Utah Water Conditions
(drought webinar)

The meeting will begin shortly

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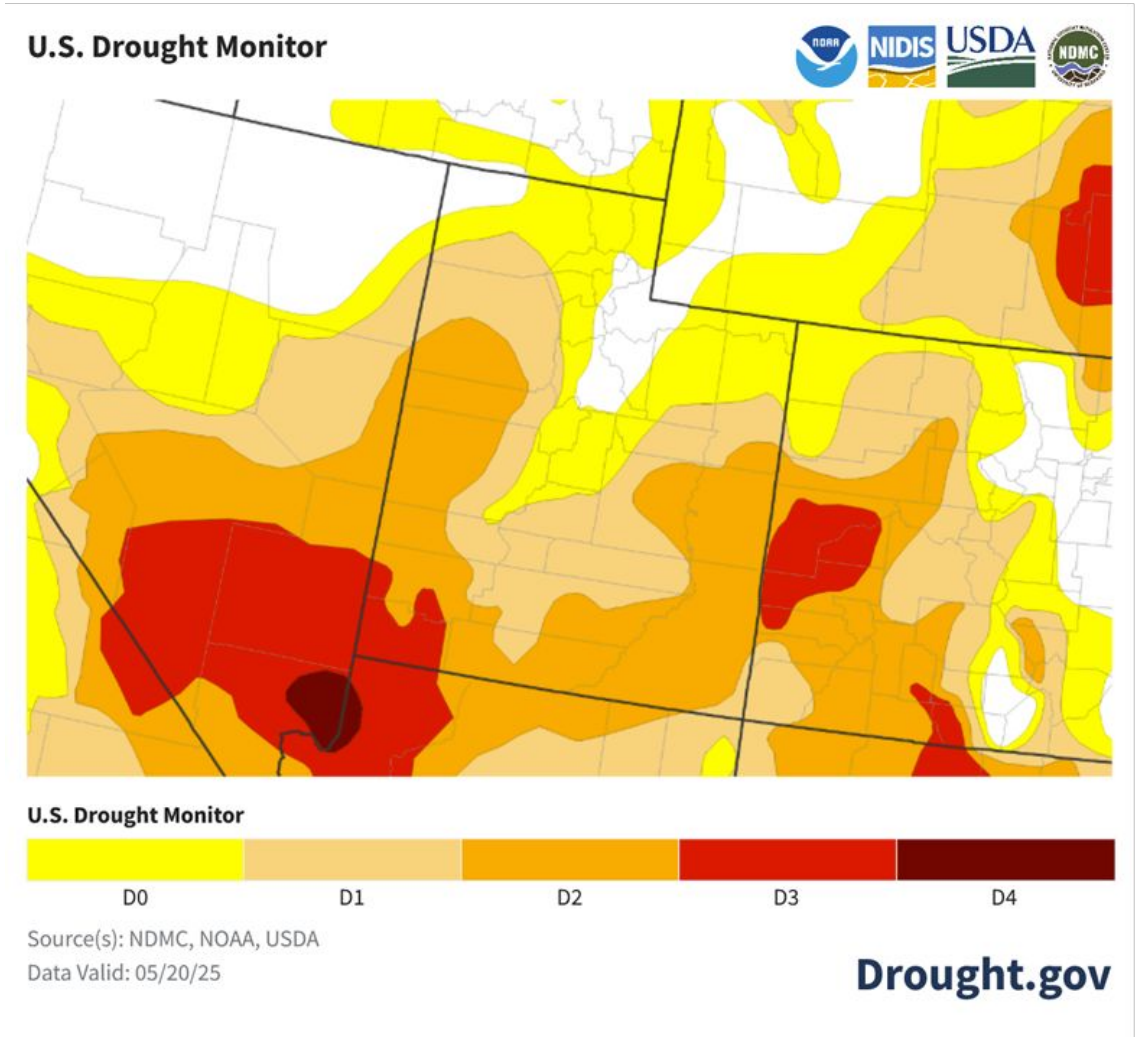
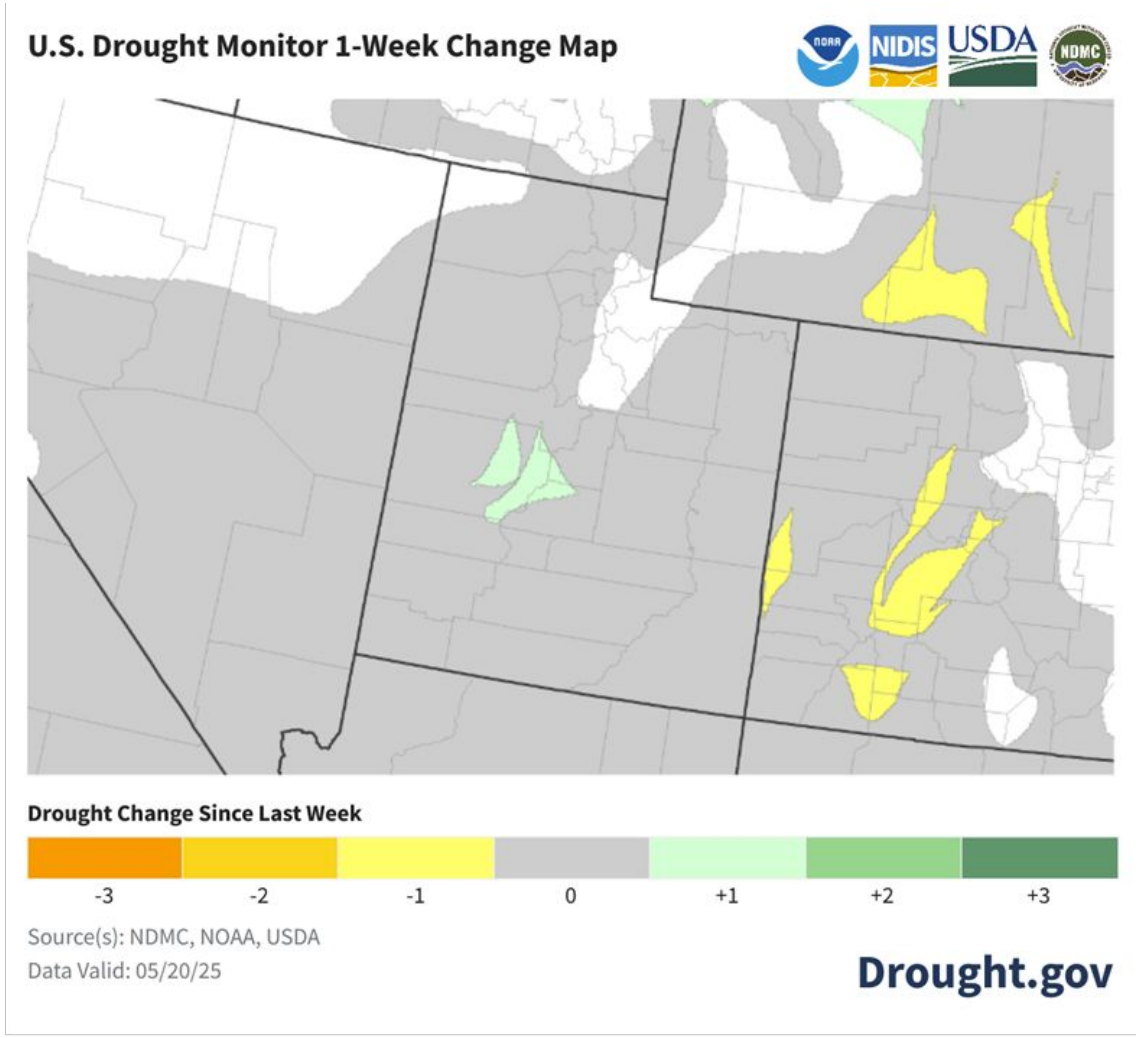
Utah Water Conditions Update

May 27, 2025

Drought Conditions and 1-Week Change Map





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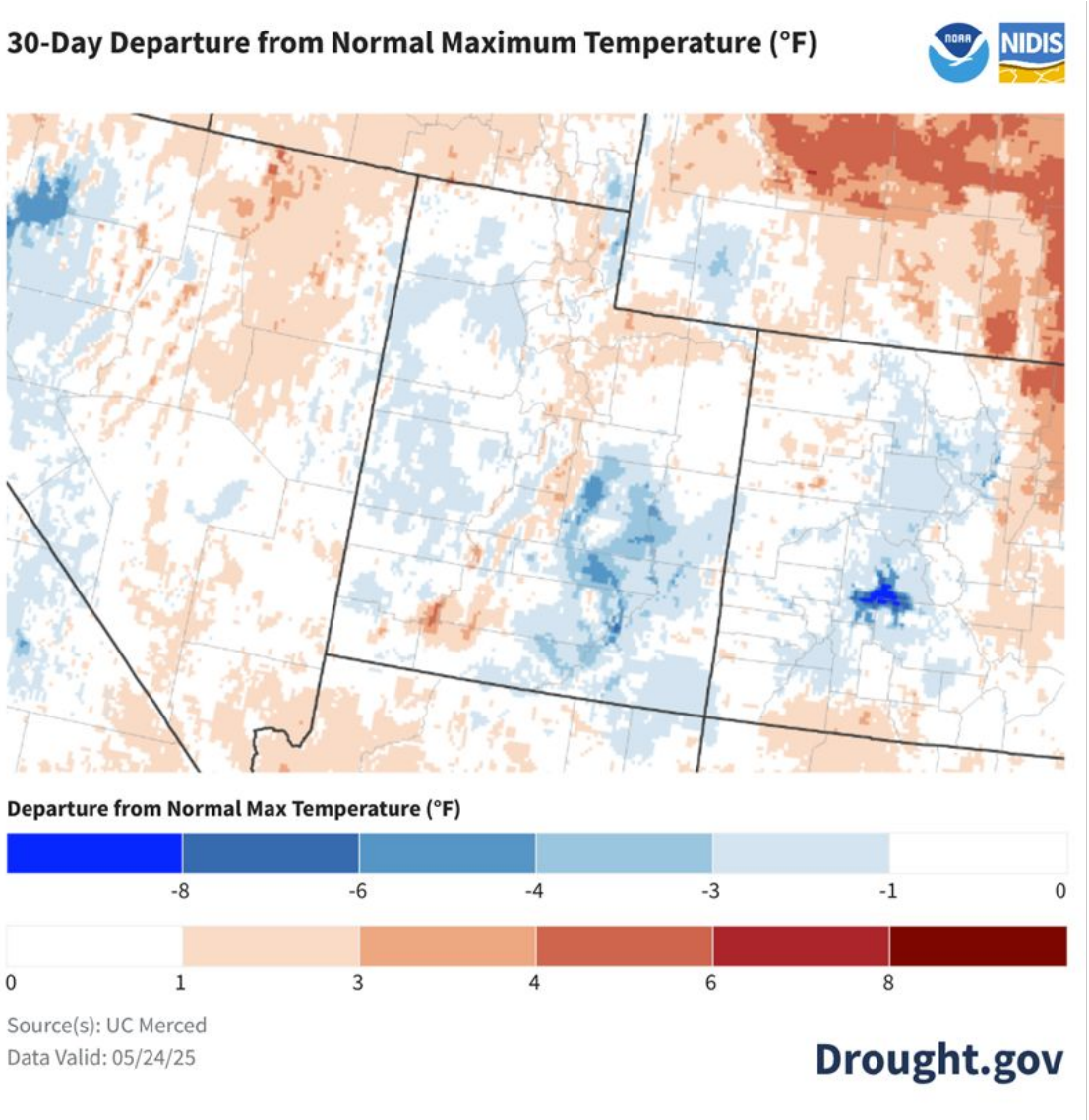

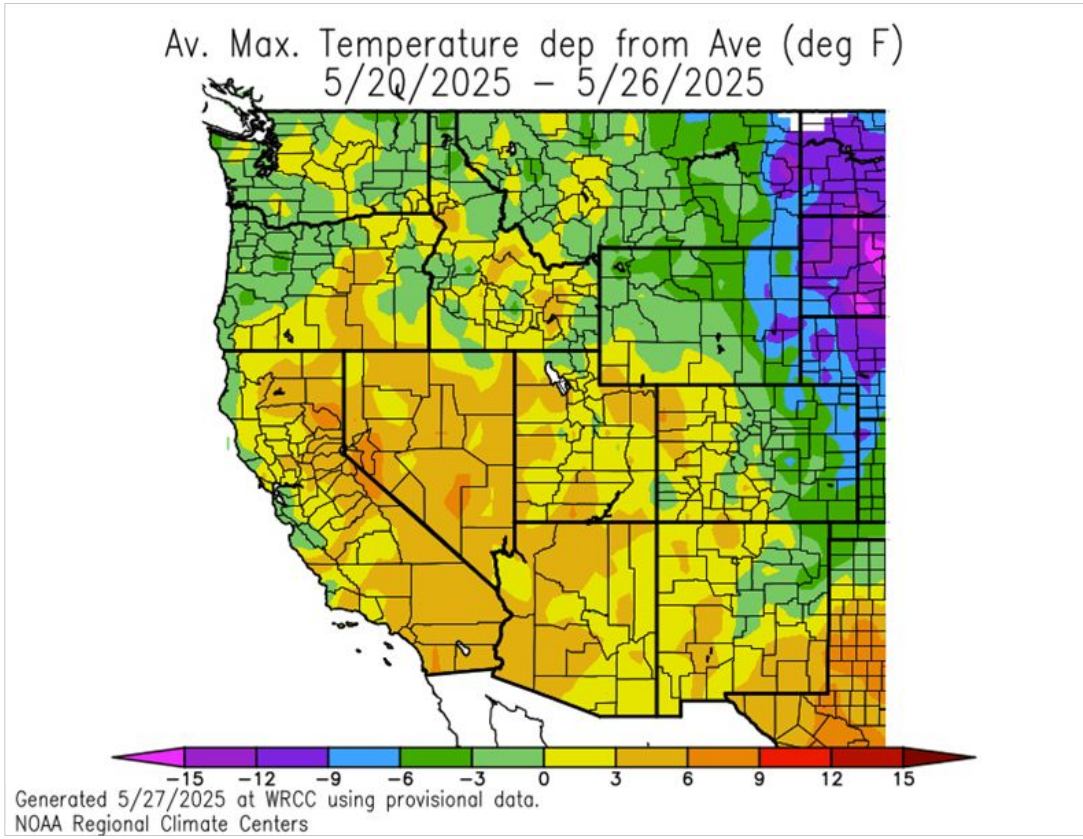

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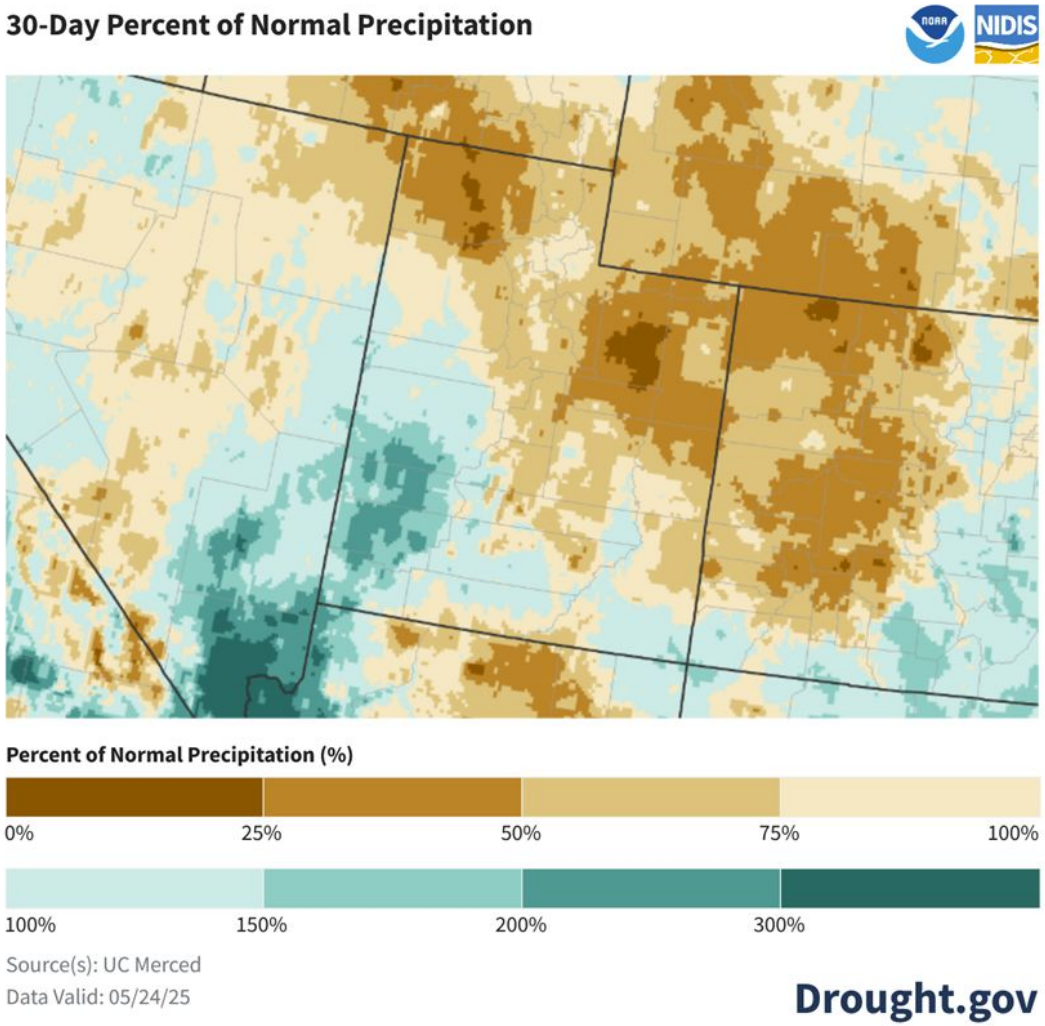

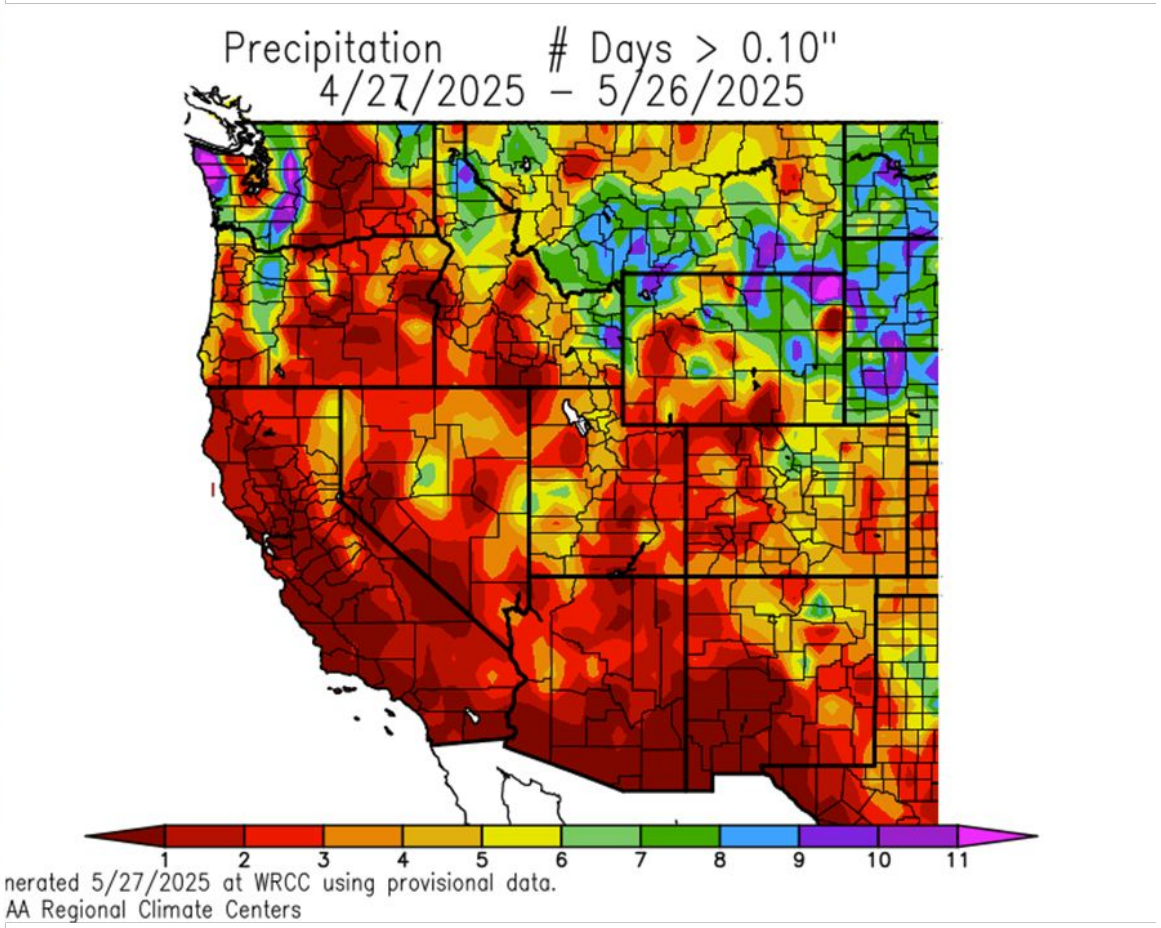

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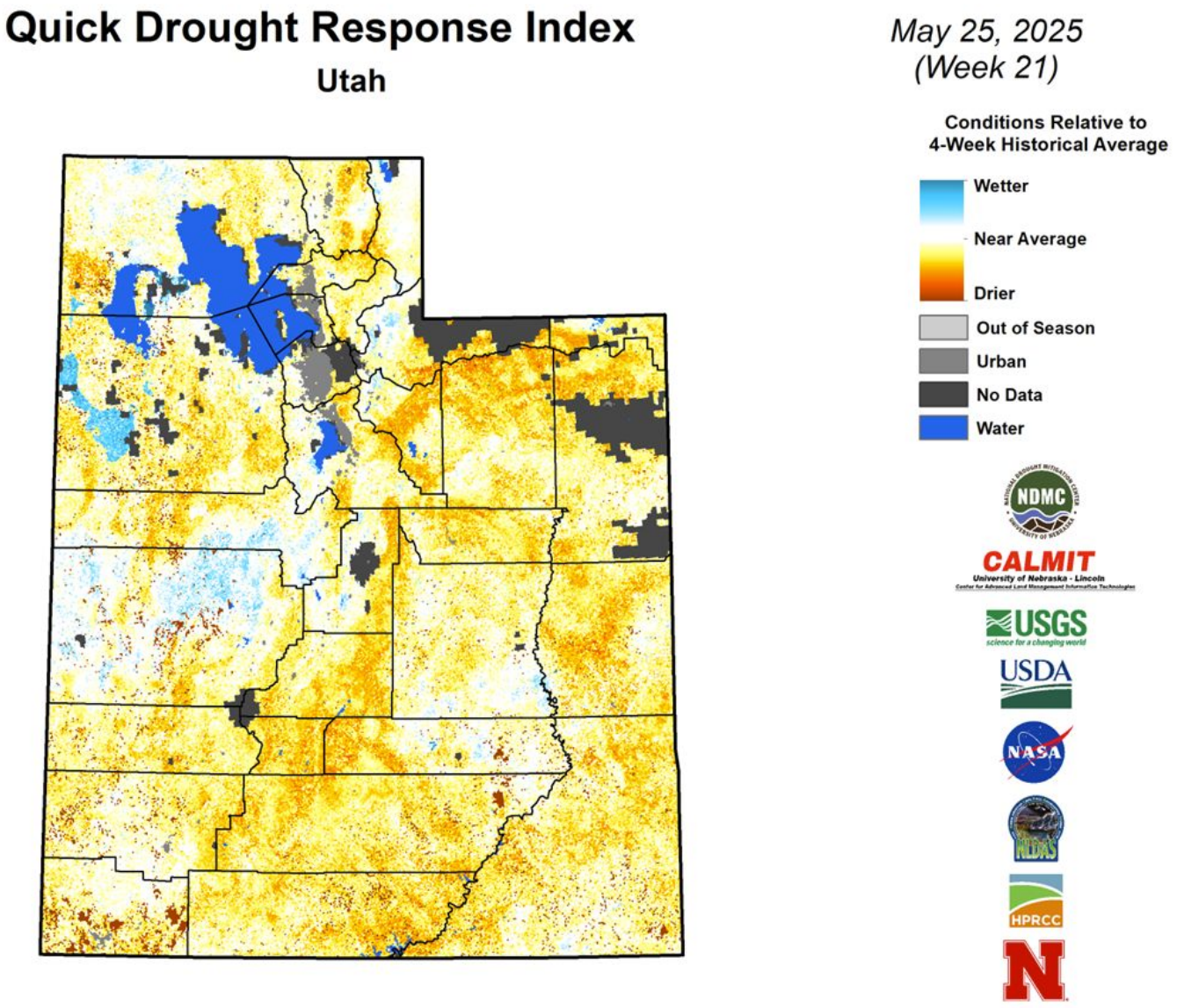
Short-term Drought Pressure



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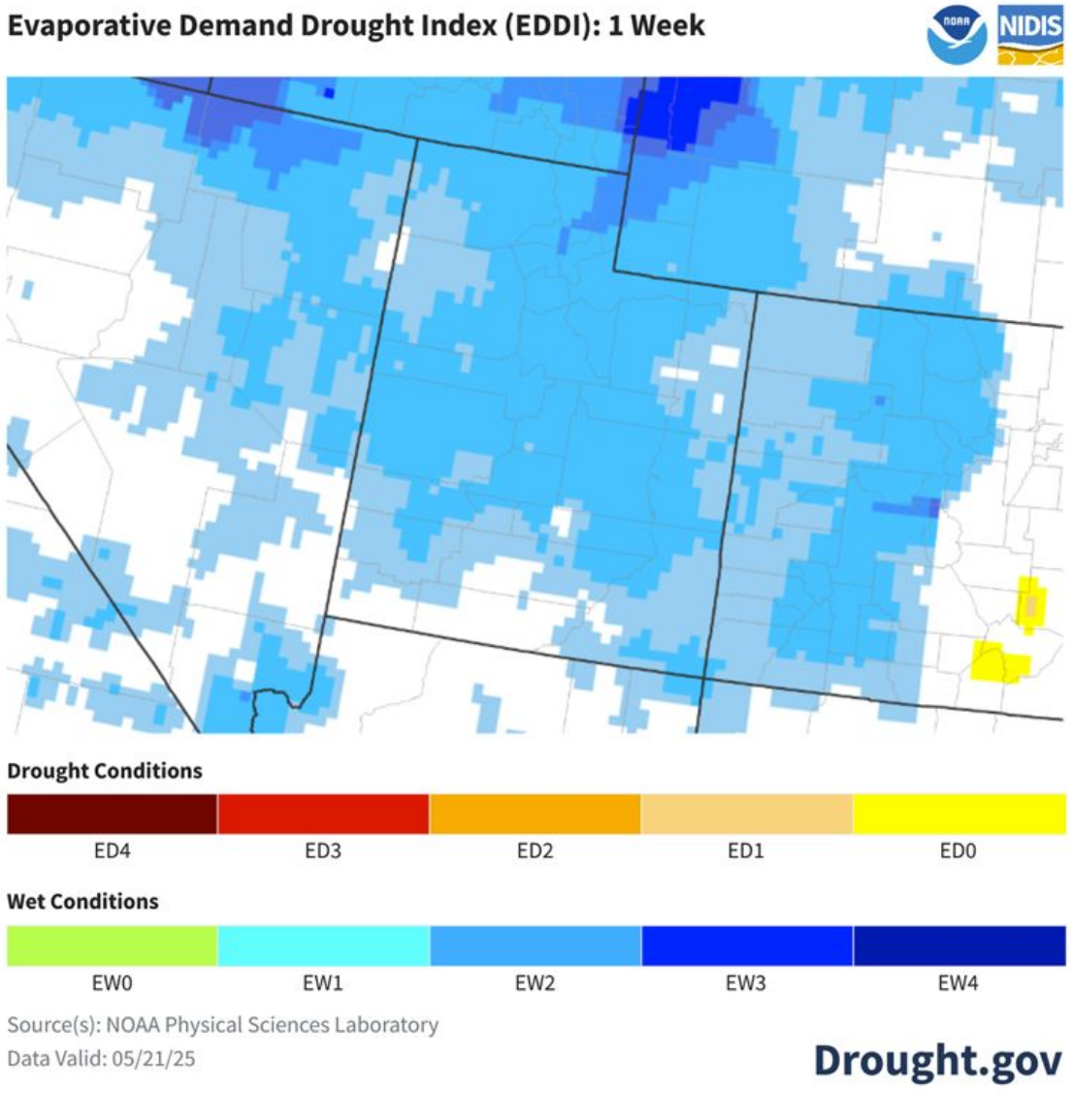

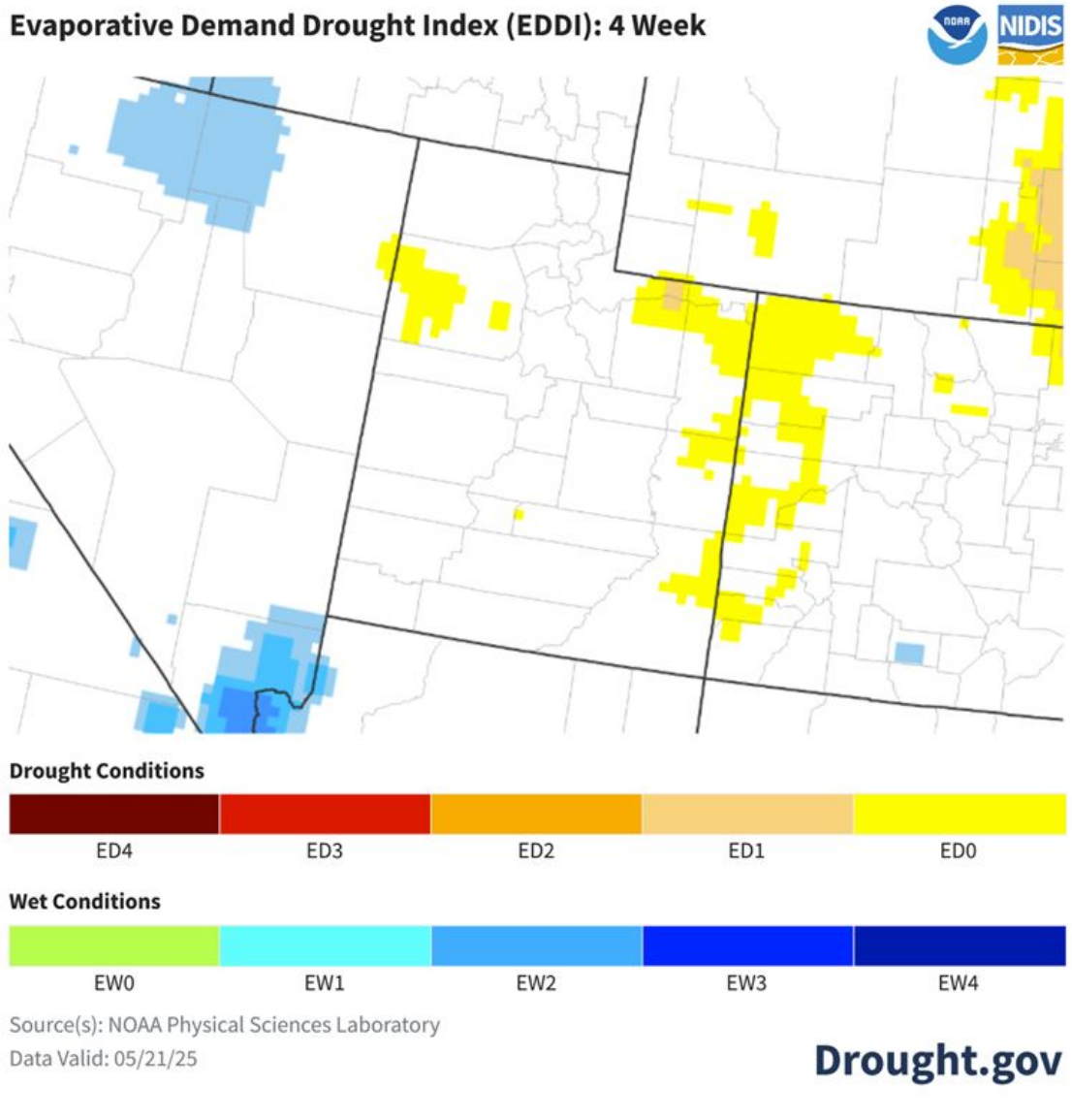

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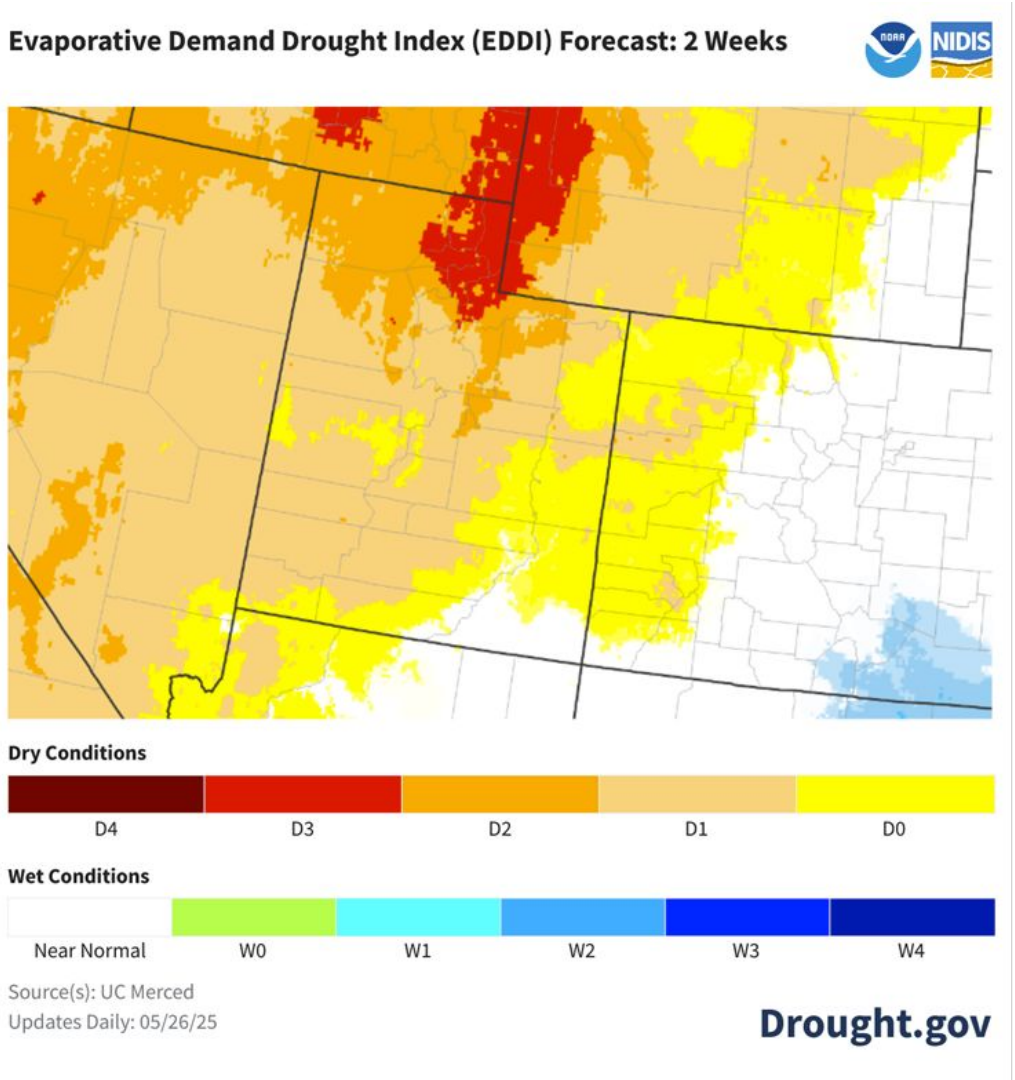
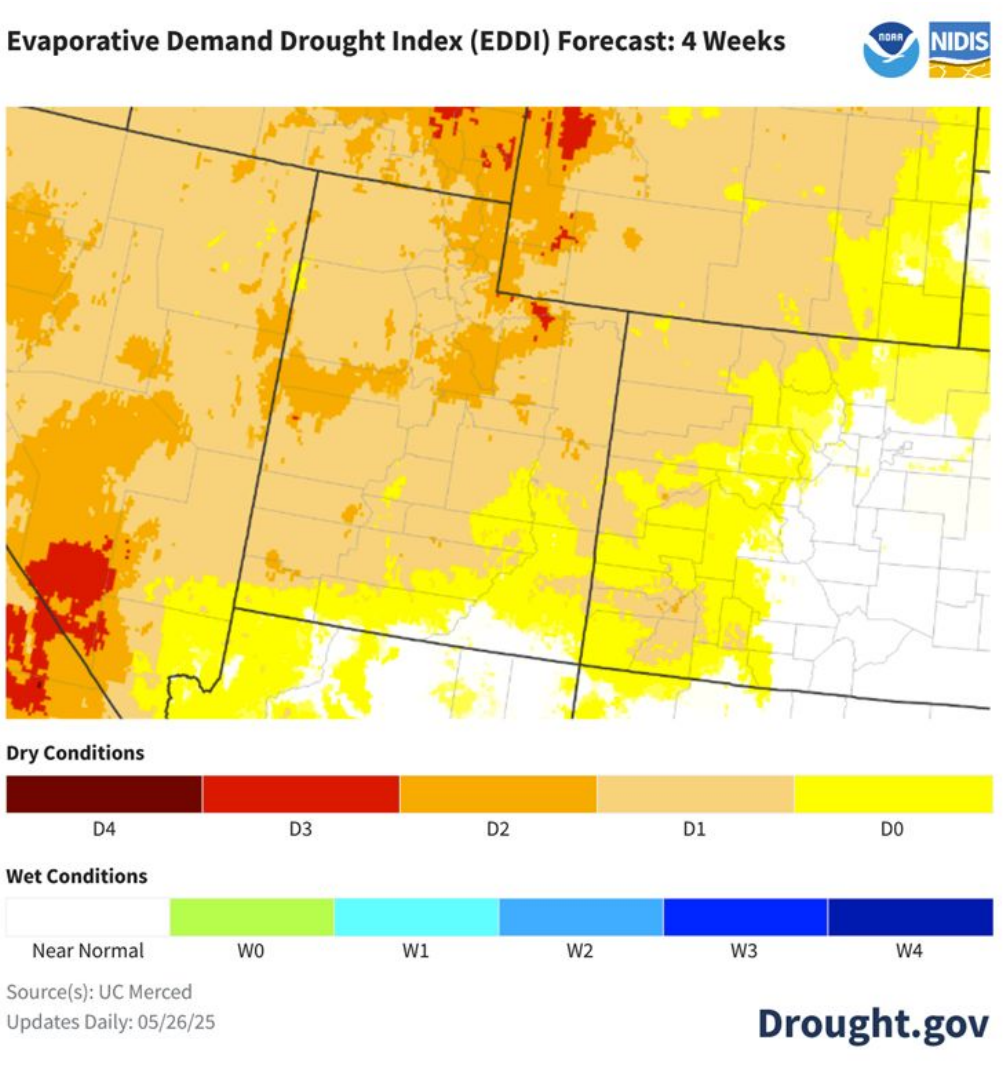
Evaporative Demand Outlook





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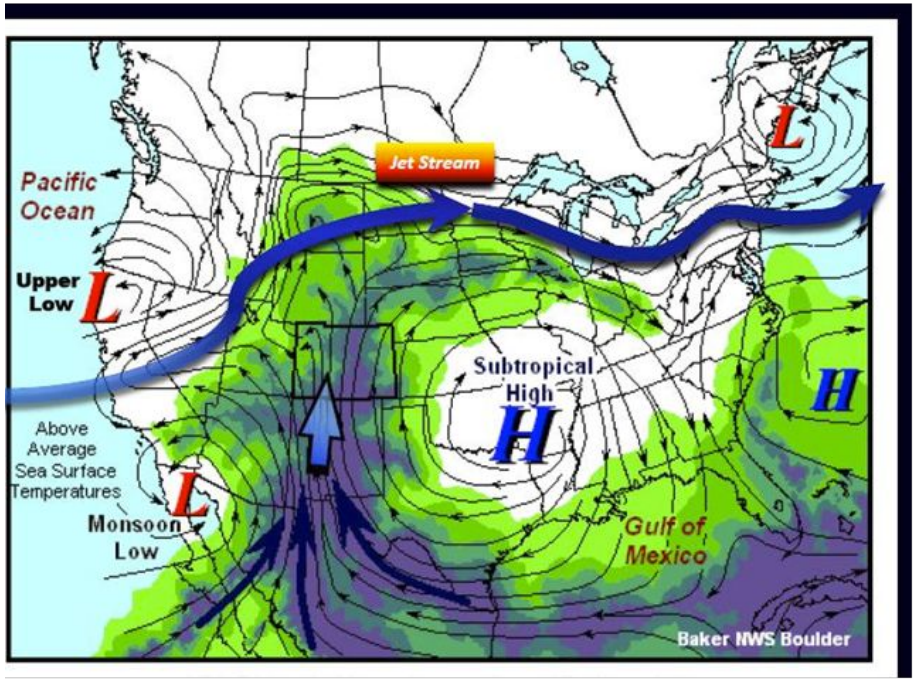
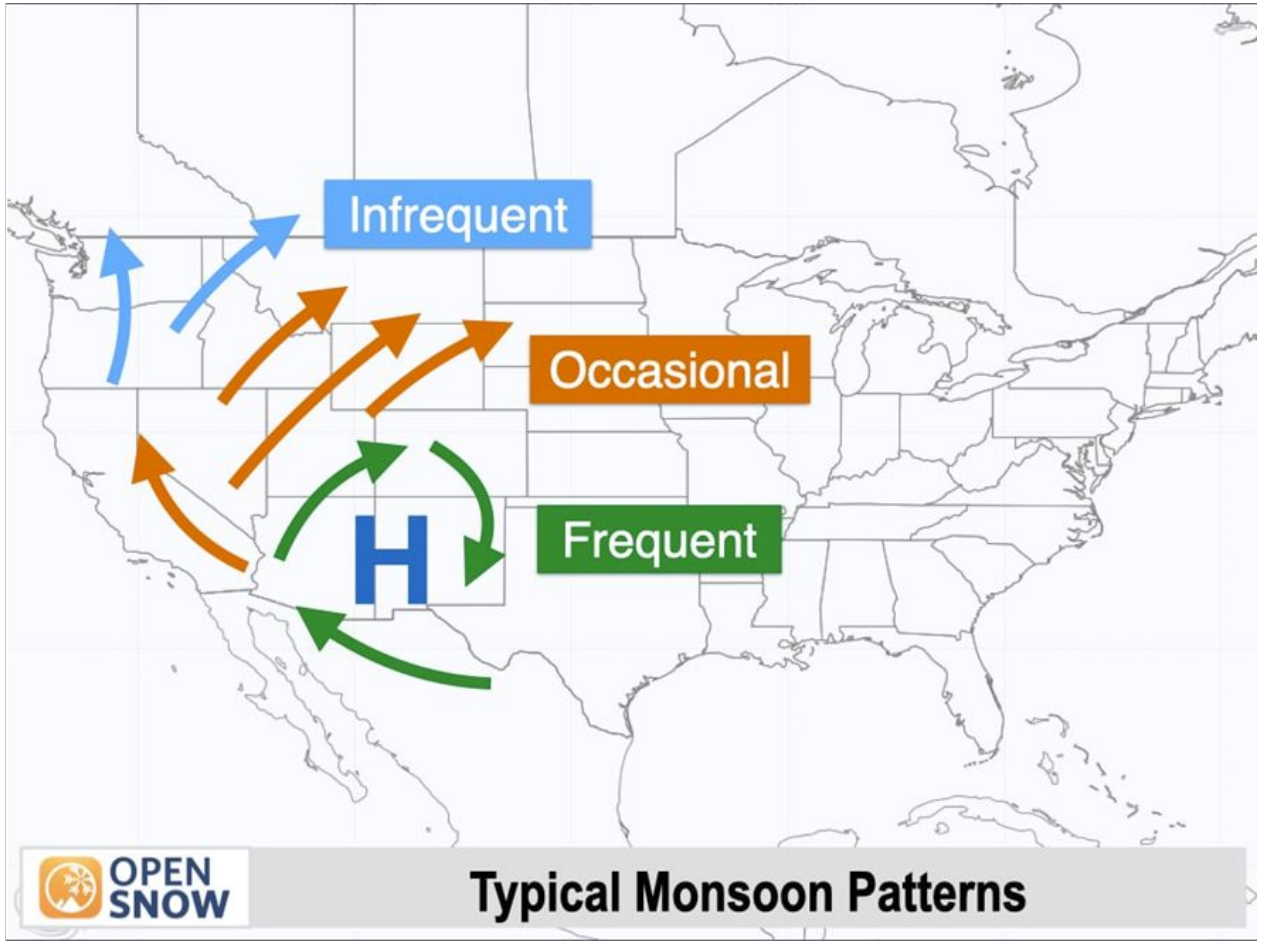
Monsoon Outlook: A look at the role of the upper-level high pressure





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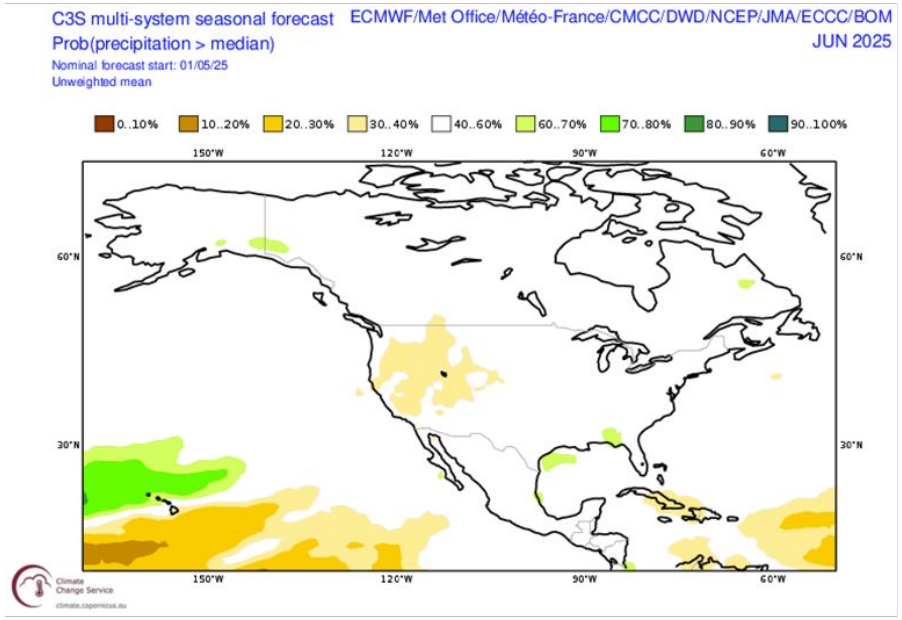
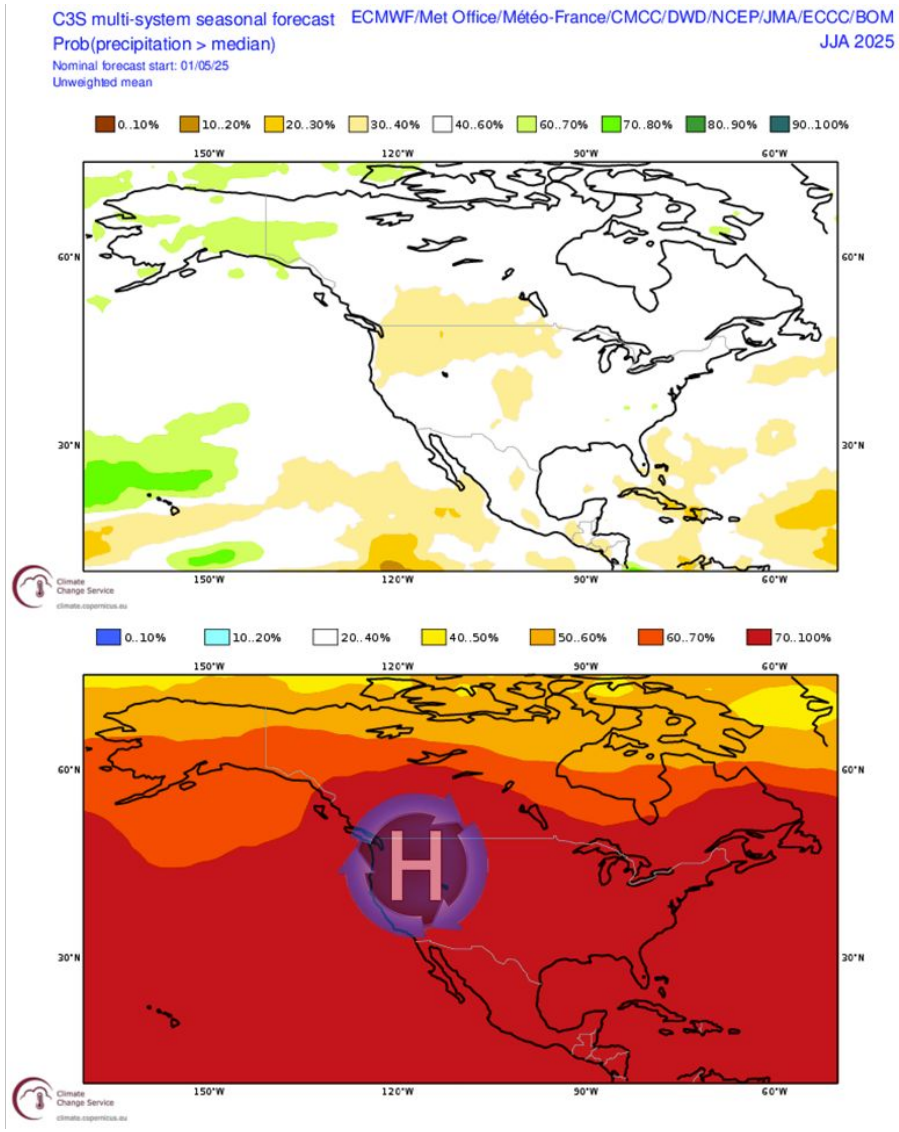
Global Seasonal Ensemble Outlooks





Models continue to place the West under broad high pressure. The northern and western extent is potential cause for concern for Utah's moisture transport, but much uncertainty of summer event-scale weather patterns vs the seasonal pattern exists.

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Global Seasonal Ensemble Outlooks

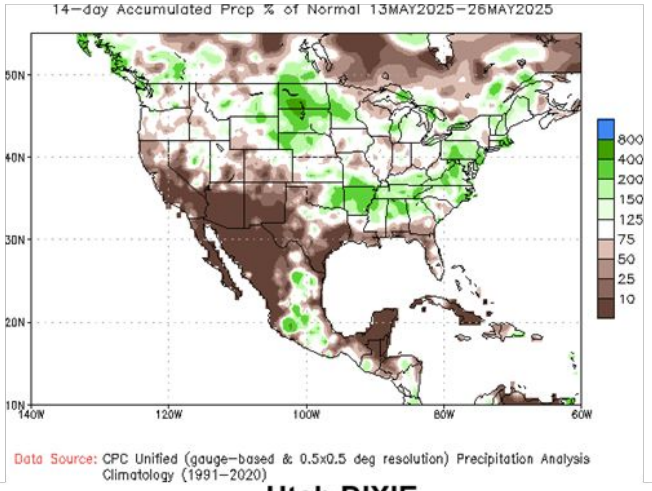
Considerations for Monsoon outlook:

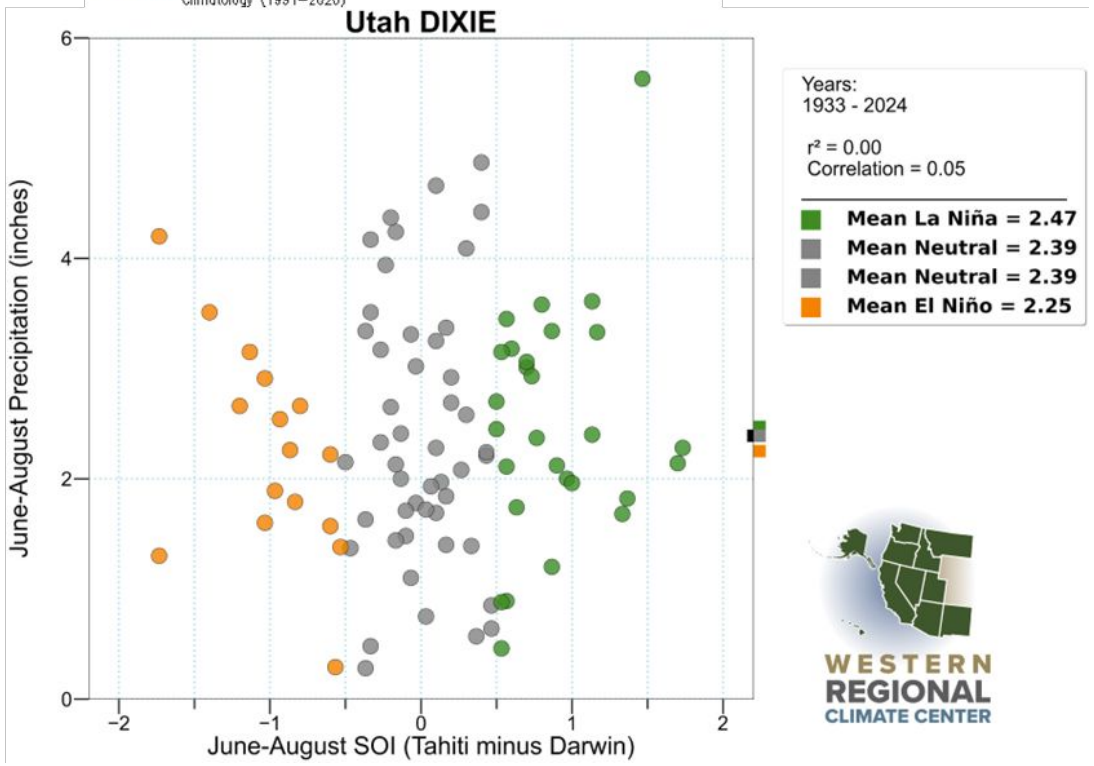
1. Dry soils in the region will generally allow early onset; -> potential for longer season and more daily chances for monsoon humidity to move into Utah

2. ENSO Neutral conditions expected this summer, but no relationship even in southern Utah!

3. Tropical oscillations (MJO) not presently expected to influence onset.

4. Cool start to eastern Pacific SST's can pump the brakes on large-scale ocean evaporation; could limit early-intensity.





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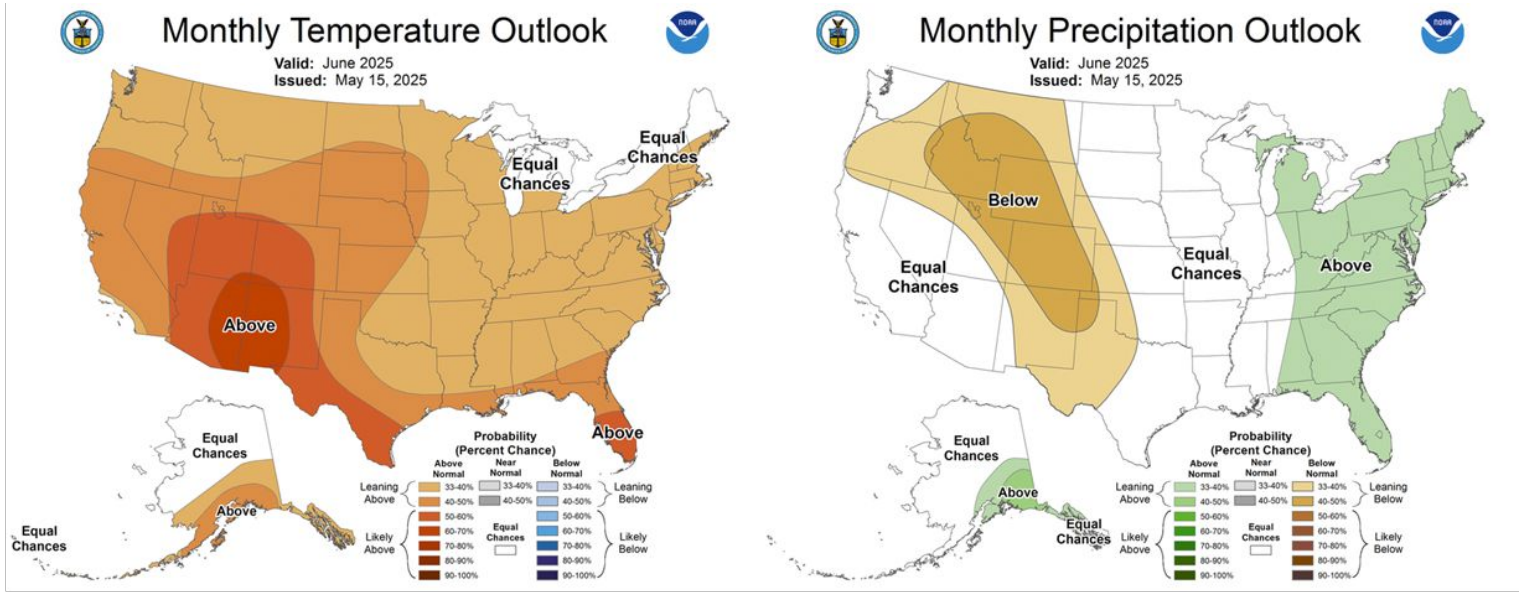
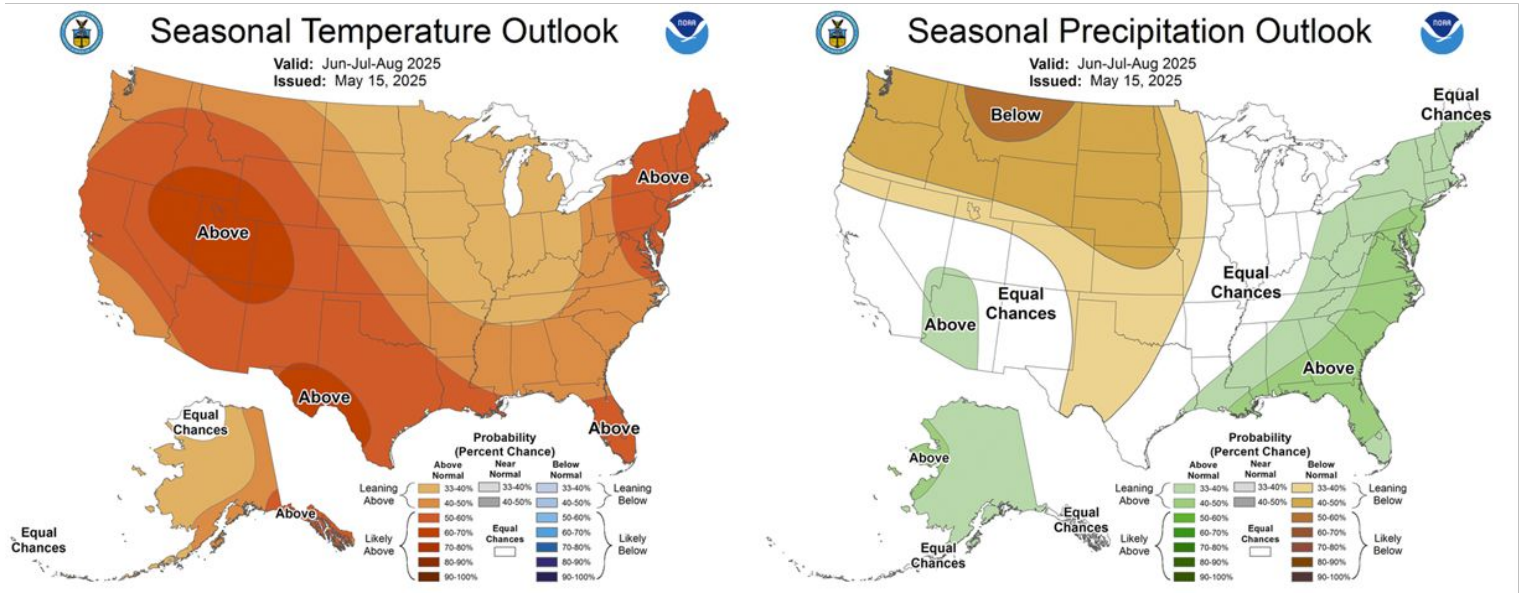
CPC June and June-August Outlooks





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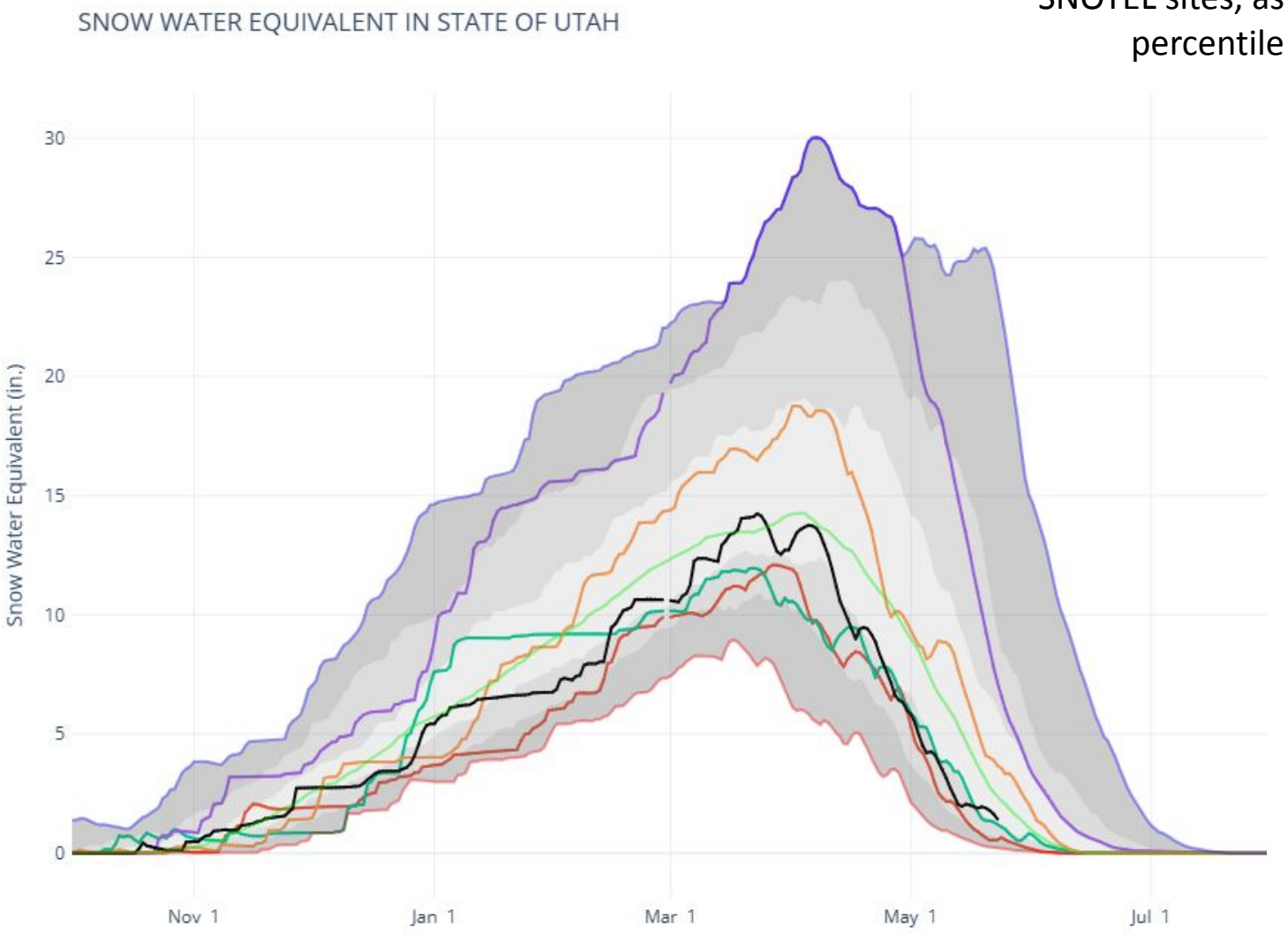
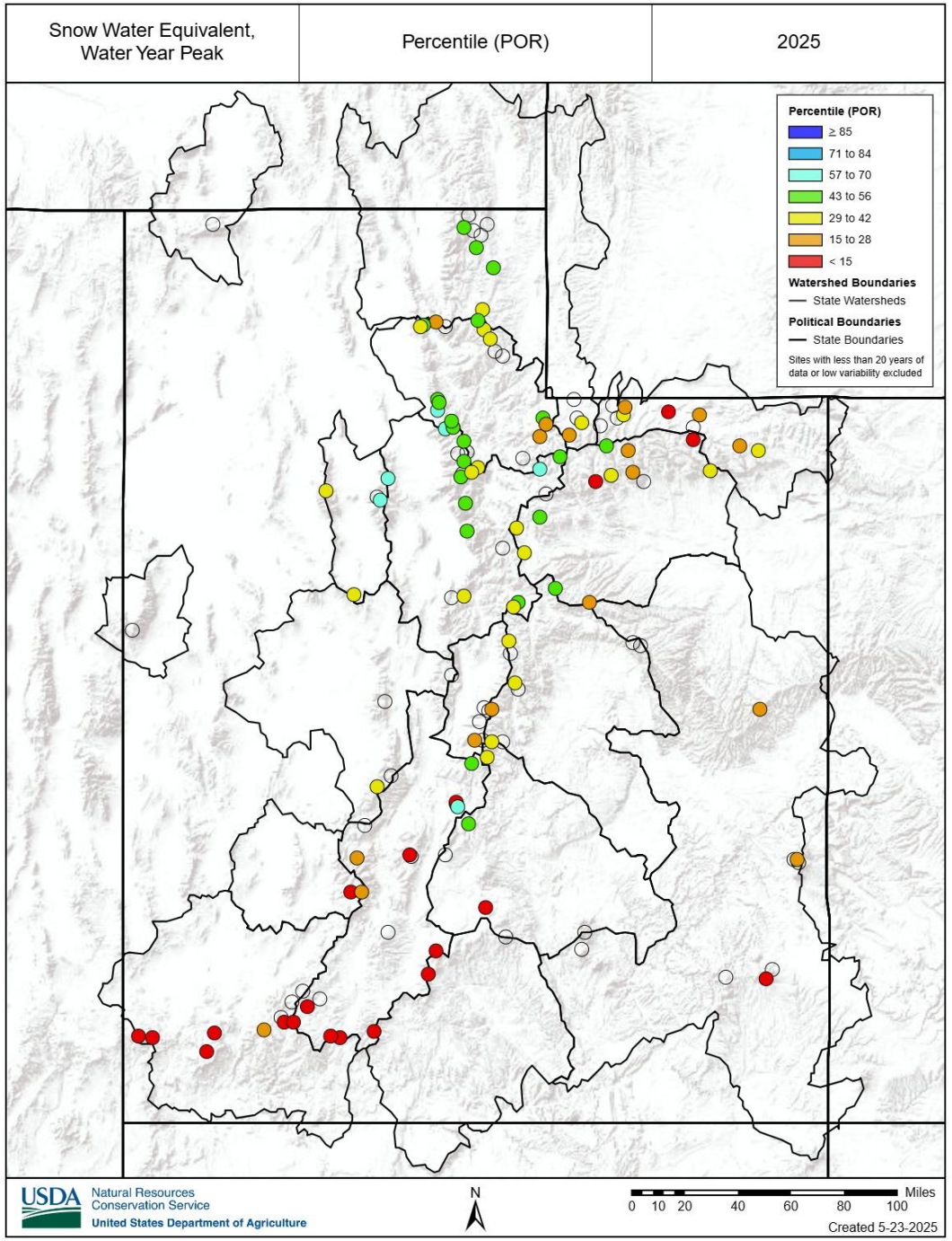
Snowpack



Peak 2025 SWE at SNOTEL sites, as percentile



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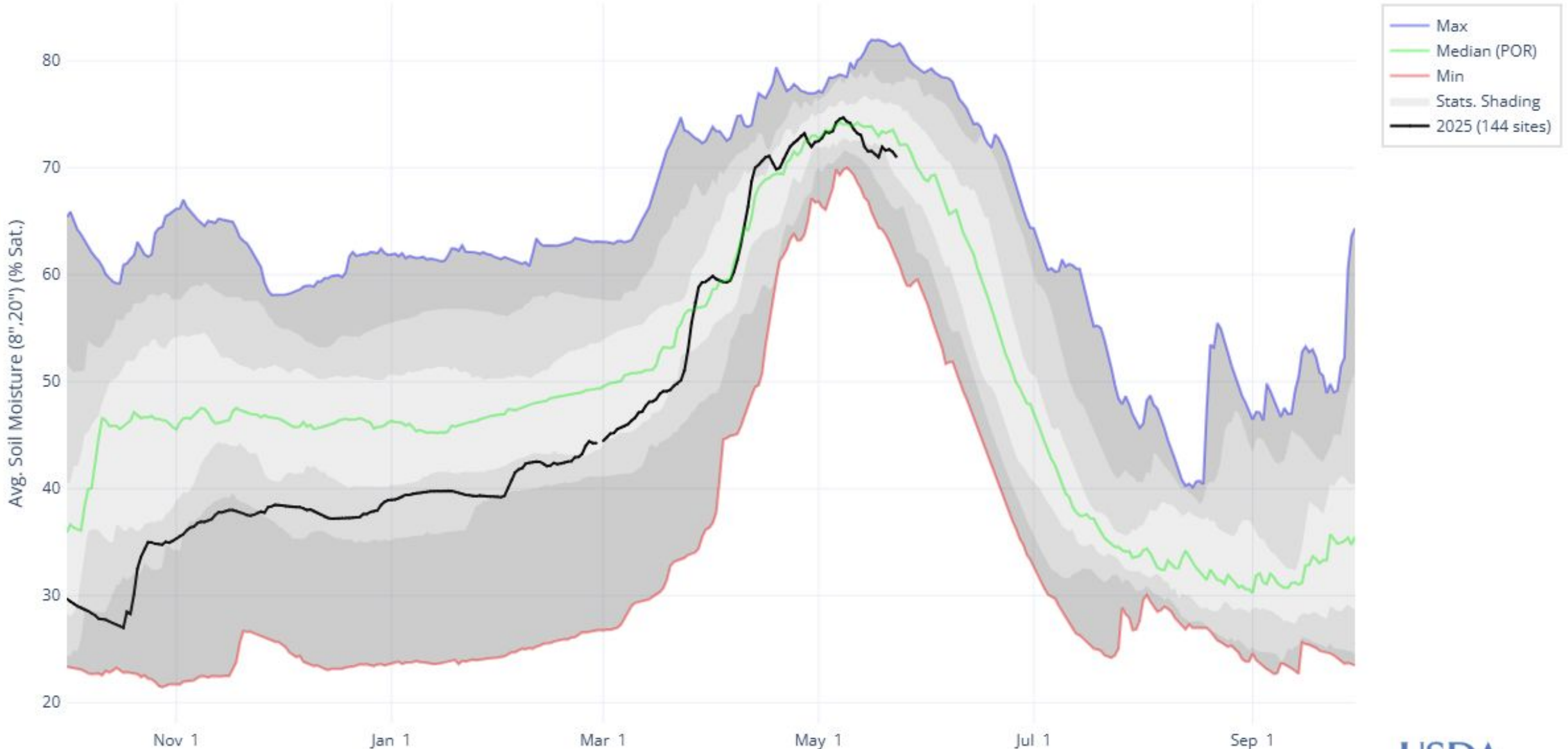

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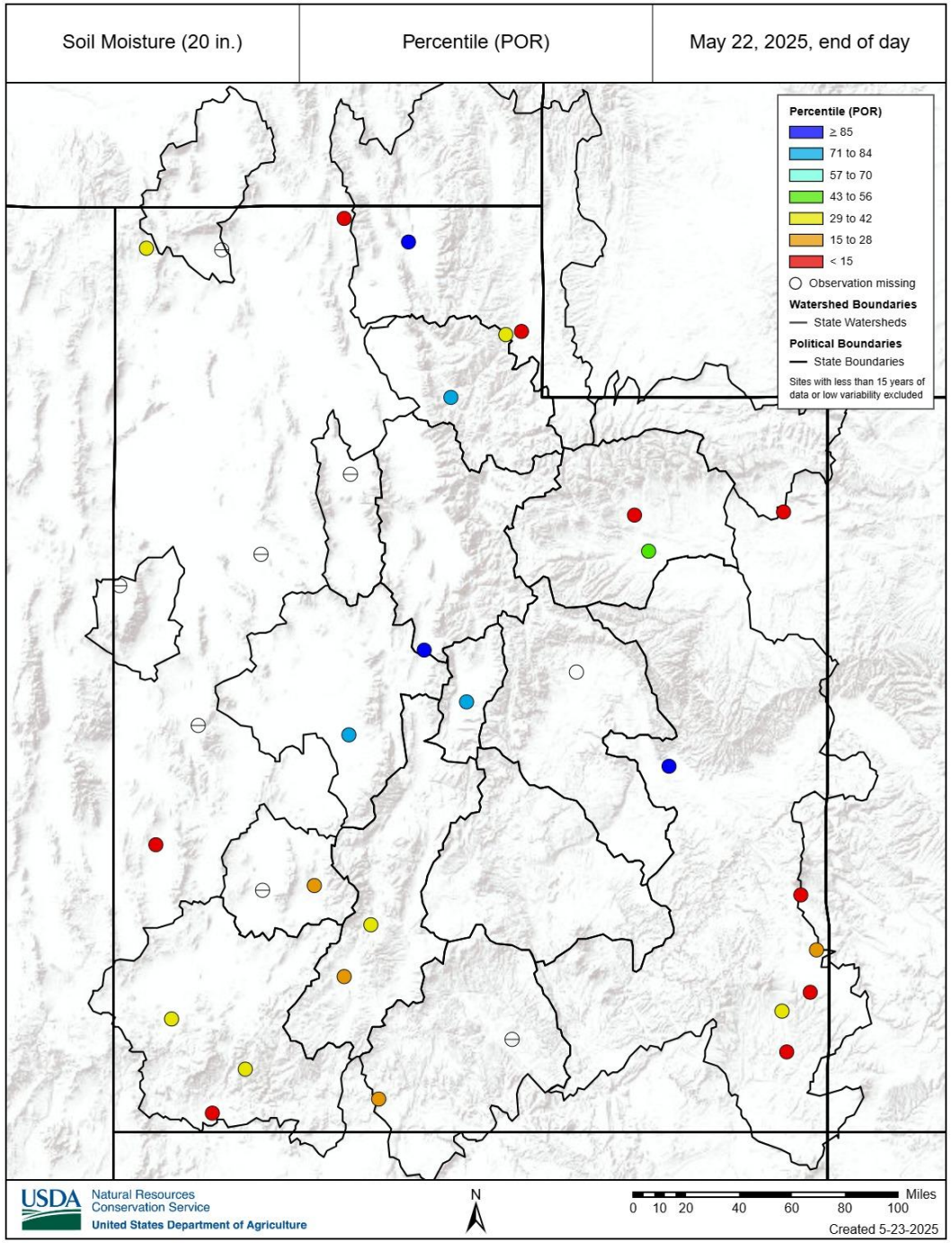

20” soil moisture, as percentile

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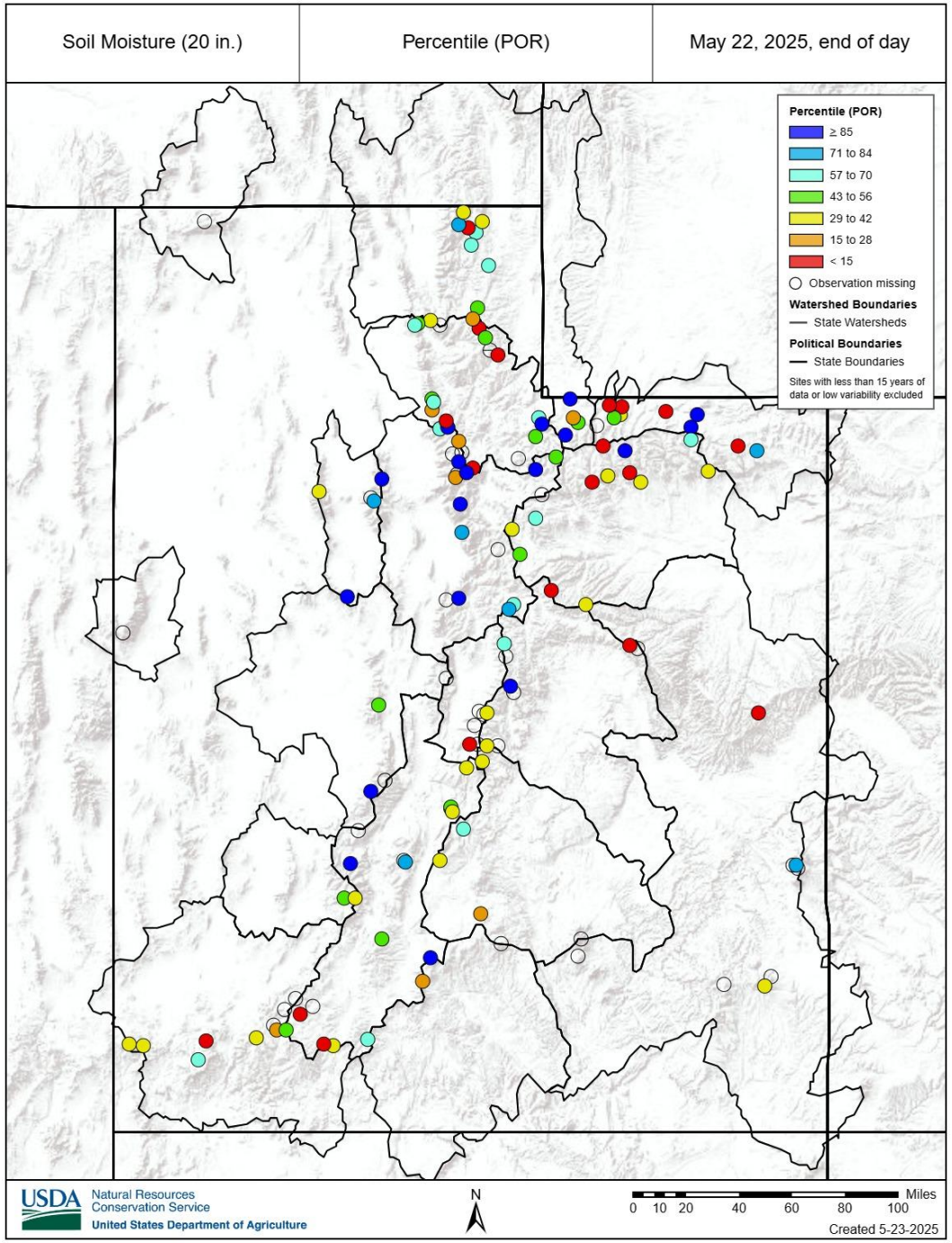
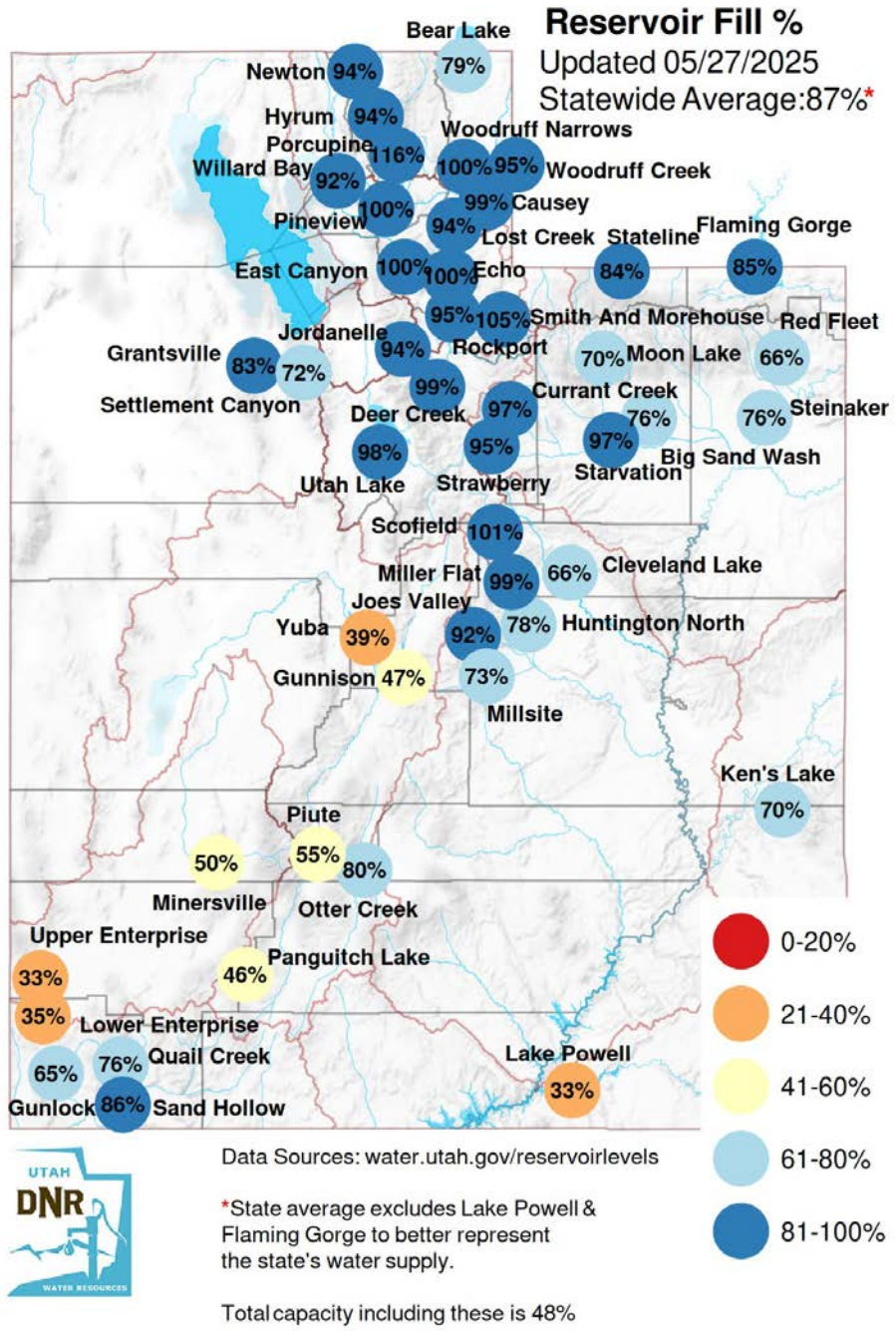


Northern reservoirs doing well

Southern/central reservoirs are lower comparatively



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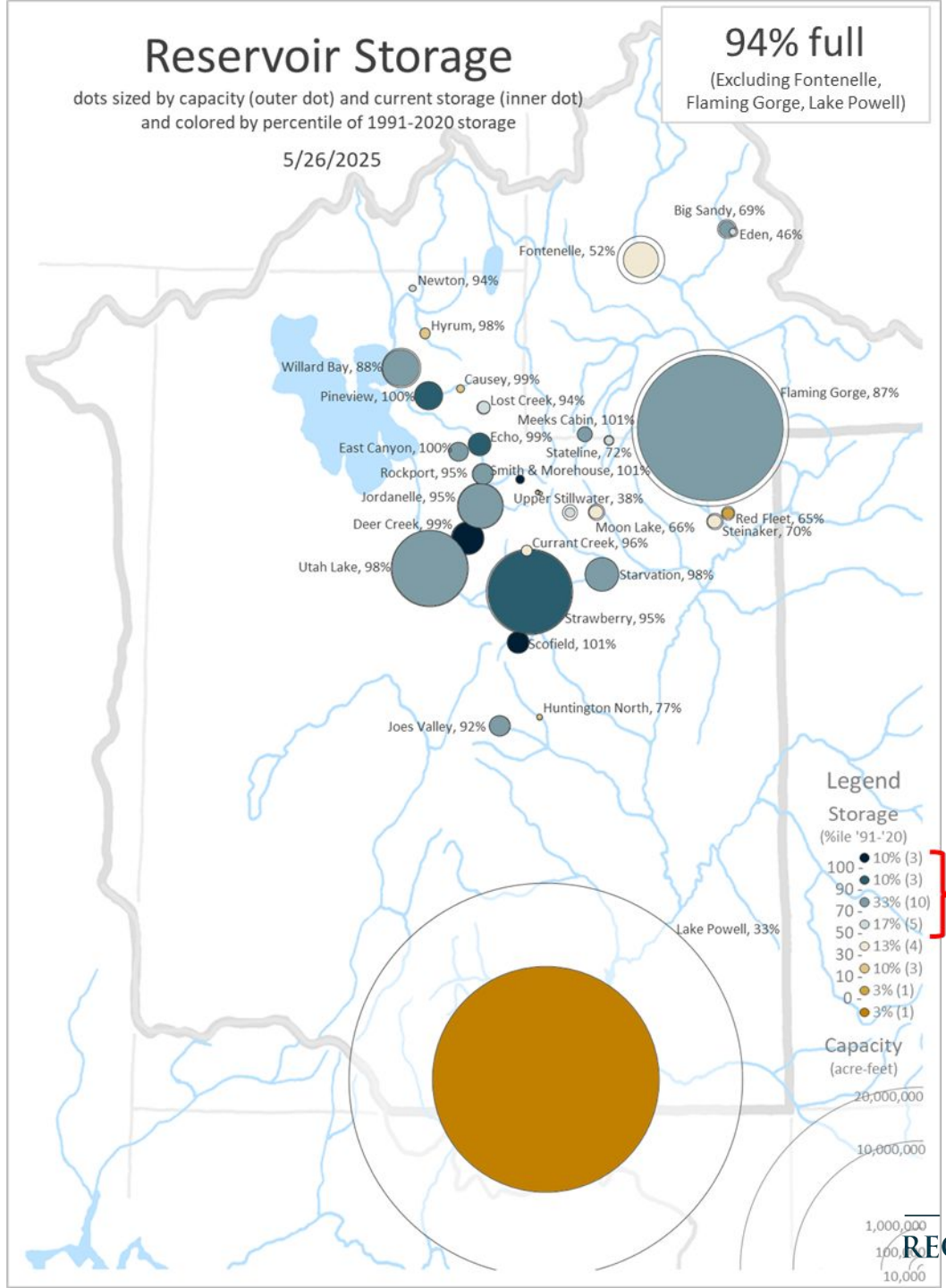
Reservoir Levels

- **Overall reservoir storage is at 94% full**
  (Excluding Powell, Flaming Gorge, Fontenelle)

- **Individual reservoirs range from 46-100% full**
  - **21/30 are above the 30-year median**

- **Outlook**
  - **storage is near peak**



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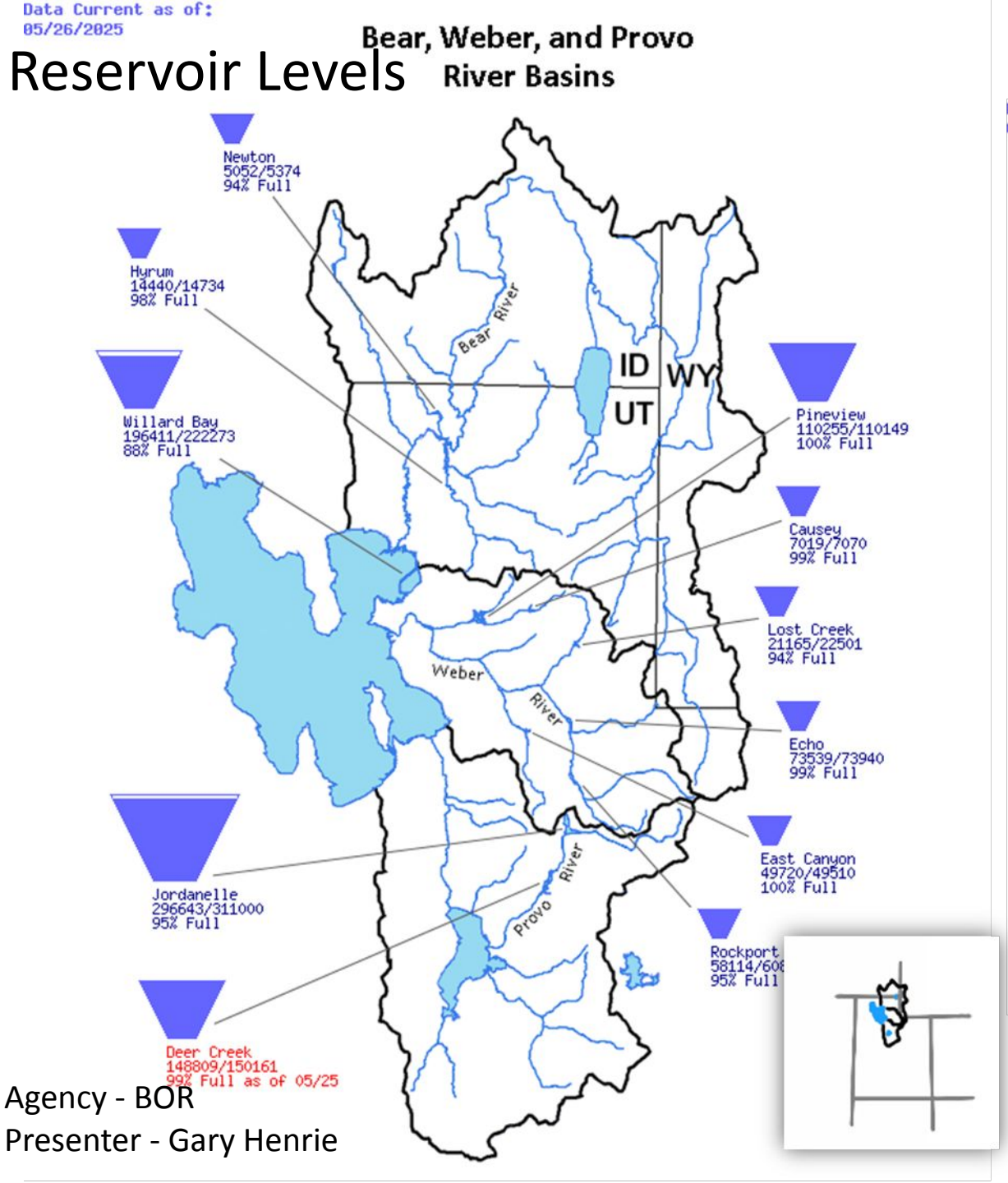

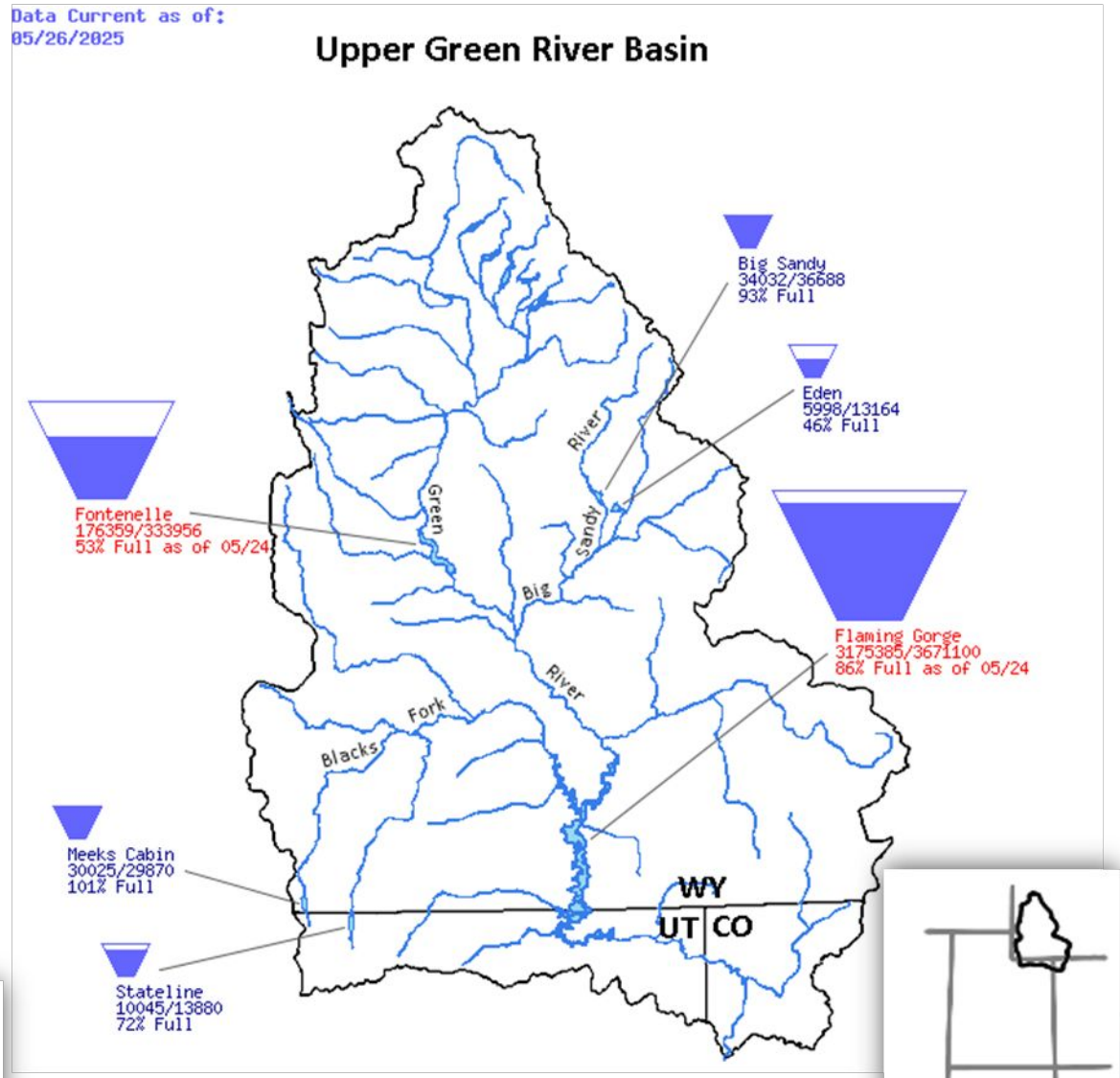

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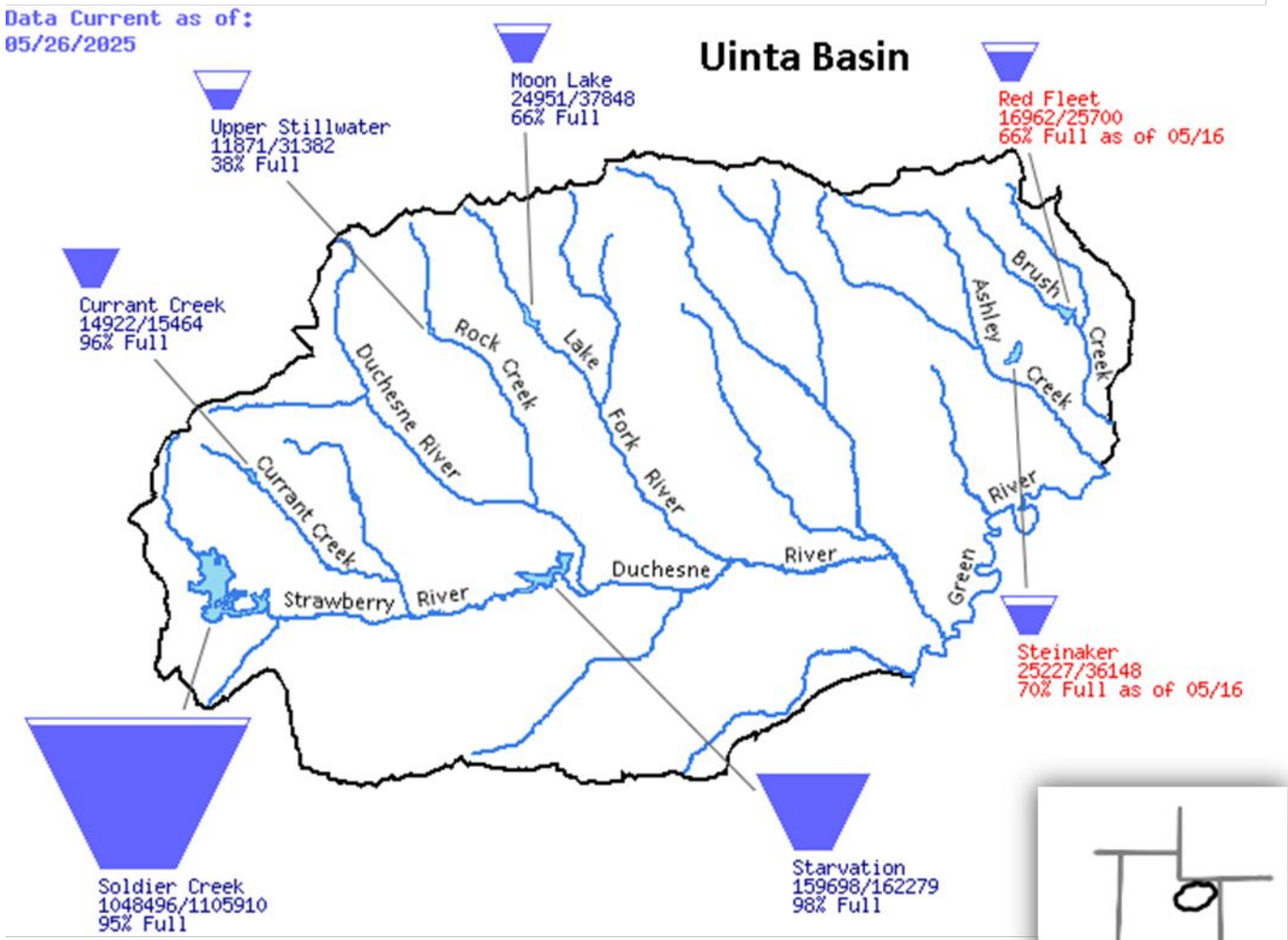

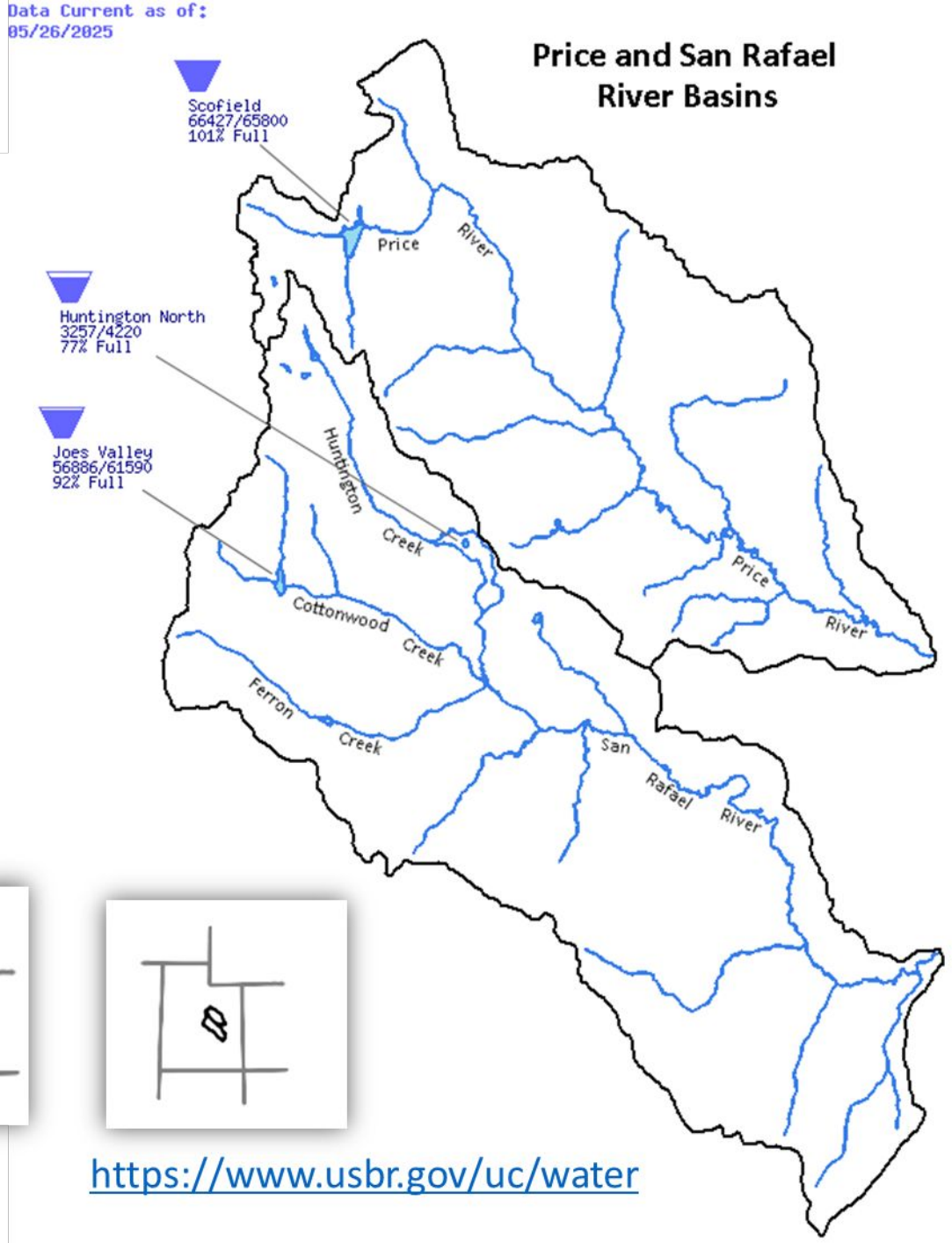

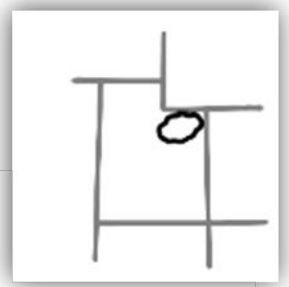

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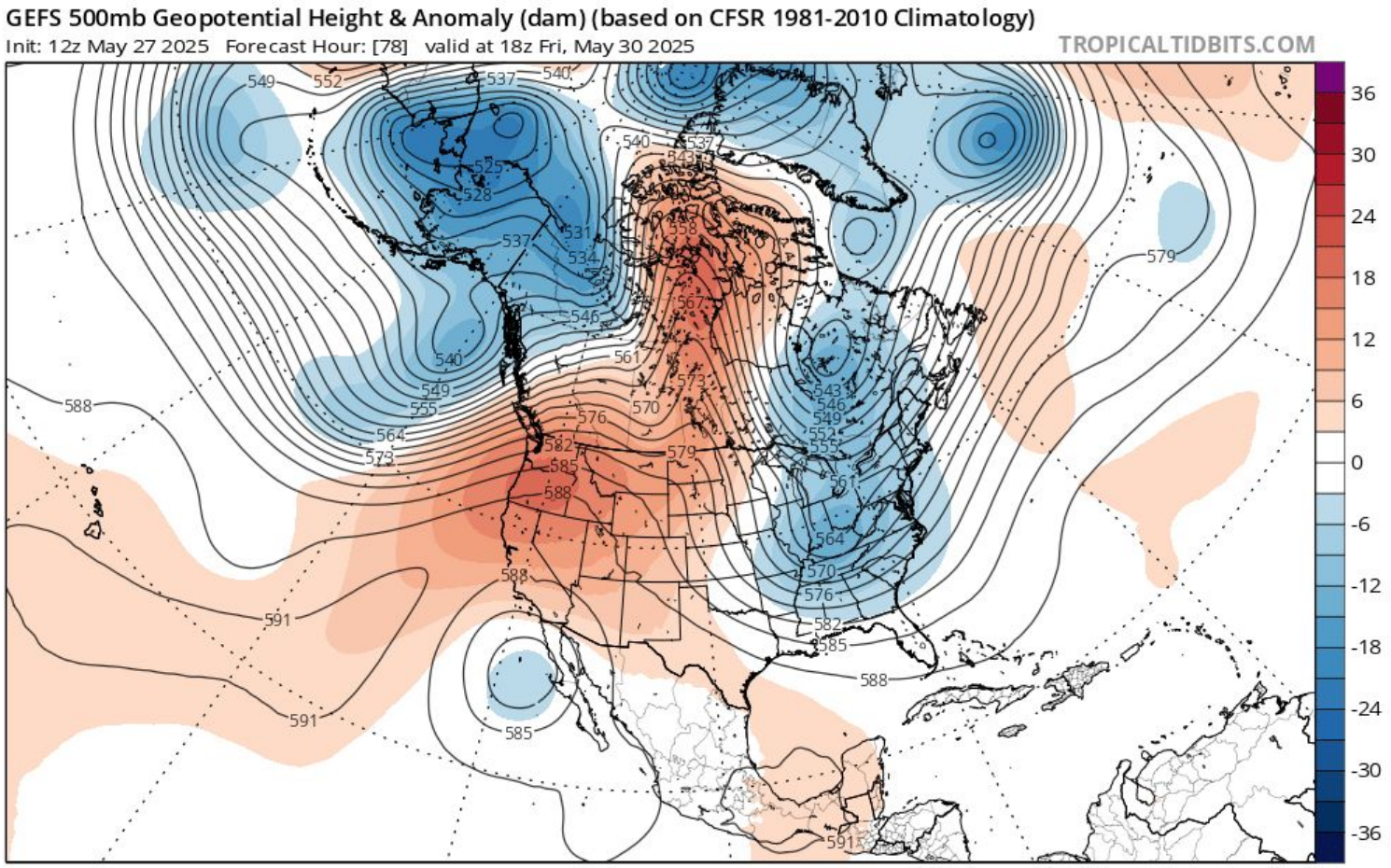

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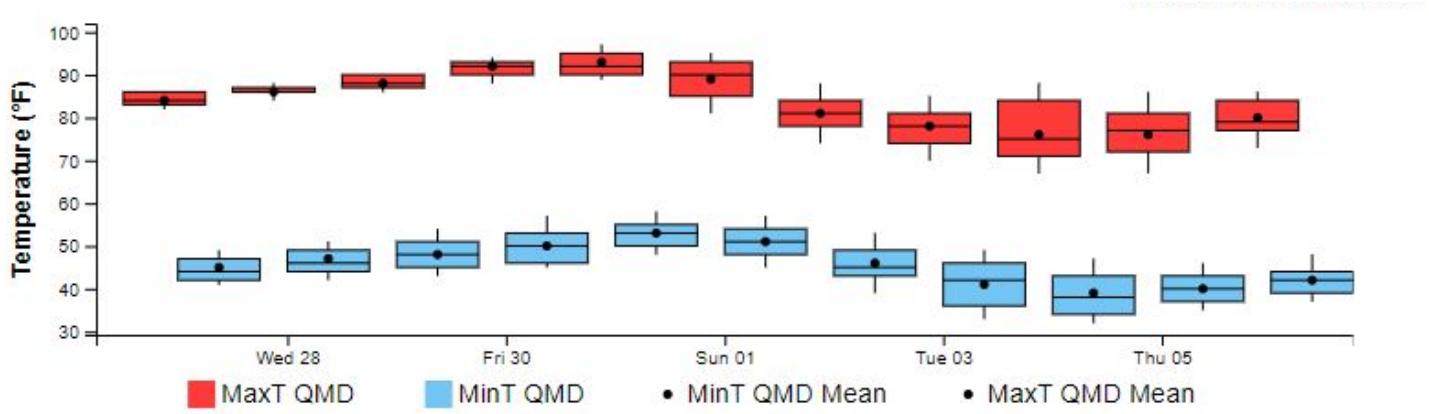

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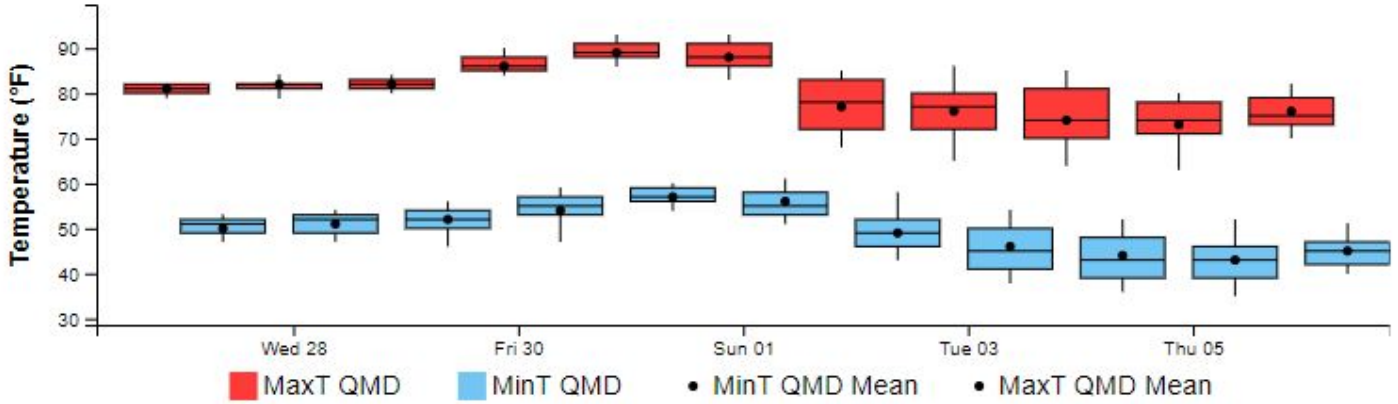

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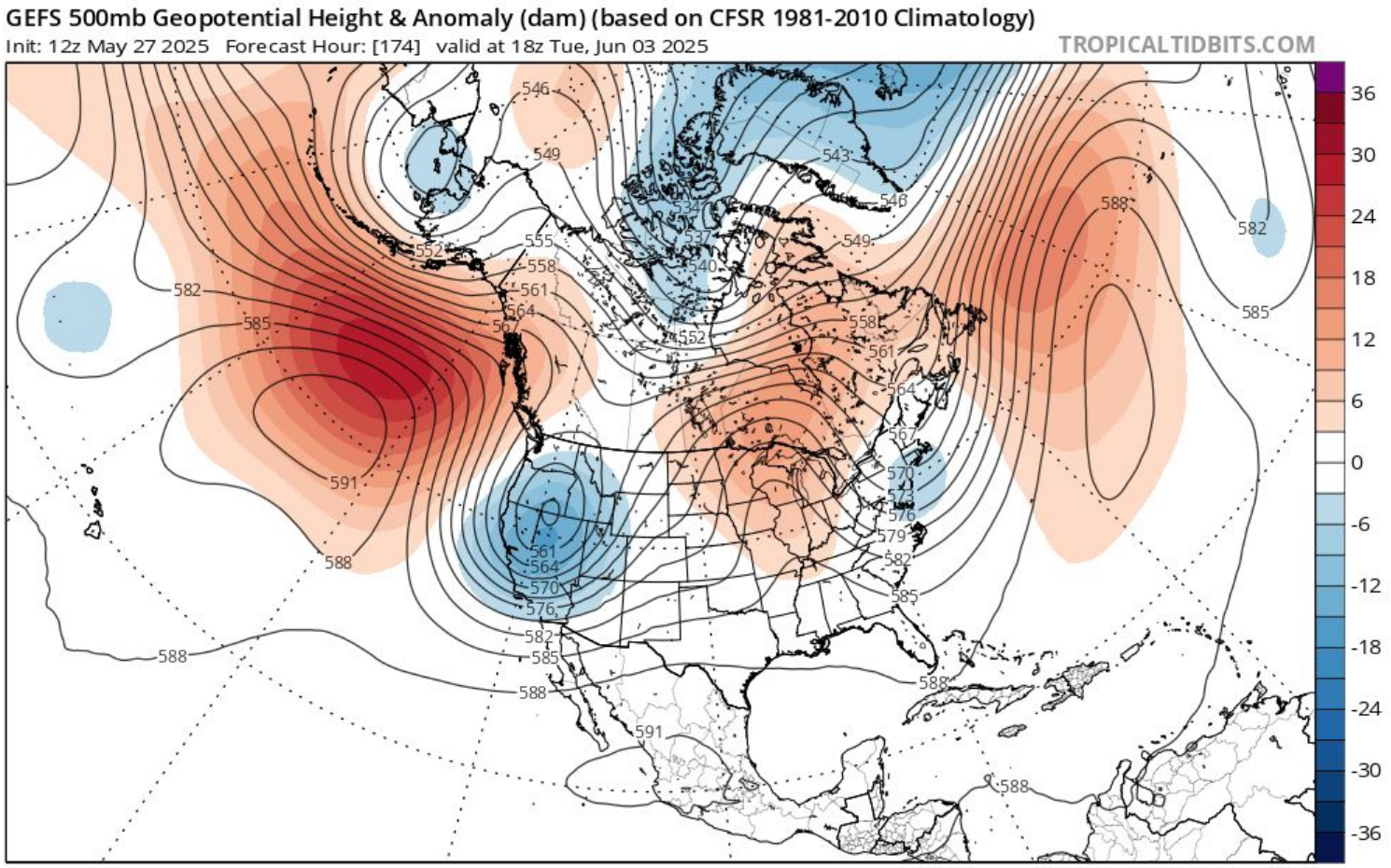

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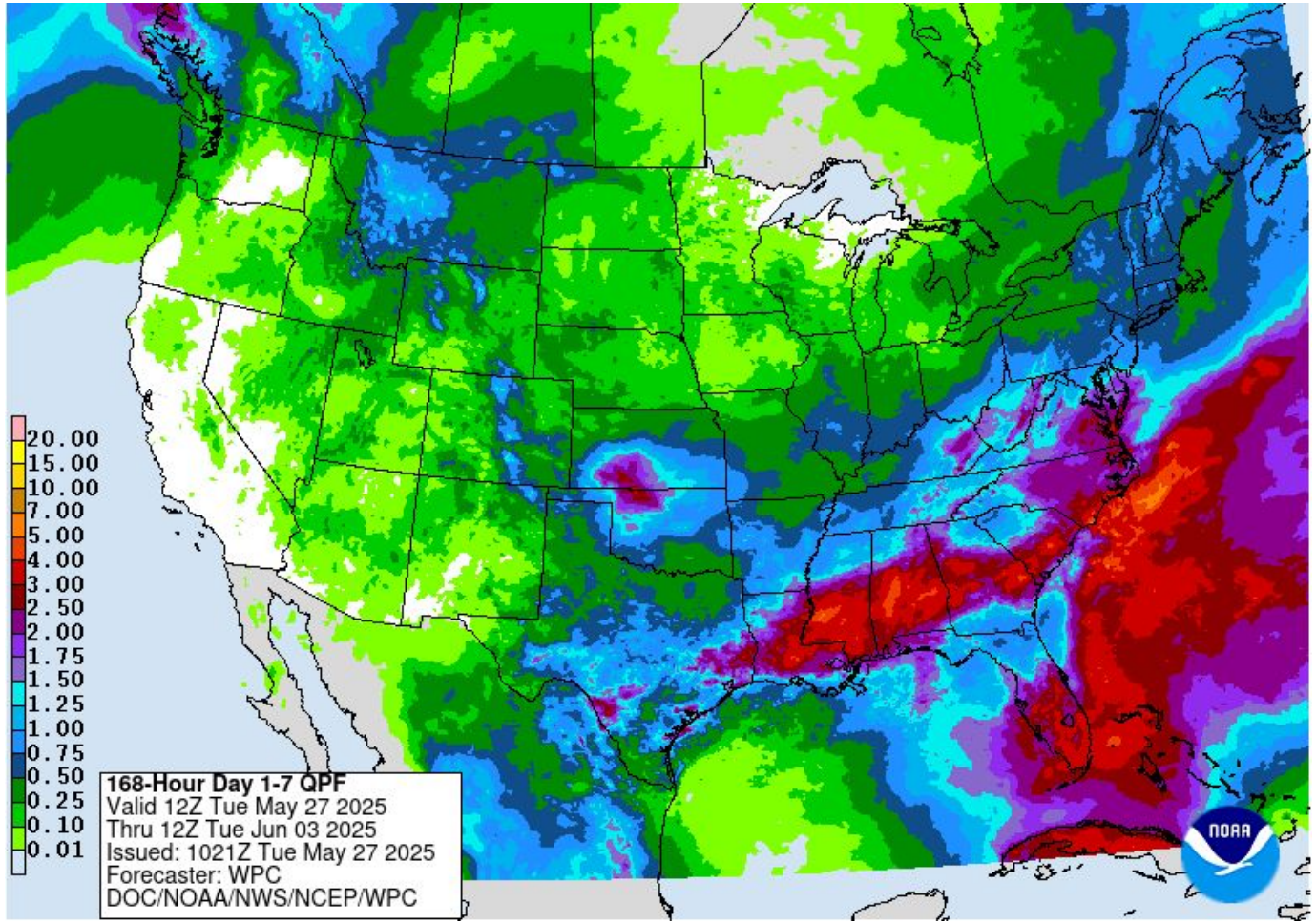

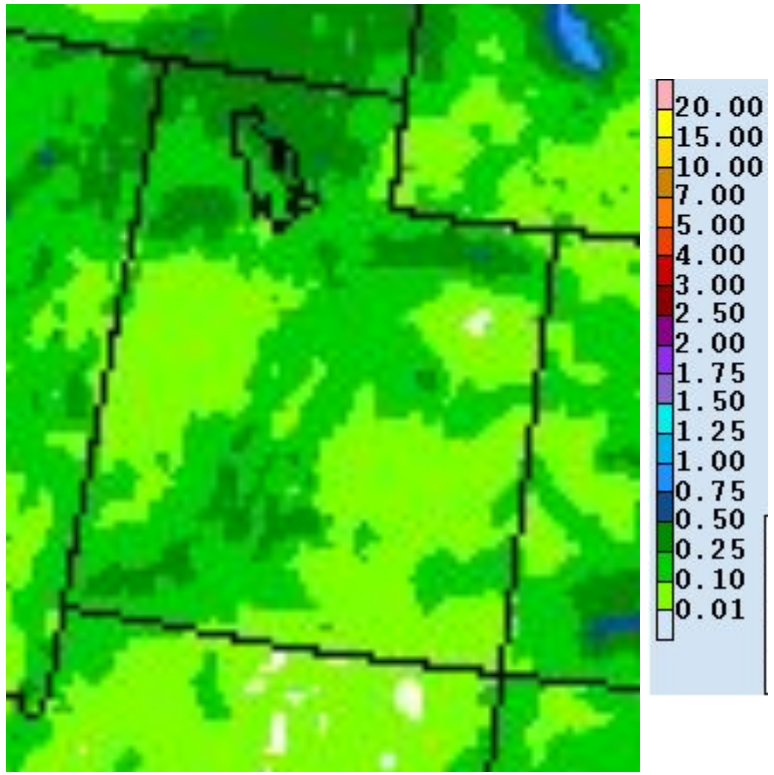

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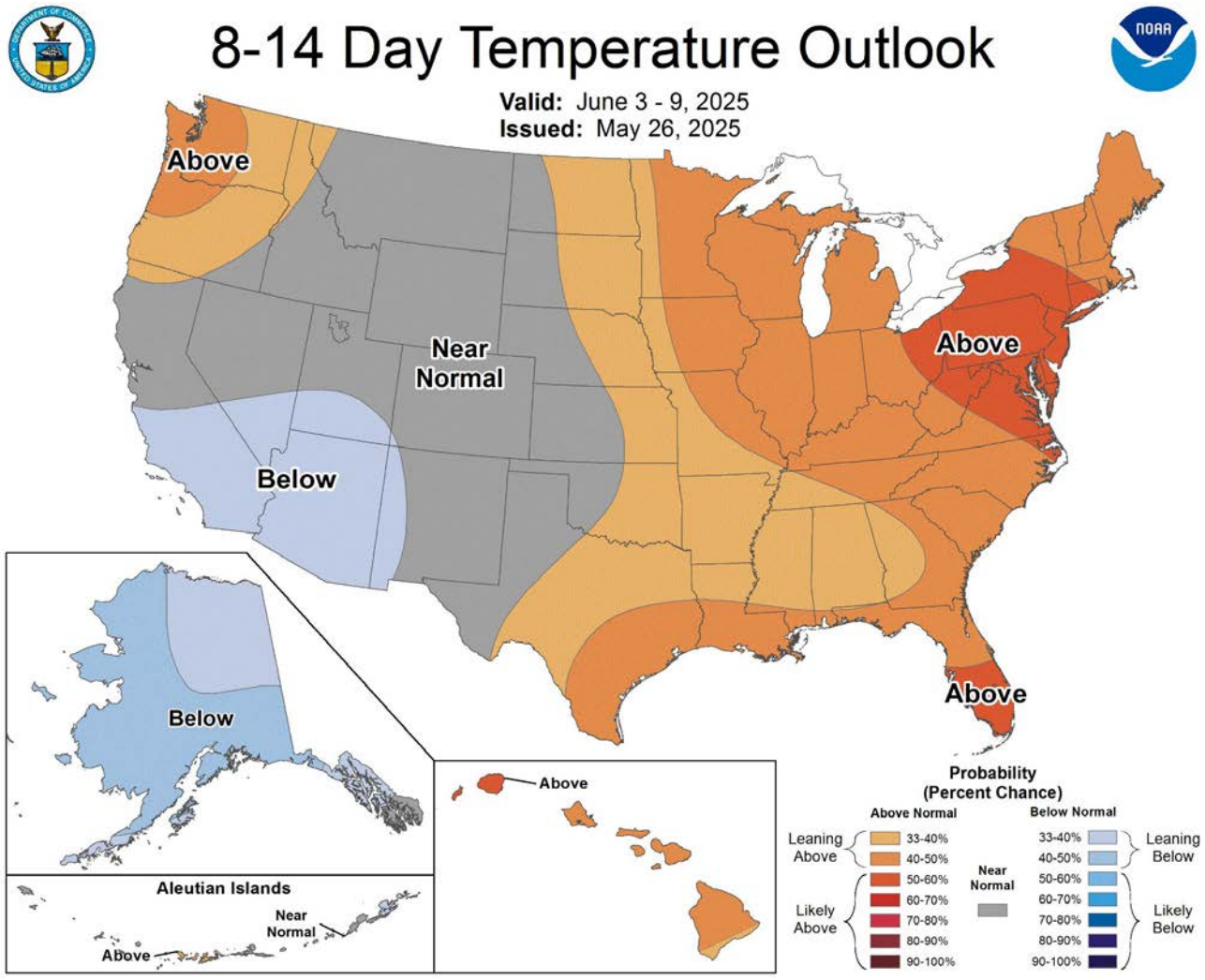

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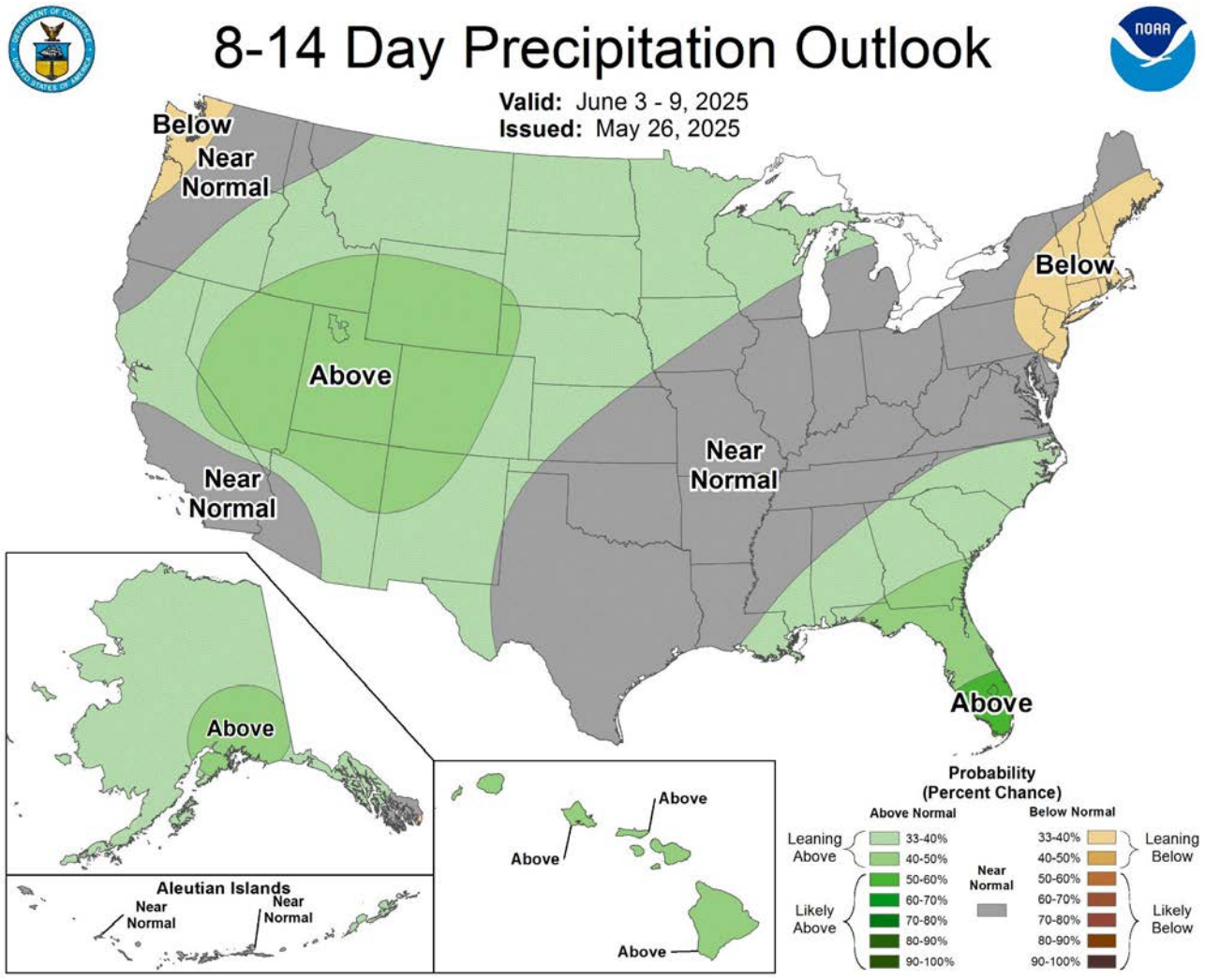

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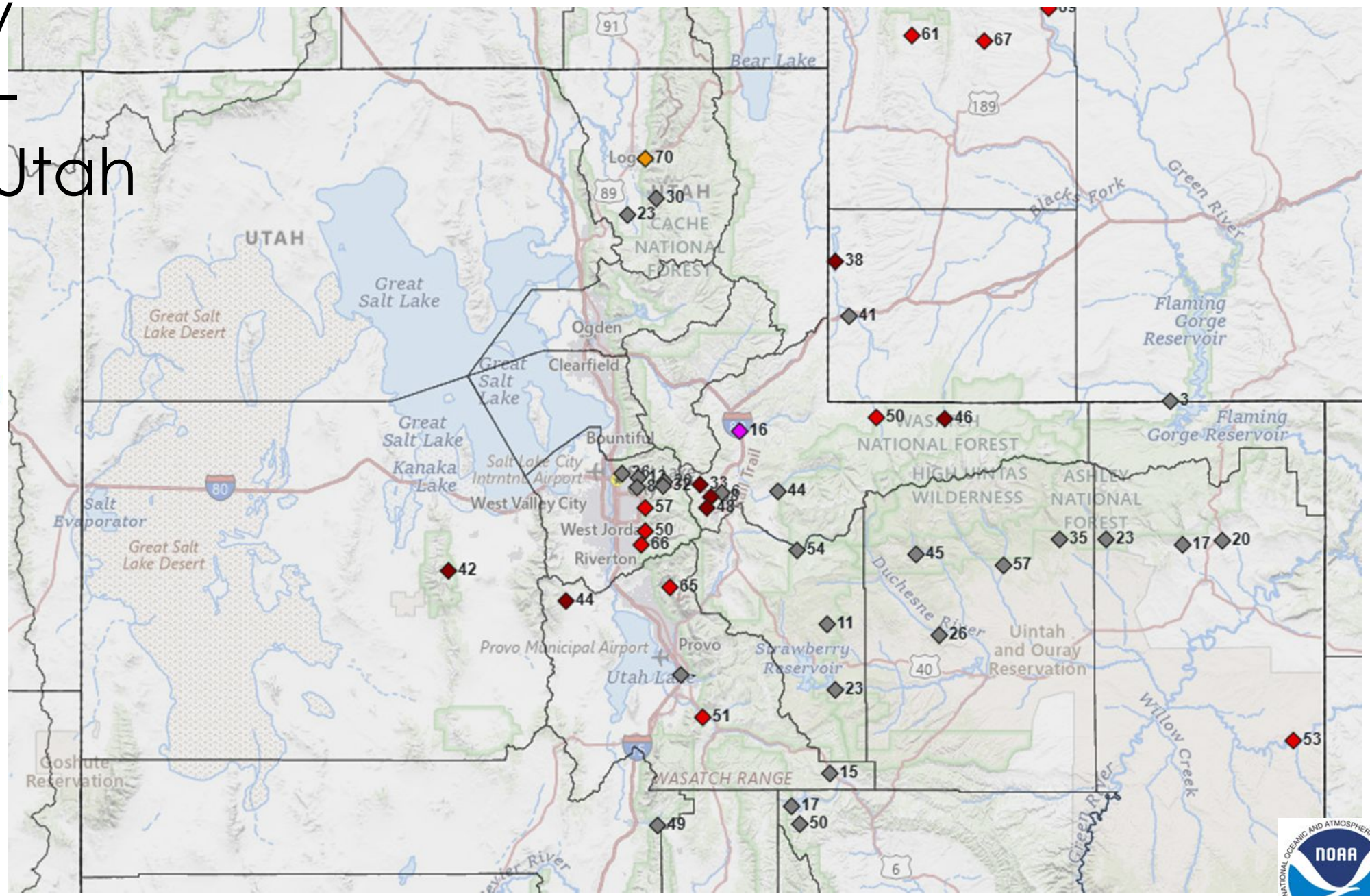
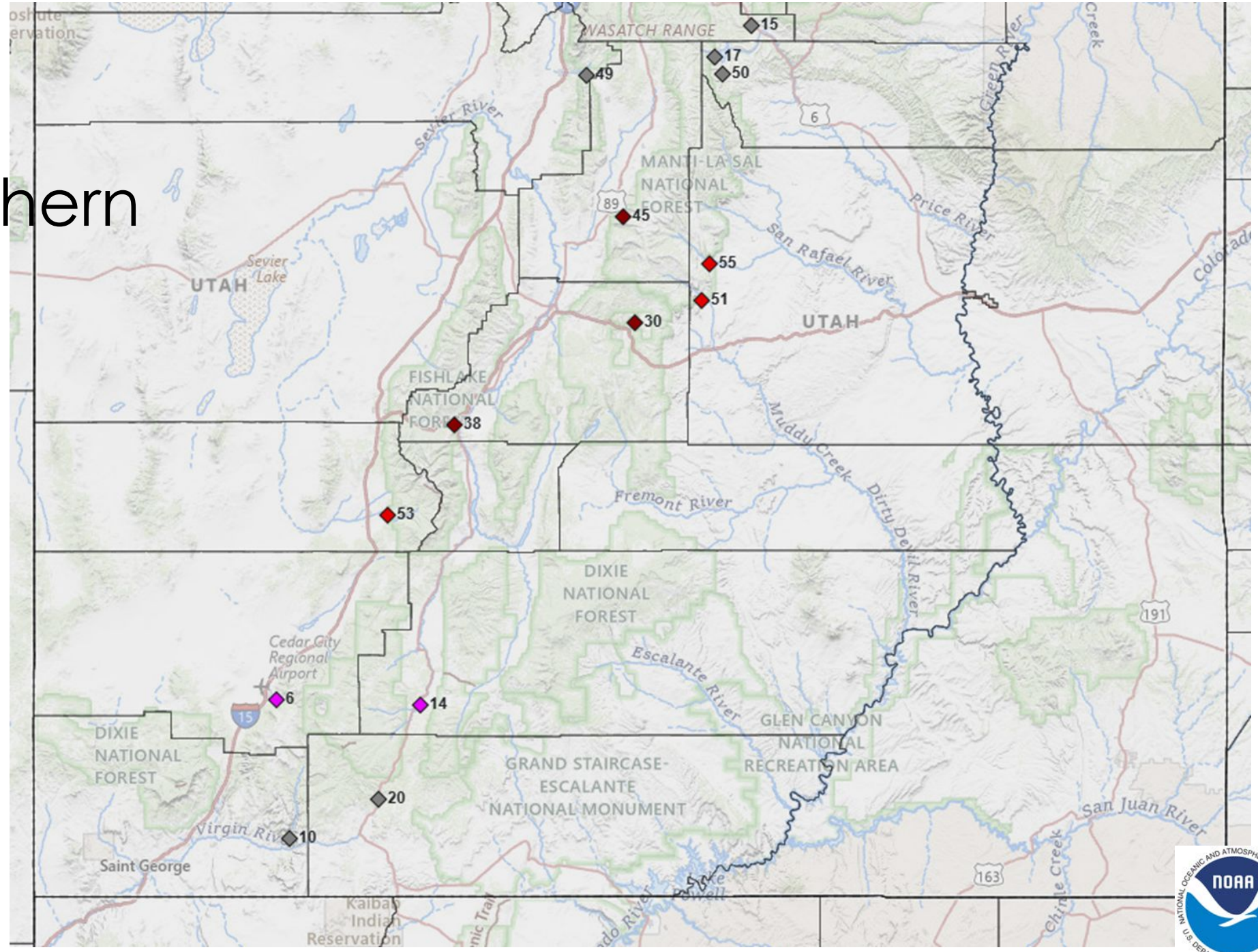
Peak Flow Forecast – Northern Utah



Peak Flow Forecast – Central/Southern Utah

Percent Average

- ◇ No Forecast
- ◆ No Stats/Already Peak(ed/ing)
- ◆ < 30%
- ◆ 30-50%
- ◆ 50-70%
- ◆ 70-90%
- ◆ 90-100%
- ◆ 100-110%
- ◆ 110-130%
- ◆ 130-150%
- ◆ 150-200%
- ◆ 200-300%
- ◆ 300-500
- ◆ >500%



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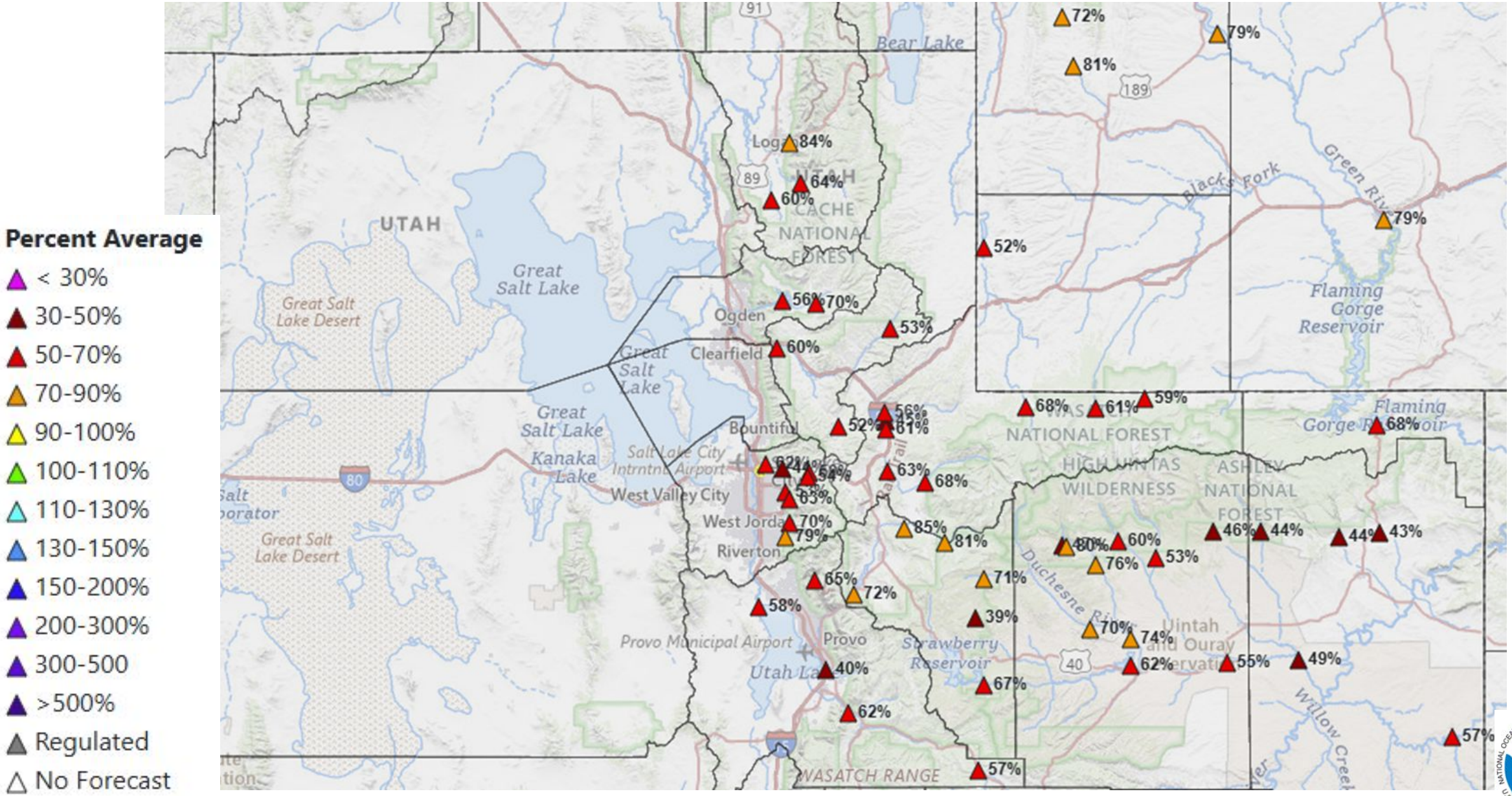

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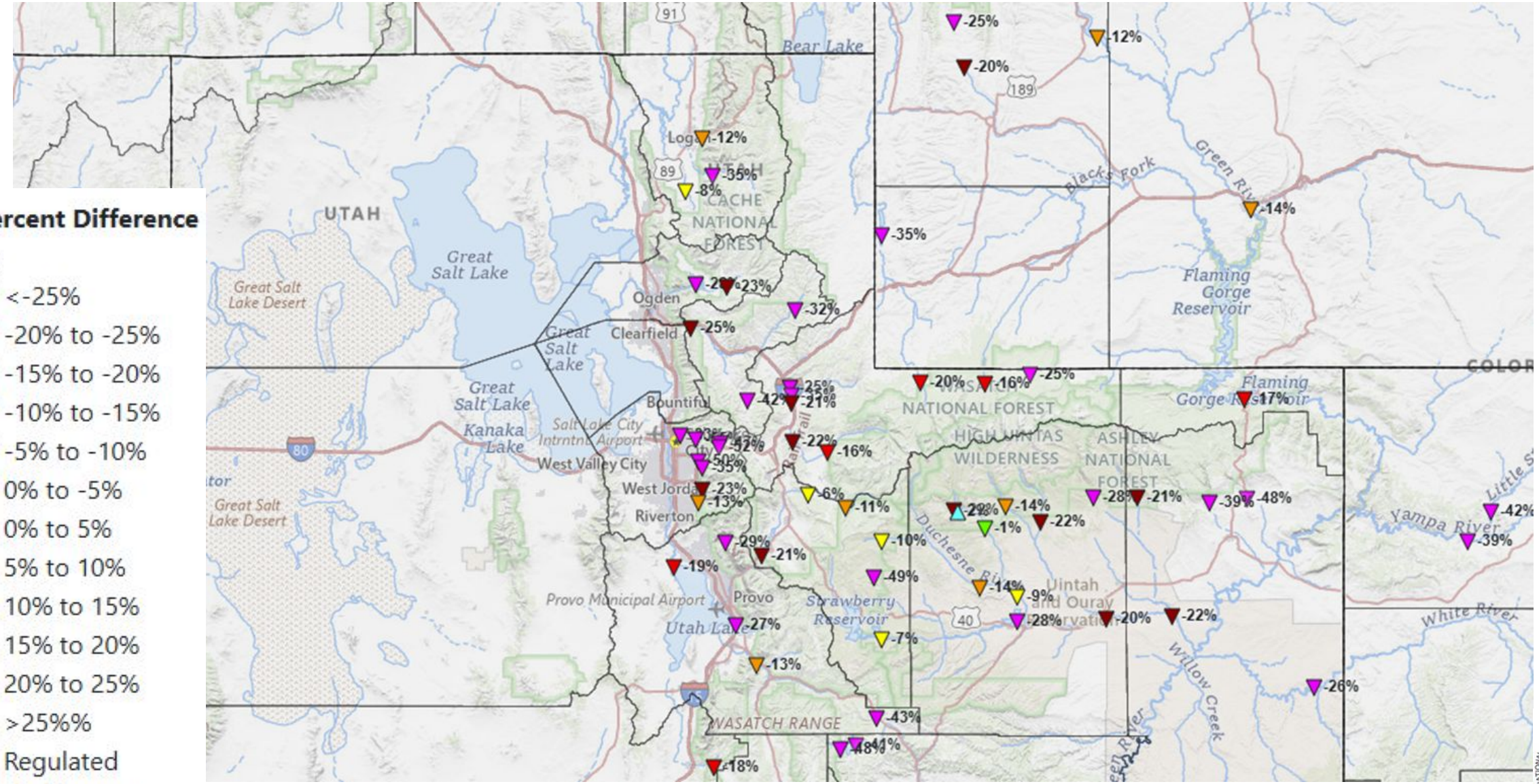

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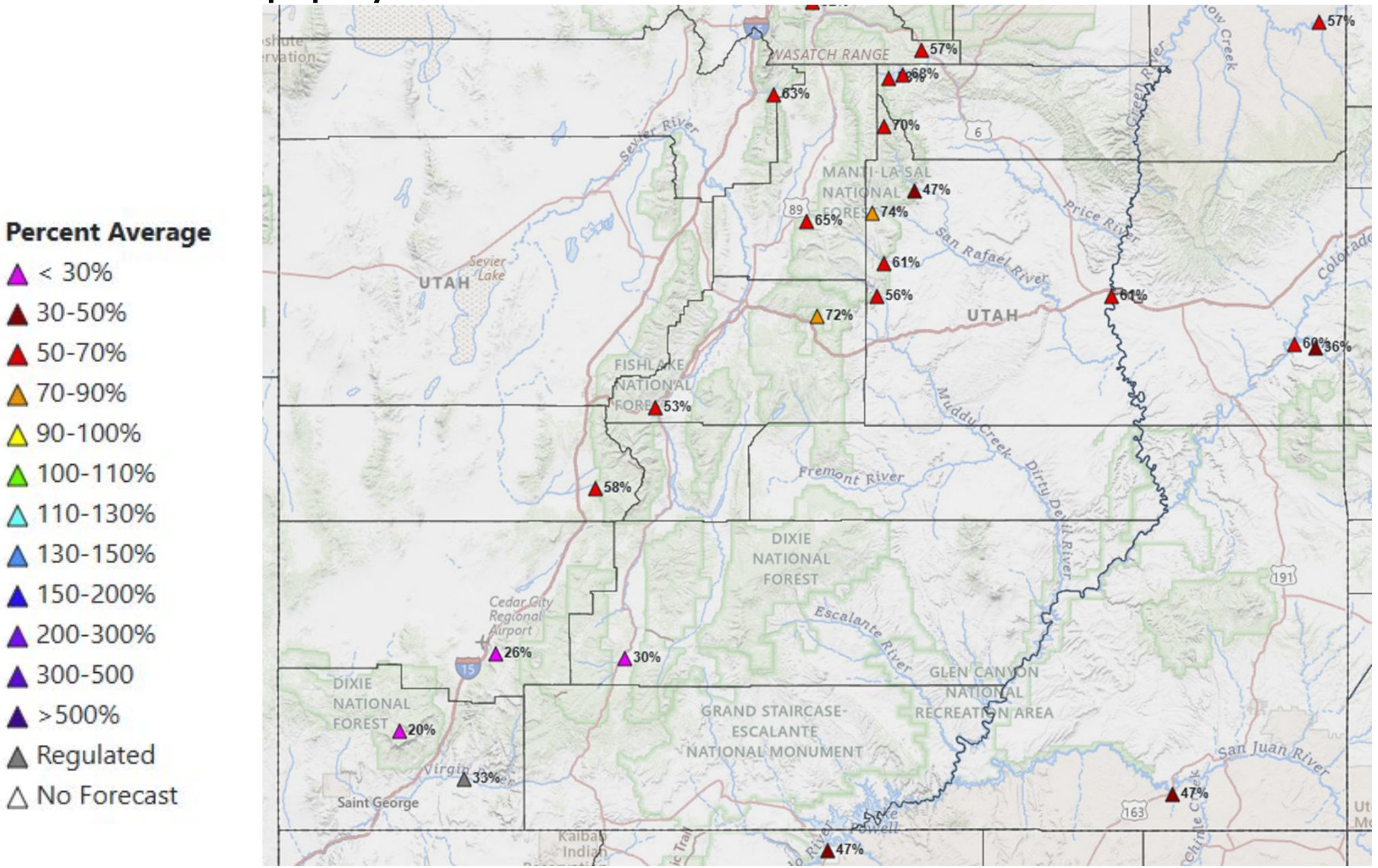

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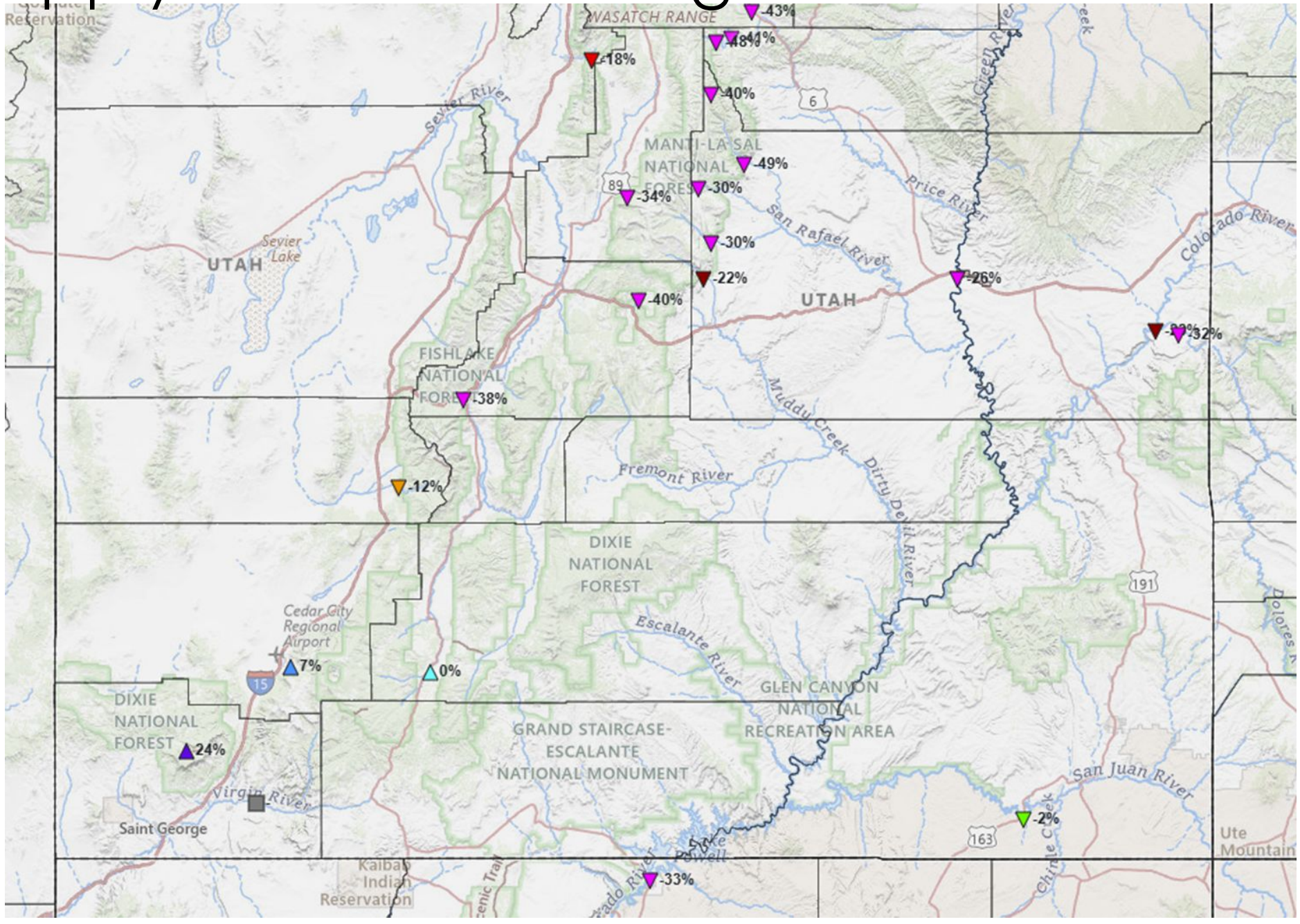


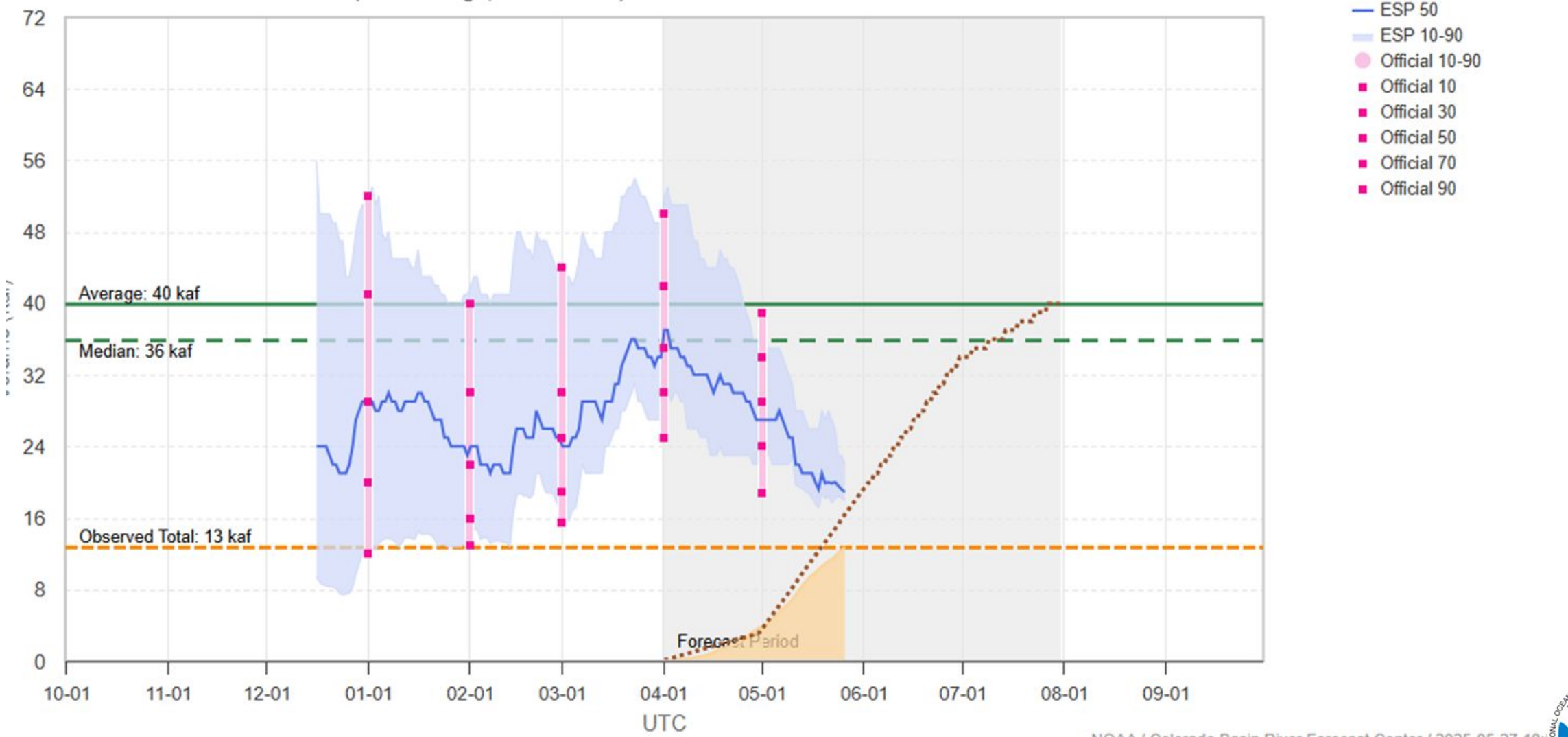
Percent Difference

vs

- <-25%
- -20% to -25%
- -15% to -20%
- -10% to -15%
- -5% to -10%
- 0% to -5%
- 0% to 5%
- 5% to 10%
- 10% to 15%
- 15% to 20%
- 20% to 25%
- >25%%
- Regulated
- No Forecast

2025 Water Supply Forecast - Huntington Ck - Power Plant, Blo -Huntington, Nr (HPBU1)

ESP is Unregulated and No Precipitation Forecast Included
Official 50% Fcst (2025-05-01): 29 kaf (72% Avg, 81% Med), (41% of Yrs Below Fcst, 21 Highest Flow / 34 Tot Yrs)
ESP 50% Fcst (2025-05-26): 18.9 kaf (47% Avg, 52% Med), (11% of Yrs Below Fcst, 31 Highest Flow / 34 Tot Yrs)
Observed Volume: 12.8 kaf (32% Average, 36% Median)



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Observed:
Percent of Average

Percent Period Average

- < 30%
- 30-50%
- 50-70%
- 70-90%
- 90-100%
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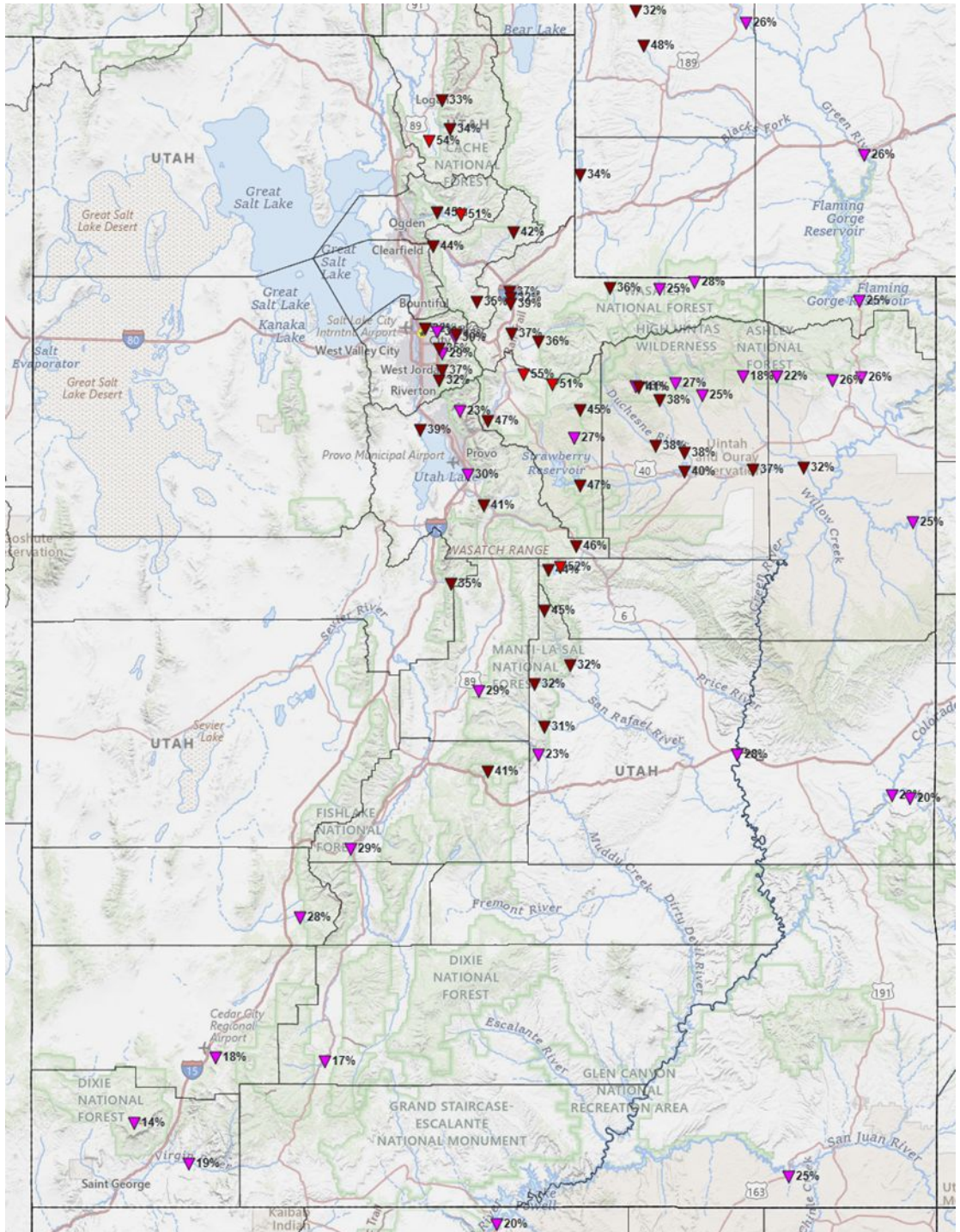
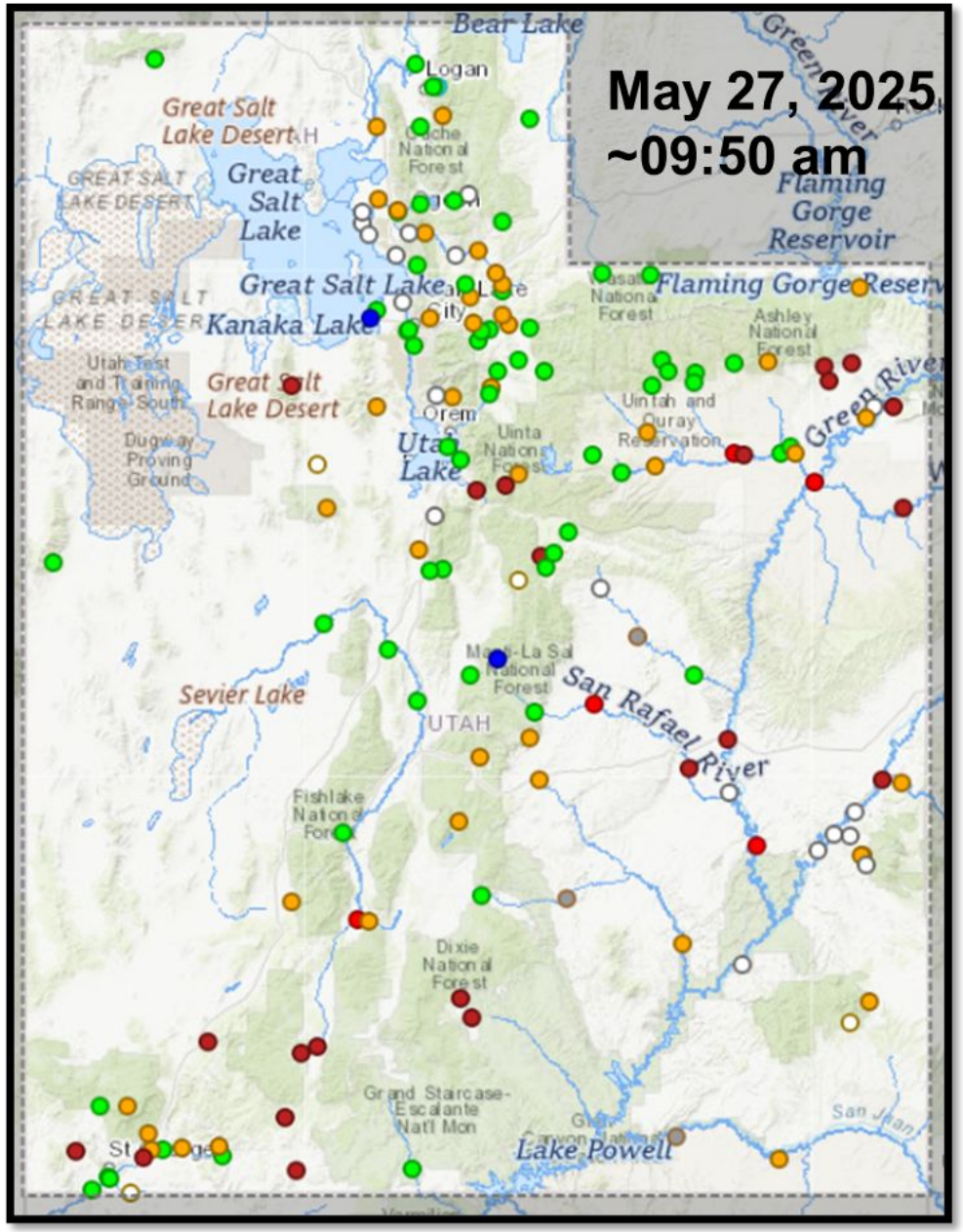


Current Streamflow Conditions



*Sites must have at least 10 years of streamflow record to be ranked on this graphic

Percentage of Gages

Day-of-Year Status	May 6	May 27
All-time high for this day-of-year	0.6%	0.0%
Much above normal for this day-of-year	3.8%	1.3%
Above normal for this day-of-year	3.8%	0.6%
Normal for this day-of-year	53.5%	38.4%
Below normal for this day-of-year	15.9%	26.4%
Much below normal for this day-of-year	5.7%	13.8%
All-time low for this day-of-year	0.6%	3.1%
Not ranked - insufficient record	12.1%	13.2%
Not ranked - stream not flowing	1.9%	2.5%

Provisional data, subject to revision

Streamflow: Status

Above flood stage	
All-time high for this day	100th percentile (maximum)
Much above normal	>90th percentile
Above normal	76th – 90th percentile
Normal	25th – 75th percentile
Below normal	10th – 24th percentile
Much below normal	<10th percentile
All-time low for this day	0th percentile (minimum)
Not flowing	
Not ranked	
Measurement flag	
Recent measurement unavailable	

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Presenter - Ryan Rowland

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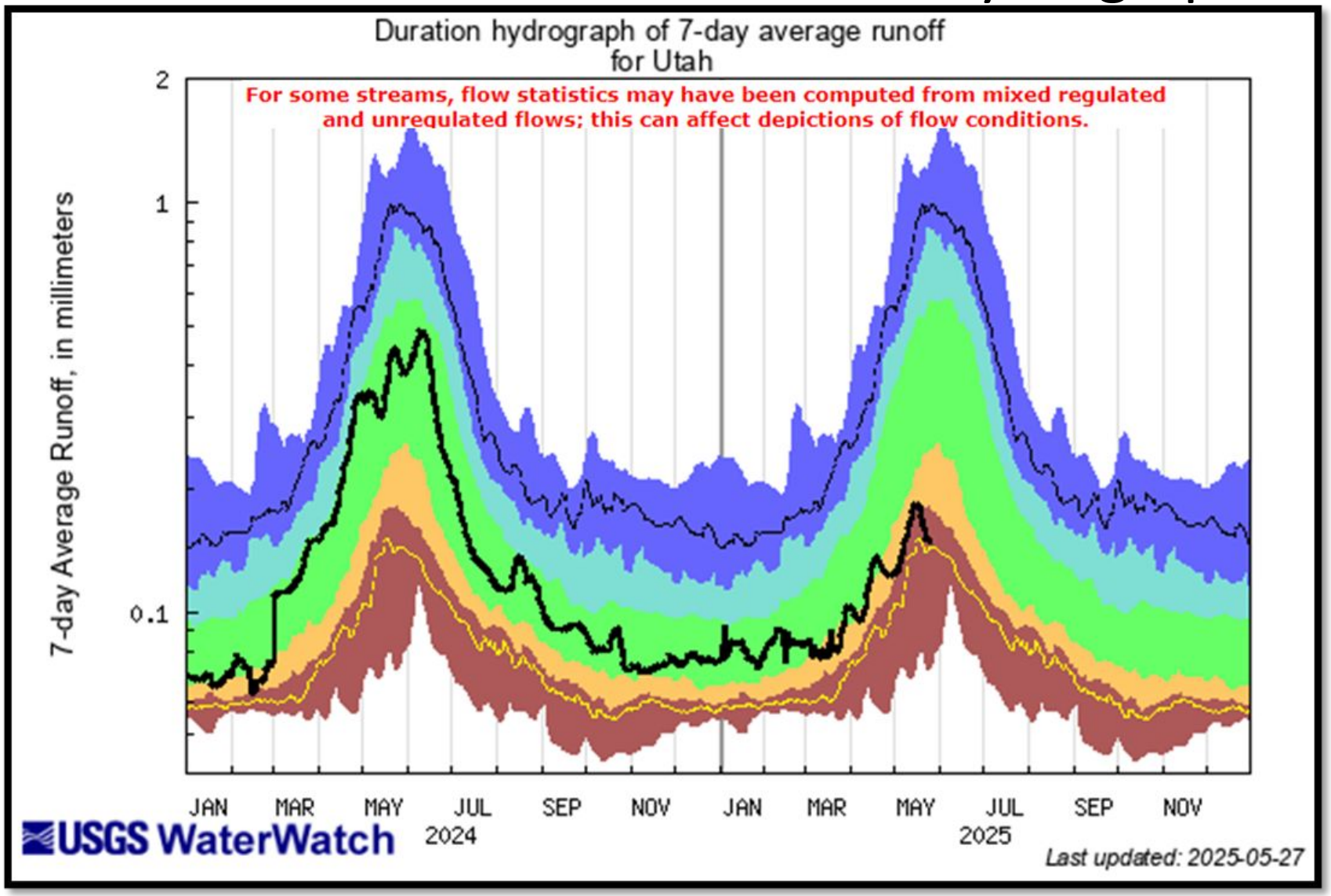
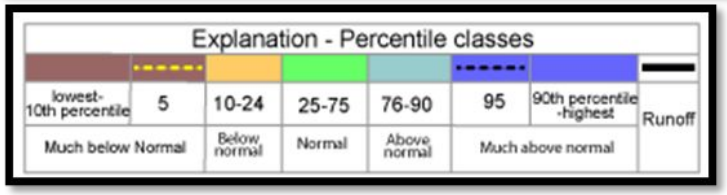
Utah Area-Based Runoff Duration Hydrograph





- **The Runoff Duration Hydrograph is a graphical presentation of area-based runoff (the black line) calculated as a weighted average of HUC 8-runoff, plotted over the long-term statistics of runoff for each day or month of the year for each area.**

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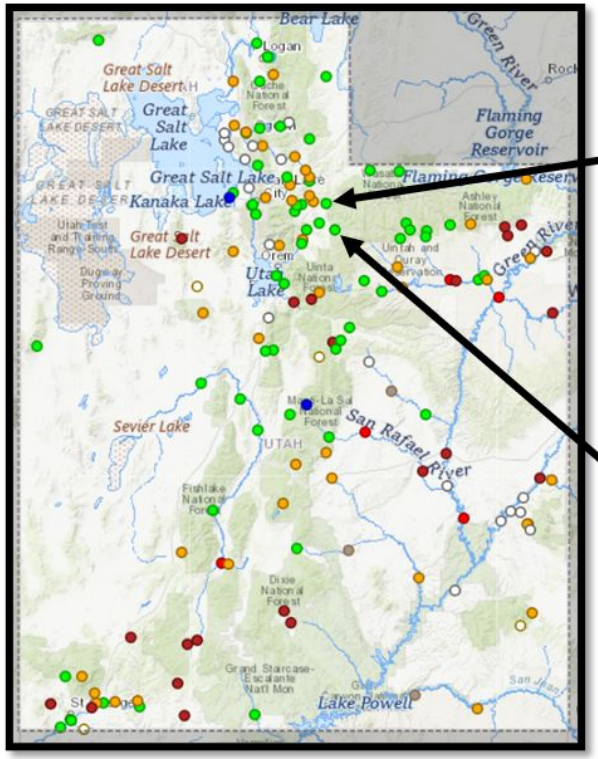

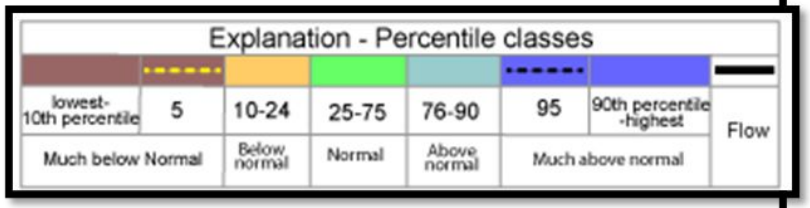

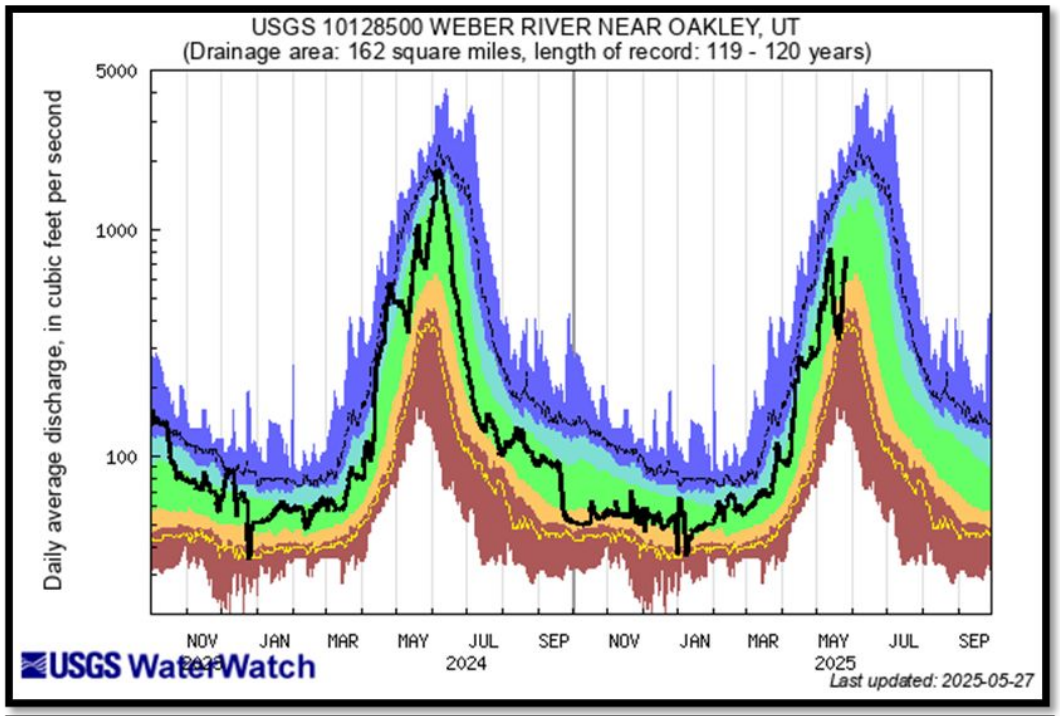

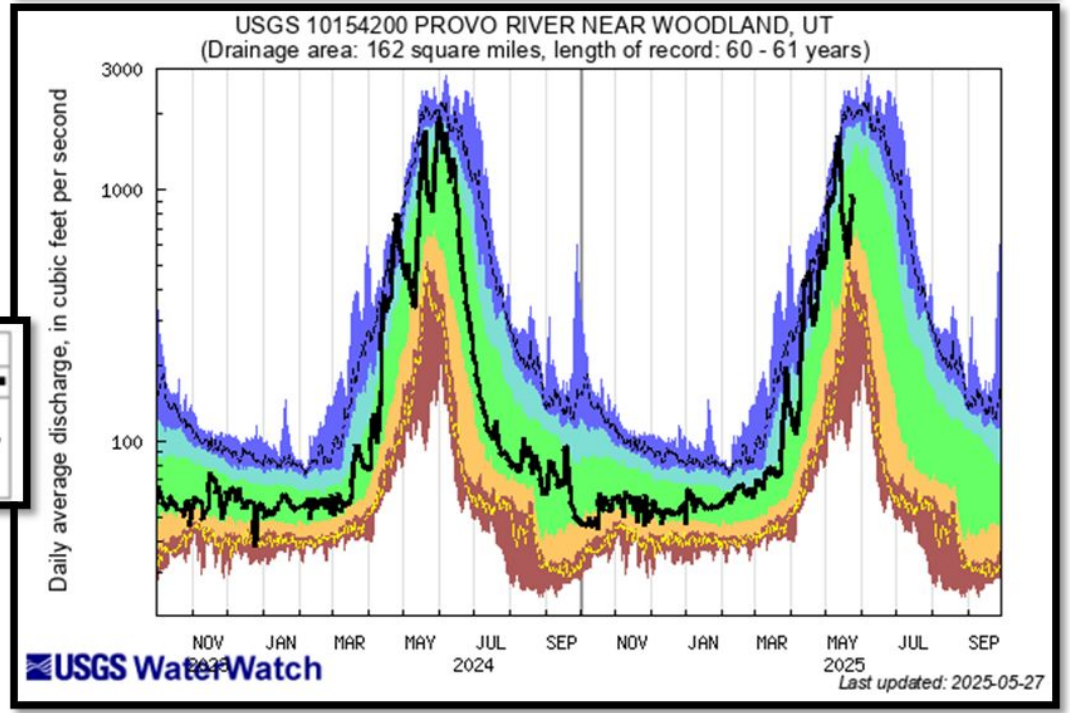

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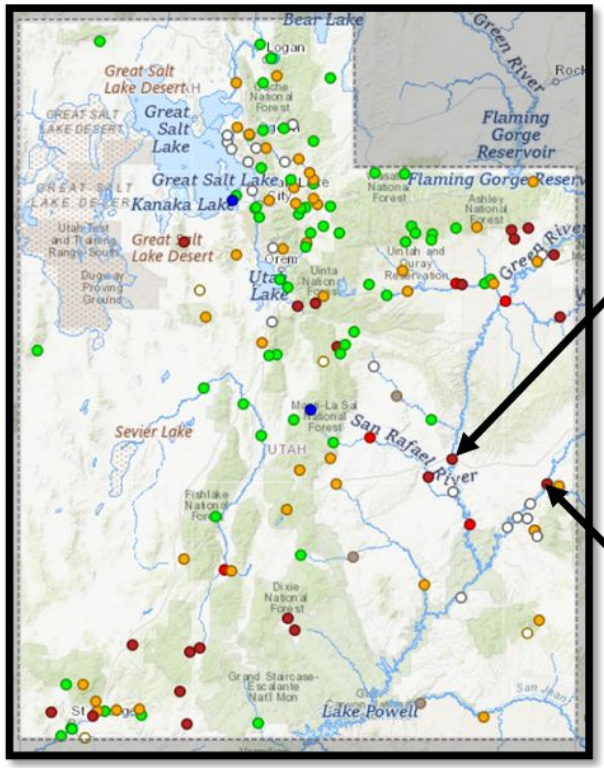

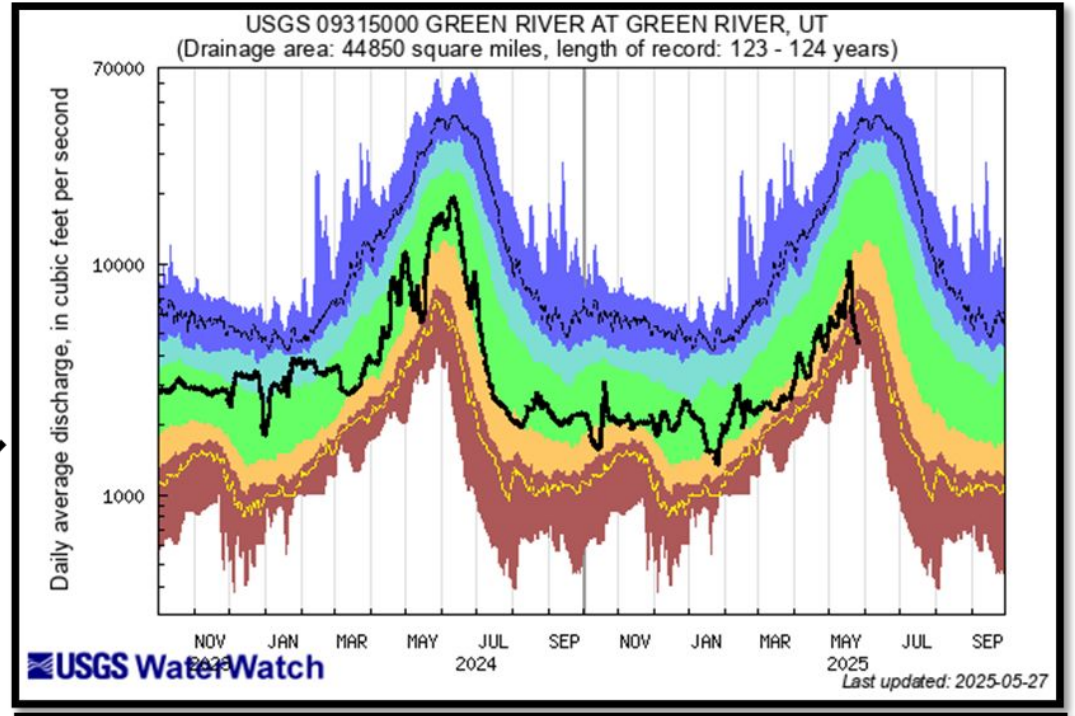

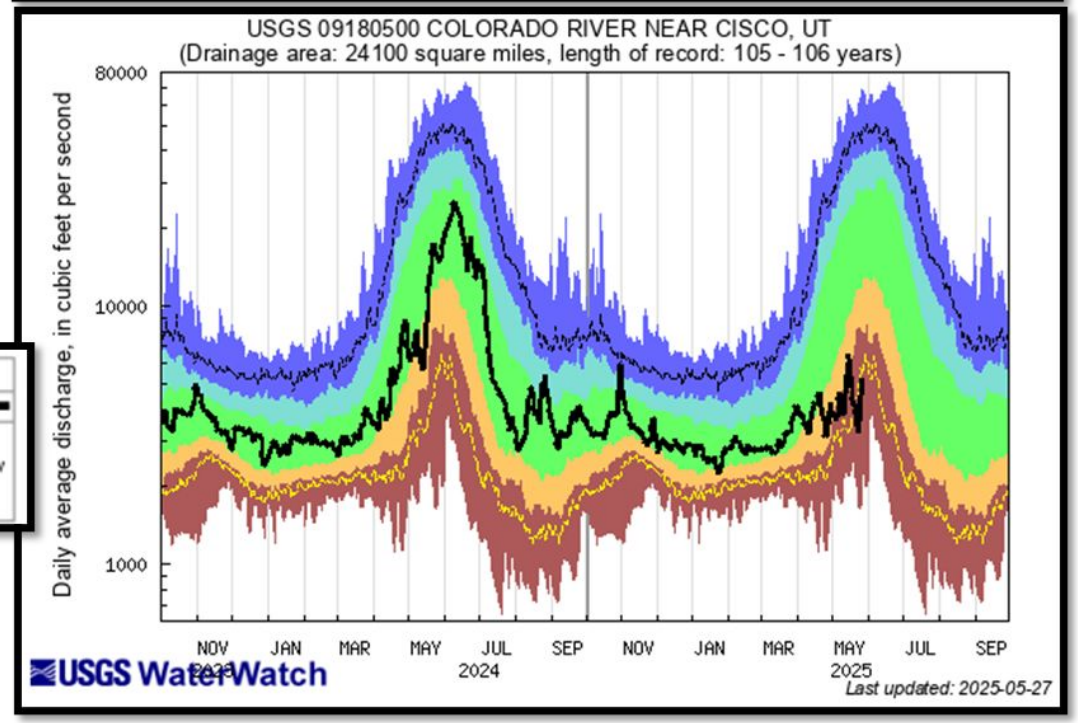

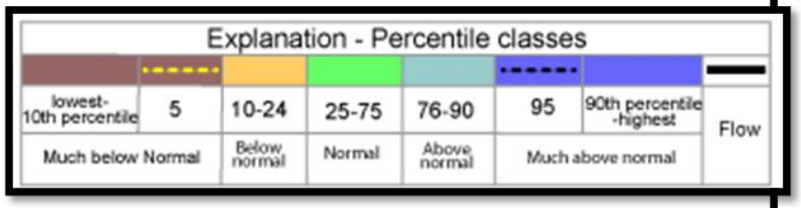

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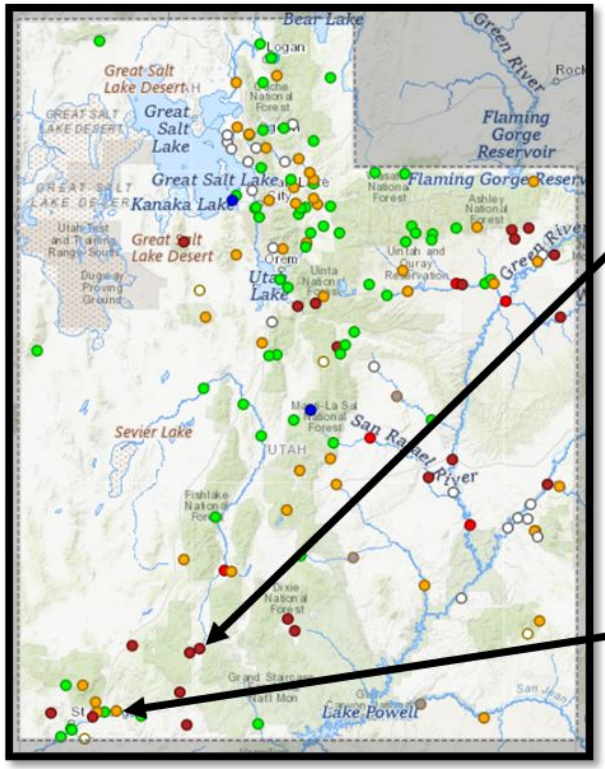

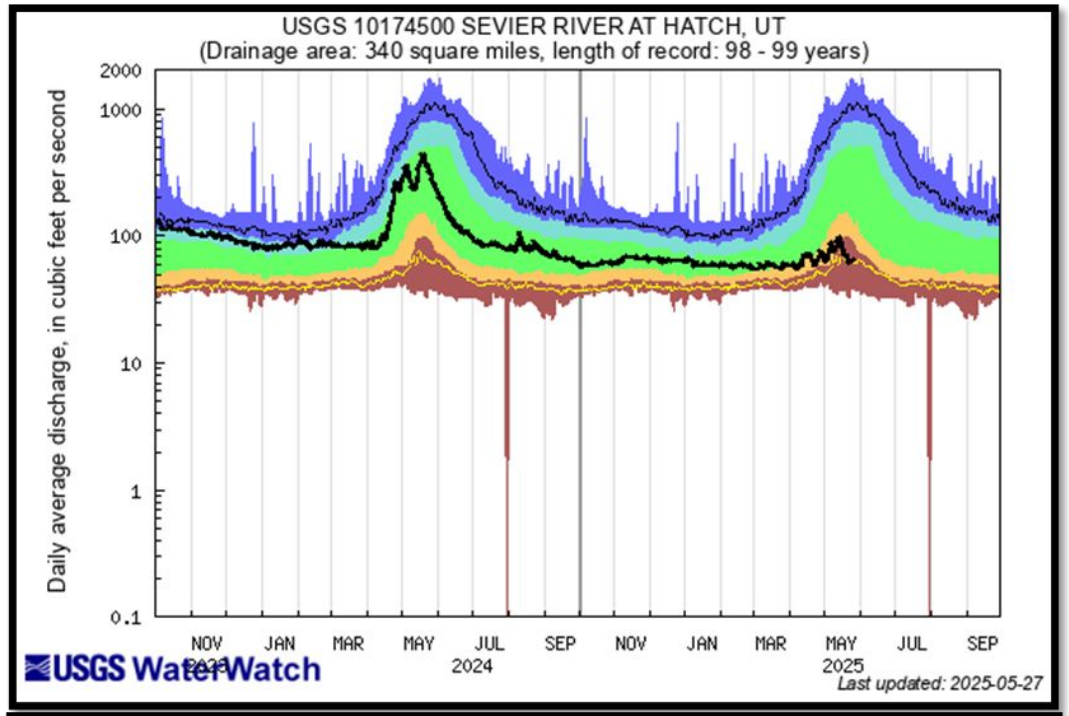

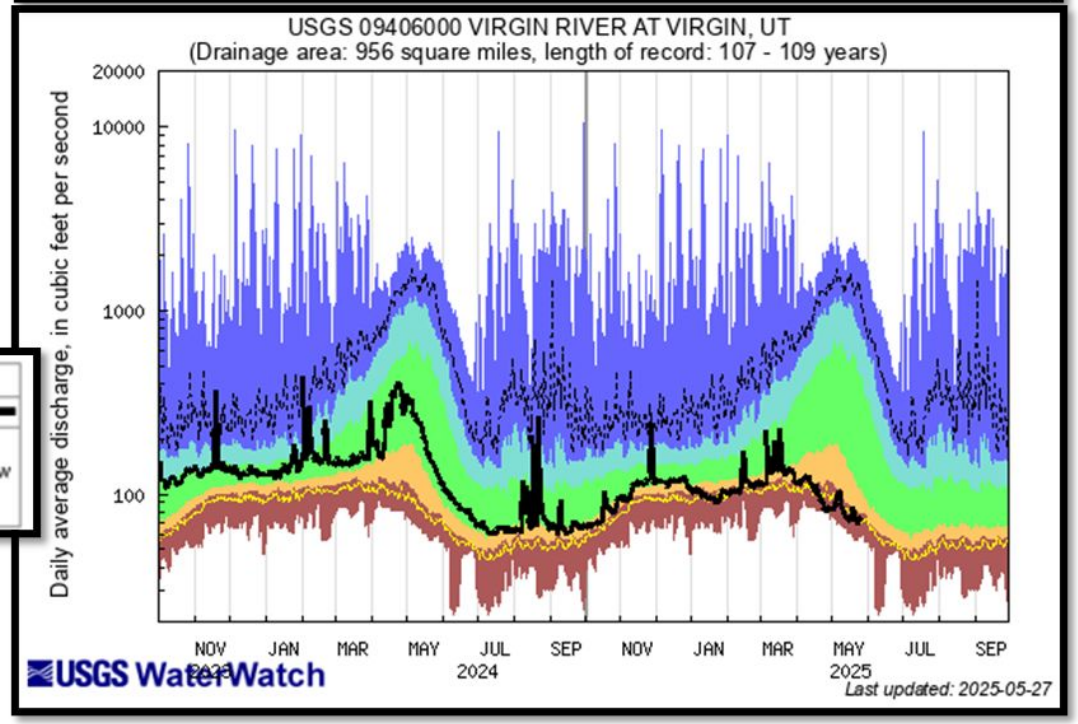

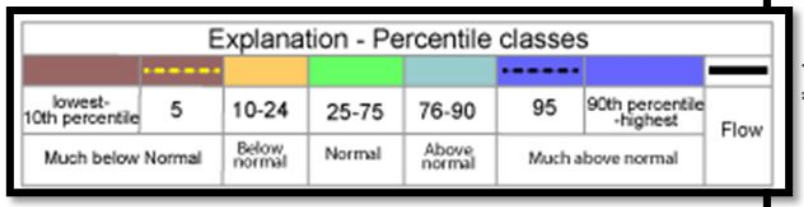

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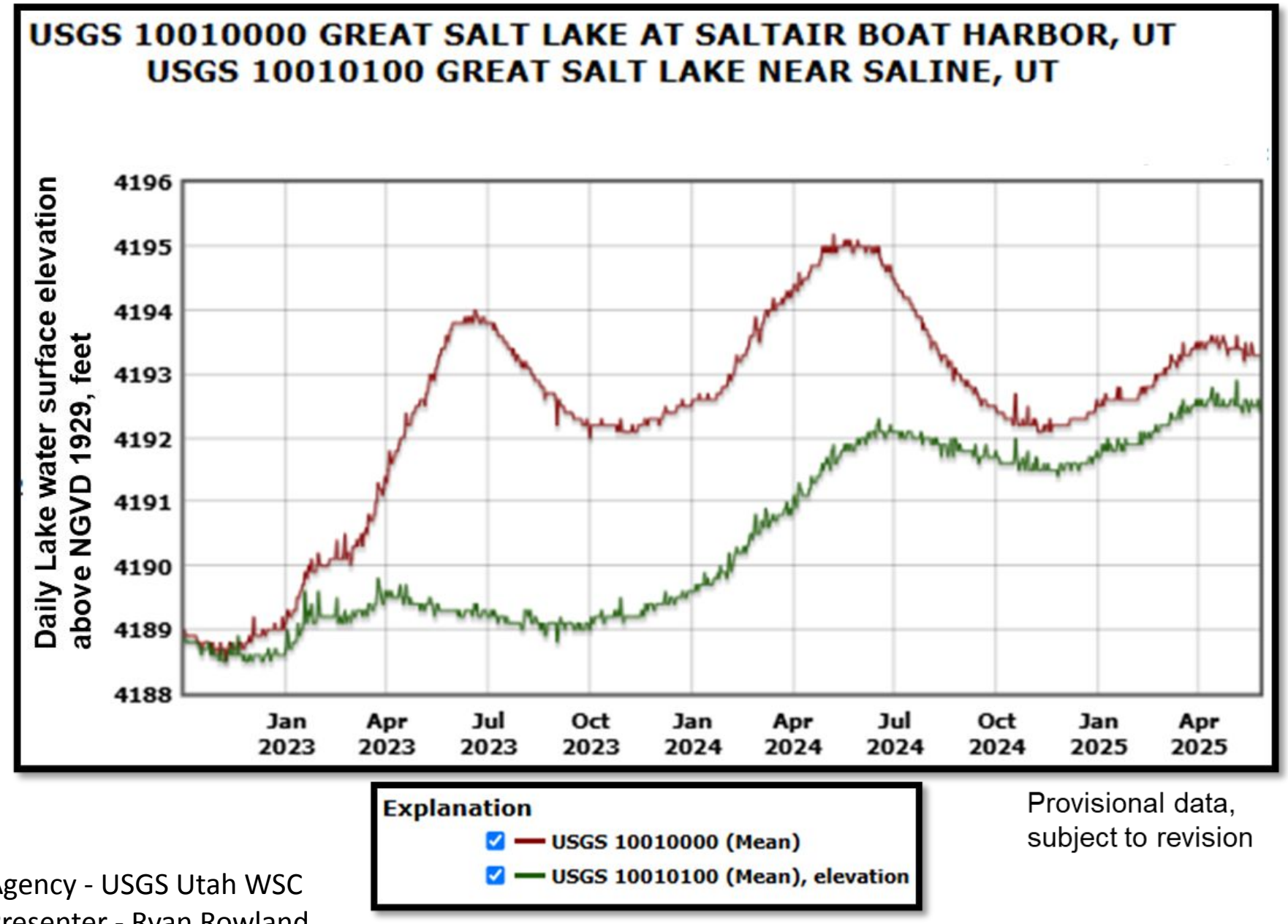
Great Salt Lake Water Surface Elevations



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Daily Values 5/26/2025

- South Arm: 4,193.3’
  - Down 0.3’ since seasonal peak Apr. 2025
- North Arm: 4,192.4’
  - Down 0.5’ since seasonal peak in May 2025

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U.S. Drought Monitor

Utah

May 20, 2025

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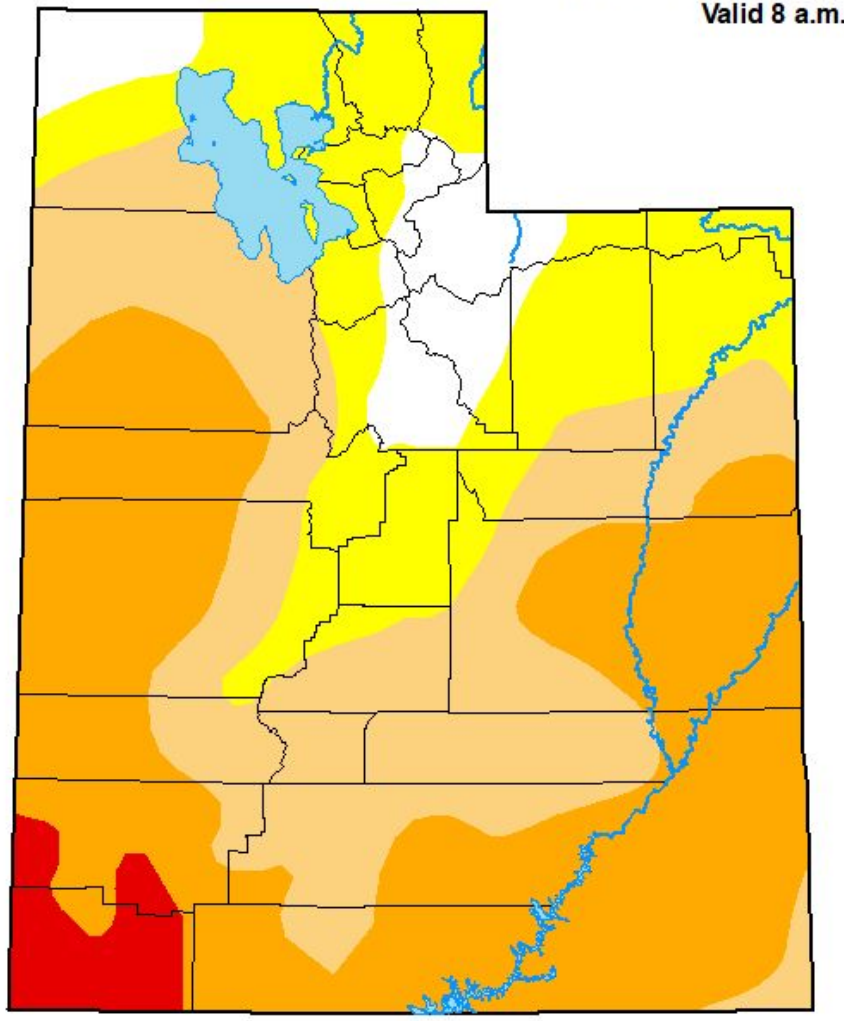

Intensity:

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

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

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