



NRCS – Snow Survey & Water Supply Forecasting

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The 2009 Water Year

October – Near average precipitation during the first half of the month, followed by dry conditions during the second half. Below average snowpack accumulations during the month.

November – Below average precipitation statewide. Minimal gains in mountain snowpack.

December – Heavy snow storms in the southern mountains. Nearly a repeat of last year!!

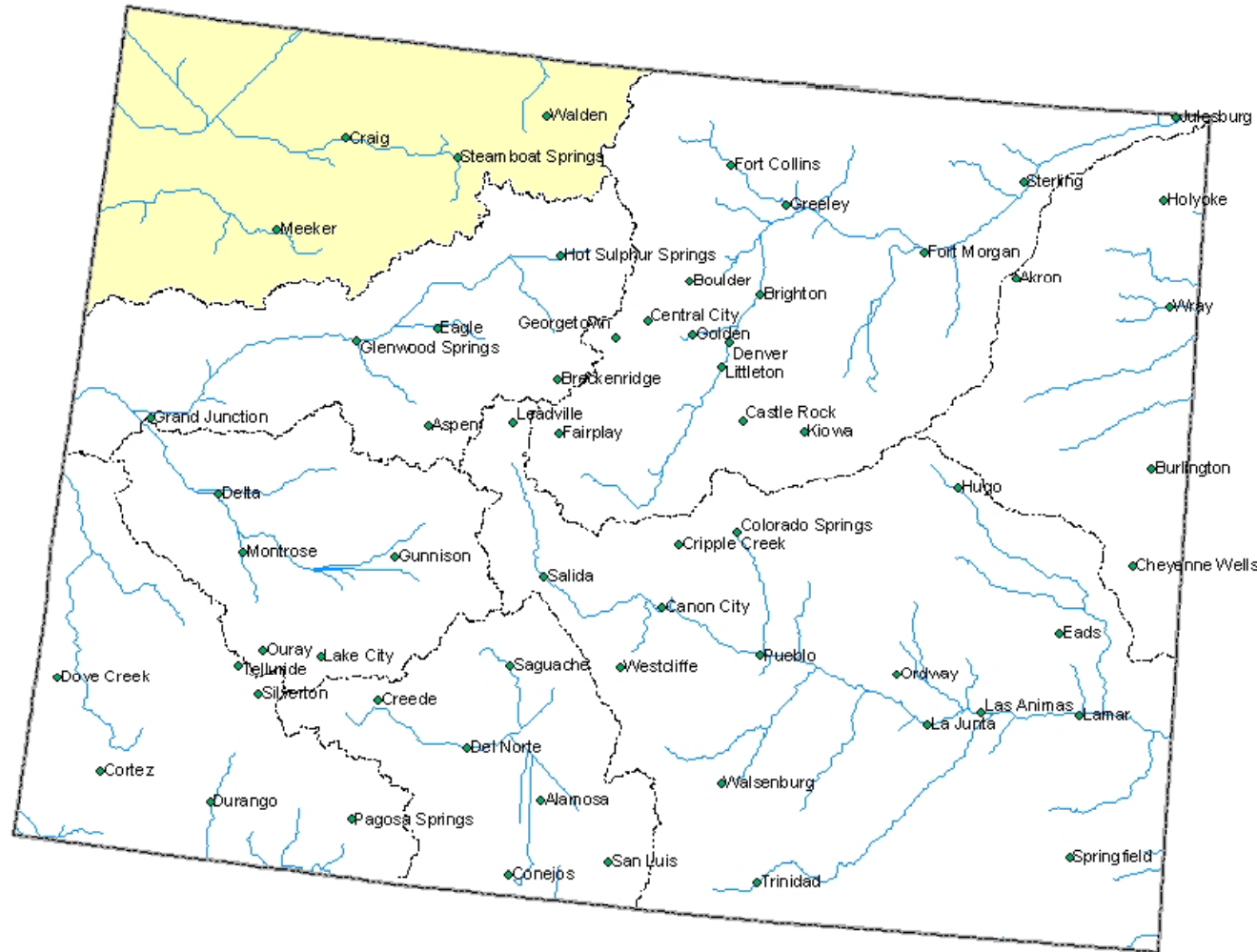
January – A good start to the month, followed by a “January Thaw”. Sizable snowpack increases at month’s end.

February – Generally below average snowfall, especially across southern mountains.

March – Warm and dry statewide

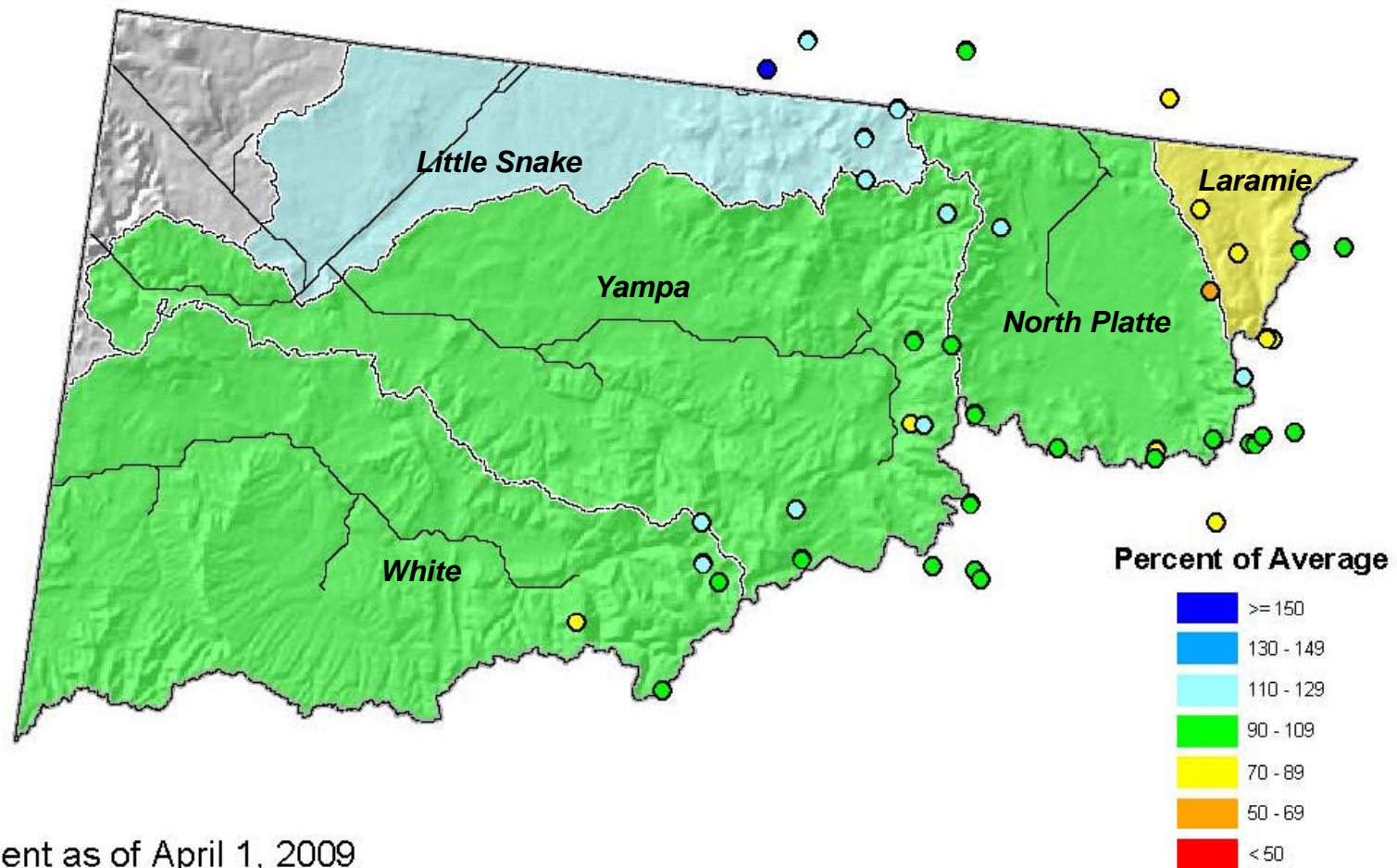
April – Sprint to the Finish Line!!

Yampa, White & North Platte River Basins Summary



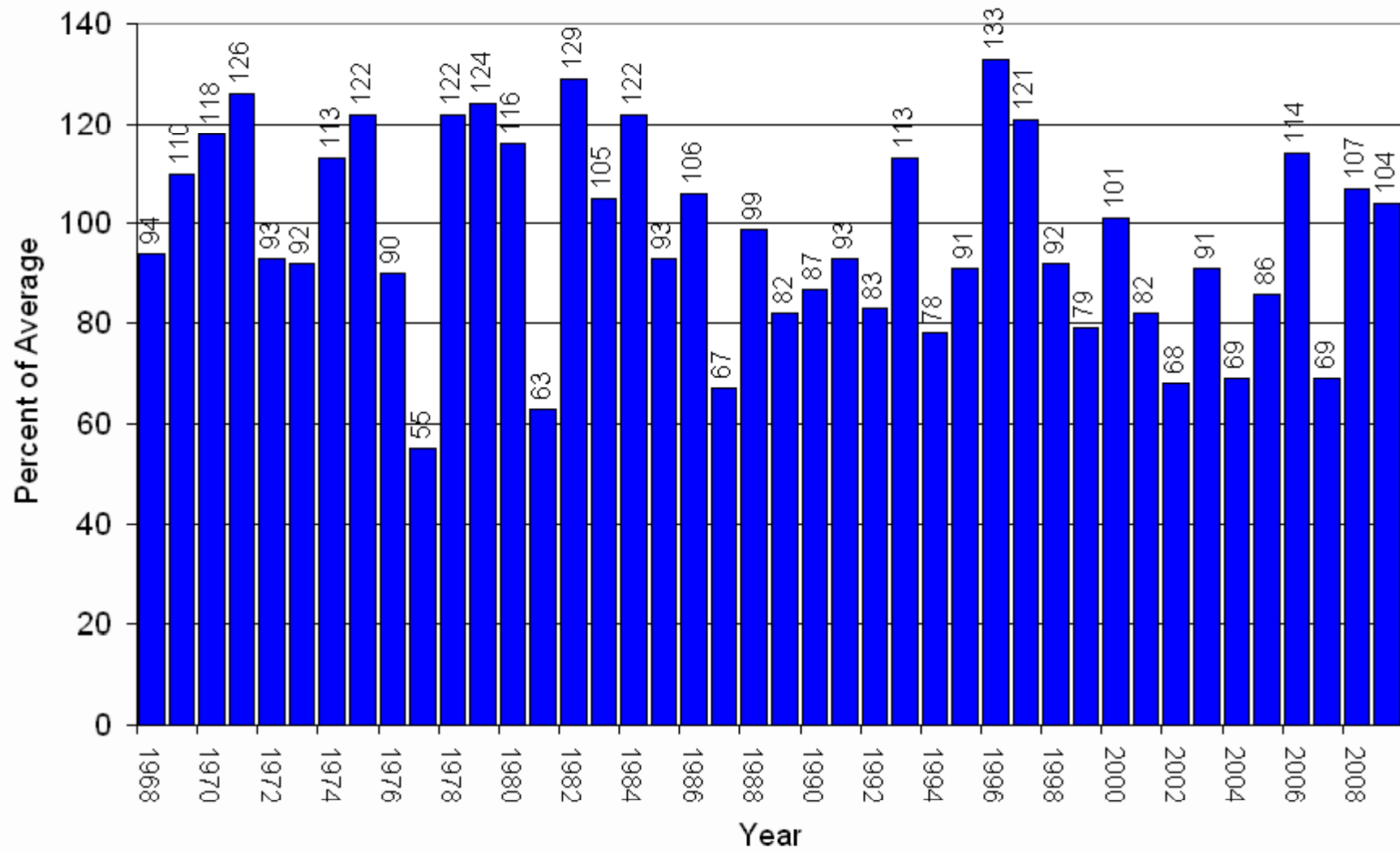
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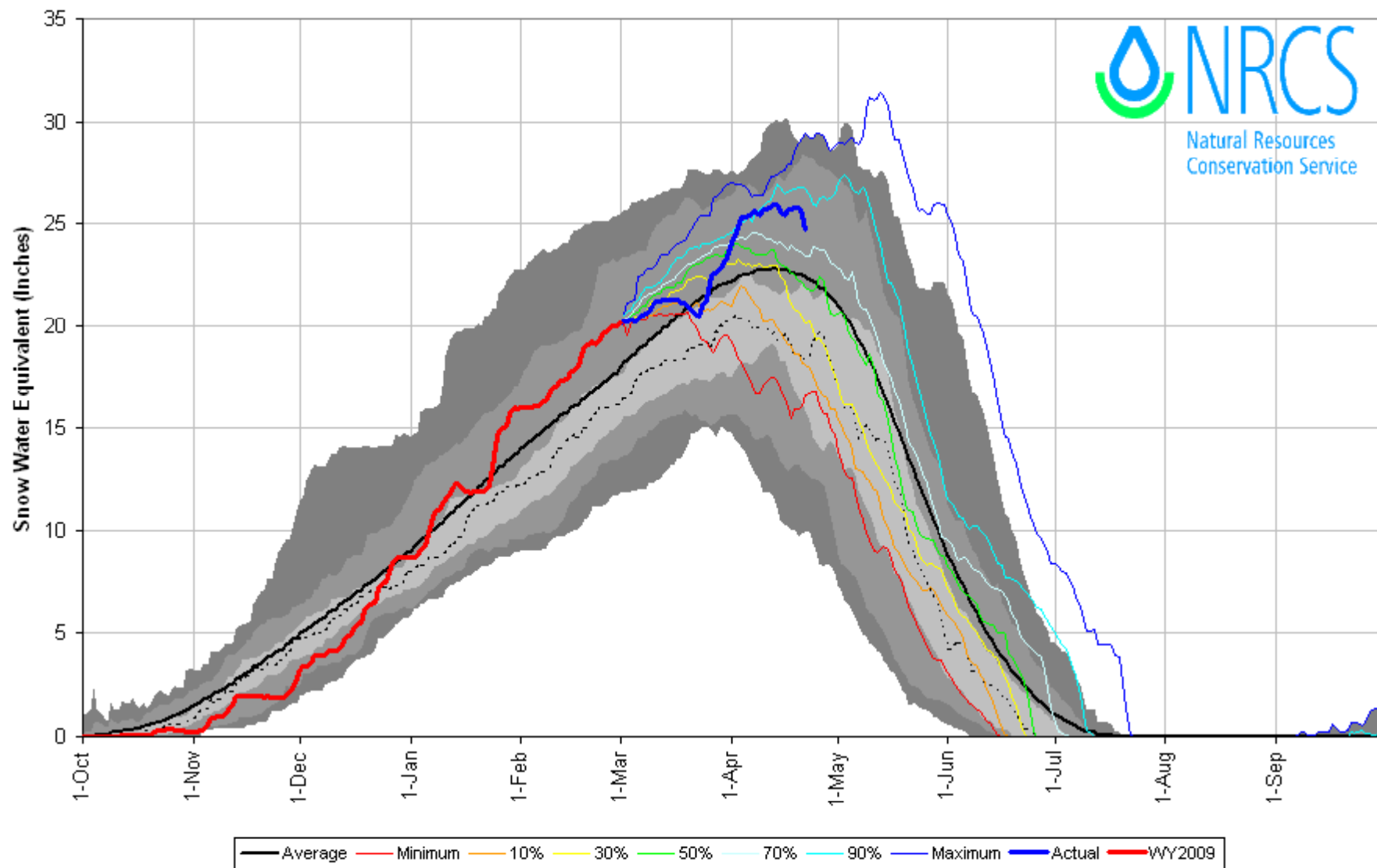


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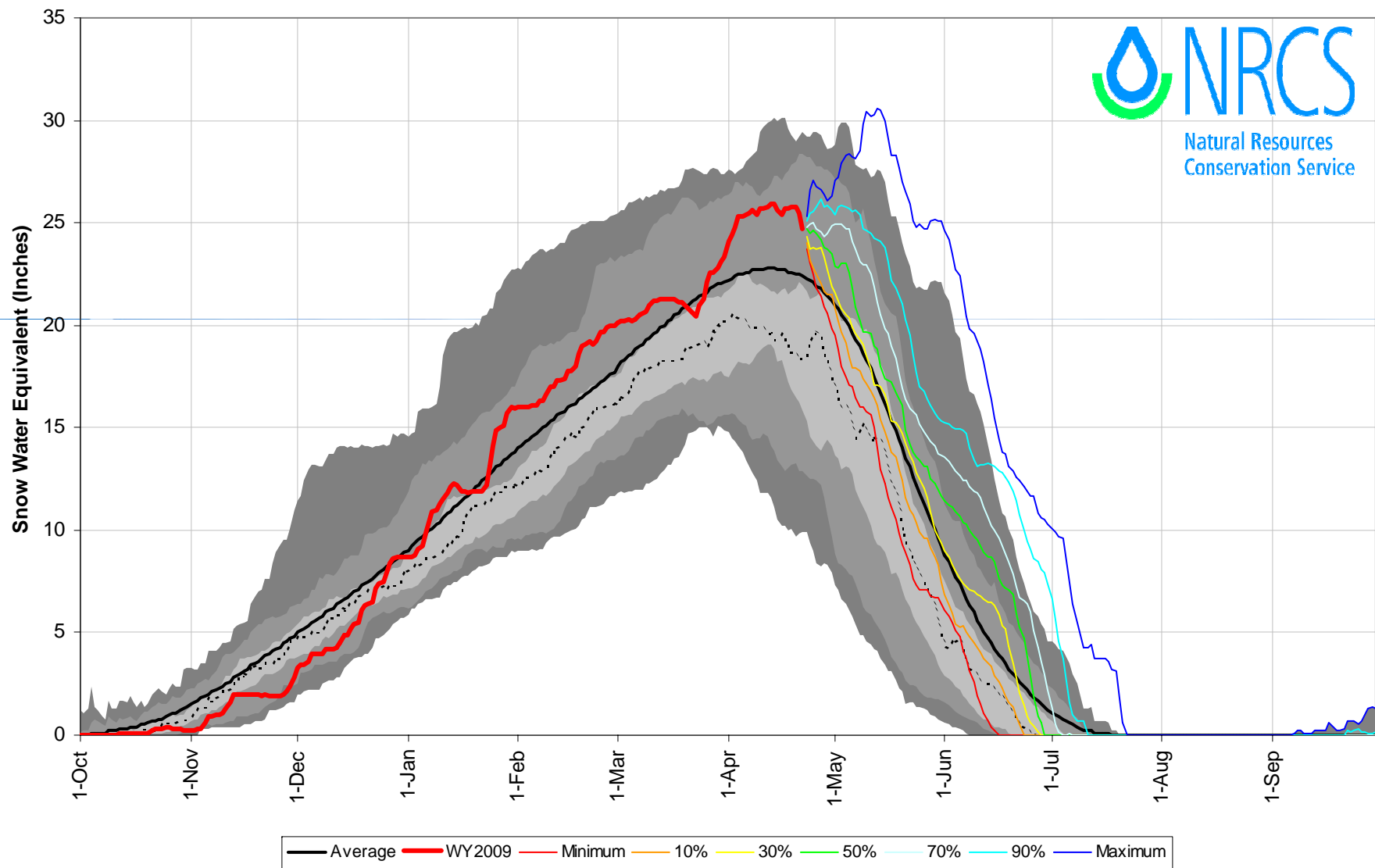


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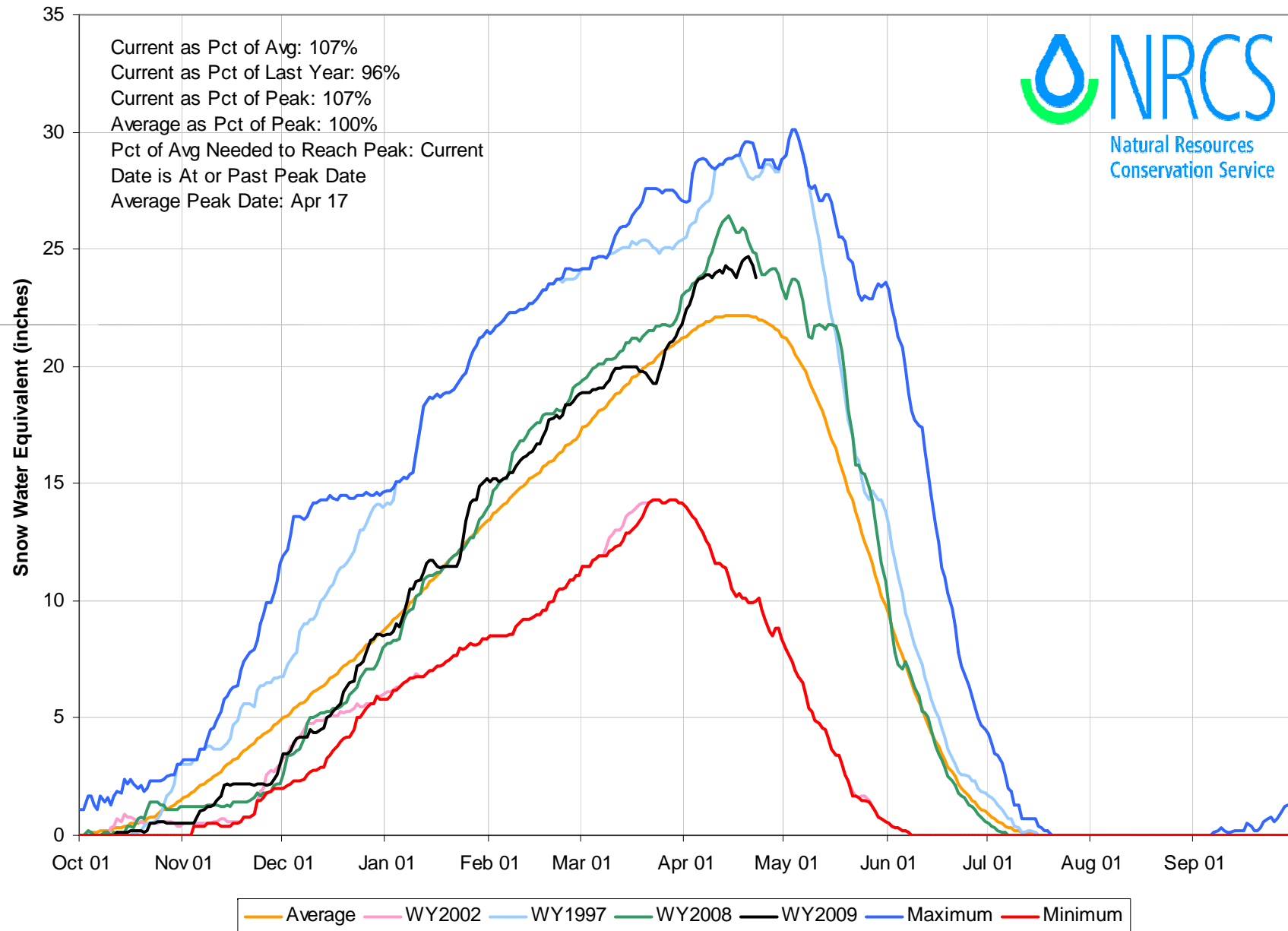
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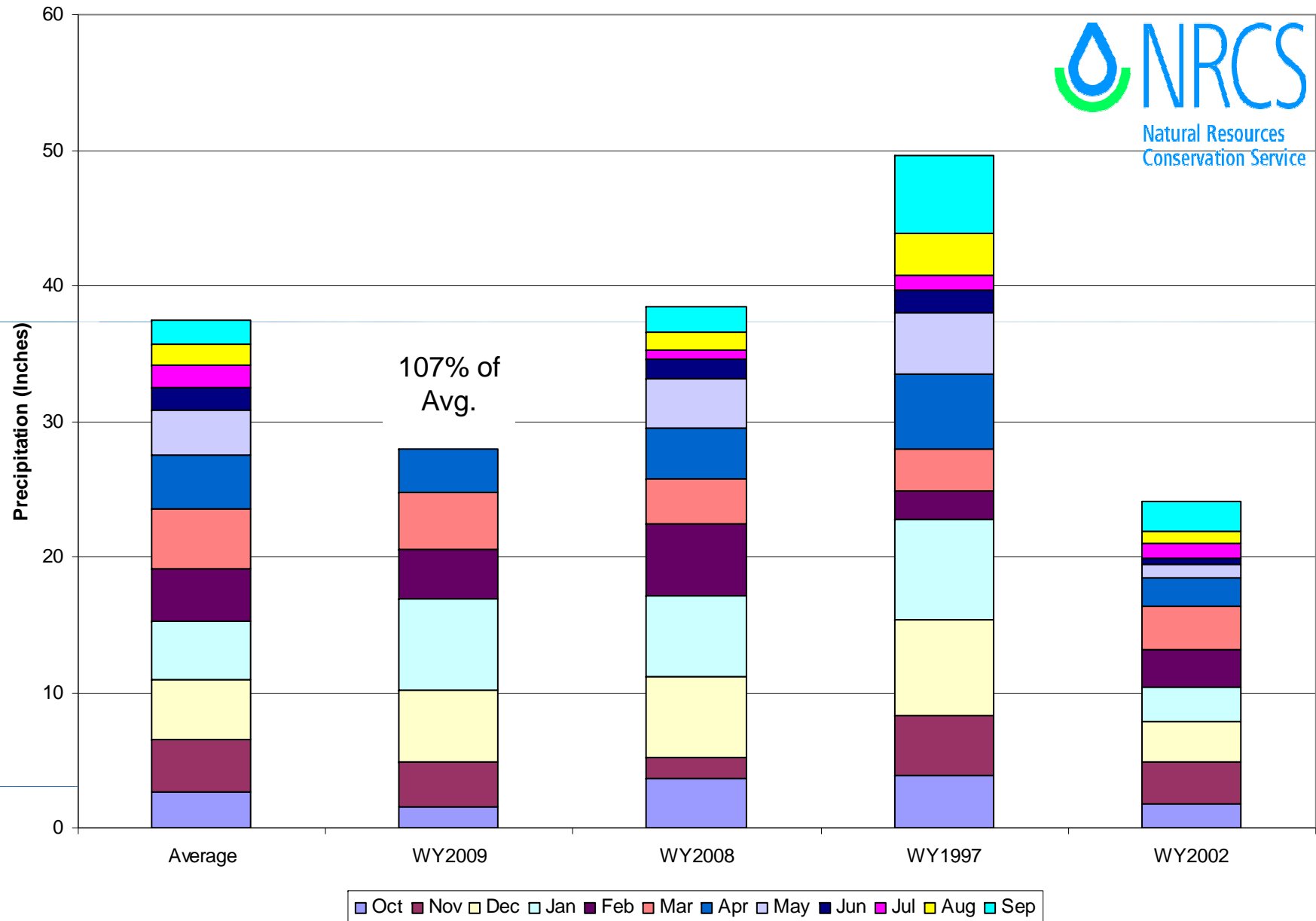
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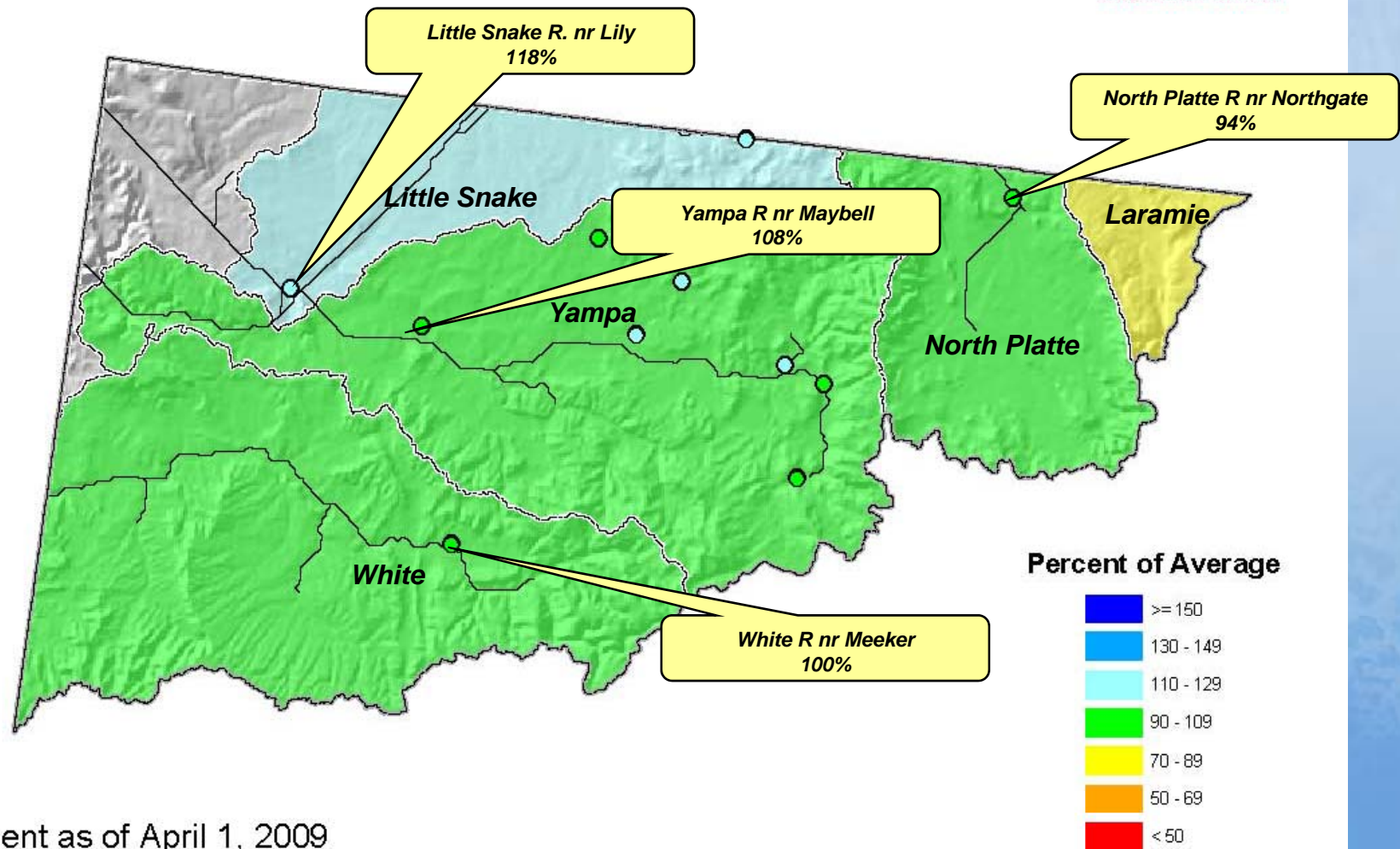
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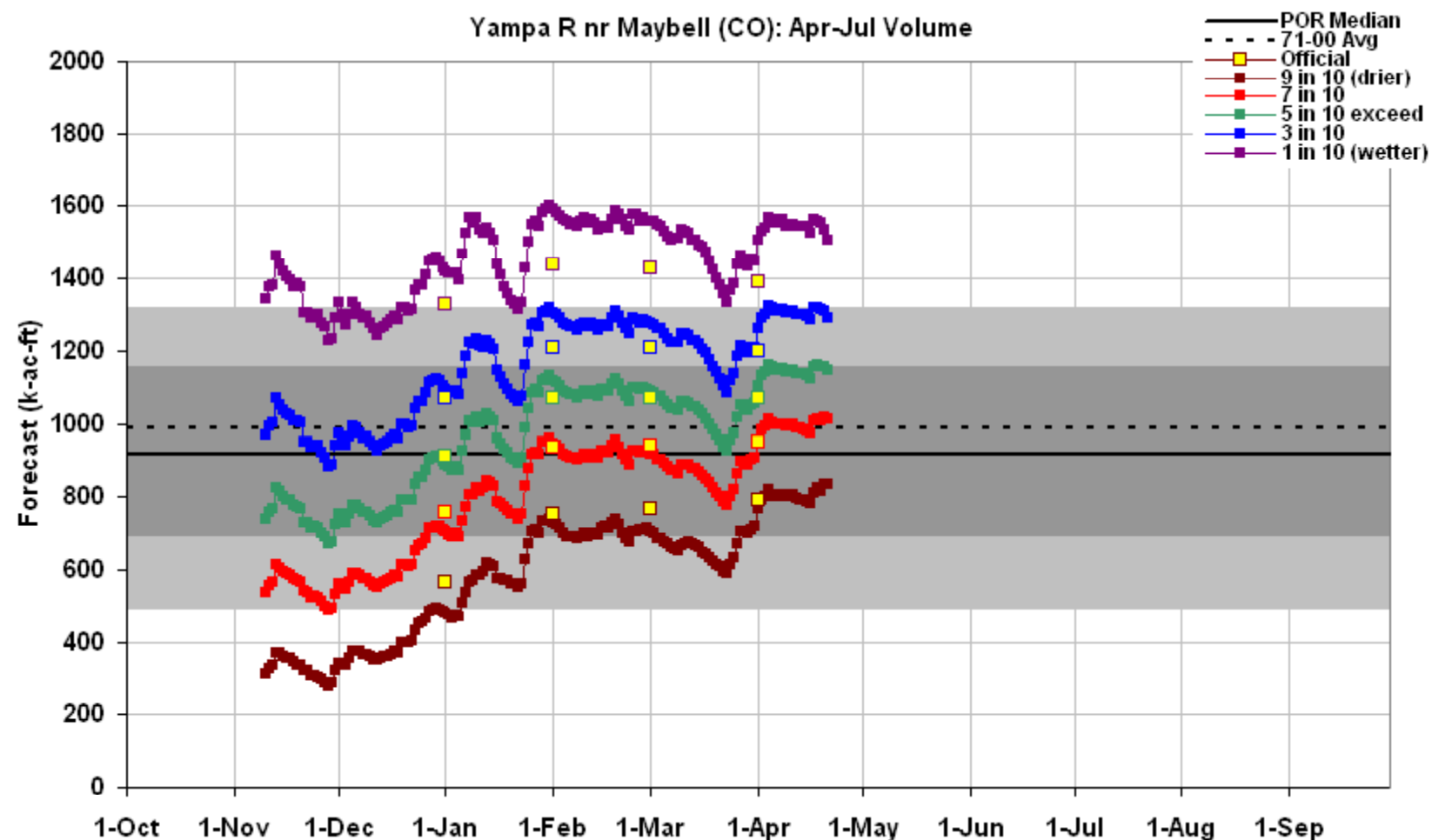


Yampa, White and North Platte River Basins Streamflow Map

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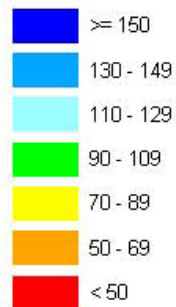
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Colorado River Basin Summary

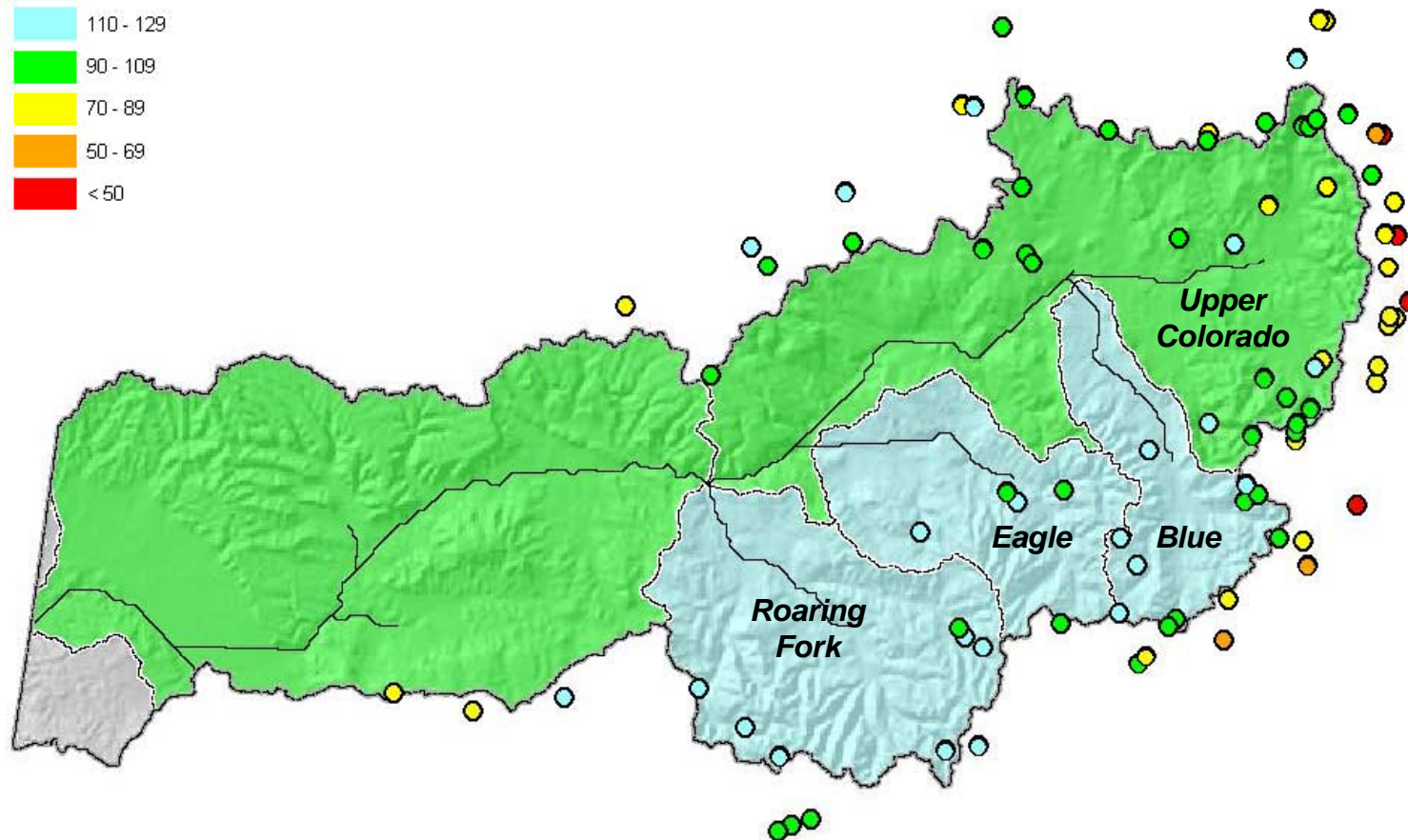


Colorado River Basin Snowpack Map

Percent of Average

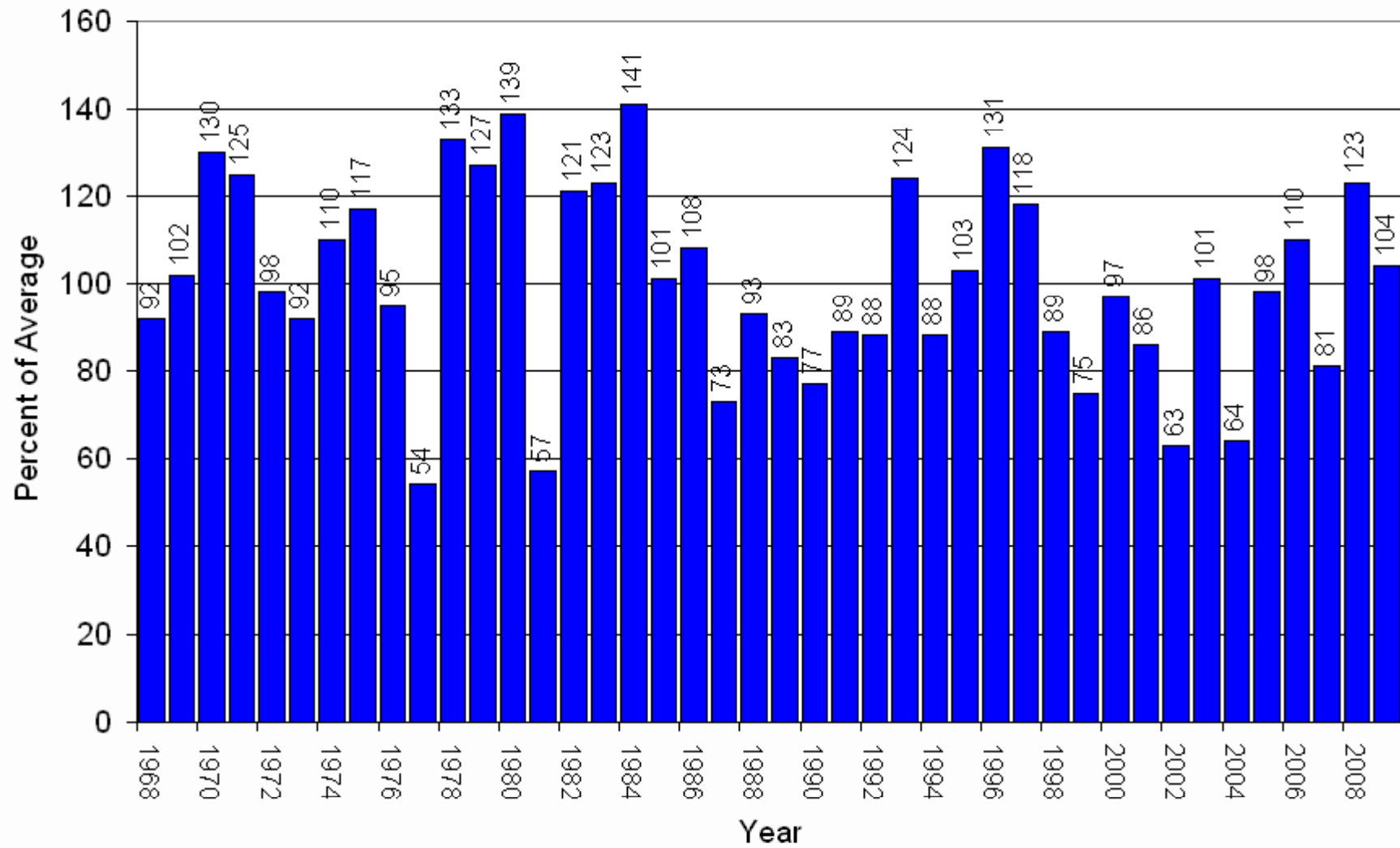


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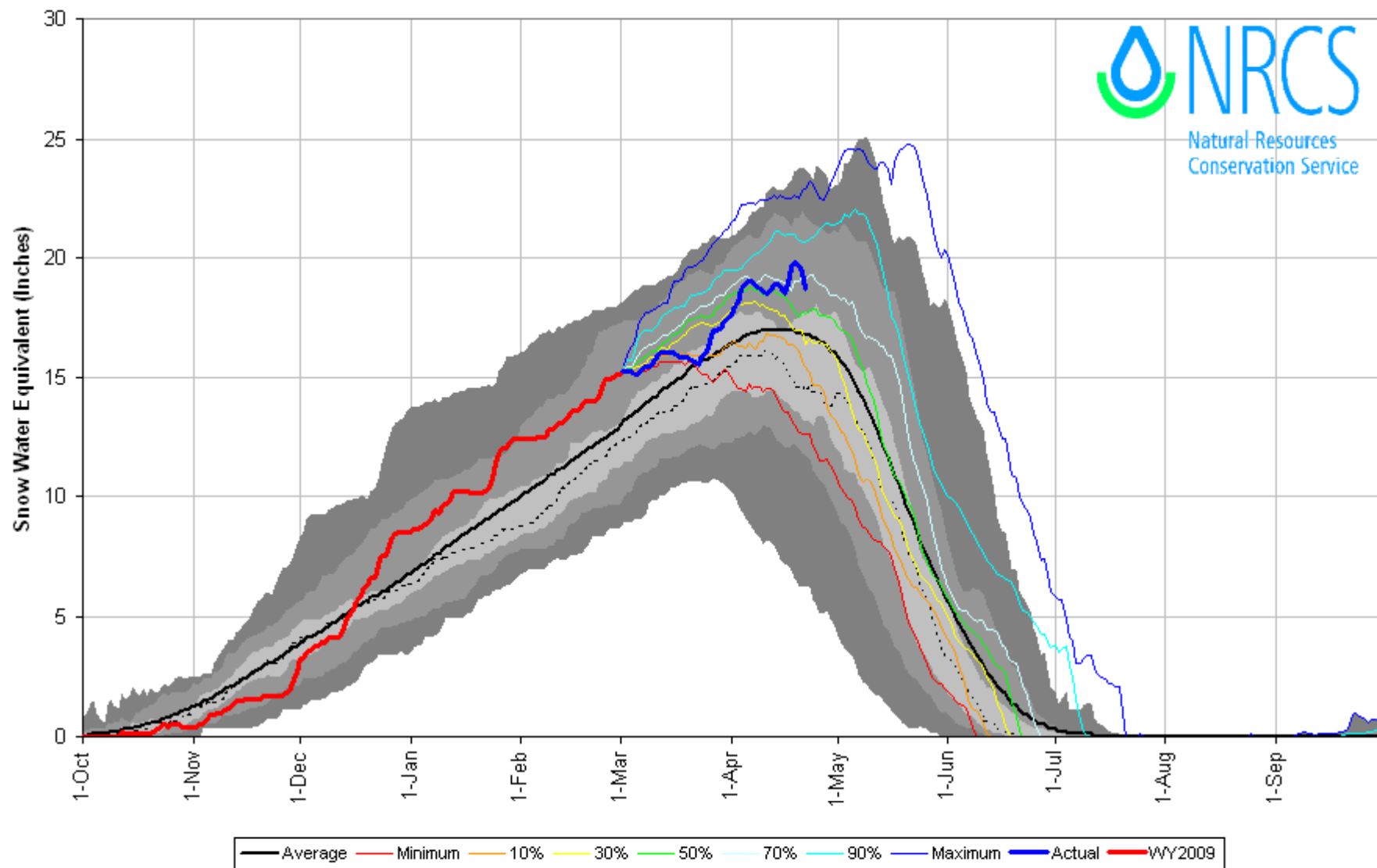


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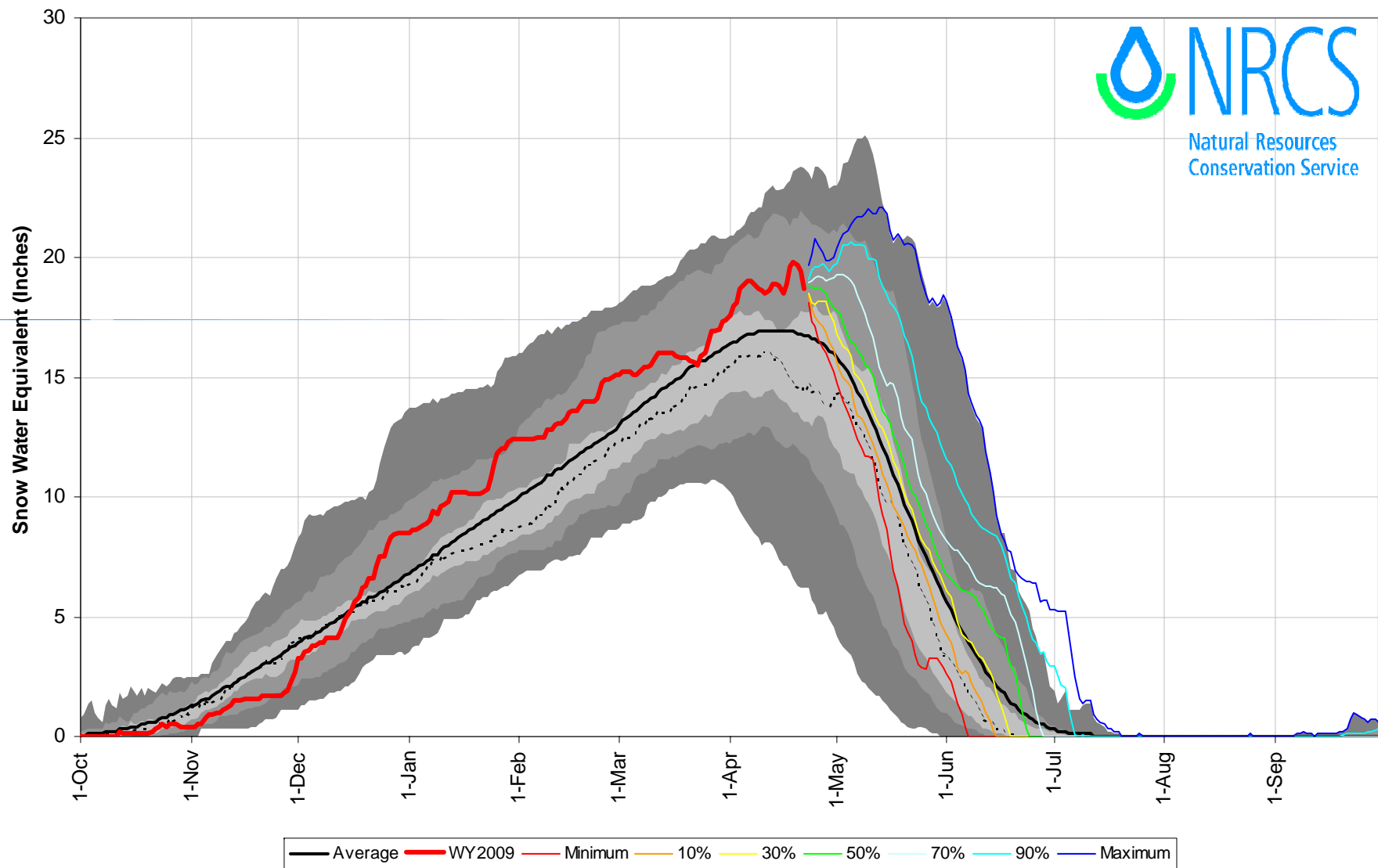
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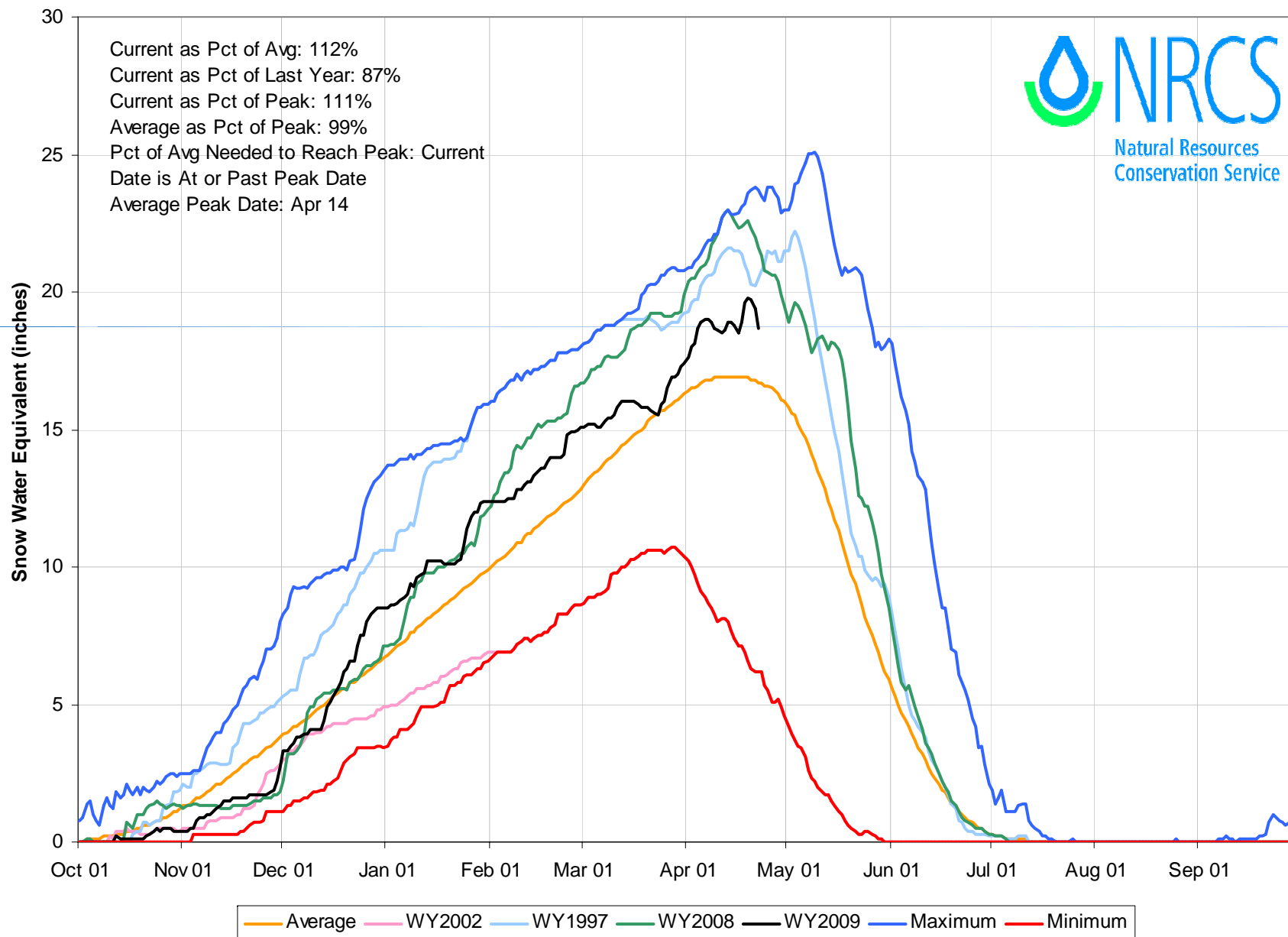


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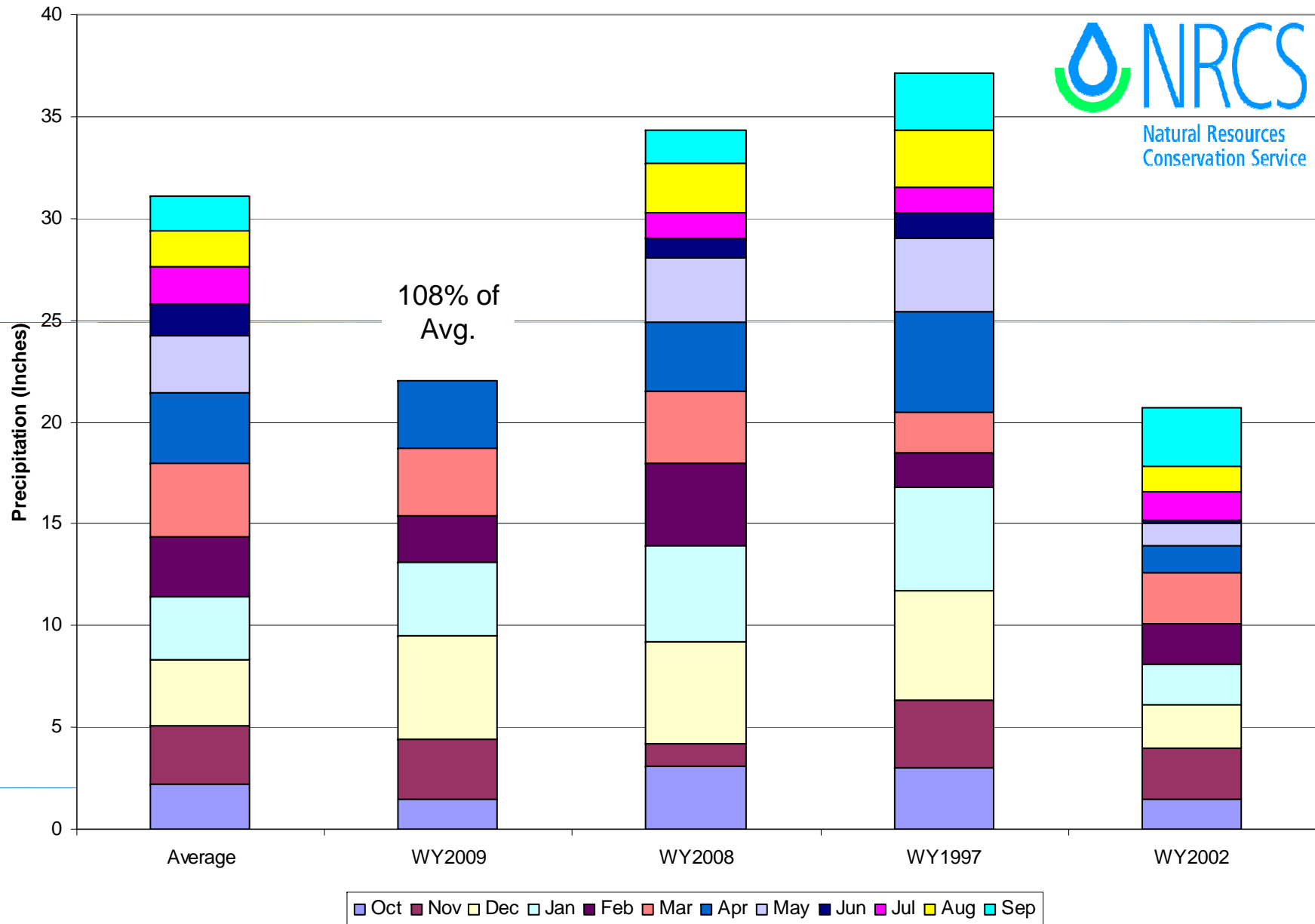
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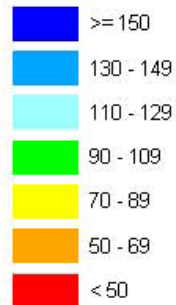
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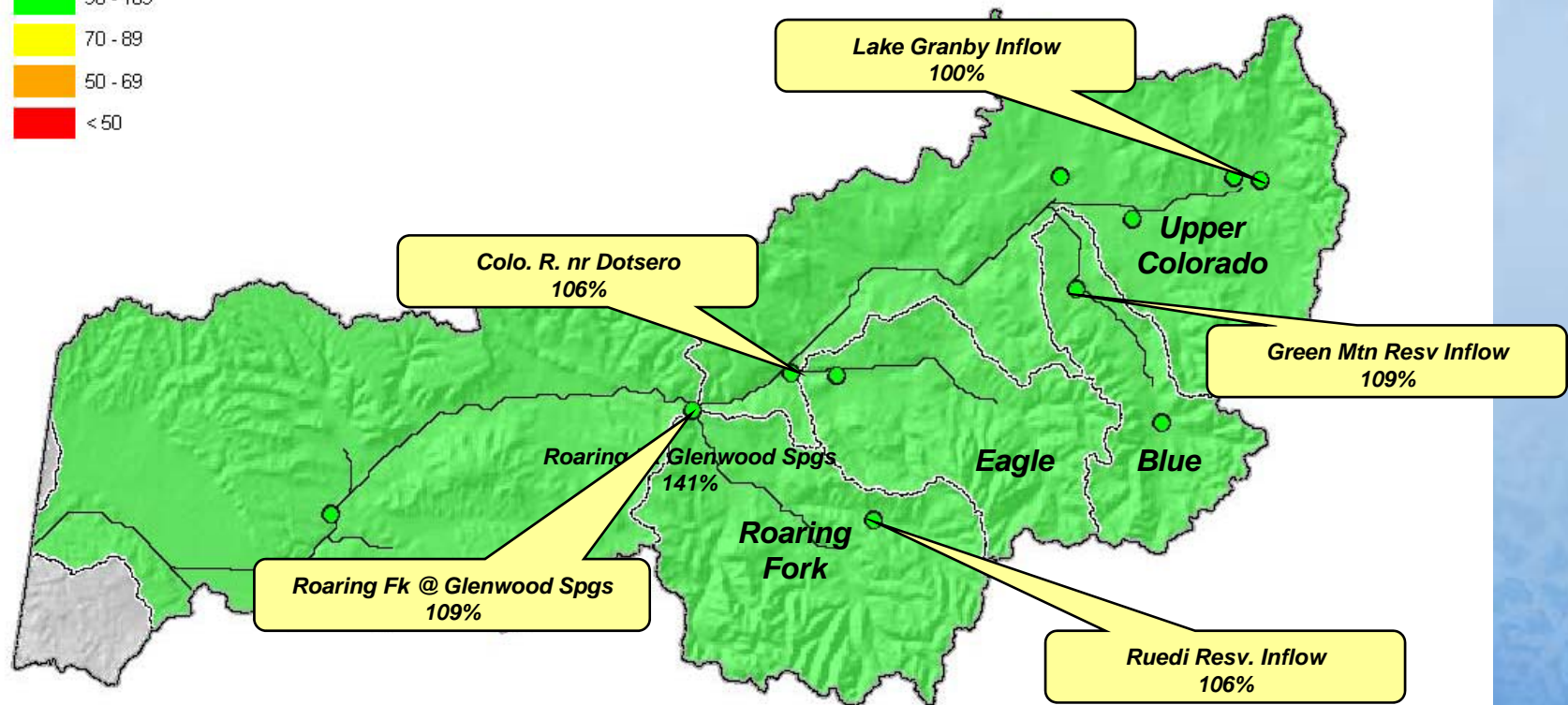


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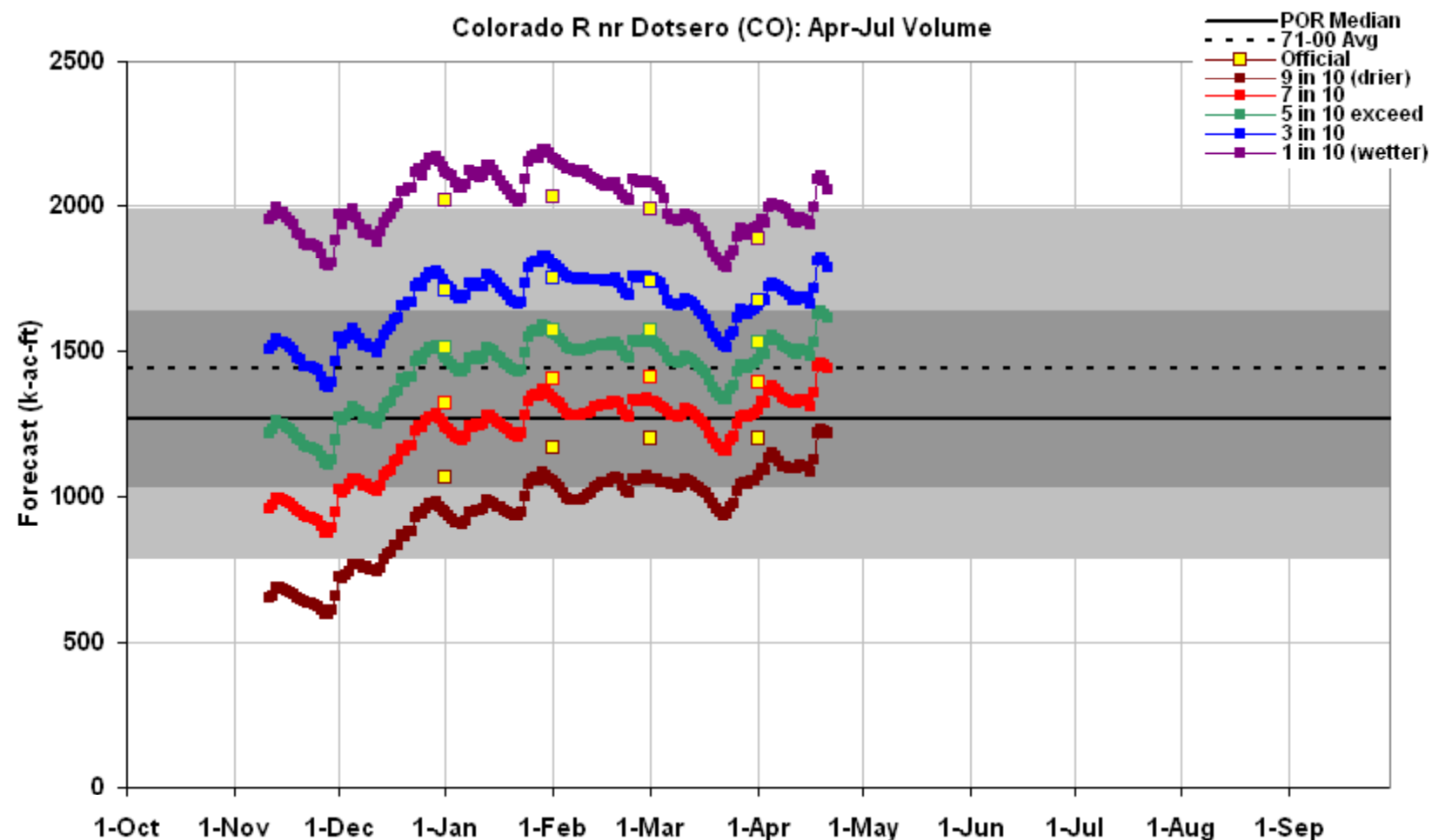
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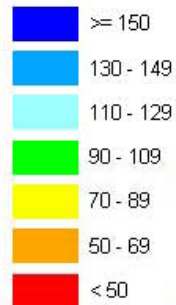
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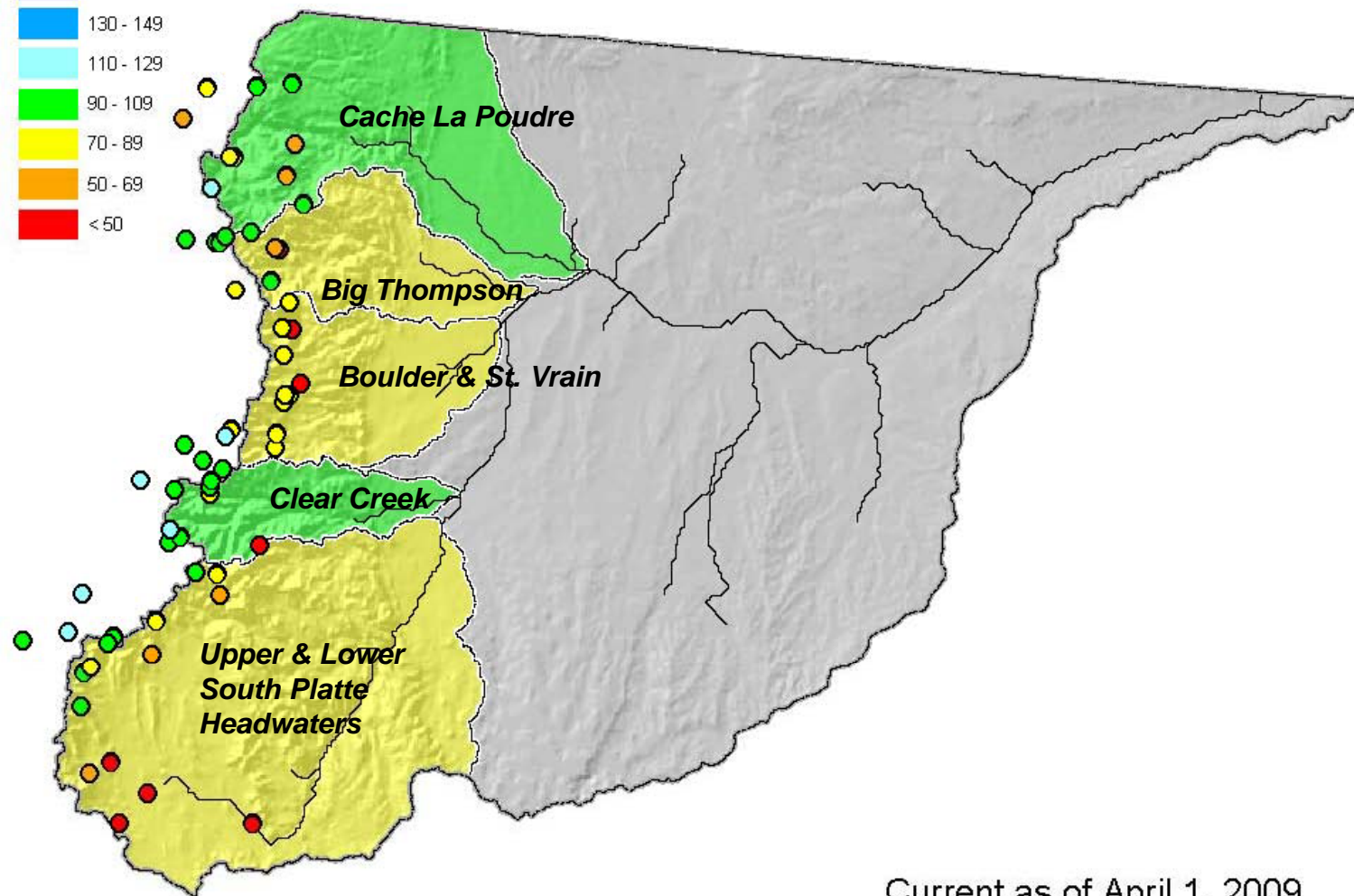


South Platte River Basin Snowpack Map

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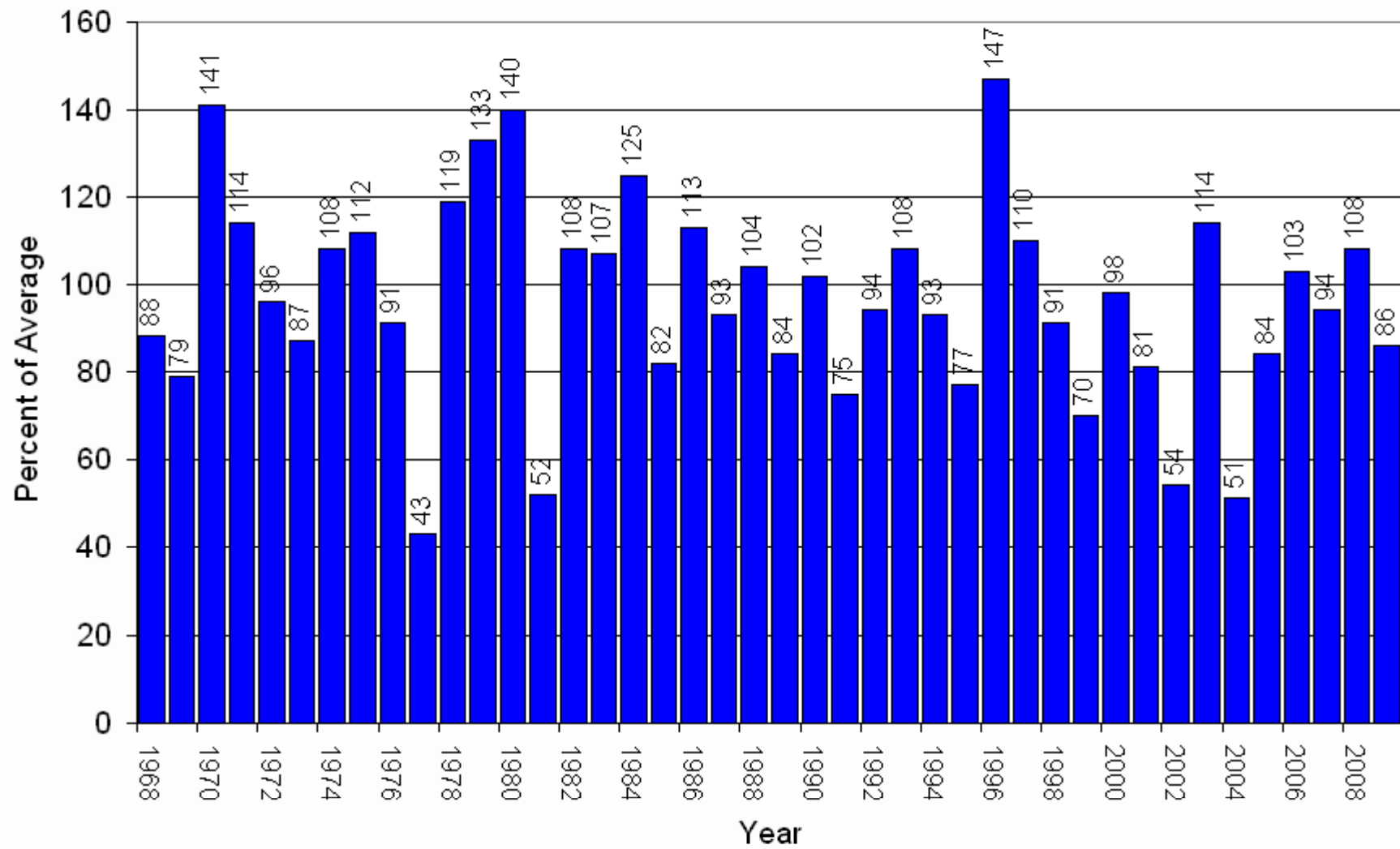


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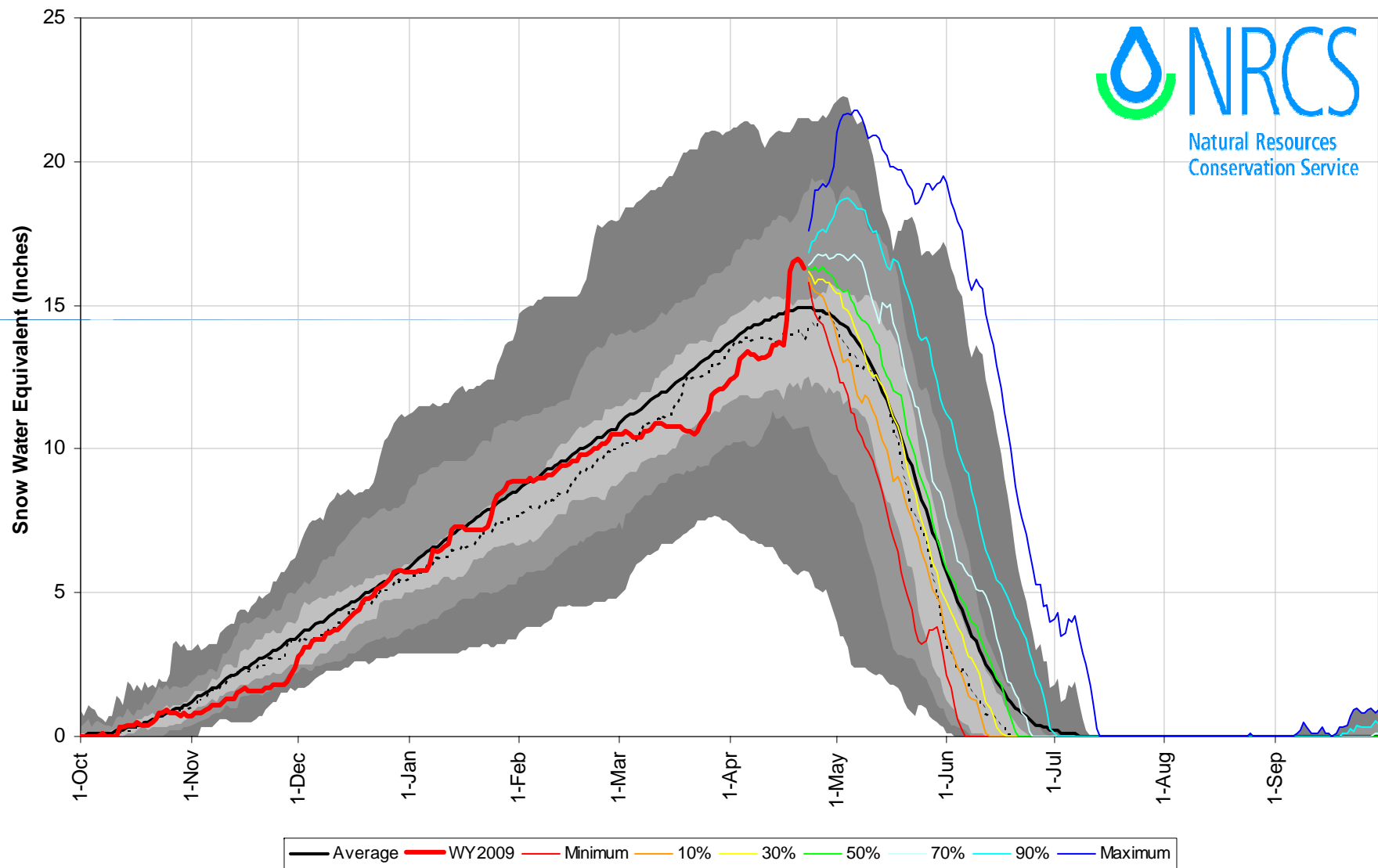


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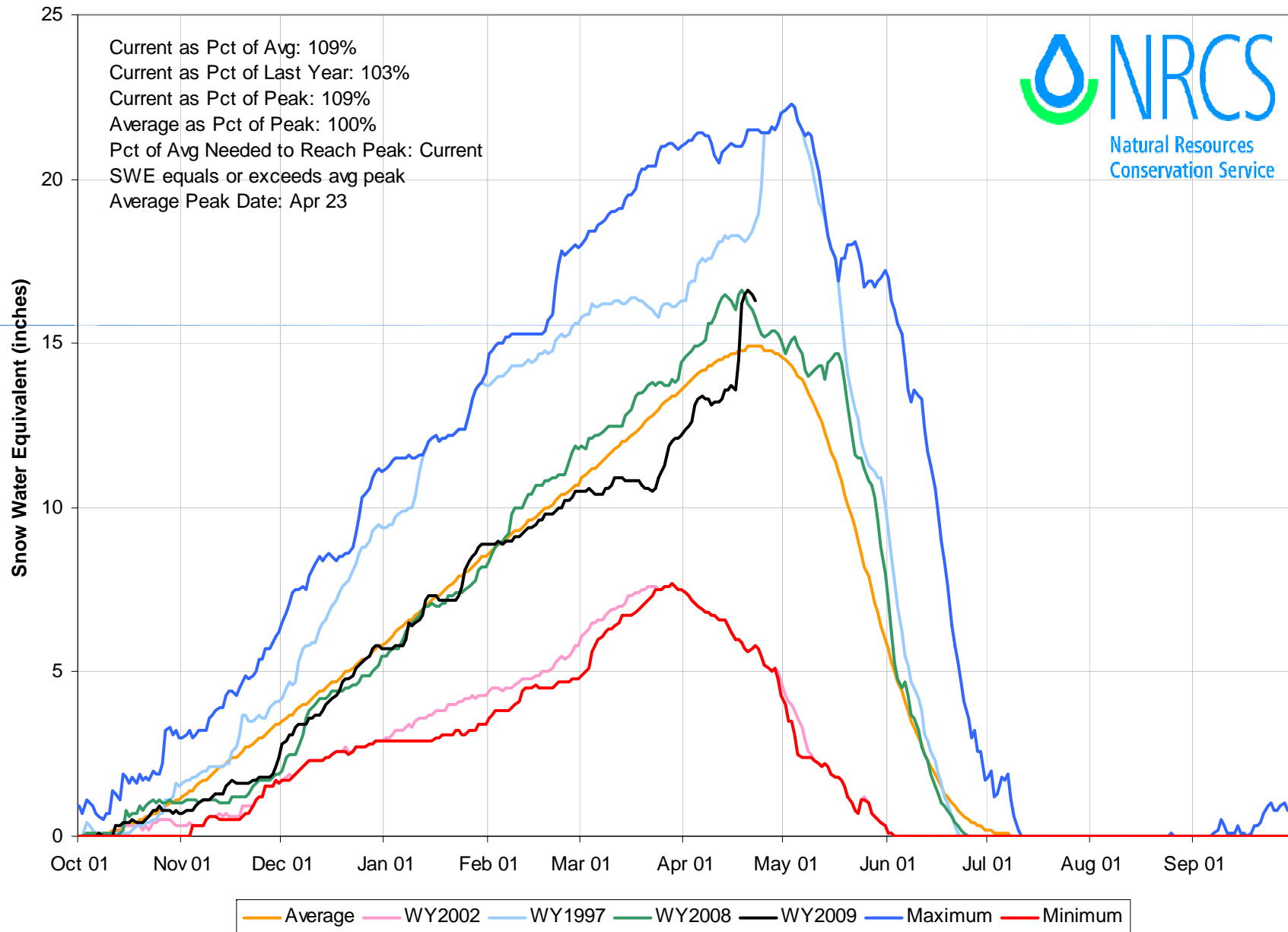
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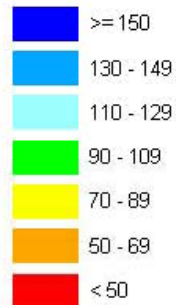


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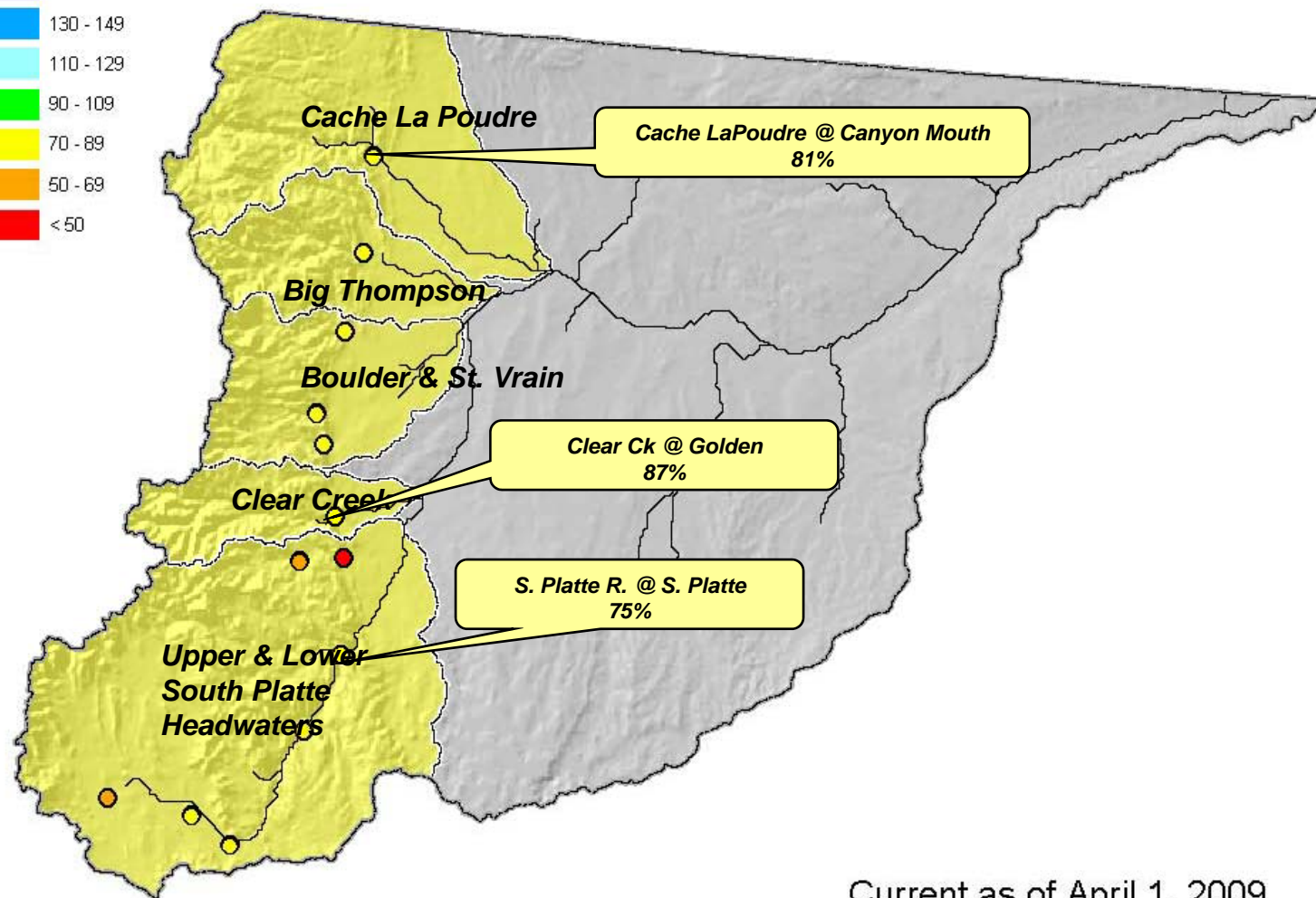


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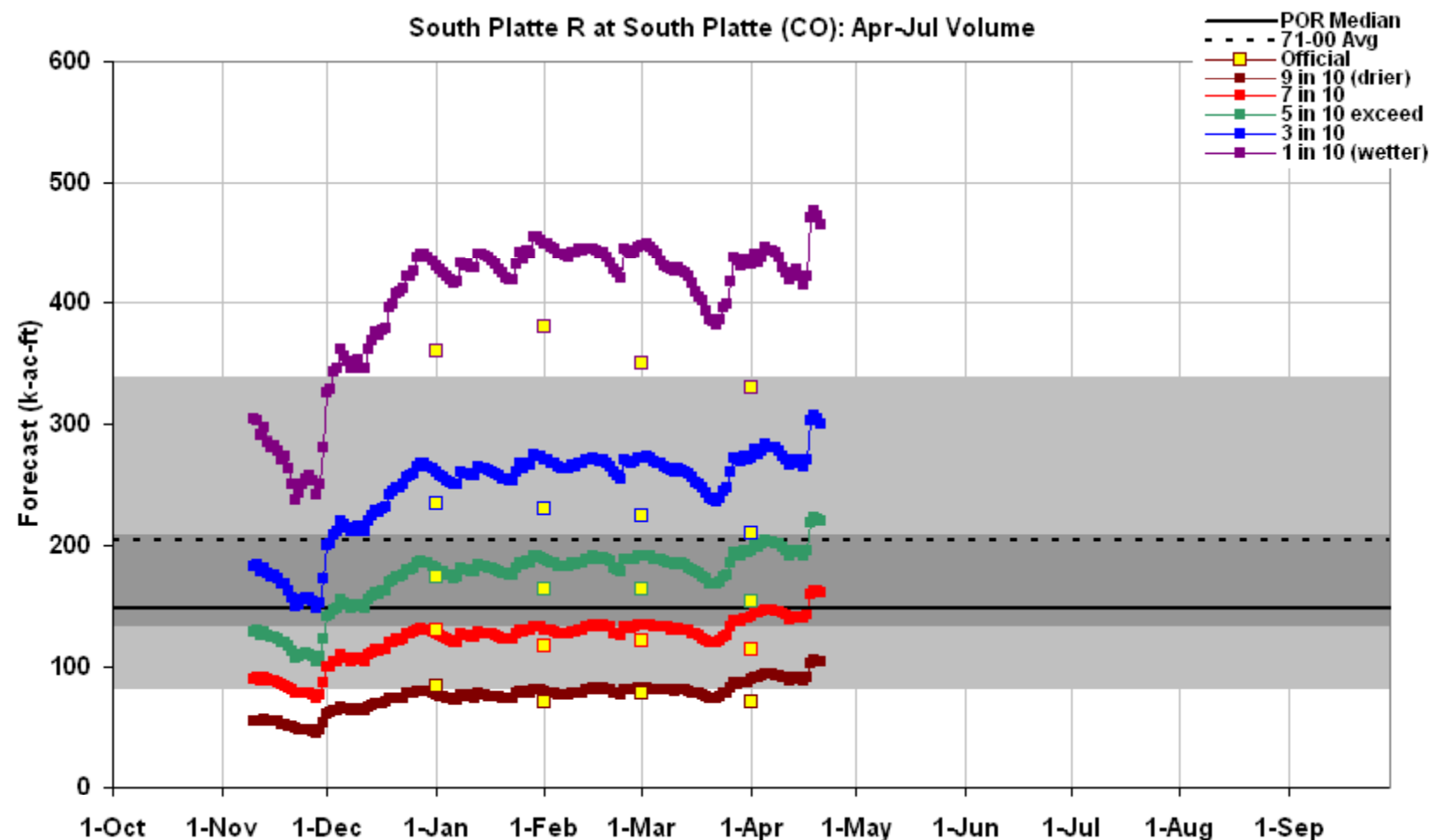
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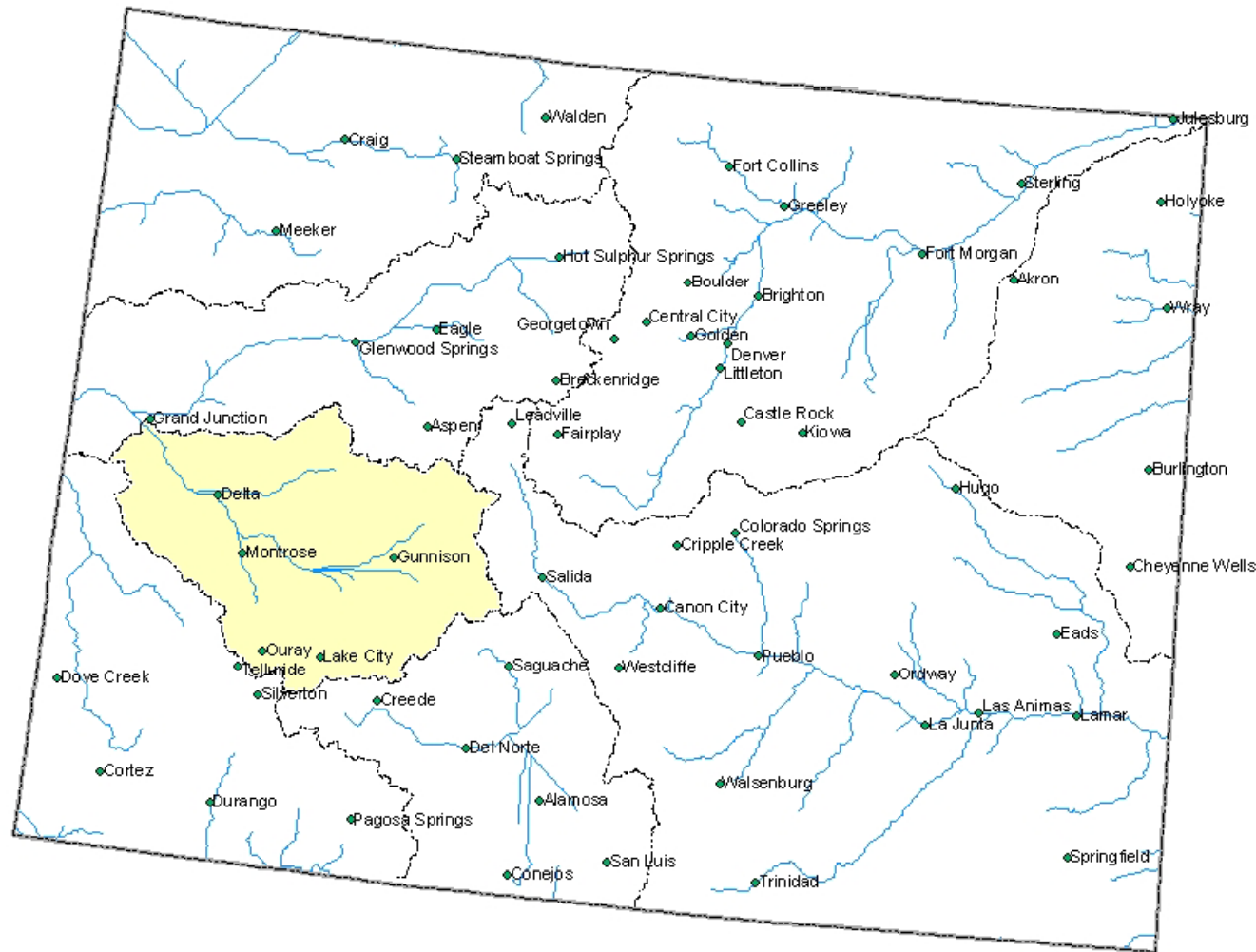


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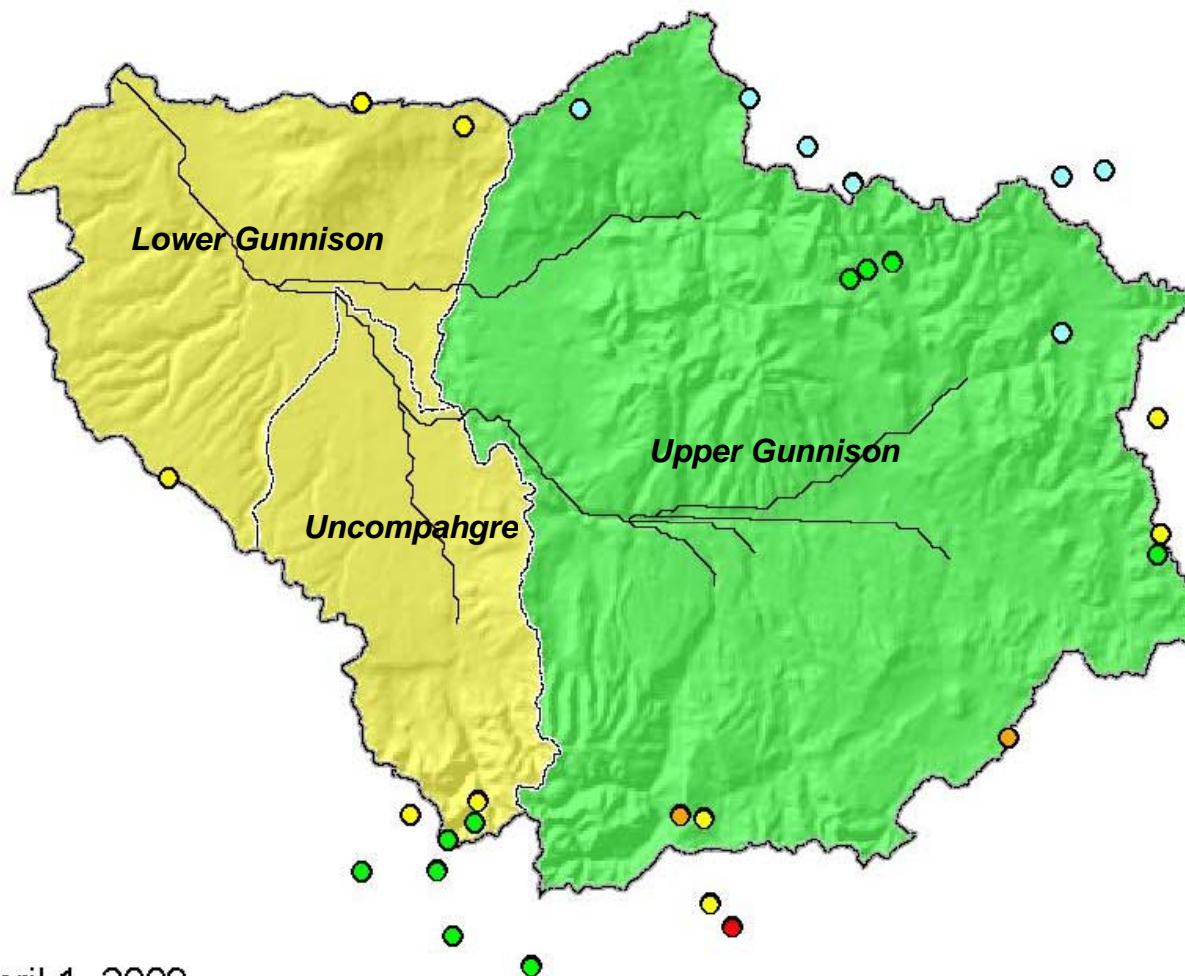


Gunnison River Basin Snowpack Map

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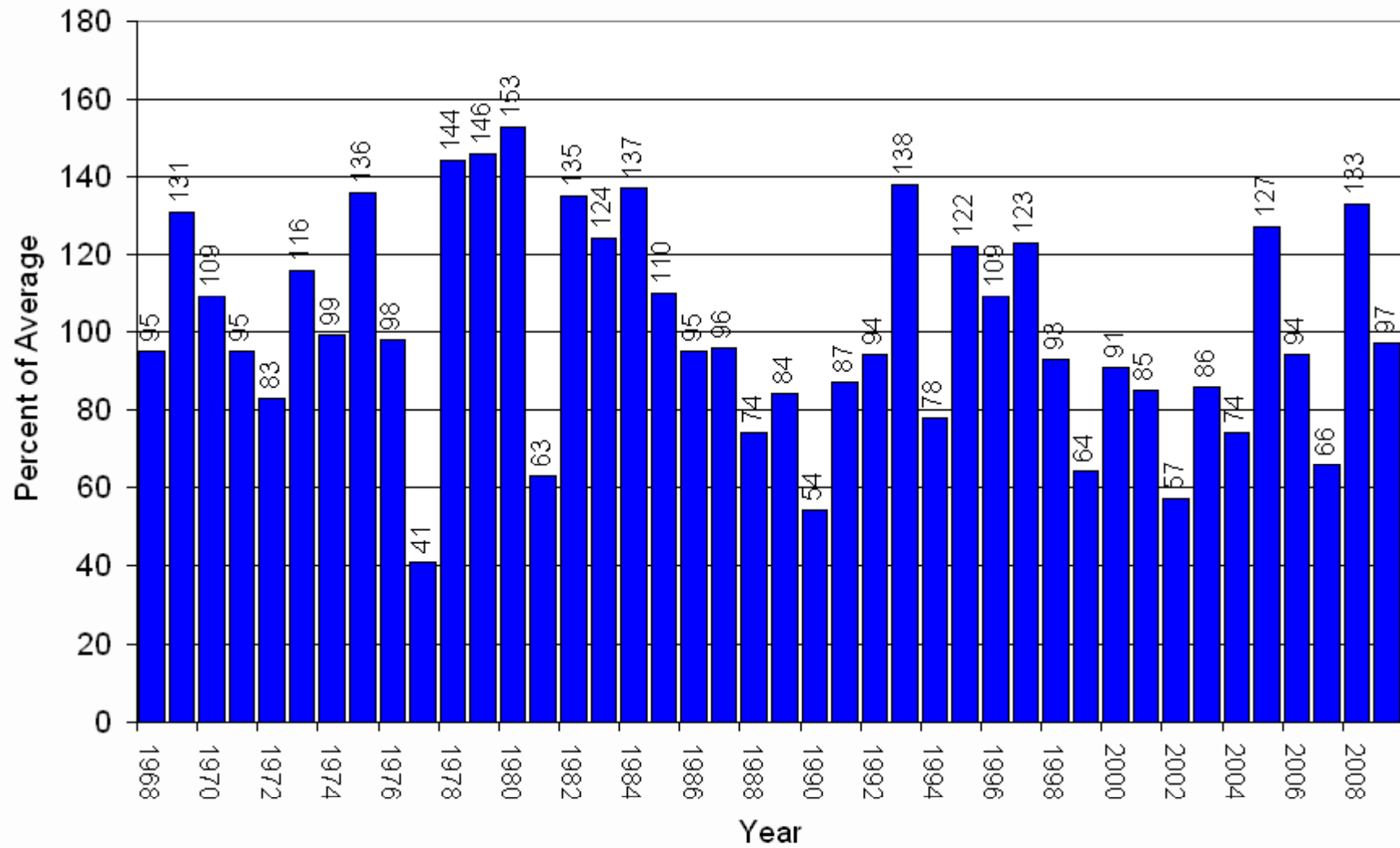


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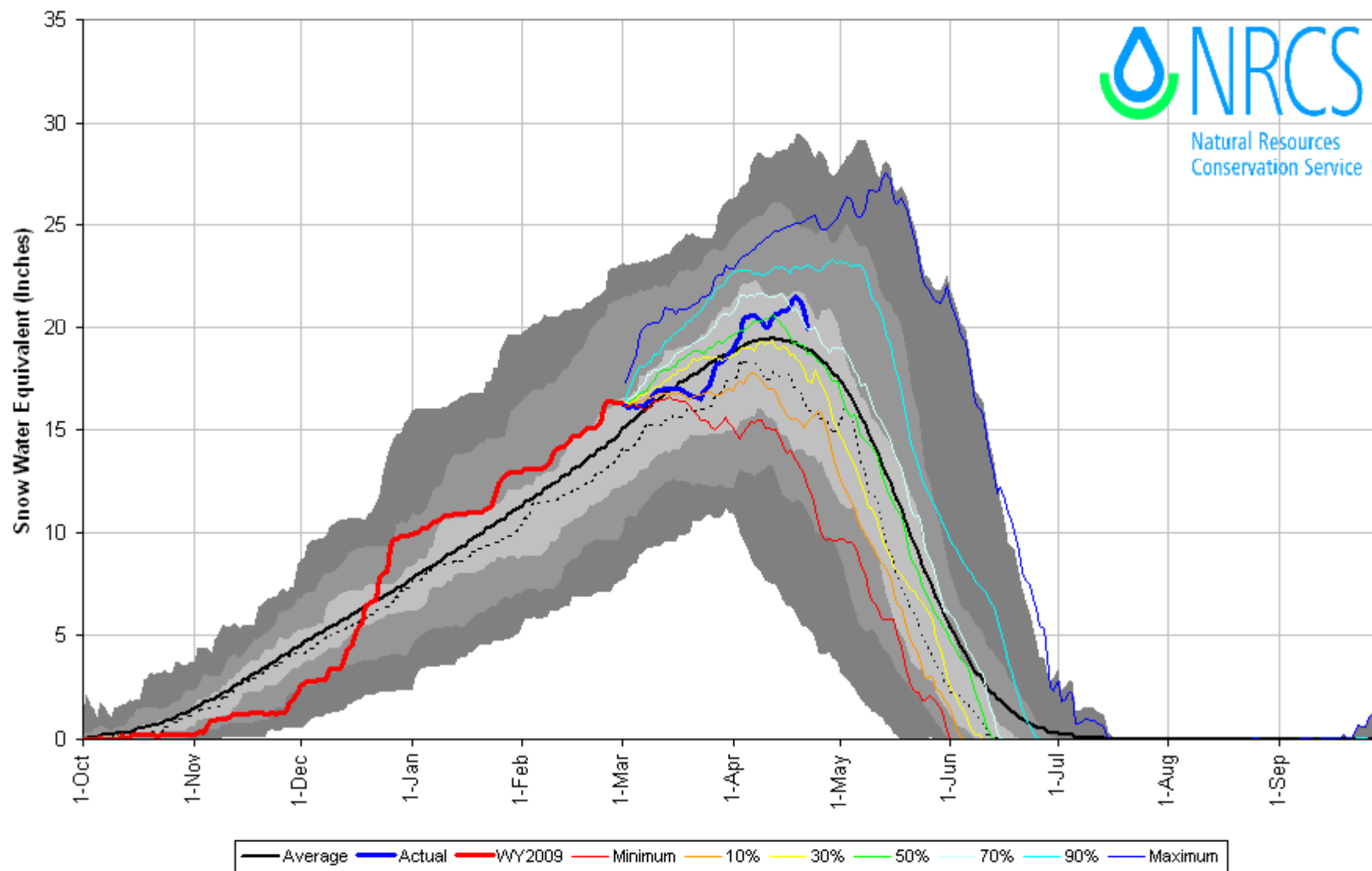


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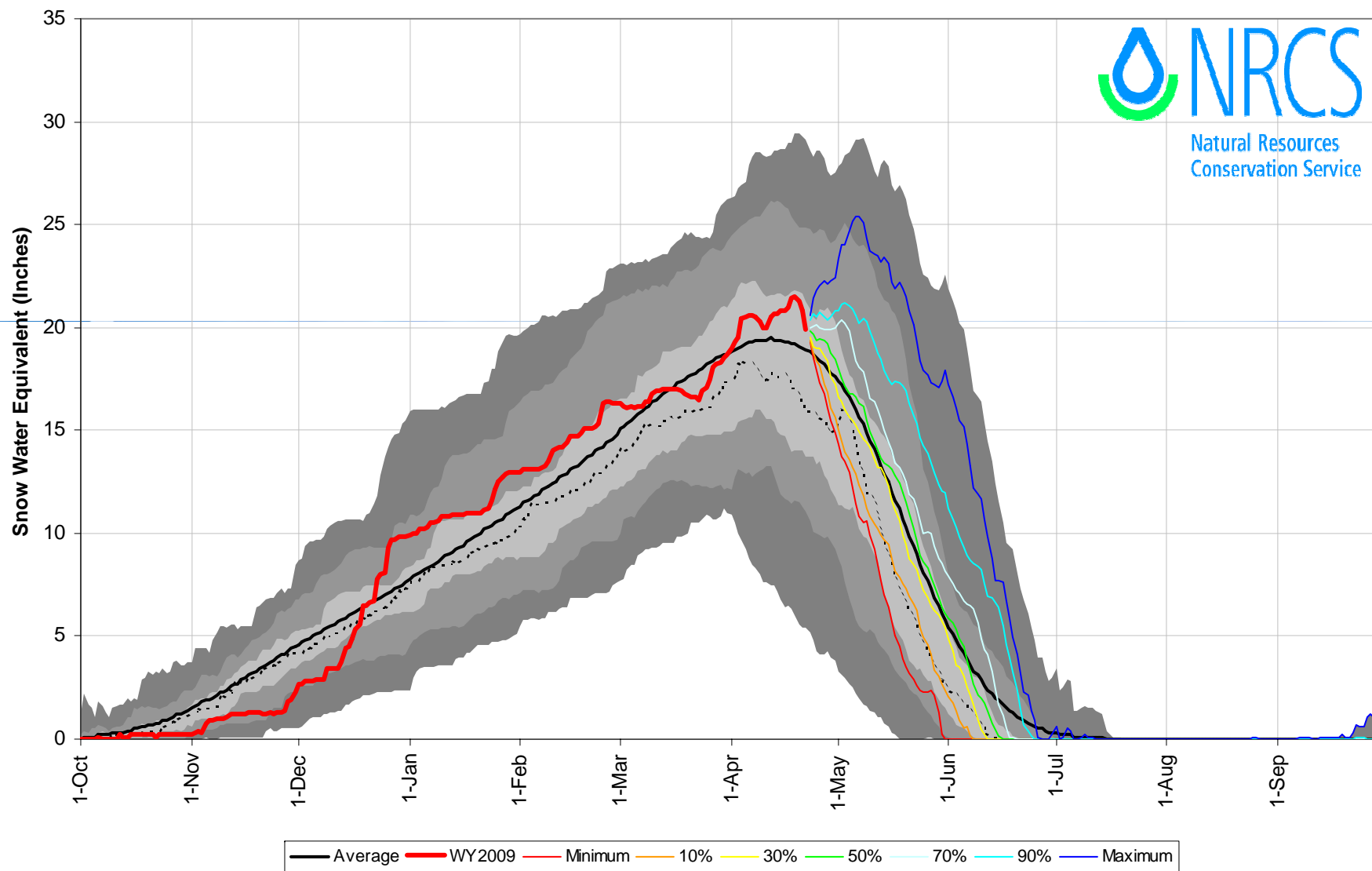
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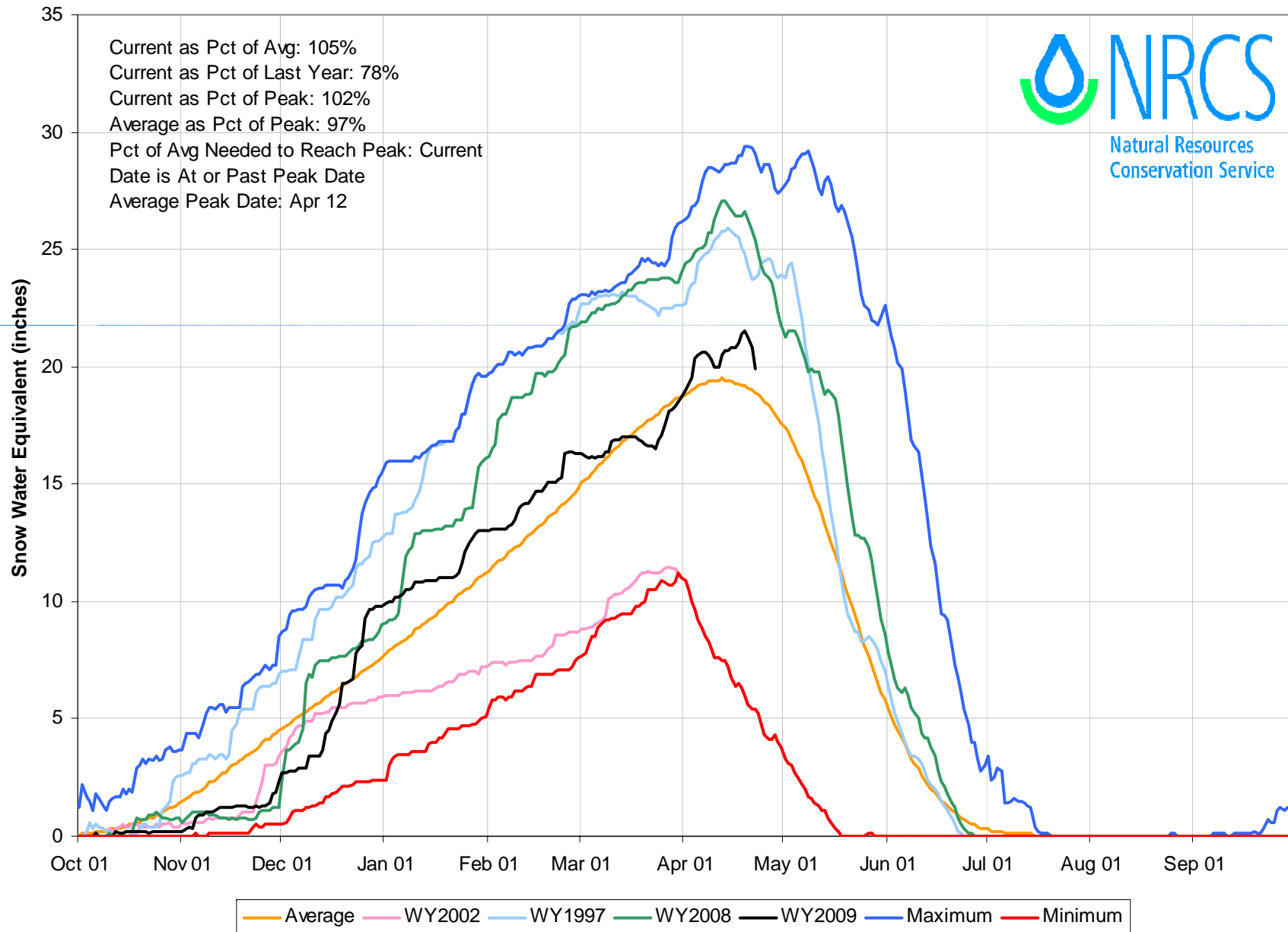


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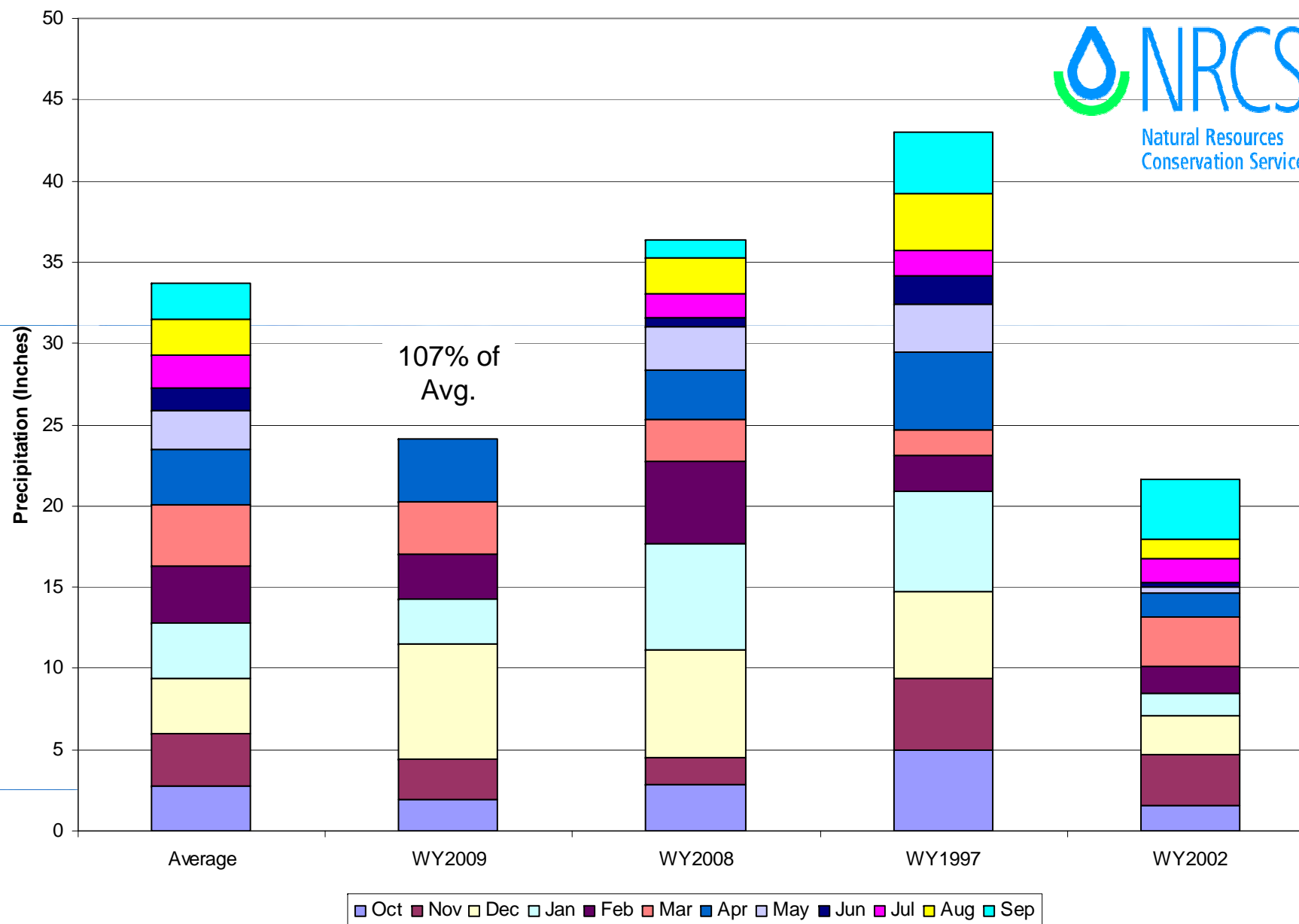
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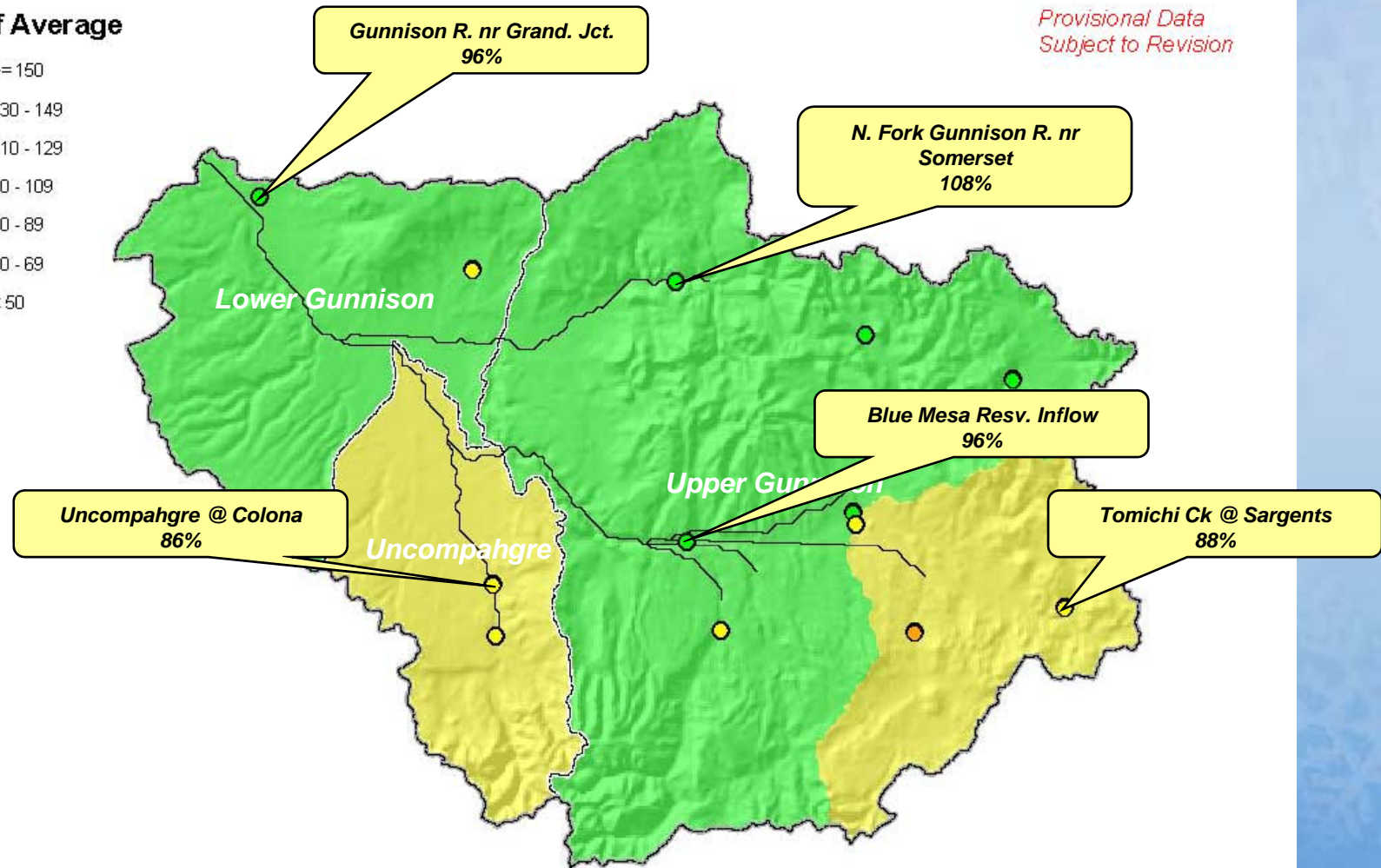
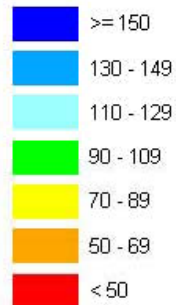
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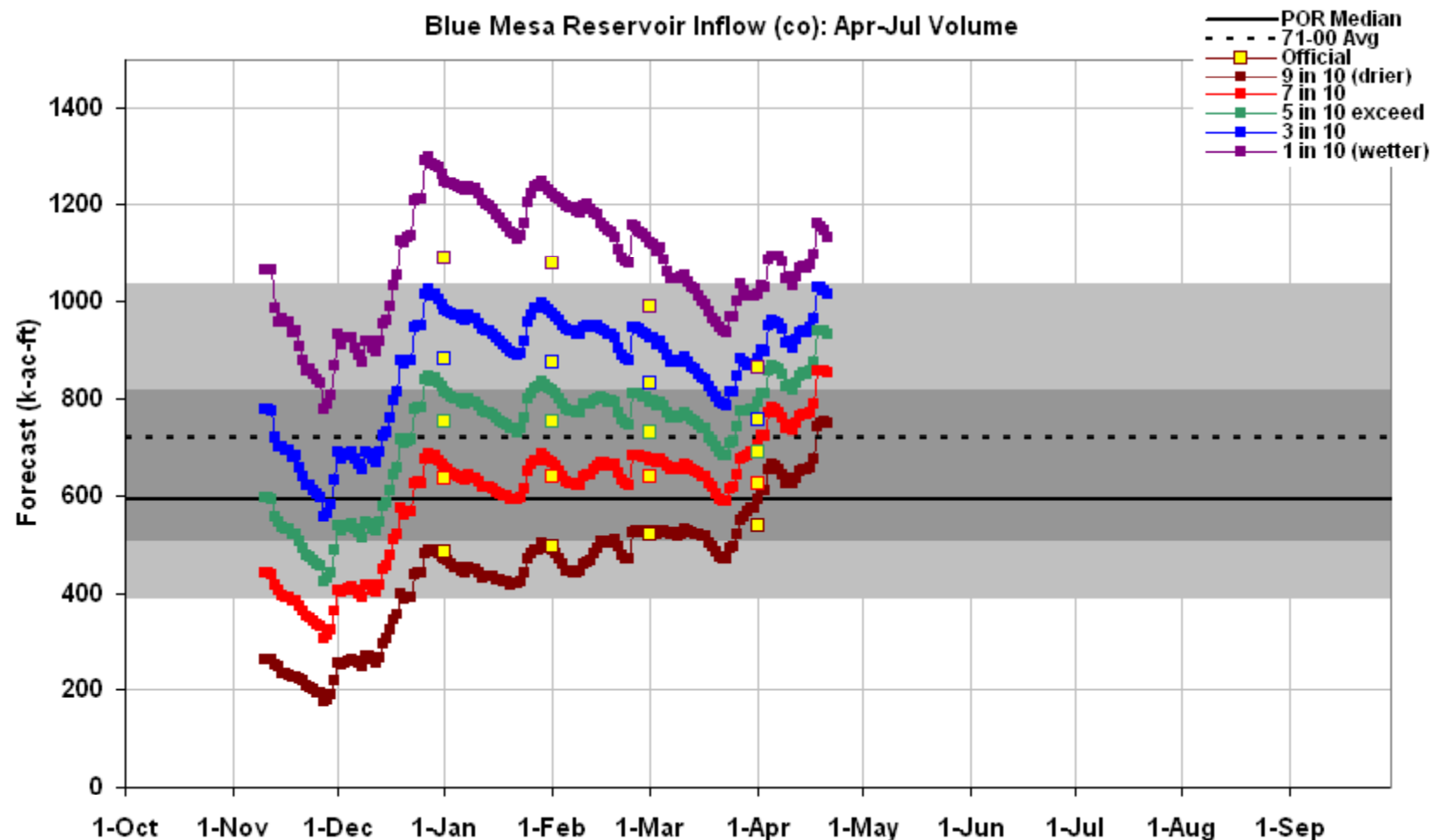


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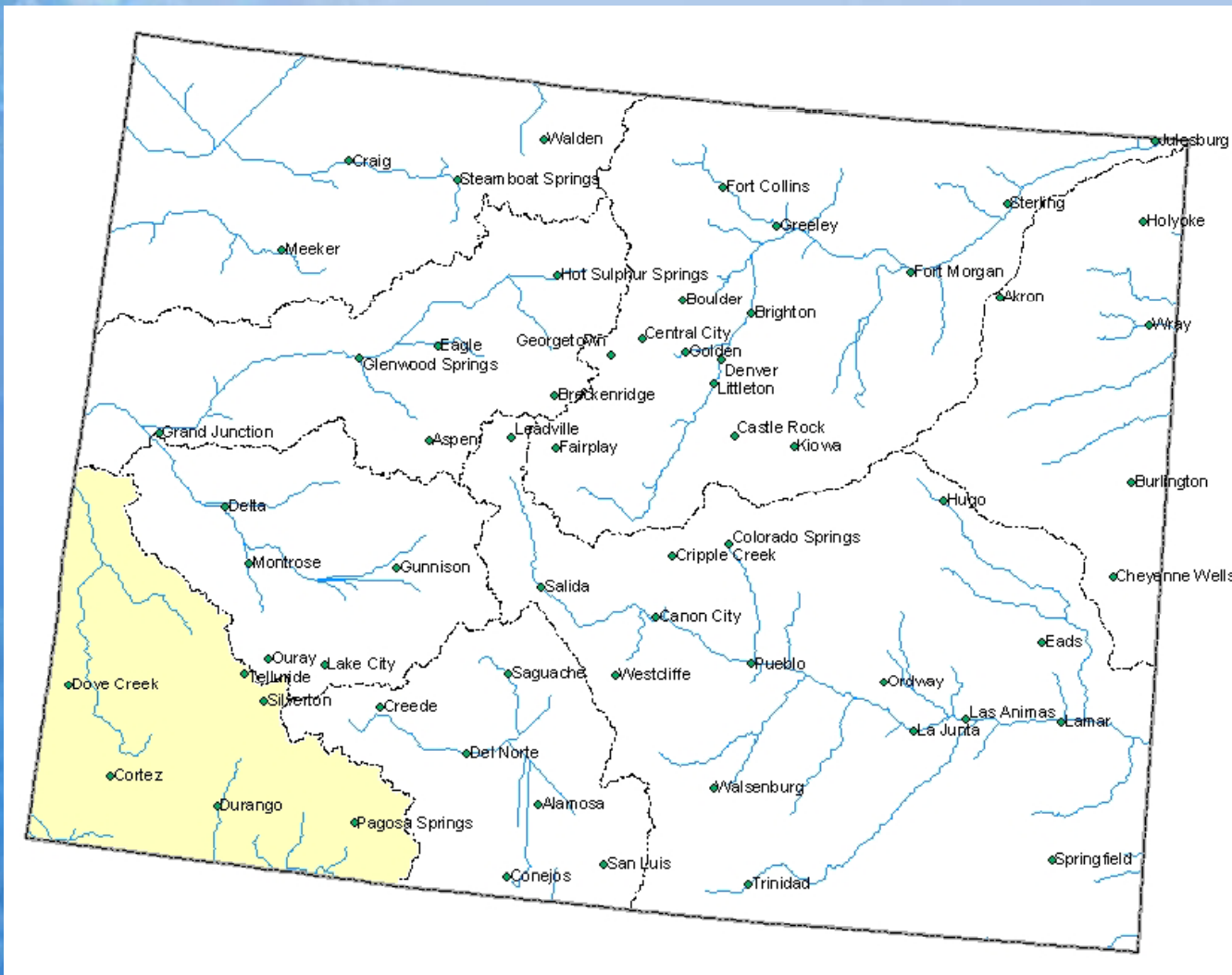
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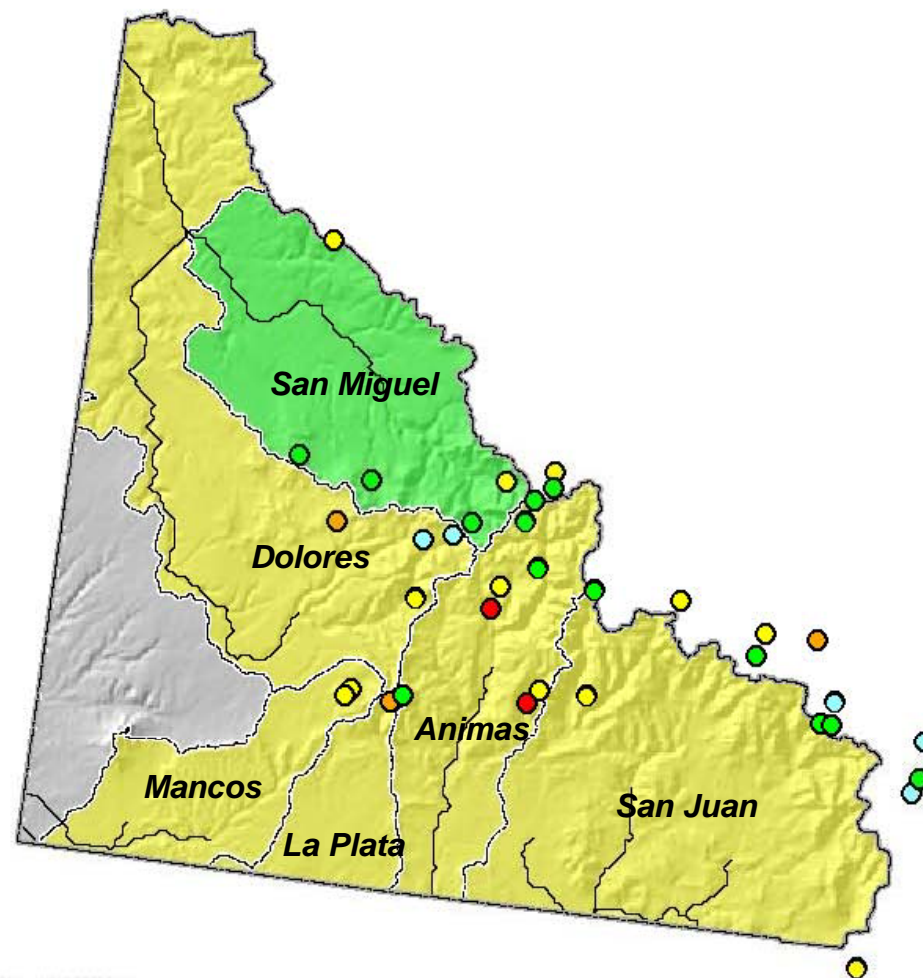


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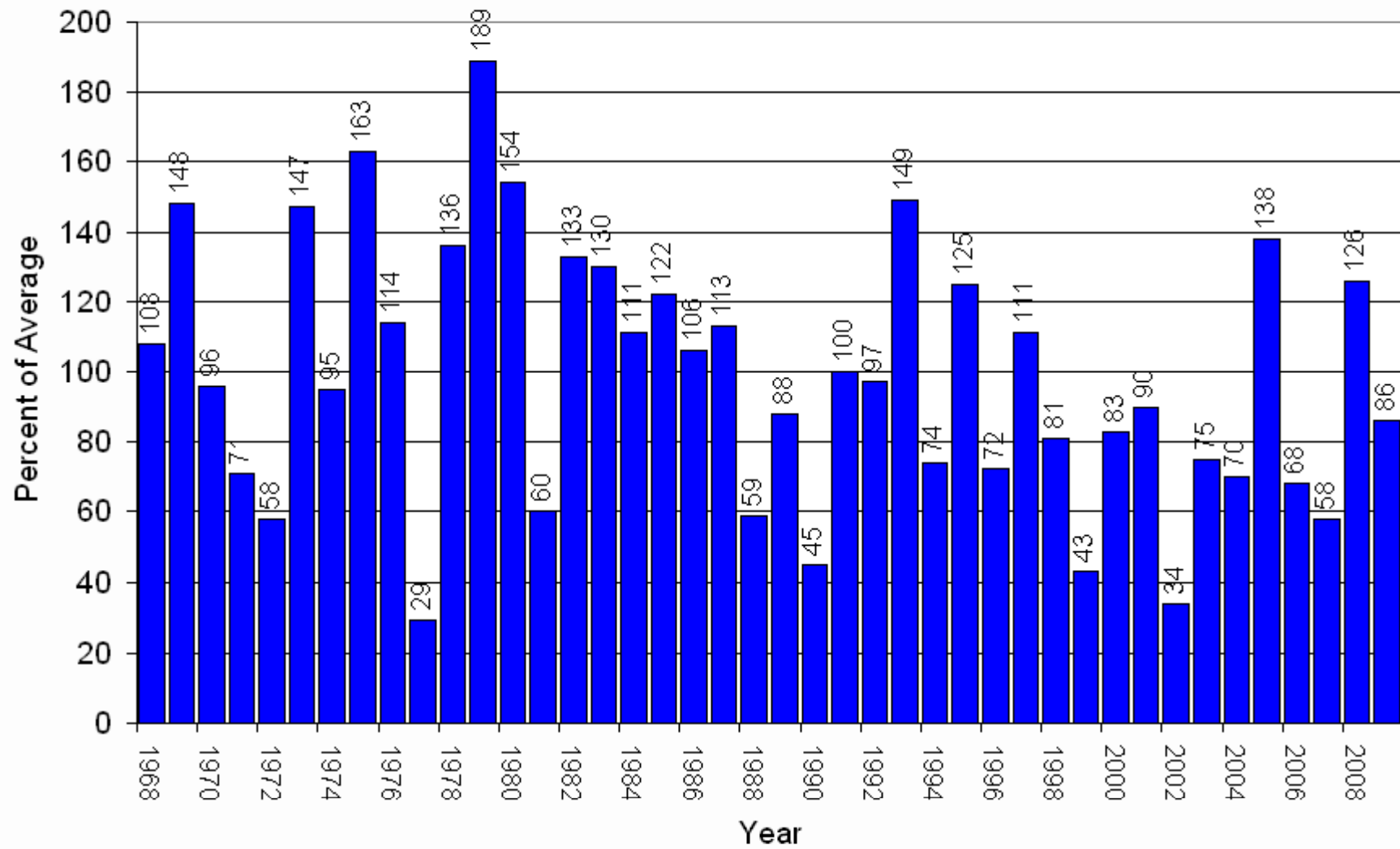


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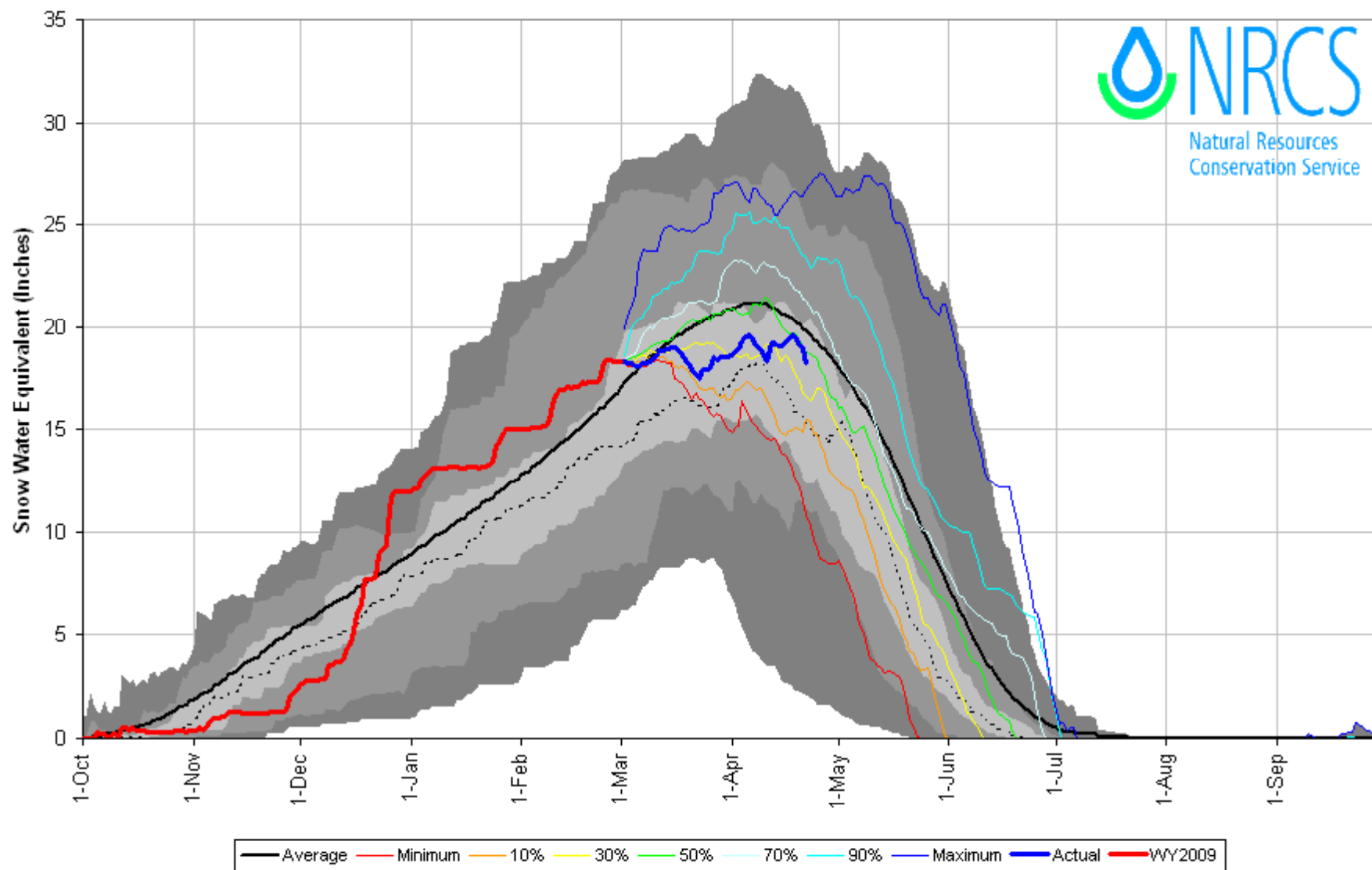
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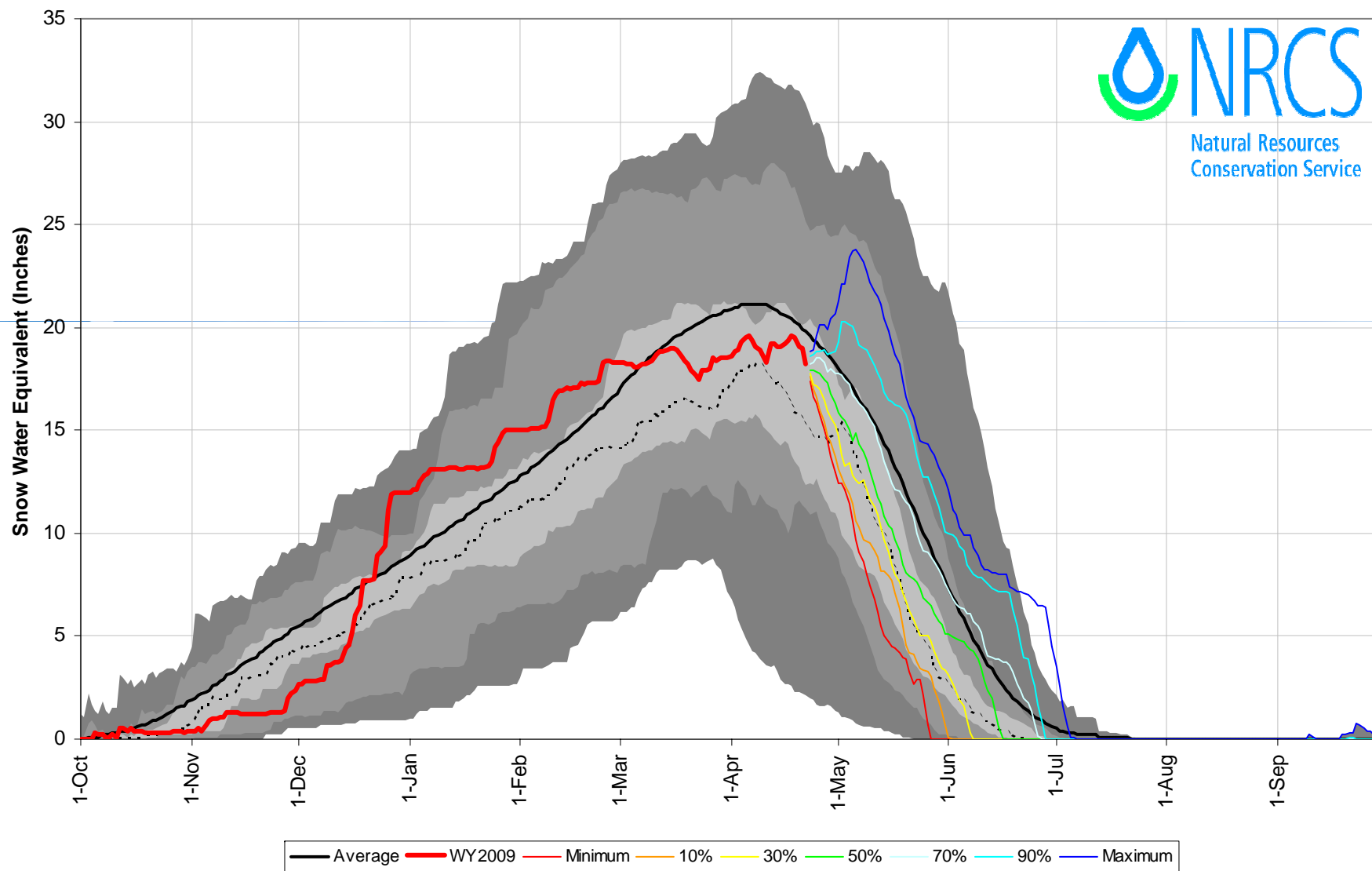
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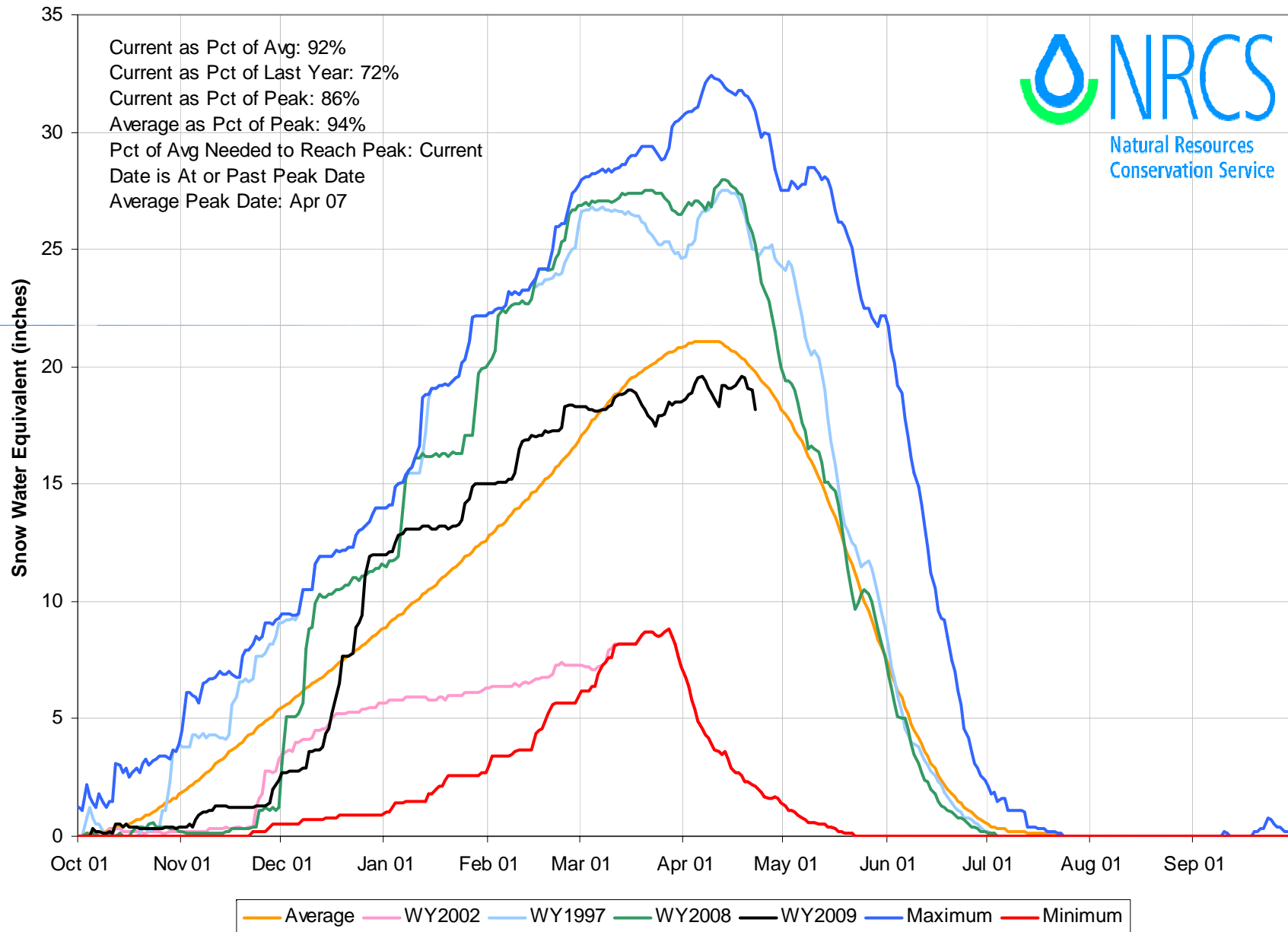
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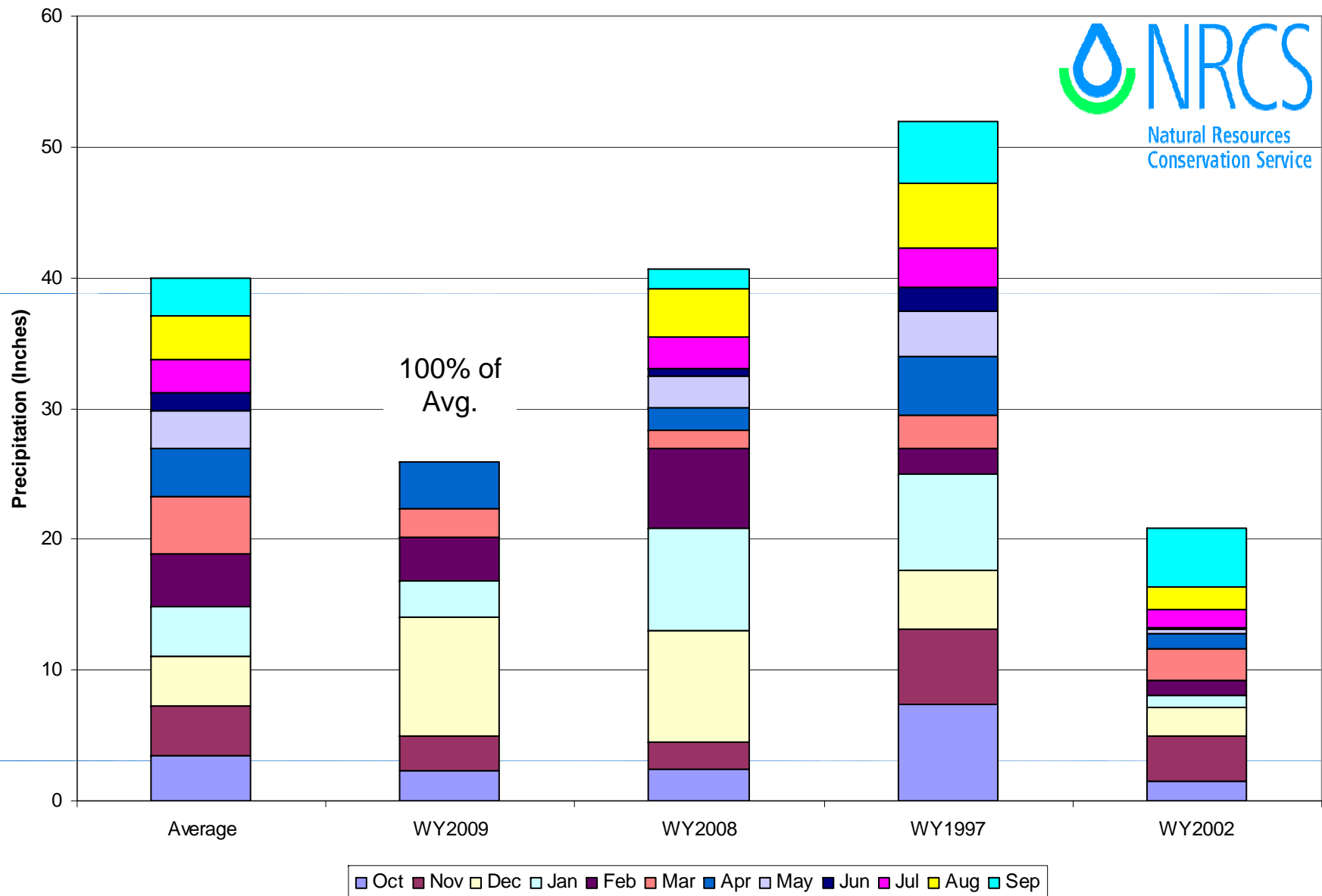
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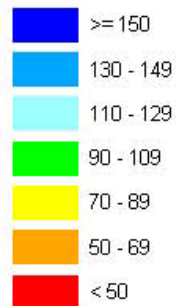
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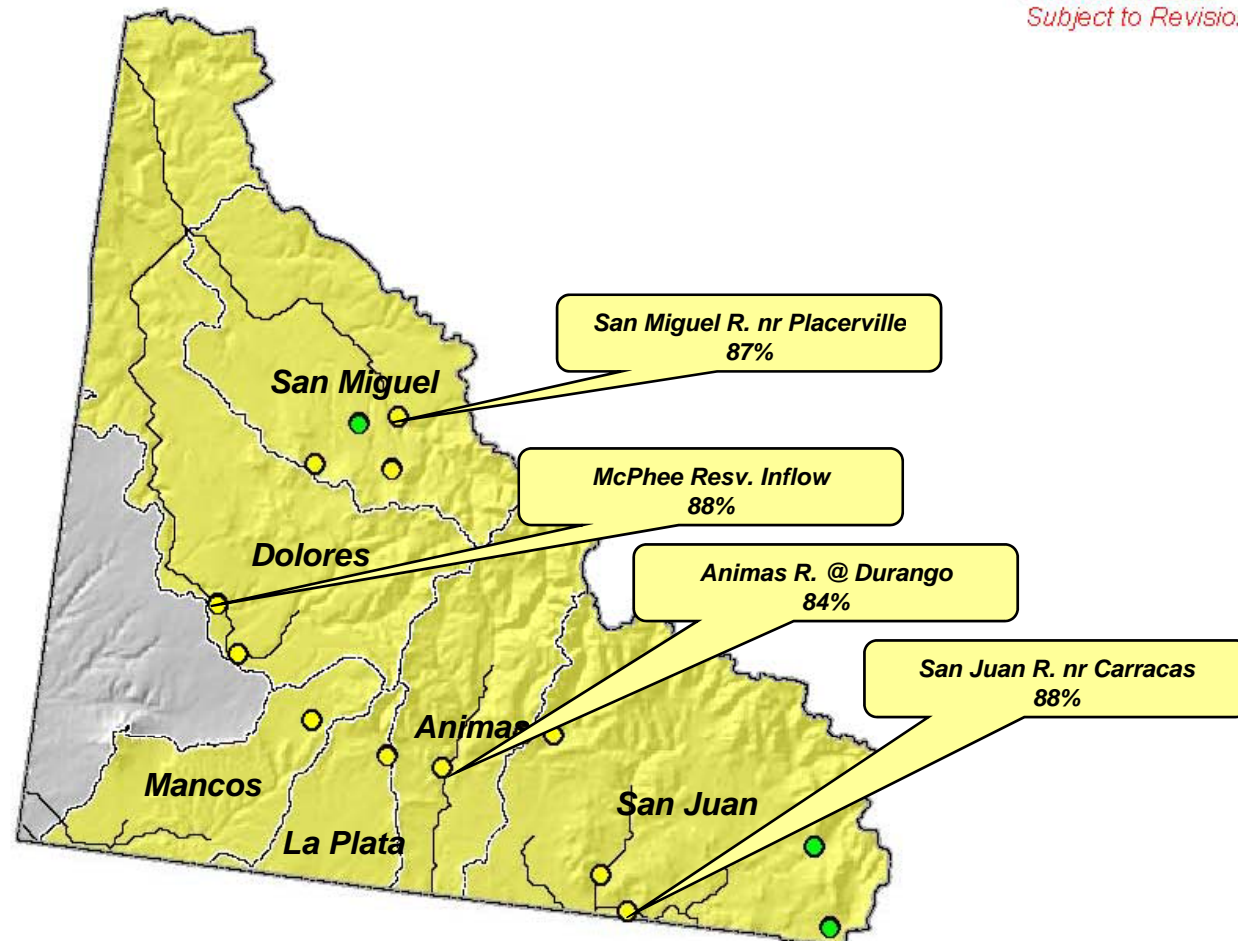


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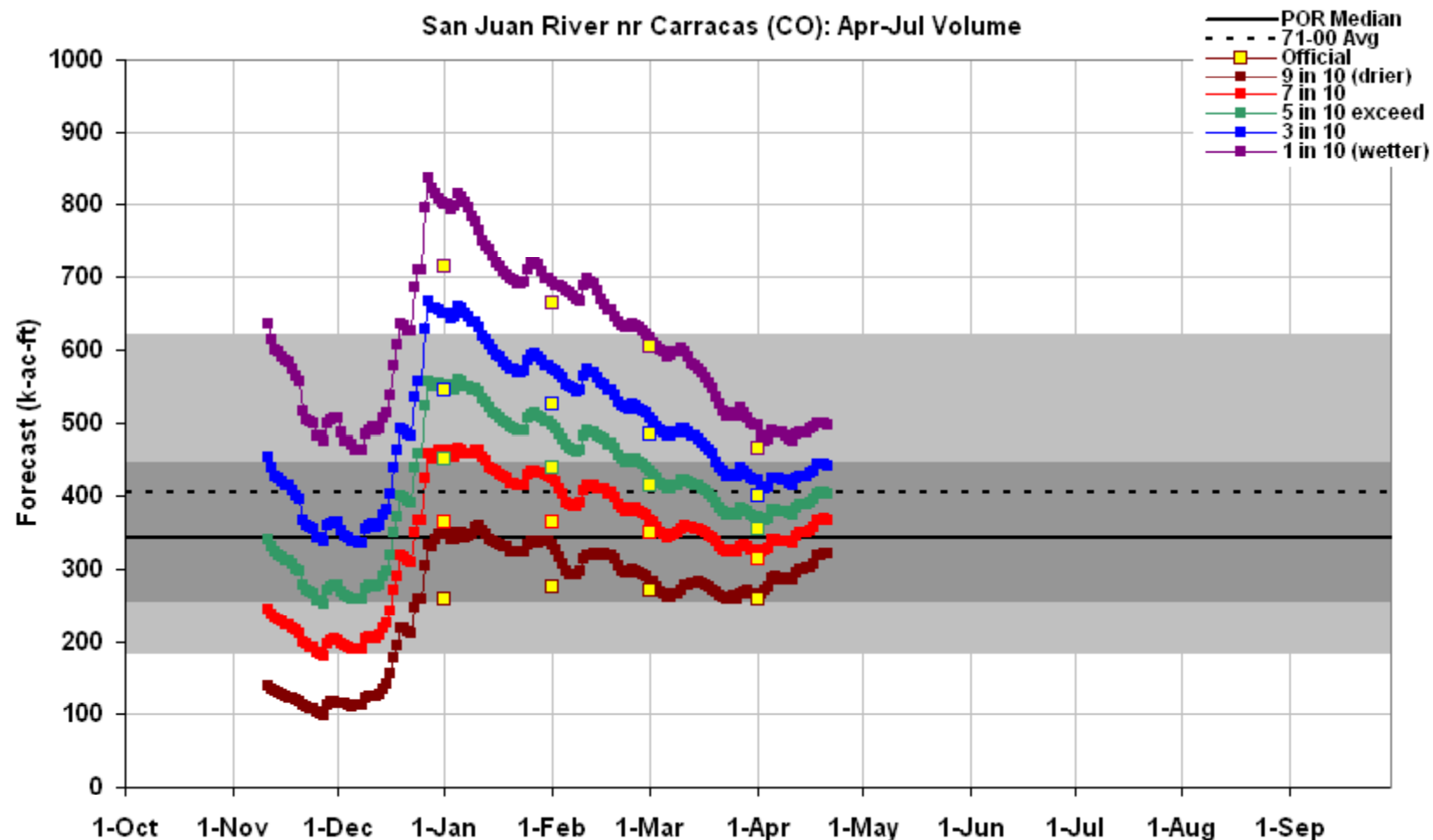
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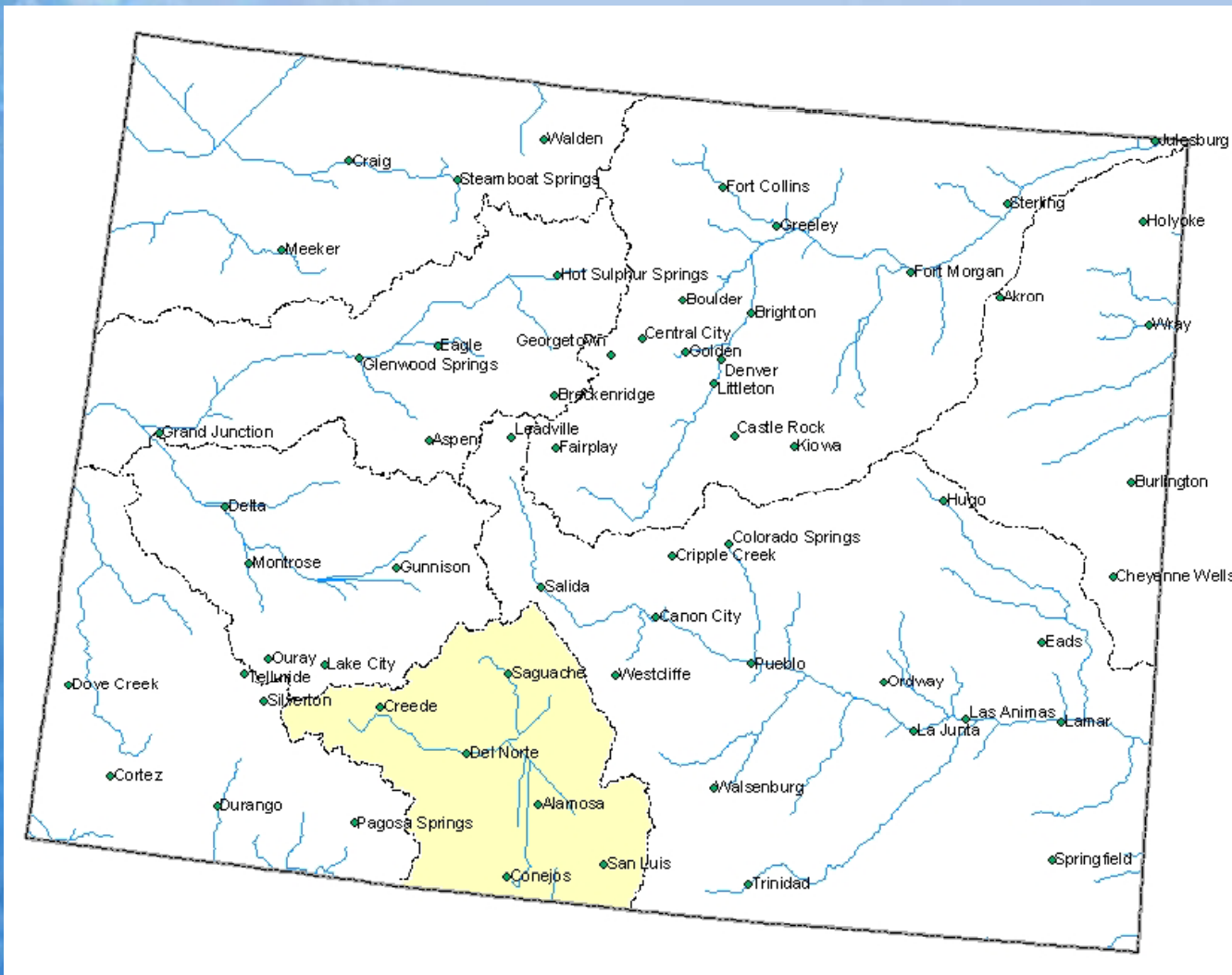


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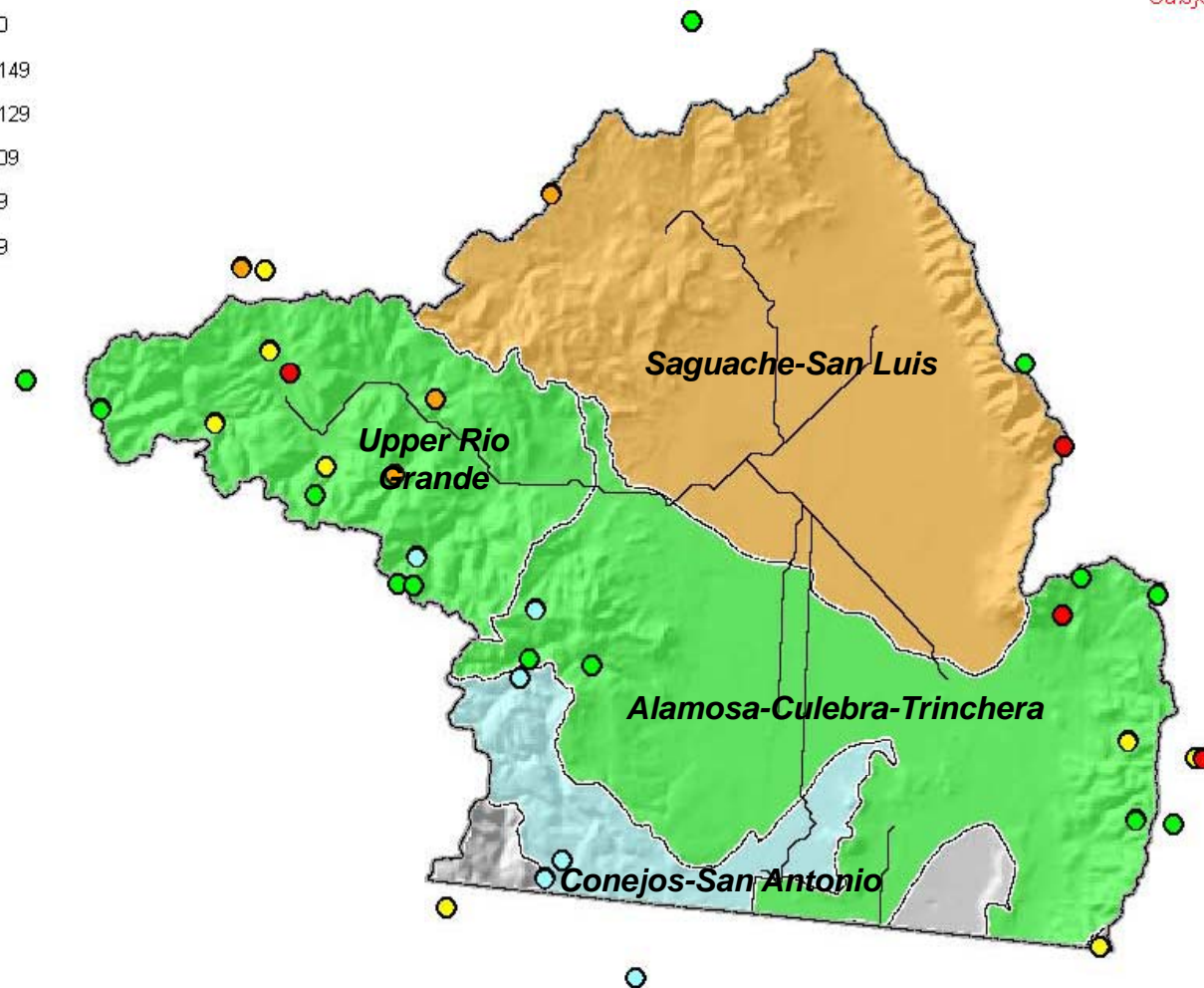


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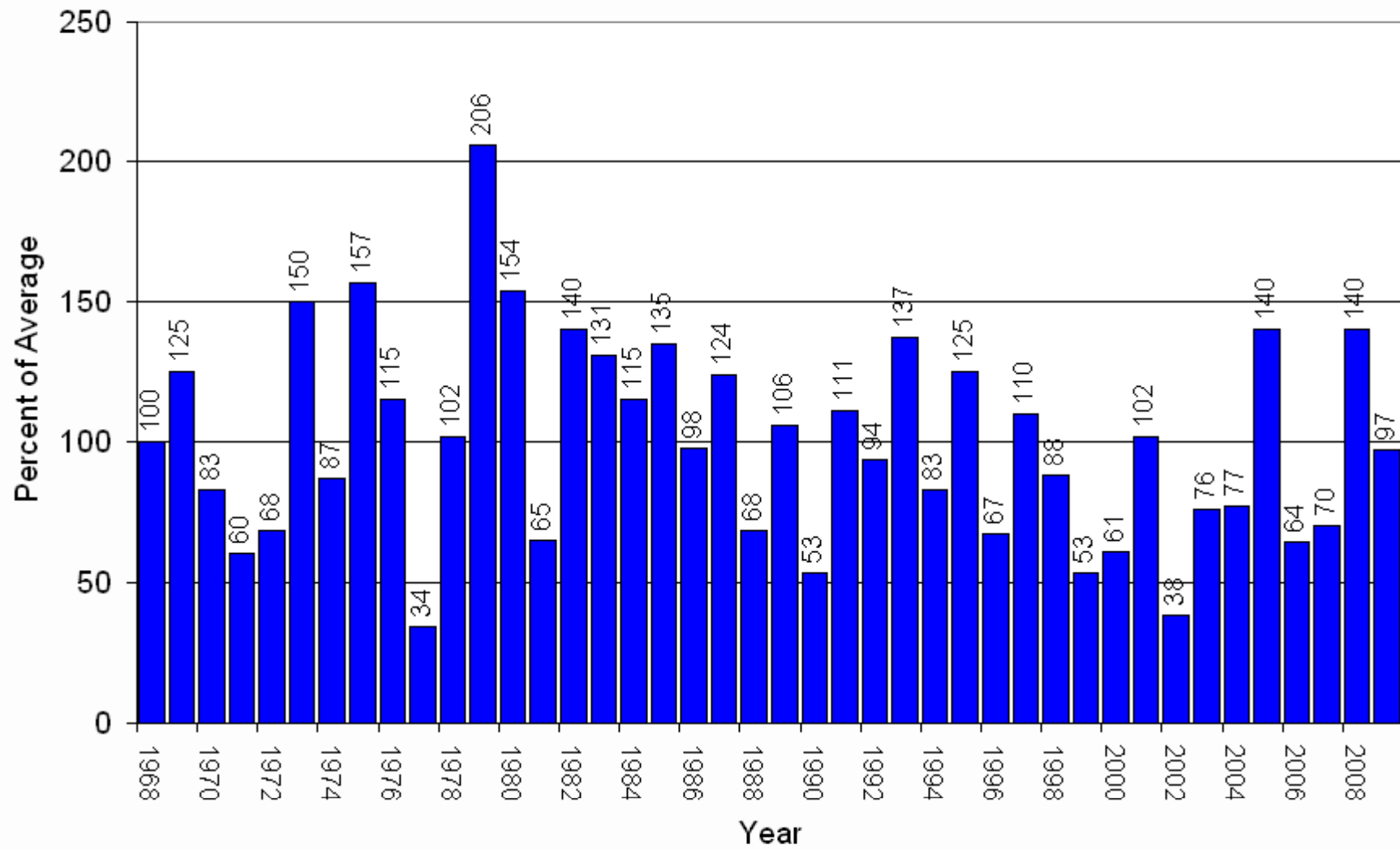


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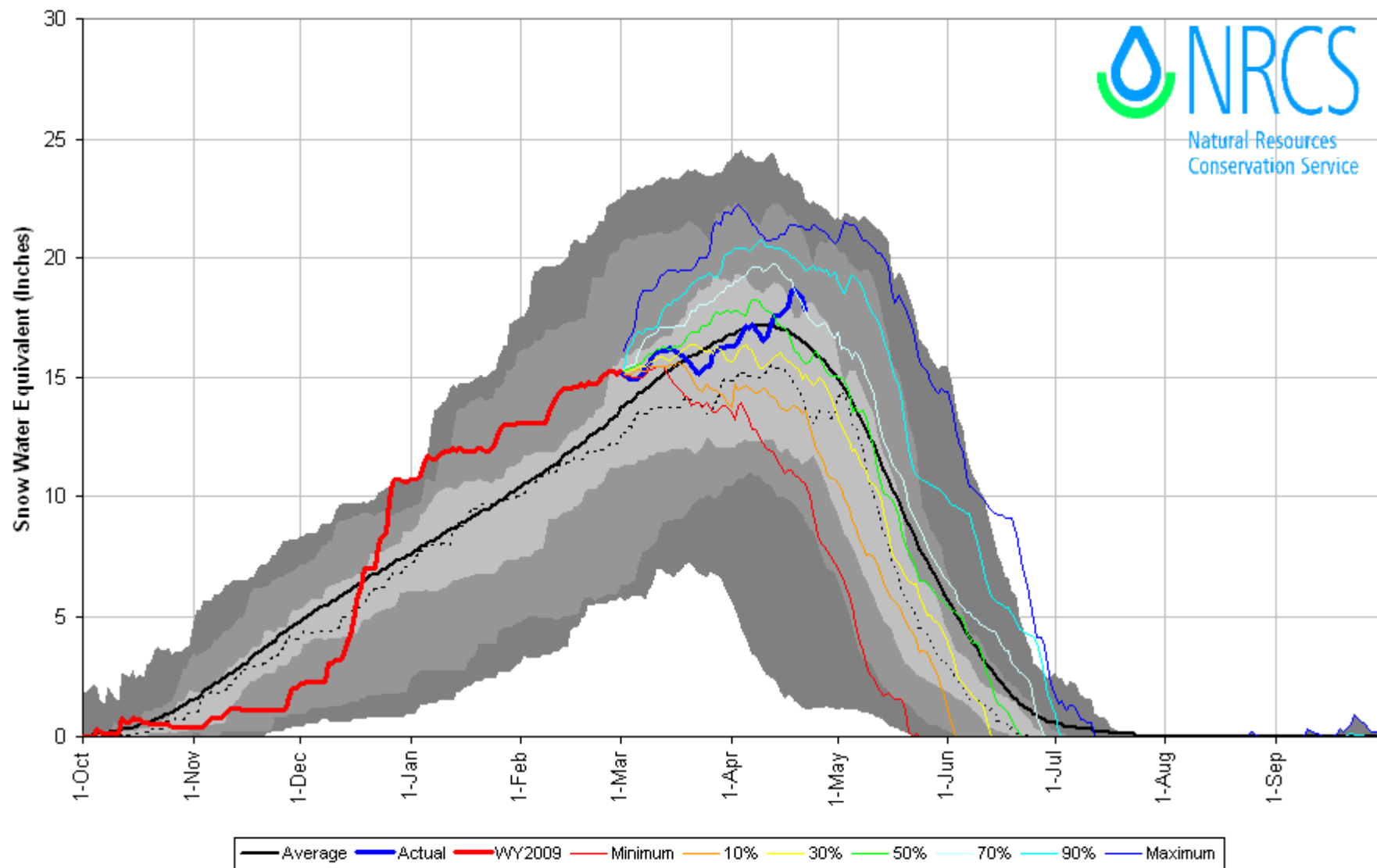


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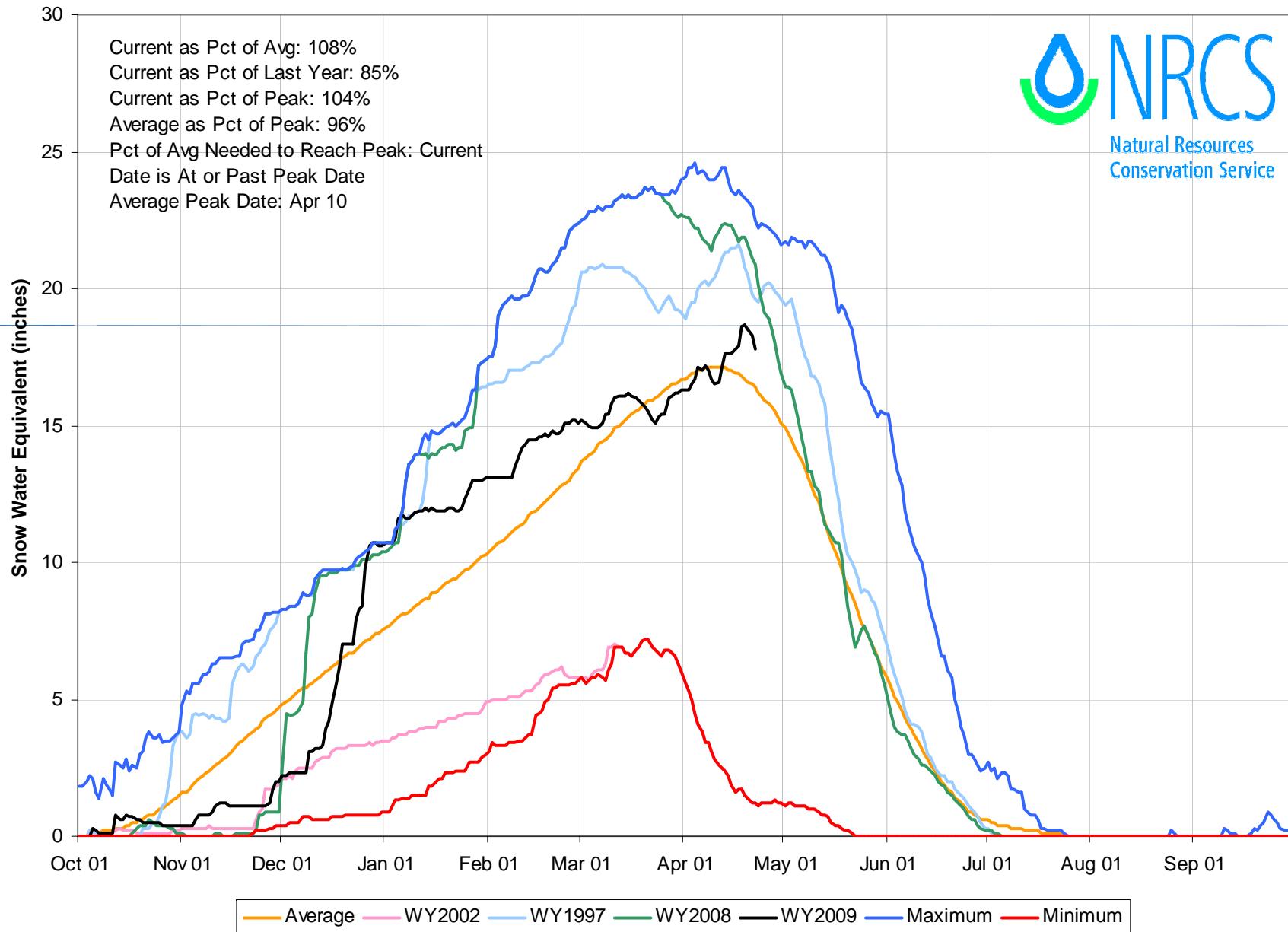




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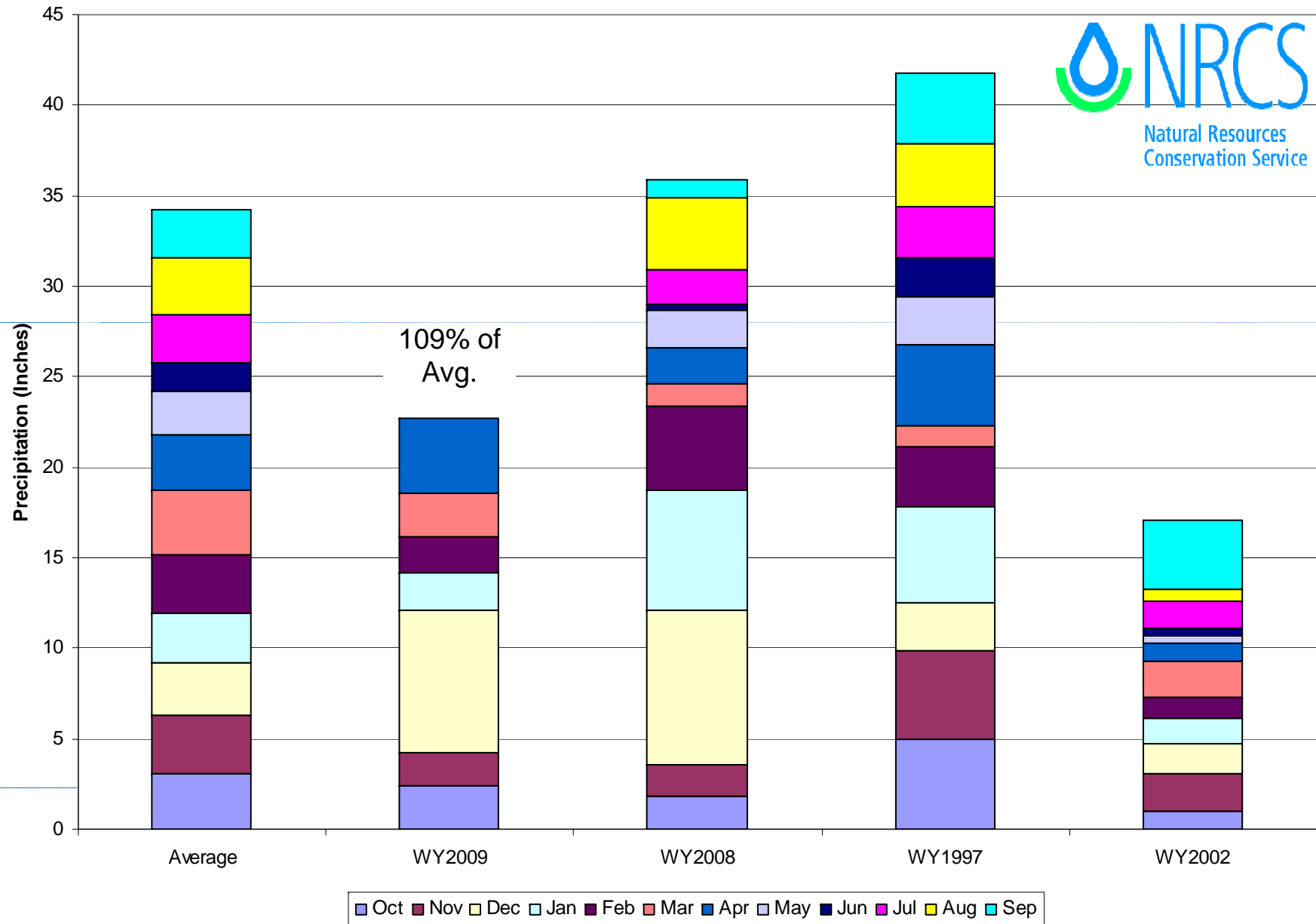
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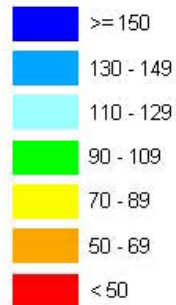
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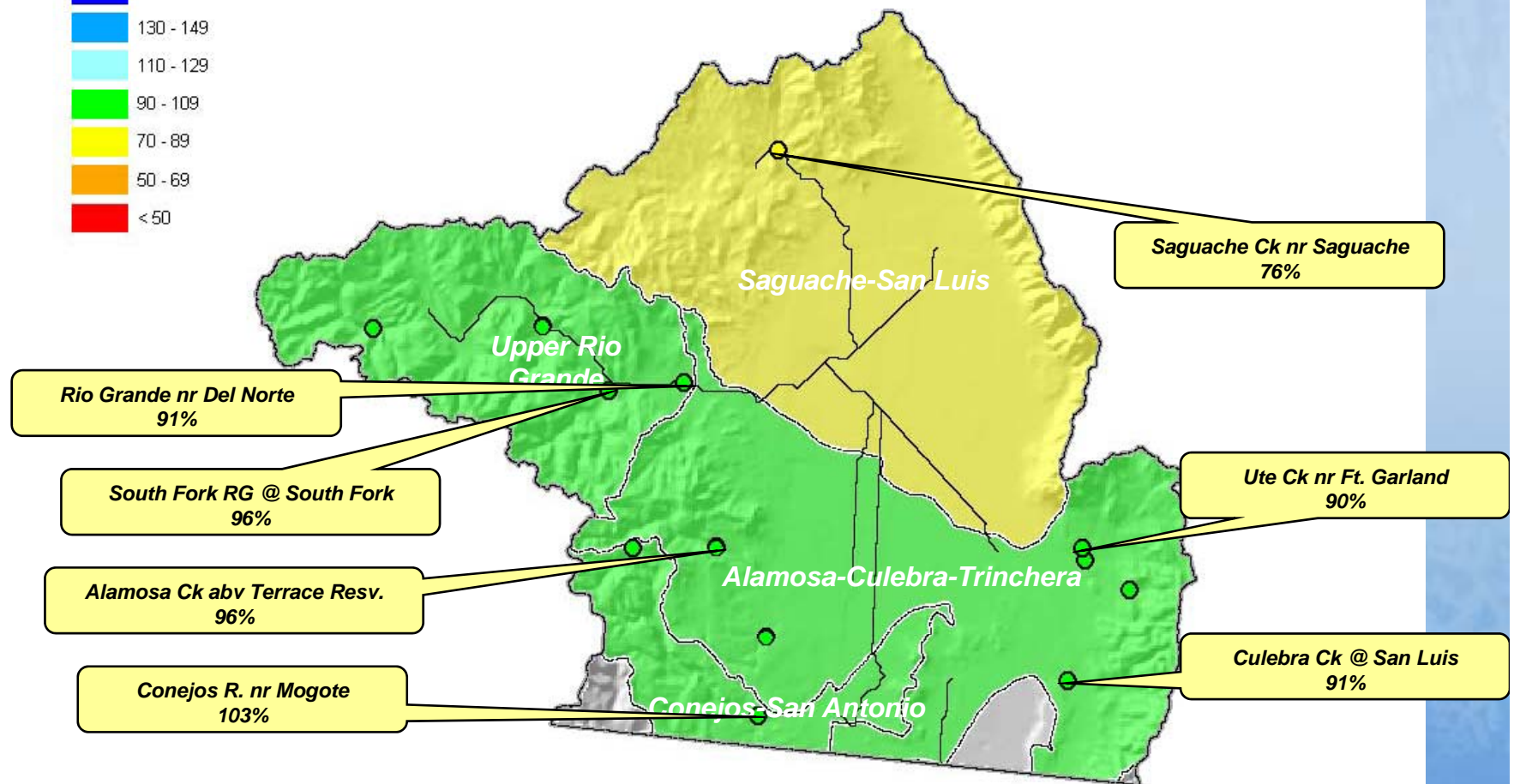


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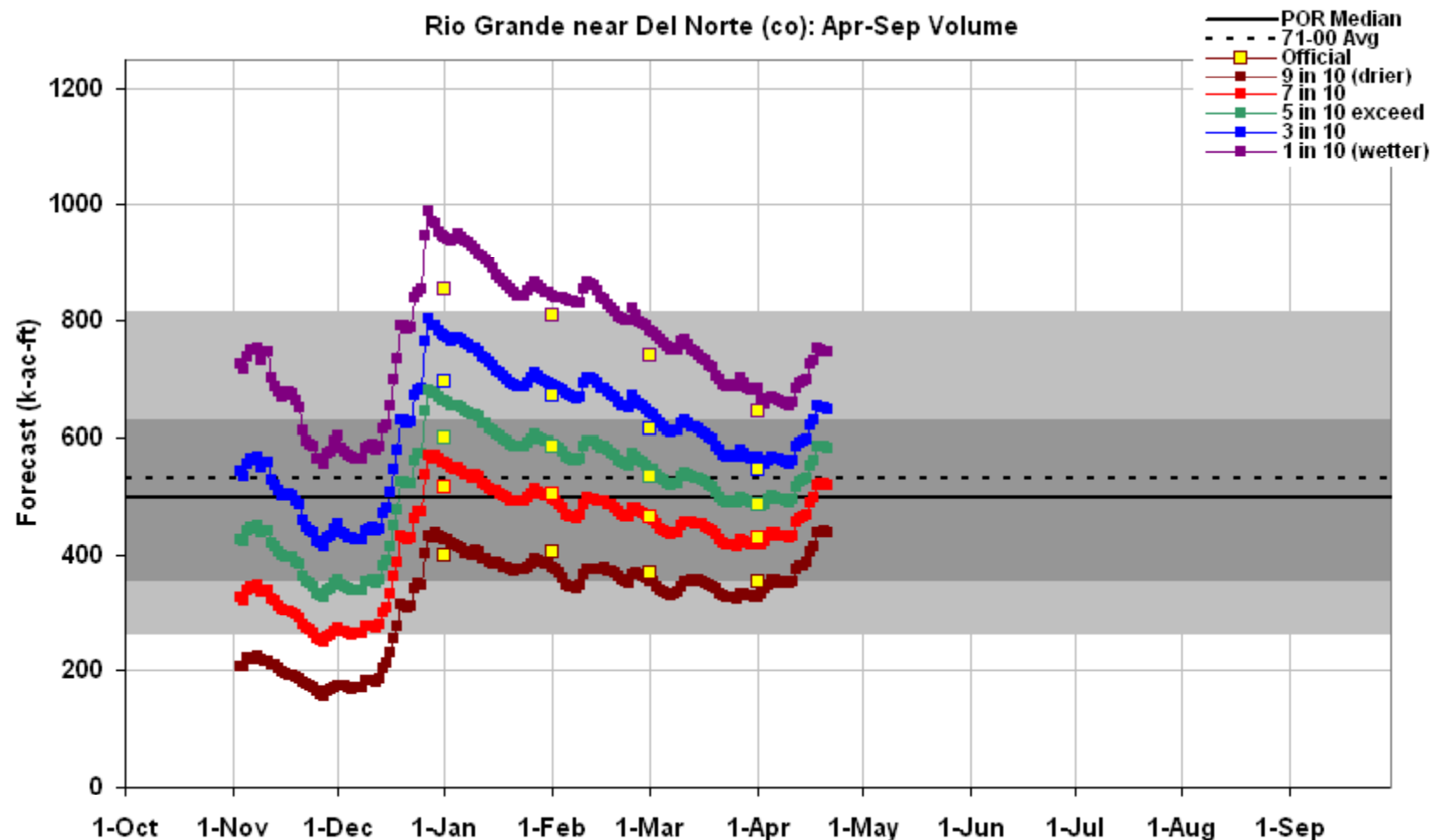
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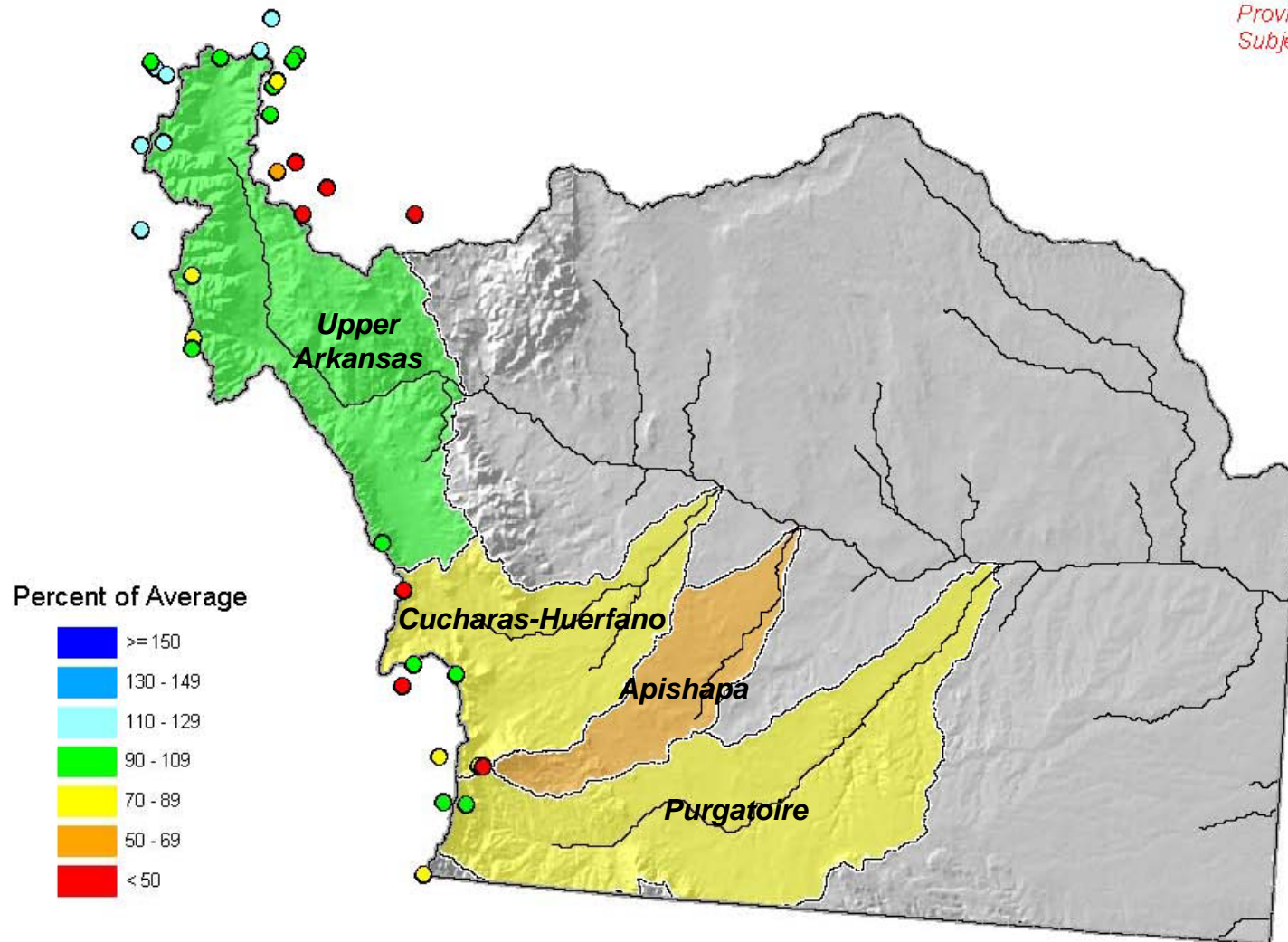
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Arkansas River Basin Summary



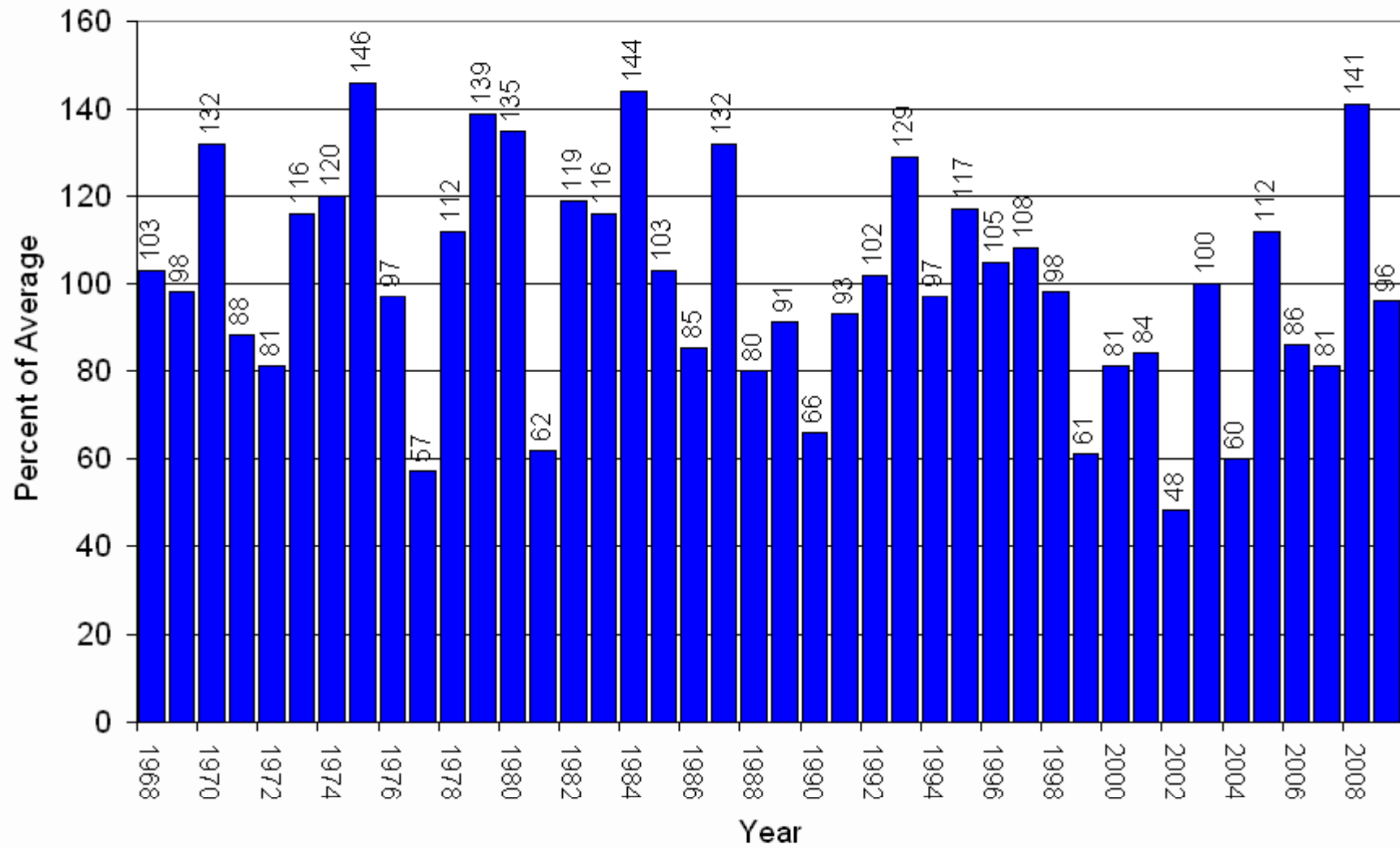
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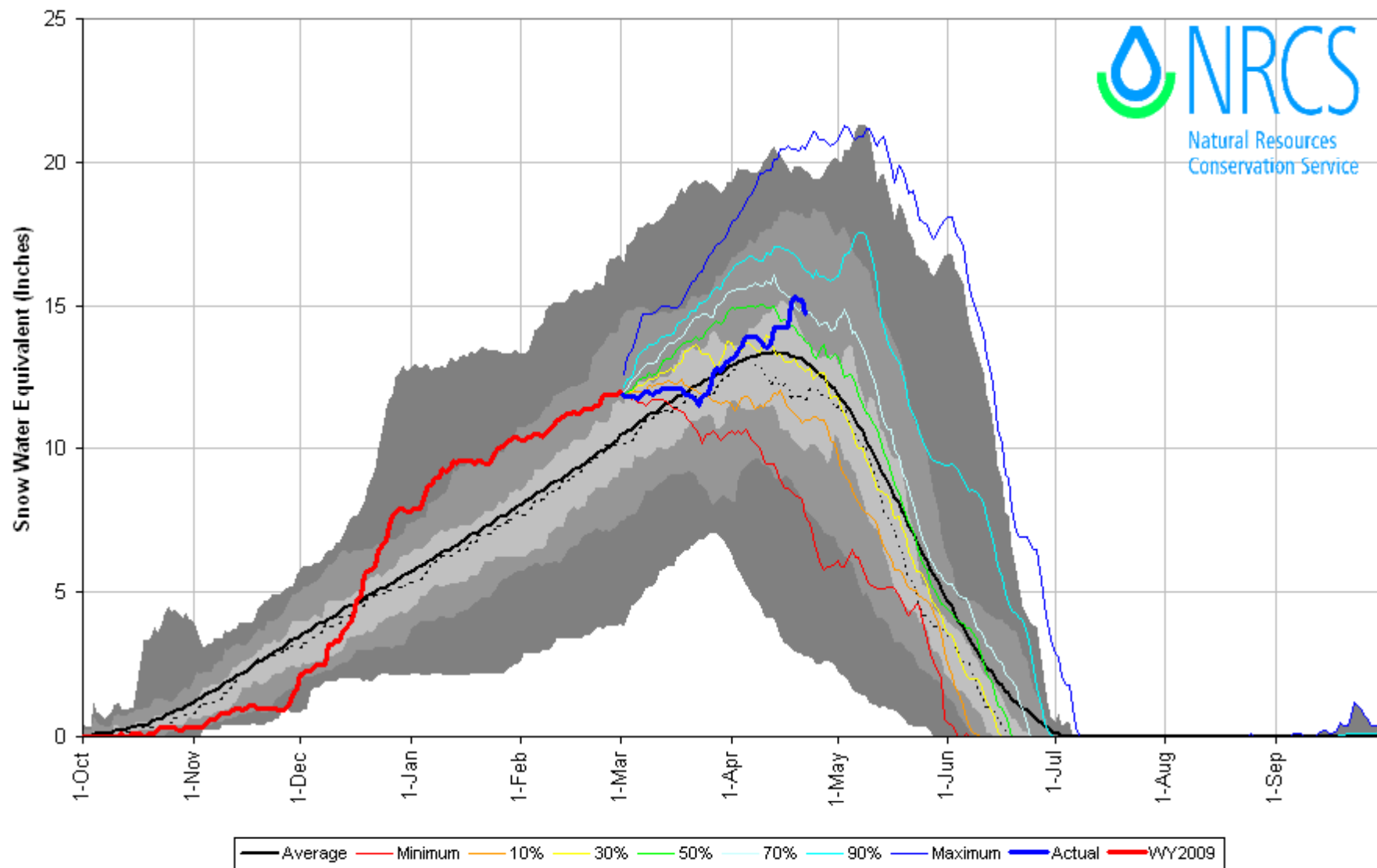


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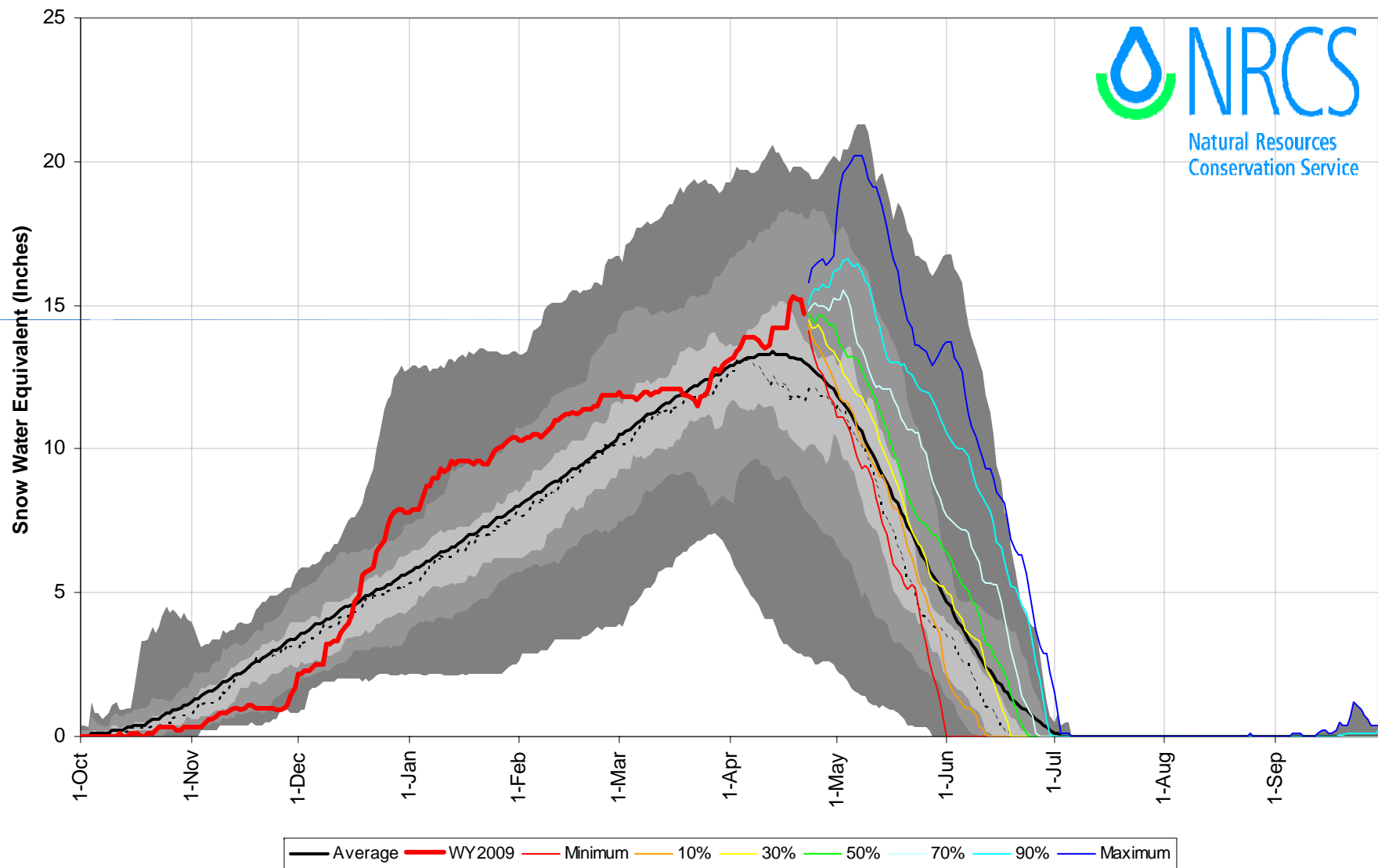


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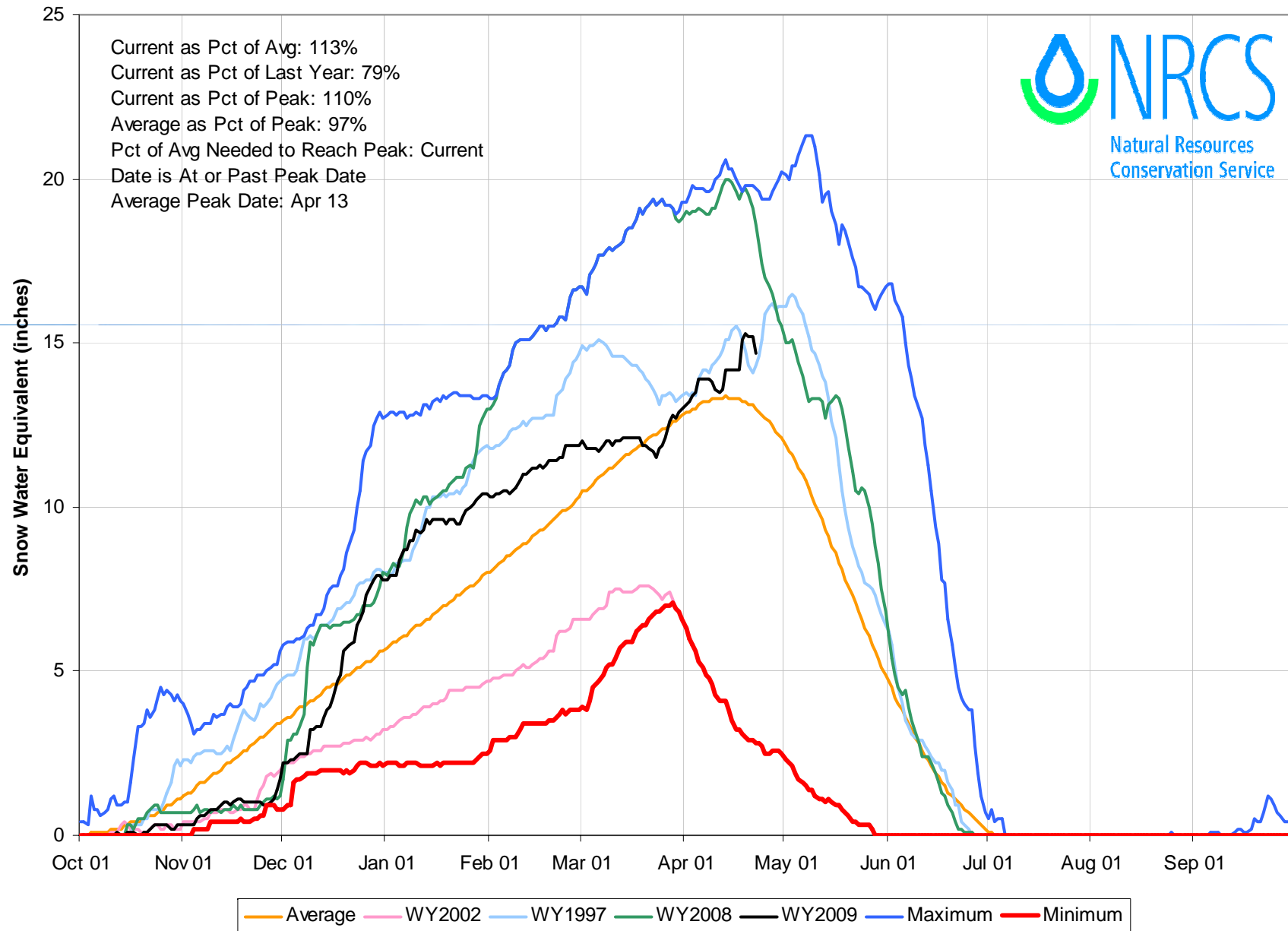
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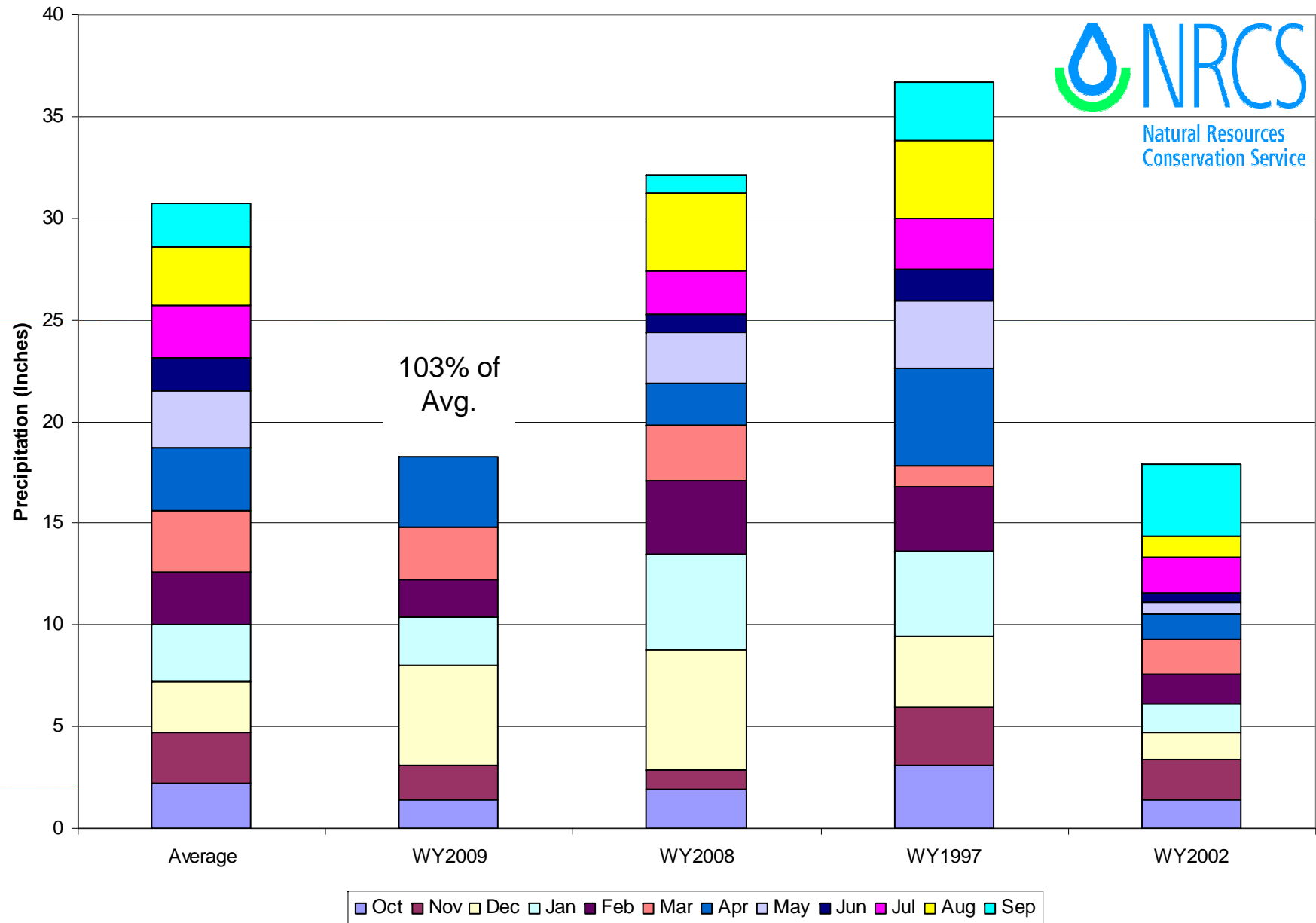
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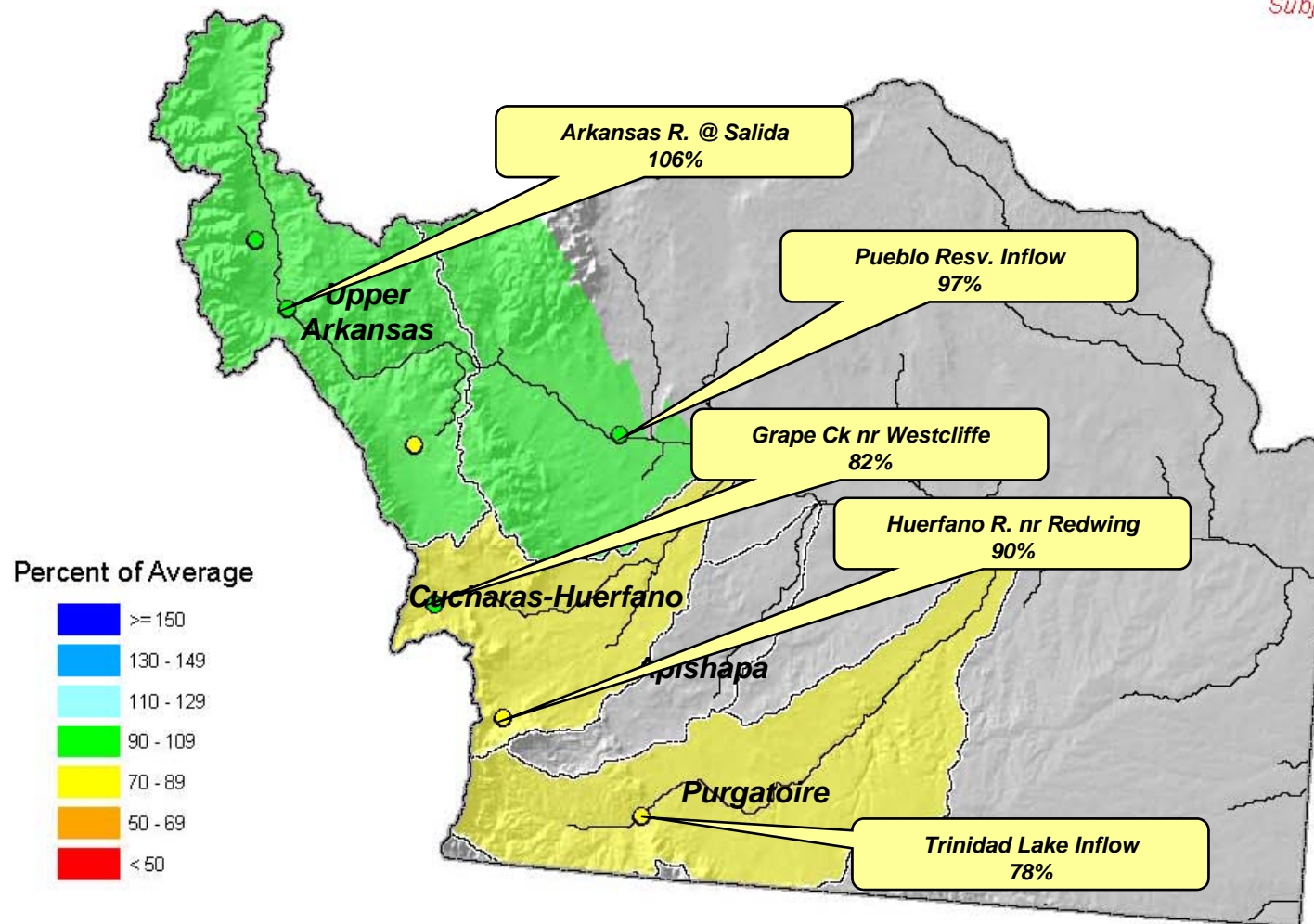
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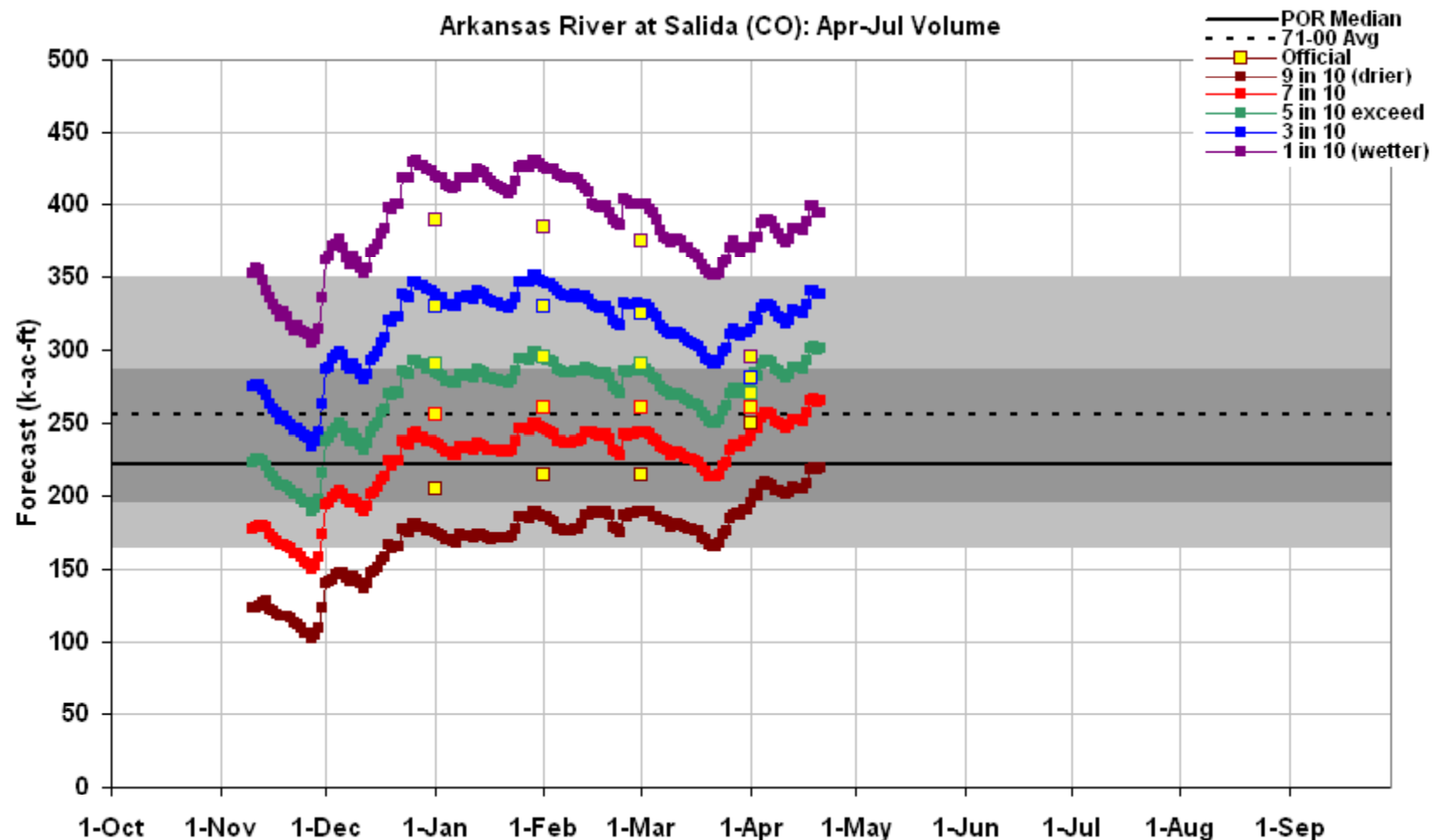


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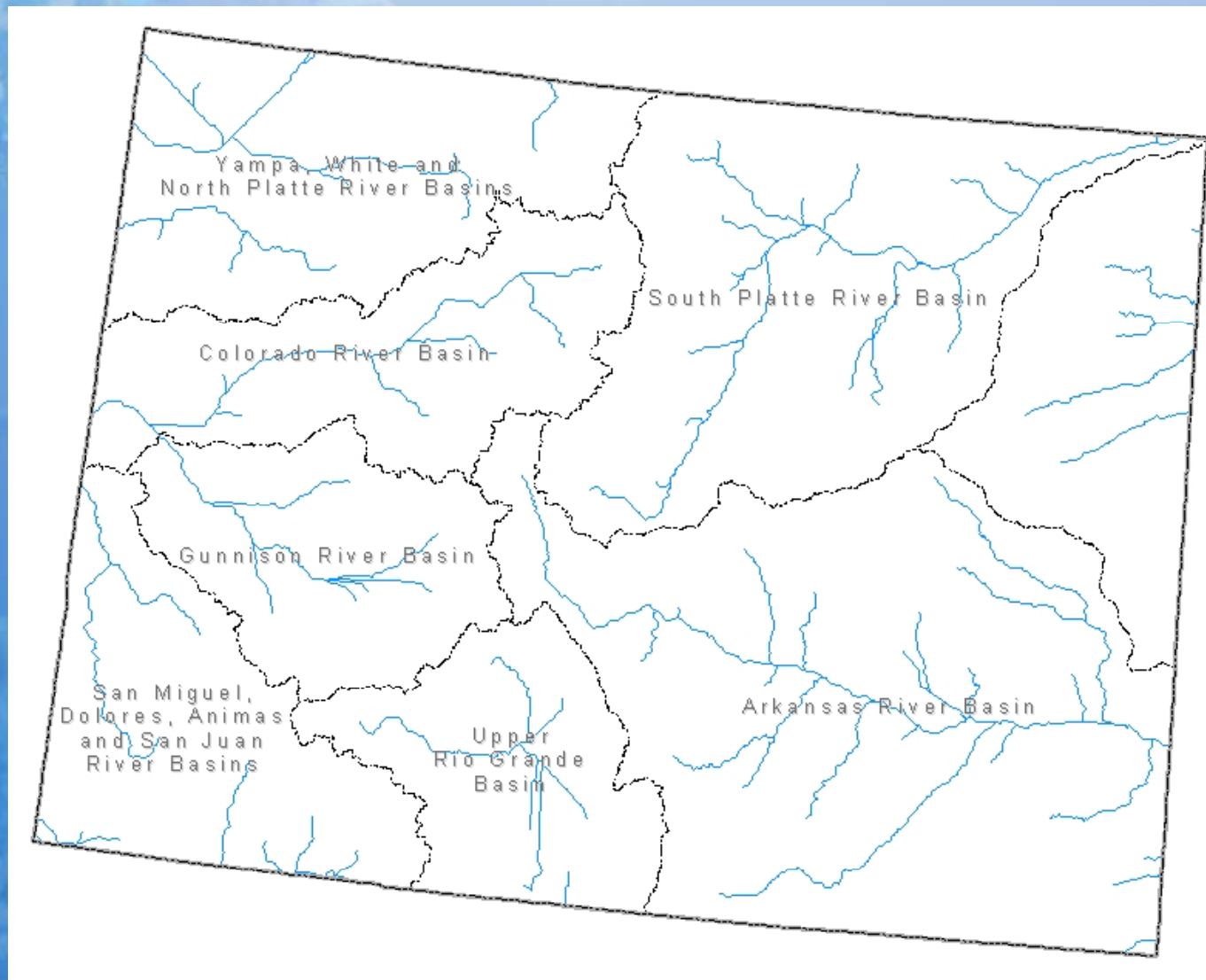


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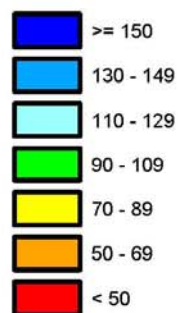
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Colorado Statewide Summary

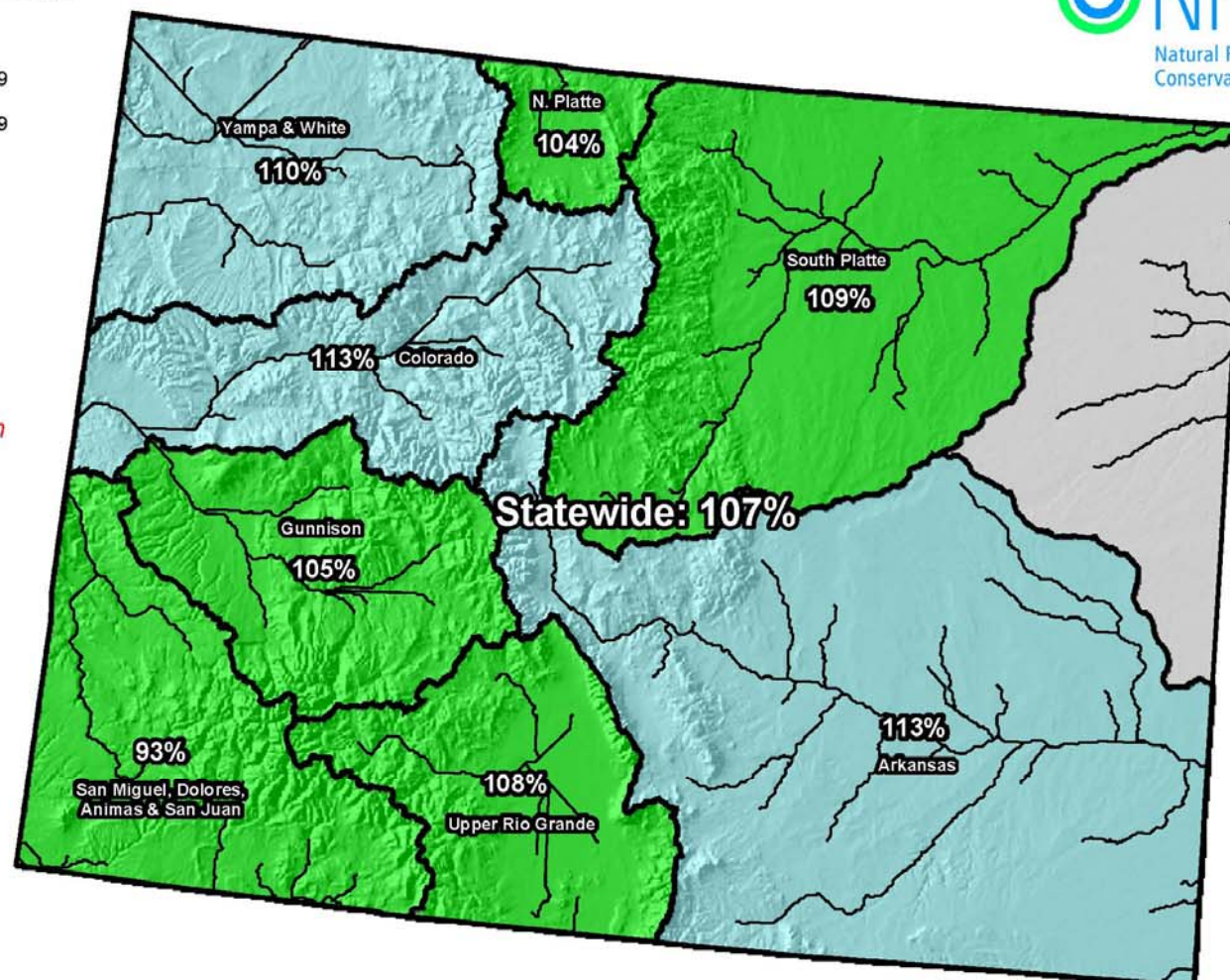


Colorado SNOTEL Snowpack Update Map

Percent of Average



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Current as of Apr 22, 2009

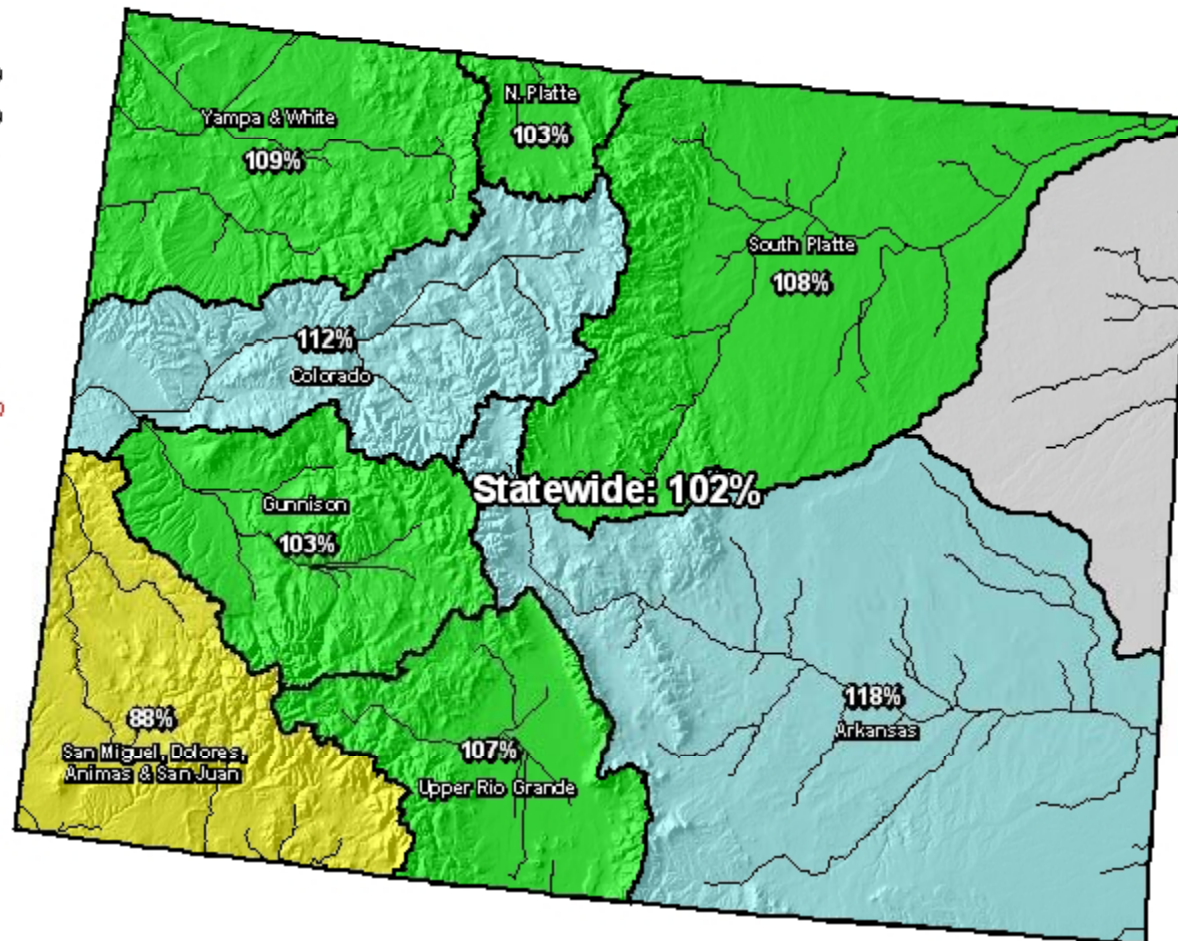
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Colorado SNOTEL May 1 Snowpack Projection Map*

Percent of Average



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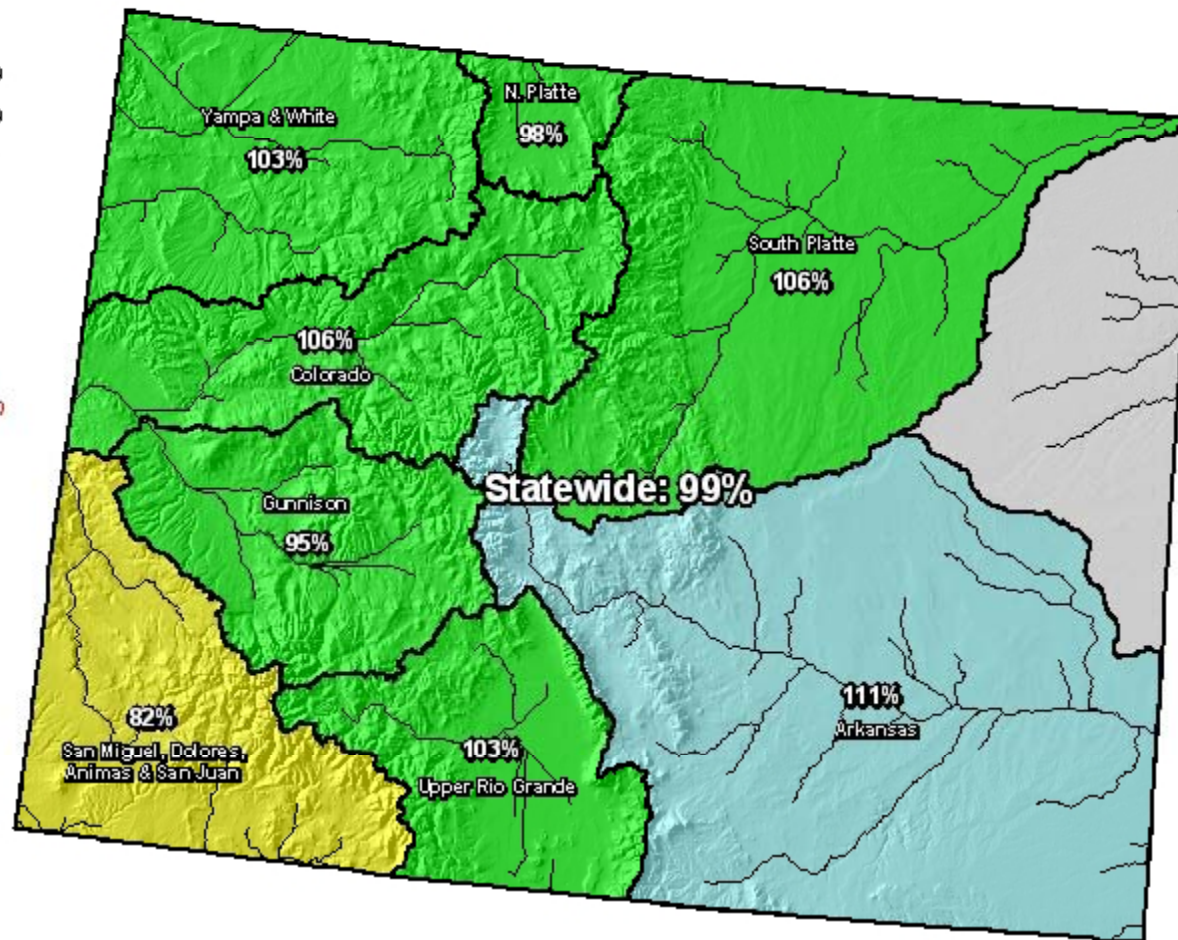
Future precipitation = Median

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Percent of Average



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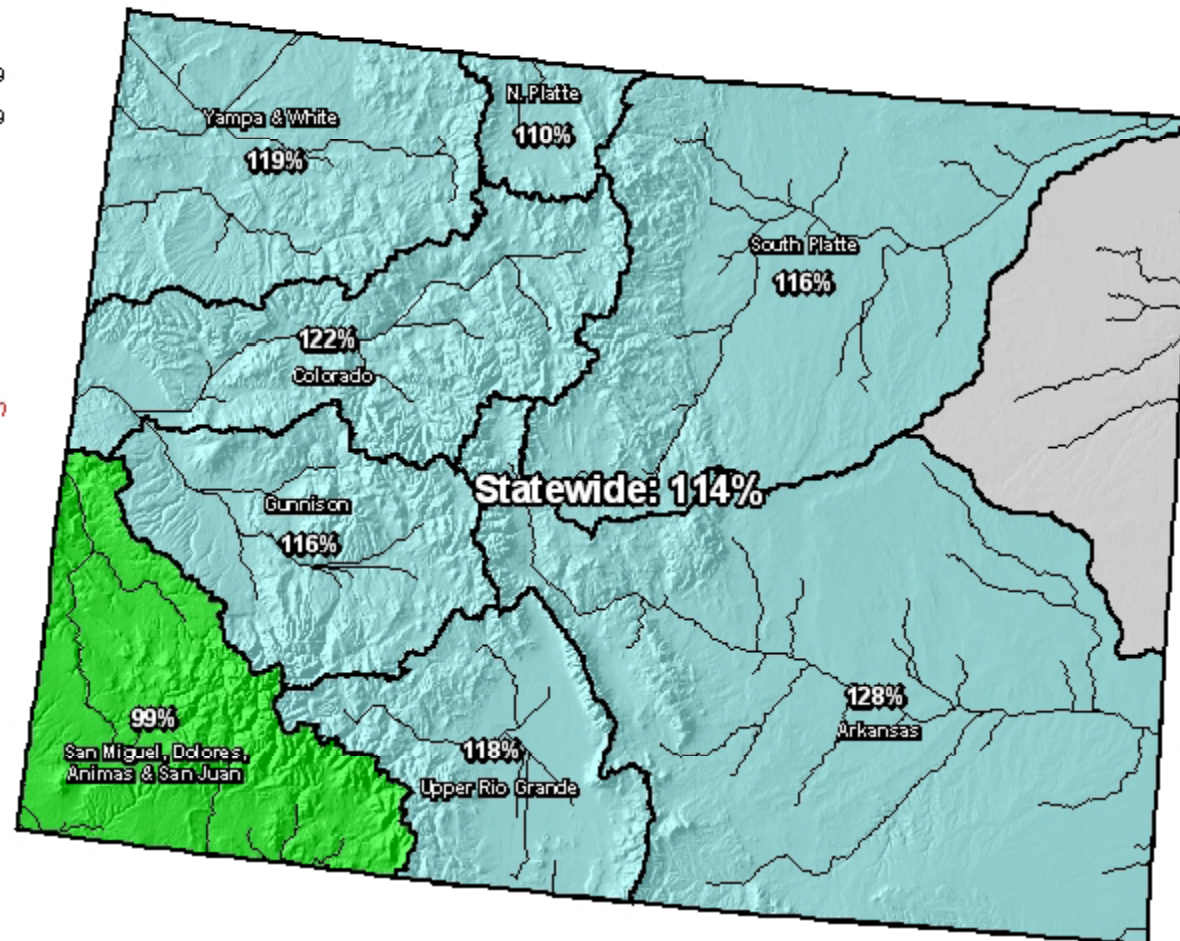
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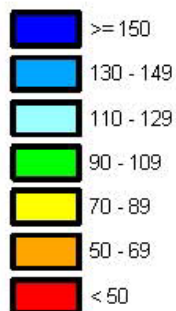
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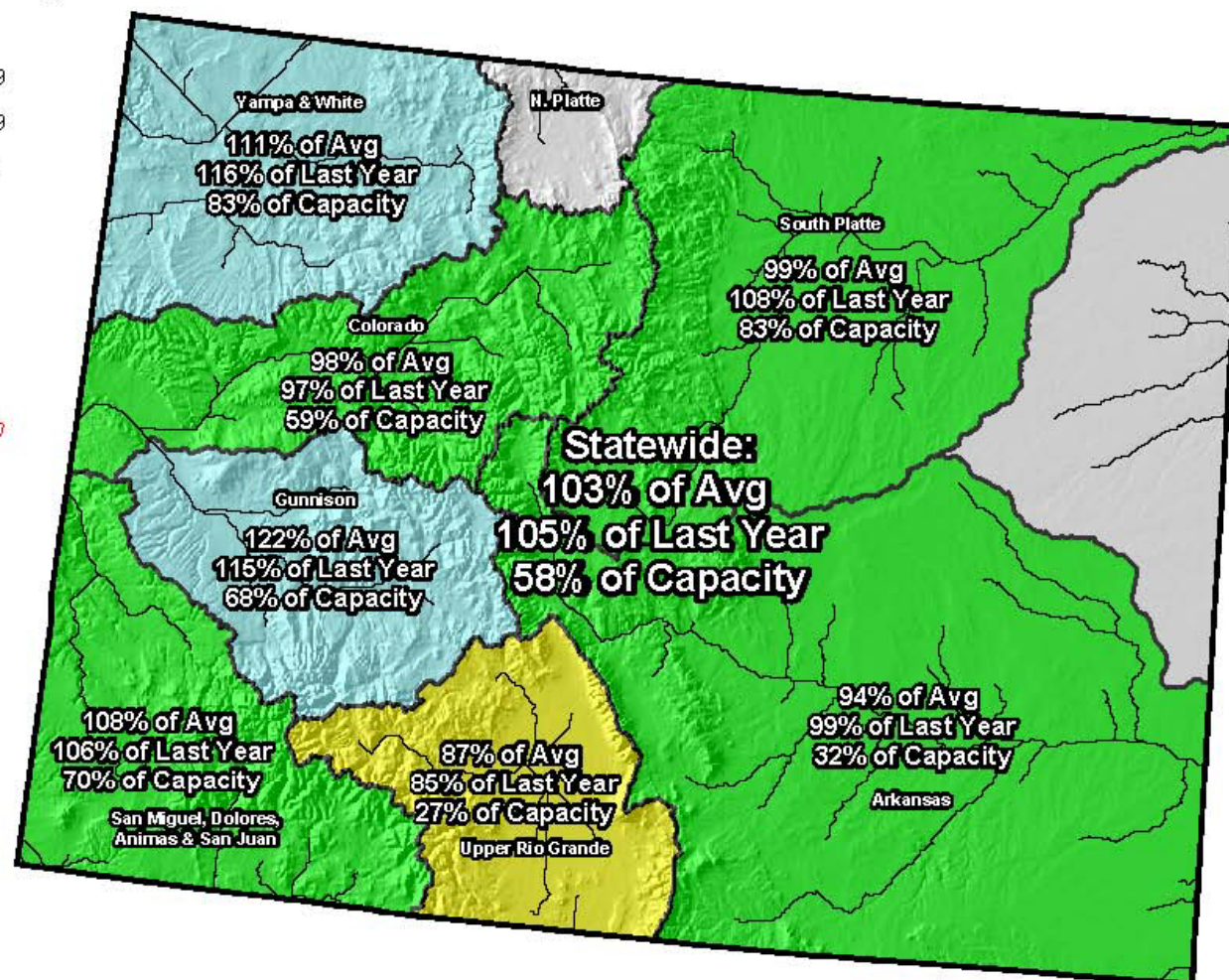
Future precipitation = Wetter 30% of the time

Colorado Reservoir Storage Map

Percent of Average



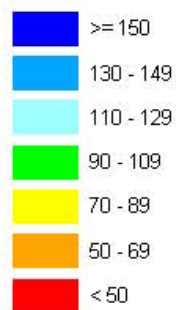
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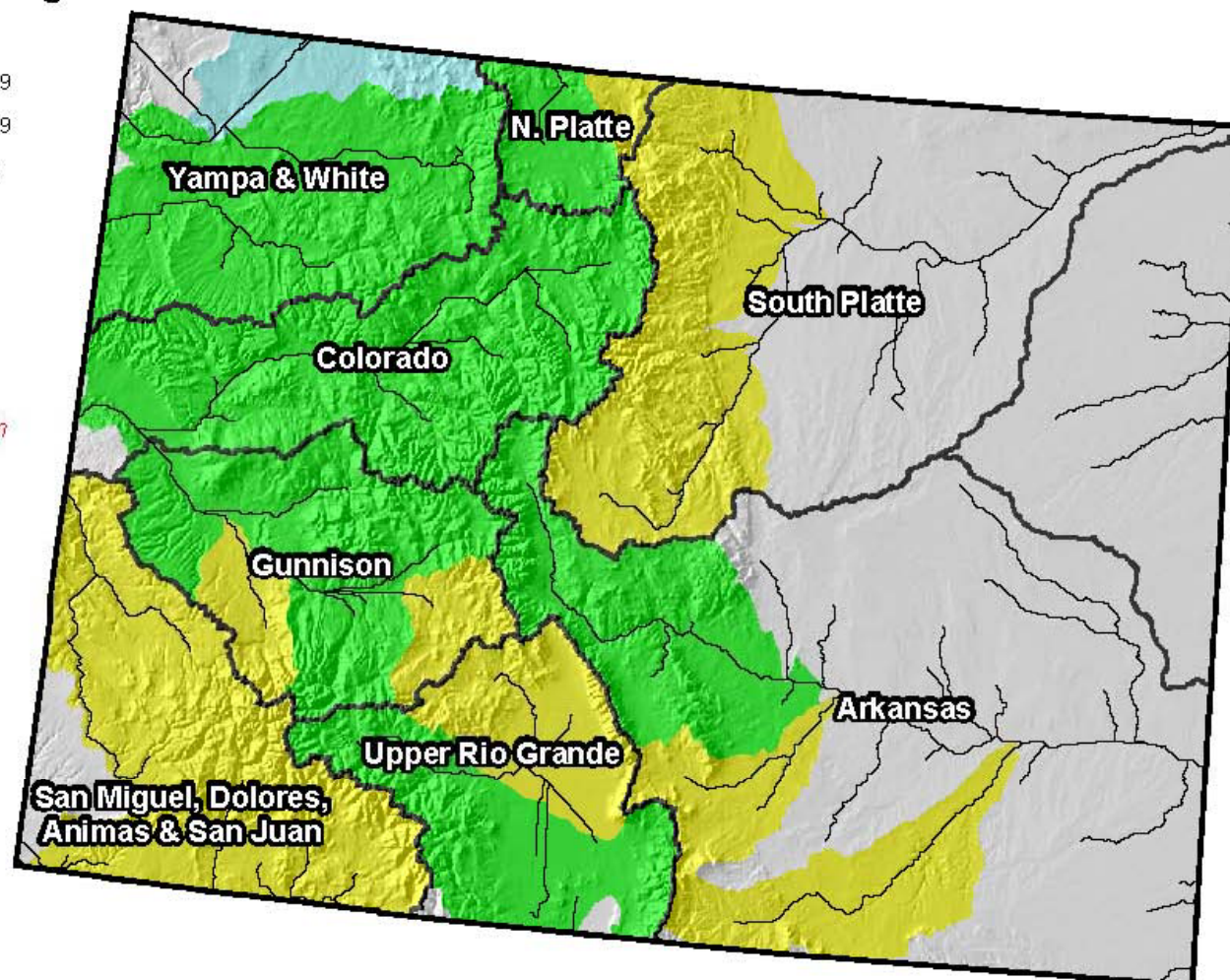
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Colorado Streamflow Forecast Map

Percent of Average



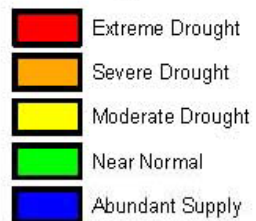
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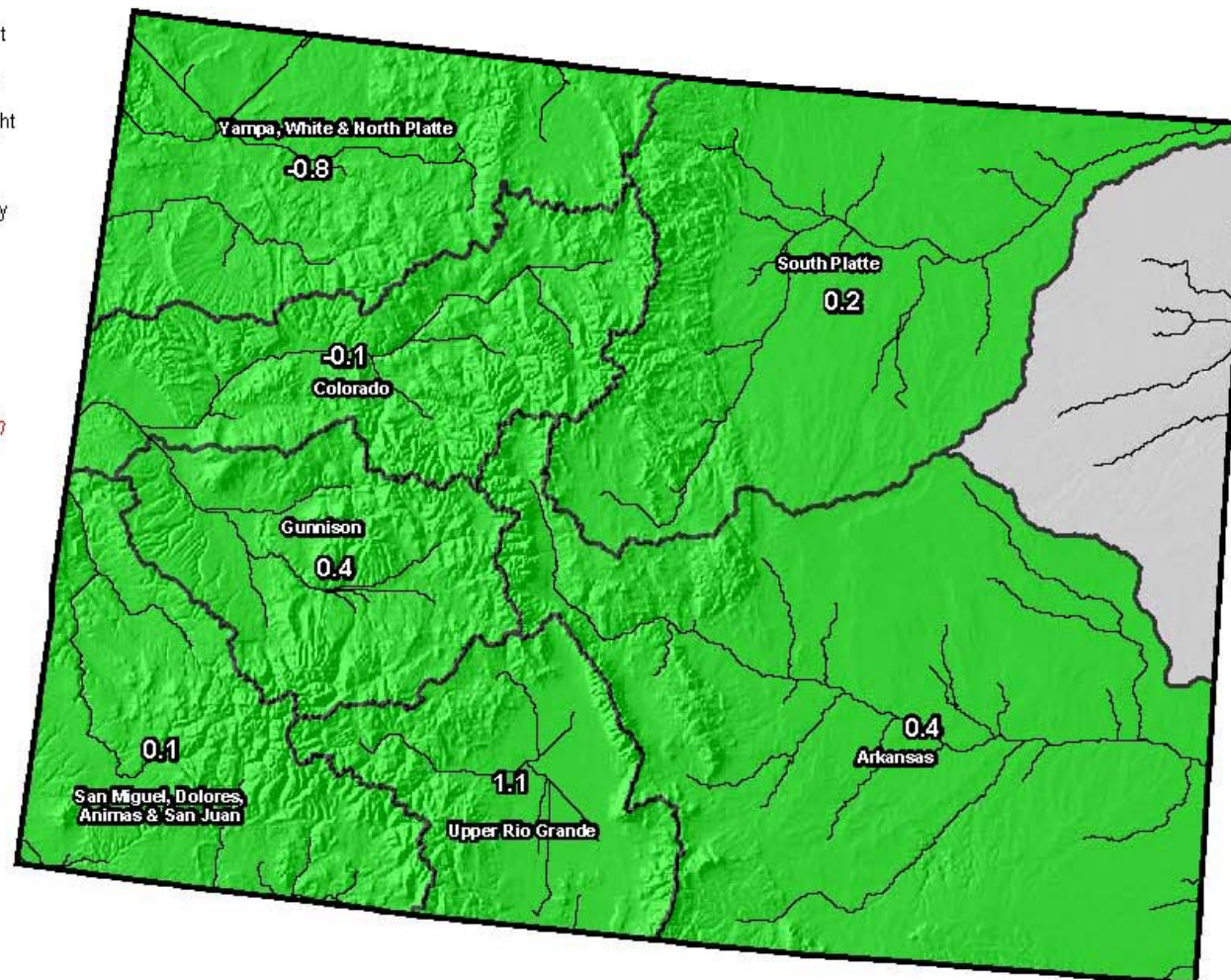
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Colorado Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Map

Legend



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