

Climate Update

July 2006 Meeting

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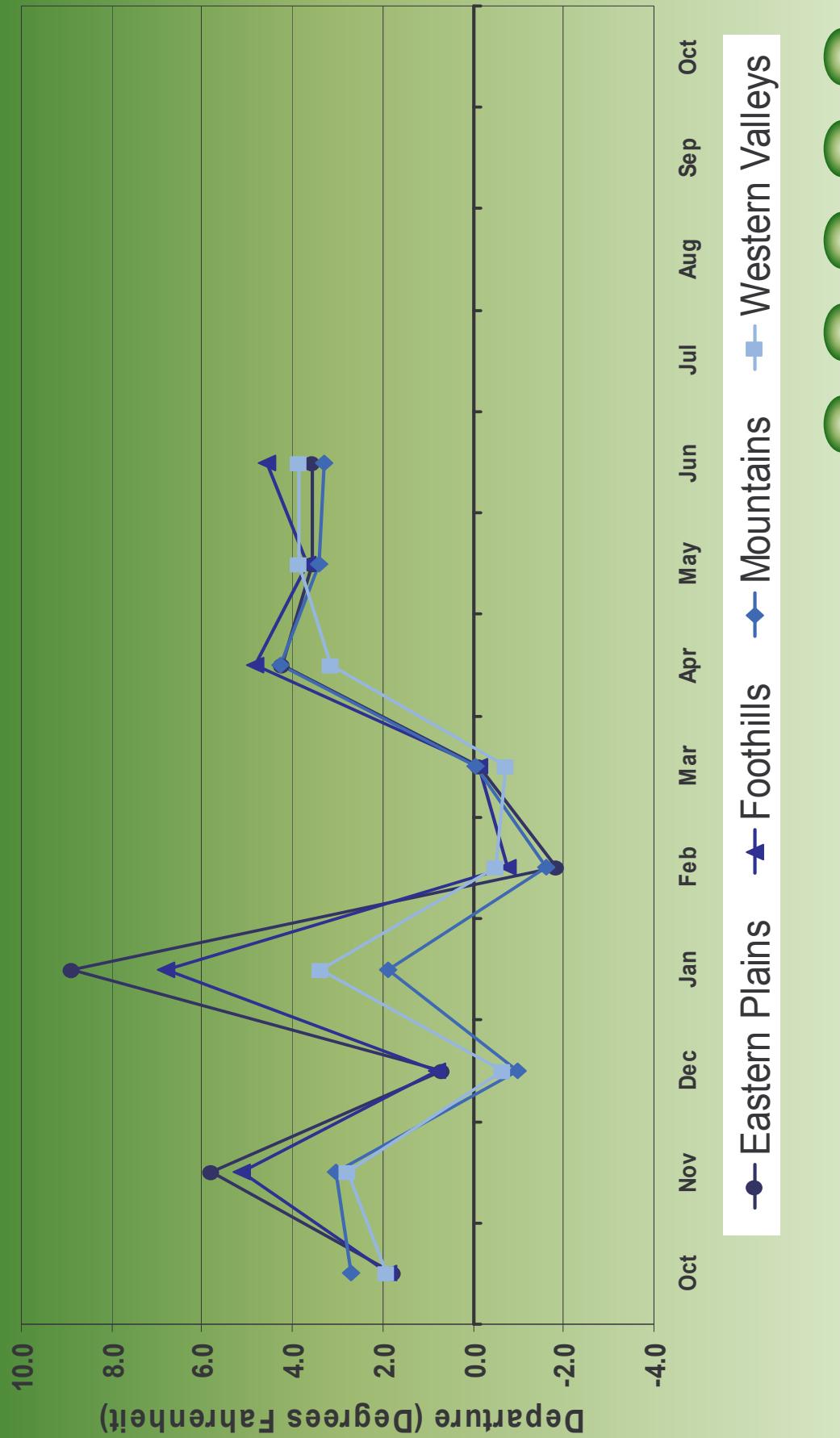
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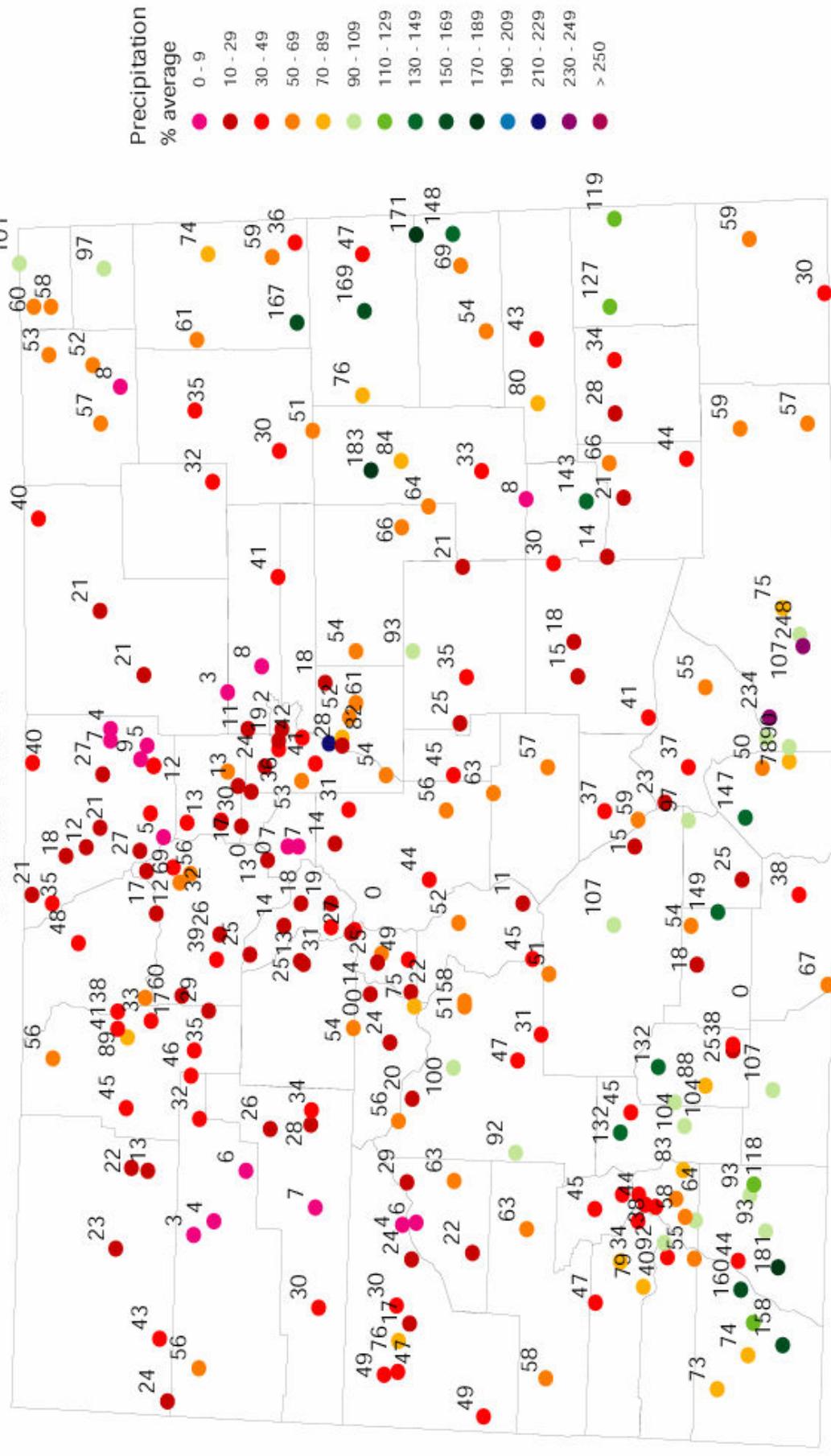
Temperature Departures

Water Year 2006



June 2006 precipitation

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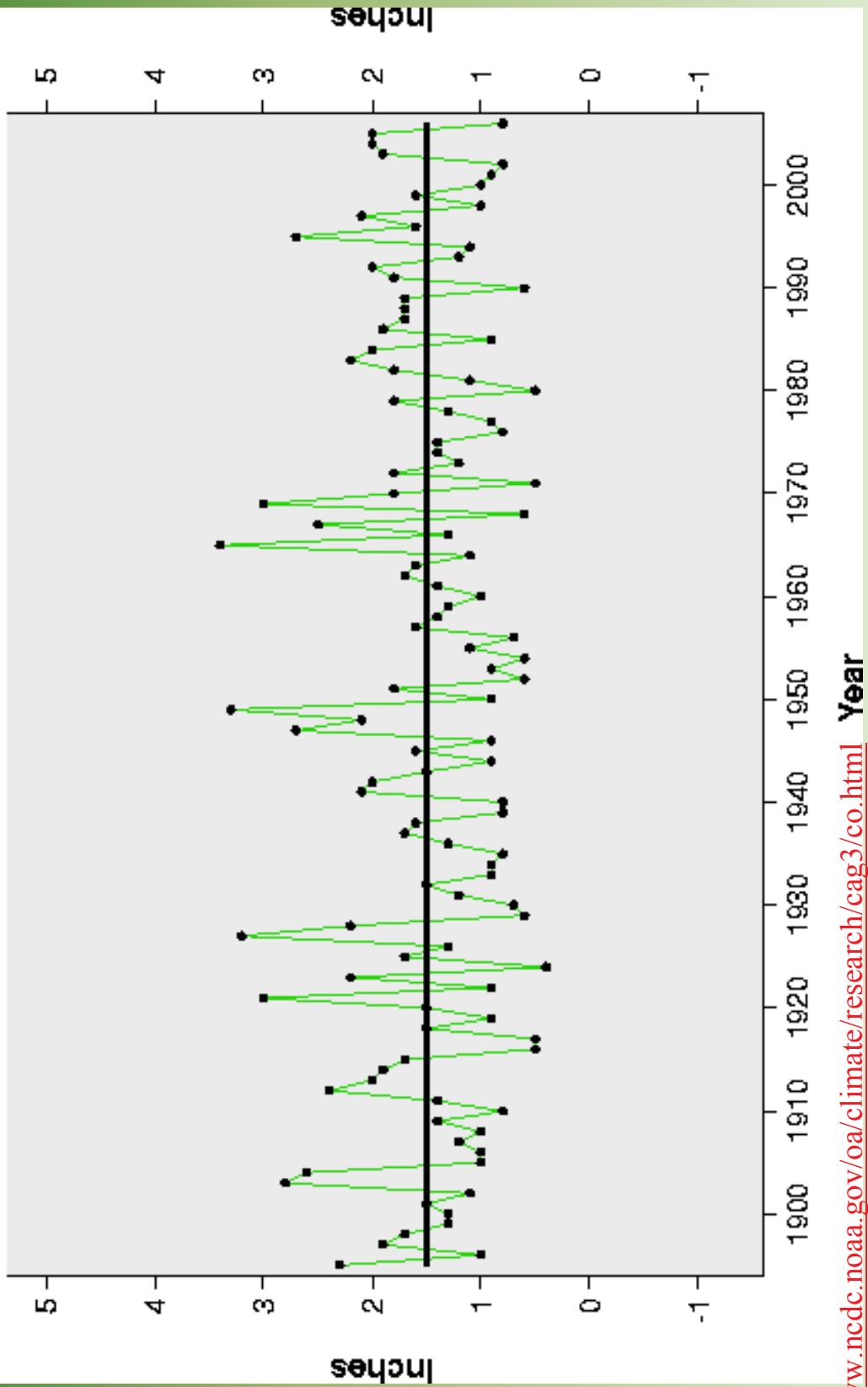


June 2006 precipitation as a percent of the 1971-2000 average.

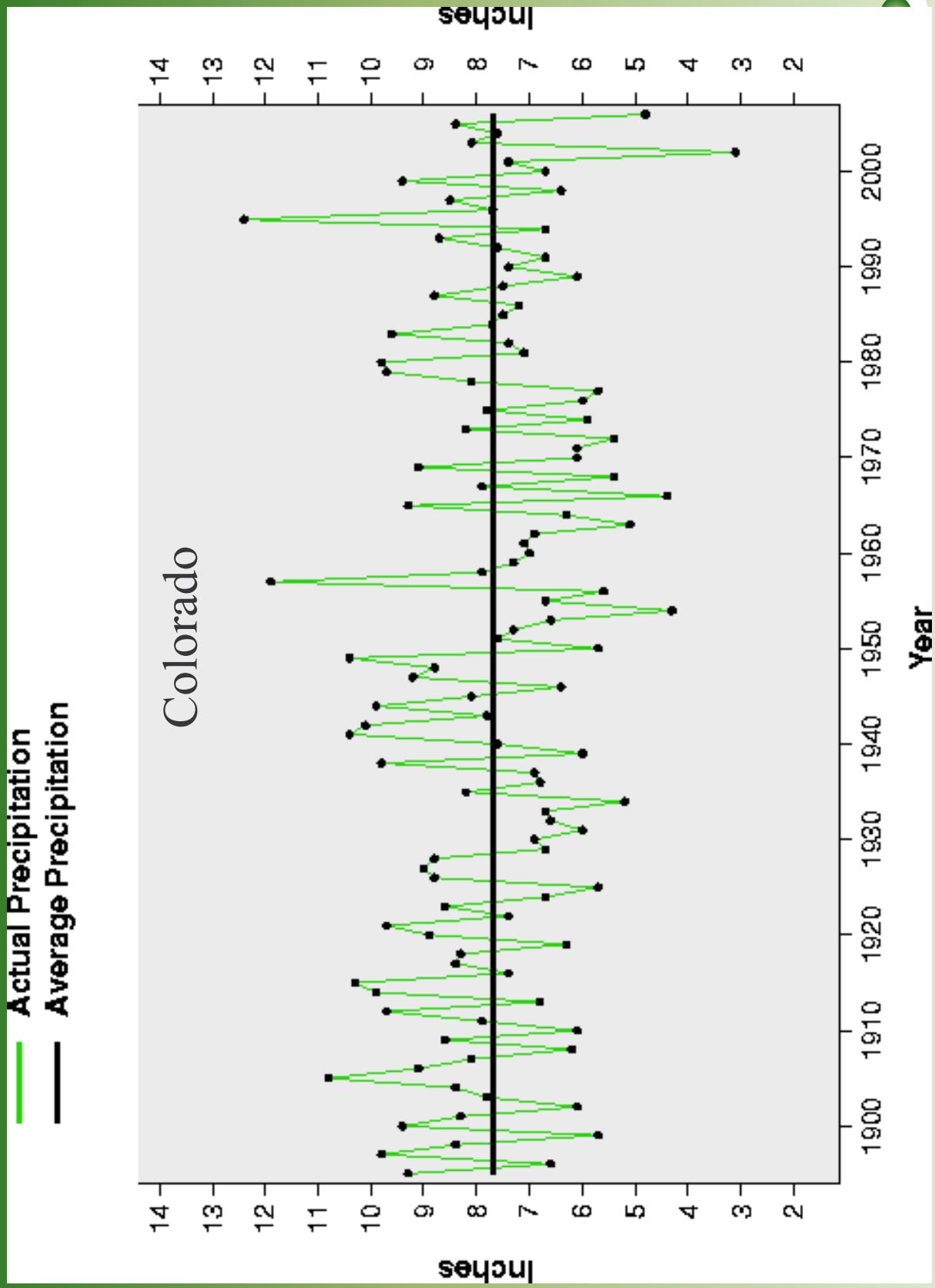
Colorado Total Precipitation

Actual Precipitation
Average Precipitation

June 2006 Rank 13th Driest

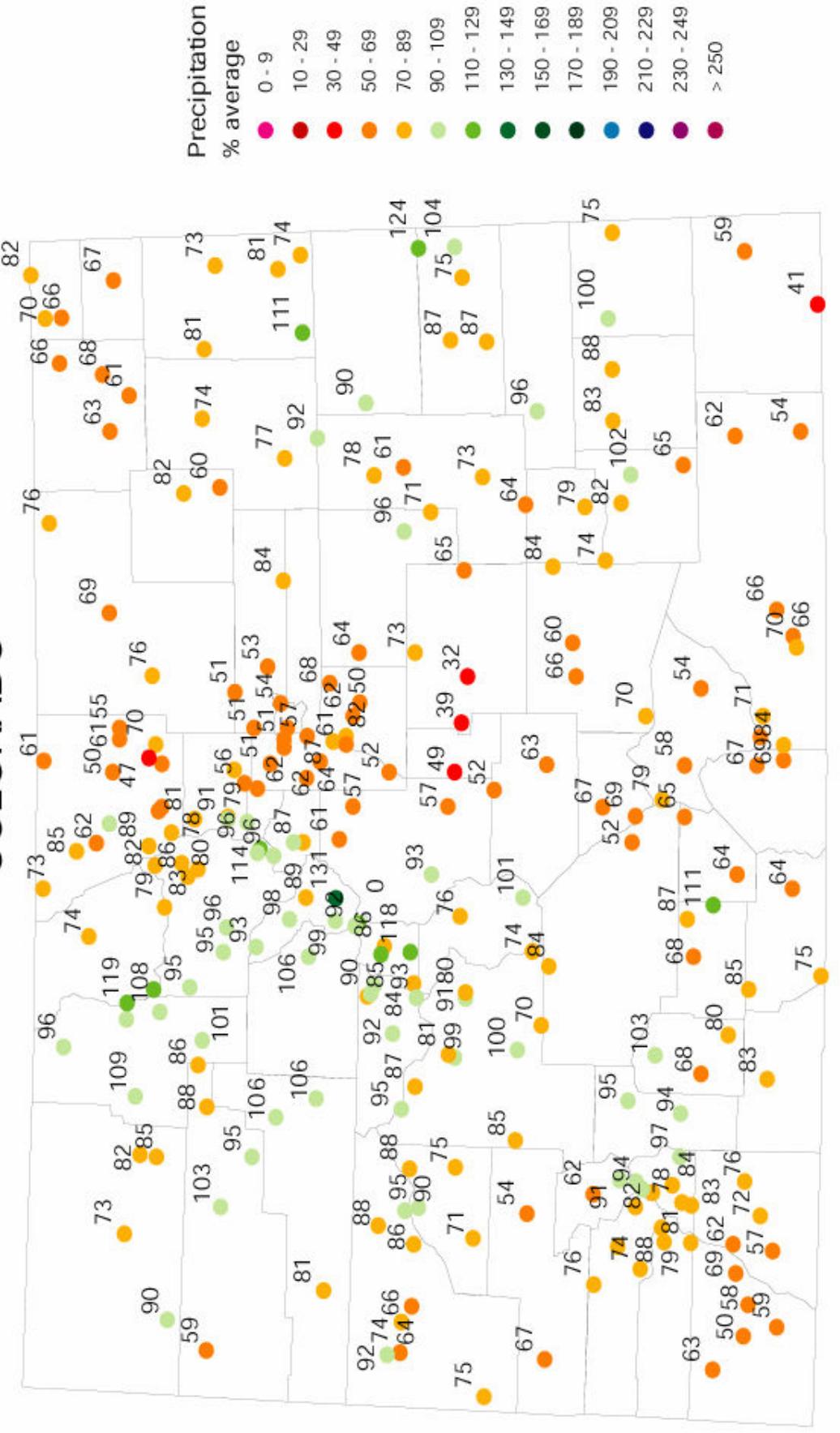


Colorado 6-Month Period (Jan - Jun)



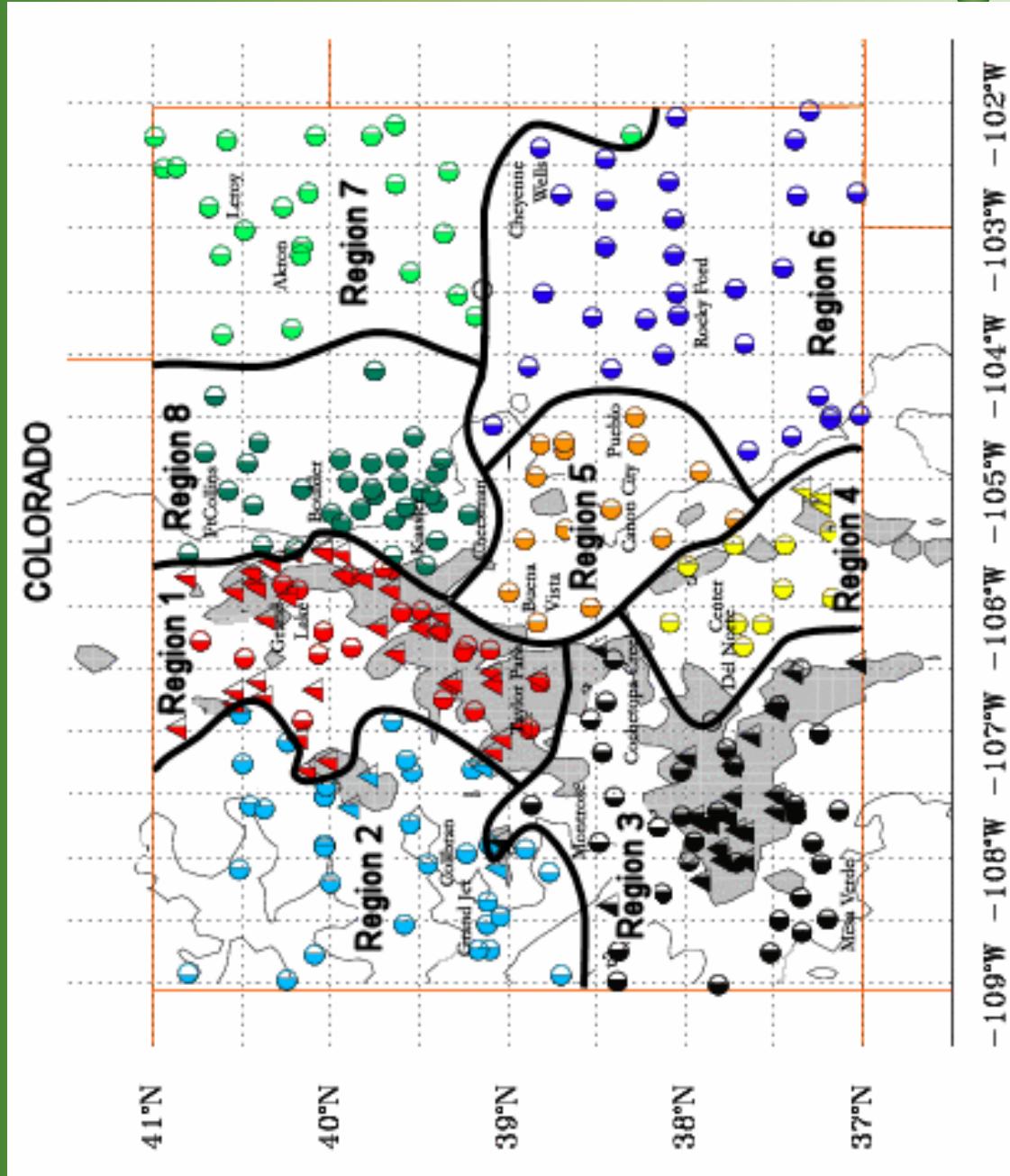
Water Year 2006 precipitation

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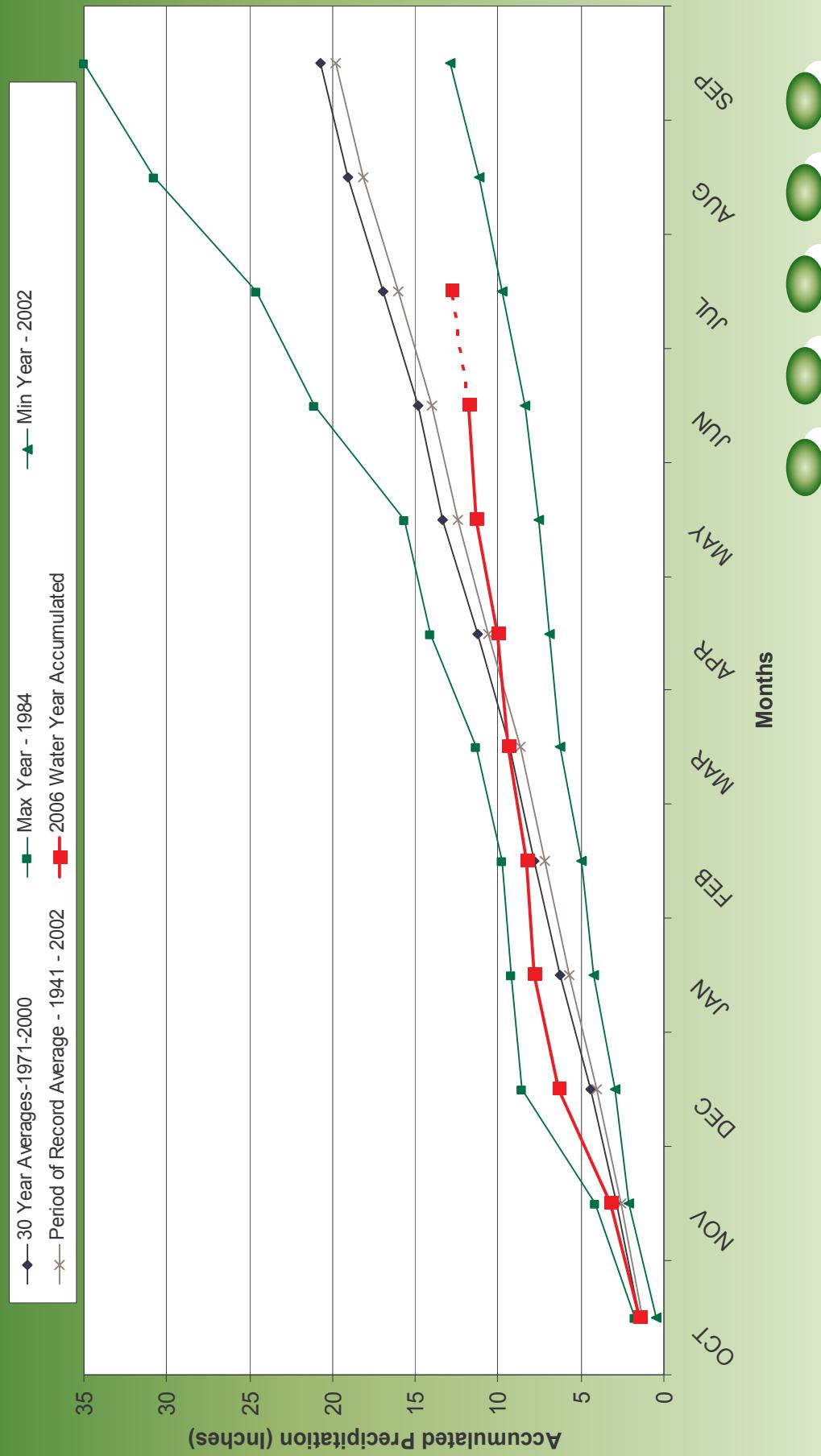
Water Year 2006 (October 2005 through June 2006) precipitation as a percent of the 1971-2000 average.

Climate divisions defined by Dr. Klaus Wolter of NOAA's Climate Diagnostic Center in Boulder, CO



Division 1 – Grand Lake 1NW

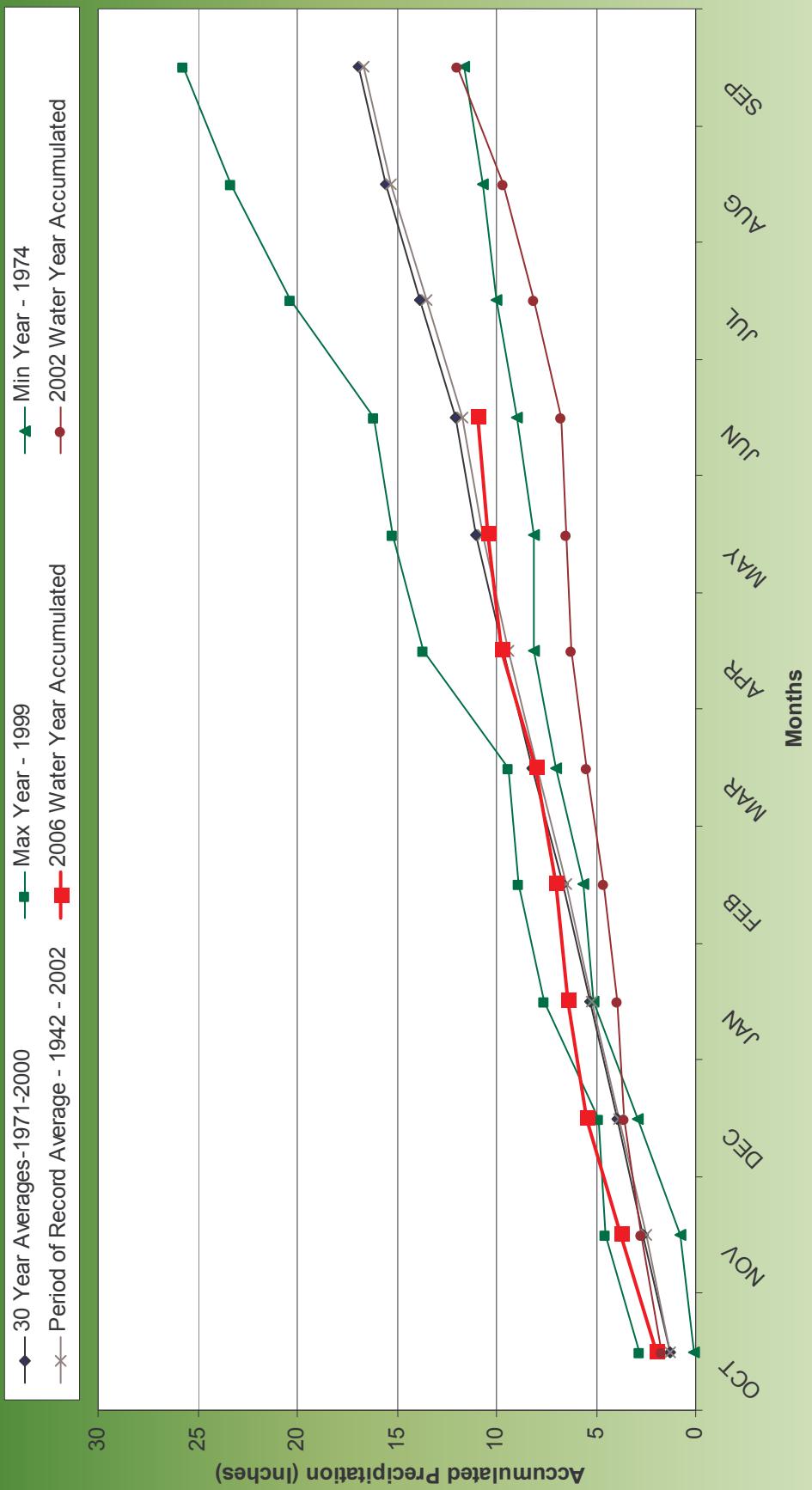
Grand Lake 1 NW 2006 Water Year



Division 1 – Taylor Park

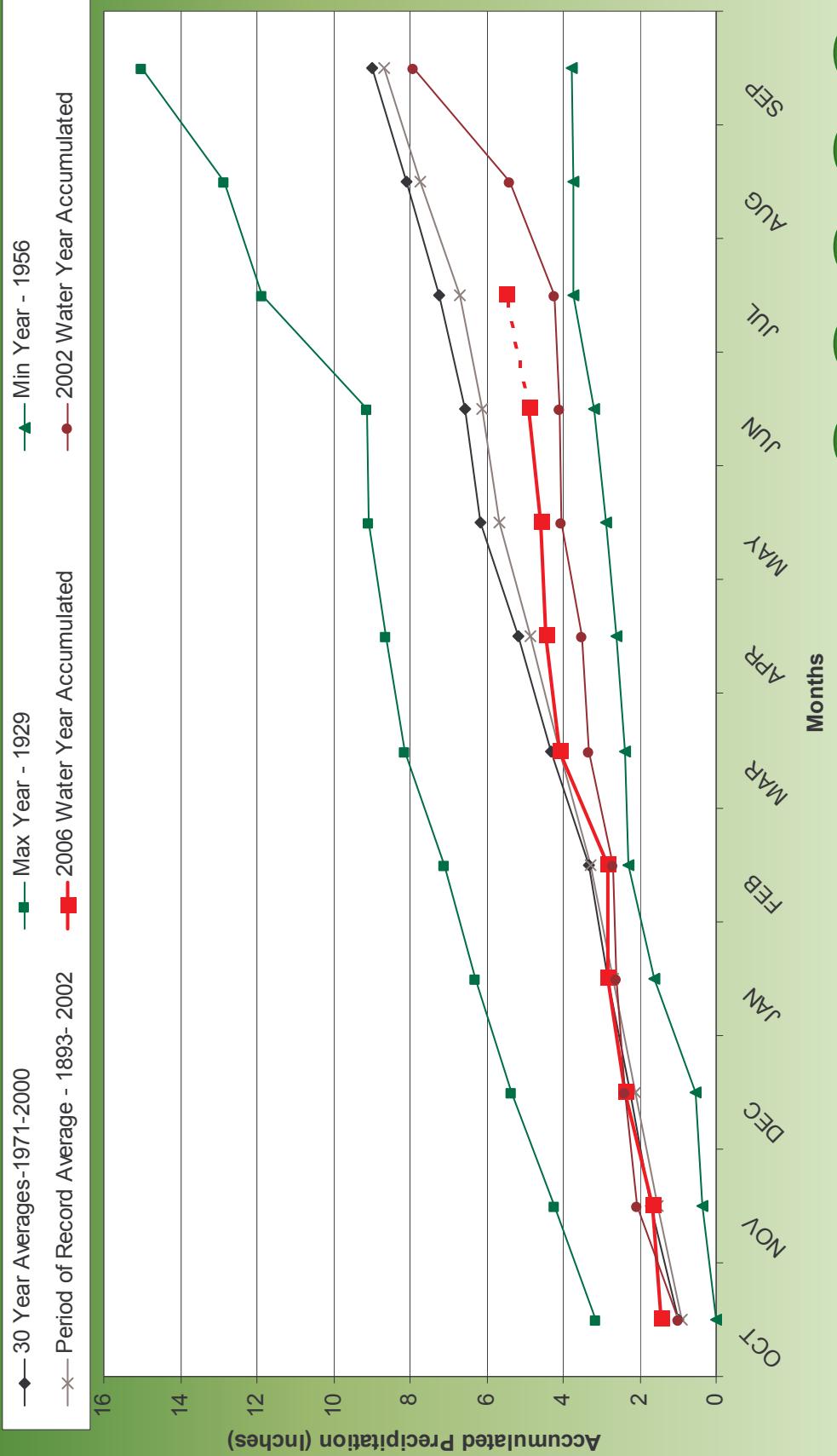
Taylor Park

2006 Water Year



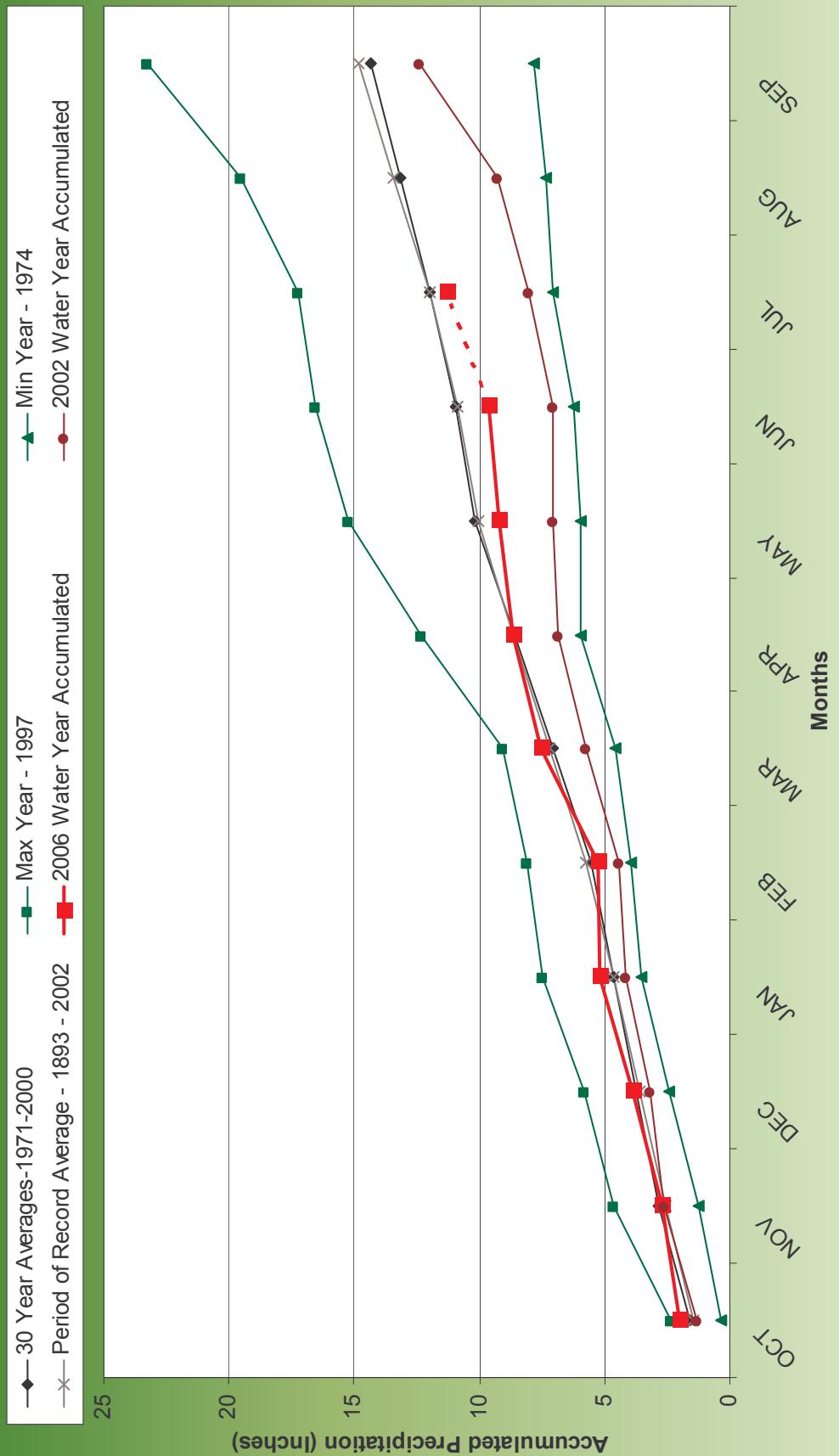
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Grand Junction WSFO 2006 Water Year



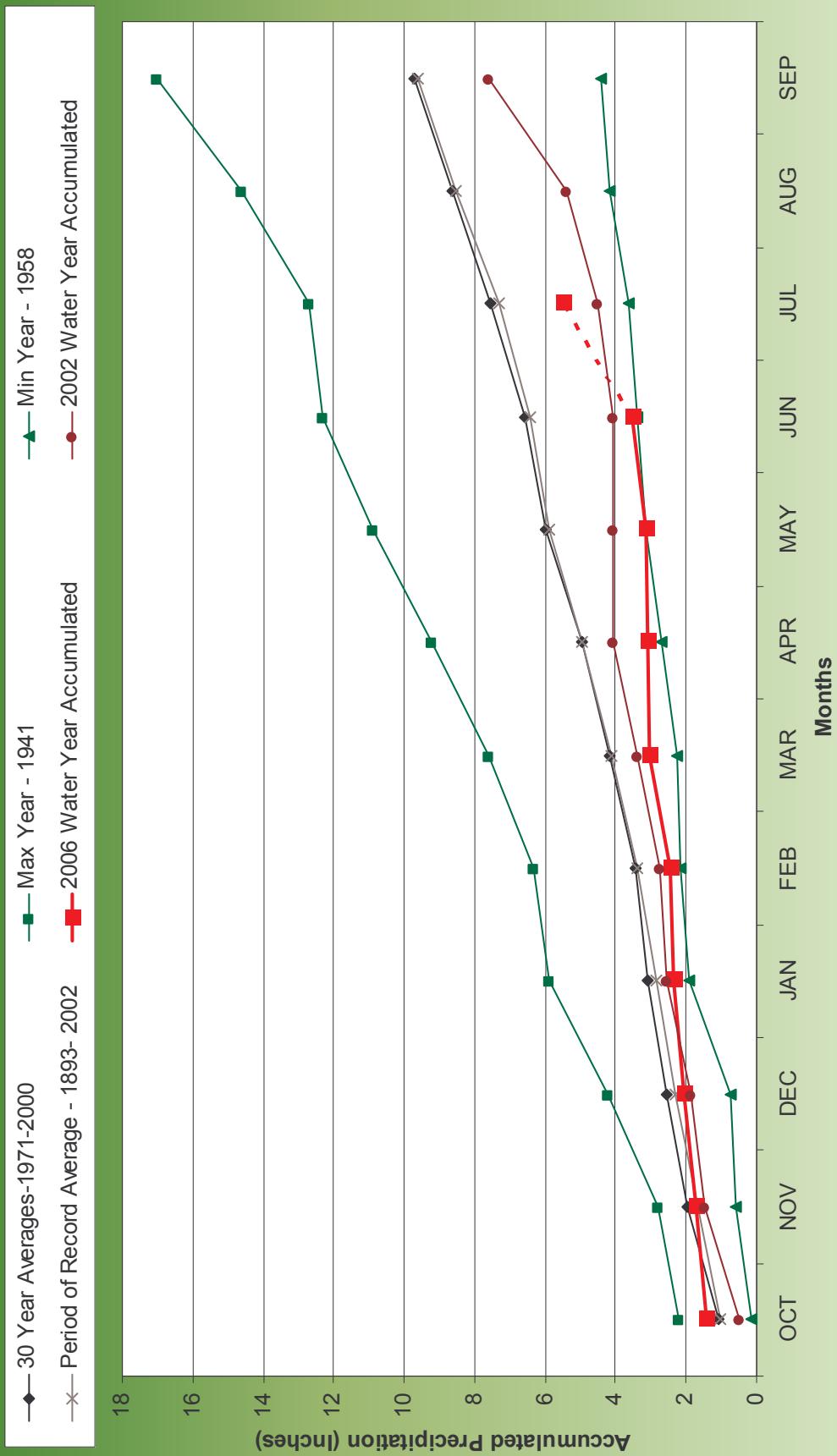
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Collbran 2SW 2006 Water Year



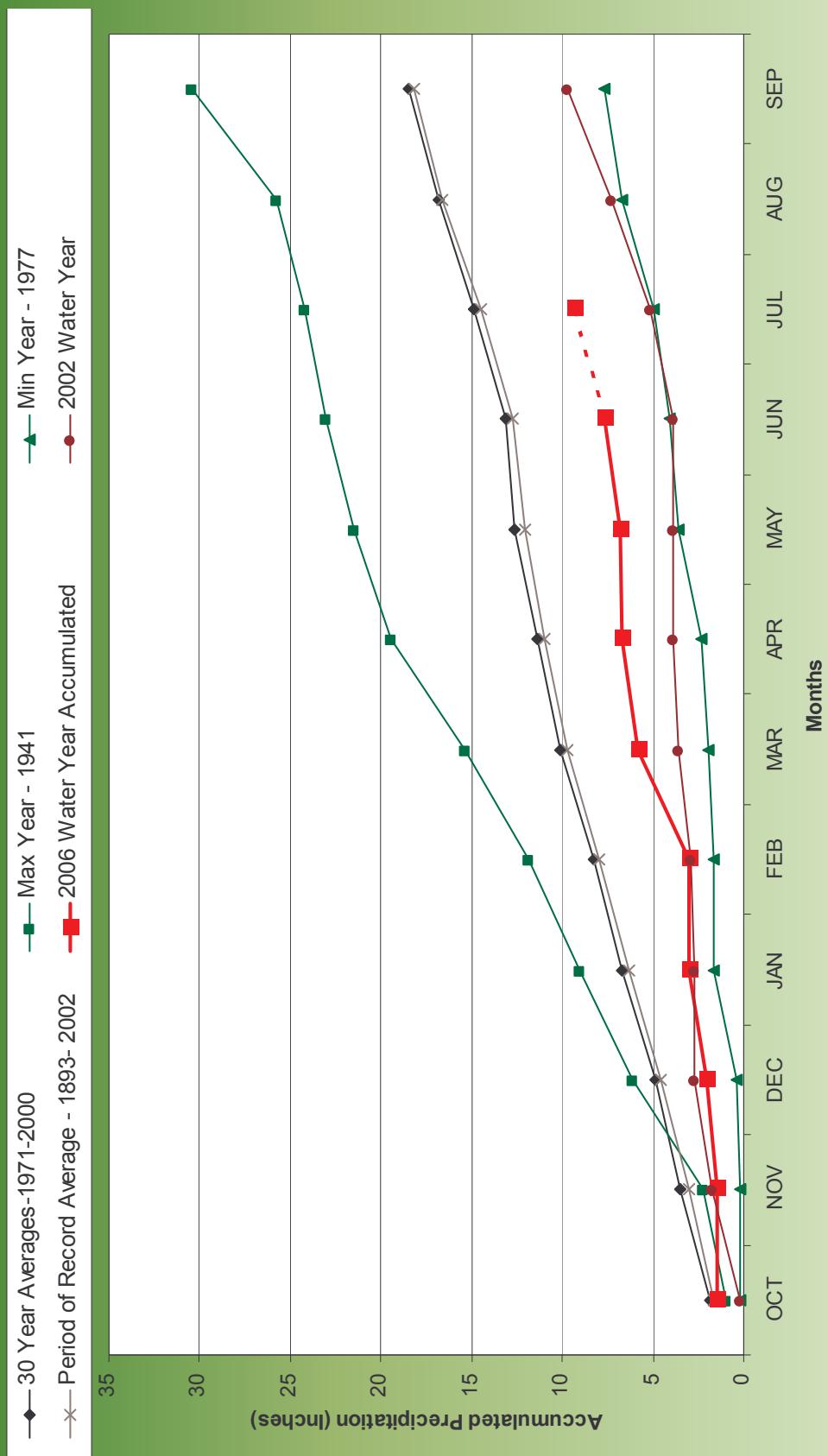
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Montrose #2 2006 Water Year



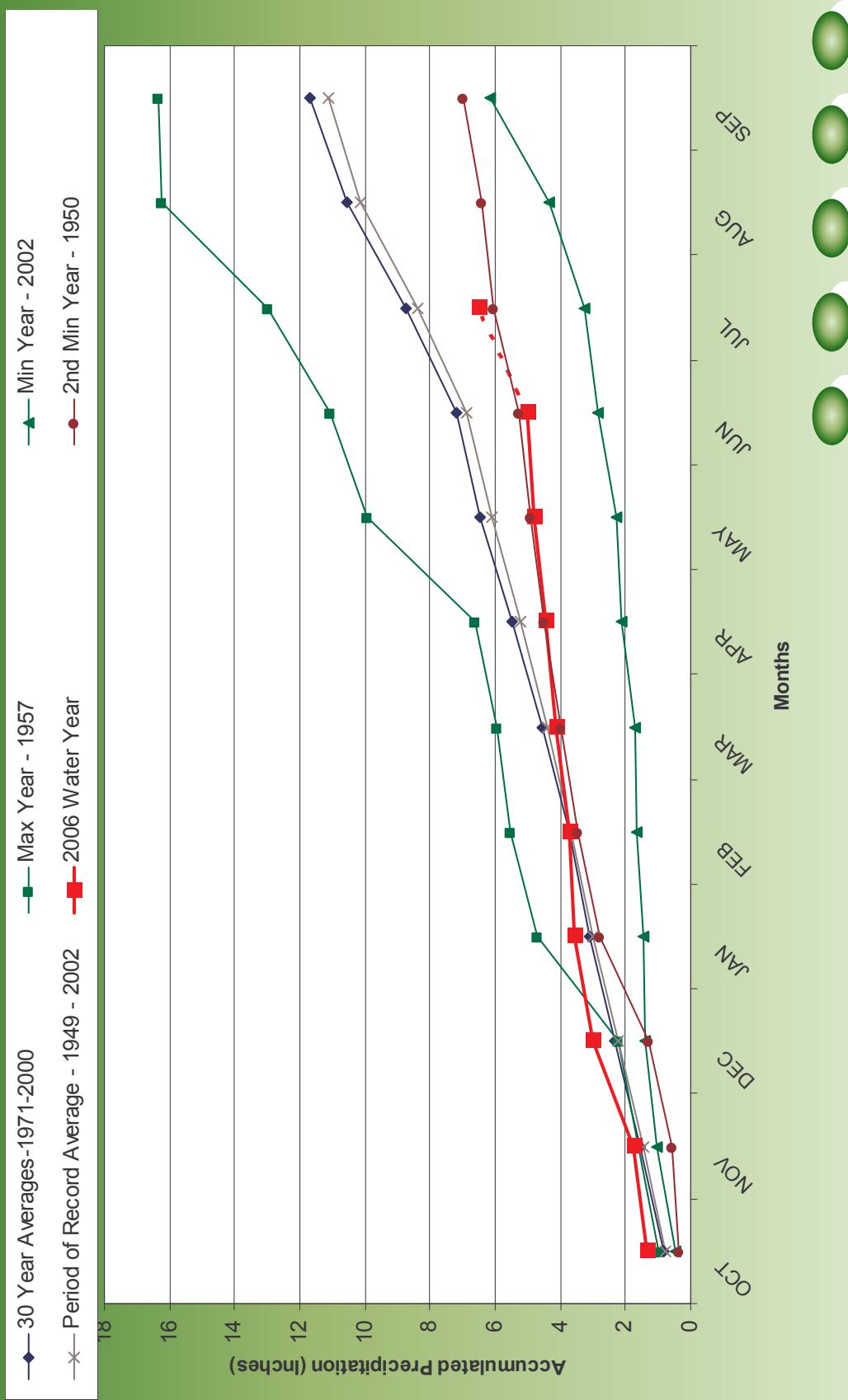
Division 3 – Mesa Verde

Mesa Verde NP 2006 Water Year



Division 3 – Cochetopa Creek

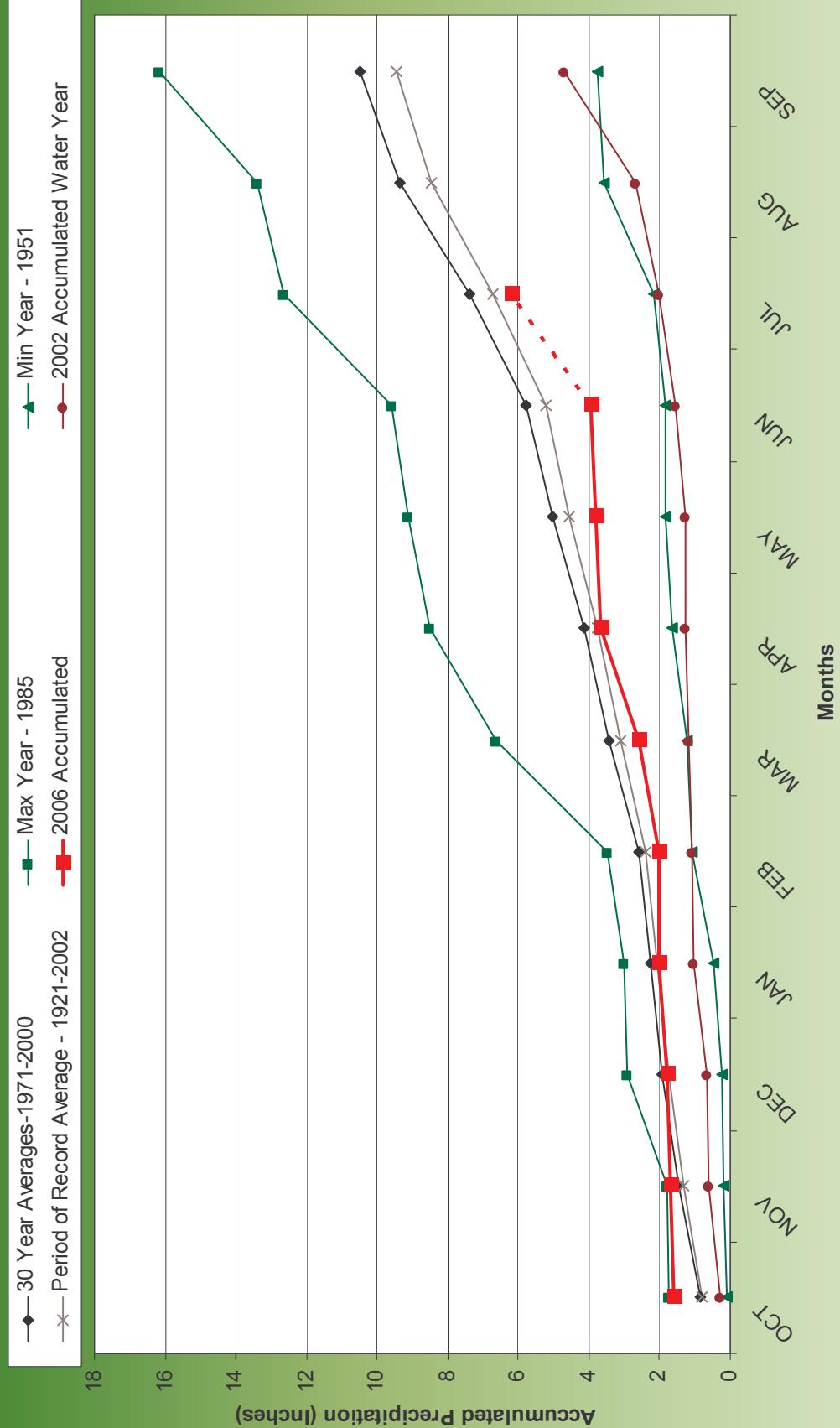
Cochetopa Creek 2006 Water Year



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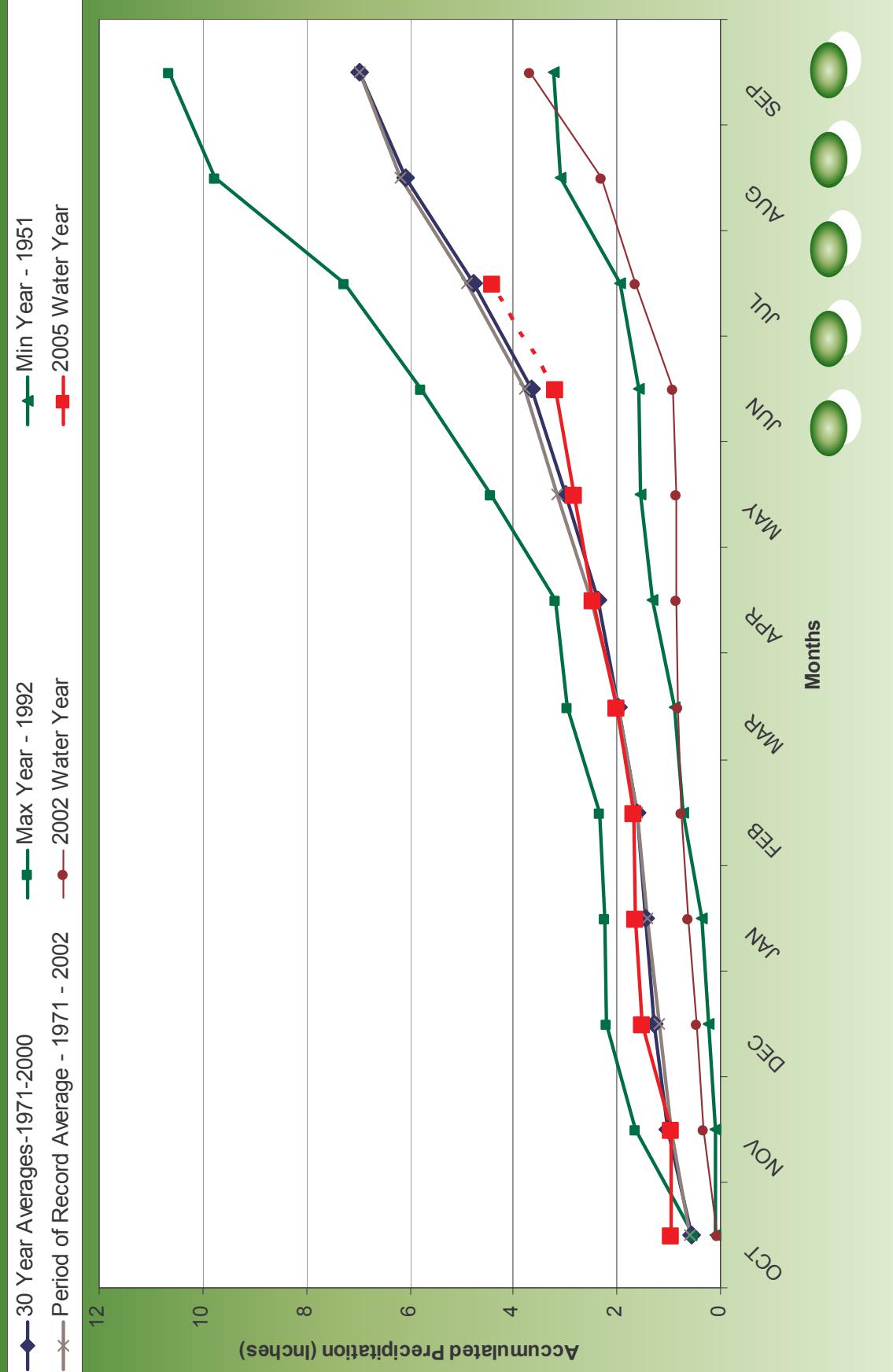
Del Norte

2006 Water Year



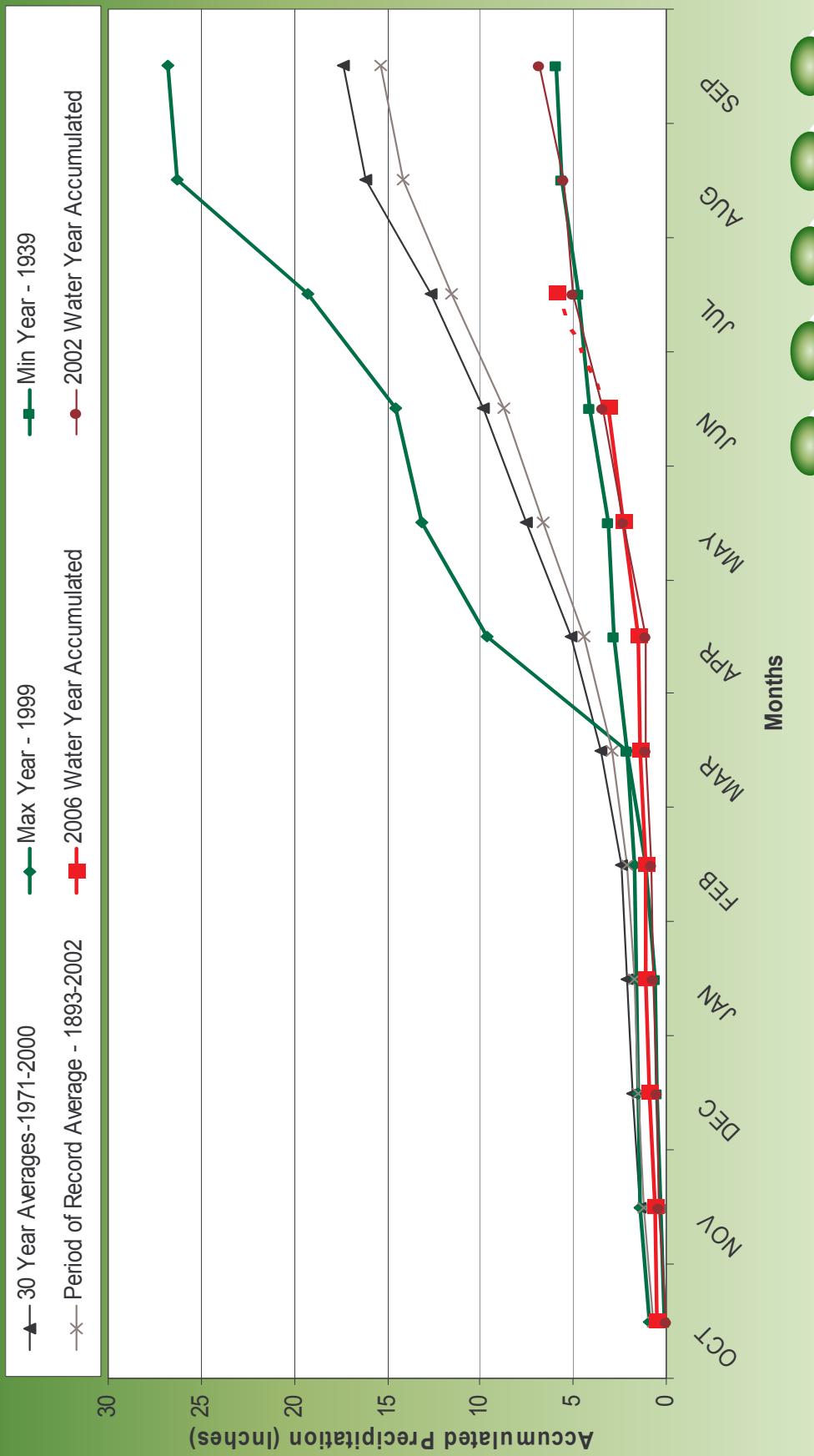
Division 4 – Center

Center 4SSW
2006 Water Year



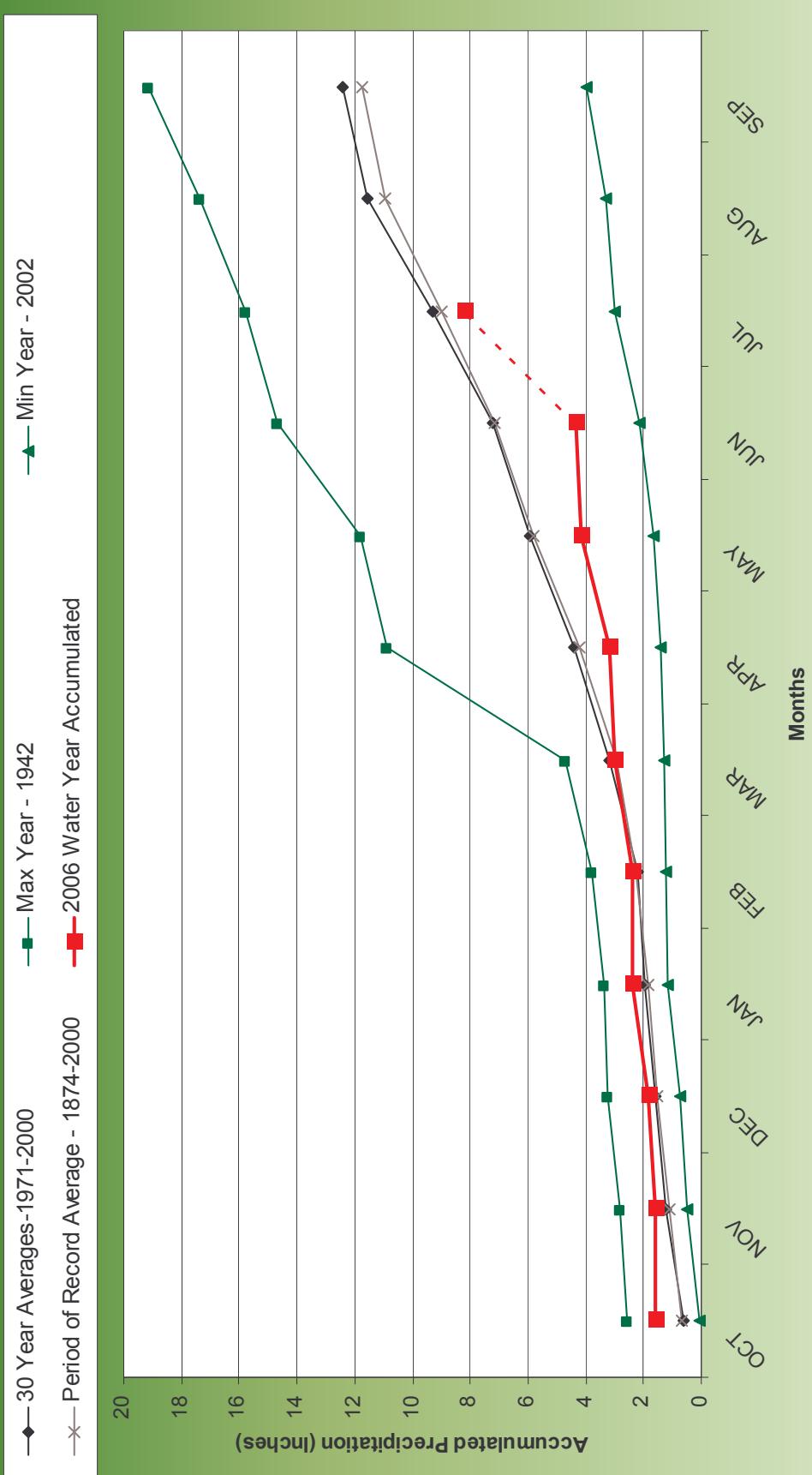
Division 5 – Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs
2006 Water Year



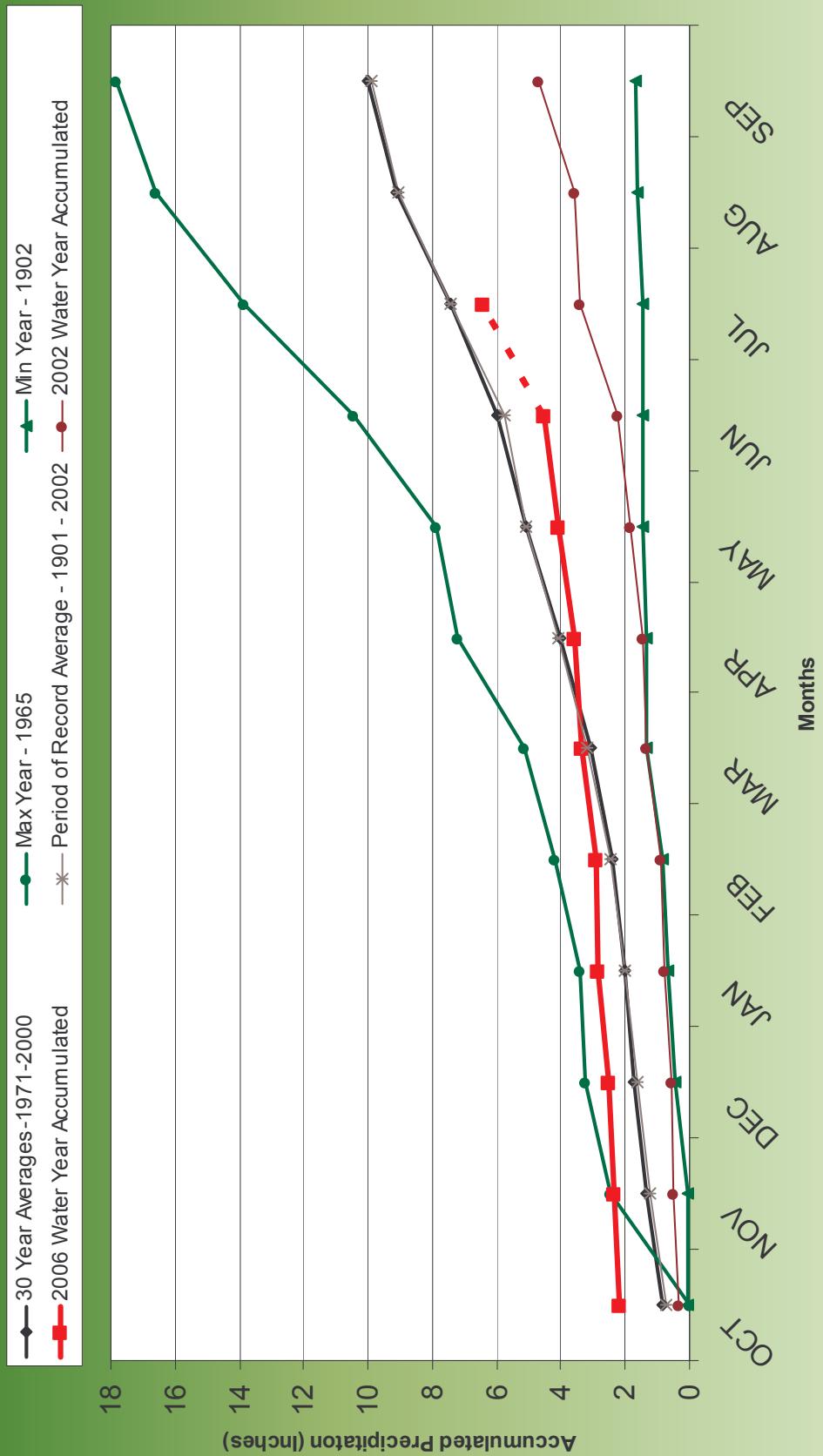
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Pueblo WSO 2006 Water Year



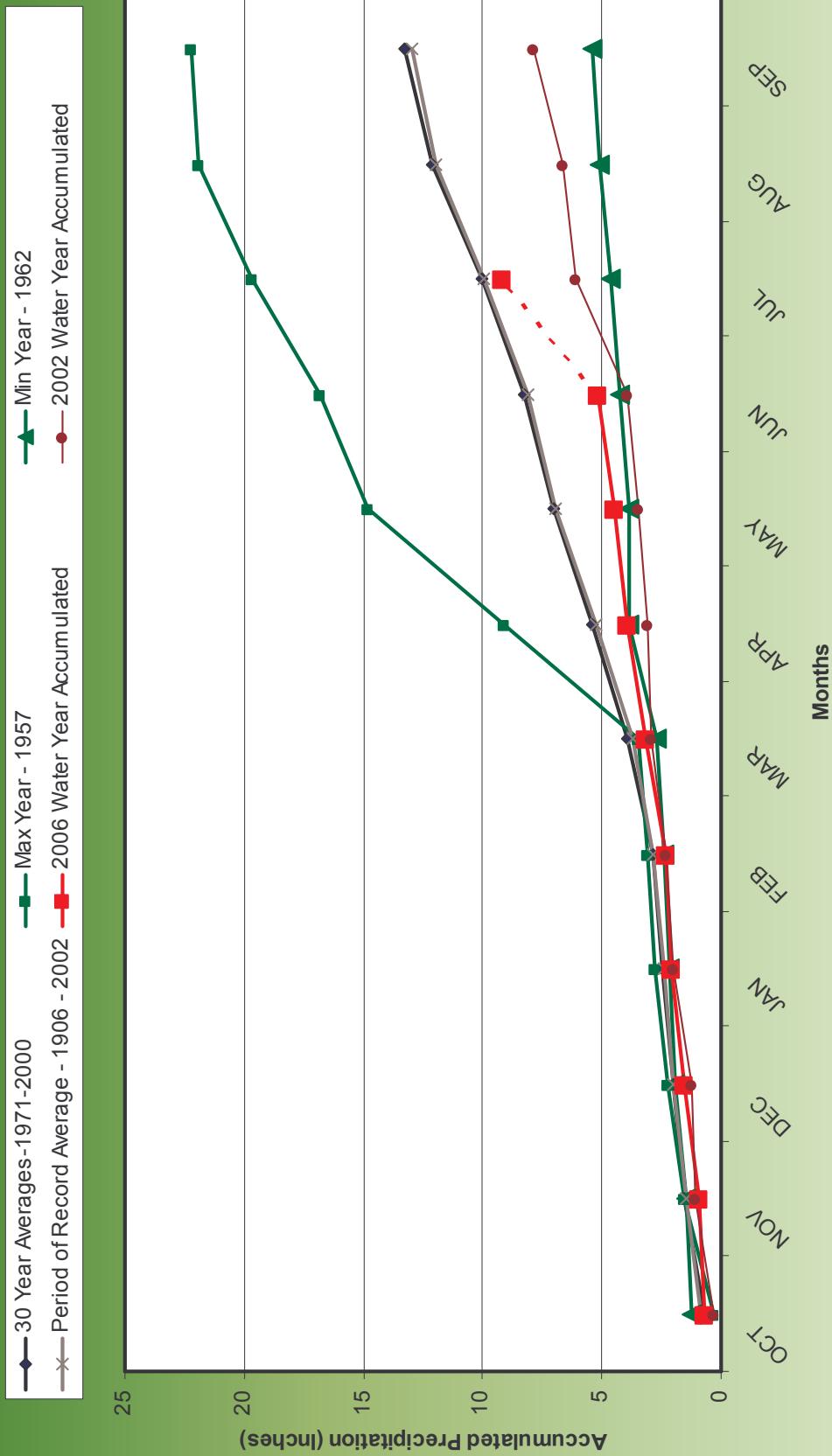
Division 5 – Buena Vista

Buena Vista 2006 Water Year



Division 5 – Canon City

Canon City 2006 Water Year

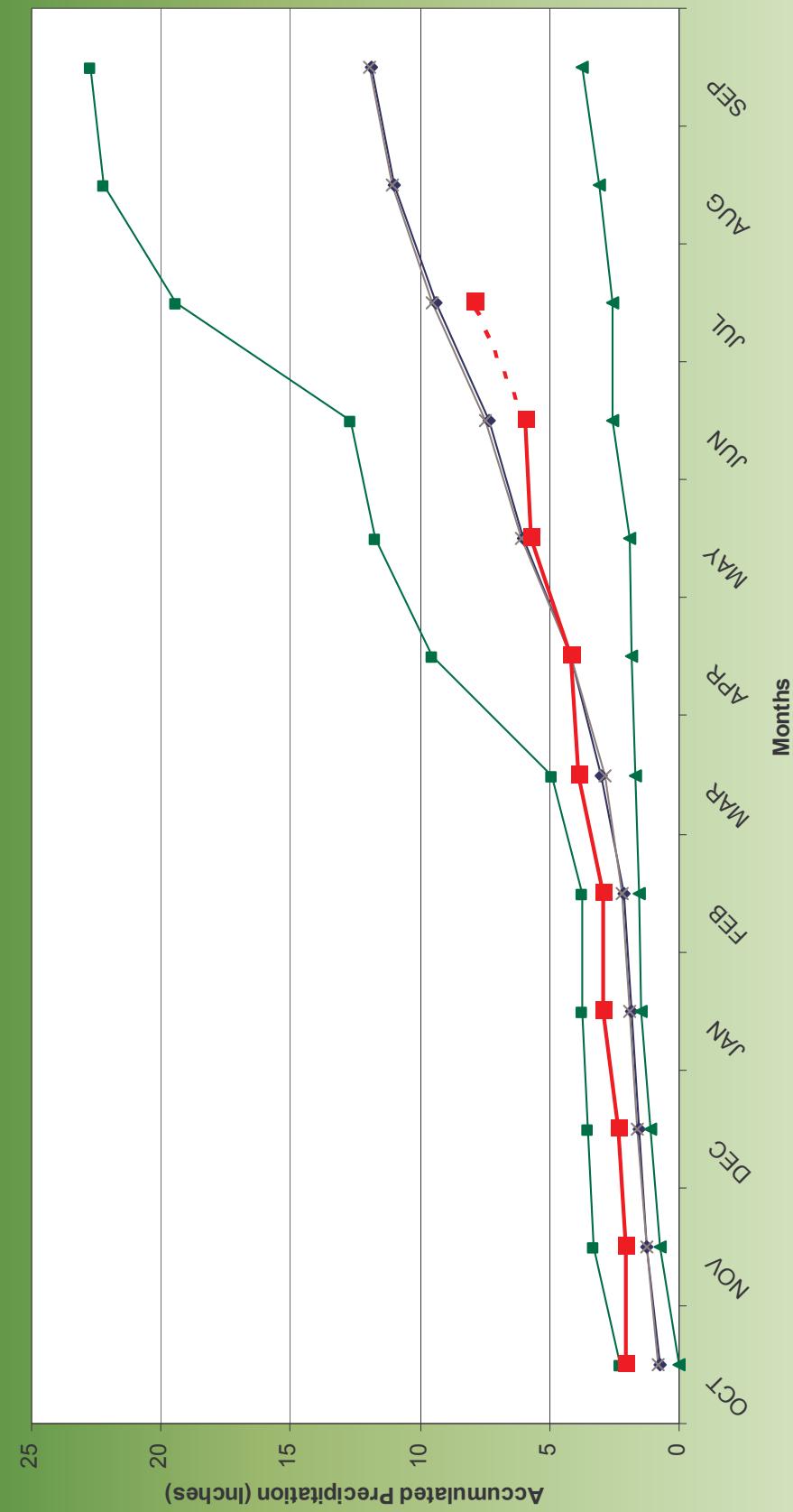


Division 6 – Rocky Ford

Rocky Ford

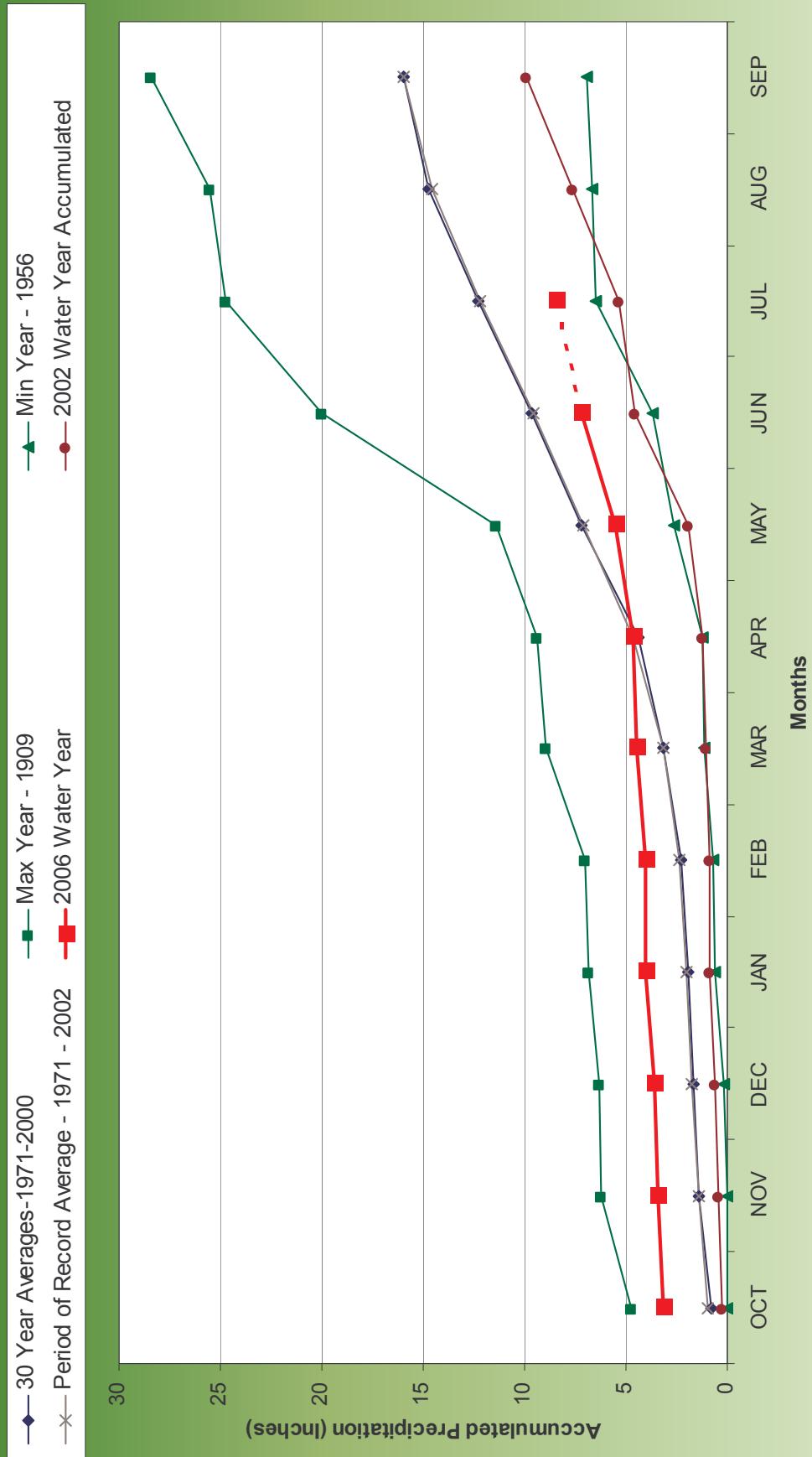
2006 Water Year

30 Year Averages -1971-2000
Period of Record Average - 1889-2002
2006 Water Year Accumulated

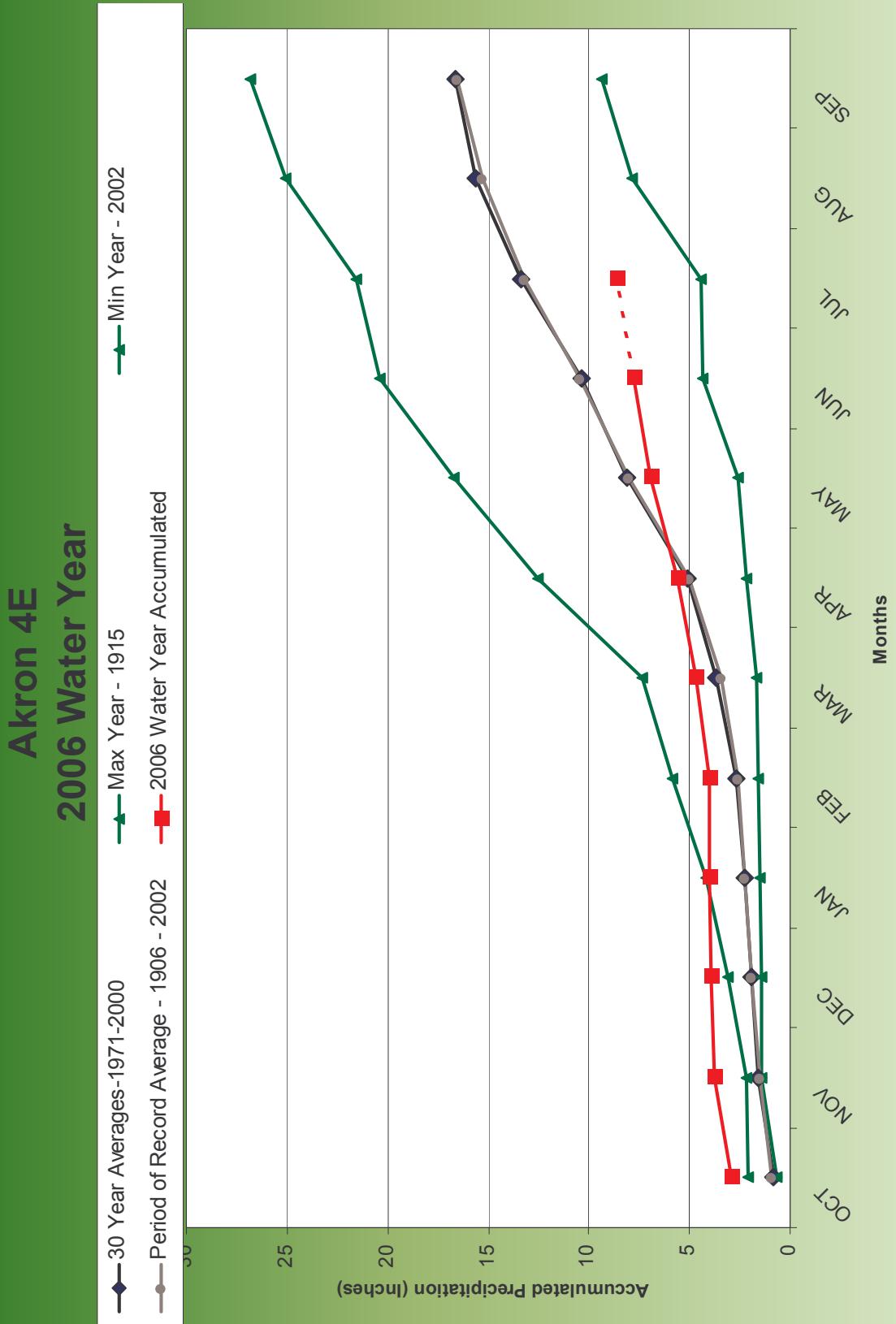


Division 6 – Cheyenne Wells

Cheyenne Wells 2006 Water Year

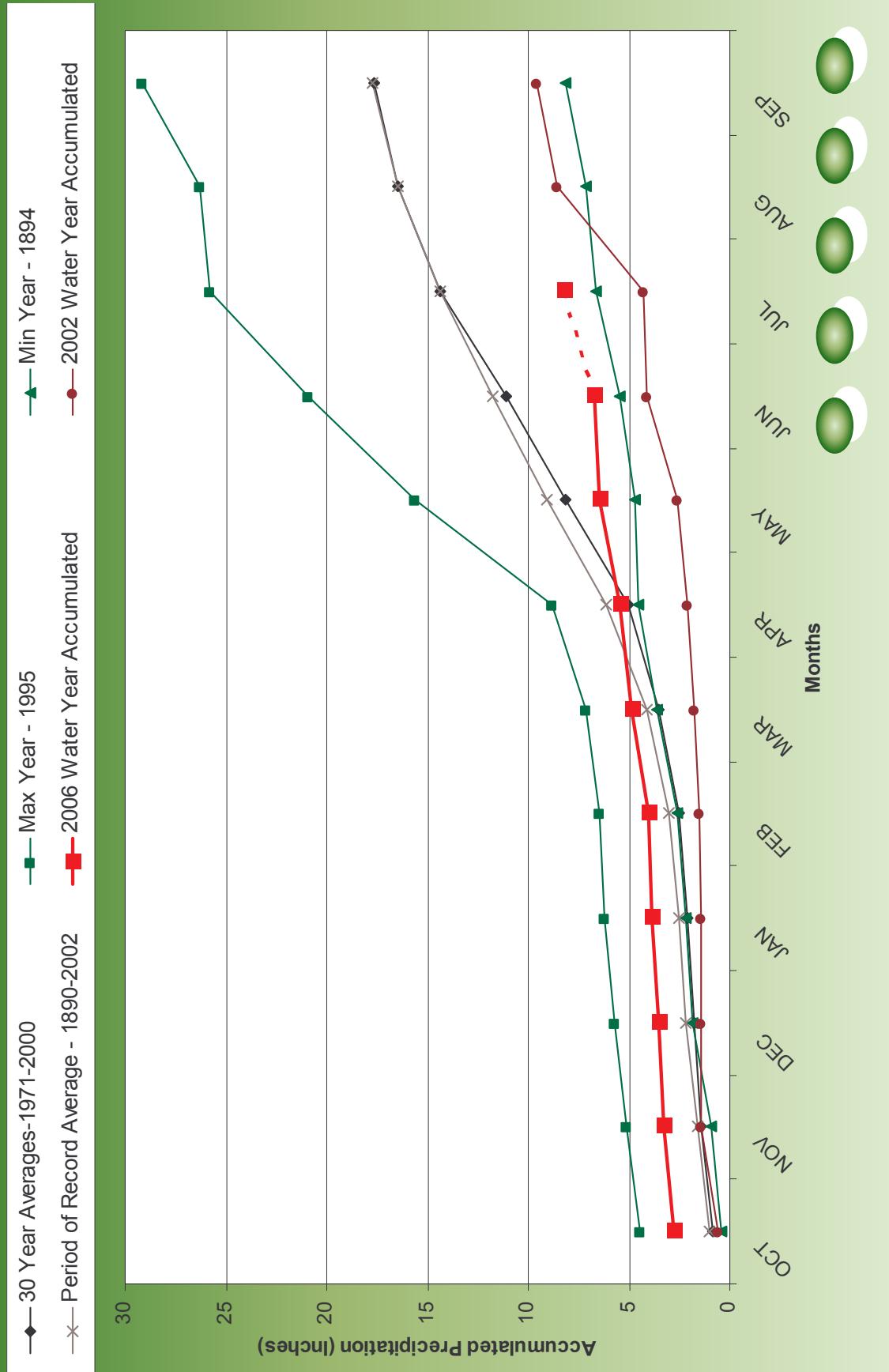


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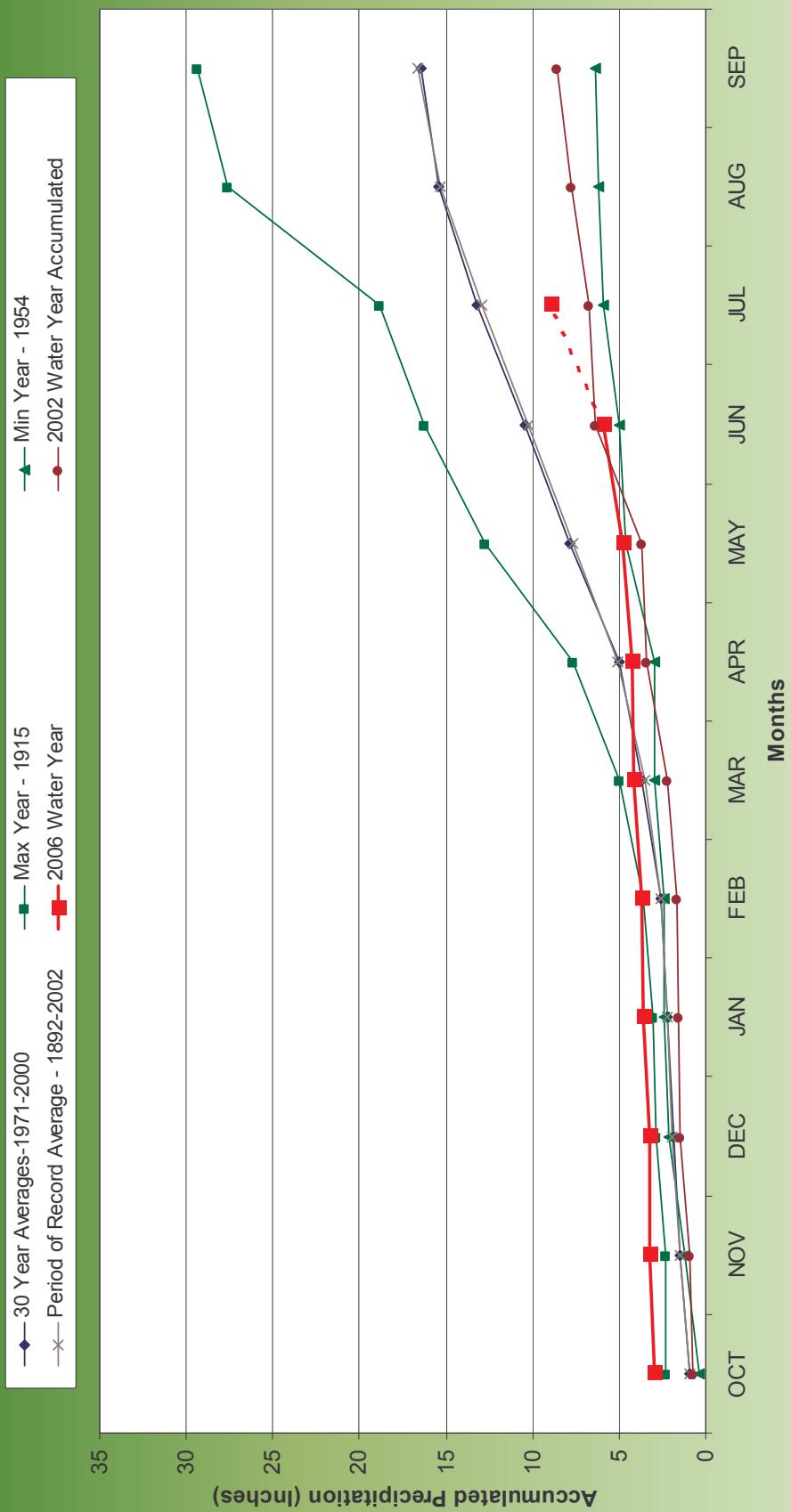
Division 7 – Leroy

Leroy 5SW
2006 Water Year



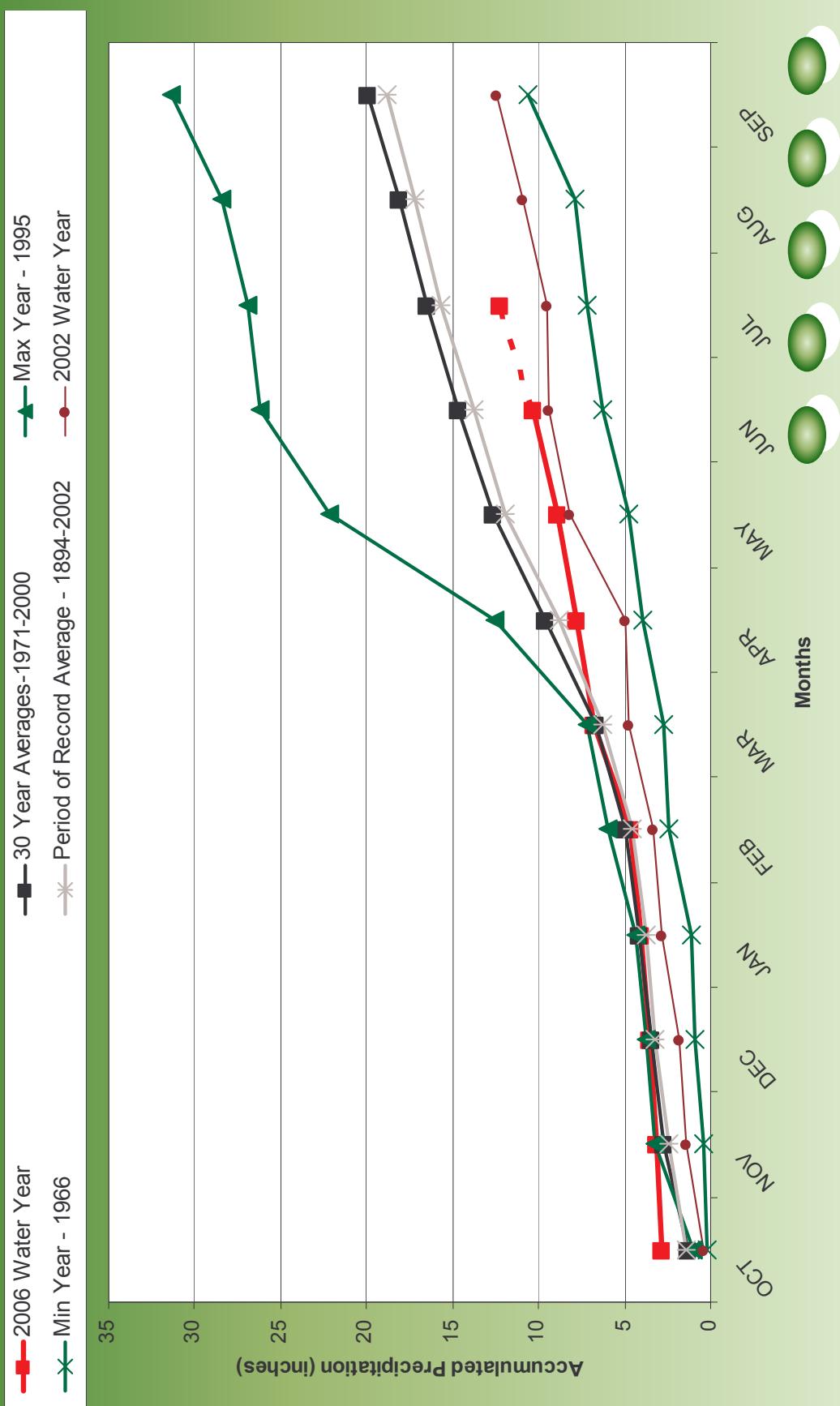
Division 7 – Burlington

Burlington 2006 Water Year



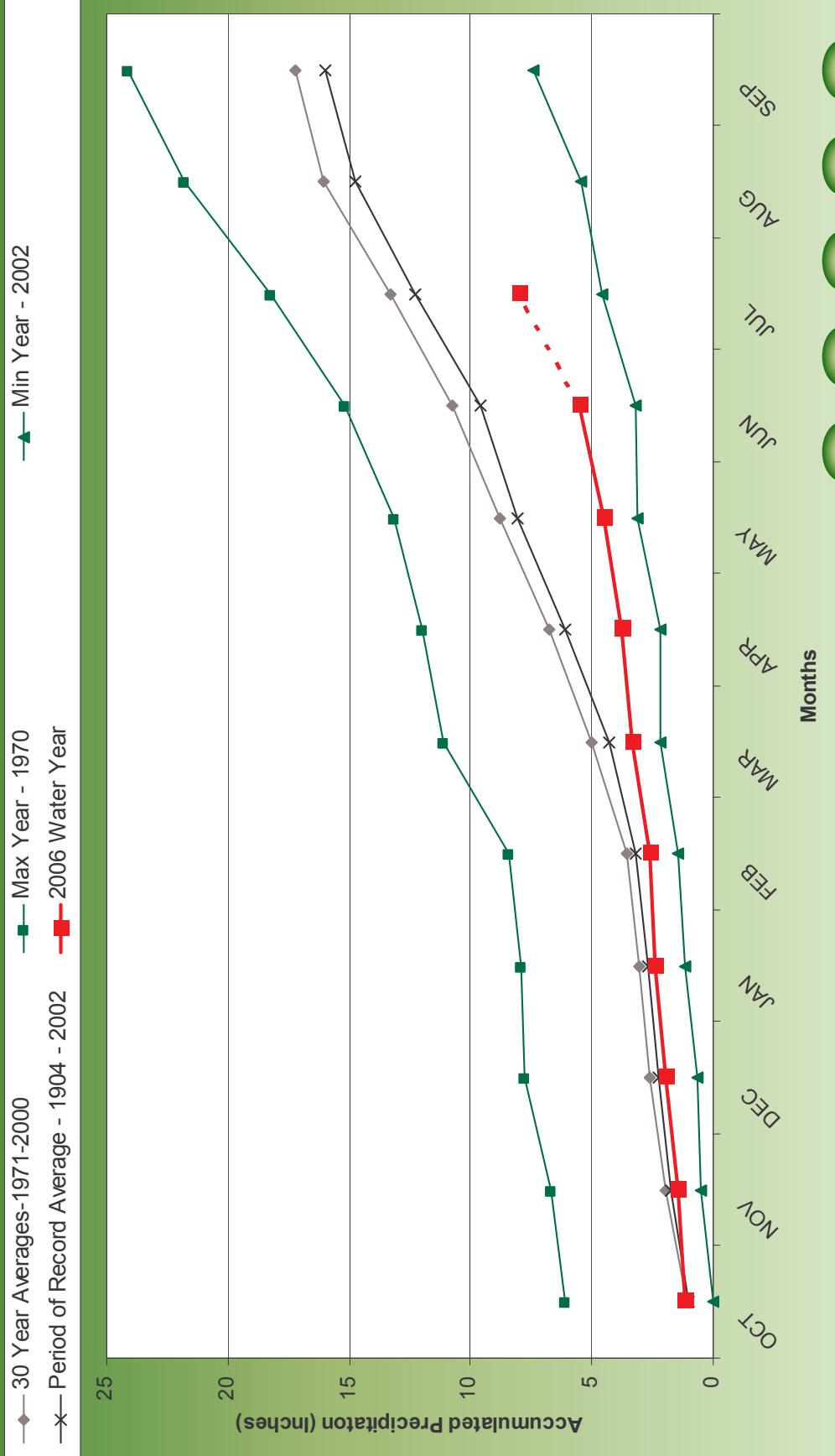
Division 8 – Boulder

Boulder 2006 Water Year



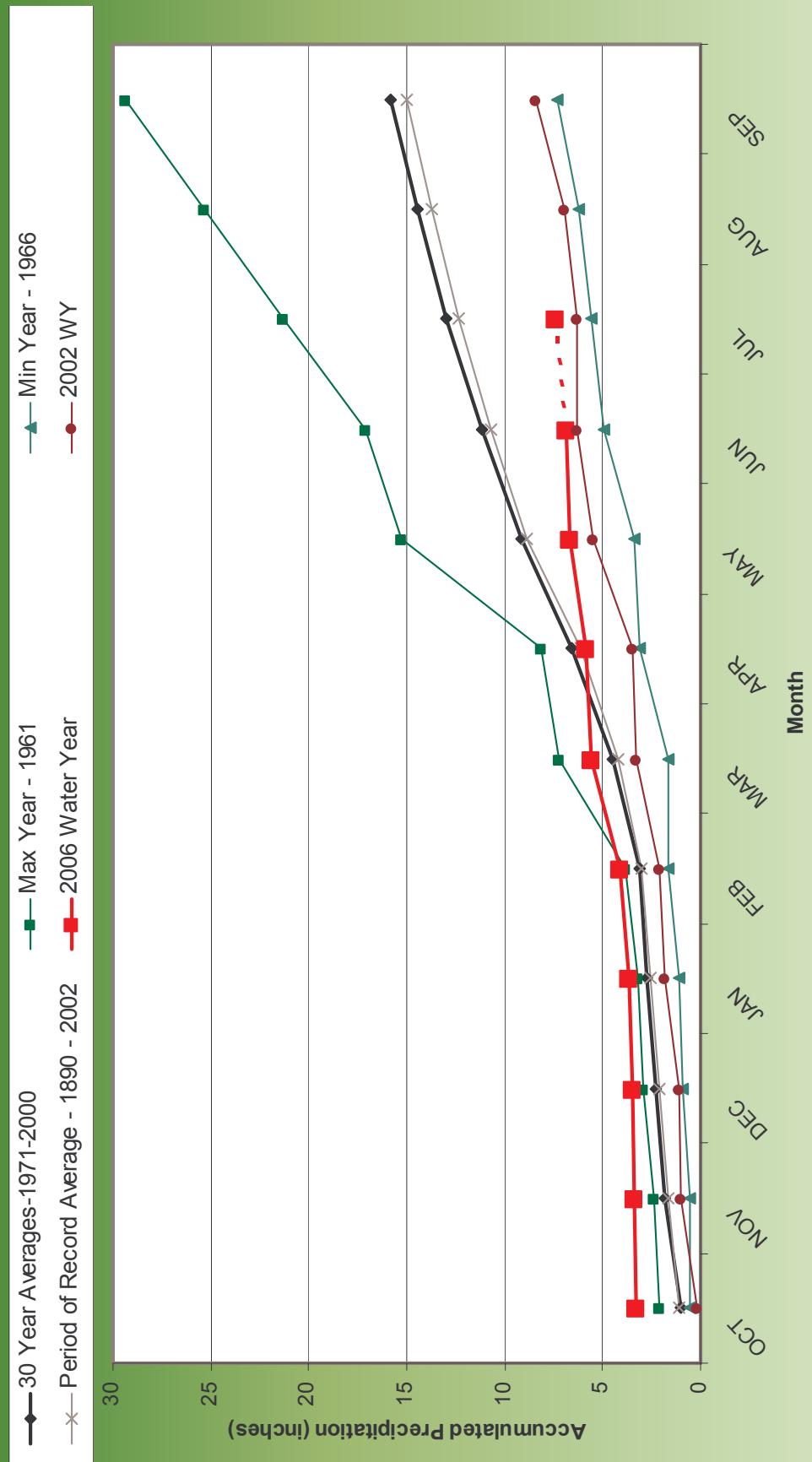
Division 8 – Cheeseman

Cheeseman
2006 Water Year



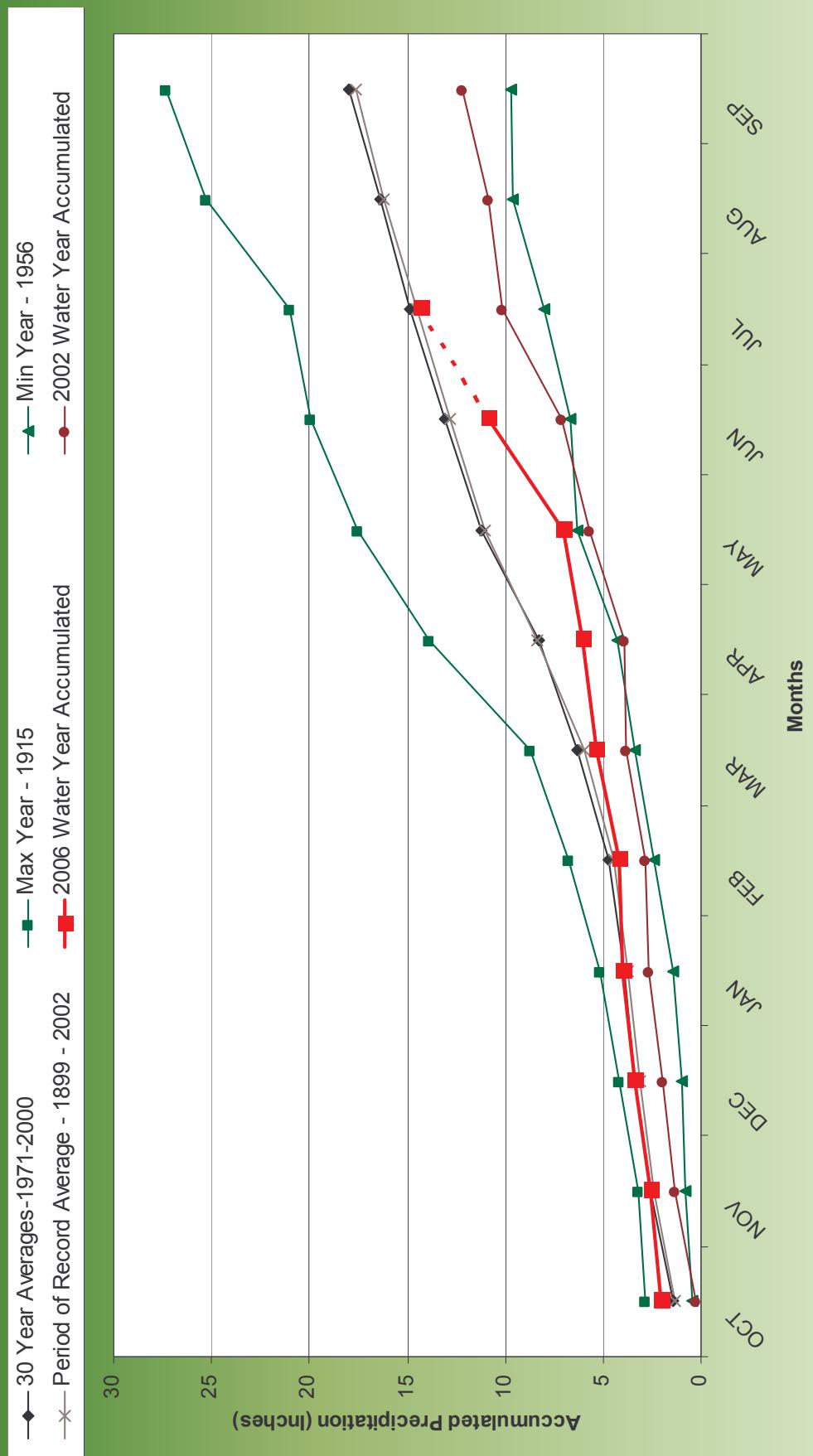
Division 8 – Fort Collins

Fort Collins 2006 Water Year



Division 8 – Kassler

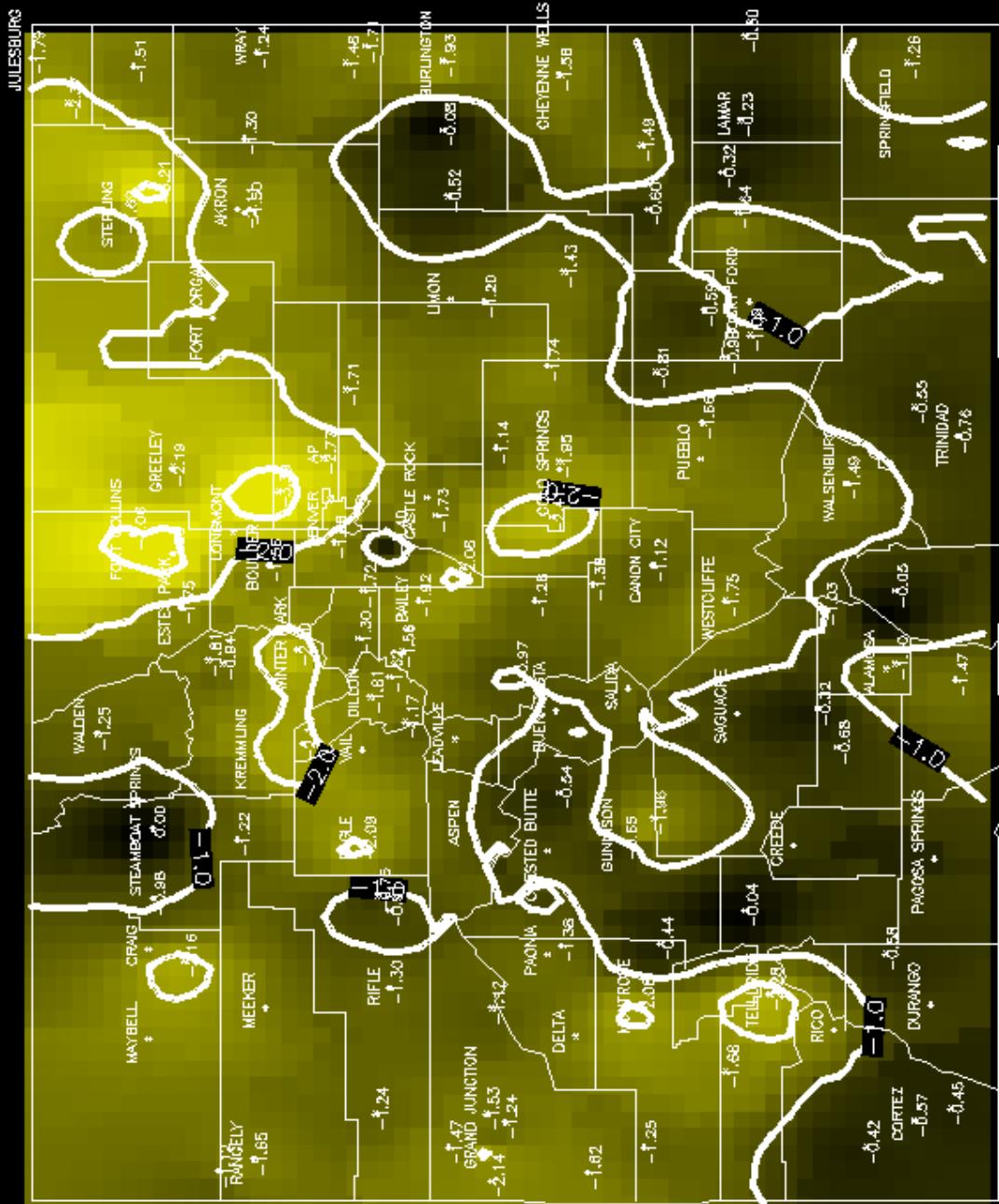
Kassler 2006 Water Year



3 Month SPI

Colorado

6/2006 3 Mon. SPI



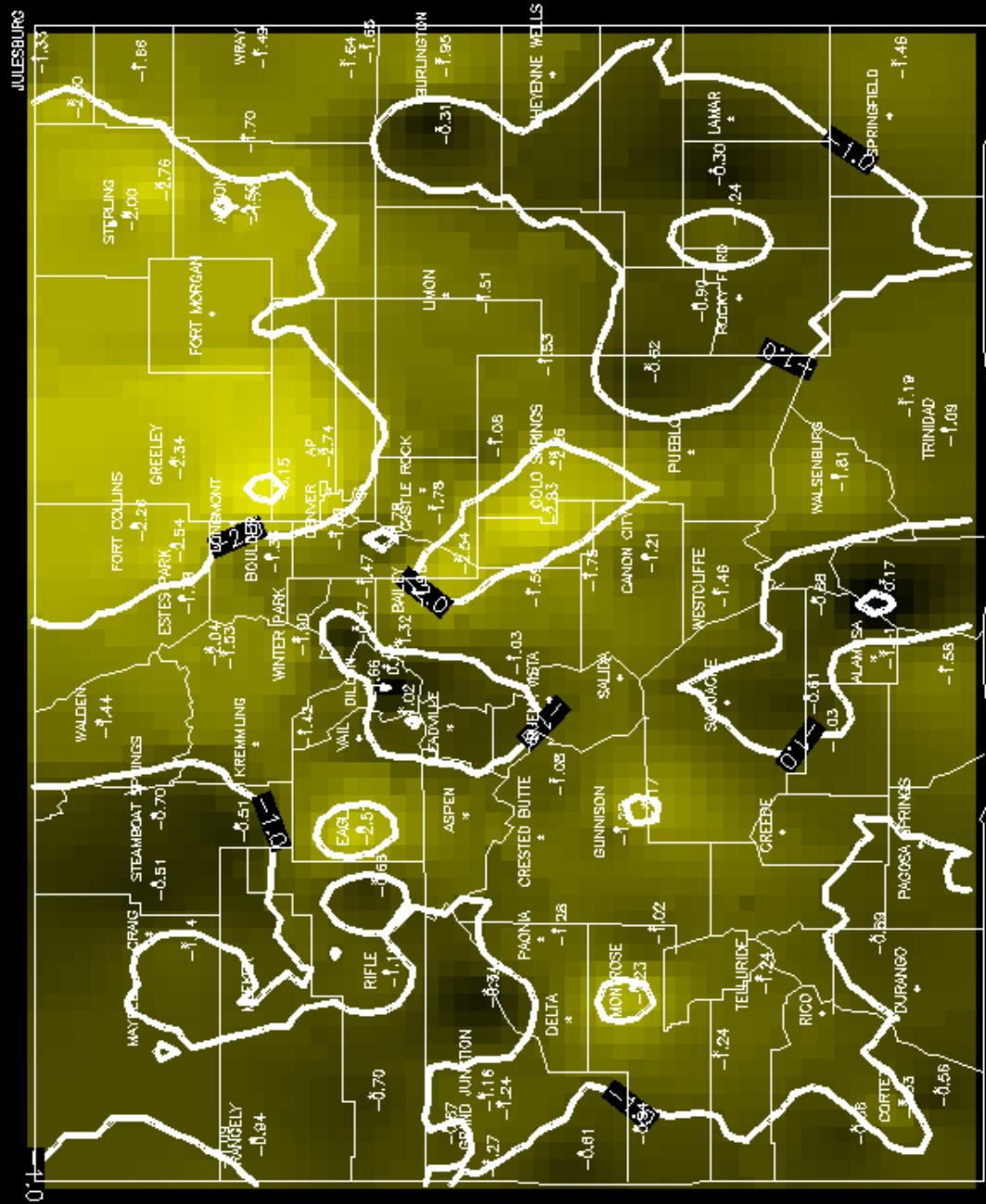
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100% < 2.0
70% < -1.0
100% < 1.0
11% < -2.0
100% < 1.1
100% < -3.0

6 Month SPI

Colorado

6/2006 6 mon. SPI

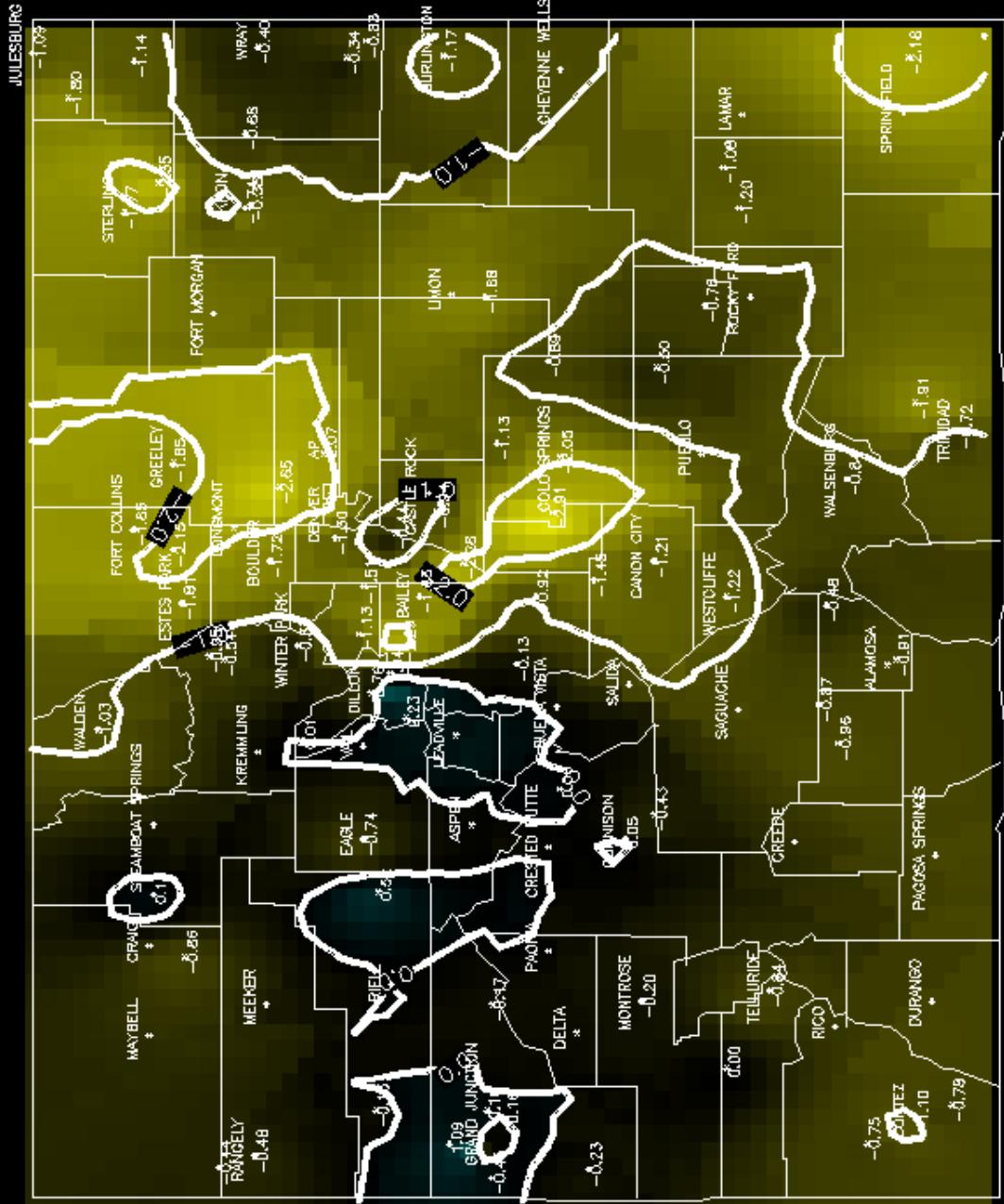


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12 Month SPI

Colorado

6/2006 12 mon. SPI



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100 % < 2.0 40 % < -1.0
 100 % < 1.0 50 % < -2.0
 94 % < 0.0 0 % < -3.0

24 Month SPI

Colorado

6/2006 24 mon. SPI

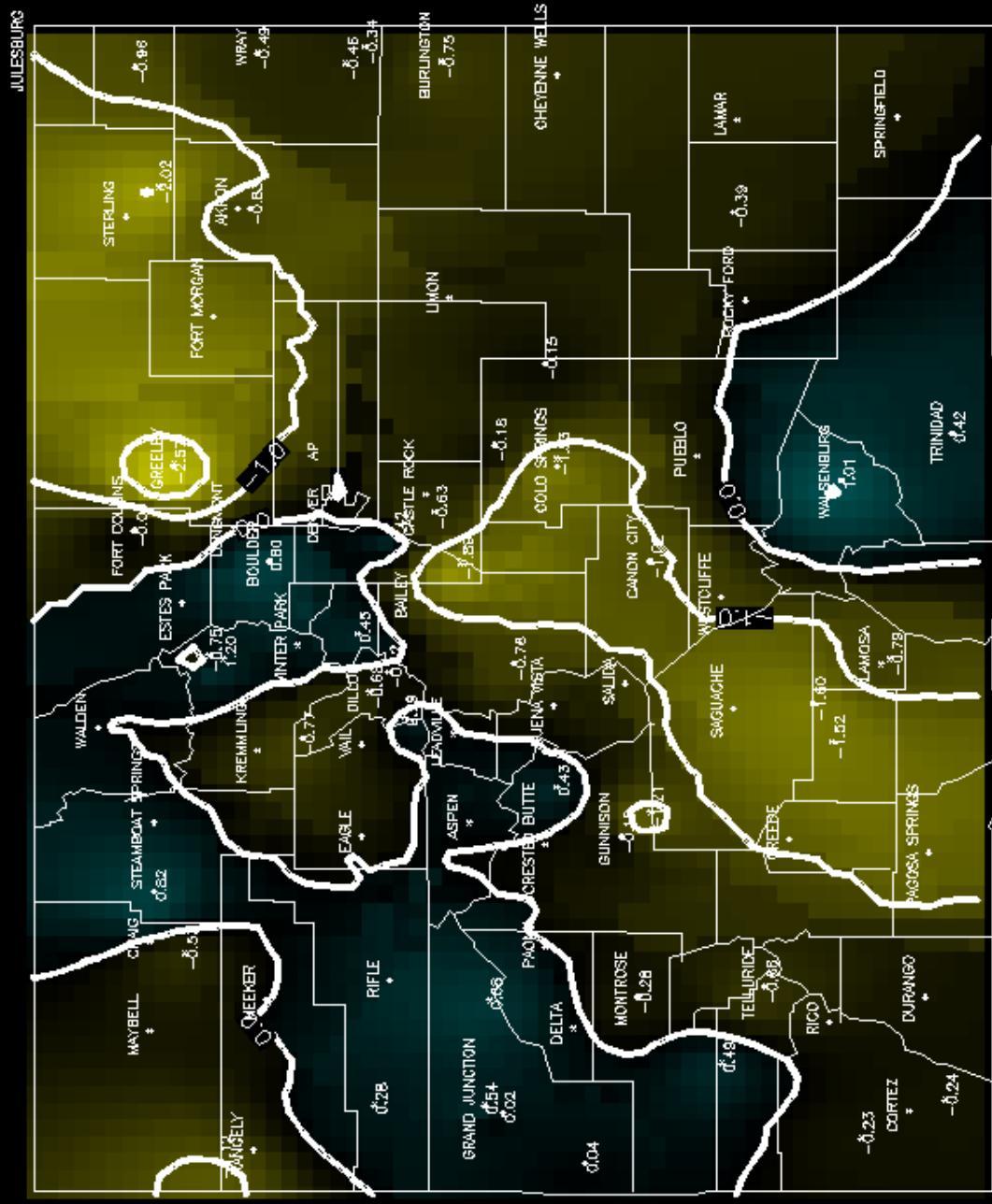


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48 Month SPI

Colorado

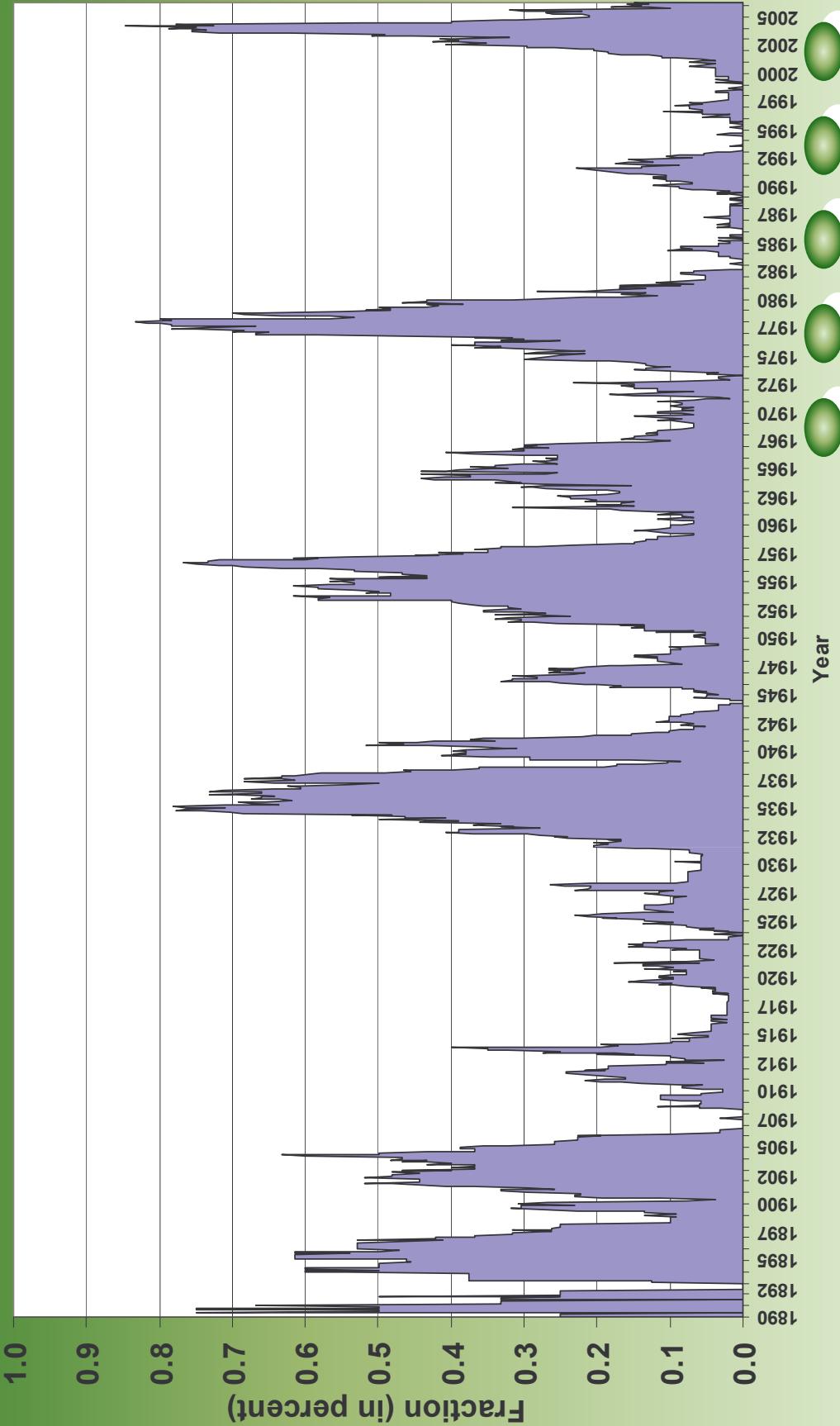
6/2006 48 mon. SPI



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Fraction of Colorado in Drought

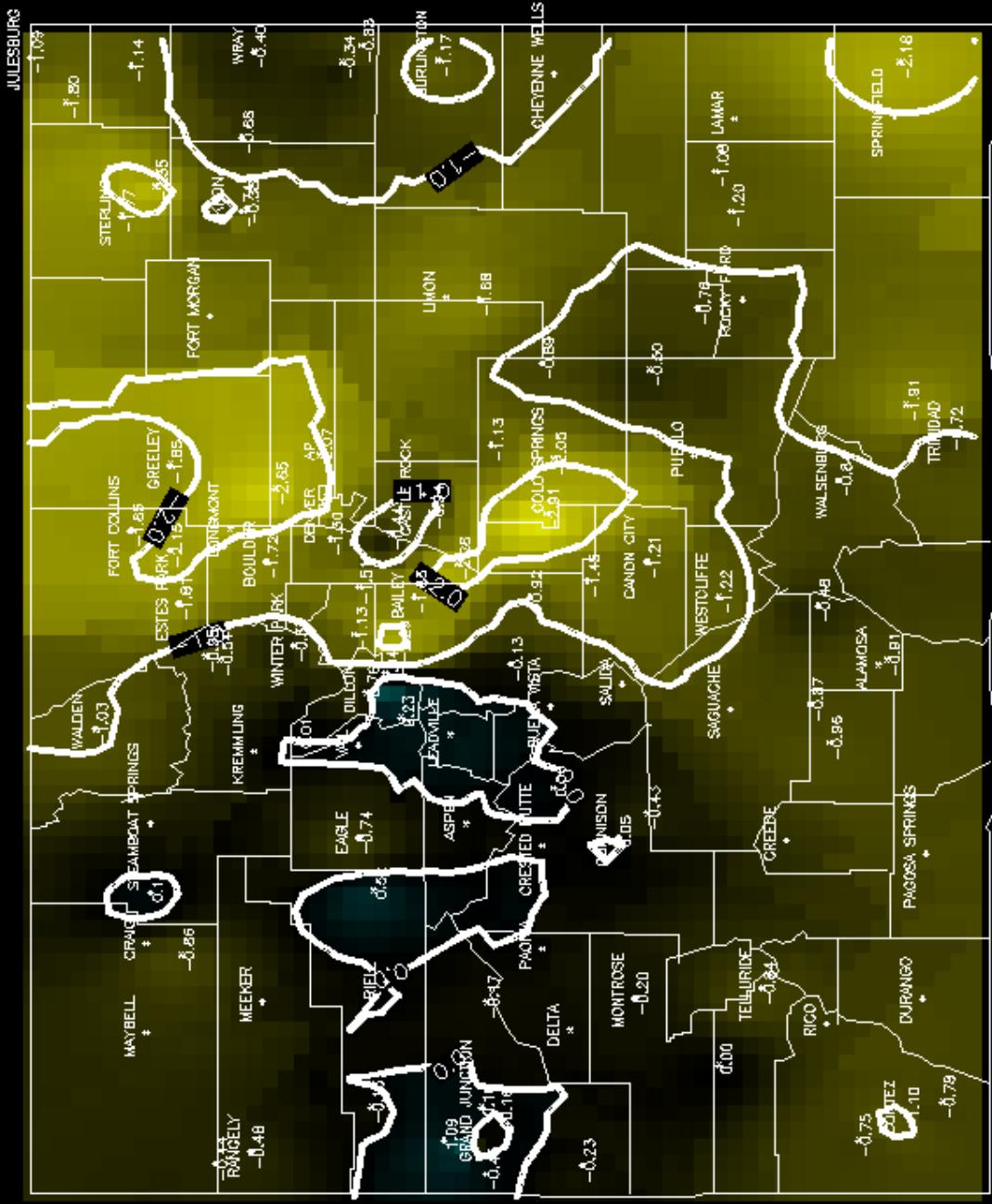
Fraction of Colorado in Drought
Based on 48 month SPI
(1890 - June 2006)



12 Month SPI

Colorado

6/2006 12 mon. SPI

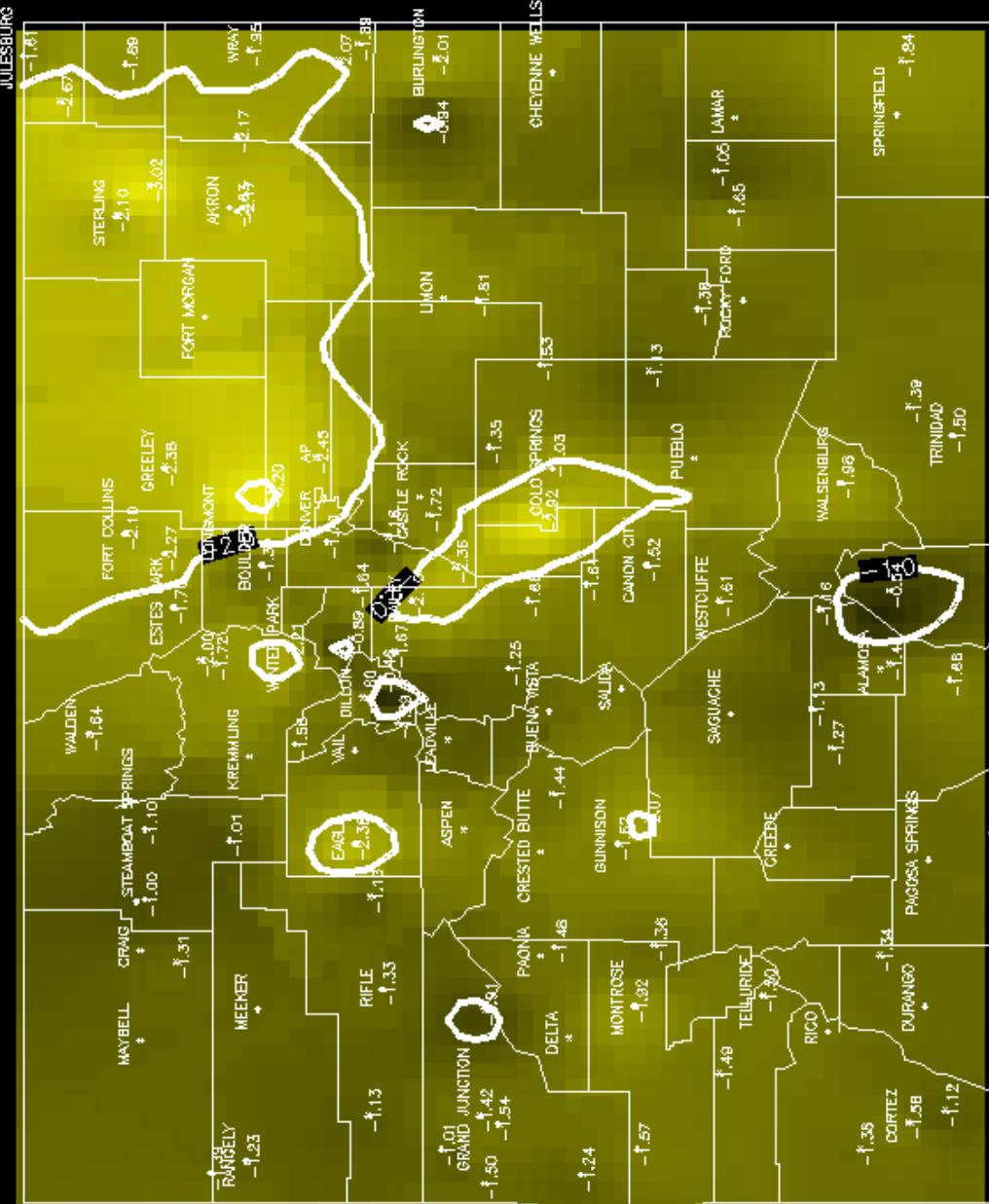


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100% < 2.0
50% < 1.0
0% < -2.0
94% < 0.0
99% < -3.0

Projected Conditions at 0.2 Probability Level 12 Month SPI at 6 months

Colorado 6/2006 12 mon. SPI – Projected 6 mon. at P=0.20



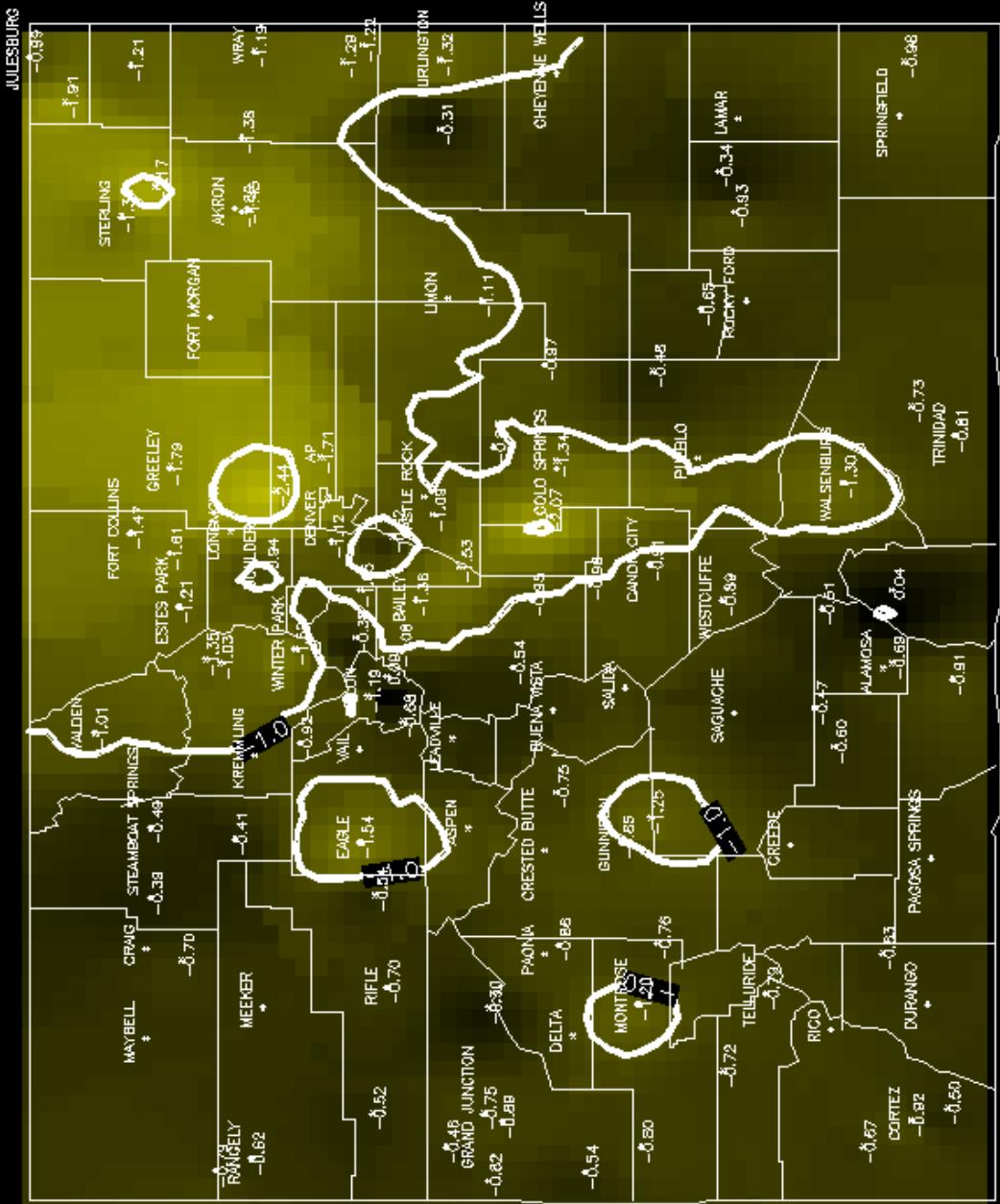
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100 % < 2.0	99 % < -1.0
100 % < 1.0	16 % < -2.0
100 % < 0.0	0 % < -3.0

Projected Conditions at 0.5 Probability Level 12 Month SPI at 6 months

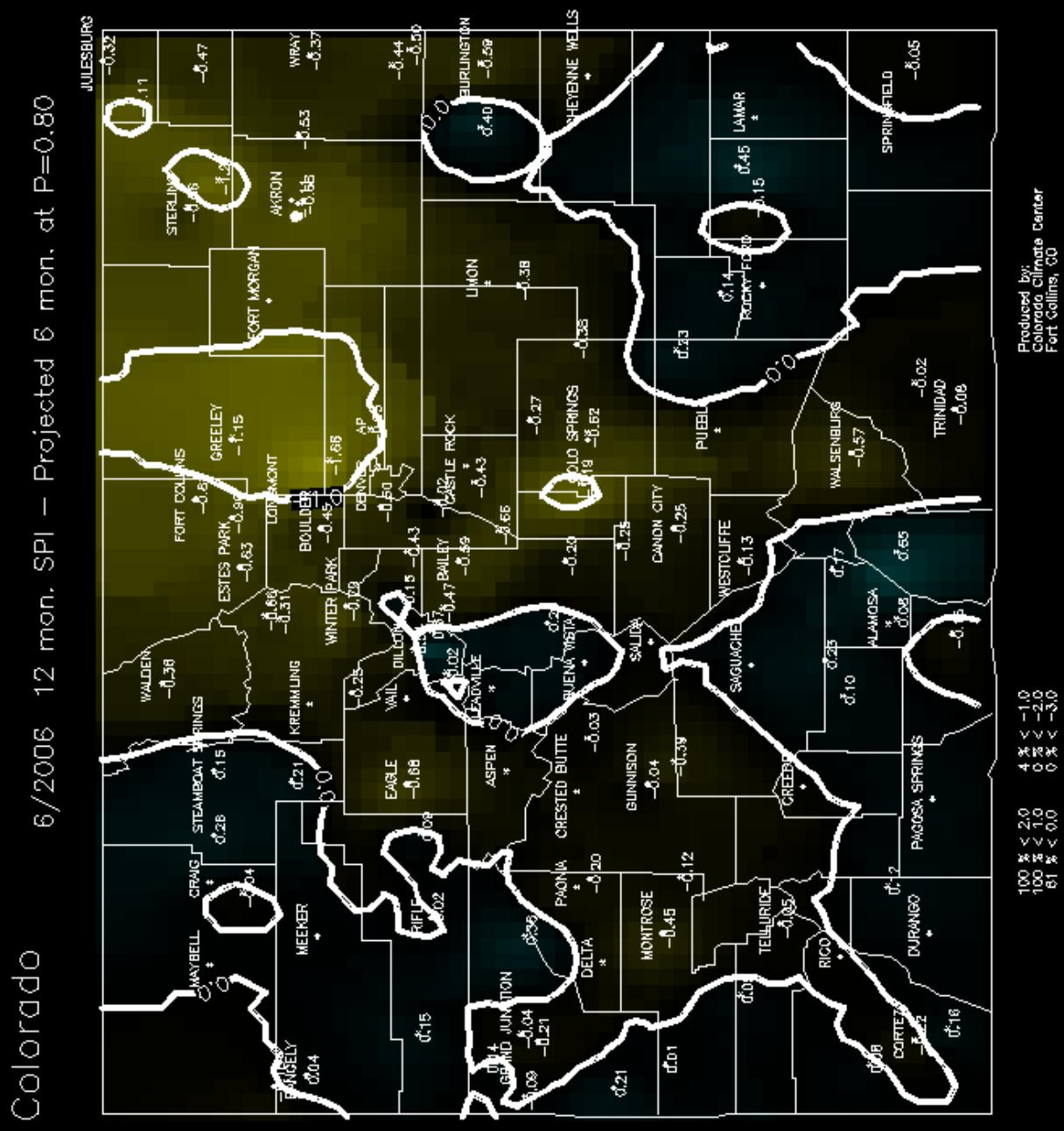
Colorado

6/2006 12 mon. SPI – Projected 6 mon. at P=0.50



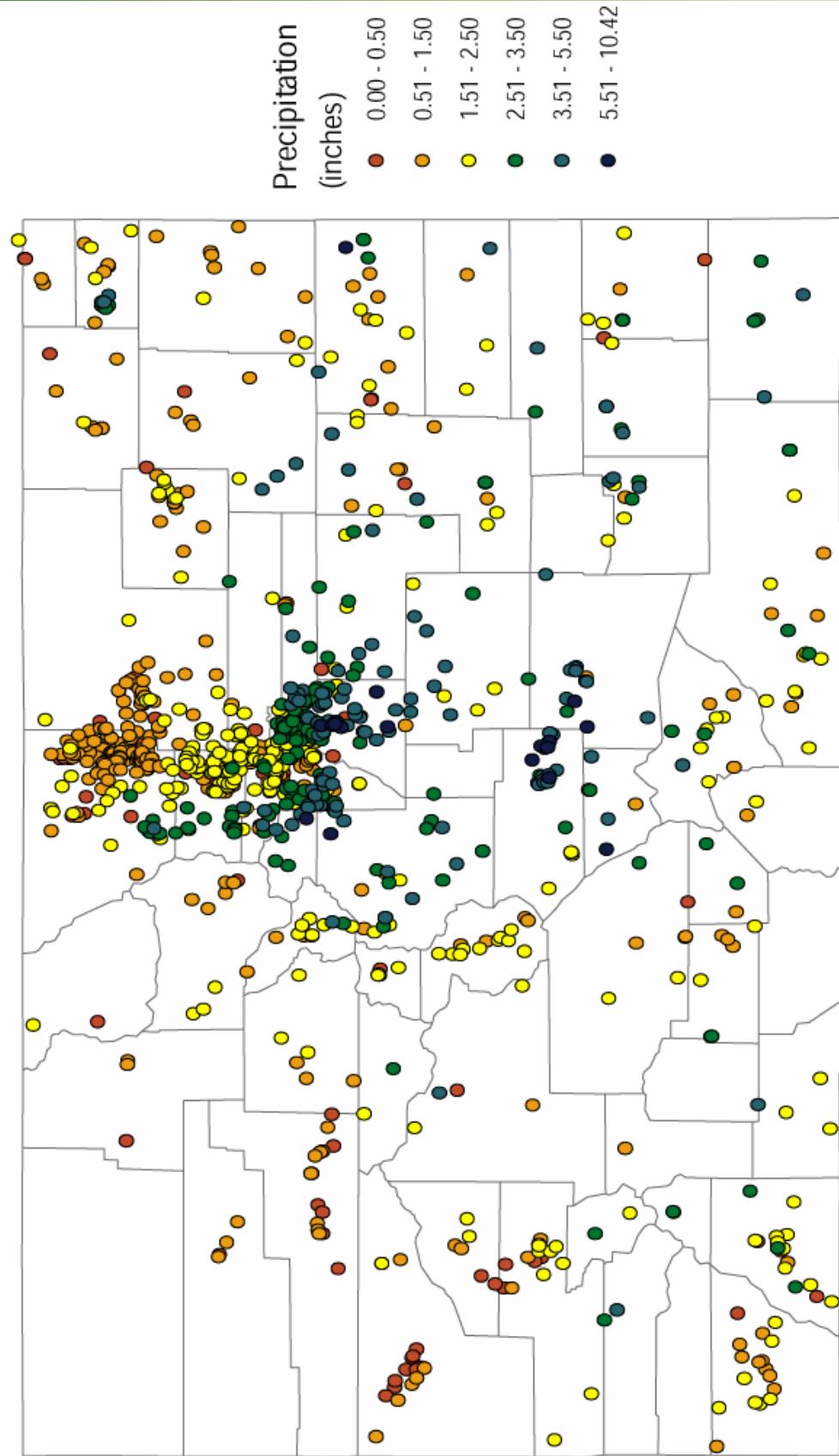
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Projected Conditions at 0.8 Probability Level 12 Month SPI at 6 months



CoCoRaHS All Stations

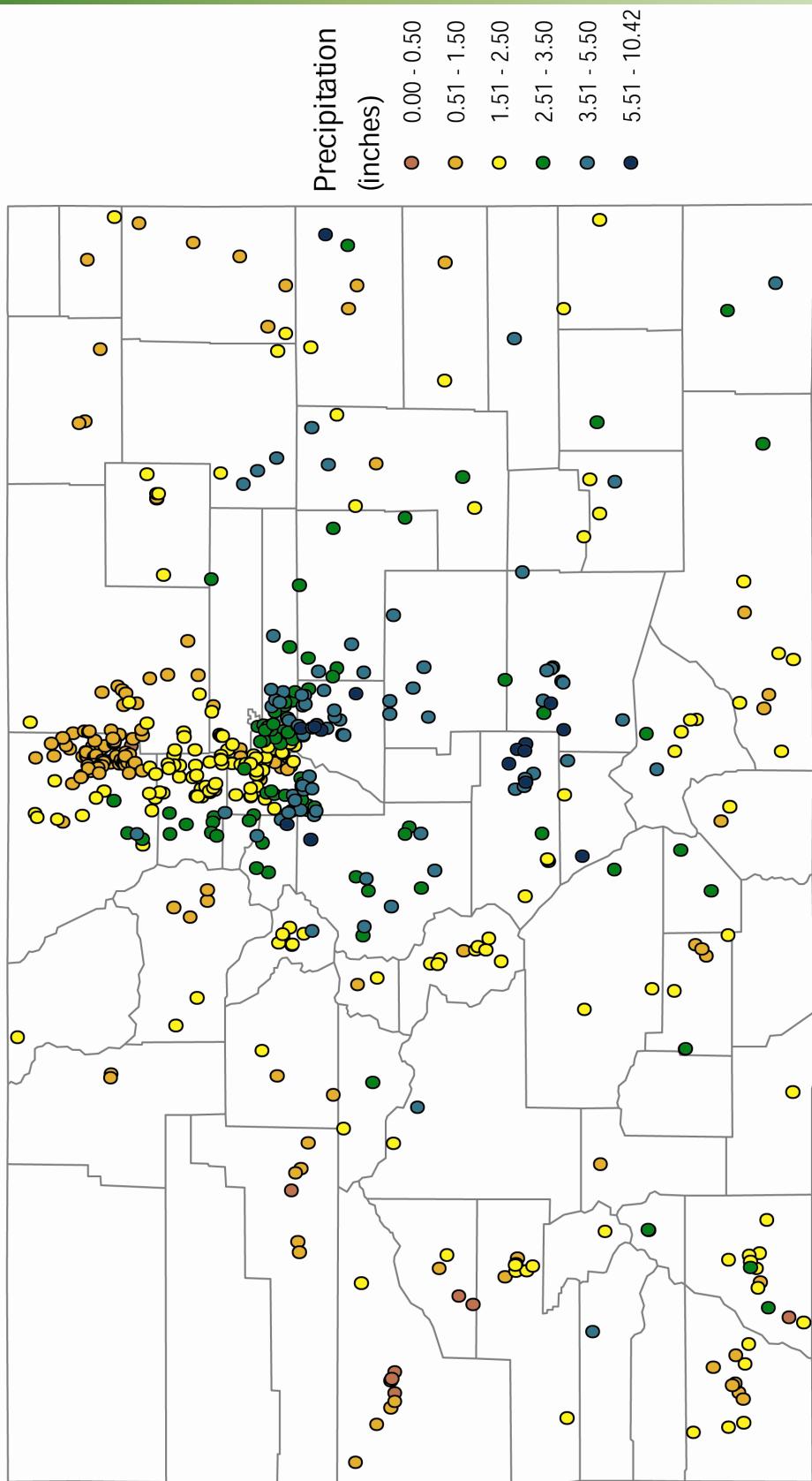
Colorado



CoCoRaHS Observations for 01 July 2006 - 19 July 2006

CoCo RaHS .GE. 15 Observations

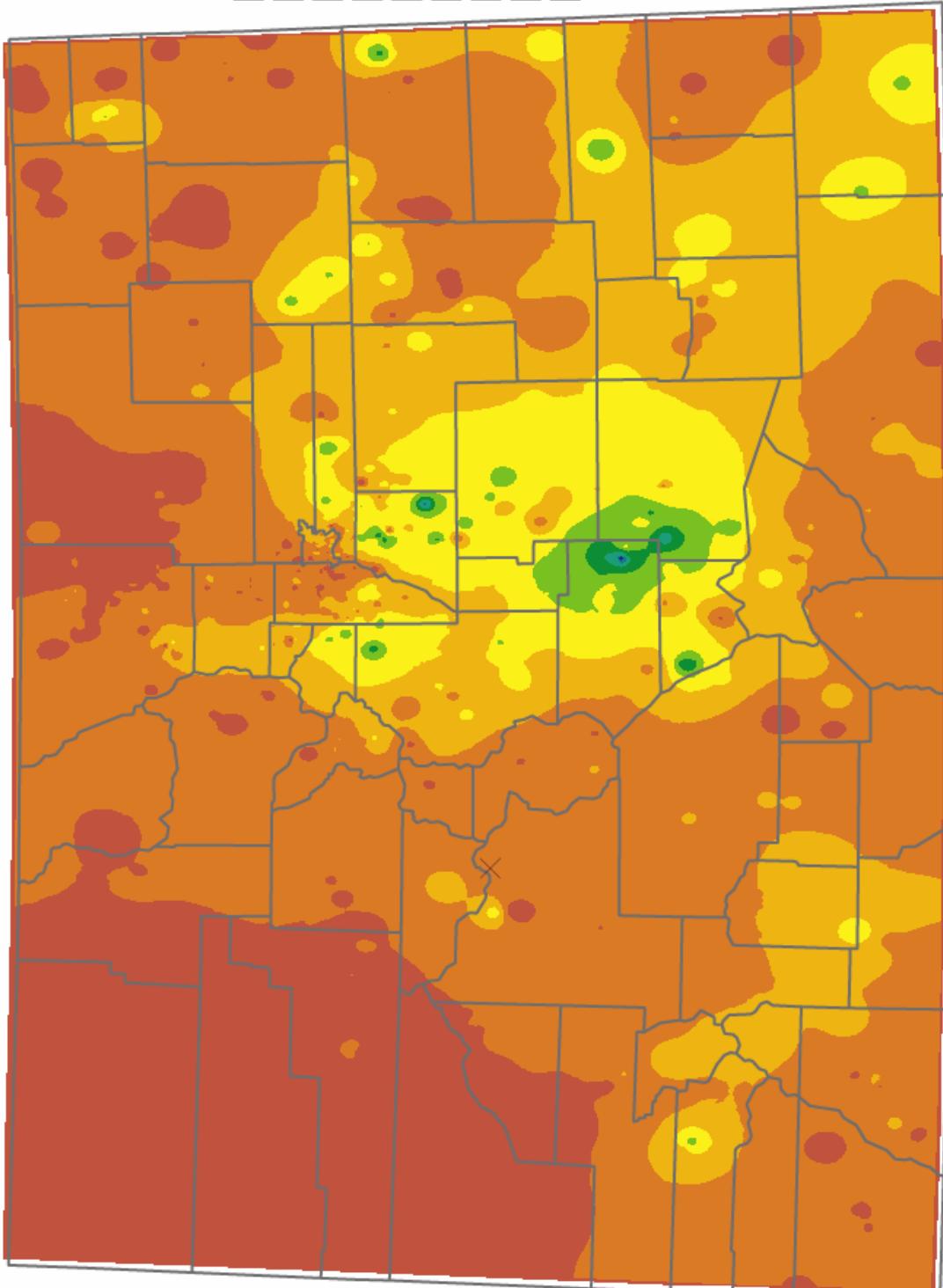
Colorado



CoCoRaHS Observations for 01 July 2006 - 19 July 2006
(greater than 15 observations)

CoCoRaHS Contour Analysis

Colorado

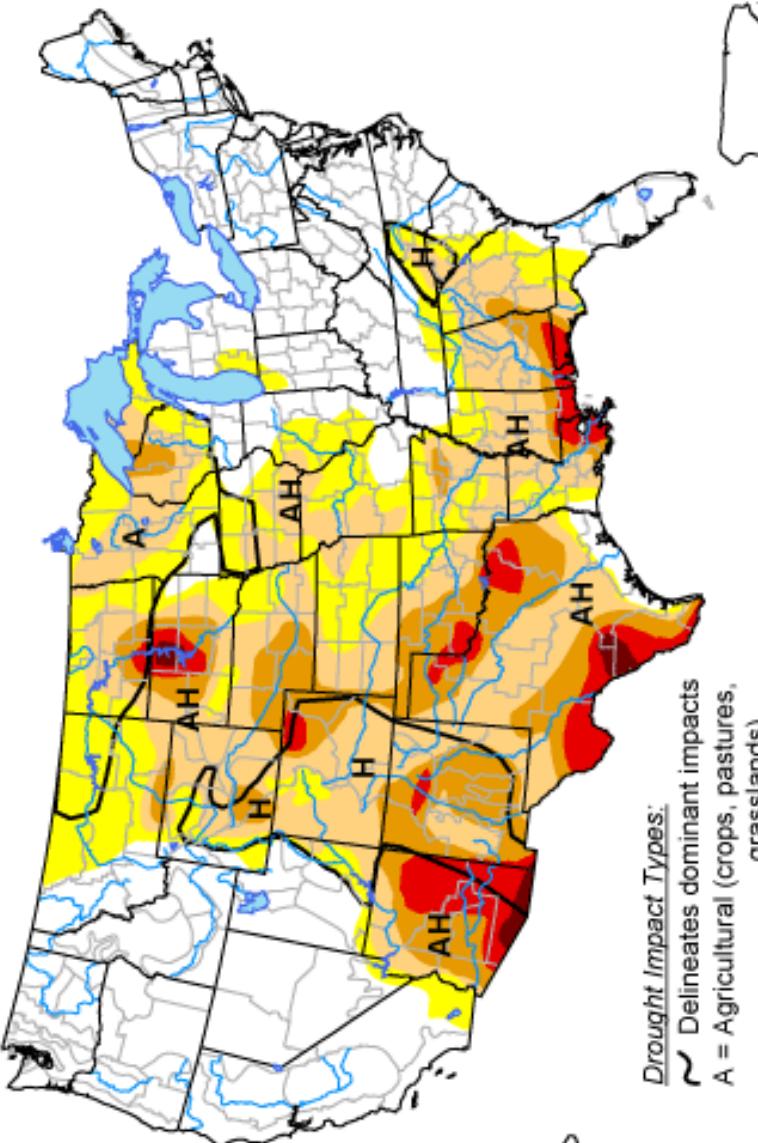


CoCoRaHS Observations for 01 July 2006 - 19 July 2006

Drought Monitor Map

U.S. Drought Monitor

July 11, 2006
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
- H = Hydrological (water)

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary
for forecast statements.



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