

CBRFC Forecast Update: Fontenelle Reservoir

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Today's Presentation

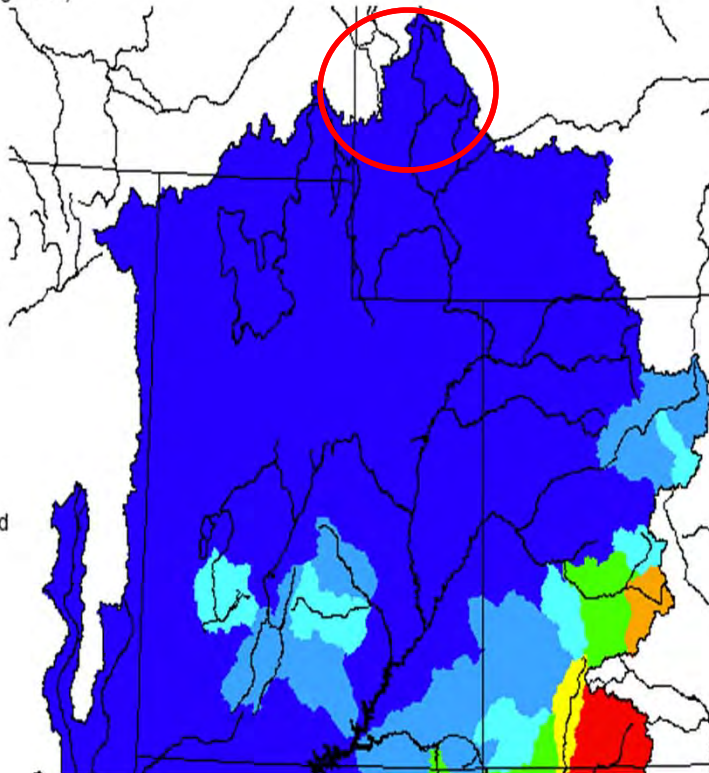
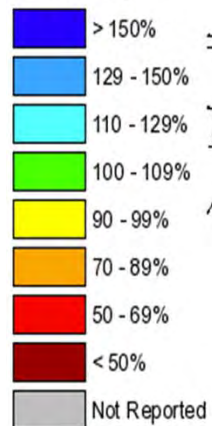
- Weather Review (Fall + Winter)
- Current conditions driving forecast:
 - Soil Moisture
 - Snow Conditions
- Forecasts
 - April-July Water Supply Volumes
- Upcoming Weather

Late Summer/ Fall Precipitation

Monthly Precipitation for August 2014

(Averaged by Hydrologic Unit)

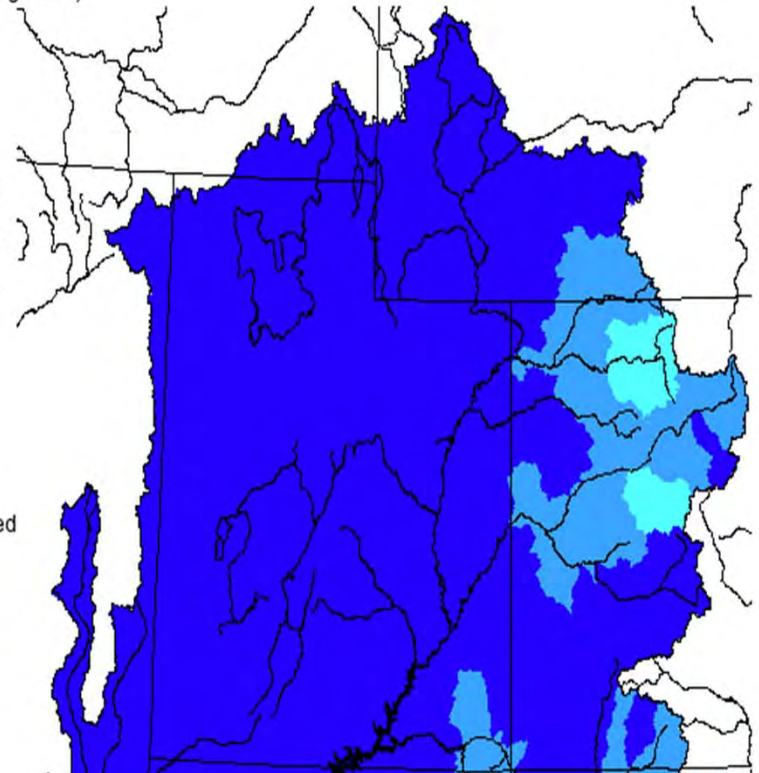
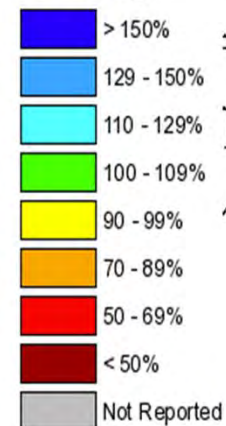
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Monthly Precipitation for September 2014

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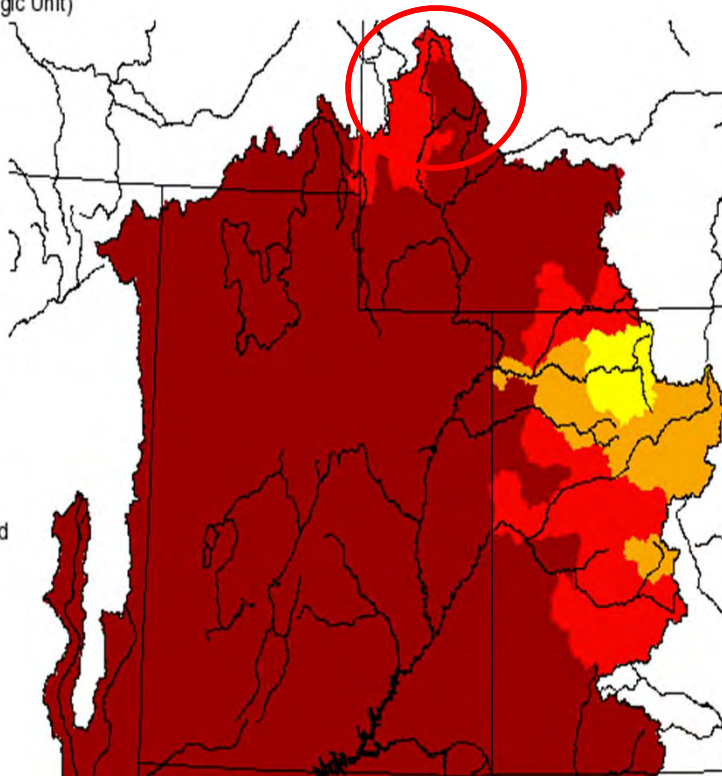
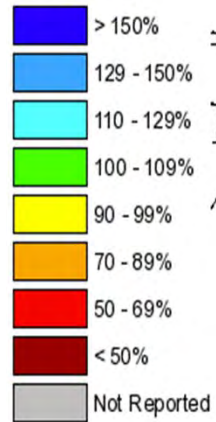


Fall Precipitation

Monthly Precipitation for October 2014

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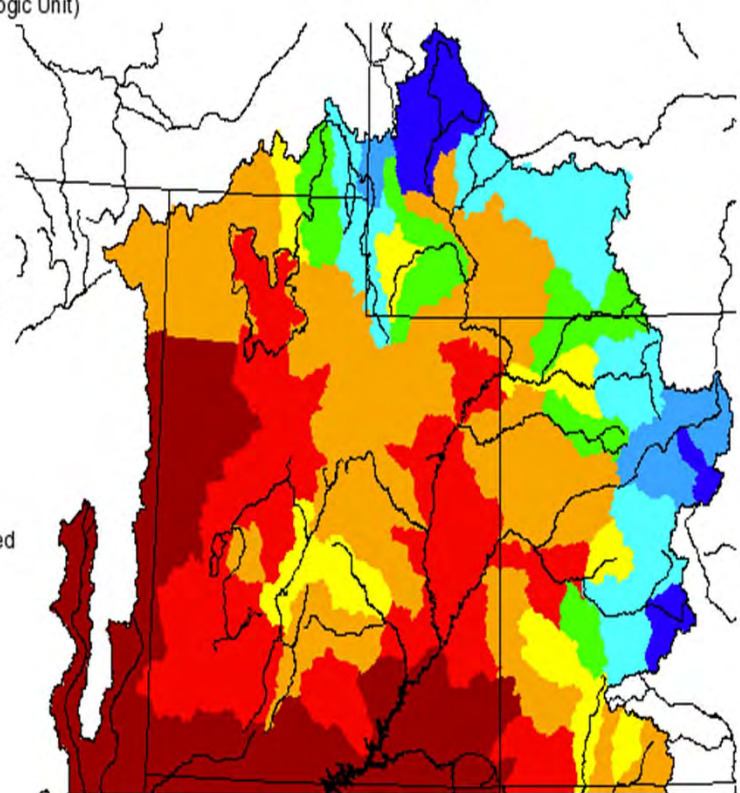
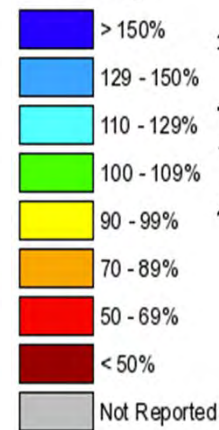
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Monthly Precipitation for November 2014

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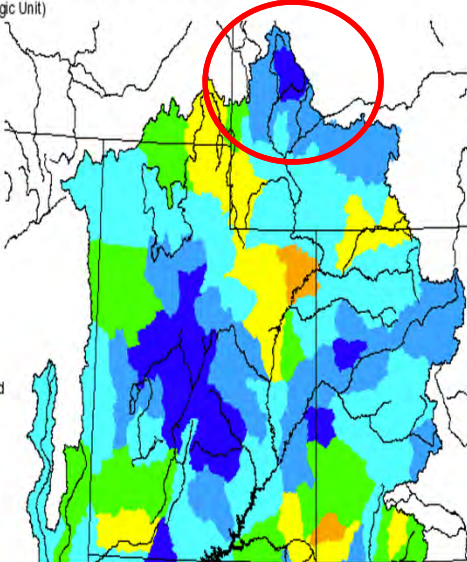
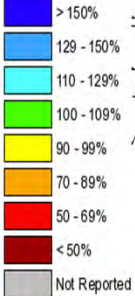


Winter Precipitation

Monthly Precipitation for December 2014

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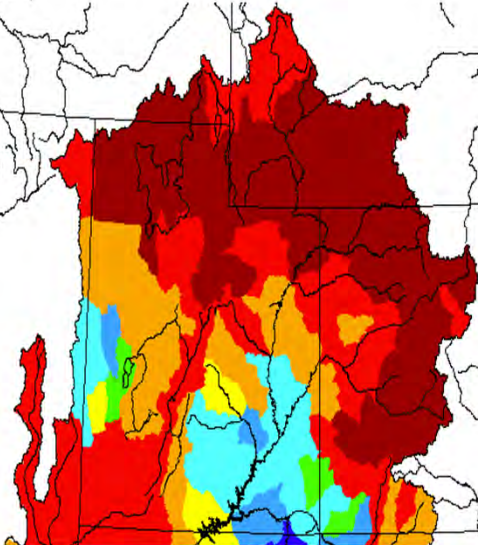
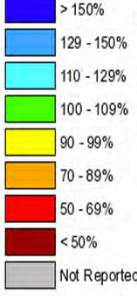
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Monthly Precipitation for January 2015

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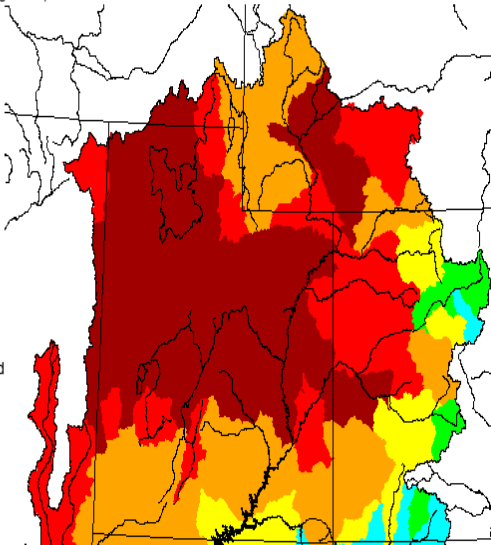
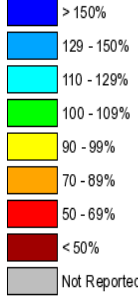
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Monthly Precipitation for February 2015

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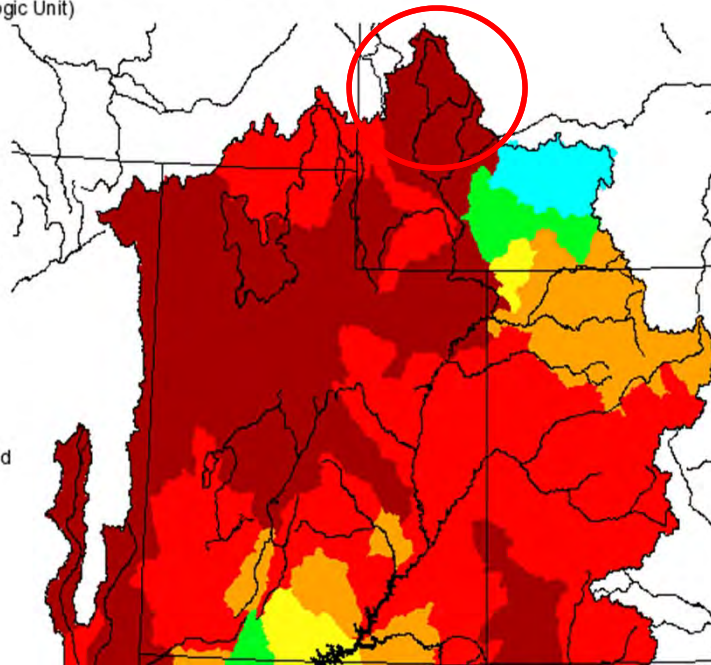


March and Seasonal Precipitation

Monthly Precipitation for March 2015

(Averaged by Hydrologic Unit)

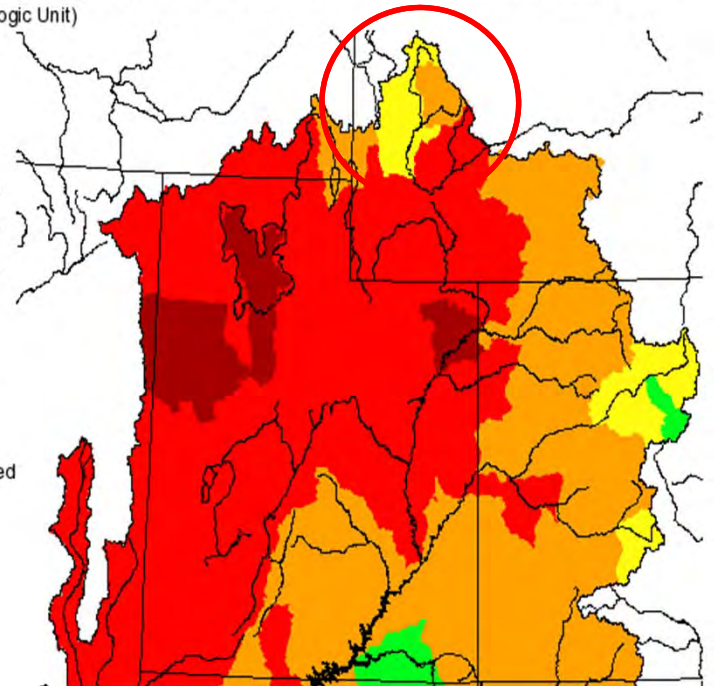
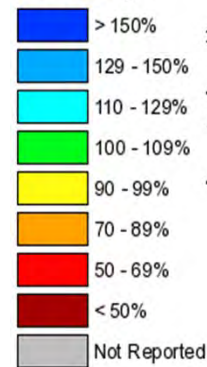
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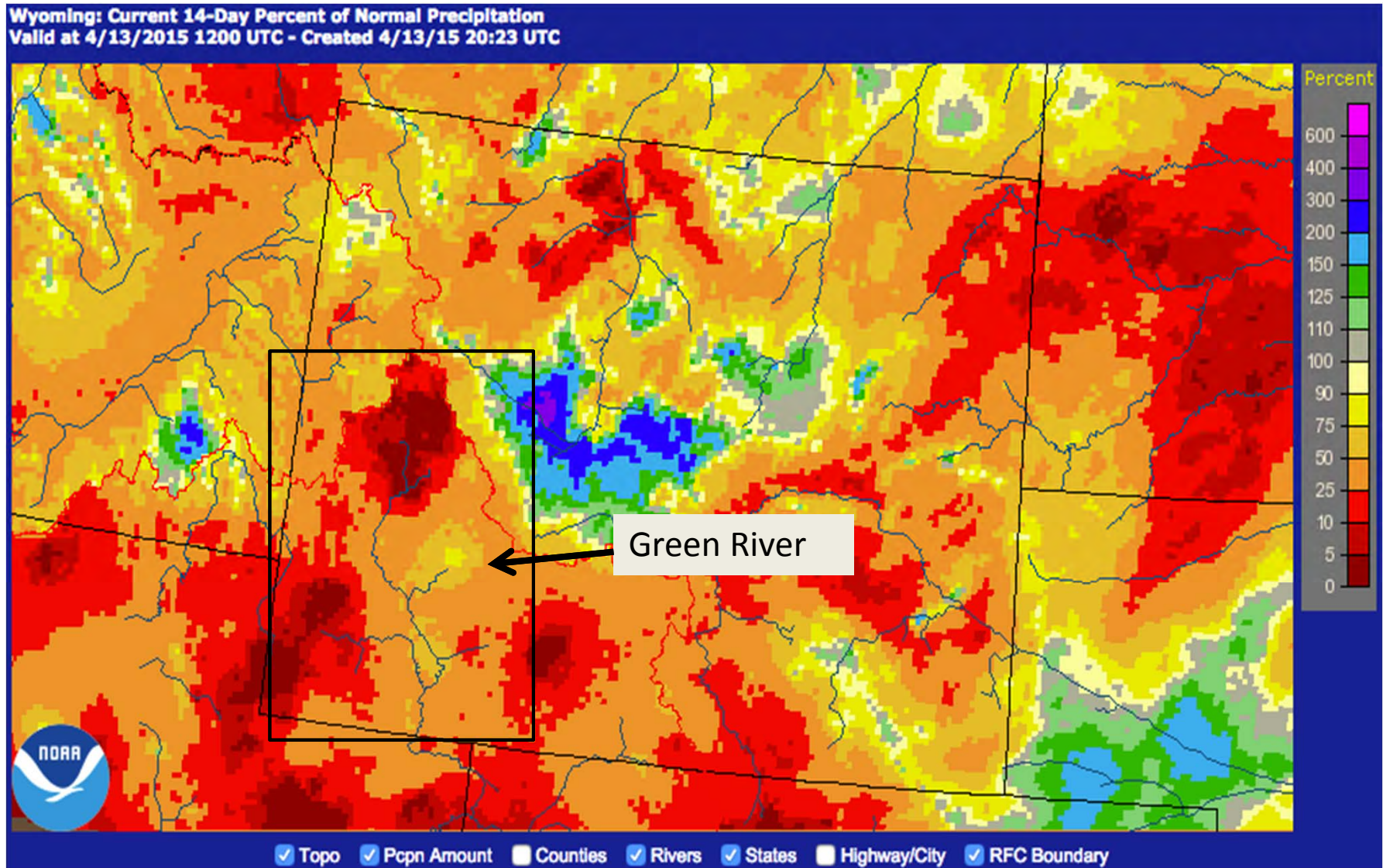
Seasonal Precipitation, October 2014 - March 2015

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April Precipitation



Below average for April 1-13

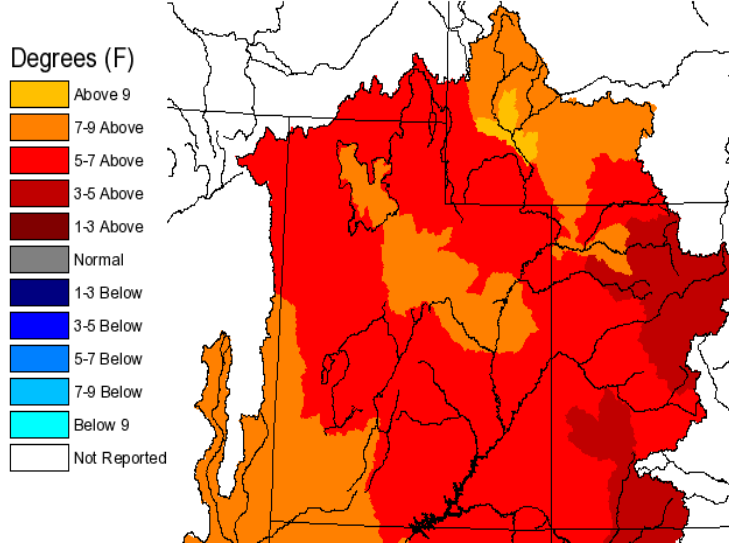
February/March Temperatures

* Warmest February/March on Record – Several Locations

February

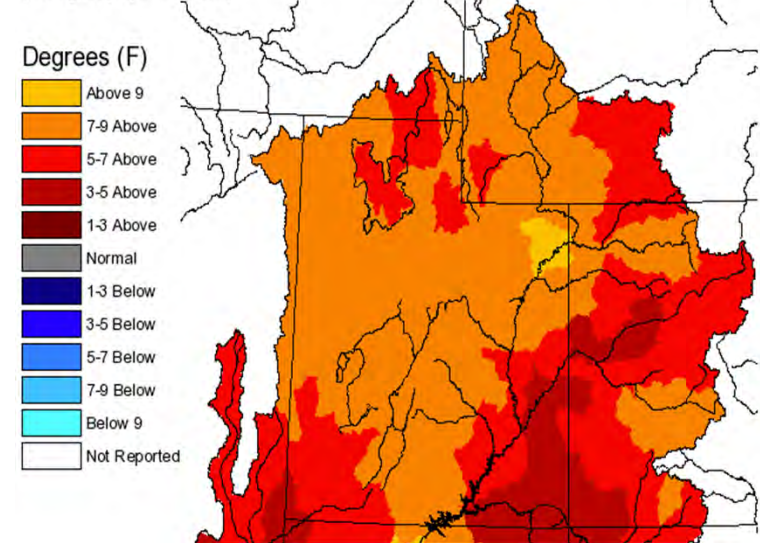
Monthly Max Temp Deviation for February 2015

(Averaged by Hydrologic Unit)



Monthly Min Temp Deviation for February 2015

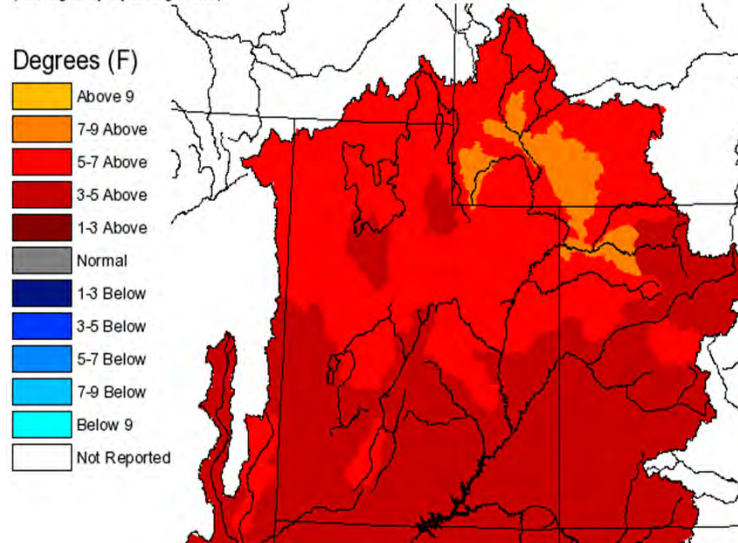
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March

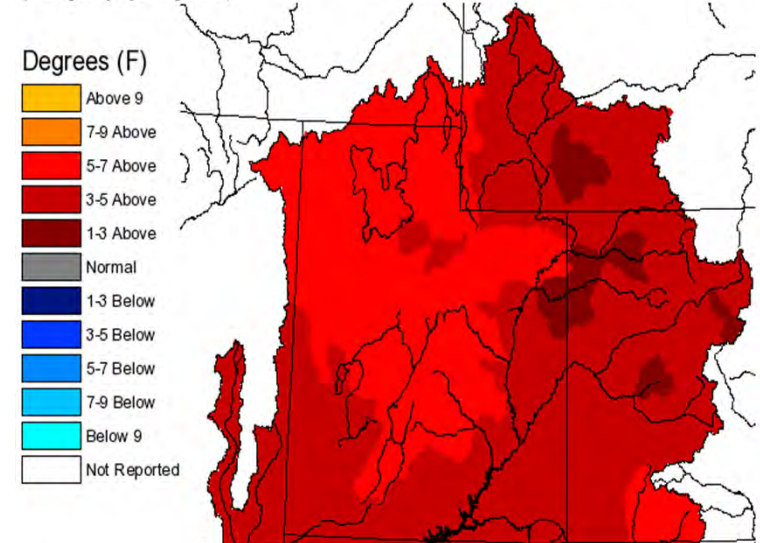
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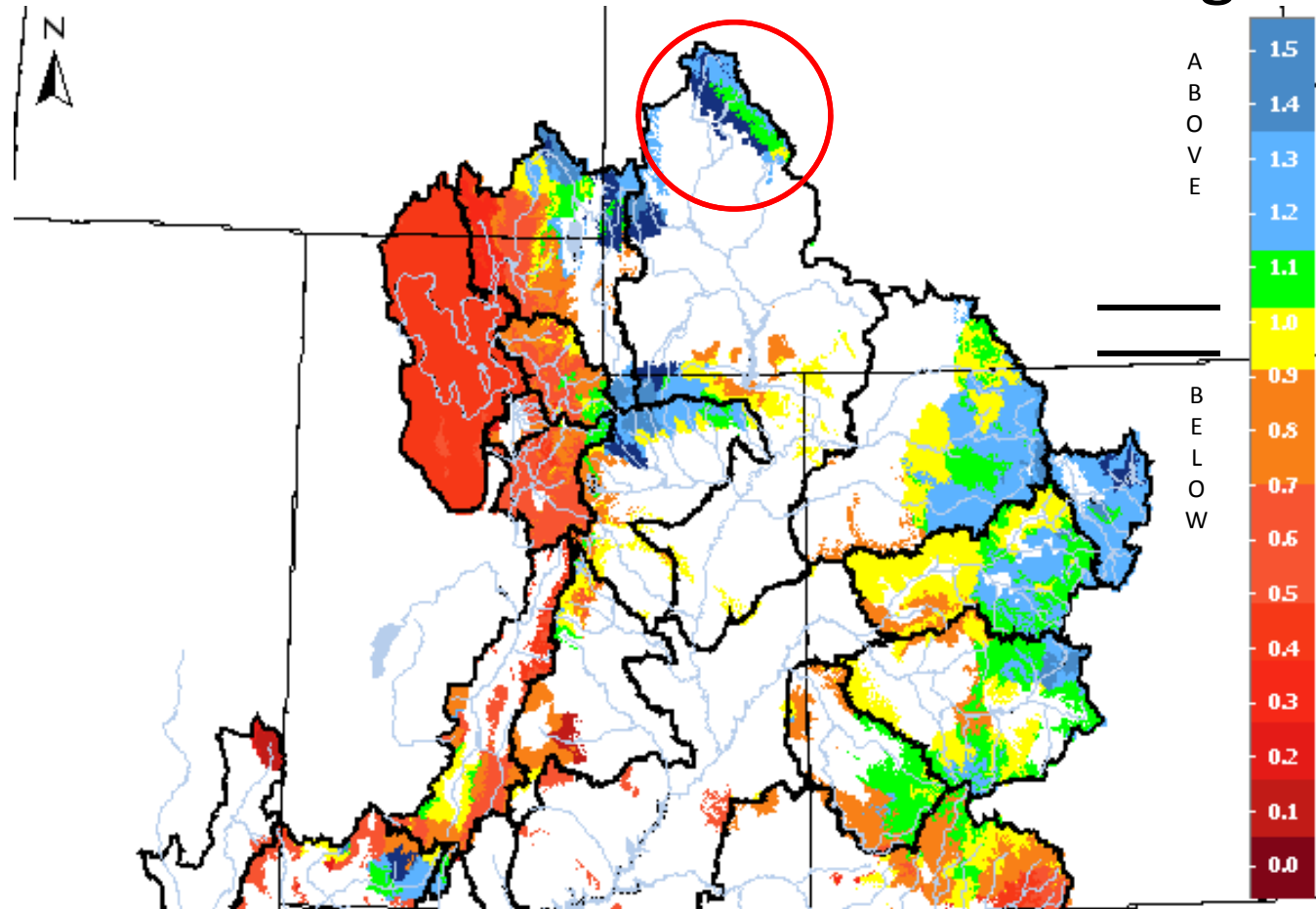


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Forecast Drivers: Soil Moisture Entering Winter



How will this affect water supply forecasts?

Positive (+):

Green above Fontenelle

Upper Colorado/Yampa/Gunnison

Uinta Range (Bear, Provo, Duchesne)

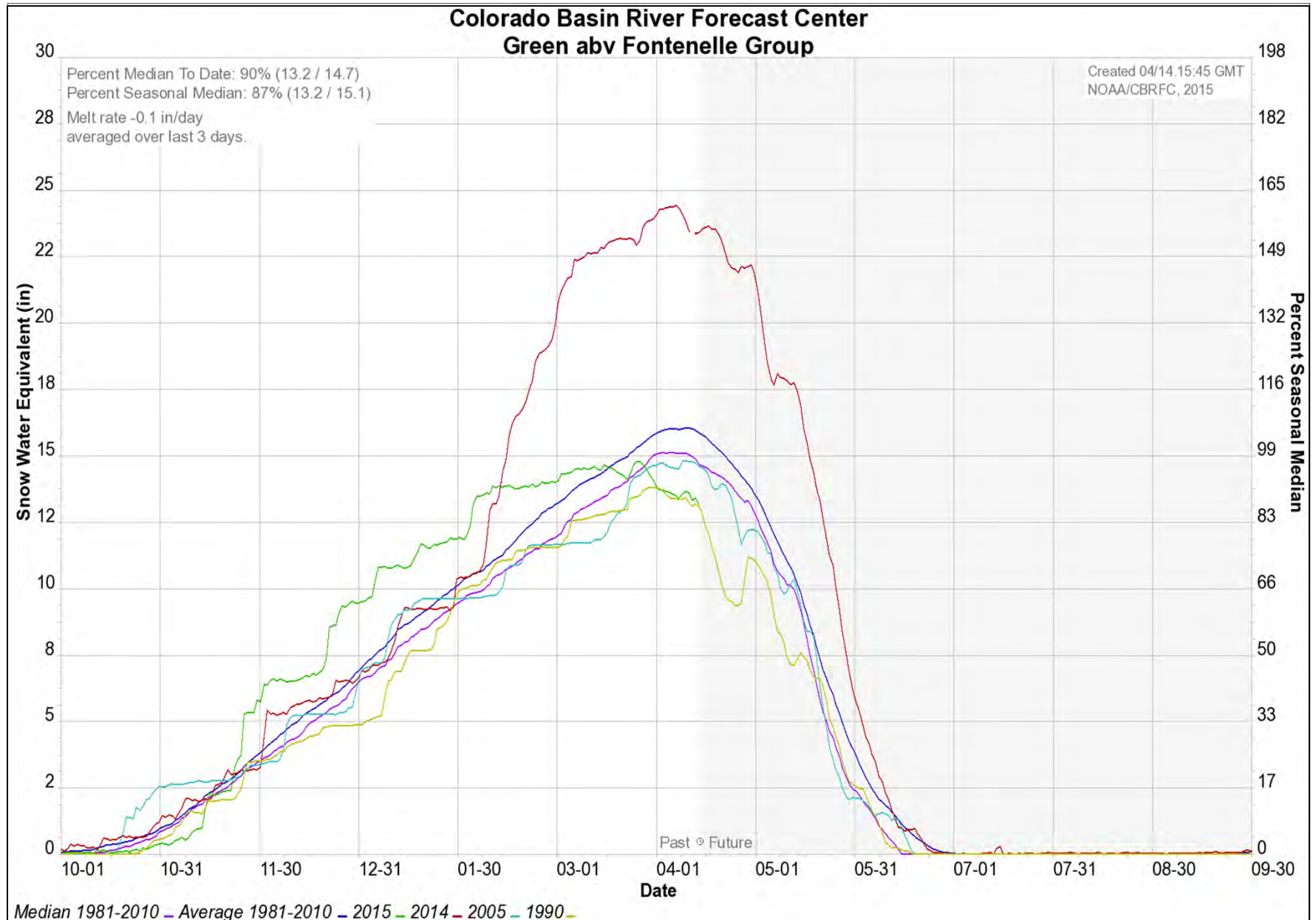
Negative (-):

Northern Great Basin (Weber, Provo)

Sevier/Virgin

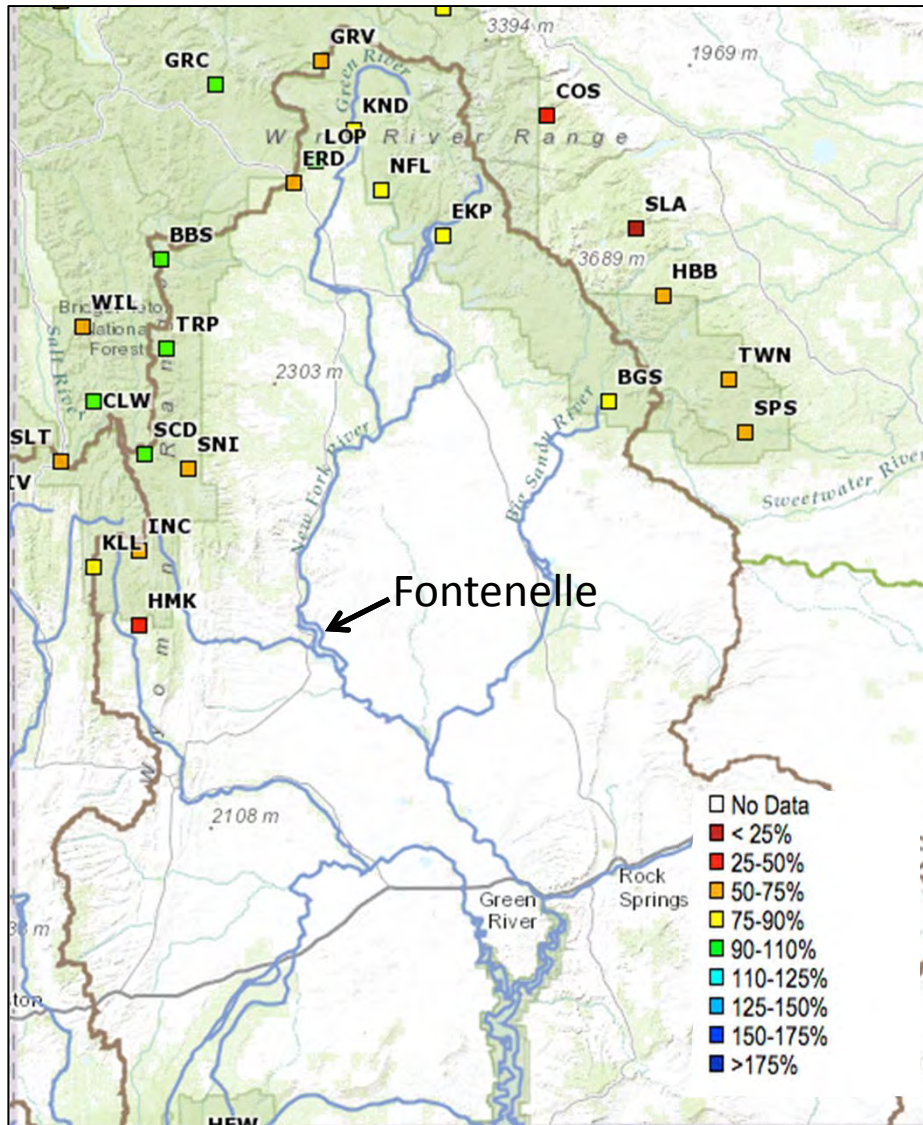
San Juan

Forecast Drivers: Snow Conditions

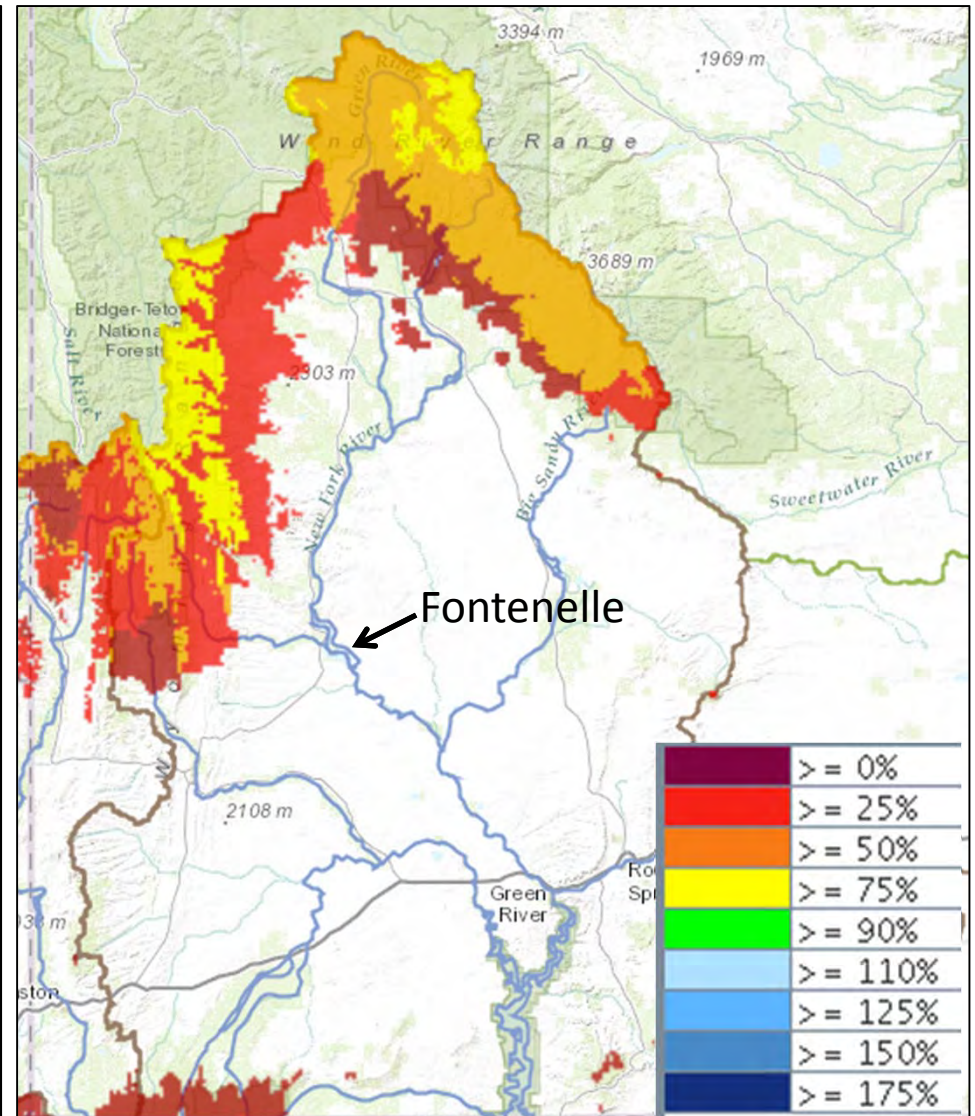


Forecast Drivers: Snow Conditions

SNOTELs: April 14

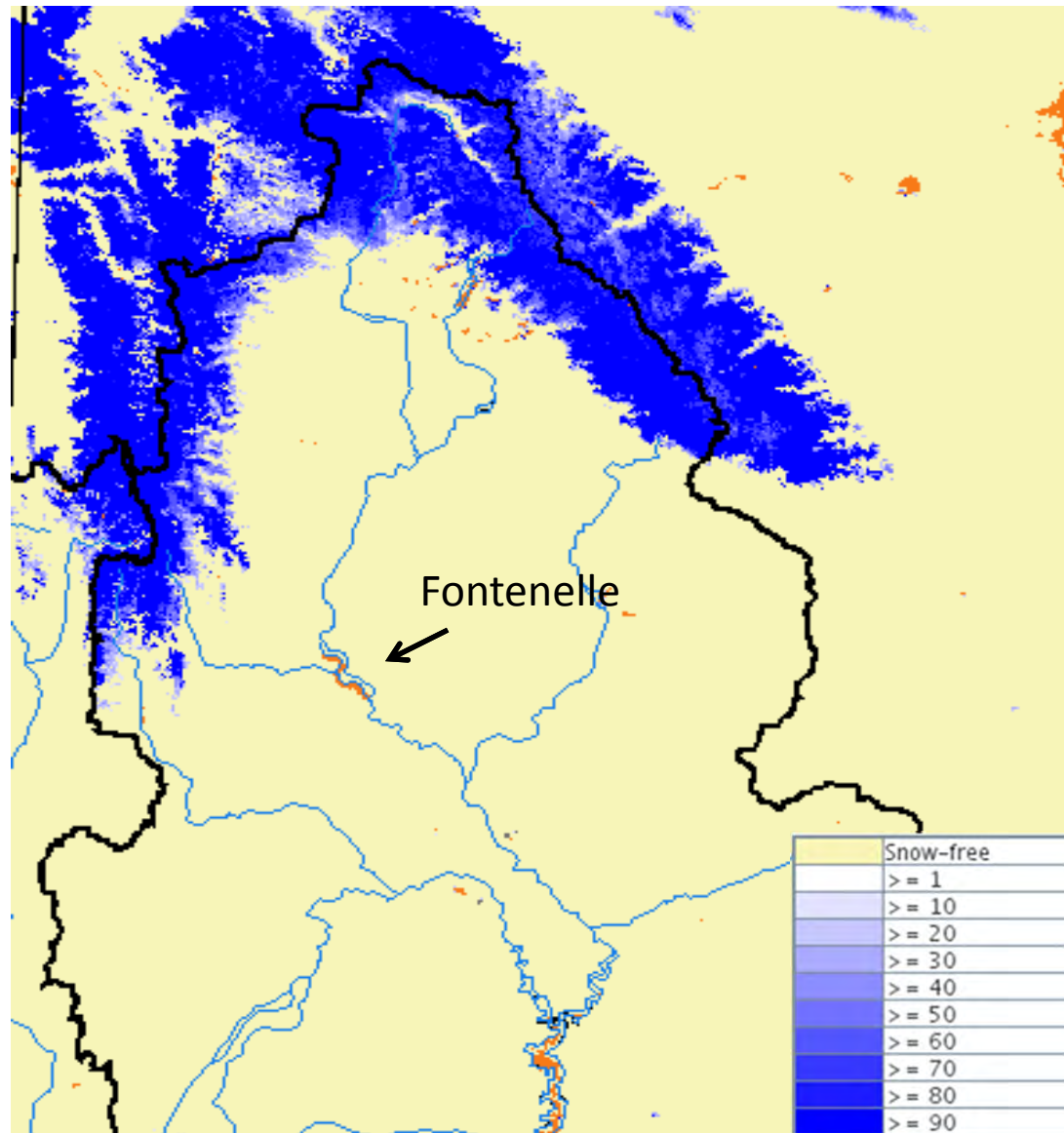


Model Snow: April 14



Forecast Drivers: Snow Conditions

Satellite Derived Snow Covered Area: April 14

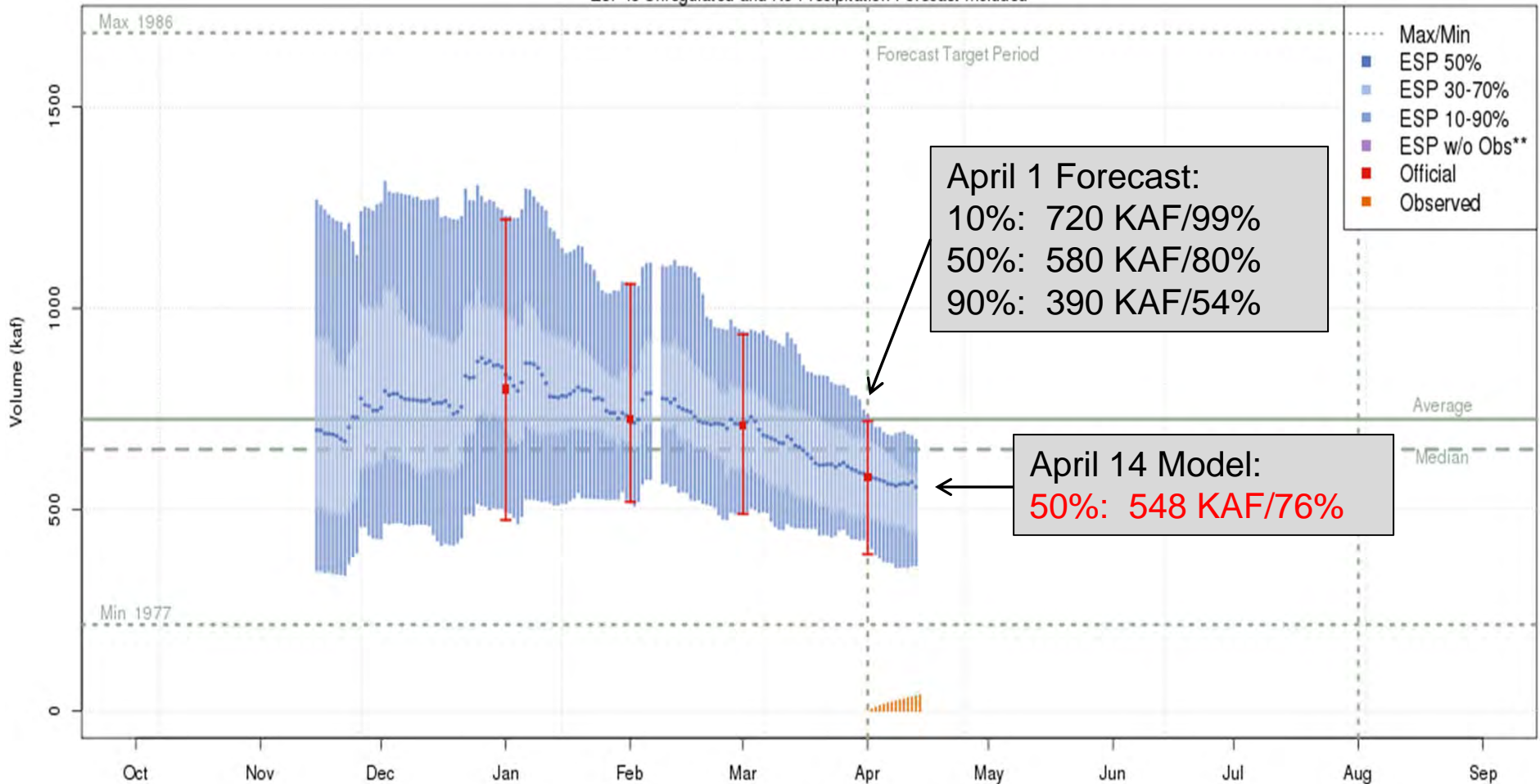


-Low elevation snow has melted

Forecast: Fontenelle Inflow

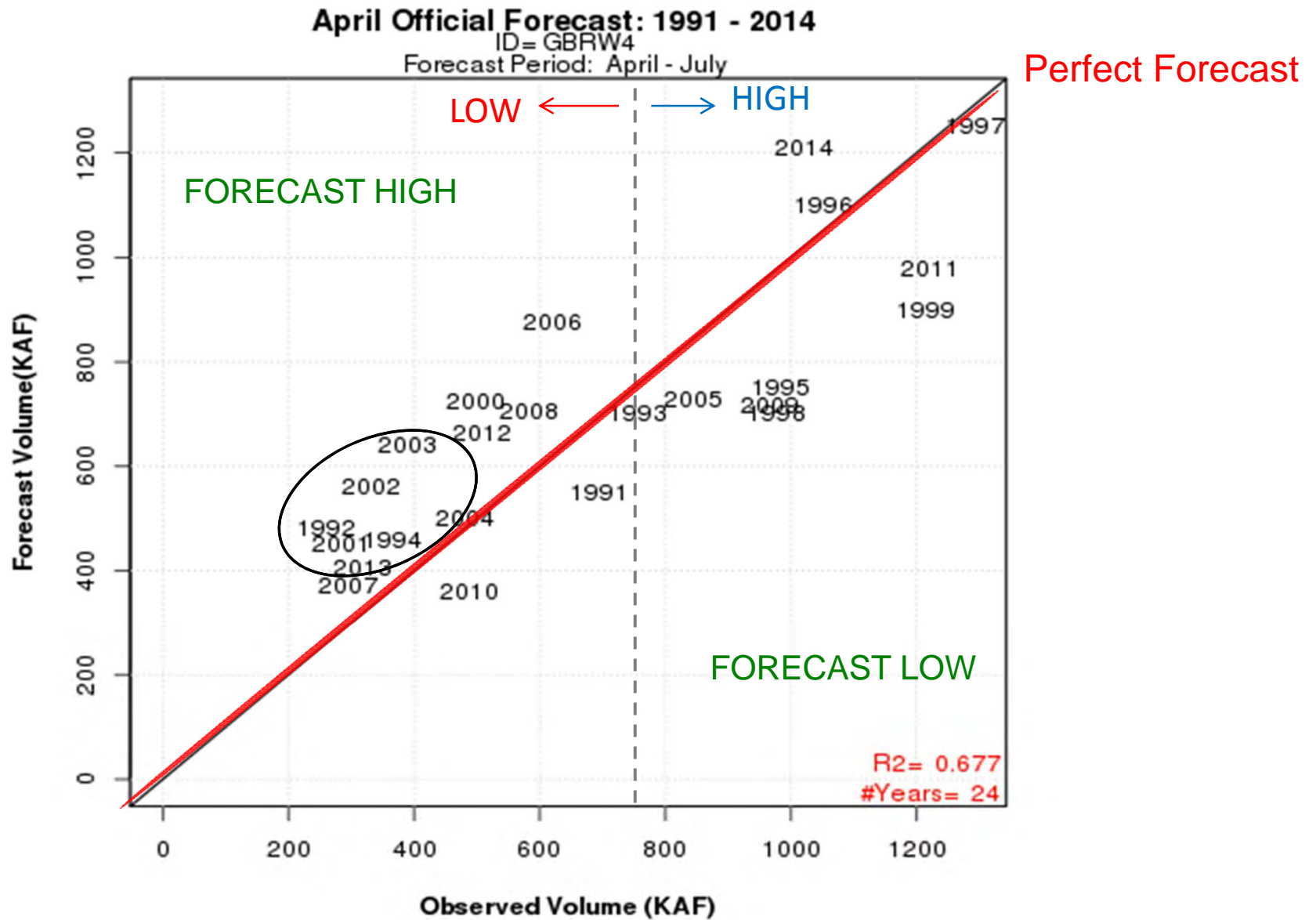
Seasonal Forecast Progression

Green - Fontenelle Res- Fontenelle Nr (GBRW4)
 2015-04-01 Apr-Jul Official 50% Forecast: 580 kaf (80% of average)
 ESP is Unregulated and No Precipitation Forecast Included



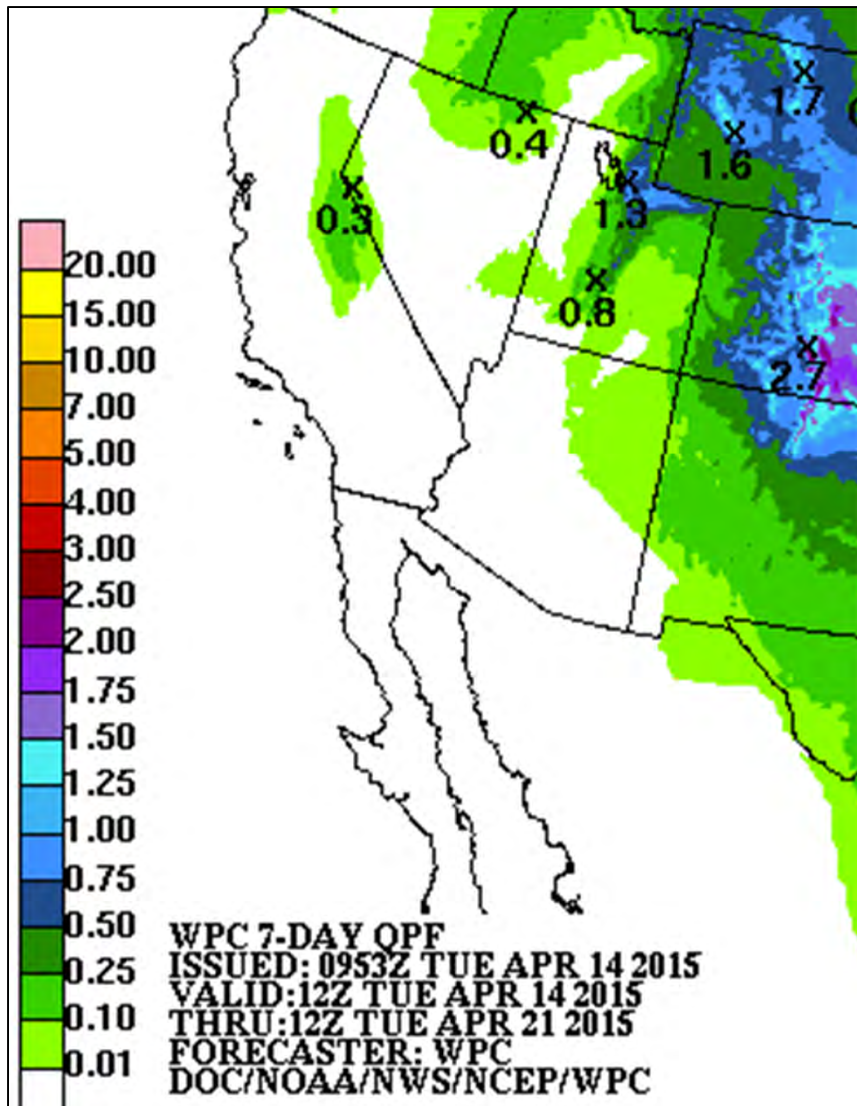
The latest (2015-04-13) 50% ESP forecast is 557 kaf.
 Plot Created 2015-04-14 11:20:20, NOAA / NWS / CBRFC
 Forecasts in the forecast target period include observed values.

How well do forecasts perform in similar years?

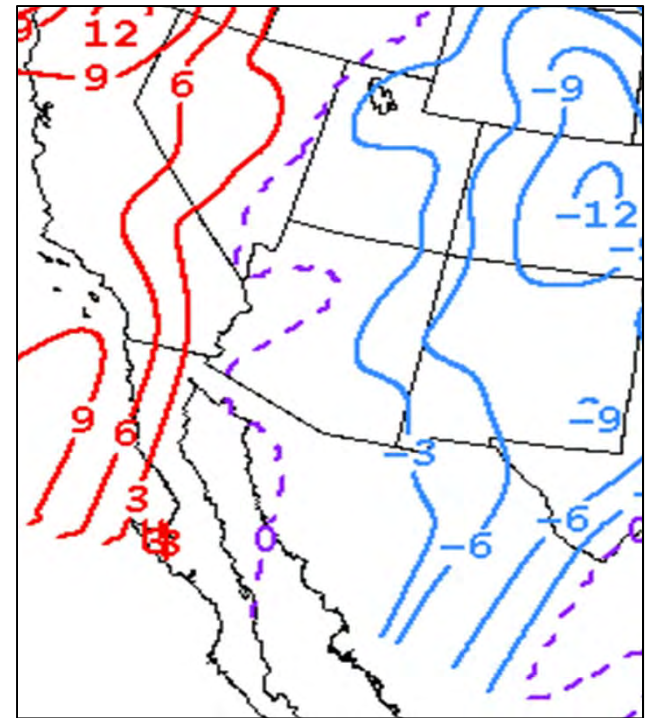


Weather Forecasts

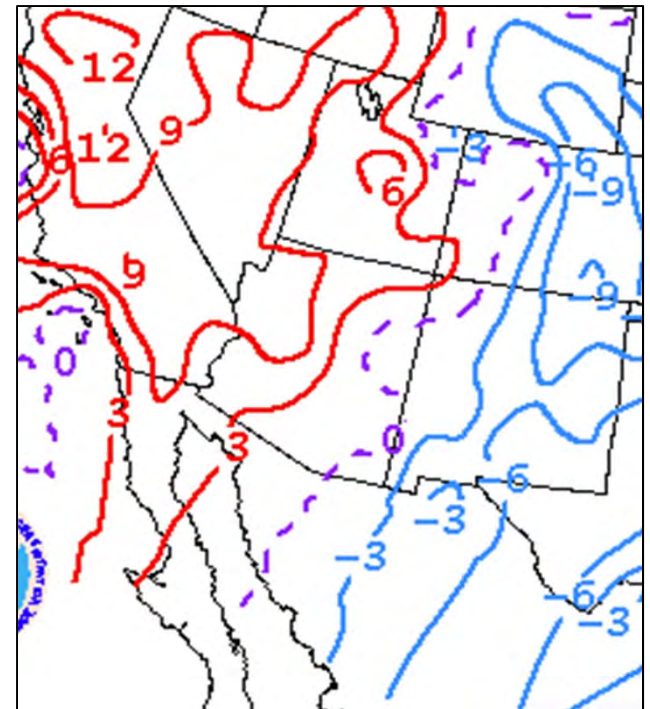
7 Day Forecast Precipitation
Issued 4/14



Days 1-5
Mean Max
Temperature
Anomaly
Issued 4/14



Days 3-7
Mean Max
Temperature
Anomaly
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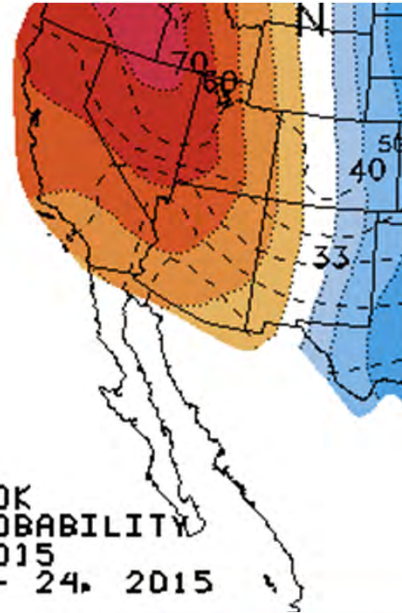


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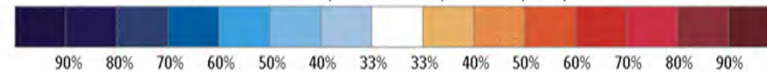
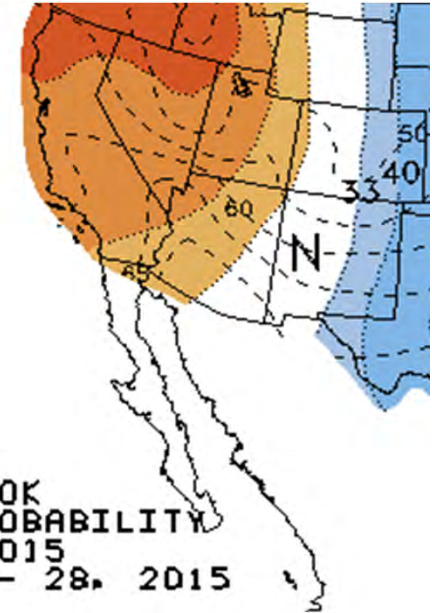
Temperature



6-10 DAY OUTLOOK
TEMPERATURE PROBABILITY
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VALID APR 20 - 24, 2015



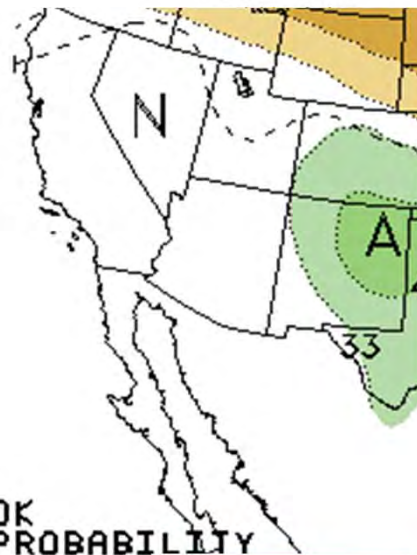
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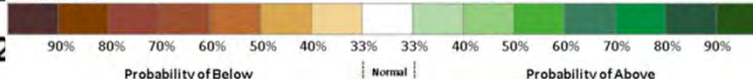
Precipitation



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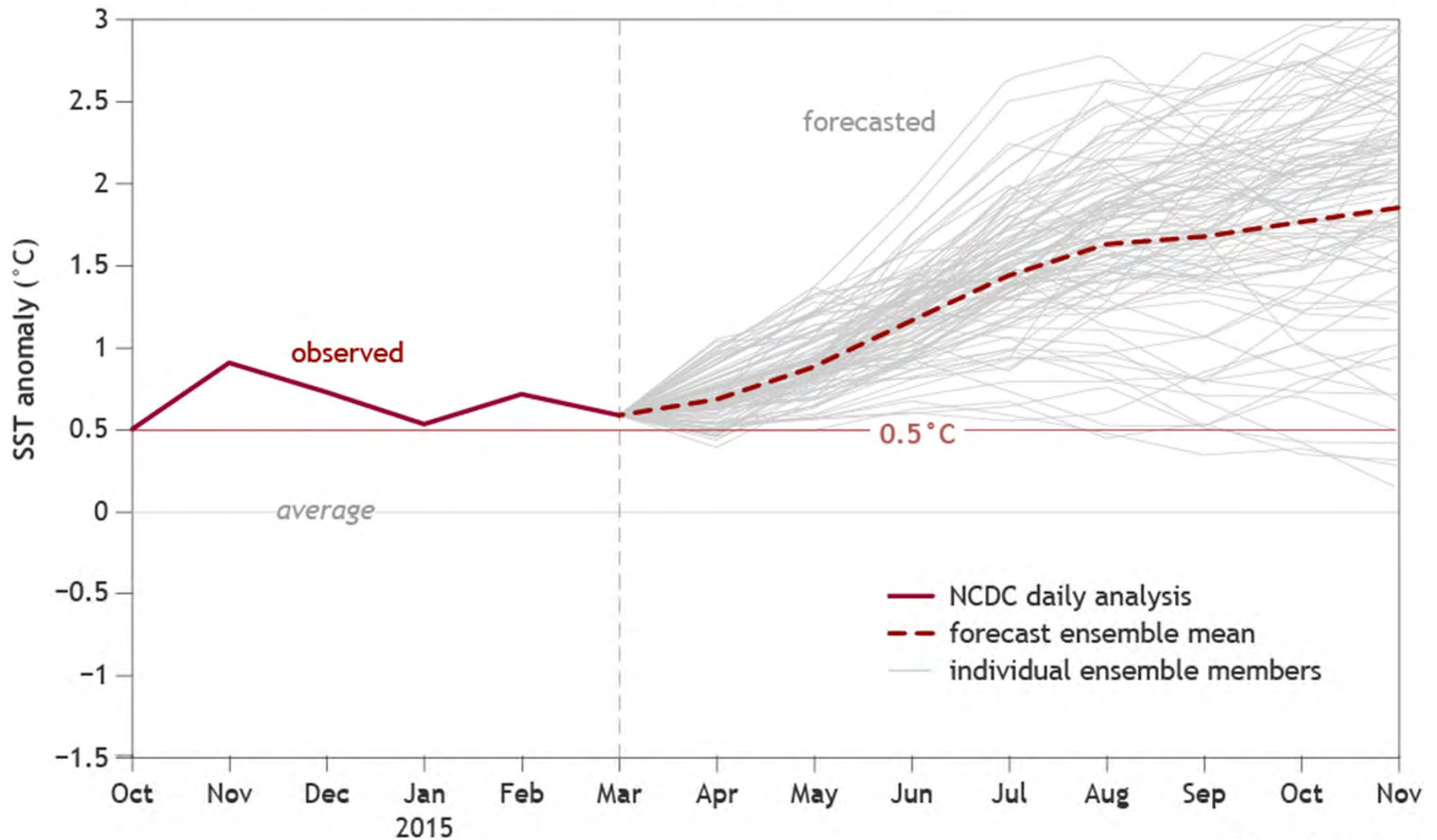
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Latest ENSO Projections

El Nino Officially Declared in March
60-70% chance of El Nino through most of 2015

Multi-model ensemble forecast for tropical Pacific Niño3.4 region



NOAA Climate.gov

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Questions??



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