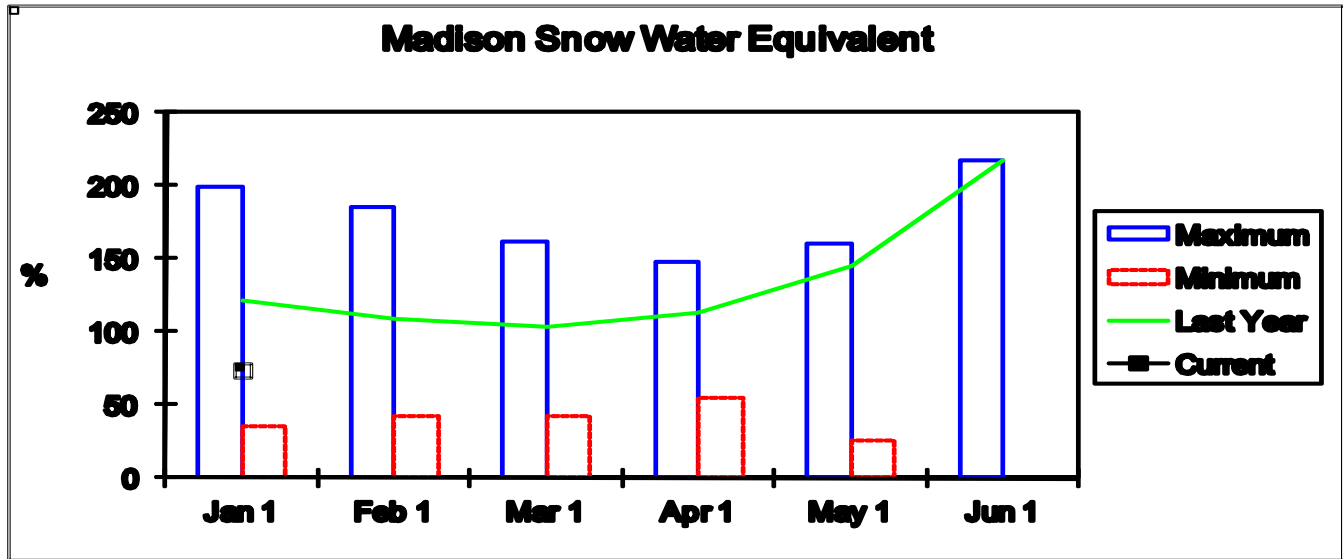
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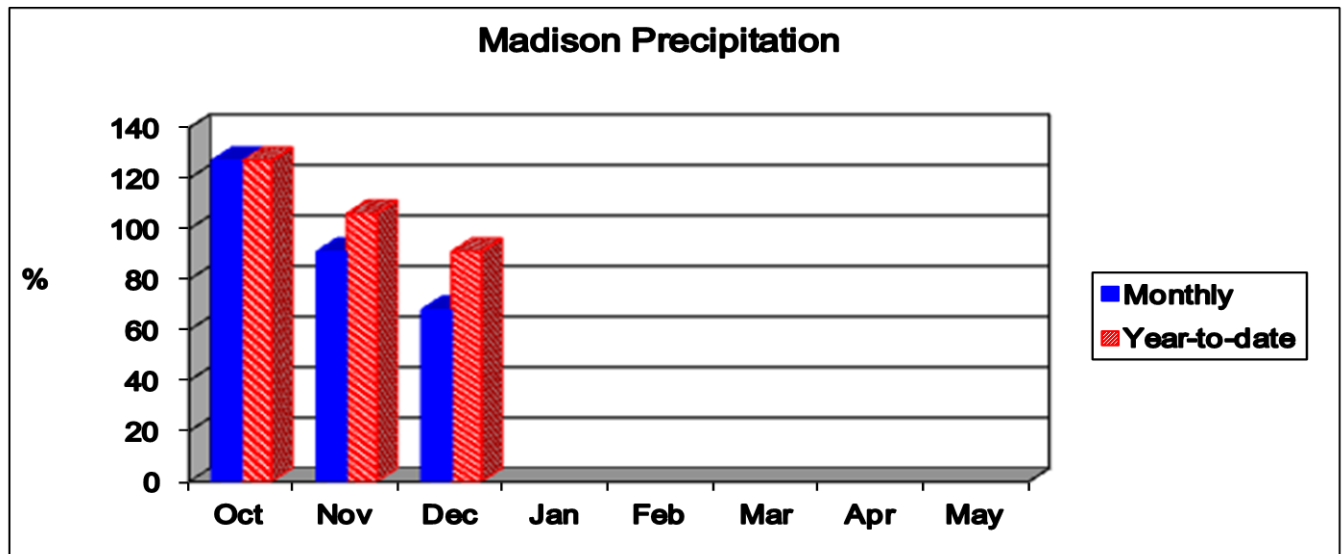
Madison River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Madison River Basin were well below average on January 1. Snow water content was 74 percent of average and 62 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; May maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 2011 and minimum in 1987 and 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation during December was 68 percent of average and 58 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 91 percent of average and 75 percent of last year.



Ennis Lake storage was 95 percent of average and 105 percent of last year and Hebgen Lake storage was 121 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 83 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.5 for the Madison River.

MADISON RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<----- Drier ----->>		----->>		Wetter ----->>		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding * 50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Hebgen Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	245	295	330	84	365	415	395
	APR-SEP	315	380	420	83	460	525	505
Ennis Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	405	495	560	82	625	715	680
	APR-SEP	515	625	700	82	775	885	850

Reservoir	MADISON RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December				MADISON RIVER BASIN Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2012			
	Usable Capacity	*** This Year	Usable Last Year	Storage *** Avg	Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	% of Average
ENNIS LAKE	41.0	29.9	28.5	31.5	MADISON abv HEBGEN LAKE	6	59	79
HEBGEN LAKE	377.5	325.1	315.9	267.6	MADISON blw HEBGEN LAKE	8	64	70
					MADISON RIVER BASIN	14	62	74

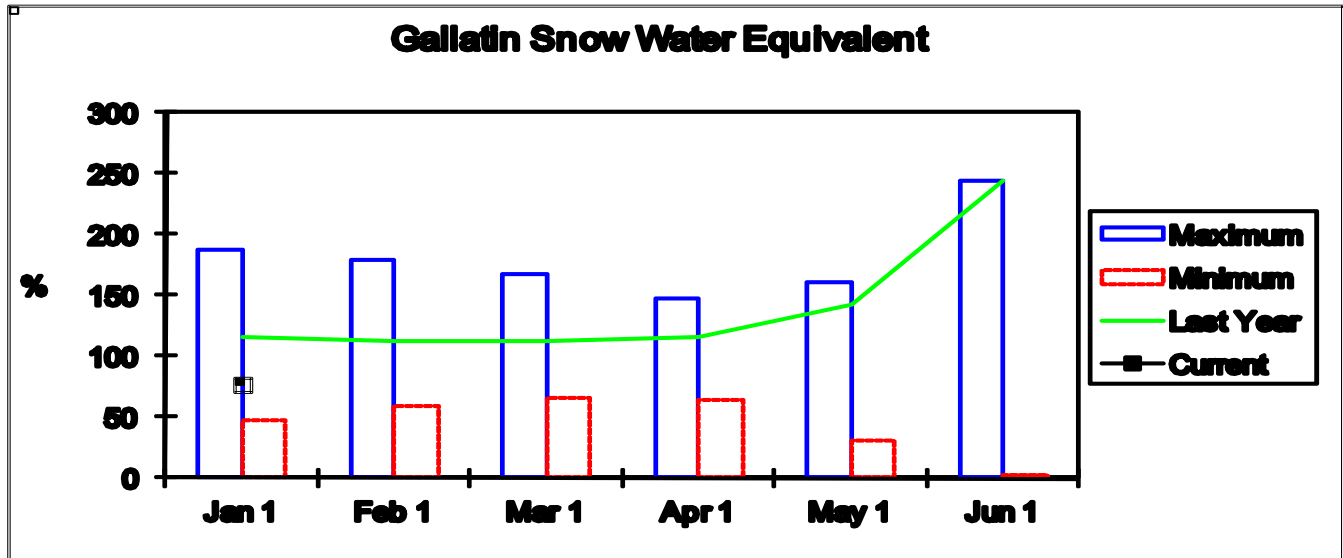
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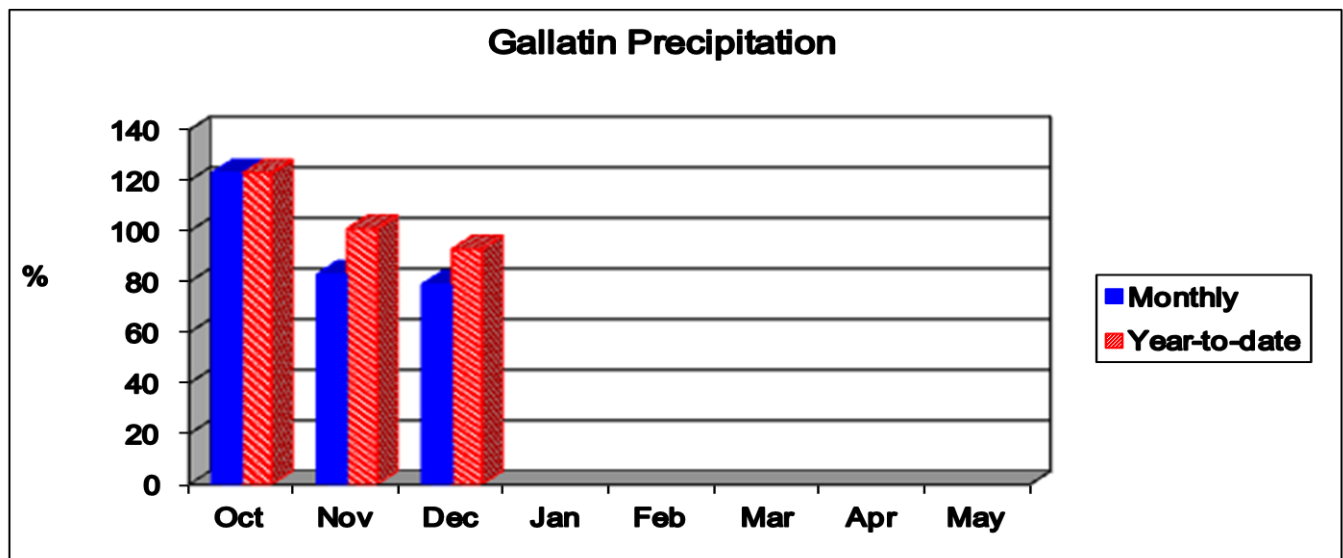
Gallatin River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Gallatin River Basin were below average on January 1. Snow water content was 77 percent of average and 67 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1966; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977; March maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1977 and 2005; April maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum was in 1987; May maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was in 2011 and minimum in 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 78 percent of average and 85 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 85 percent of average and 75 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 93 percent of average and 77 percent of last year.



Middle Creek storage was 137 percent of average and 84 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 89 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was -0.8 for the Gallatin River.

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		=====		>>===== Wetter =====>>		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding * 50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Gallatin R nr Gateway	APR-JUL	270	335	380	86	425	490	440
	APR-SEP	320	395	445	86	495	570	515
Hyalite Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	17.9	20	22	100	24	26	22
	APR-SEP	21	23	25	100	27	29	25
Gallatin R at Logan	APR-JUL	220	330	405	82	480	590	495
	APR-SEP	265	385	470	83	555	675	570

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

GALLATIN RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	5.6	6.7	4.1	UPPER GALLATIN	4	61	72
					HYALITE	2	102	105
					BRIDGER	2	48	61
					GALLATIN RIVER BASIN	8	67	77

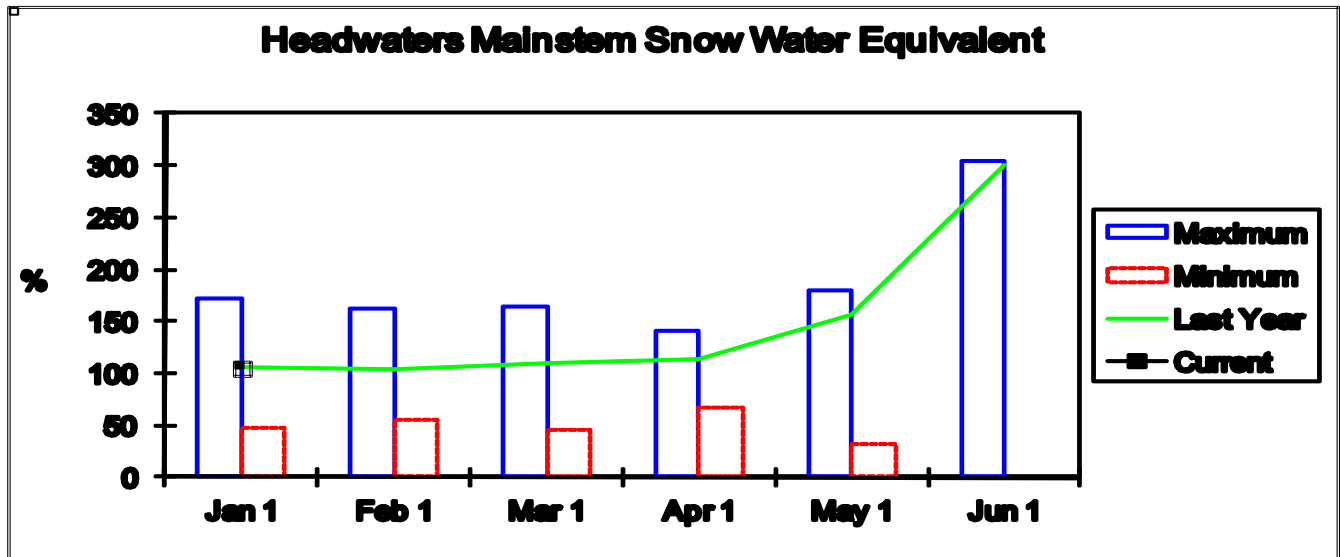
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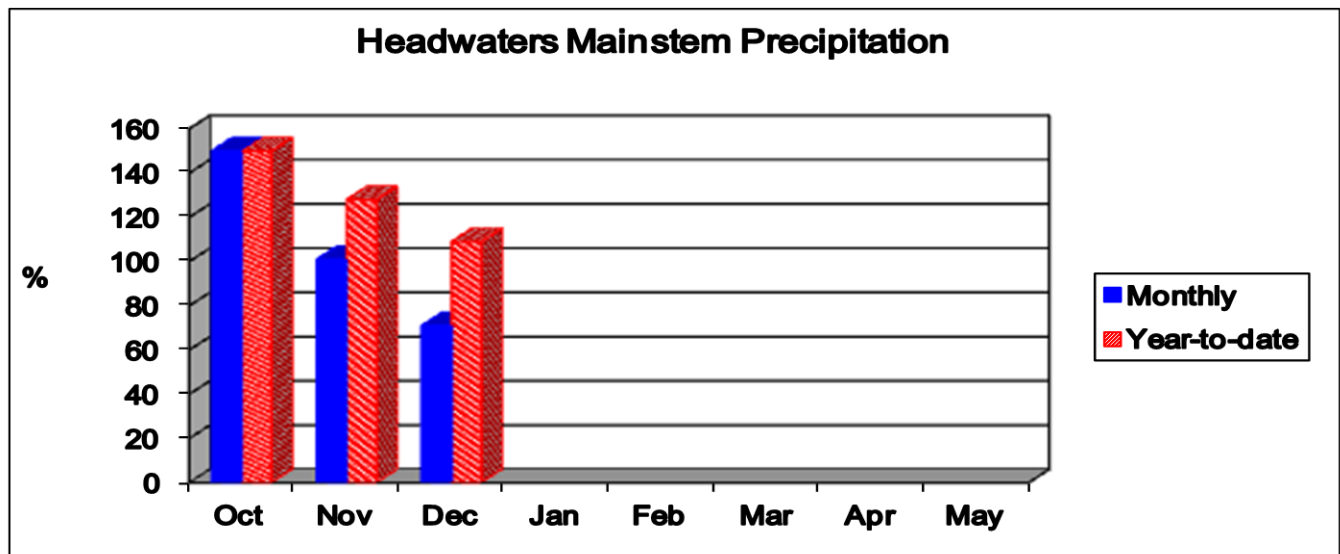
Missouri Mainstem River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Headwaters Missouri Mainstem River Basin were near average on January 1. Snow water content was 105 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe in 1977; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977 and 1988; March maximum swe in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1961, 1966 and 2005; May maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1975 and minimum swe was in 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 83 percent of average and 86 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 50 percent of average and 23 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 109 percent of average and 88 percent of last year.



Canyon Ferry Lake storage was 98 percent of average and 103 percent of last year; Helena Valley storage was 129 percent of average and 105 percent of last year; insufficient data for Lake Helena storage; insufficient data for Hauser & Helena storage; Holter Lake storage was 101 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; and Fort Peck Lake storage was 101 percent of average and 100 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 80 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.1 in the Missouri River above Canyon Ferry; -0.1 in the Missouri River below Canyon Ferry; +0.6 in the Missouri River above Fort Peck; and -0.2 in the Missouri River below Fort Peck.

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MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 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)
Missouri R at Toston (2)	APR-JUL	920	1270	1580	77	1890	2260	2050
	APR-SEP	1070	1490	1850	77	2210	2630	2390
Dearborn R nr Craig	APR-JUL	51	77	95	79	113	139	121
	APR-SEP	58	85	104	83	123	150	125
Missouri R at Fort Benton (2)	APR-JUL	1440	1990	2390	80	2790	3370	2990
	APR-SEP	1700	2400	2870	80	3340	4030	3570
Missouri R nr Virgelle (2)	APR-JUL	1690	2330	2790	81	3250	3920	3450
	APR-SEP	1970	2760	3300	81	3840	4630	4060
Missouri R nr Landusky (2)	APR-JUL	1710	2430	2920	79	3410	4100	3690
	APR-SEP	2000	2840	3420	79	4000	4840	4350
Missouri R bl Fort Peck Dam (2)	APR-JUL	1760	2450	2950	79	3450	4170	3740
	APR-SEP	2020	2870	3440	79	4010	4860	4330
Lake Sakakawea Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	5190	7090	8380	86	9670	11600	9740
	APR-SEP	5950	8150	9630	86	11100	13300	11200

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MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

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MISSOURI MAINSTEM RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2012

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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	1642.0	1596.0	1670.3	HEADWATERS MAINSTEM	7	99	105
HELENA VALLEY	9.2	6.2	5.9	4.8	SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	10	73	89
LAKE HELENA		NO REPORT			SUN-TETON-MARIAS	7	90	81
HAUSER & HELENA		NO REPORT			MAINSTEM ab FT PECK RES	23	84	90
HOLTER LAKE	81.9	80.7	80.9	80.0	MILK RIVER BASIN	1	44	50
FORT PECK LAKE	18910.0	15255.0	15280.0	15126.0	MISSOURI MAINSTEM BASIN	23	85	93

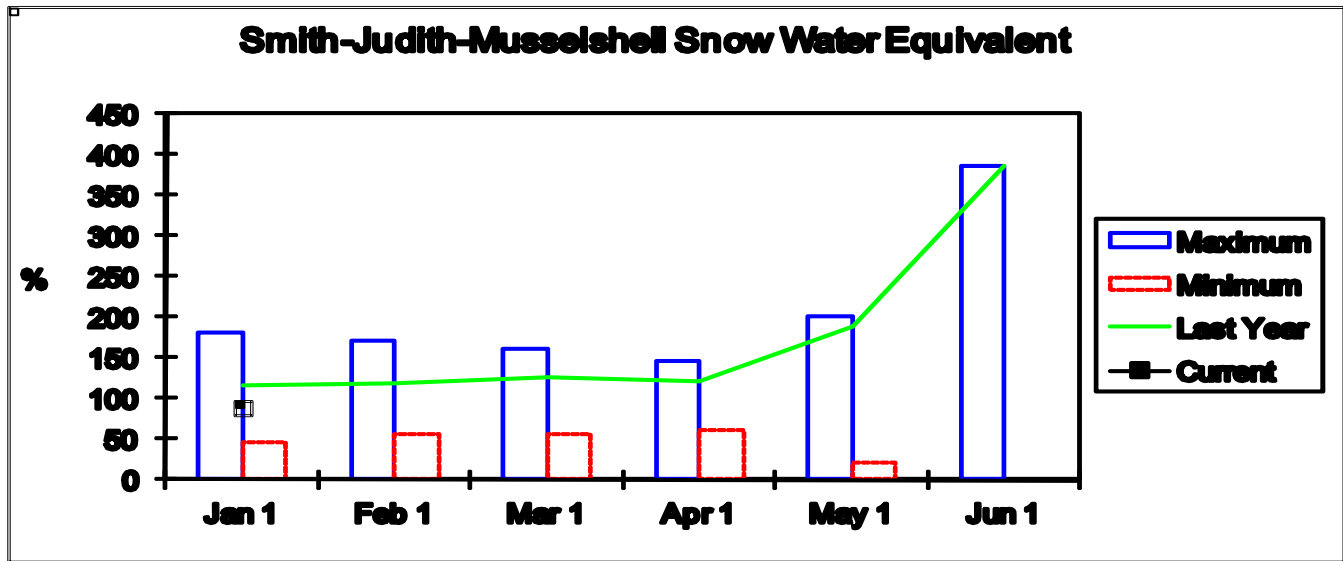
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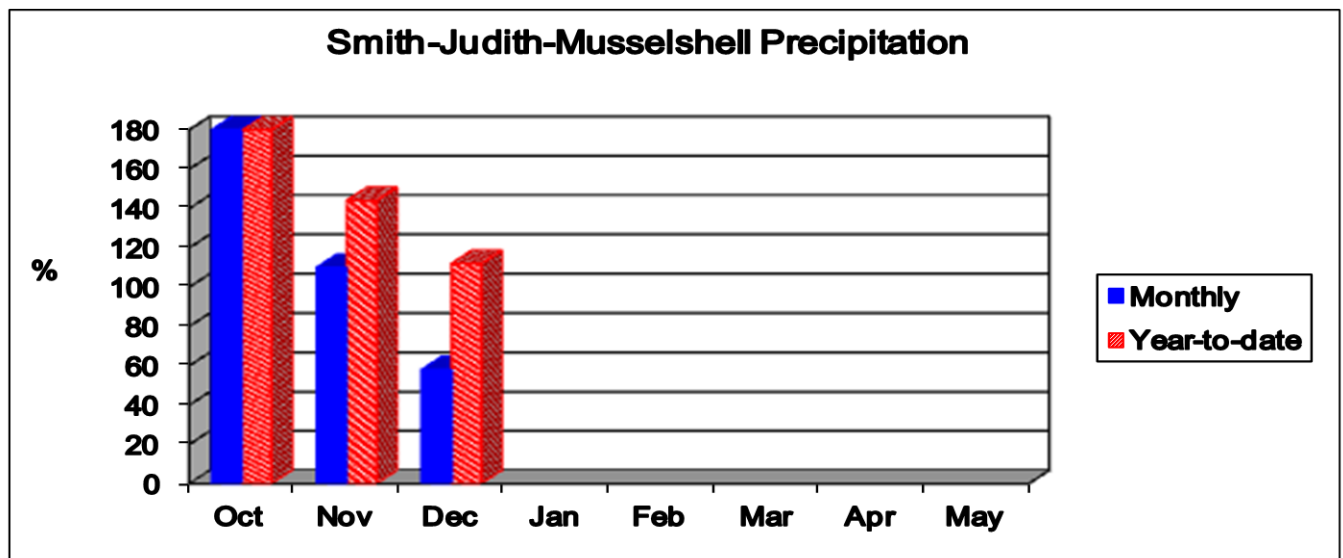
Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Smith-Judith-Musselshell River Basins were below average January 1. Snow water content was 89 percent of average and 73 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Smith River Basin was 88 percent of average and 76 percent of last year; the Judith River Basin was 91 percent of average and 74 percent of last year; and the Musselshell Basin River was 88 percent of average and 65 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1987; March maximum swe was in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1987 and 2005; April maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1992; and May maximum swe was in 1970 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was in 2011 and minimum swe was in 1987, 1992, 1994, and 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation during December in the Smith-Belts was 62 percent of average and 66 percent of last year; in the Judith was 57 percent of average and 59 percent of last year; and in the Musselshell was 39 percent of average and 22 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation for the greater basin, beginning October 1, 2010, was 112 percent of average and 90 percent of last year.



Smith River storage was 126 percent of average and 90 percent of last year; Ackley storage was 122 percent of average and 98 percent of last year; Bair storage was 157 percent of average and 100 percent of last year; Martinsdale storage was 86 percent of average and 48 percent of last year; and Deadman's Basin was 152 percent of average and 102 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 77 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +2.7 in the Smith River, +1.7 in the Upper Judith River, and +0.6 in the Musselshell River.

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

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		=====		>>===== Wetter =====<<		
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding * 50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Sheep Ck nr White Sulphur Springs	APR-JUL APR-SEP	9.7 11.6	13.1 15.5	15.4 18.2	90 91	17.7 21	21 25	17.1 20
Smith R bl Eagle Ck (2)	APR-JUL APR-SEP	65 66	98 104	120 130	90 87	142 156	175 194	133 149
NF Musselshell R nr Delpine	APR-JUL APR-SEP	1.3 1.6	3.0 3.5	4.1 4.8	89 89	5.2 6.1	6.9 8.0	4.6 5.4
SF Musselshell R ab Martinsdale	APR-JUL APR-SEP	11.2 11.6	16.9 17.5	28 29	54 52	43 45	65 68	52 56
Musselshell R at Harlowton (2)	APR-JUL APR-SEP	22 23	31 30	56 57	73 70	81 84	119 124	77 81
Musselshell R nr Roundup (2)	APR-JUL APR-SEP	25 24	43 41	62 60	63 59	117 116	199 198	99 102

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

SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	7.2	8.0	5.7	SMITH	6	76	88
ACKLEY LAKE	7.0	3.9	4.0	3.2	HIGHWOOD	0	0	0
BAIR	7.0	5.5	5.5	3.5	JUDITH	4	74	91
MARTINSDALE	23.1	8.7	18.1	10.1	MUSSELSHELL	3	65	88
DEADMAN'S BASIN	72.2	66.7	65.1	44.0	SMITH-JUDITH-MUSSELSHELL	10	73	89

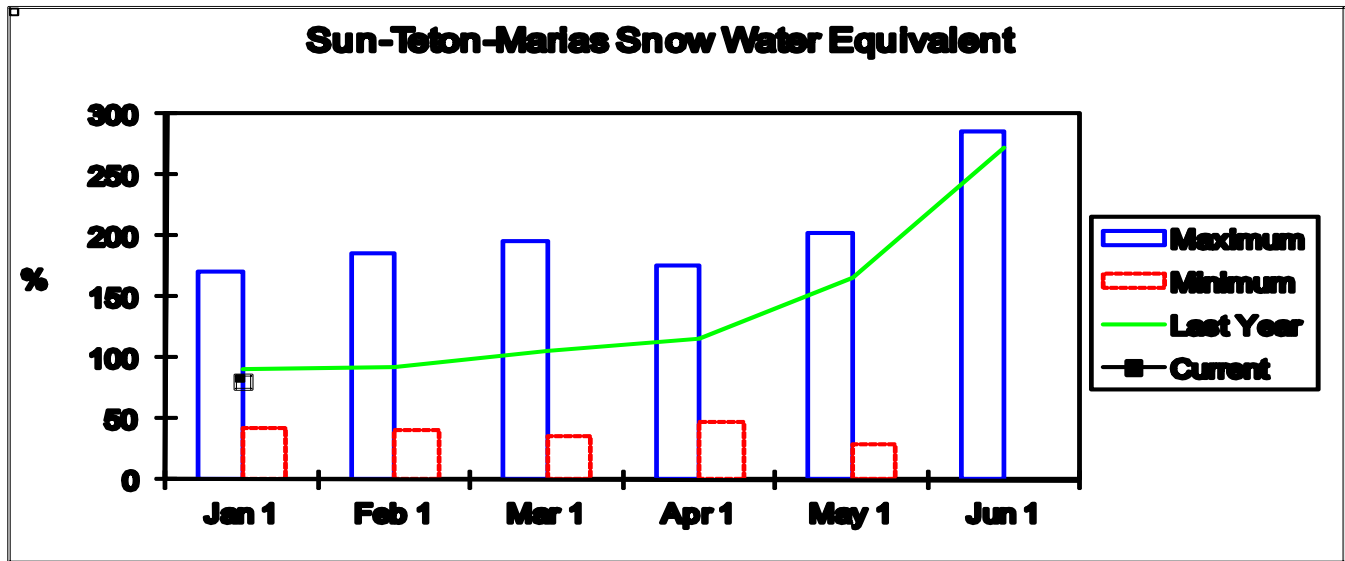
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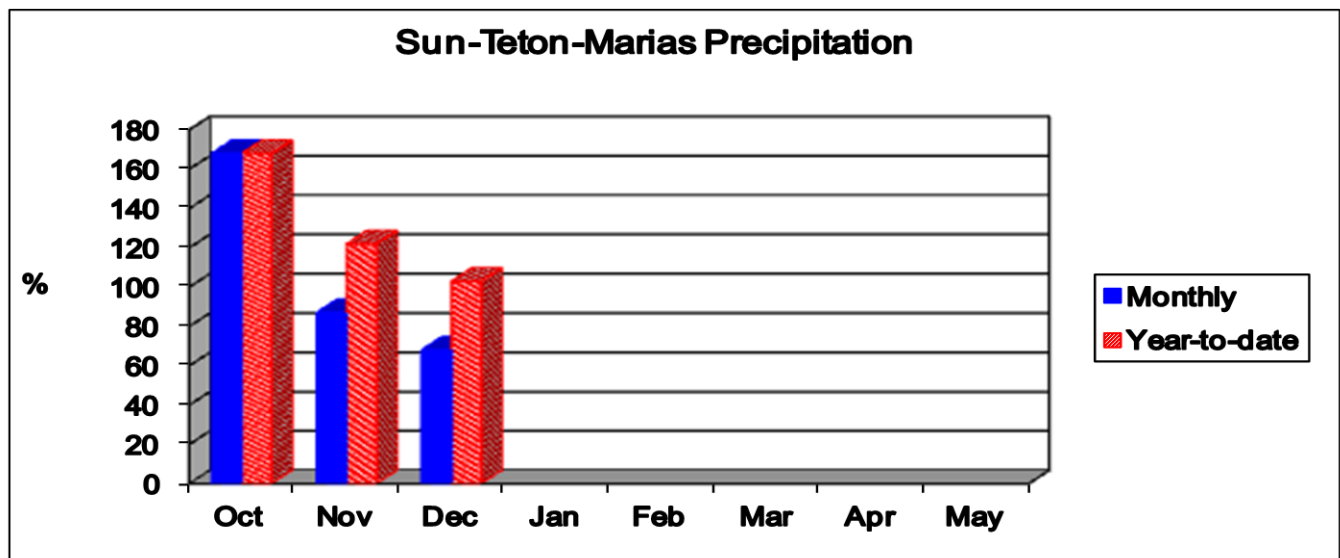
Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins

Snowpack conditions in the Sun-Teton-Marias River Basins were below average on January 1. Snow water content was 81 percent of average and 90 percent of last year. Snow water content in the Sun River Basin was 98 percent of average and 93 percent of last year; the Teton River Basin was 97 percent of average and 102 percent of last year; and the Marias River Basin was 71 percent of average and 85 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 1987, 1992, and 1998. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation during December in the Sun was 62 percent of average and 52 percent of last year; in the Teton was 84 percent of average and 77 percent of last year; and in the Marias was 64 percent of average and 62 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation for the greater basin, beginning October 1, 2010, was 103 percent of average and 125 percent of last year.



Gibson storage was 45 percent of average and 142 percent of last year; Pishkun storage was 111 percent of average and 93 percent of last year; Willow Creek storage was 129 percent of average and 111 percent of last year; Lower Two Medicine Lake storage was 72 percent of average; Four Horns Lake storage was 27 percent of average; Swift storage was 77 percent of average and 109 percent of last year; Lake Frances storage was 123 percent of average and 113 percent of last year; and Lake Elwell (Tiber) storage was 117 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 93 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was 0.0 in the Sun River; +1.2 in the Teton River; +1.2 in the Birch/Dupuyer Creeks; +0.1 in the Marias above Tiber Reservoir.

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

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>				30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)				
		90% (1000AF)		50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)			30% (1000AF)		10% (1000AF)	
		70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	30% (1000AF)		10% (1000AF)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	
Gibson Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	285	355	405	88	455	525	460		
	APR-SEP	320	395	445	88	495	570	505		
Two Medicine R nr Browning (2)	APR-JUL	137	167	187	91	205	235	205		
	APR-SEP	145	175	195	91	215	245	215		
Badger Ck nr Browning	APR-JUL	47	67	81	94	95	115	86		
	APR-SEP	54	75	90	95	105	126	95		
Swift Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	40	52	61	95	70	82	64		
	APR-SEP	50	64	73	95	82	96	77		
Dupuyer Ck nr Valier	APR-JUL	5.2	8.3	13.2	94	18.1	25	14.0		
	APR-SEP	6.0	9.6	15.0	96	20	28	15.7		
Cut Bank Ck nr Browning	APR-JUL	43	59	70	91	81	97	77		
	APR-SEP	44	61	73	87	85	102	84		
Marias R nr Shelby (2)	APR-JUL	177	295	375	90	455	575	415		
	APR-SEP	190	310	395	90	480	600	440		
Teton R nr Dutton	APR-JUL	21	34	53	104	72	100	51		
	APR-SEP	24	41	61	103	81	111	59		

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 1, 2012

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	19.2	13.5	42.5	SUN	2	93	98
PISHKUN	32.0	20.0	21.4	18.0	TETON	3	102	97
WILLOW CREEK	32.2	28.3	25.6	22.0	MARIAS	4	85	71
LOWER TWO MEDICINE LAKE	11.9	6.3	3.6	8.7	SUN-TETON-MARIAS	7	90	81
FOUR HORNS LAKE	19.2	3.2	9.6	11.8				
SWIFT	30.0	10.9	10.0	14.2				
LAKE FRANCES	112.0	82.2	72.7	67.0				
LAKE ELWELL (TIBER)	1347.0	760.1	769.2	648.1				

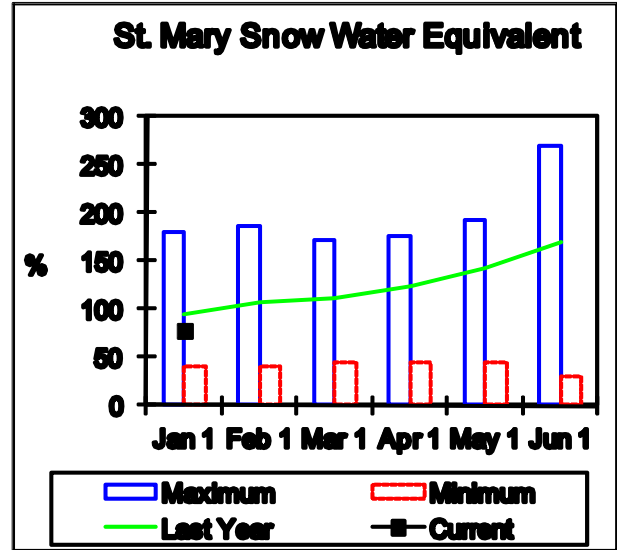
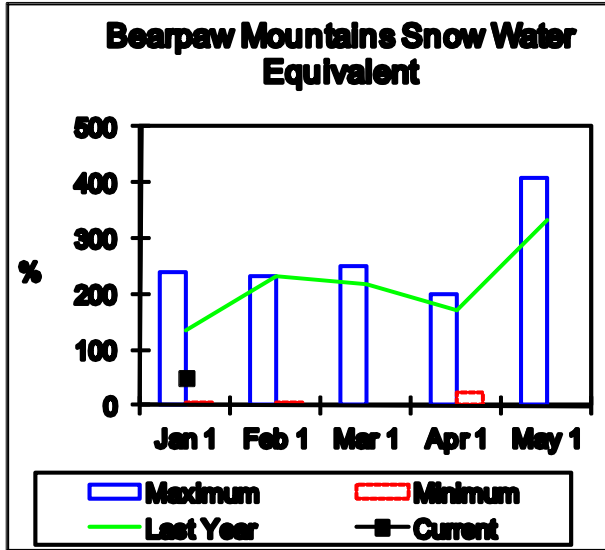
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St. Mary and Milk River Basins

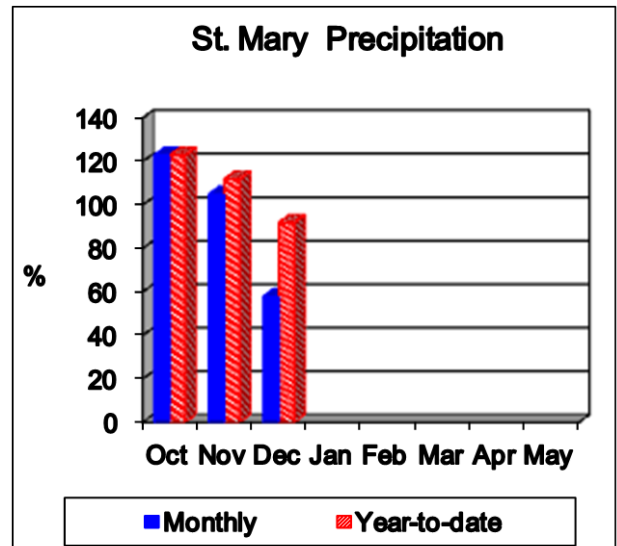
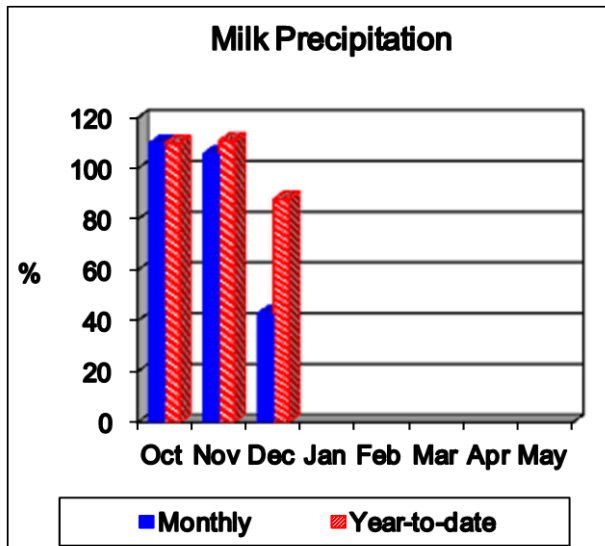
Snowpack in the Saint Mary River Basin was well below average on January 1. Snow water content was 78 percent of average and 82 percent of last year. The Milk River Basin (Bearpaw Mountains) was well below average. Snow water content was 50 percent of average and 44 percent of last year.



Bearpaw - January maximum swe was established in 1978 and minimum swe was in 1981; February maximum swe was 1978 and minimum was in 1973; March maximum swe was 1978 and minimum swe was 2005; April maximum swe was in 1985 and minimum swe was in 1973, 1983, and 1986; May maximum swe was 1975 and the minimum, 0.0, has occurred in several years. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

St. Mary - January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; April maximum swe was in 1967 and 1972 and minimum swe was in 2005; May maximum swe was in 1992 and minimum swe was in 1977; and June maximum swe was in 1972 and minimum swe was 1992. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation in the St. Mary River Basin during December was 58 percent of average and 64 percent of last year; and in the Milk River Basin during December was 43 percent of average and 34 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation for both basins, beginning October 1, 2010, was 90 percent of average and 88 percent of last year.



Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows in the St. Mary are forecast to average 97 percent and the Milk to average 79 percent.

Lake Sherburne storage was 98 percent of average and 51 percent of last year; Fresno storage was 117 percent of average and 92 percent of last year; Beaver Creek storage was not available; and Nelson storage was 149 percent of average and 103 percent of last year.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +1.3 for the St. Mary and +1.6 for the Milk River.

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

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions				Wetter		30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		Drier		50%		30%	10%	
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	(1000AF)	(% AVG.)	(1000AF)	(1000AF)	
Lake Sherburne Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	80	92	100	95	108	120	105
	APR-SEP	97	109	117	96	125	137	122
St. Mary R nr Babb (2)	APR-JUL	290	335	370	96	405	450	385
	APR-SEP	350	400	435	97	470	520	450
St. Mary R at Int'l Boundary (2)	APR-JUL	315	385	435	100	485	555	435
	APR-SEP	390	460	510	99	560	630	515
Milk R at Western Crossing (3)	MAR-JUL	18.4	28	37	90	46	50	41
	MAR-SEP	19.4	29	39	91	49	53	43
	APR-JUL	13.8	24	31	94	38	48	33
	APR-SEP	15.1	26	33	92	40	51	36
Milk R at Eastern Crossing (2,3)	MAR-JUL	38	51	78	94	93	107	83
	MAR-SEP	40	54	82	94	97	112	88
	APR-JUL	24	40	60	99	80	110	61
	APR-SEP	26	45	66	95	87	118	69
Beaver Ck nr Havre	MAR-JUL	2.0	3.6	5.0	52	7.7	11.6	9.6
	APR-JUL	1.8	3.2	4.8	55	7.2	13.0	8.7

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

ST. MARY and MILK RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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 SHERBURNE	64.3	23.0	44.7	23.5	ST. MARY	2	82	78
FRESNO	127.0	60.8	65.8	51.8	BEARPAW MOUNTAINS	1	44	50
BEAVER CREEK		NO REPORT			CYPRESS HILLS, CANADA	0	0	0
NELSON	66.8	53.3	51.5	35.7	MILK RIVER BASIN	1	44	50
					ST. MARY & MILK BASINS	3	79	76

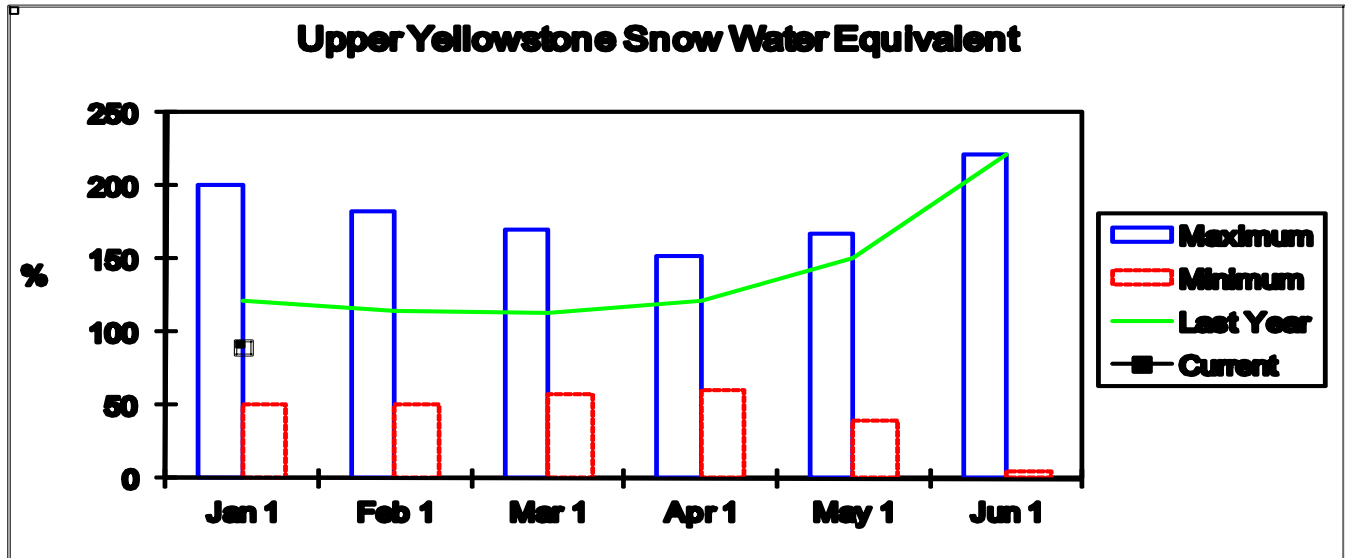
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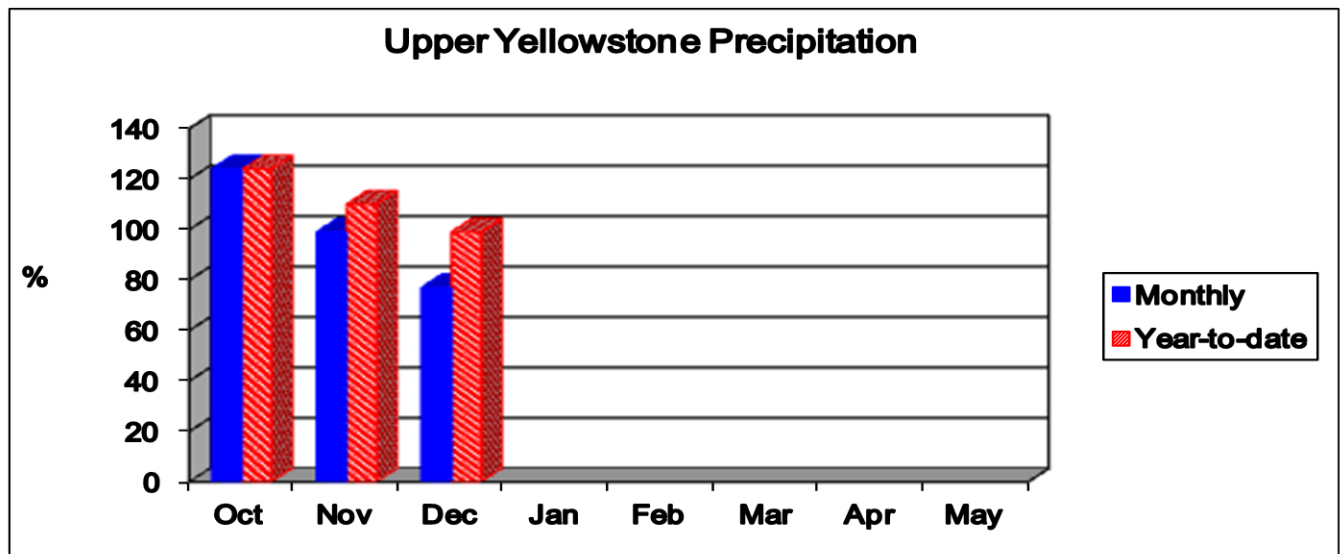
Upper Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Upper Yellowstone River Basin were near average on January 1. Snow water content was 90 percent of average and 75 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1988; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2001; April maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2001; May maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1987; and June maximum swe was 2011 and minimum swe was in 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain precipitation during December was 79 percent of average and 64 percent of last year. Valley precipitation during December was 51 percent of average and 52 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 99 percent of average and 83 percent of last year.



Mystic Lake storage was 146 percent of average and 120 percent of last year and Cooney storage was not available.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 90 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.1 in the Yellowstone River above Livingston; -2.3 in the Shields River; -1.1 in the Boulder River; -0.8 in the Stillwater River; insufficient data in the Rock/Red Lodge Creeks; +0.5 in the Clarks Fork River; and -0.1 in the Yellowstone River above Bighorn River.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2012

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	Future Conditions						30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
		<<===== Drier =====>>		===== Wetter =====>>				
		90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (1000AF)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	Chance Of Exceeding * (% AVG.)	
Yellowstone R at Yellowstone Lake	APR-JUL	435	520	575	98	630	715	590
	APR-SEP	575	680	755	94	830	935	805
Yellowstone R at Corwin Springs	APR-JUL	1240	1440	1580	96	1720	1920	1650
	APR-SEP	1450	1690	1850	94	2010	2250	1970
Yellowstone R at Livingston	APR-JUL	1400	1640	1800	95	1960	2200	1900
	APR-SEP	1640	1920	2110	93	2300	2580	2280
Shields R nr Livingston	APR-JUL	31	47	77	53	118	178	145
	APR-SEP	34	52	85	53	130	196	162
Boulder R at Big Timber	APR-JUL	171	220	250	88	280	330	285
	APR-SEP	187	240	275	87	310	365	315
West Rosebud Ck nr Roscoe (2)	APR-JUL	43	49	53	88	57	63	60
	APR-SEP	55	63	68	88	73	81	77
Stillwater R nr Absarokee (2)	APR-JUL	325	385	430	87	475	535	495
	APR-SEP	385	460	510	87	560	635	585
Clarks Fk Yellowstone R nr Belfry	APR-JUL	420	485	530	98	575	640	540
	APR-SEP	460	530	580	98	630	700	595
Cooney Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	30	42	50	106	58	70	47
	APR-SEP	40	52	61	107	70	82	57
Yellowstone R at Billings	APR-JUL	2320	2900	3230	92	3560	4140	3510
	APR-SEP	2720	3420	3800	92	4180	4880	4120

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of December

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - January 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	13.6	11.3	9.3	YELLOWSTONE ab LIVINGSTON	14	73	92
COONEY	NO REPORT				SHIELDS	4	50	60
					BOULDER-STILLWATER	3	70	81
					RED LODGE-ROCK CREEK	2	167	136
					CLARK'S FORK	7	80	94
					UPPER YELLOWSTONE BASIN	26	75	90

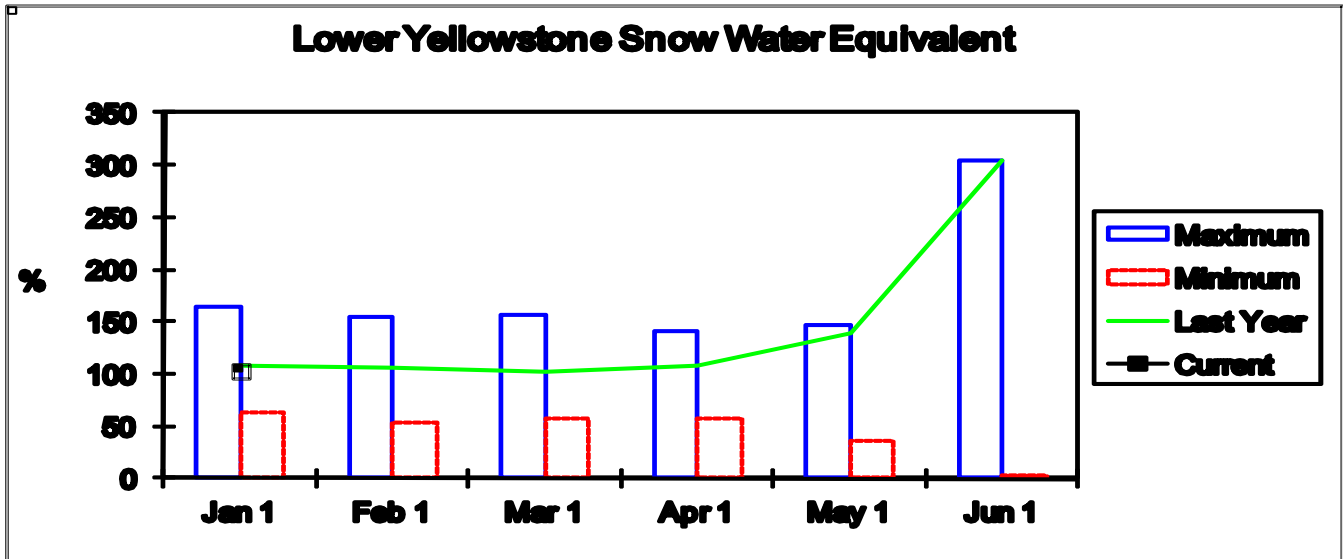
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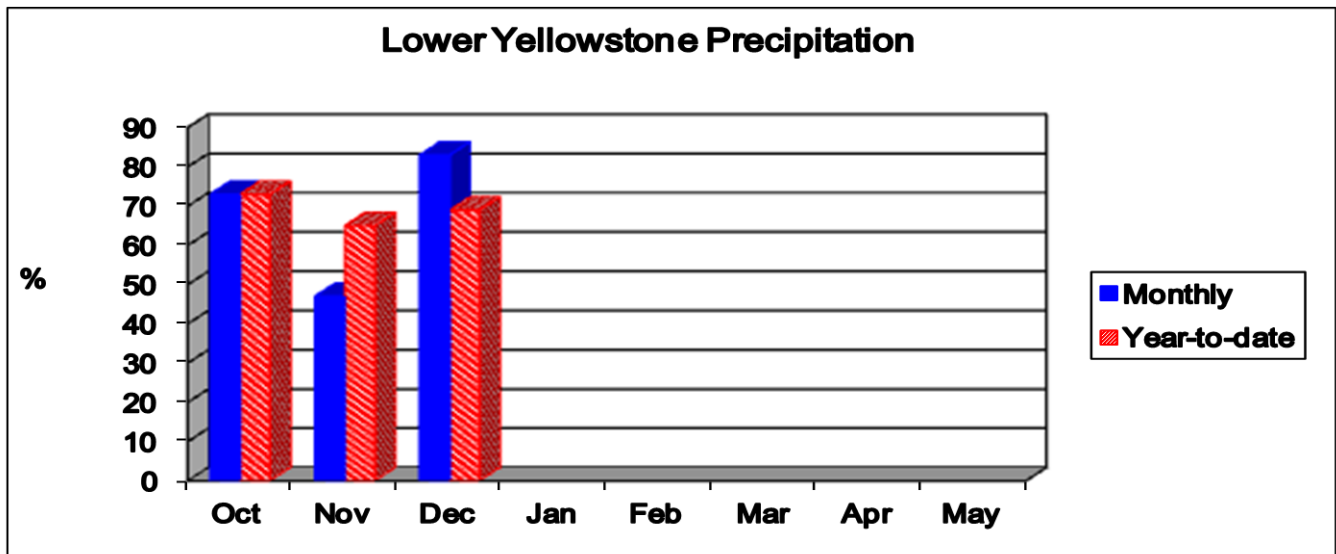
Lower Yellowstone River Basin

Snowpack conditions in the Lower Yellowstone River Basin were near average on January 1. Snow water content was 103 percent of average and 99 percent of last year.



January maximum swe was established in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2000; February maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 2001; March maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 2001; April maximum swe was in 1986 and minimum swe was in 2001; May maximum swe was in 1997 and minimum swe was in 1981; and June maximum swe was in 2011 and minimum swe was in 2001. Average is for the period 1971 through 2000.

Mountain and valley precipitation during December was 90 percent of average and 75 percent of last year. Mountain and valley water year precipitation, beginning October 1, 2010, was 118 percent of average and 111 percent of last year.



Bighorn Lake storage was 105 percent of average and 107 percent of last year and Tongue River storage was 237 percent of average and 105 percent of last year.

Assuming average precipitation, April through July streamflows are forecast to average 107 percent.

Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) was +0.2 in the Bighorn River below Bighorn Lake; +2.0 in the Little Bighorn River; 0.0 in the Yellowstone River below Bighorn River; +2.8 in the Tongue River; and +1.7 in the Powder River.

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LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - January 1, 2012

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Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<===== Drier ===== Future Conditions ===== Wetter =====>>					30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)					
		90% (1000AF)		70% (1000AF)		Chance Of Exceeding * 50% (1000AF) (% AVG.)		30% (1000AF)		10% (1000AF)		
Bighorn R nr St. Xavier (2)	APR-JUL	965	1310	1540	96	1770	2110	1610				
	APR-SEP	1020	1410	1670	95	1930	2320	1760				
Little Bighorn R nr Hardin	APR-JUL	91	122	143	112	164	195	128				
	APR-SEP	107	141	164	114	187	220	144				
Tongue R nr Dayton (2)	APR-JUL	75	95	109	114	123	143	96				
	APR-SEP	88	110	125	115	140	162	109				
Big Goose Ck nr Sheridan	APR-JUL	43	55	63	121	71	83	52				
	APR-SEP	50	63	71	118	79	92	60				
Little Goose Ck nr Bighorn	APR-JUL	27	35	40	118	45	53	34				
	APR-SEP	36	44	50	119	56	64	42				
Tongue River Reservoir Inflow (2)	APR-JUL	153	220	265	121	310	375	220				
	APR-SEP	182	250	300	120	350	420	250				
Yellowstone R at Miles City (2)	APR-JUL	3480	4340	4880	91	5420	6320	5360				
	APR-SEP	4050	5060	5680	92	6300	7300	6210				
Powder R at Moorhead	APR-JUL	99	168	215	105	260	330	205				
	APR-SEP	125	196	245	107	295	365	230				
Powder R nr Locate	APR-JUL	104	188	245	104	300	385	235				
	APR-SEP	128	220	280	108	340	430	260				
Yellowstone R nr Sidney (2)	APR-JUL	3620	4450	5040	92	5630	6490	5480				
	APR-SEP	4140	5080	5780	92	6480	7430	6280				

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

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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
BIGHORN LAKE	1356.0	953.3	891.1	911.1	WIND RIVER (Wyoming)	12	74	89
TONGUE RIVER	79.1	53.3	50.9	22.5	SHOSHONE RIVER (Wyoming)	6	87	95
					BIGHORN RIVER (Wyoming)	16	97	103
					LITTLE BIGHORN (Wyoming)	2	120	109
					TONGUE RIVER (Wyoming)	7	166	135
					POWDER RIVER (Wyoming)	6	111	109
					LOWER YELLOWSTONE BASIN (32	99	103

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