

NRCS – Snow Survey & Water Supply Forecasting

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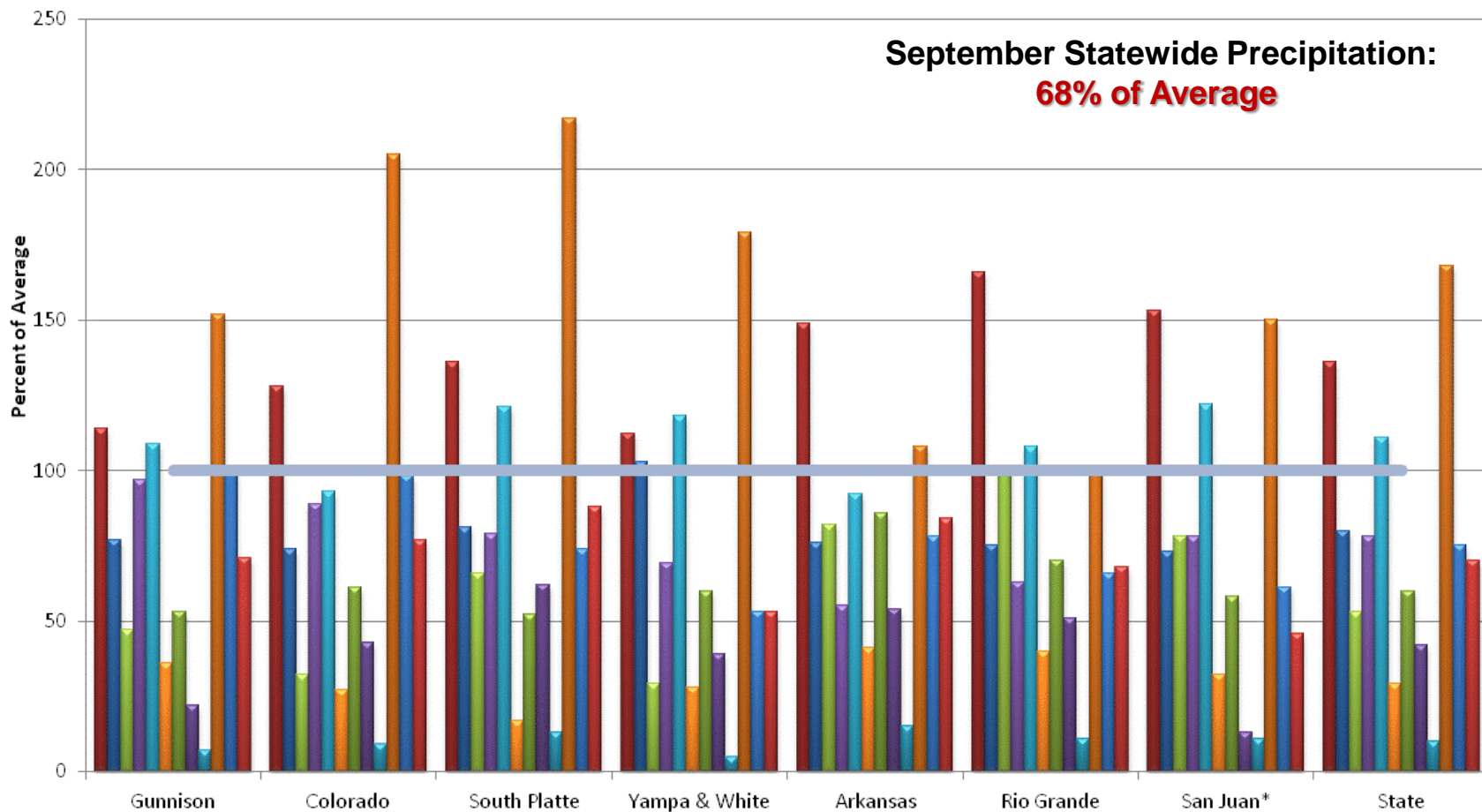
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Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary for WY2012

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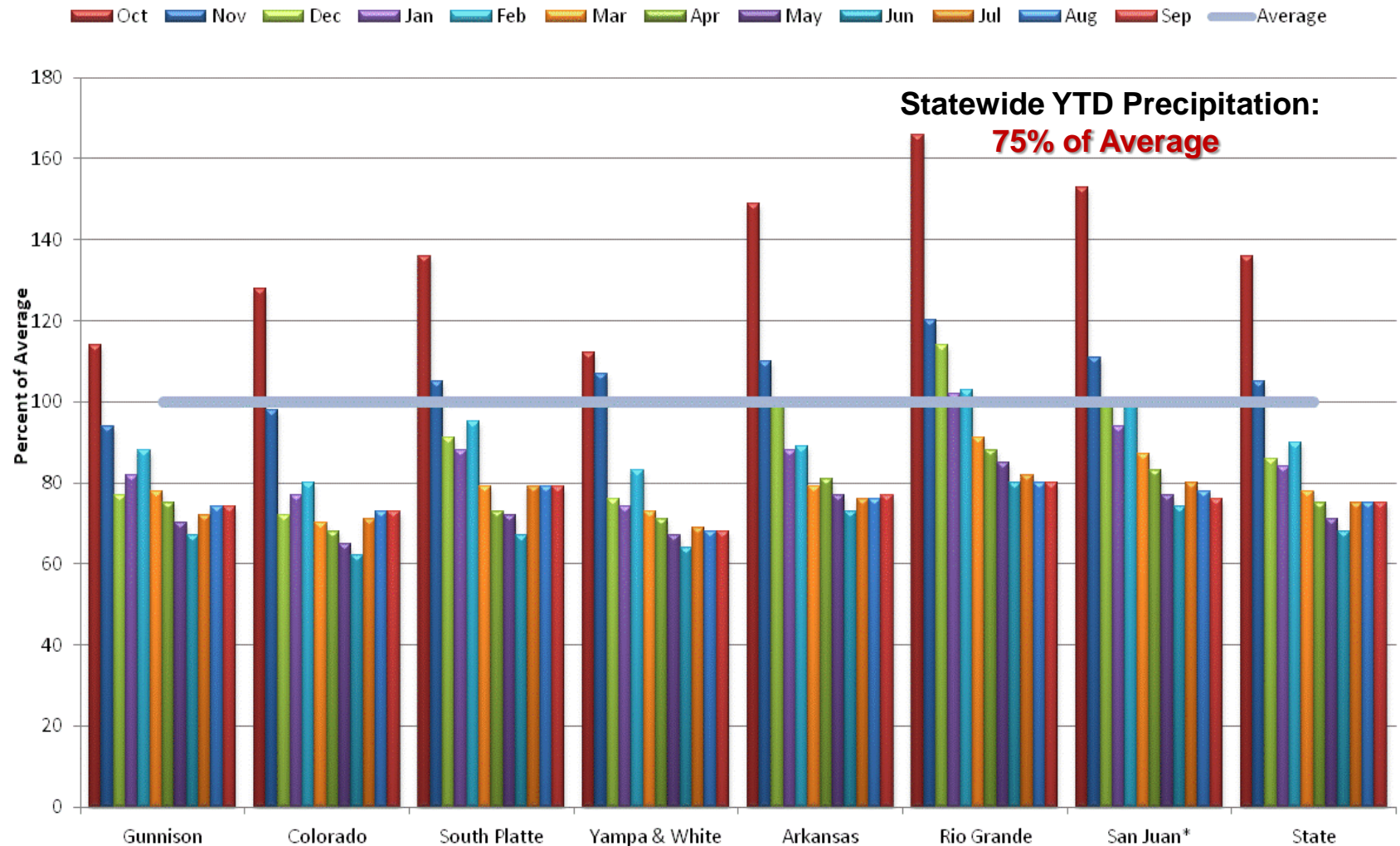
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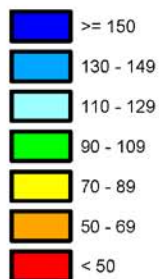


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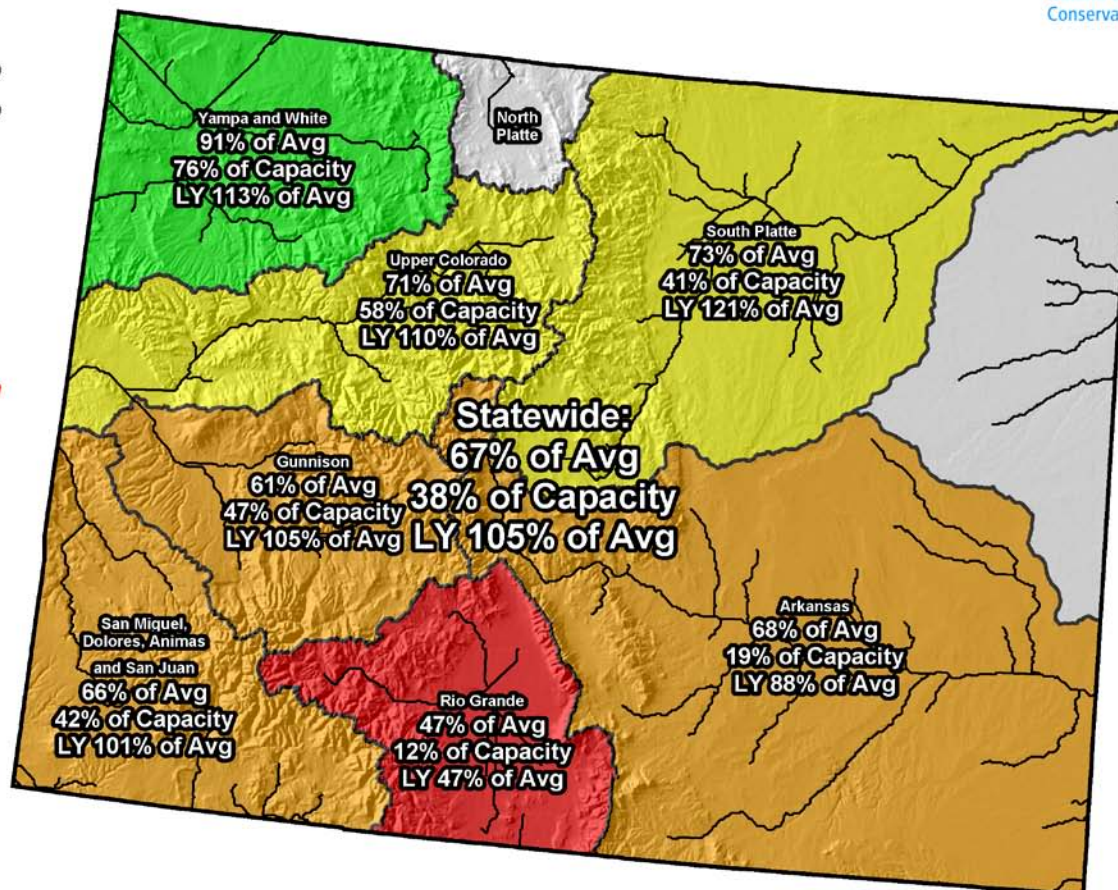
Colorado Reservoir Storage Map



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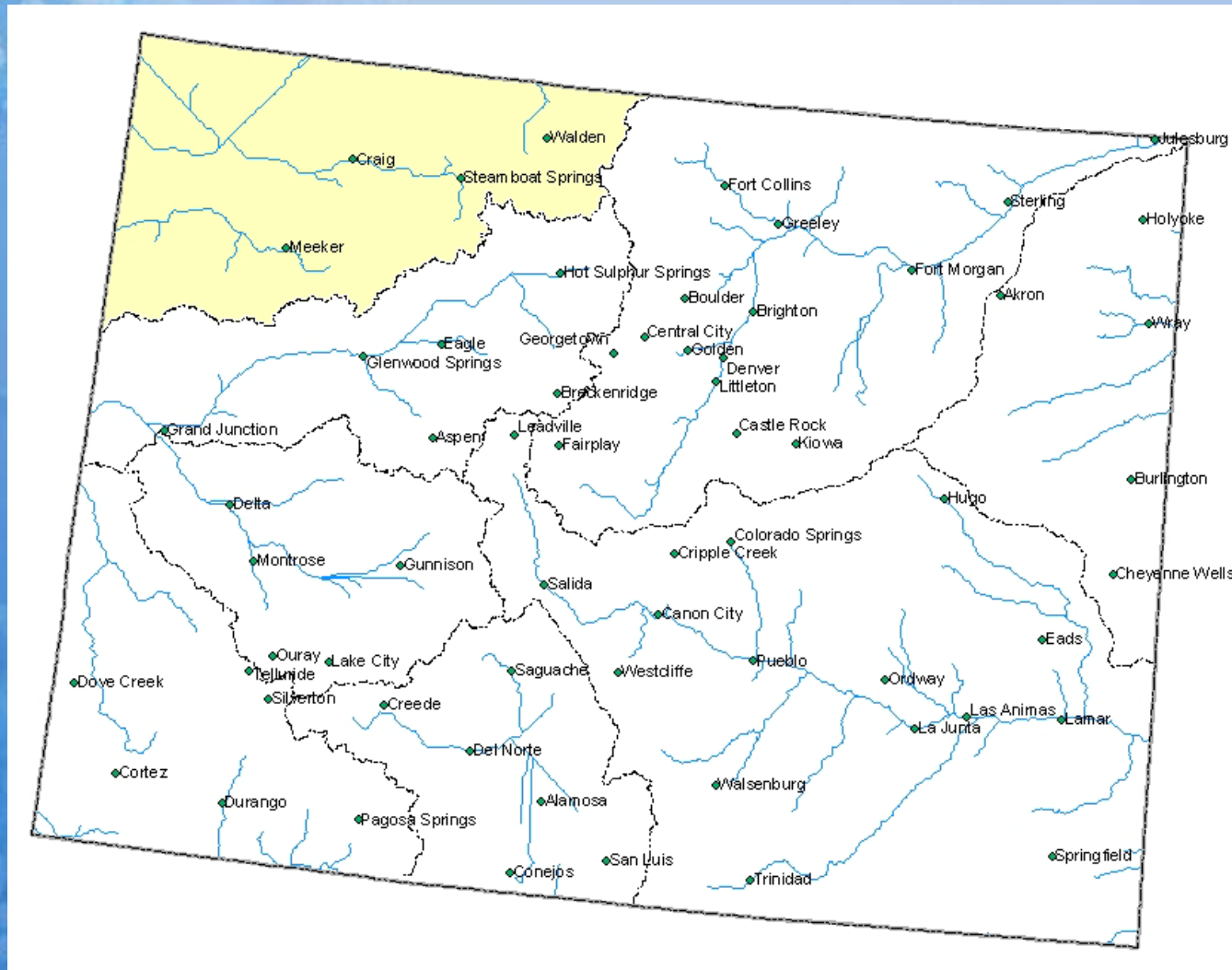


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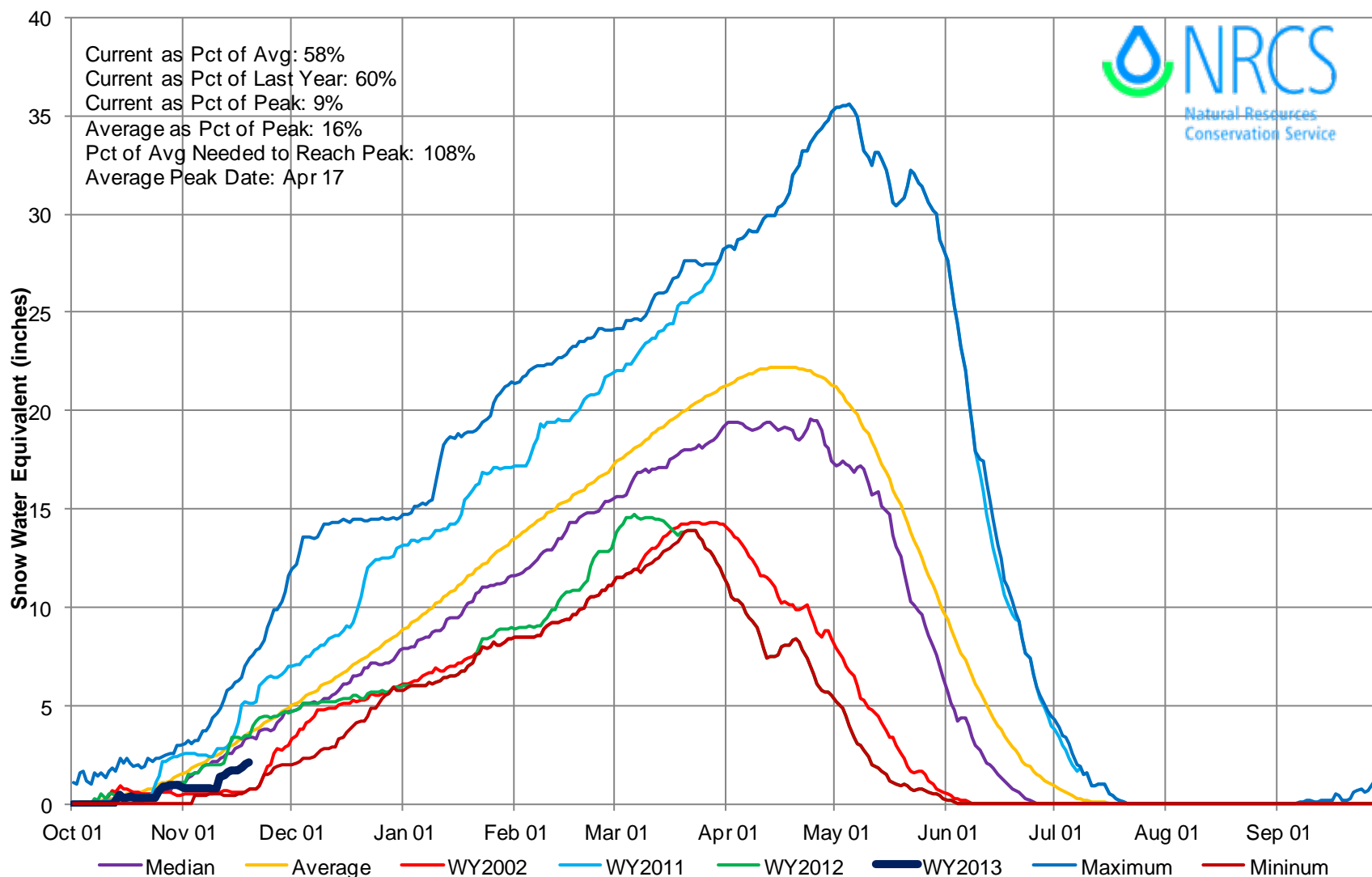
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Yampa, White & North Platte River Basins Summary



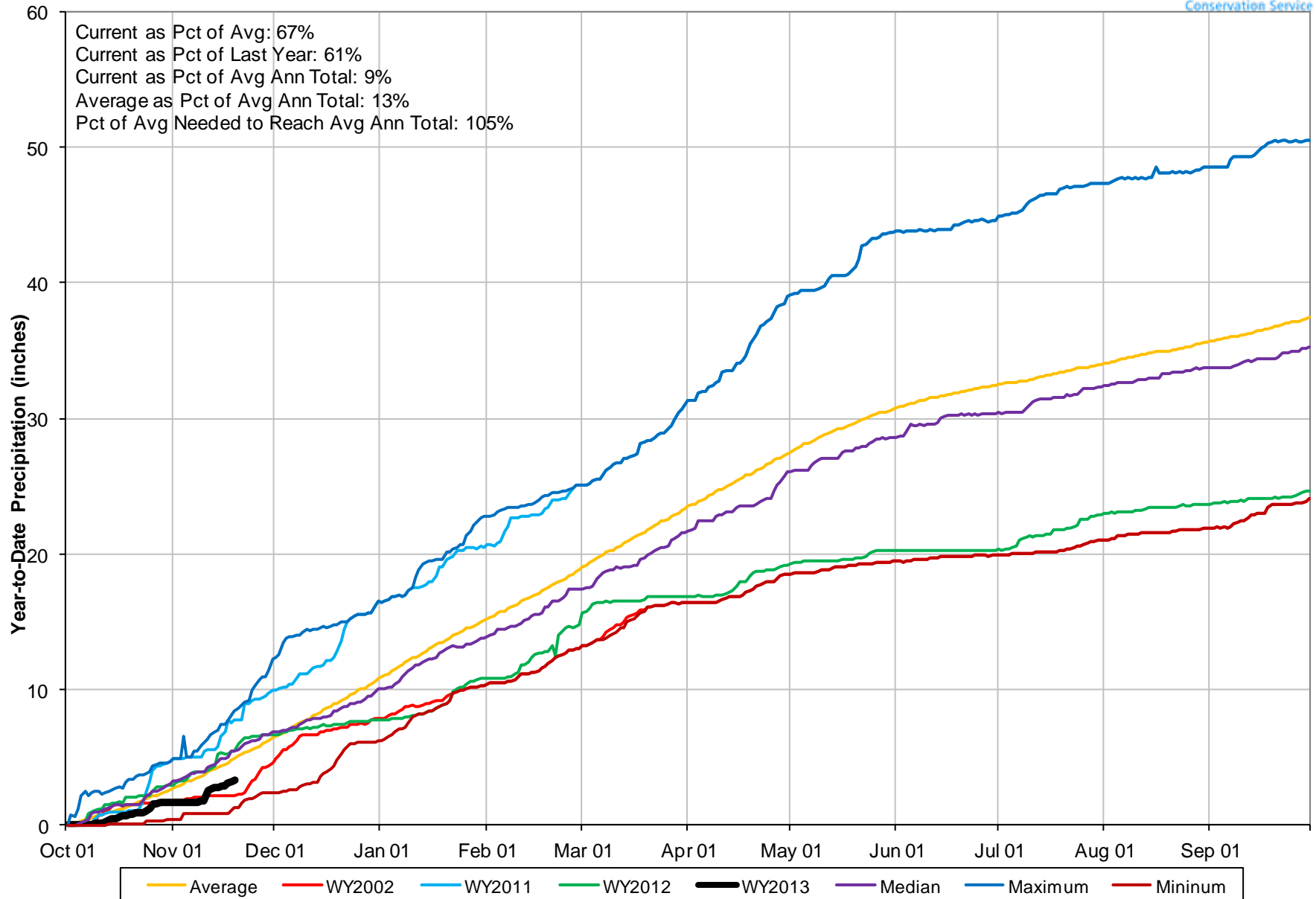
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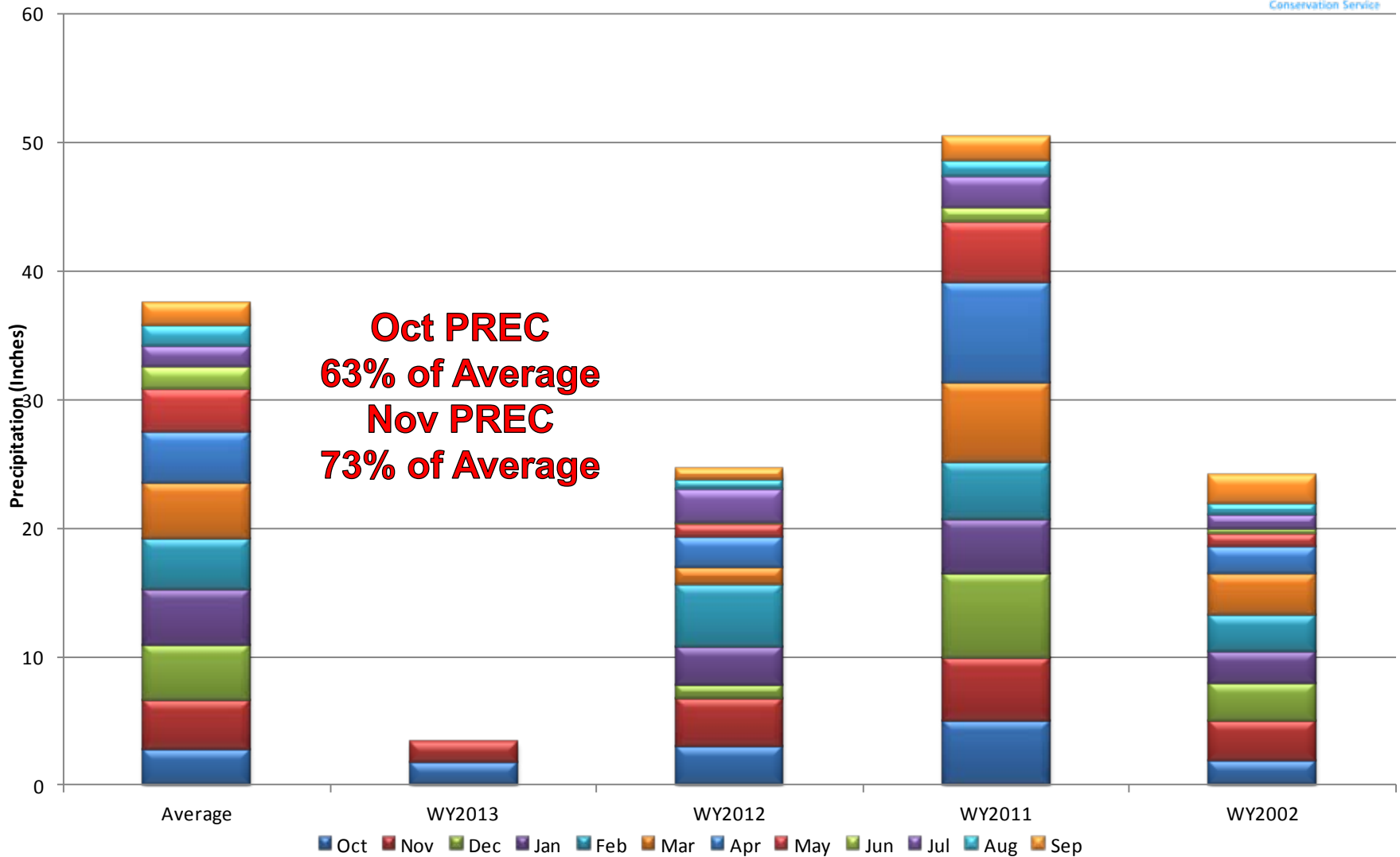
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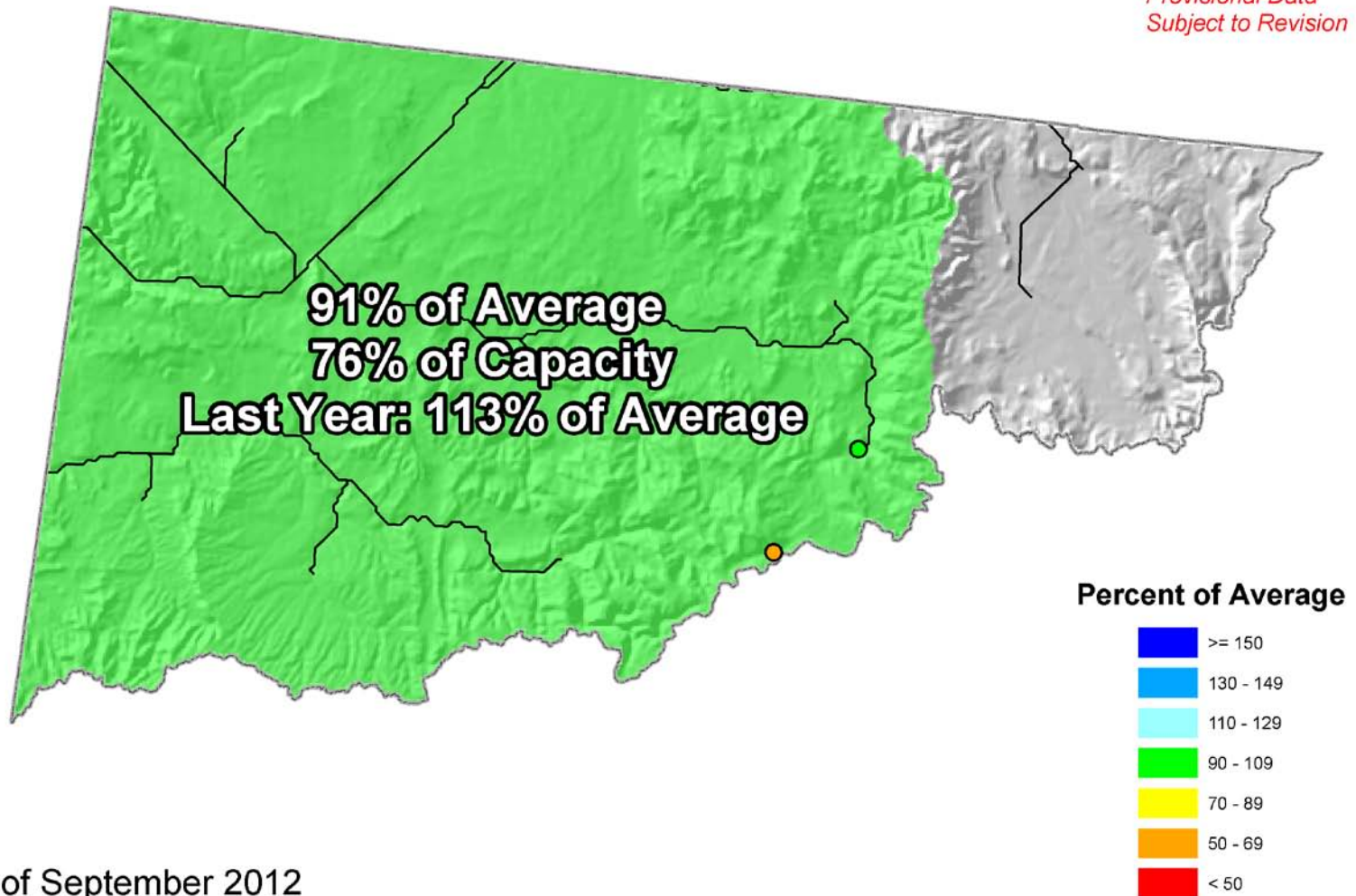
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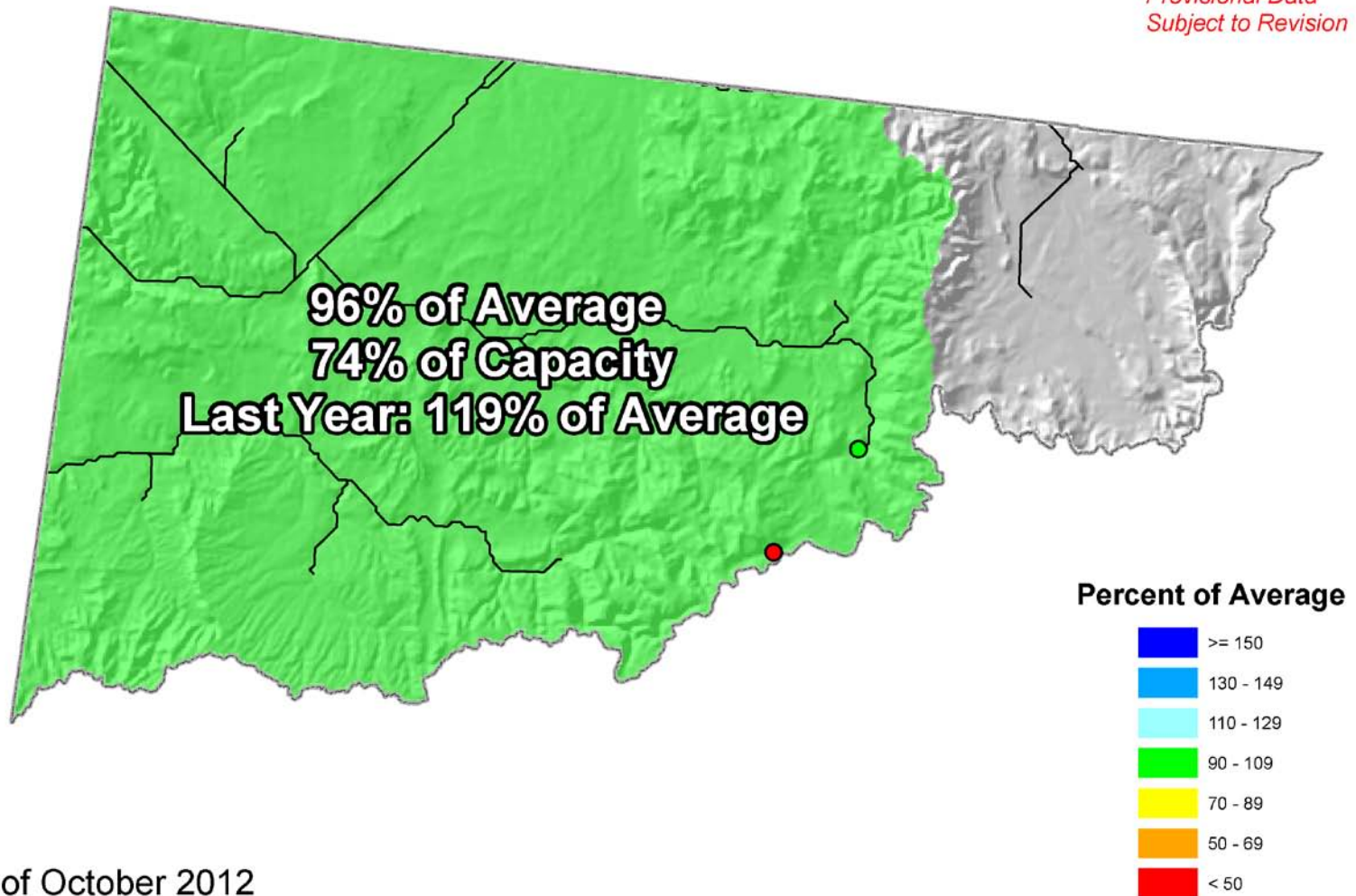


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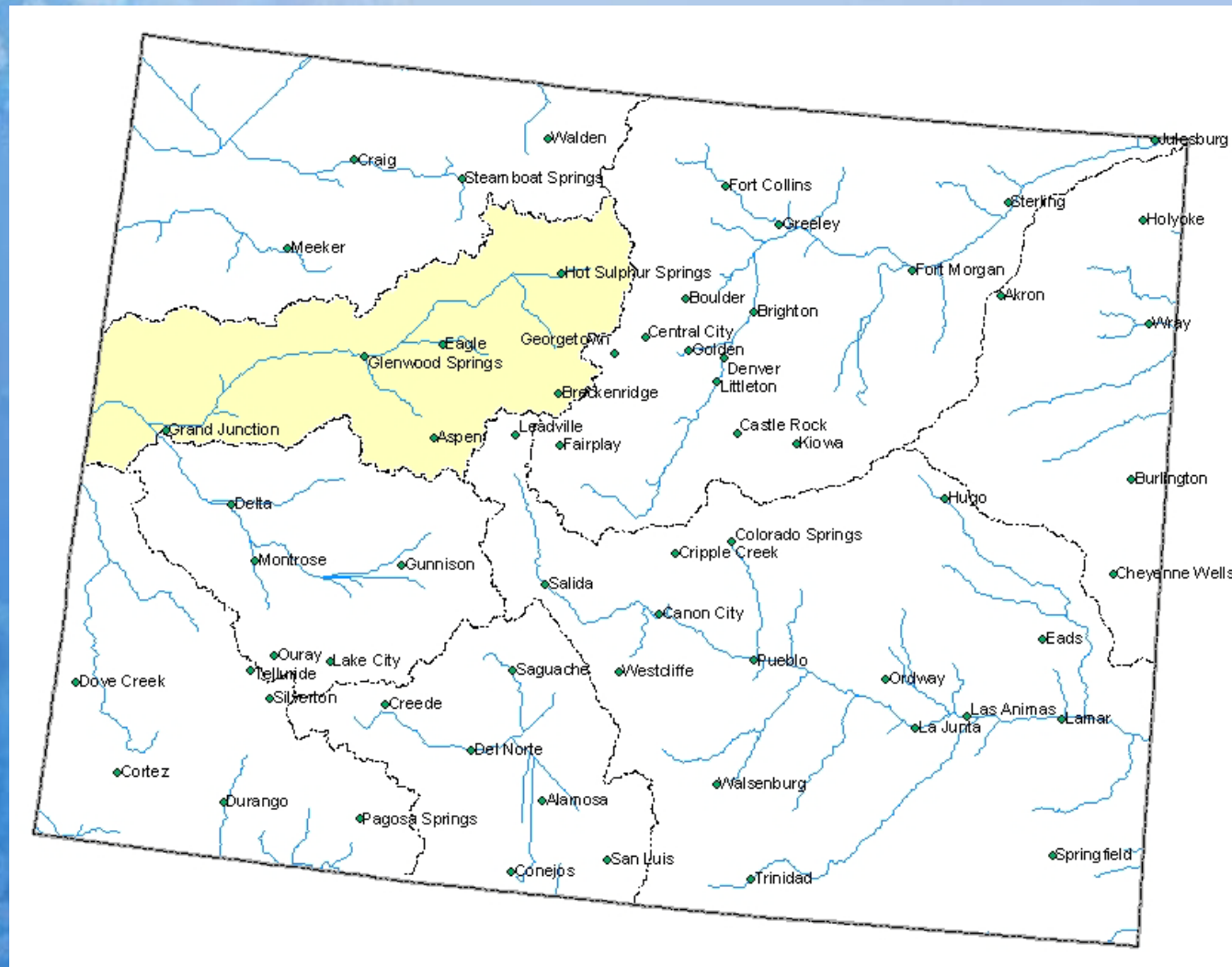


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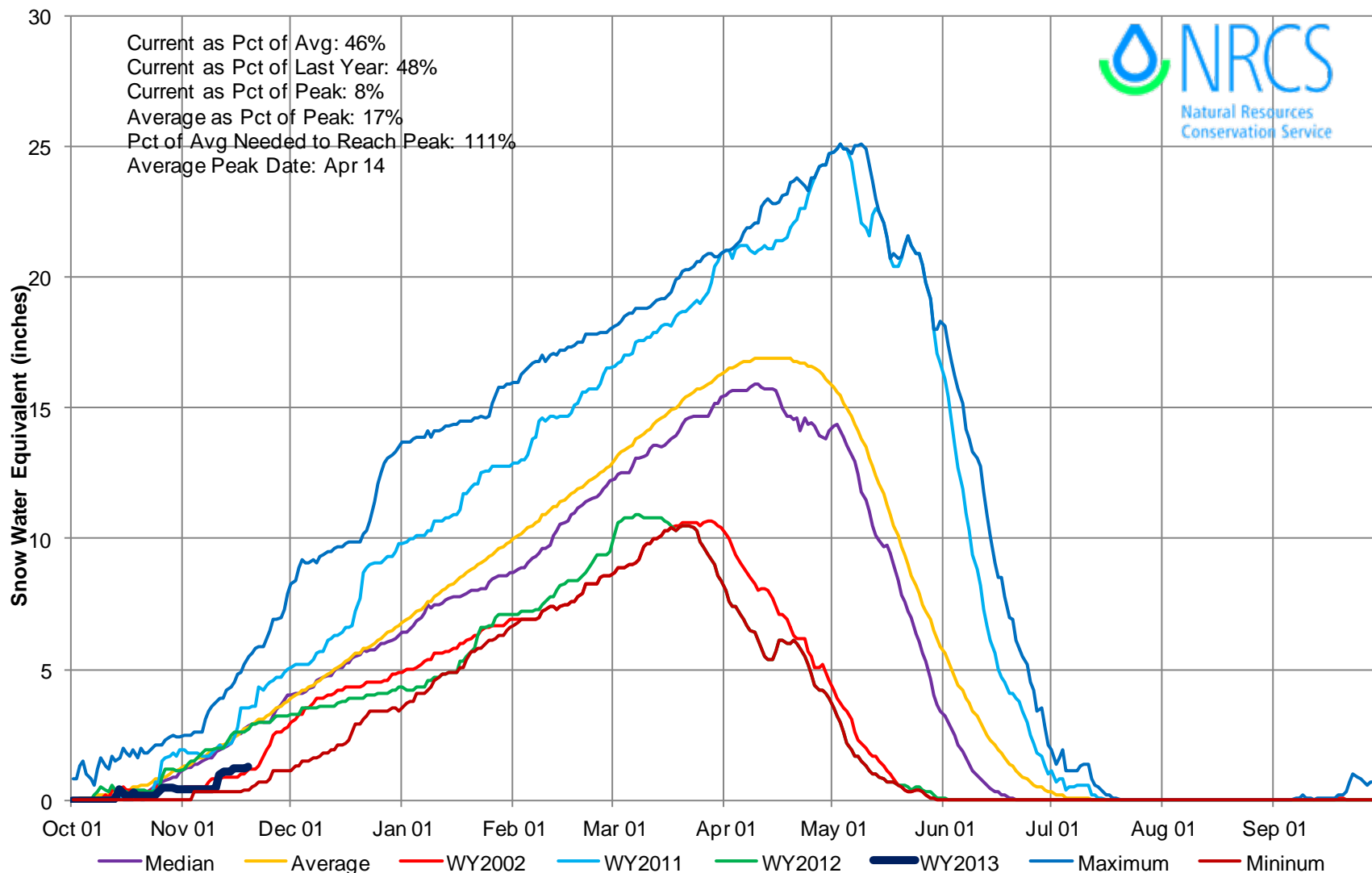
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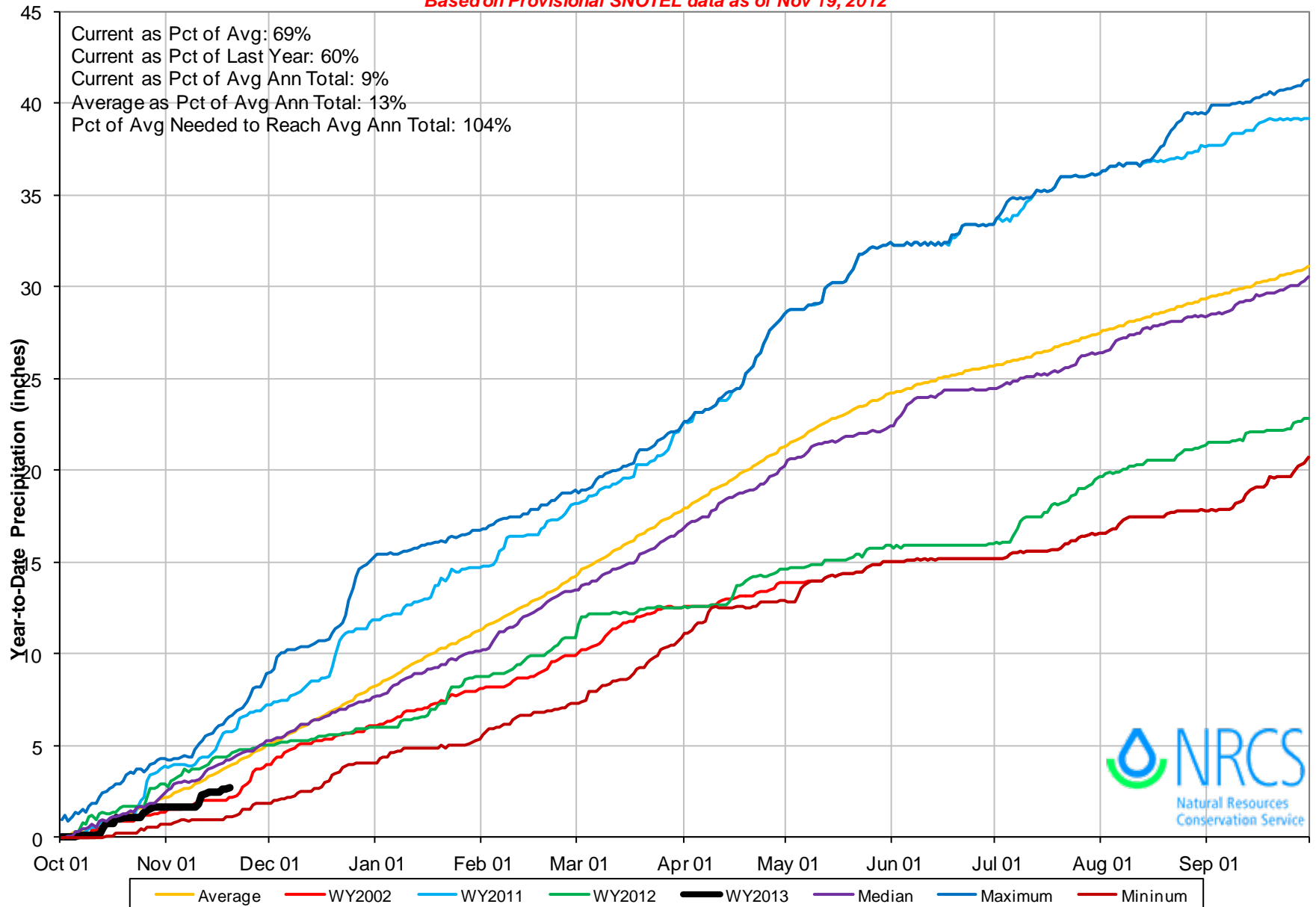
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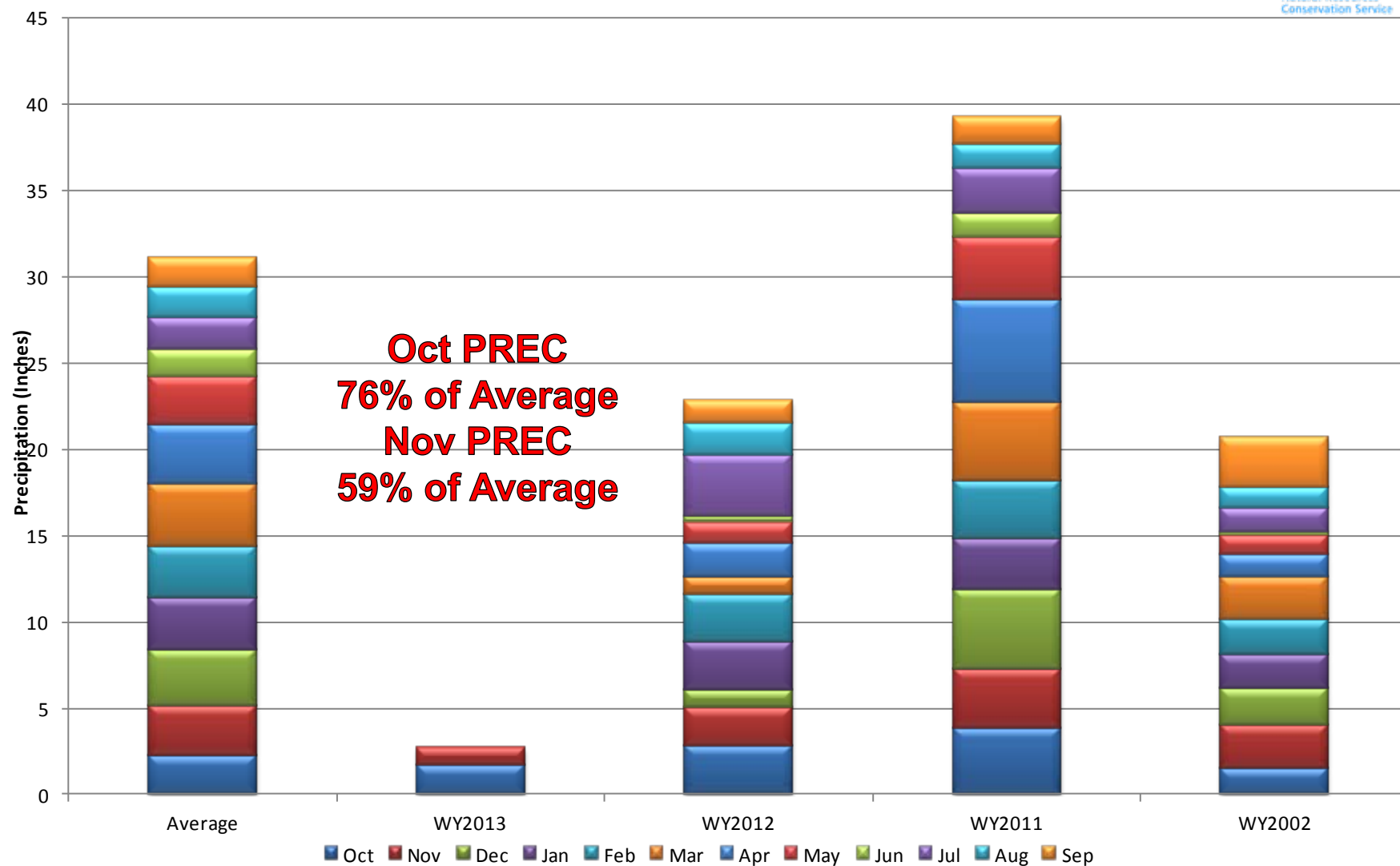
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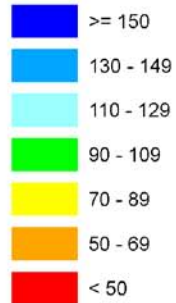
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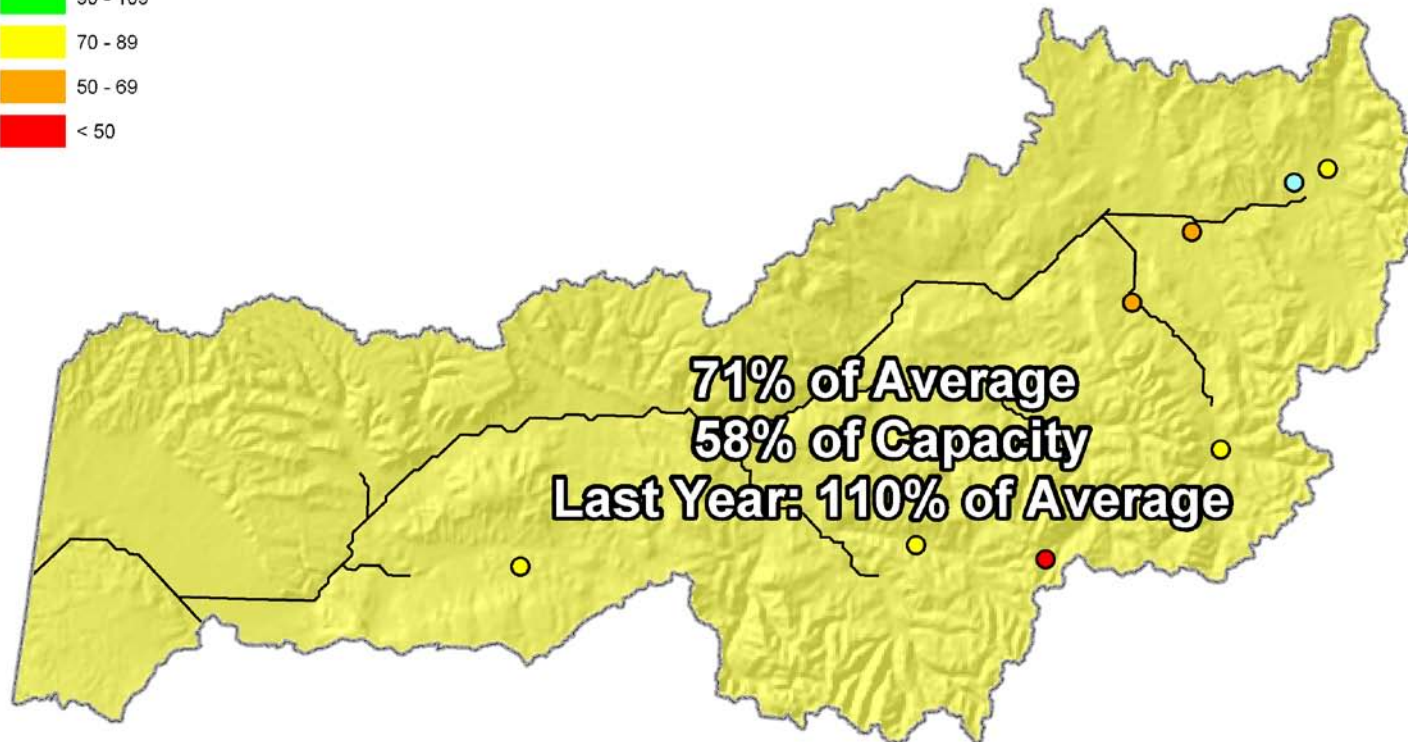
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Percent of Average



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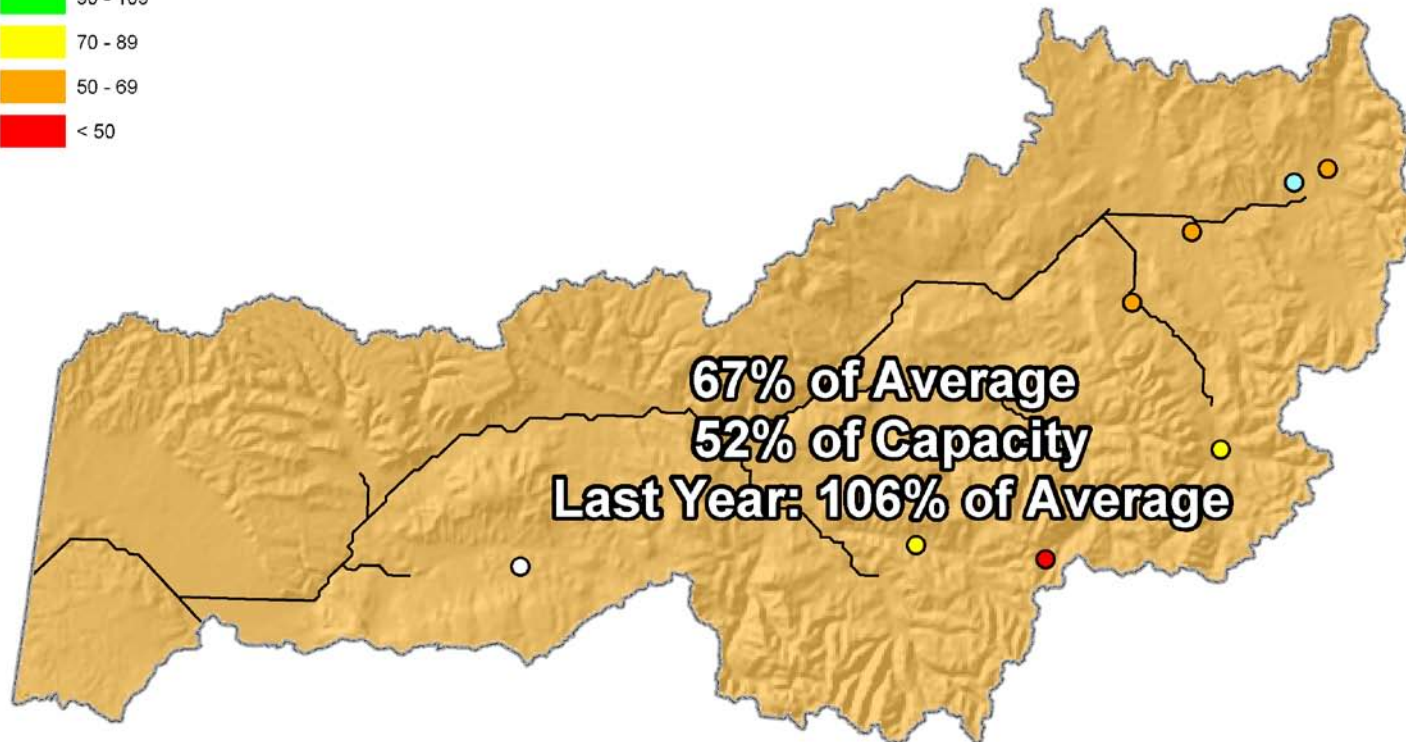
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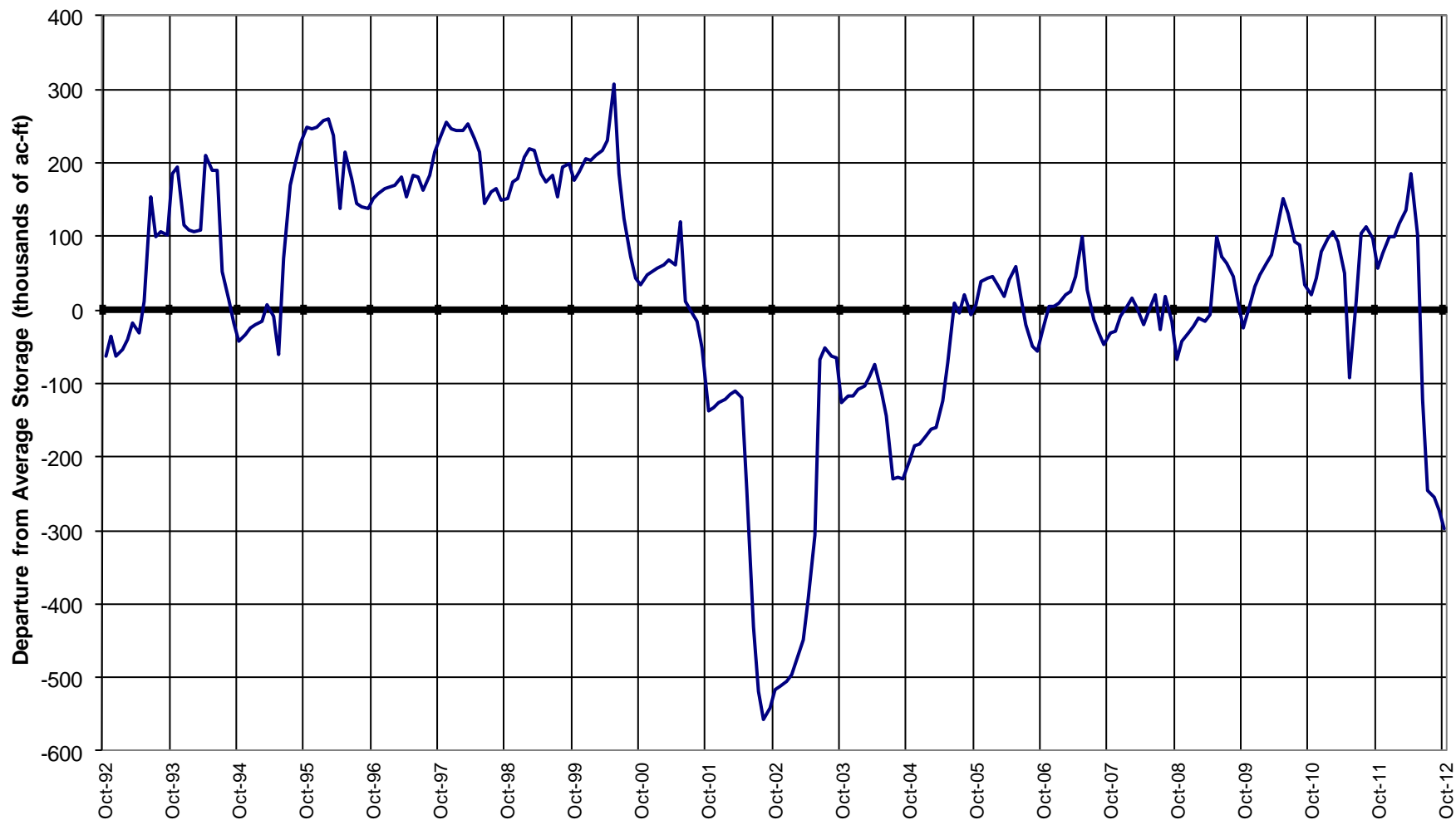


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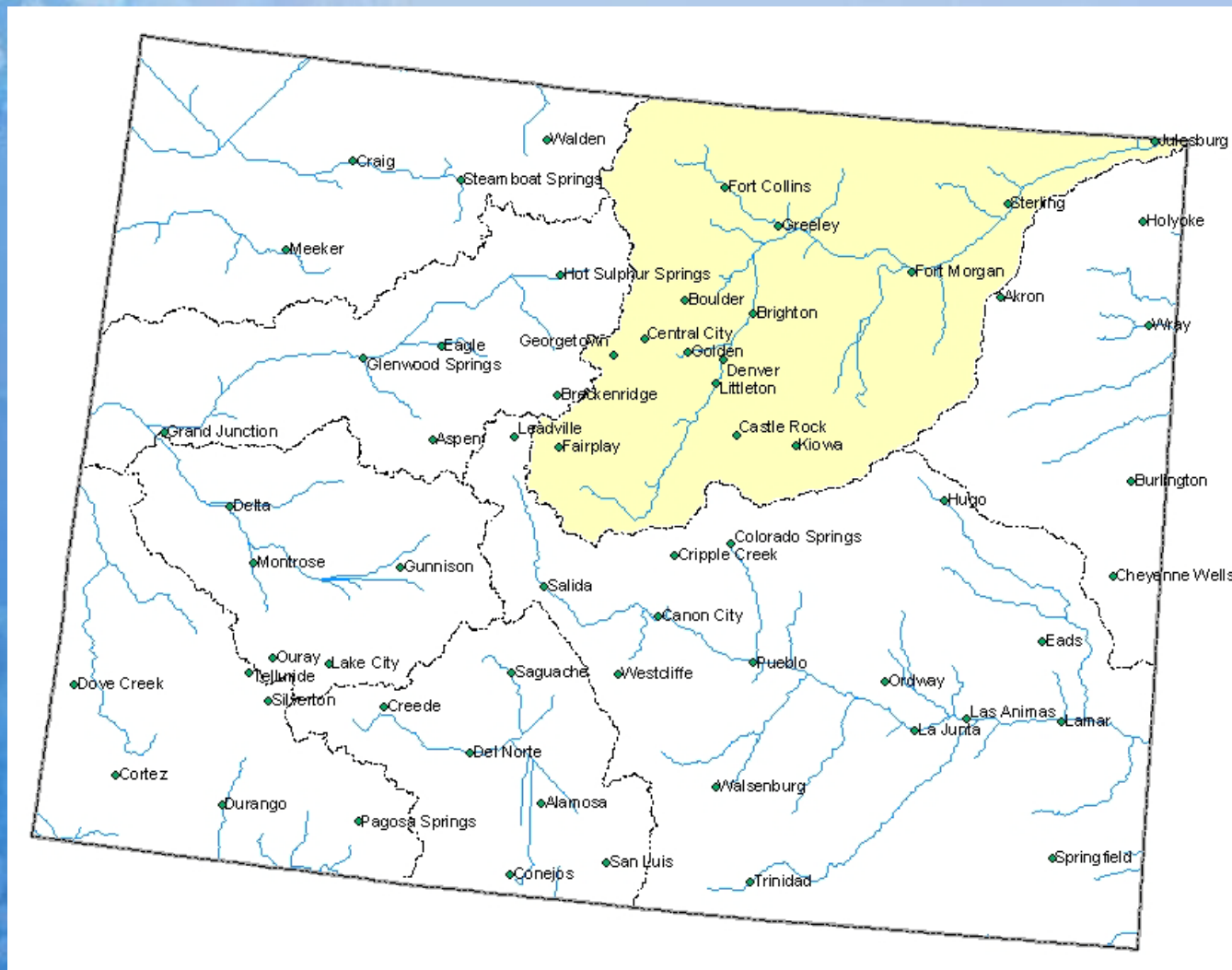


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Reservoir Storage
Departure from Average

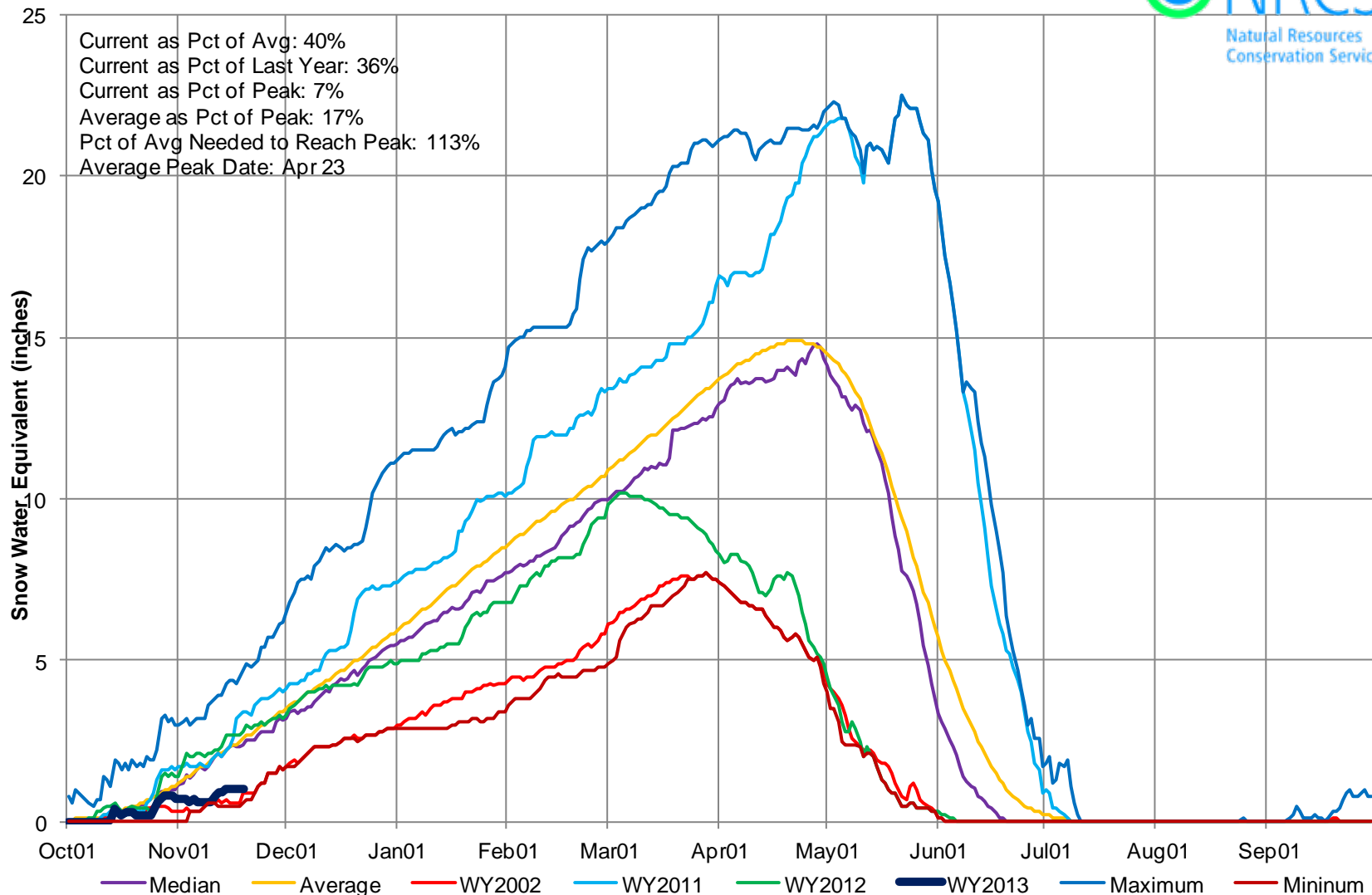


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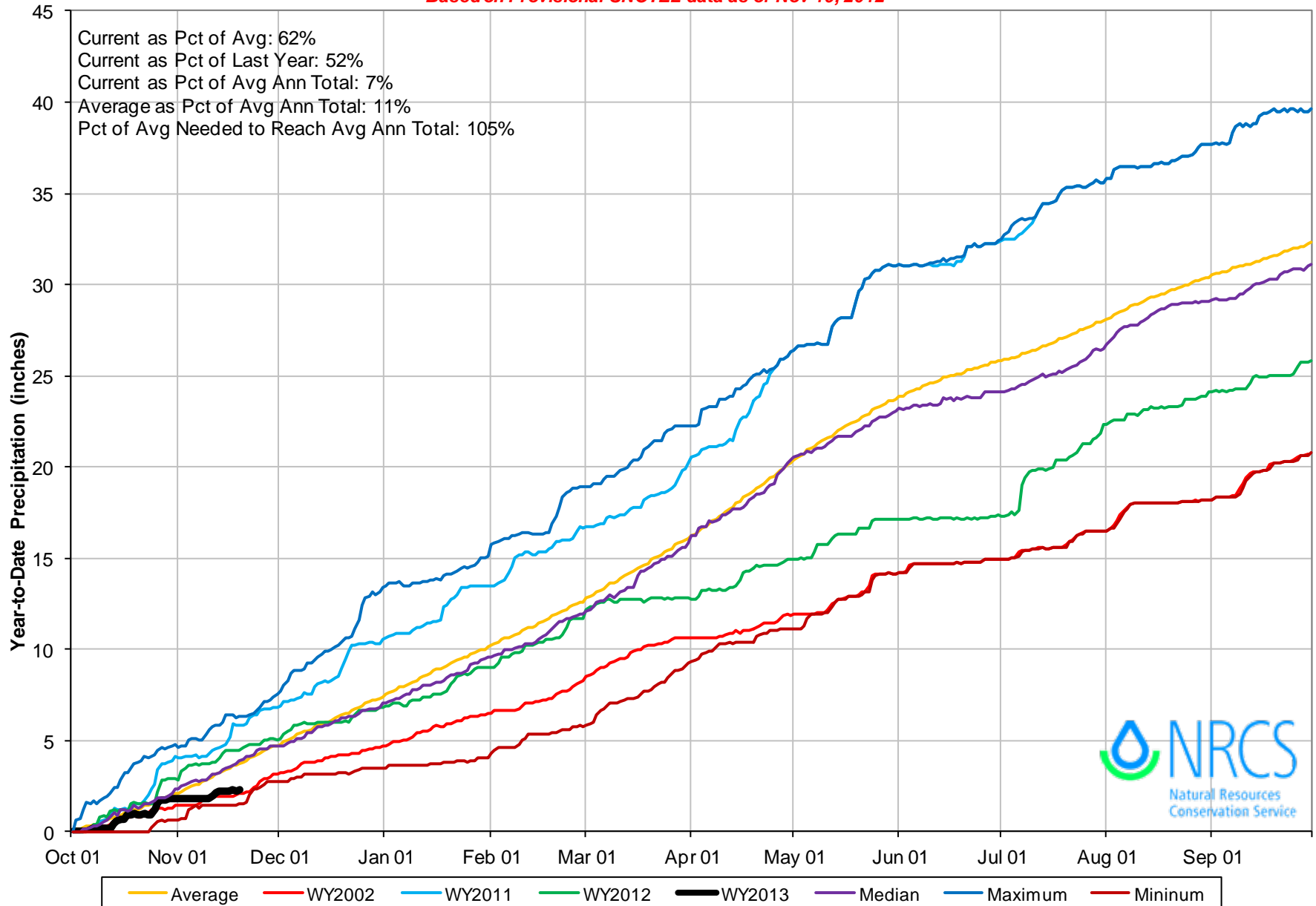
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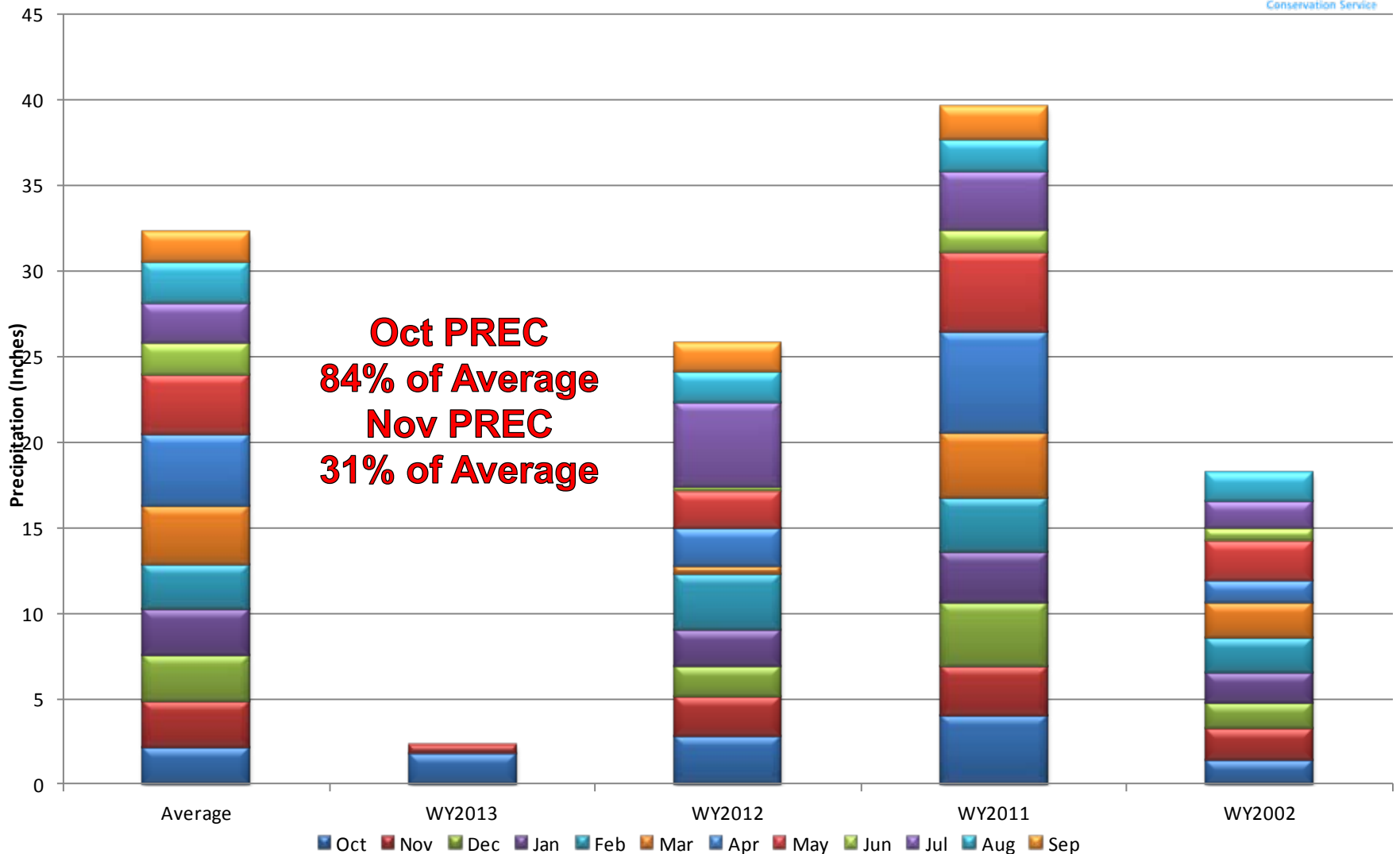
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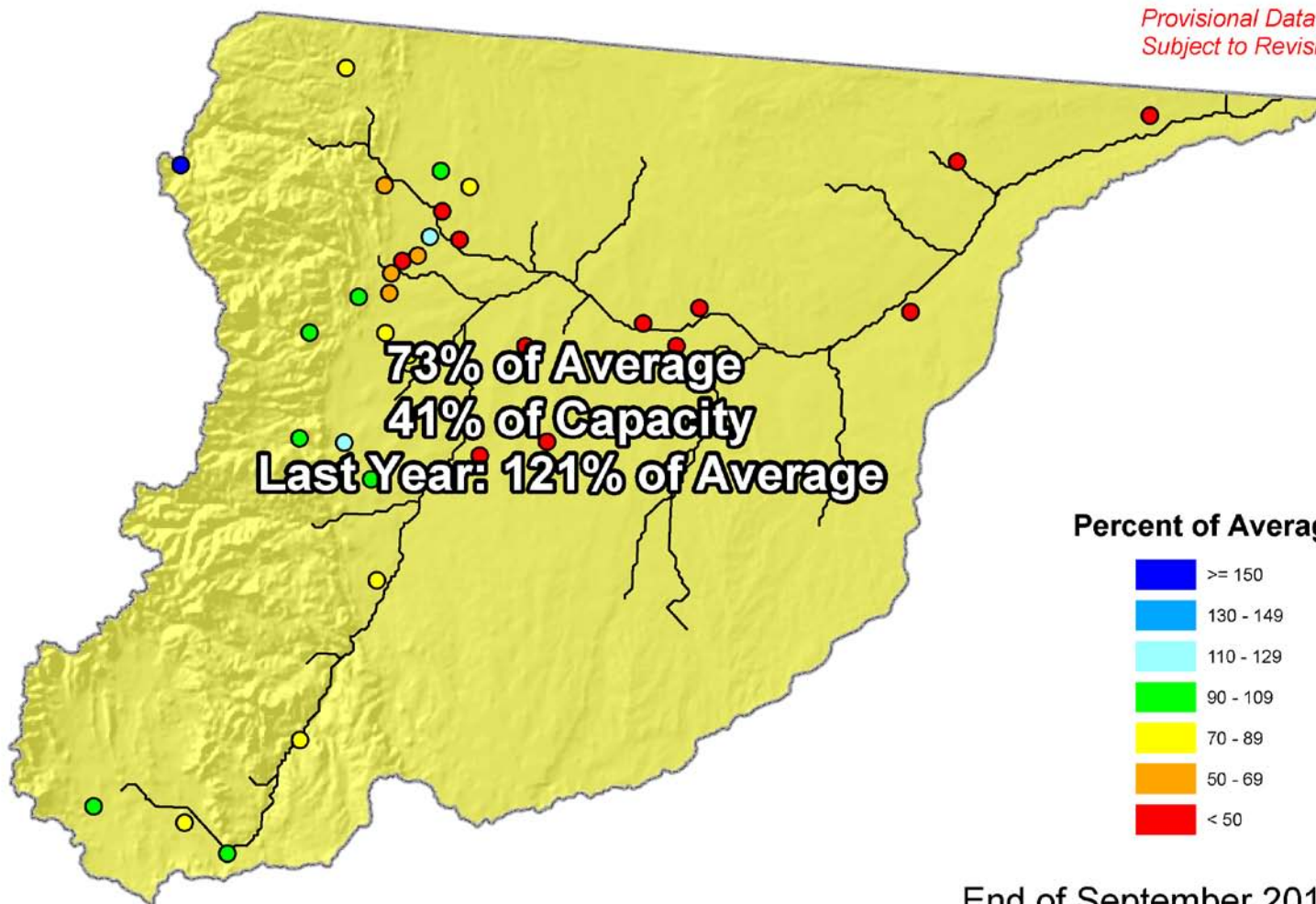
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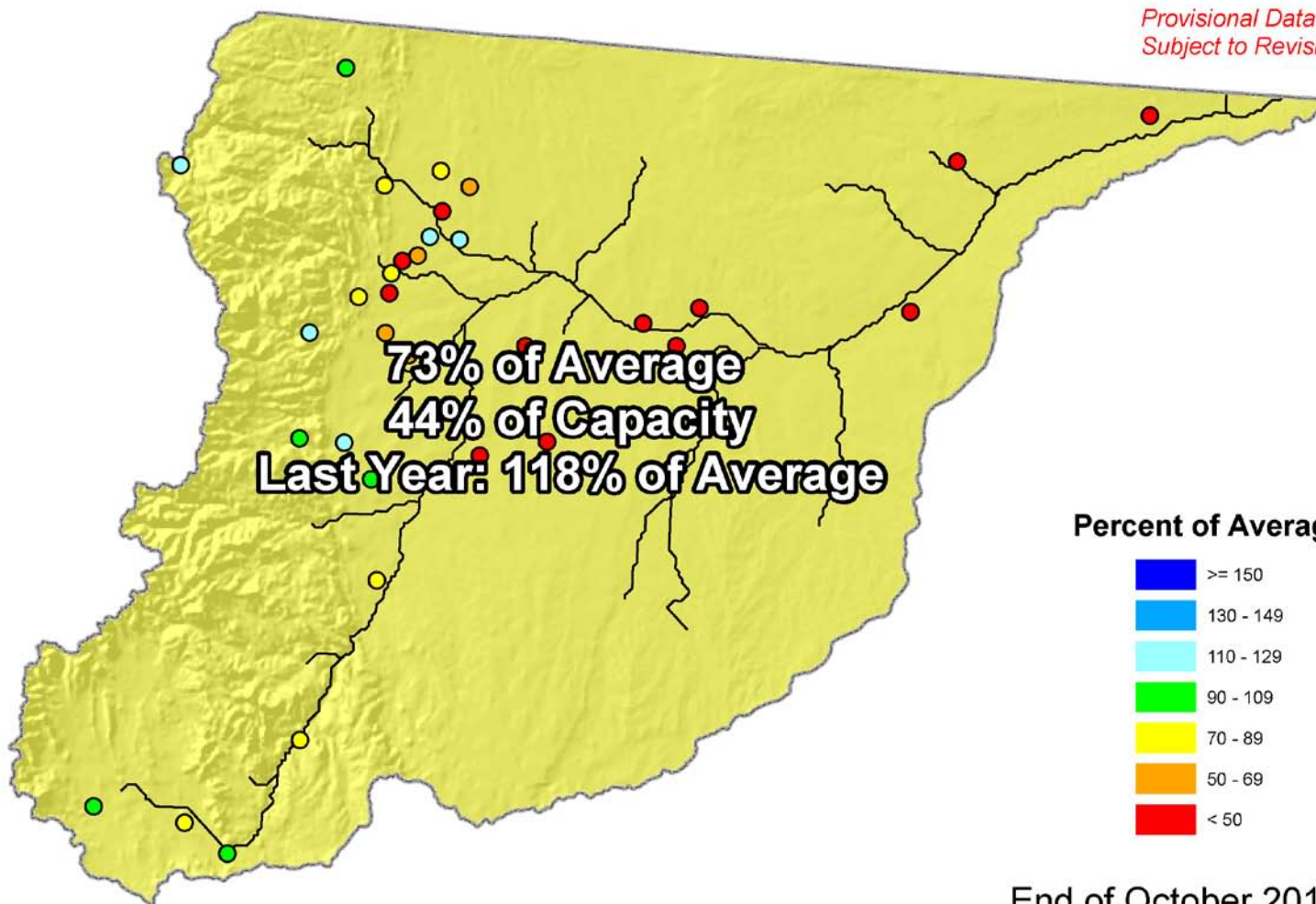


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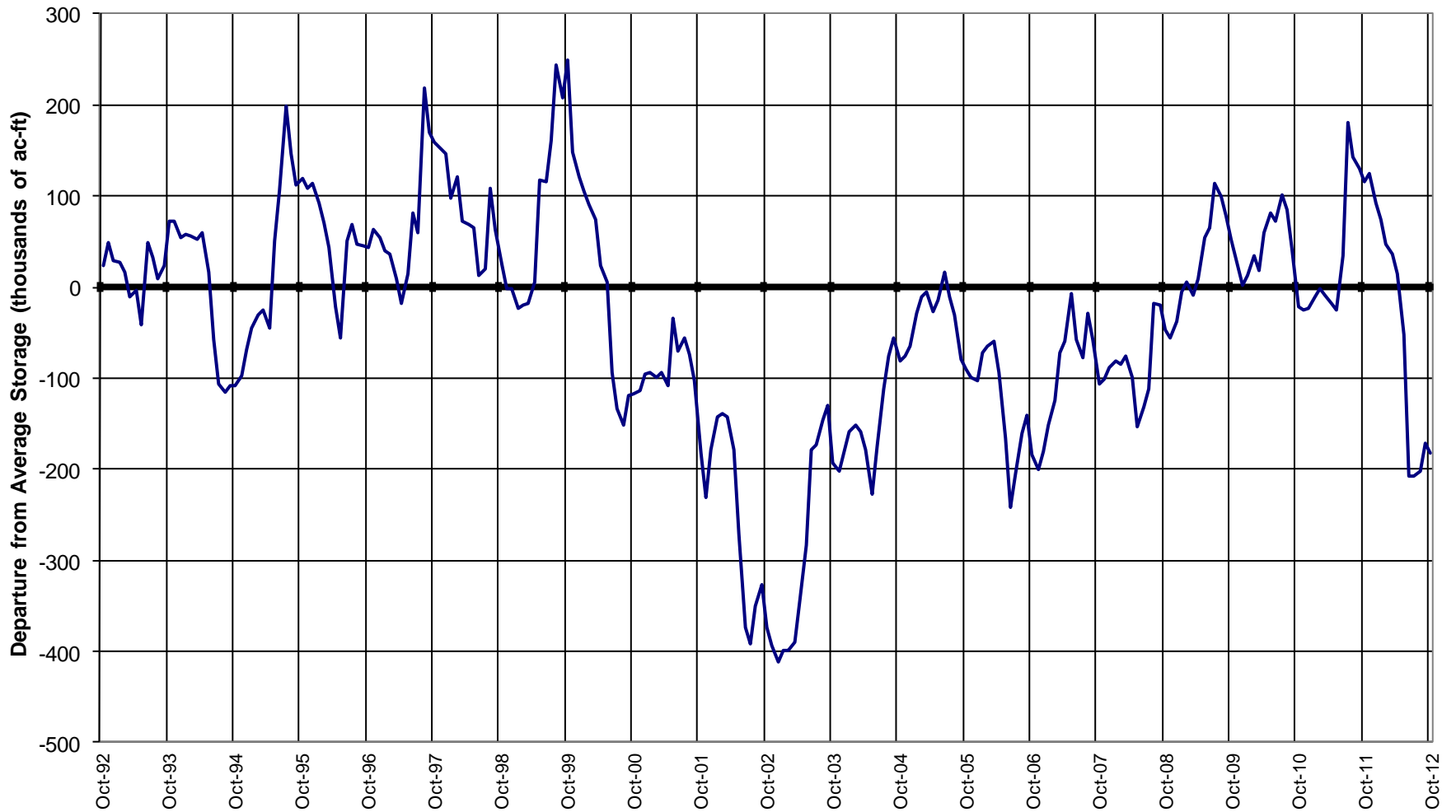


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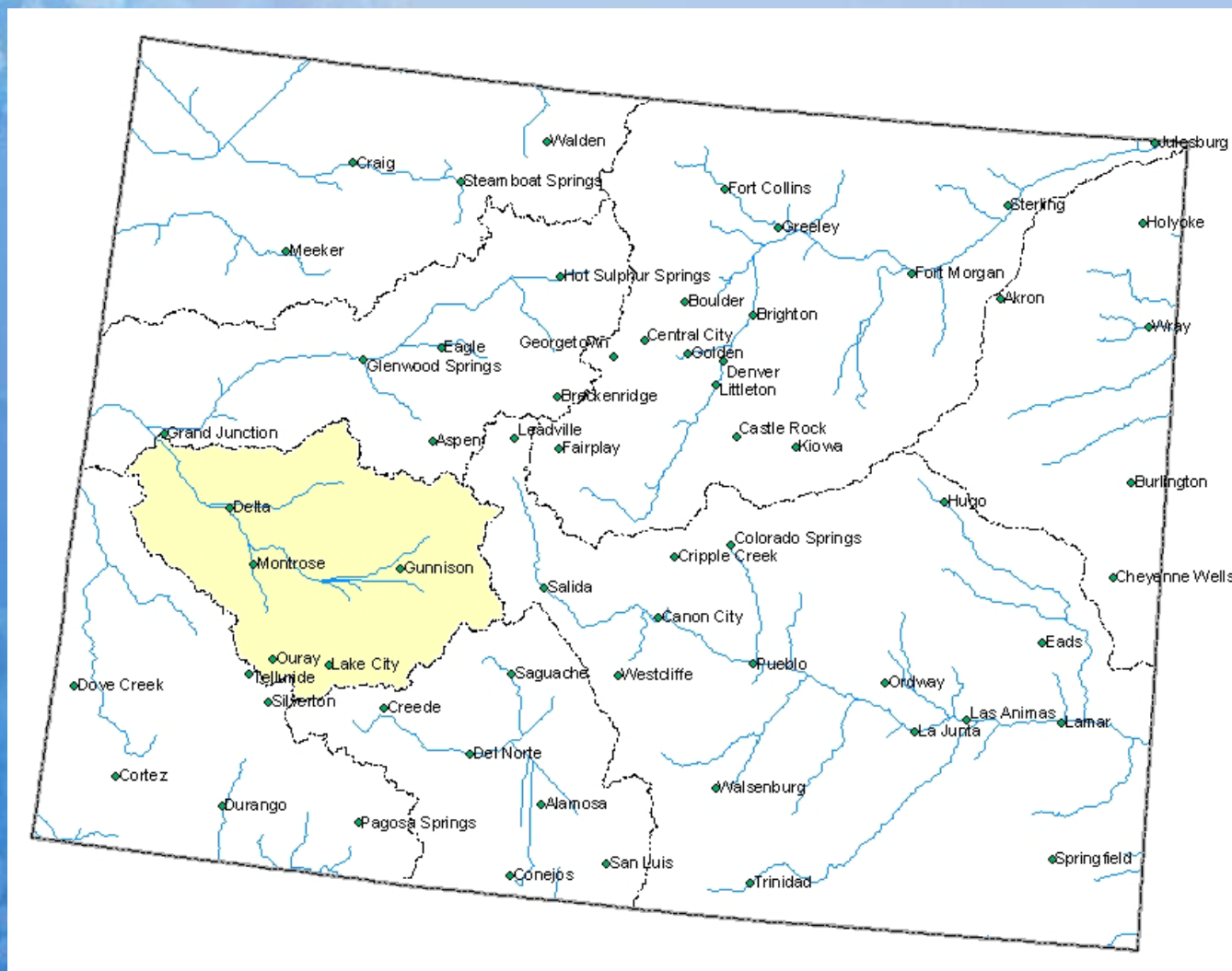
SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN

Reservoir Storage

Departure from Average

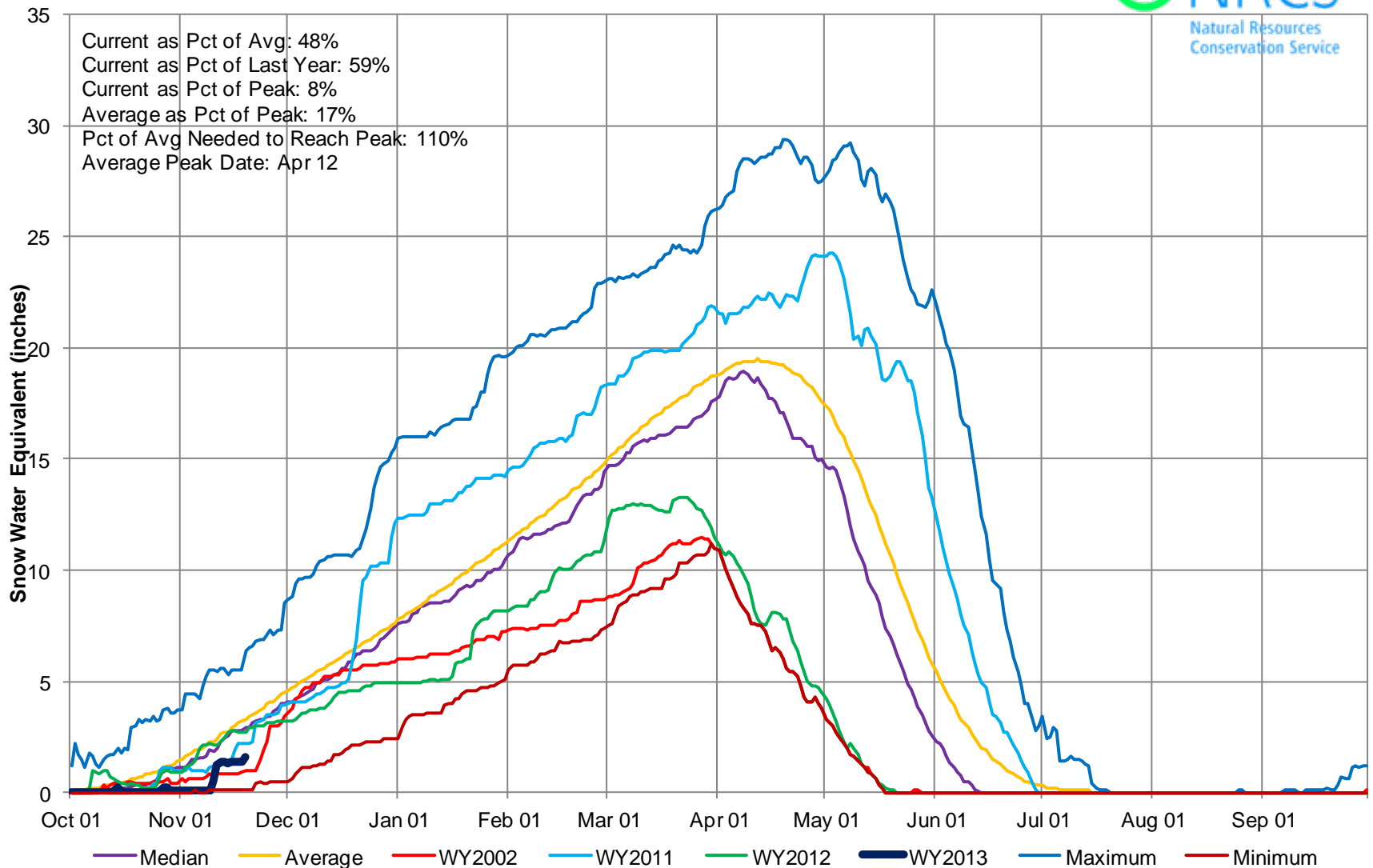


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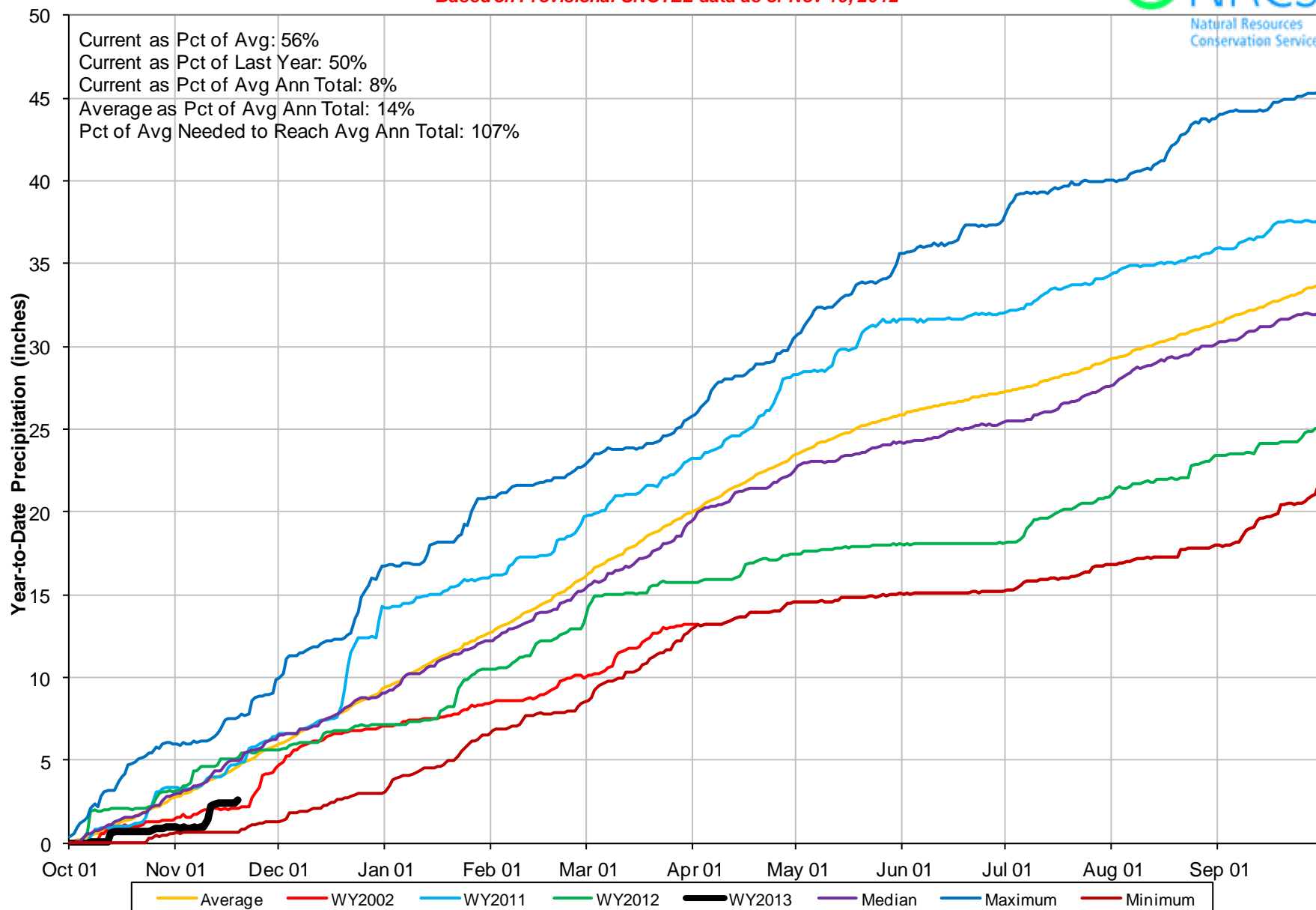
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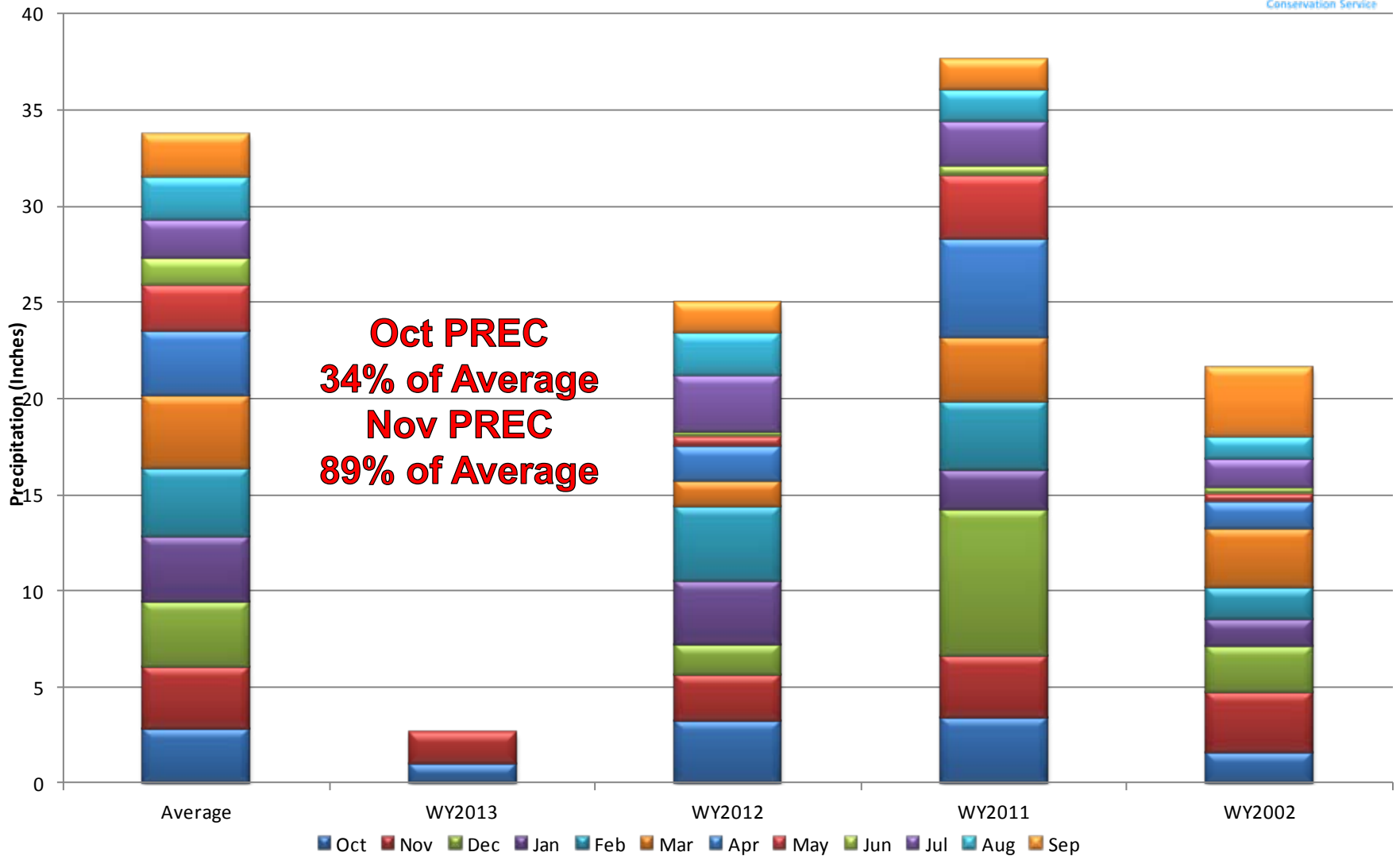
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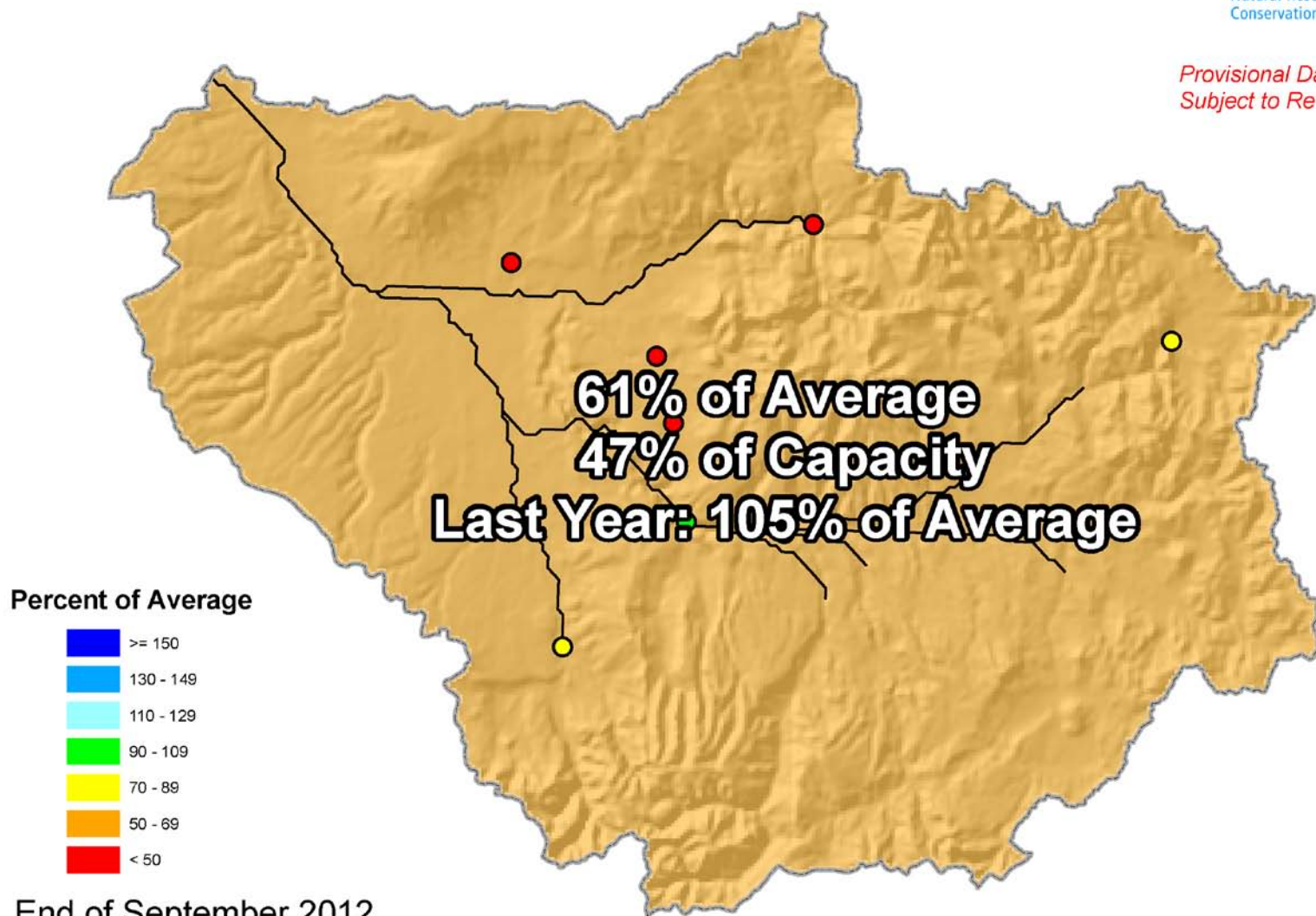
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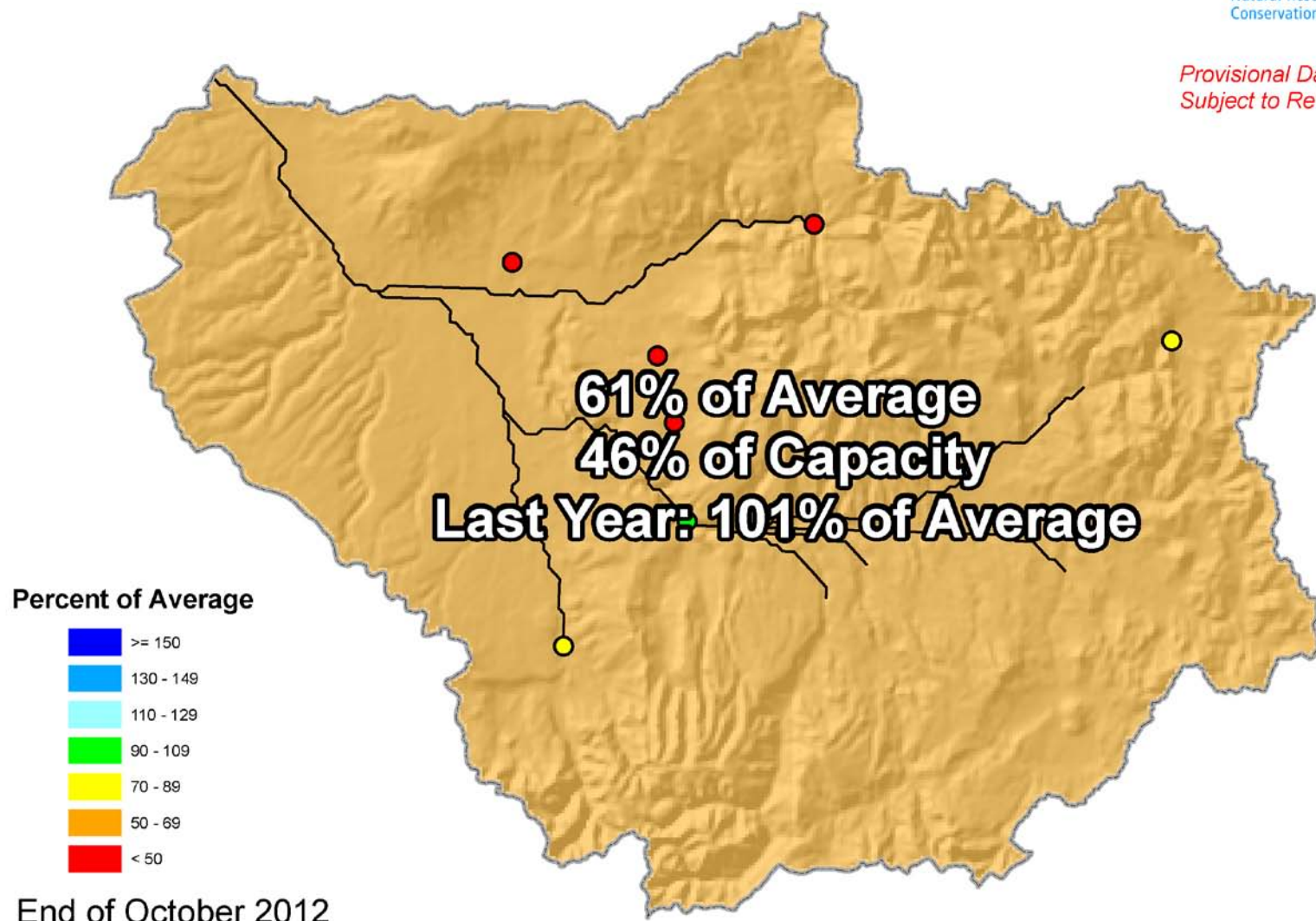


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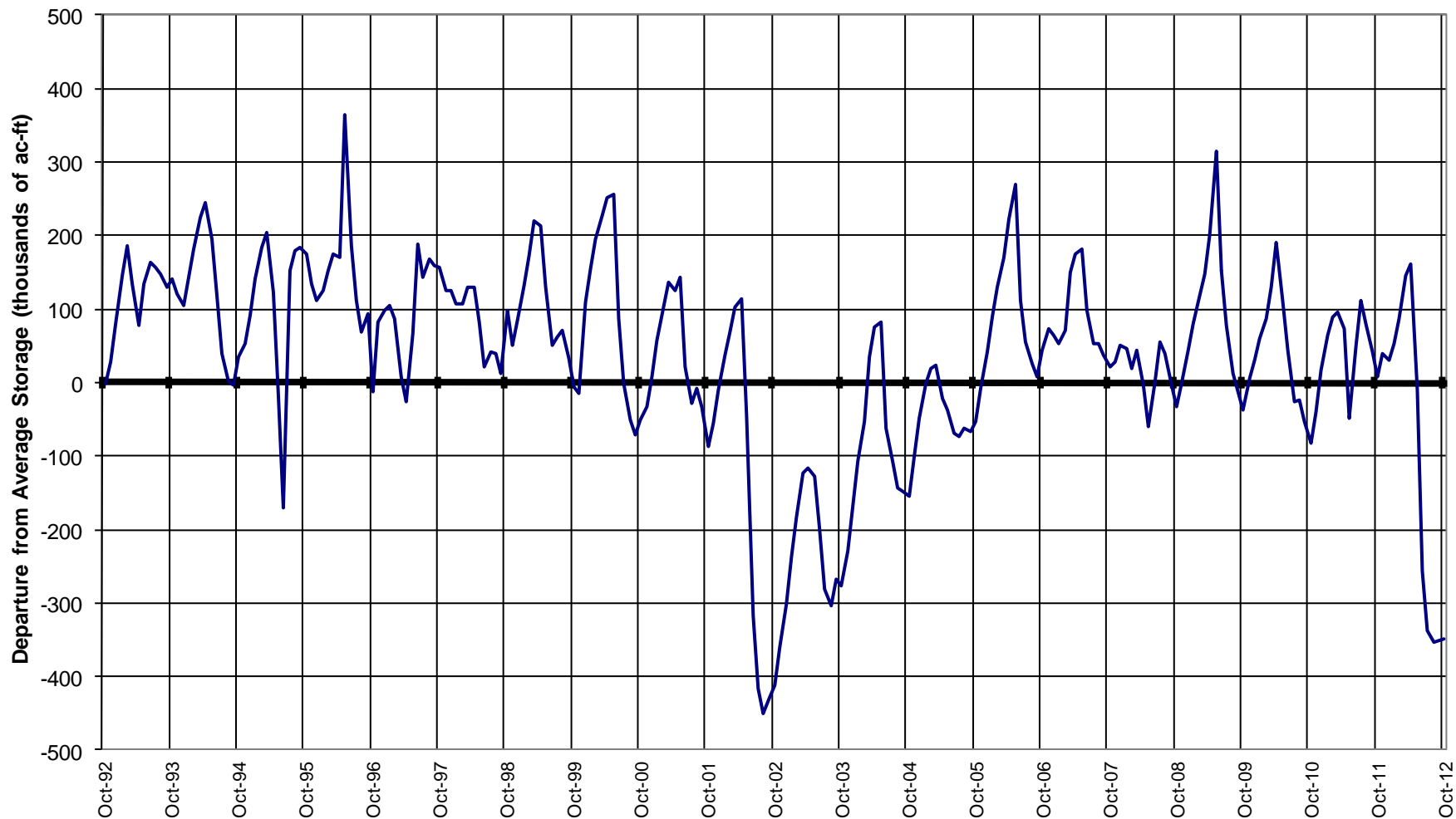
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GUNNISON RIVER BASIN

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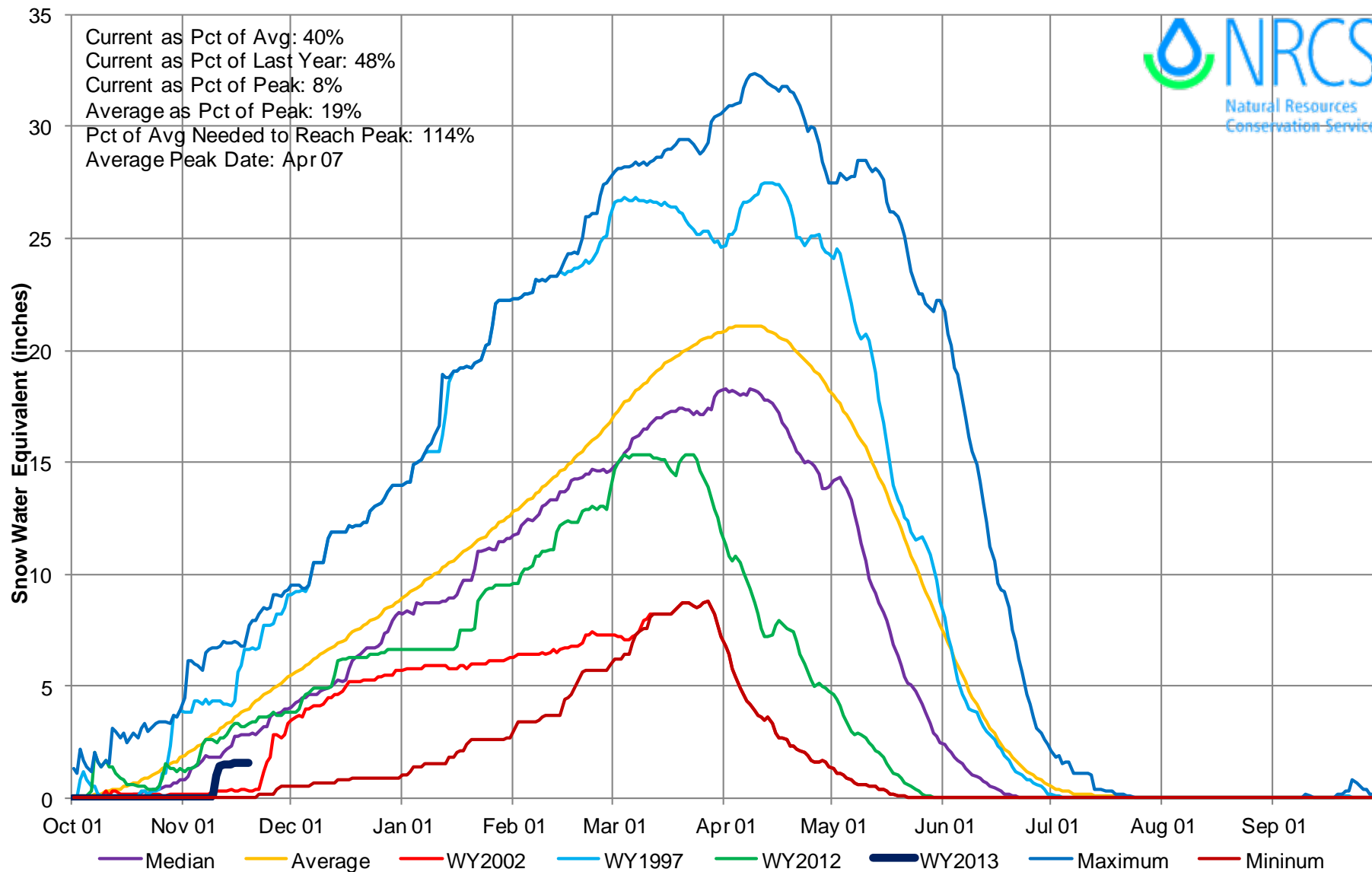
Departure from Average



A map of Colorado showing its county boundaries and major cities. The map is oriented with the state's outline. Major cities are marked with black dots and labeled. The state is divided into counties by thin black lines. The map shows the state's location relative to its neighbors: Utah to the west, Arizona to the south, New Mexico to the south, and Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma to the east. The map also shows the state's major rivers and the location of its capital, Denver.

San Miguel, Dolores, Animas & San Juan River Basins High/Low Snowpack Summary

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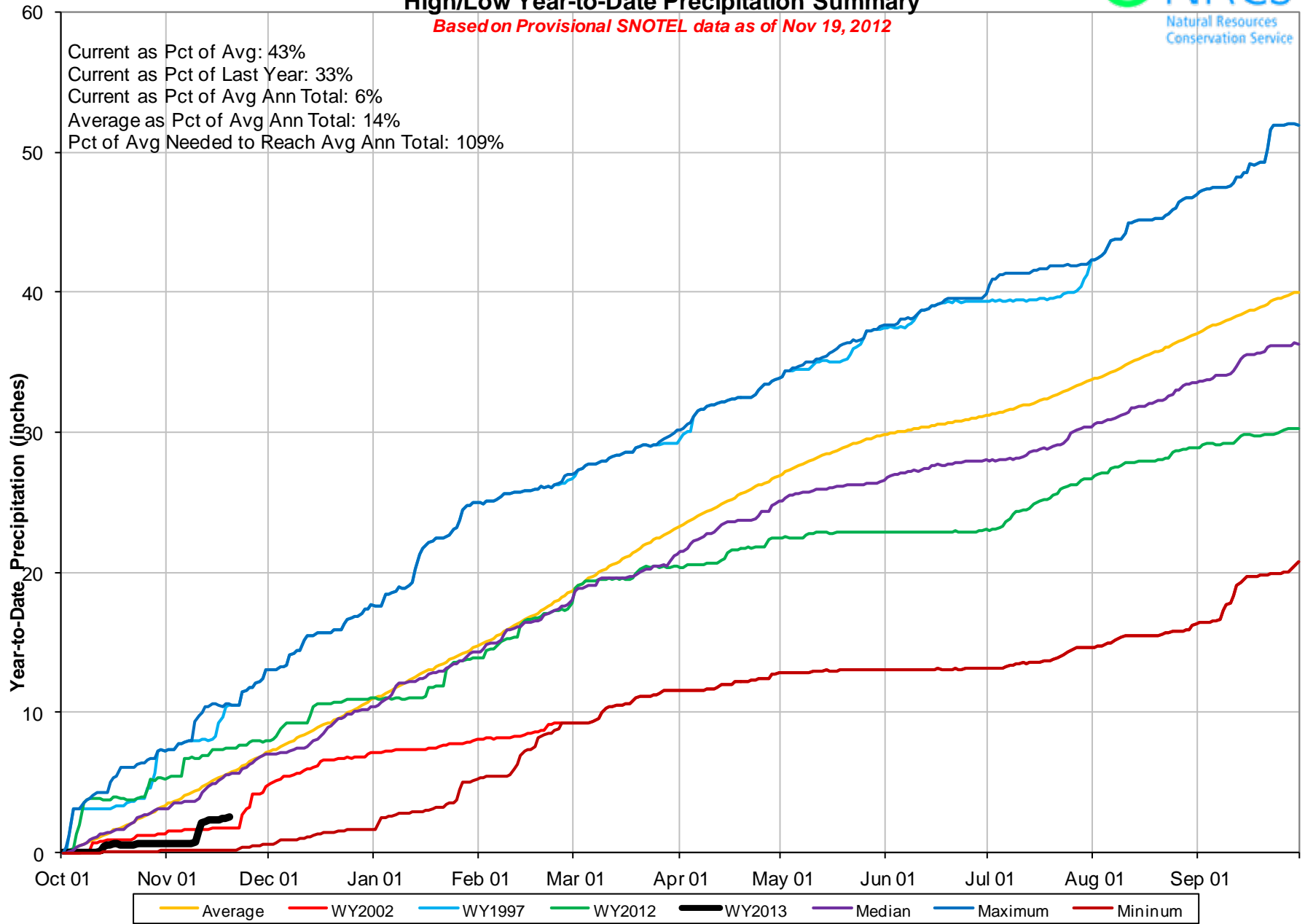


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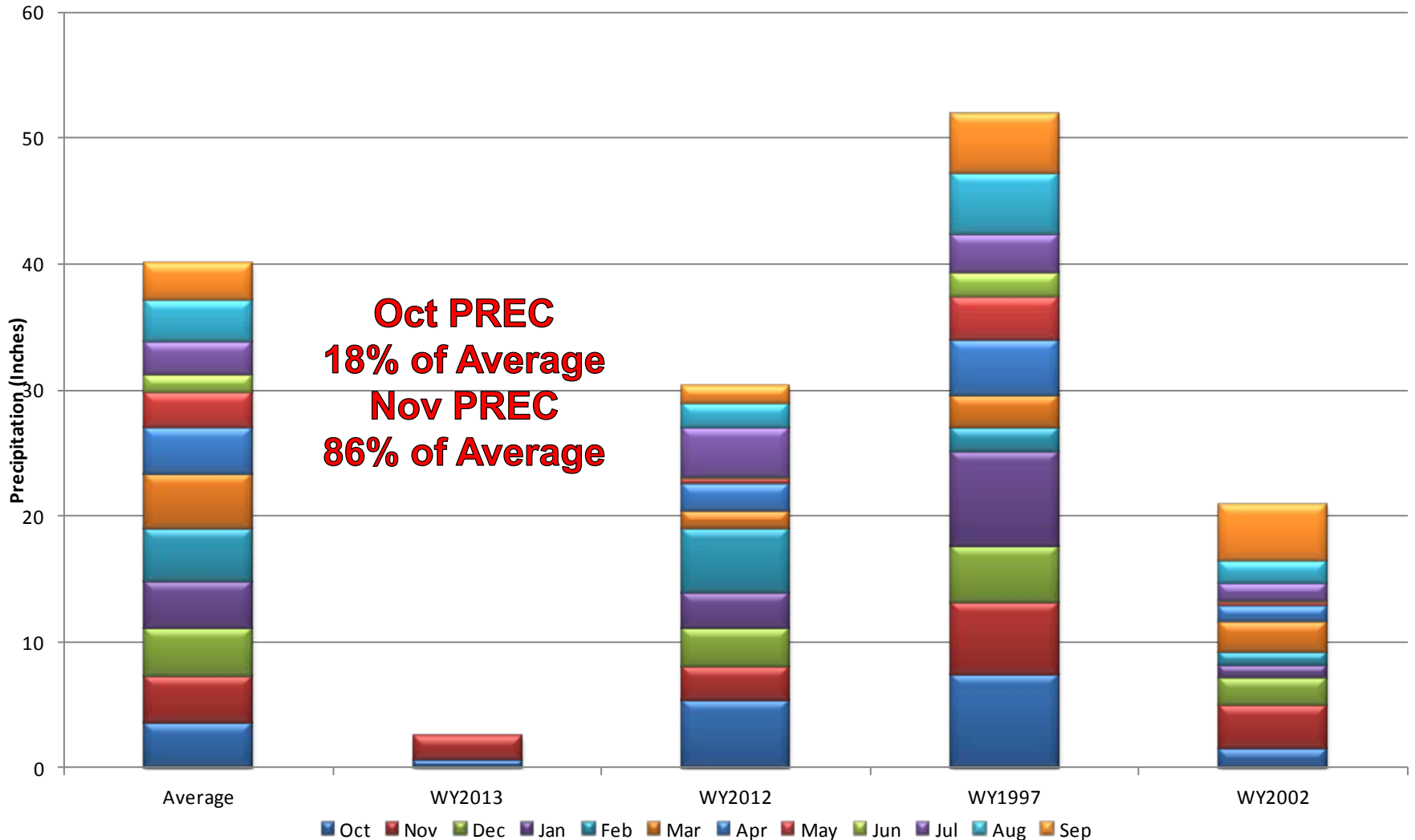
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Current as Pct of Avg: 43%
Current as Pct of Last Year: 33%
Current as Pct of Avg Ann Total: 6%
Average as Pct of Avg Ann Total: 14%
Pct of Avg Needed to Reach Avg Ann Total: 109%



San Miguel, Dolores, Animas & San Juan River Basins High/Low Monthly Precipitation Summary

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San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins Reservoir Storage Map



Percent of Average



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**66% of Average
42% of Capacity
Last Year: 101% of Average**

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San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins Reservoir Storage Map

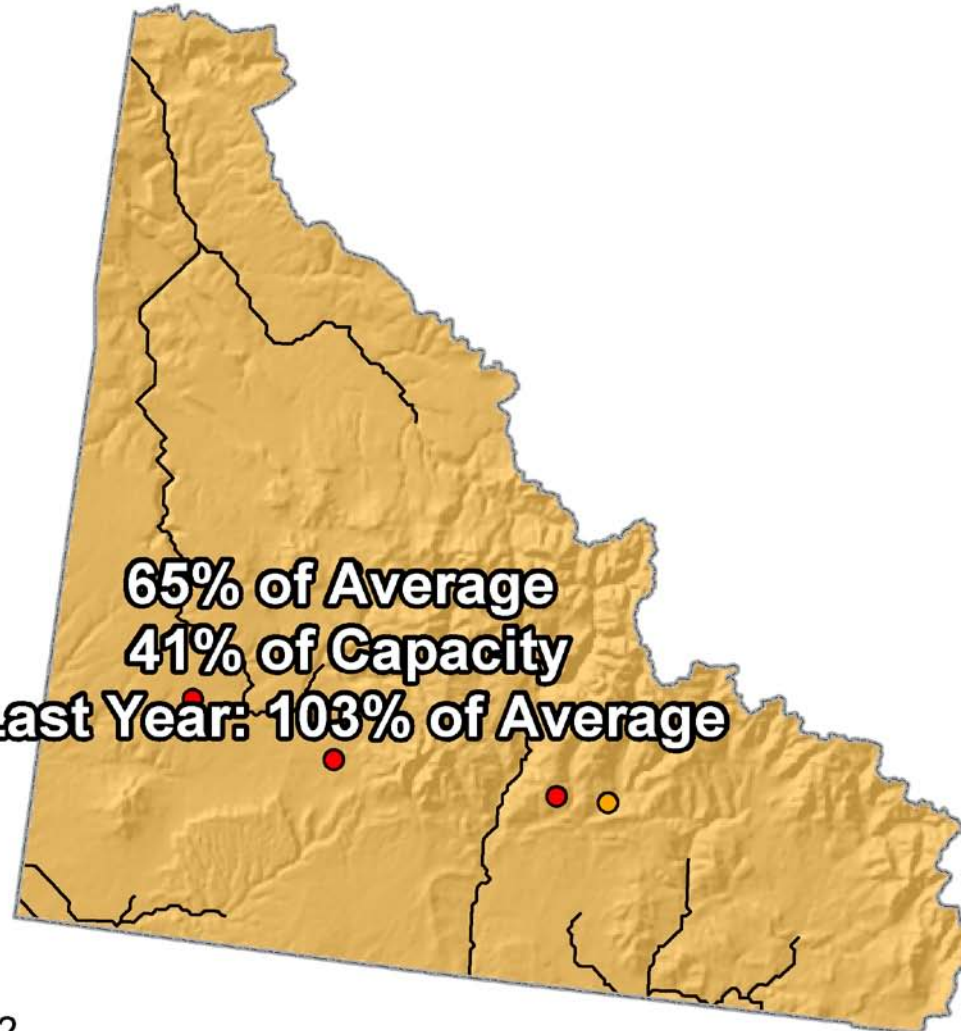


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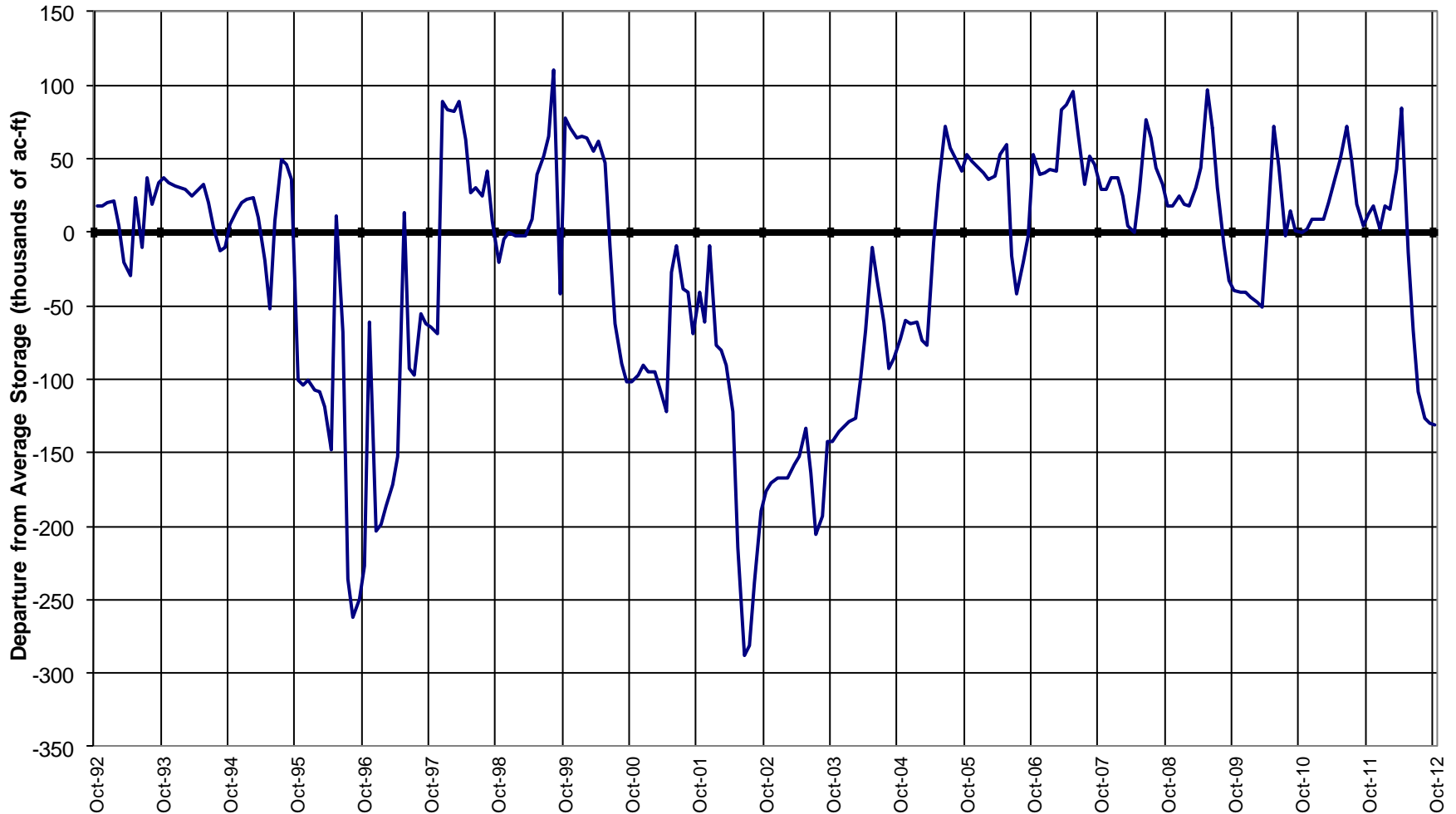
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**65% of Average
41% of Capacity
Last Year: 103% of Average**

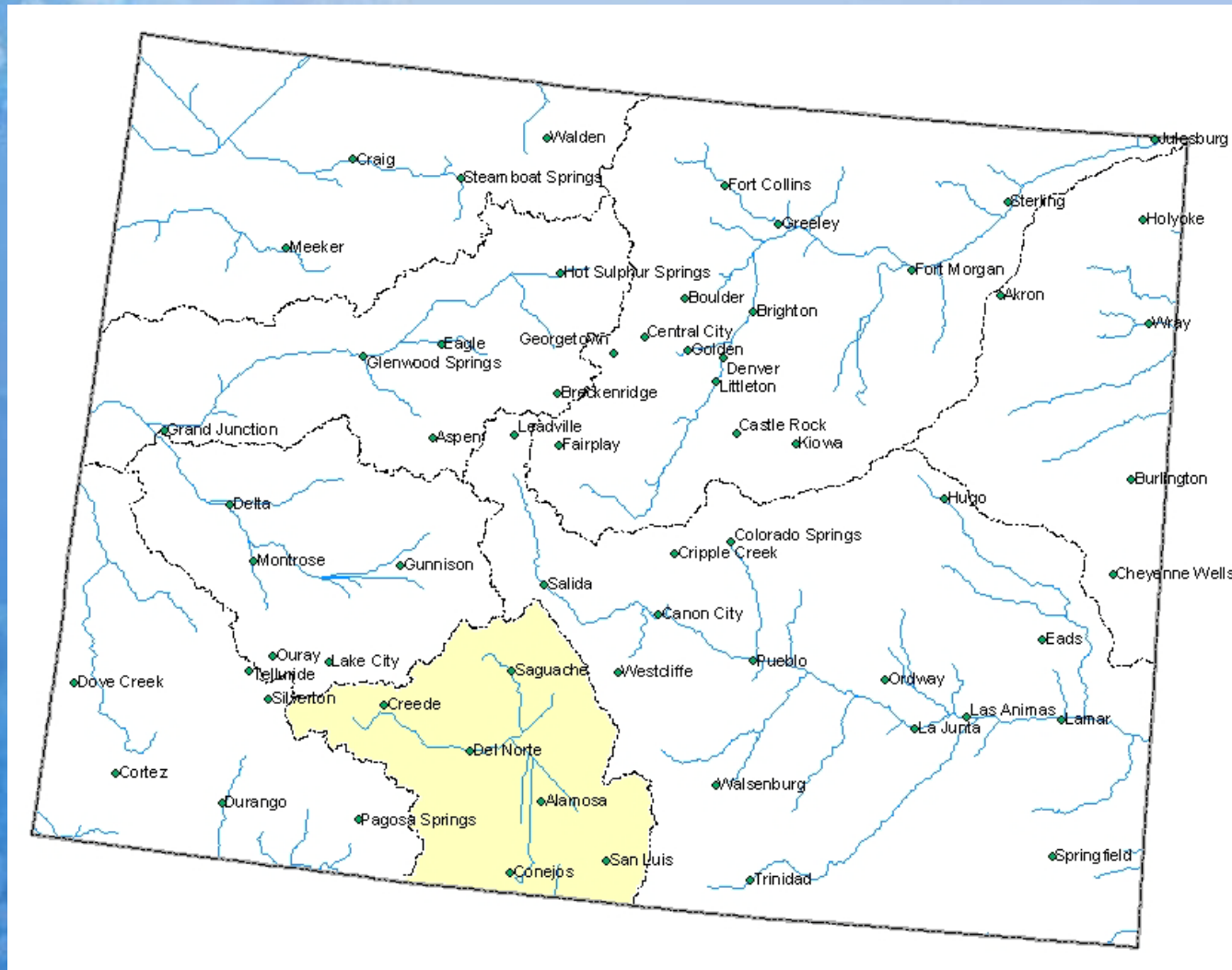


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SAN MIGUEL, DOLORES, ANIMAS AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage
Departure from Average

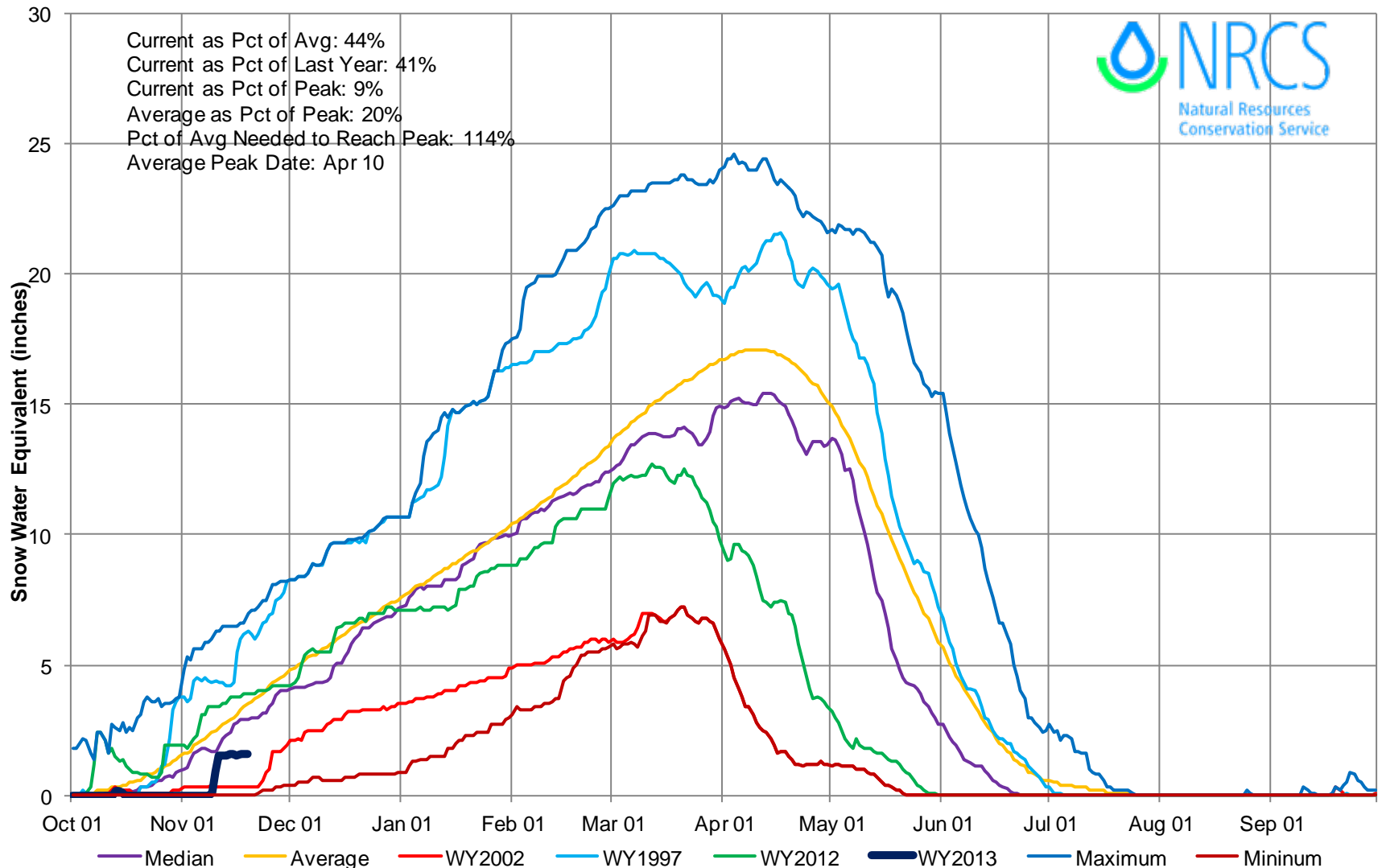


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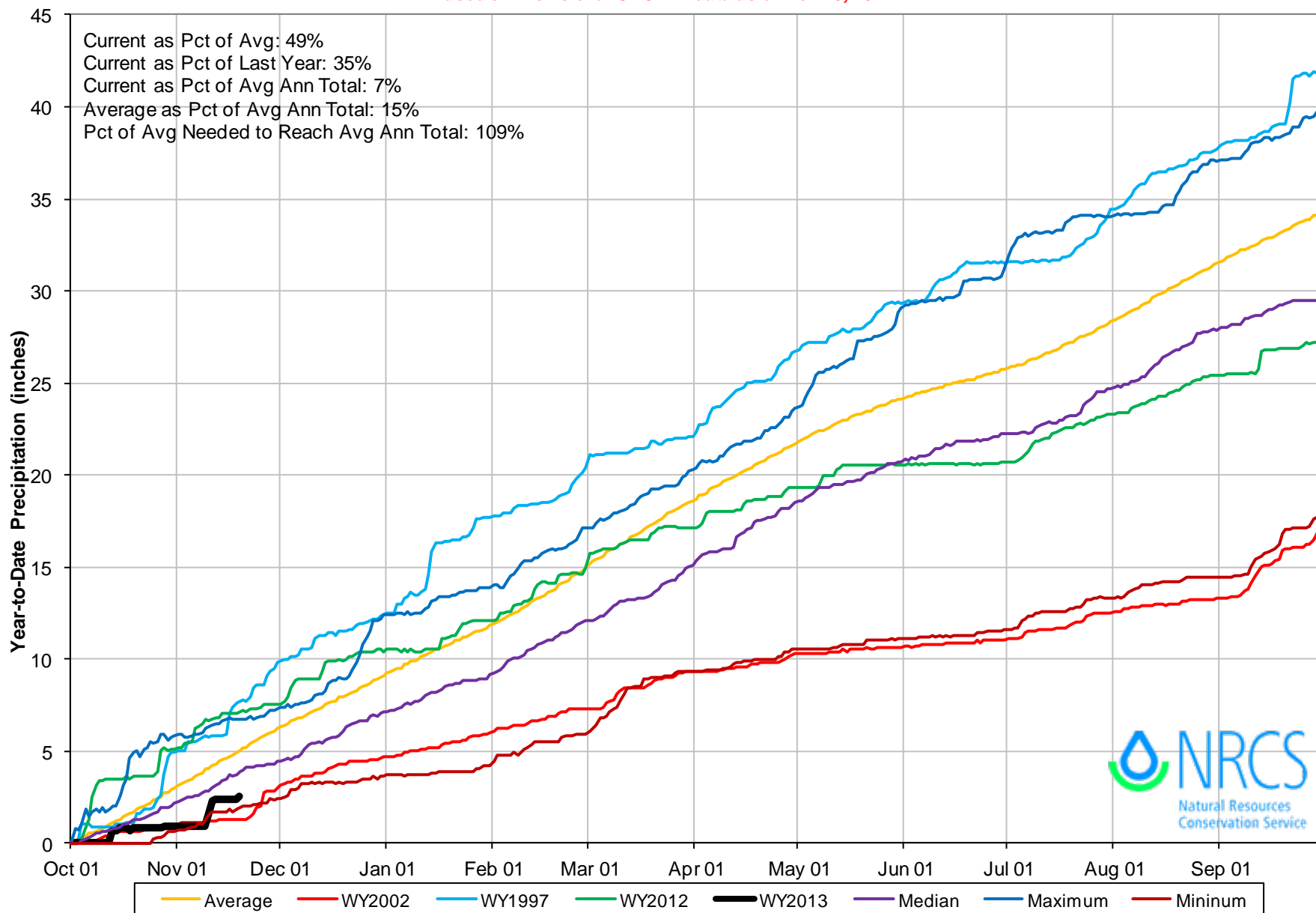
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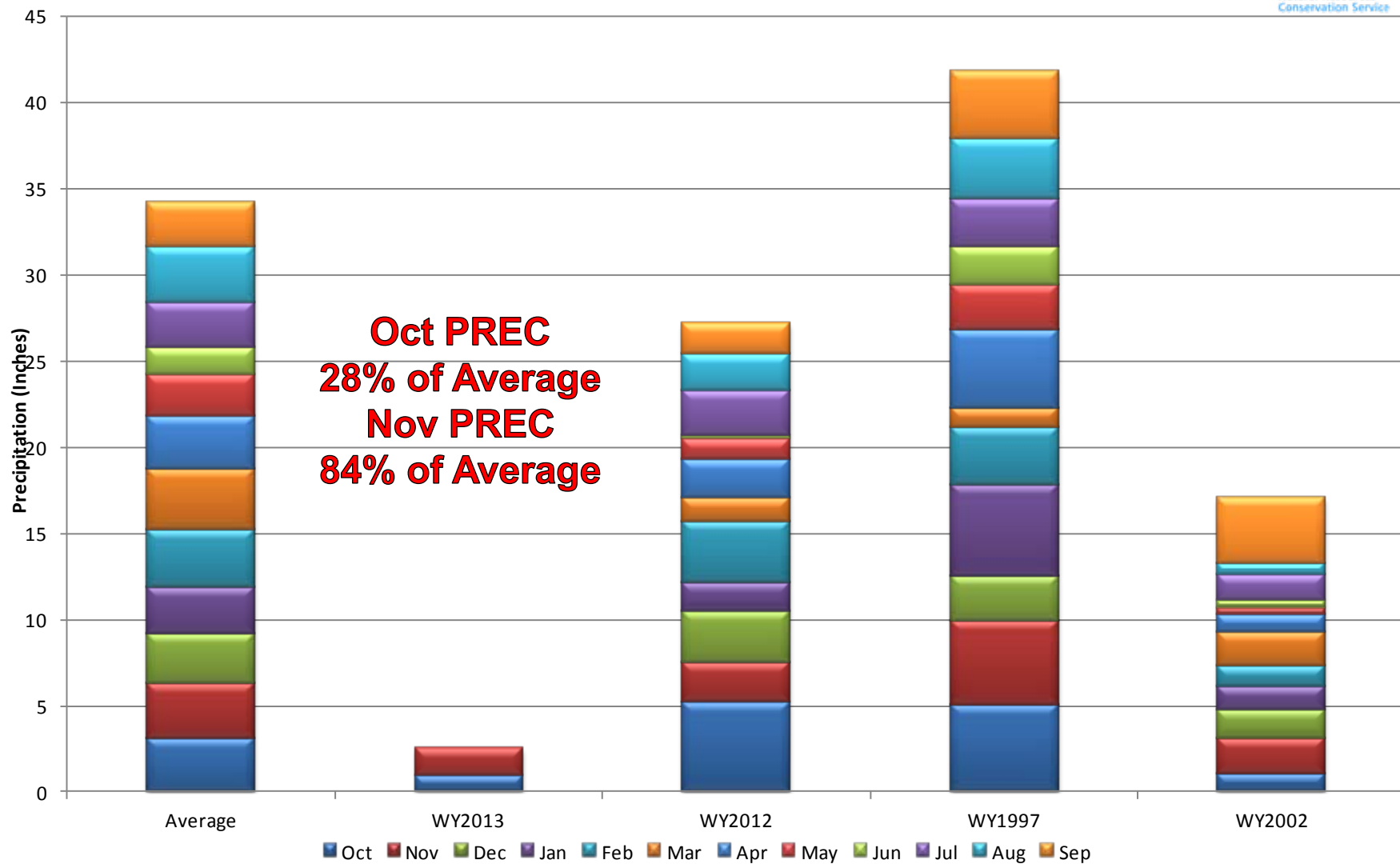
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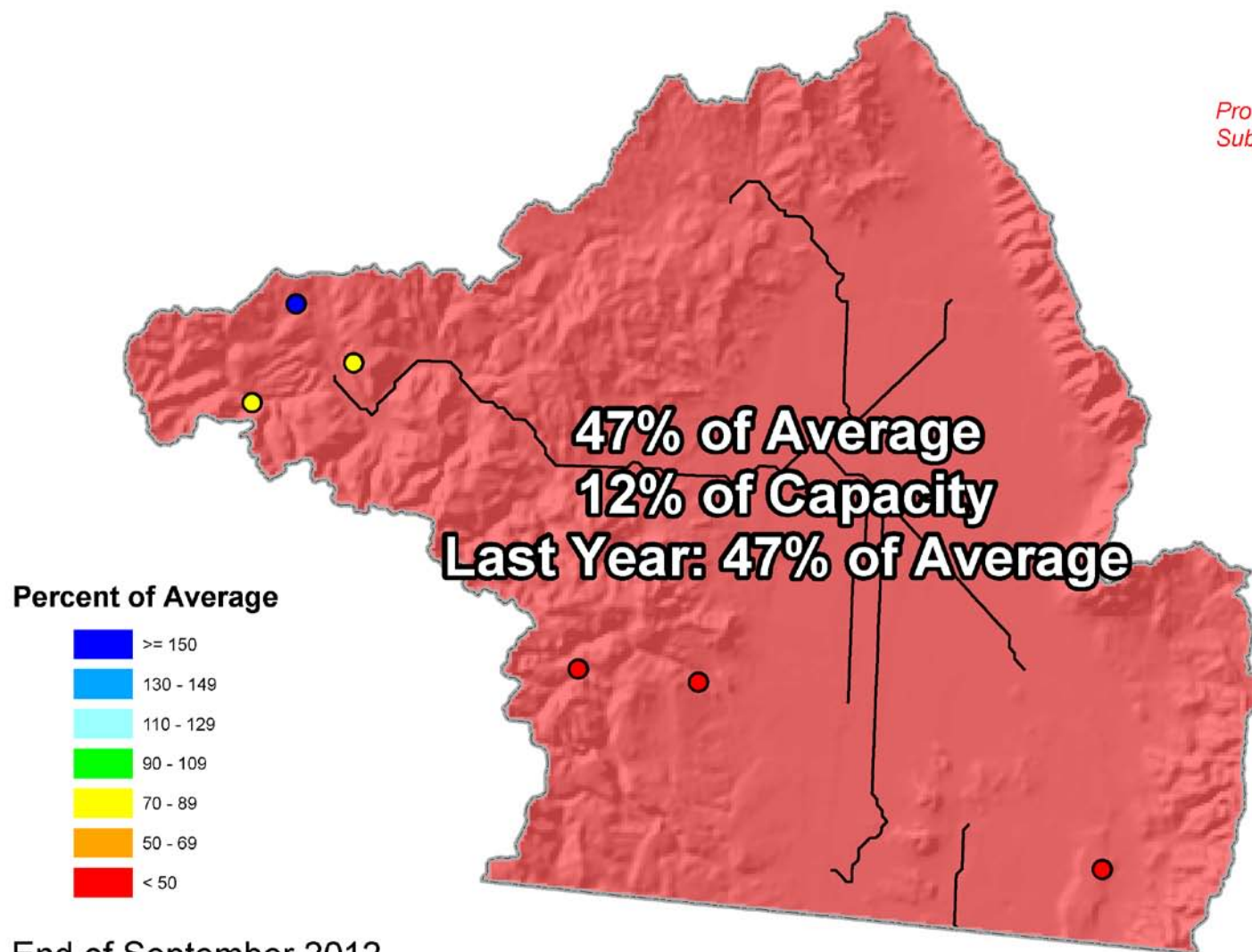
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Upper Rio Grande Basin Reservoir Storage Map



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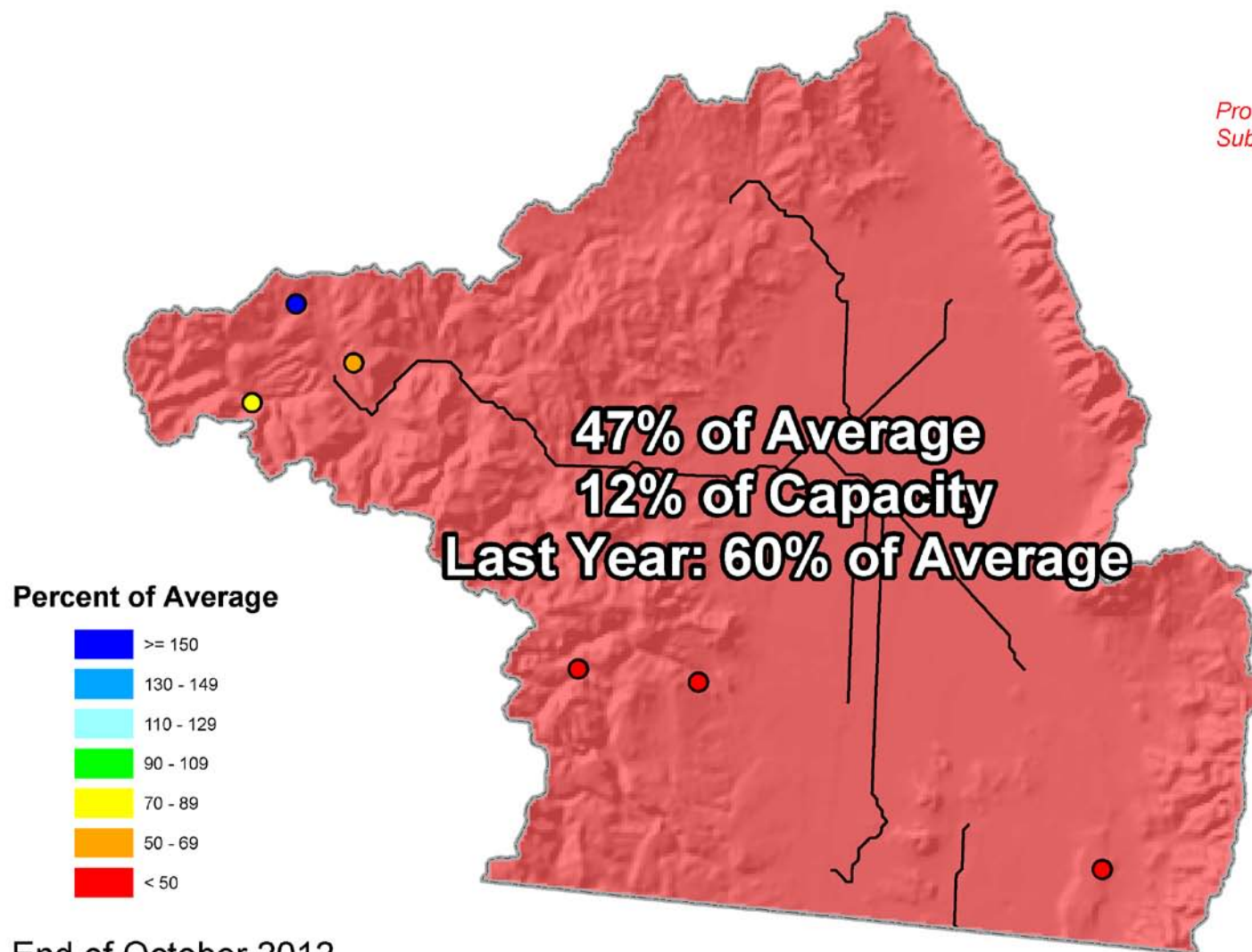


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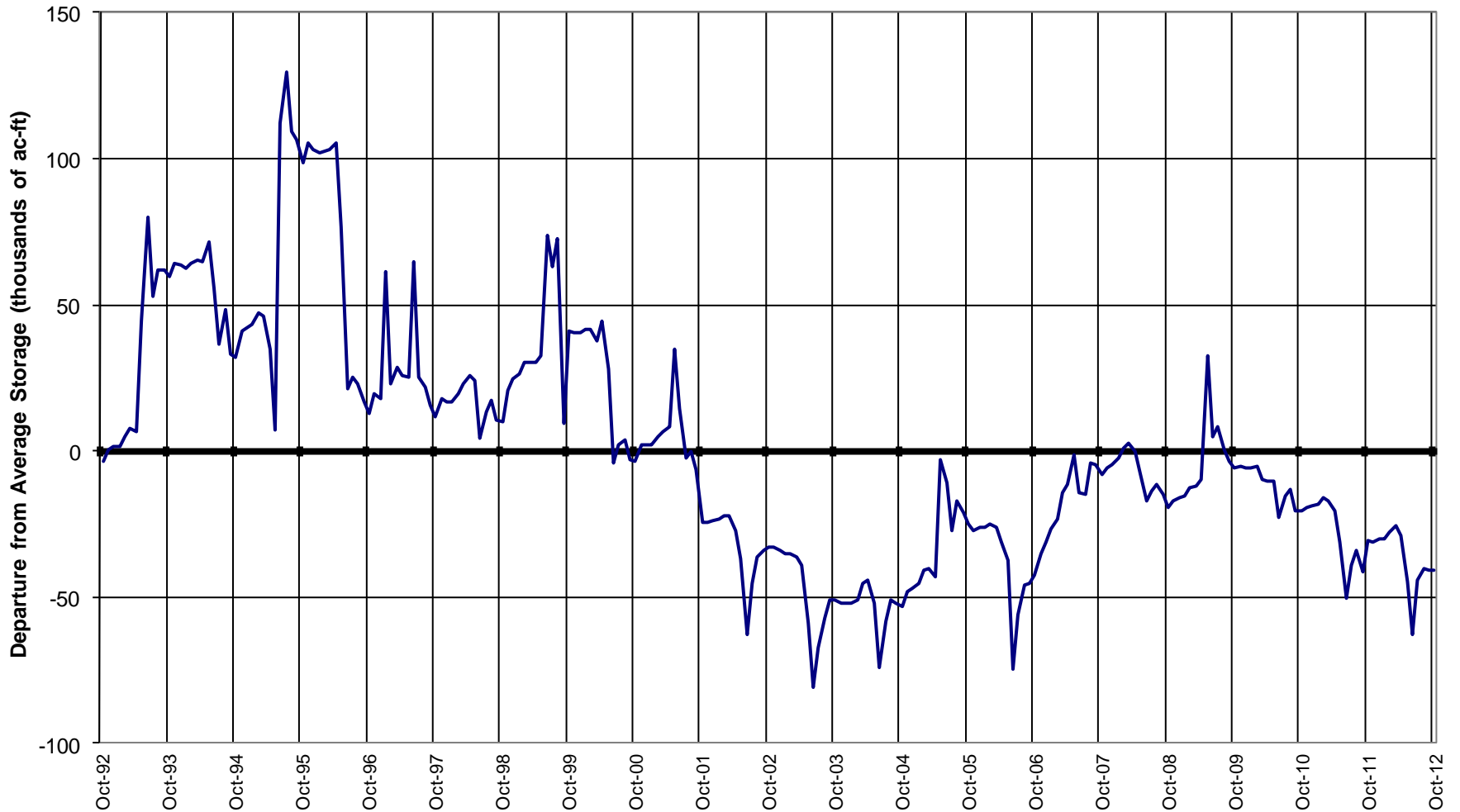


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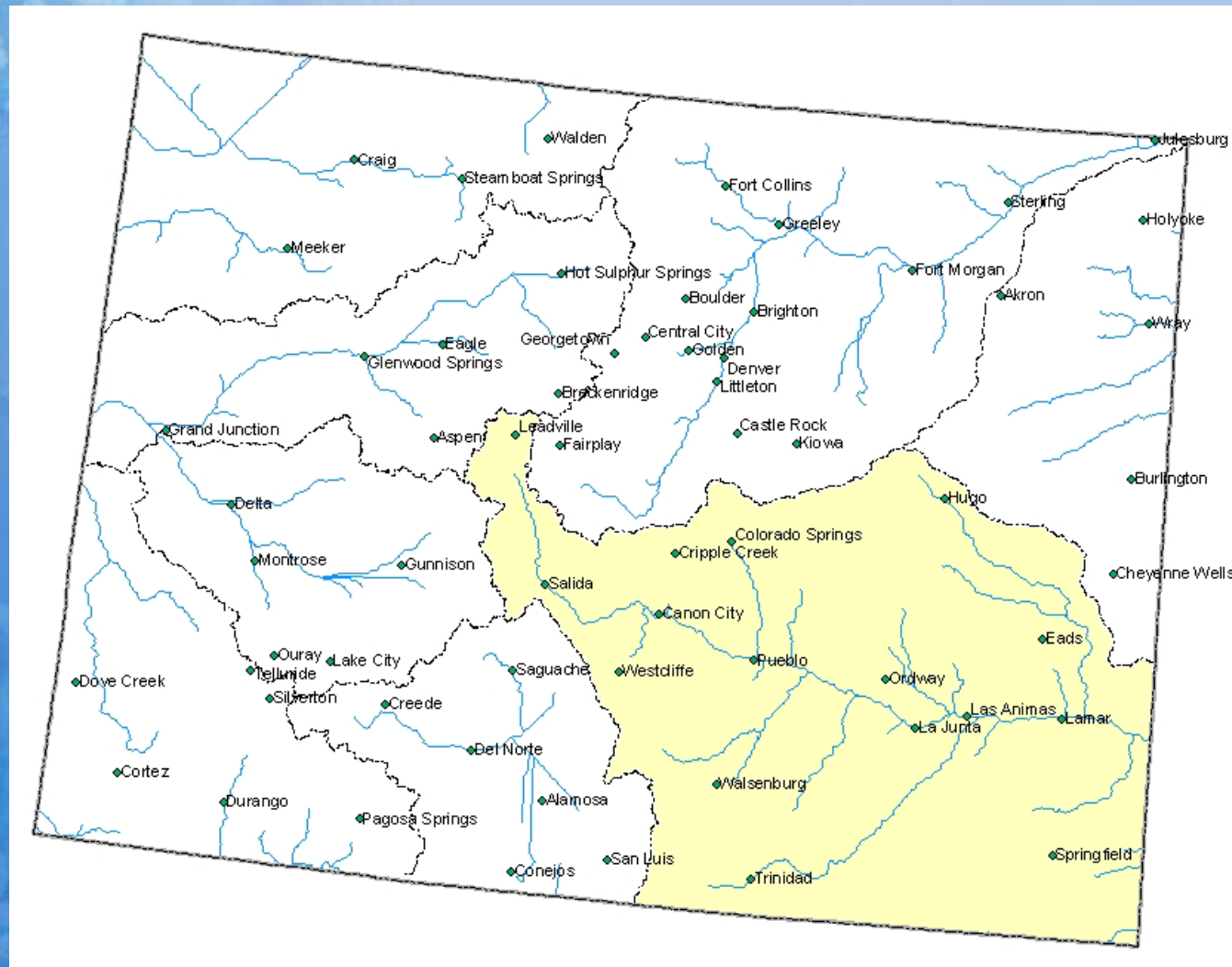


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UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN
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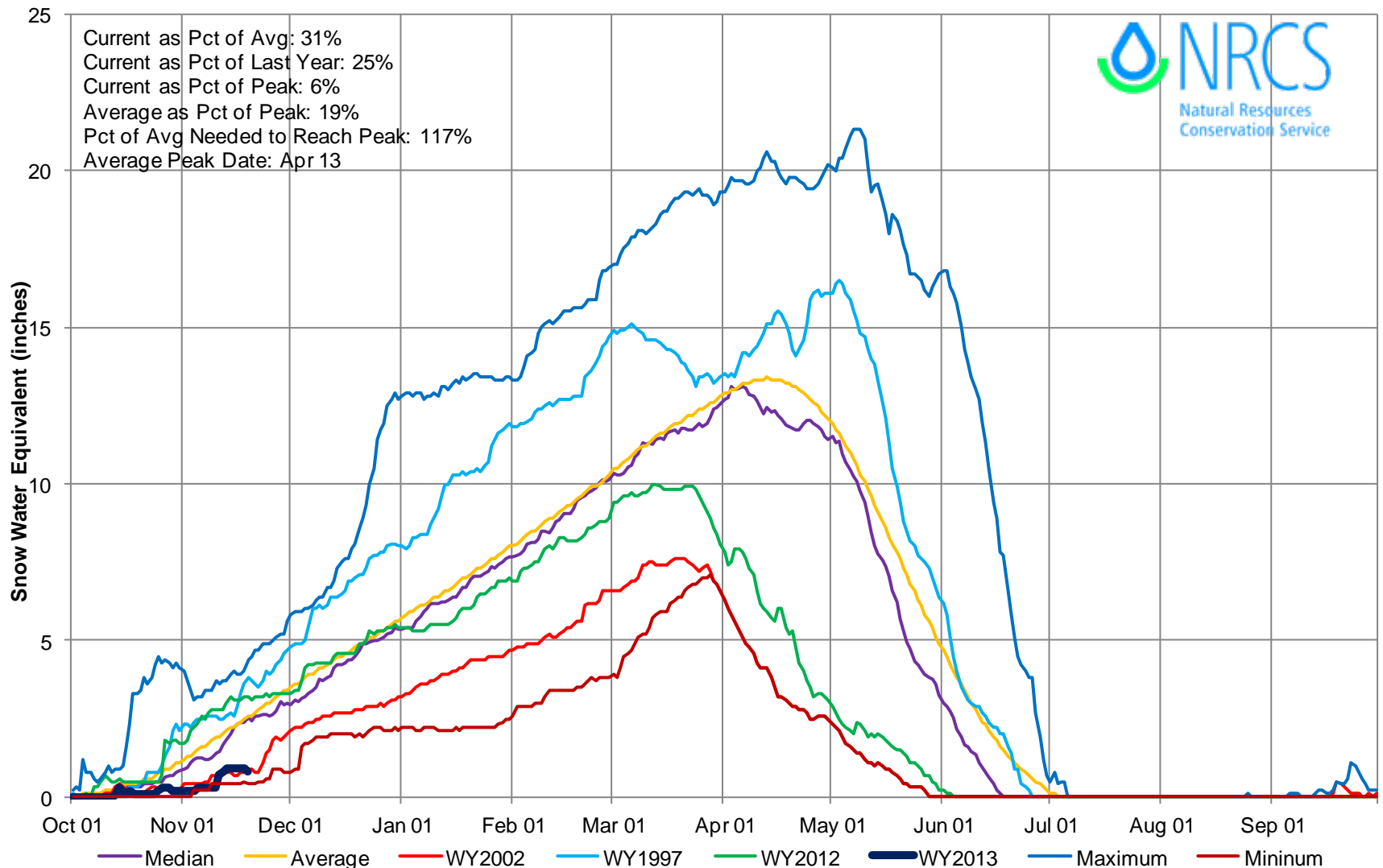


Arkansas River Basin Summary



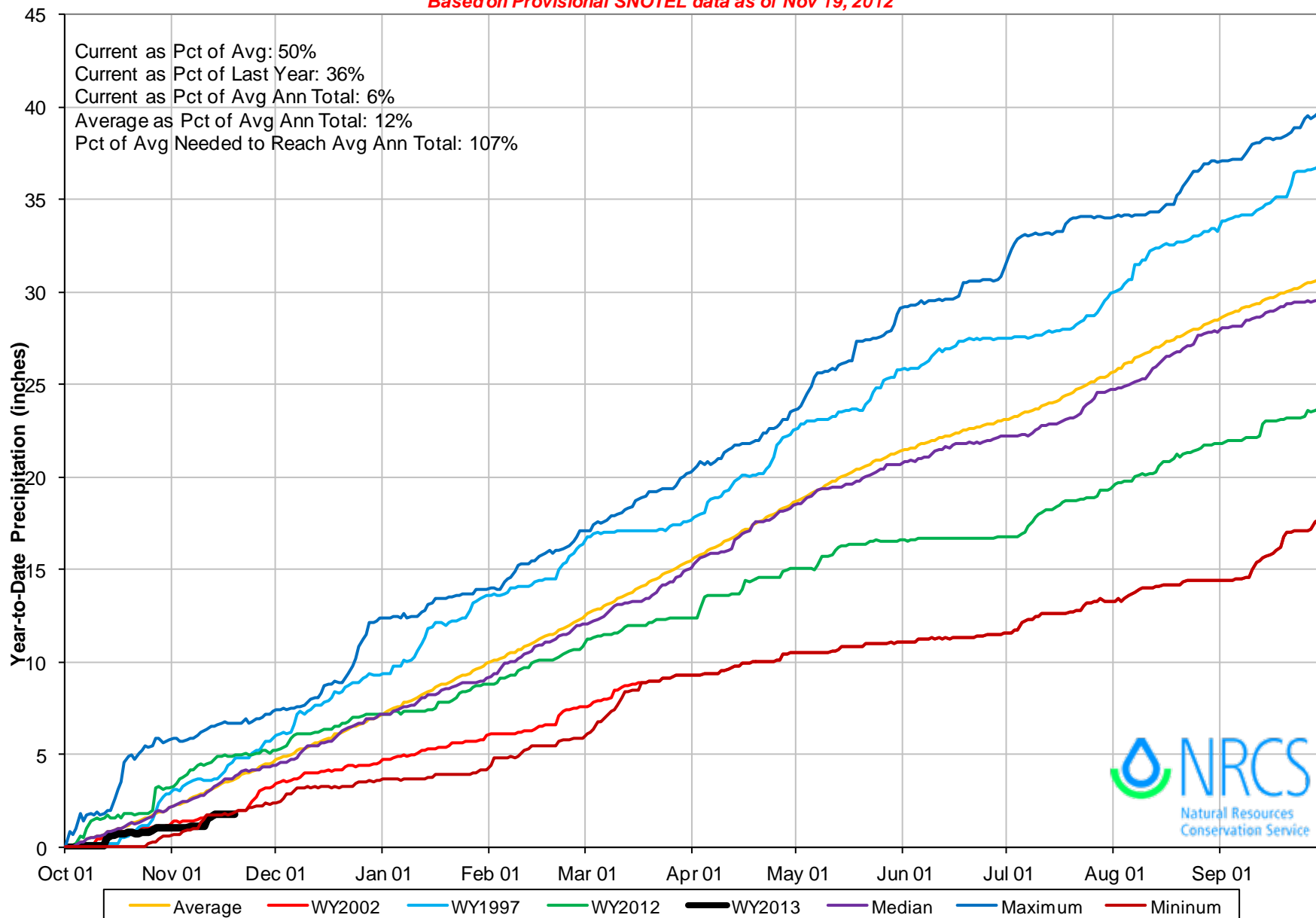
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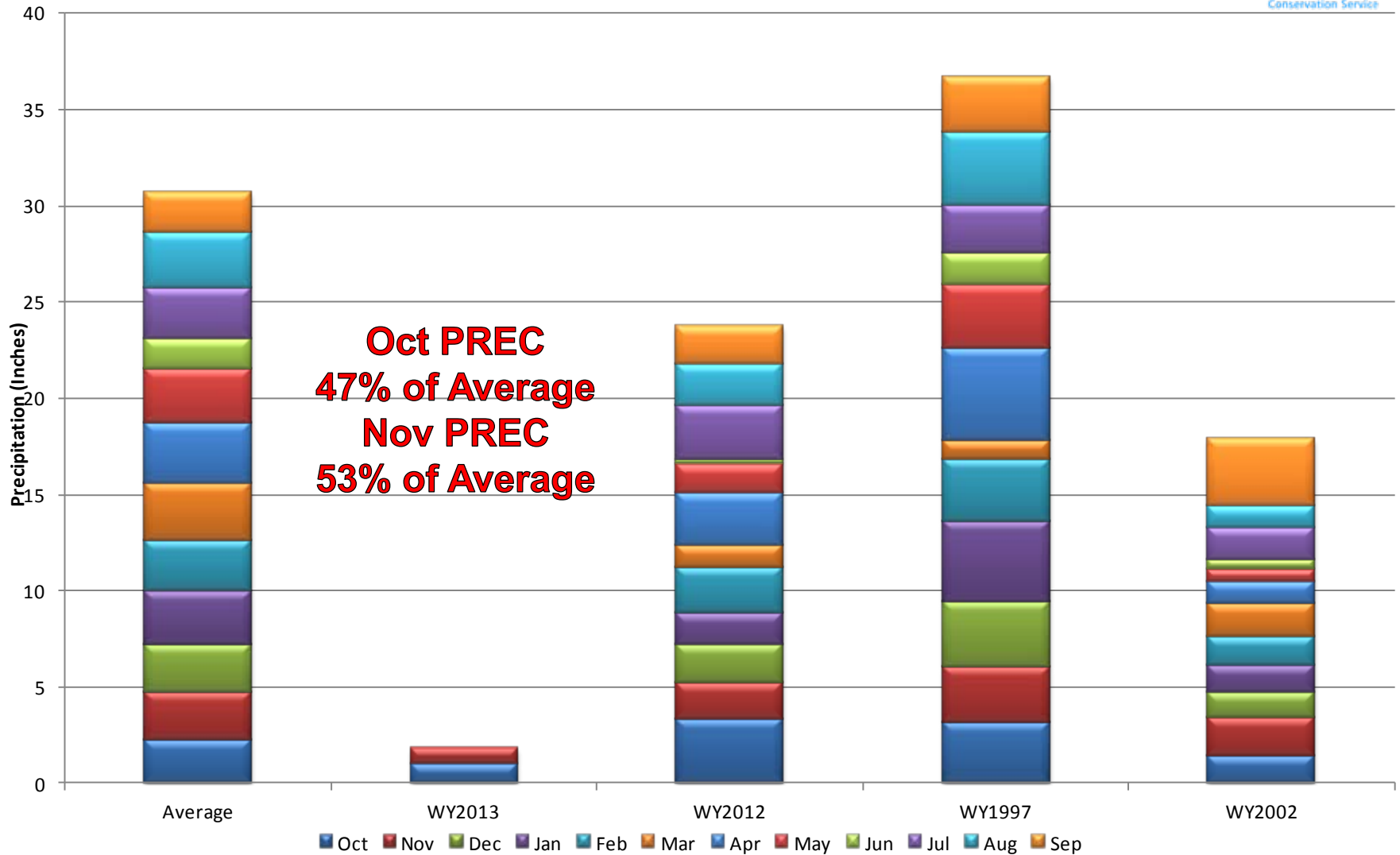
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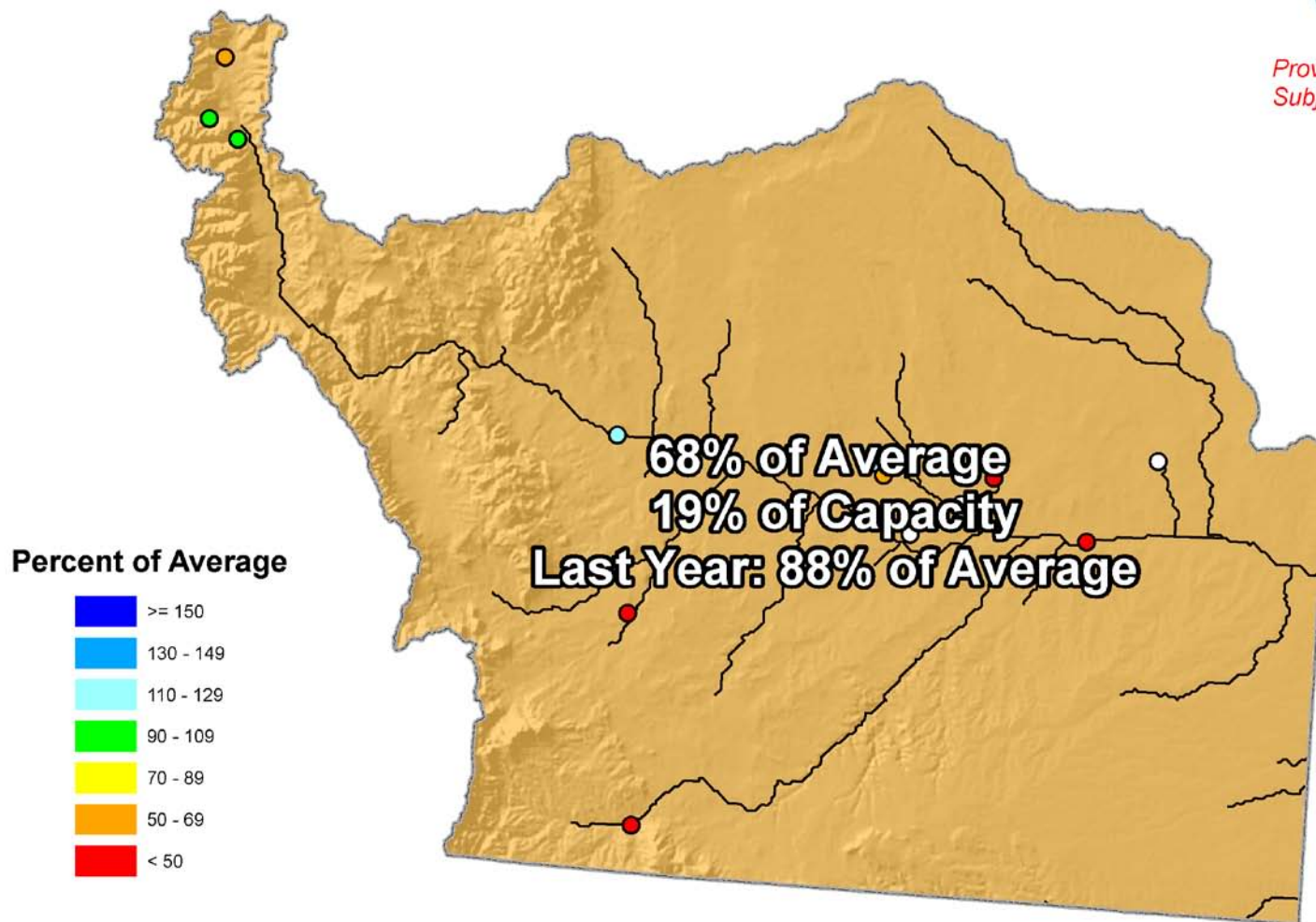
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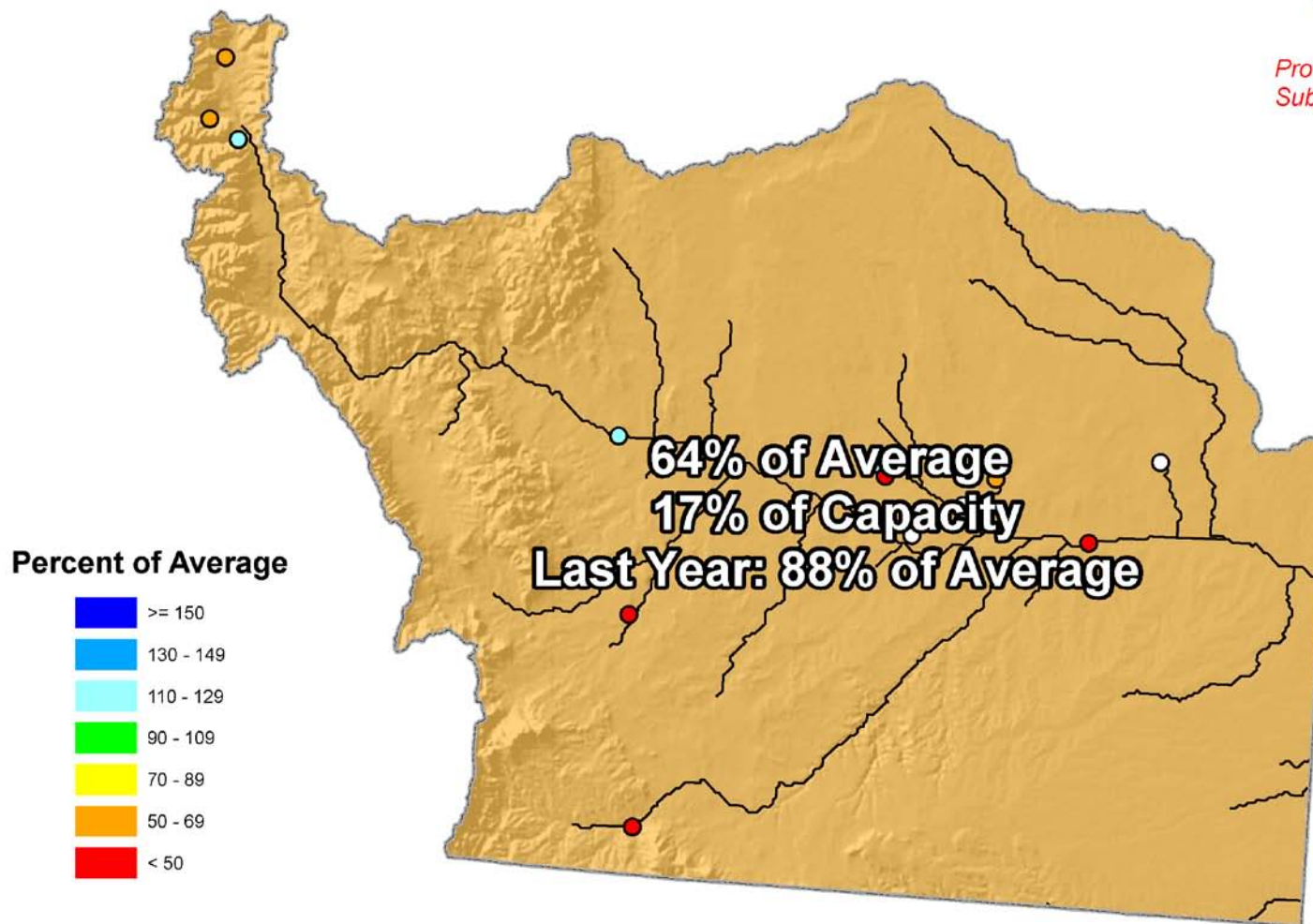


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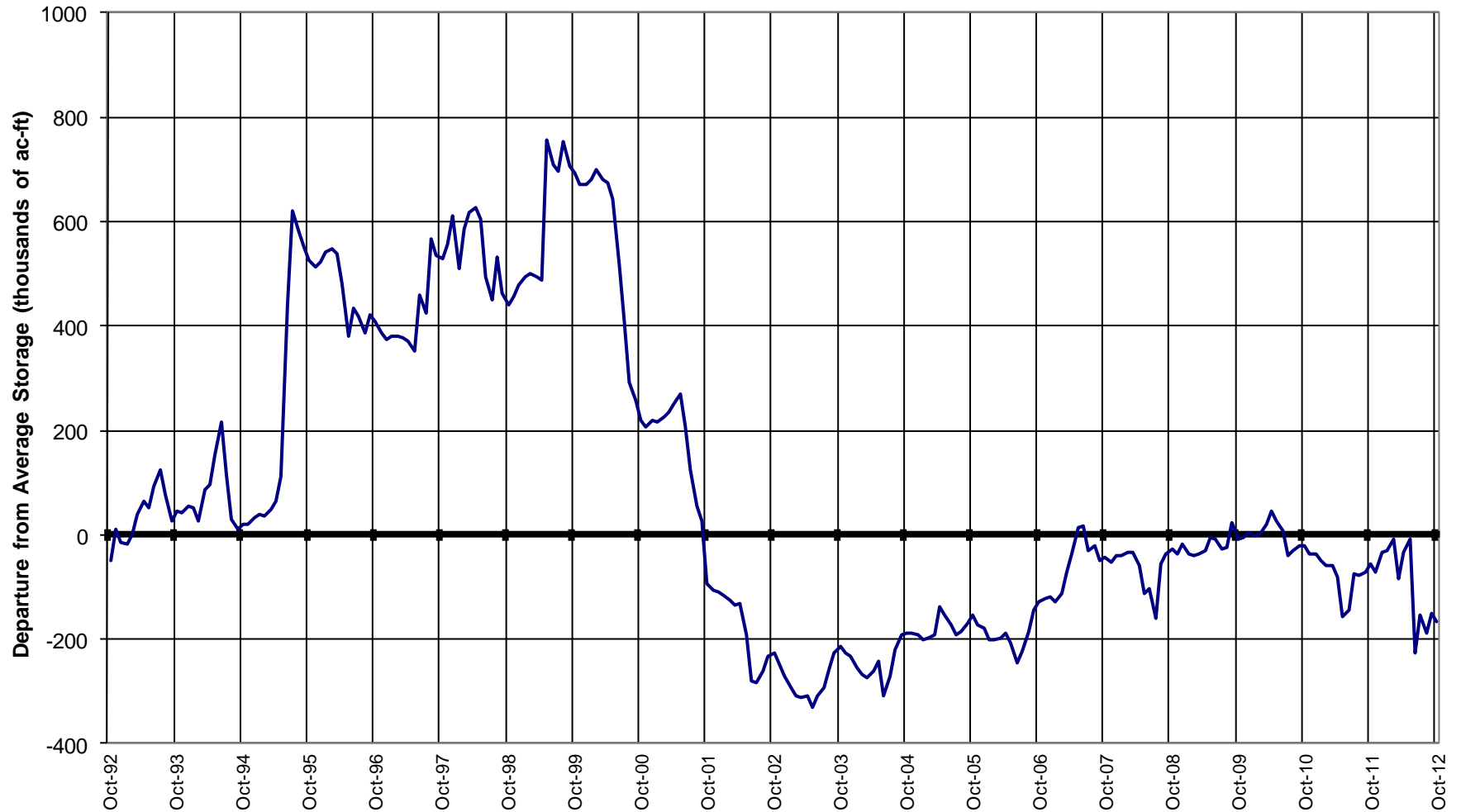


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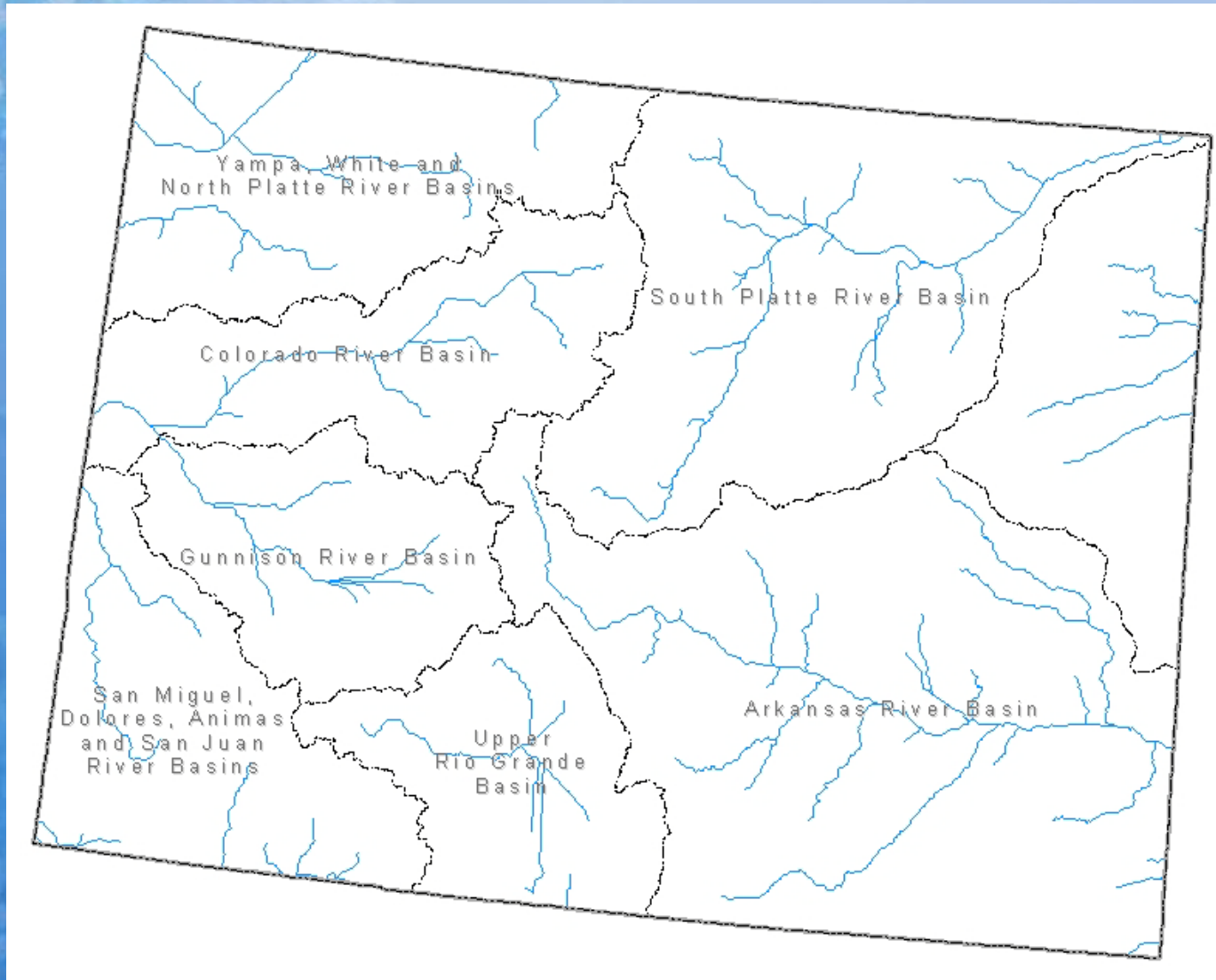
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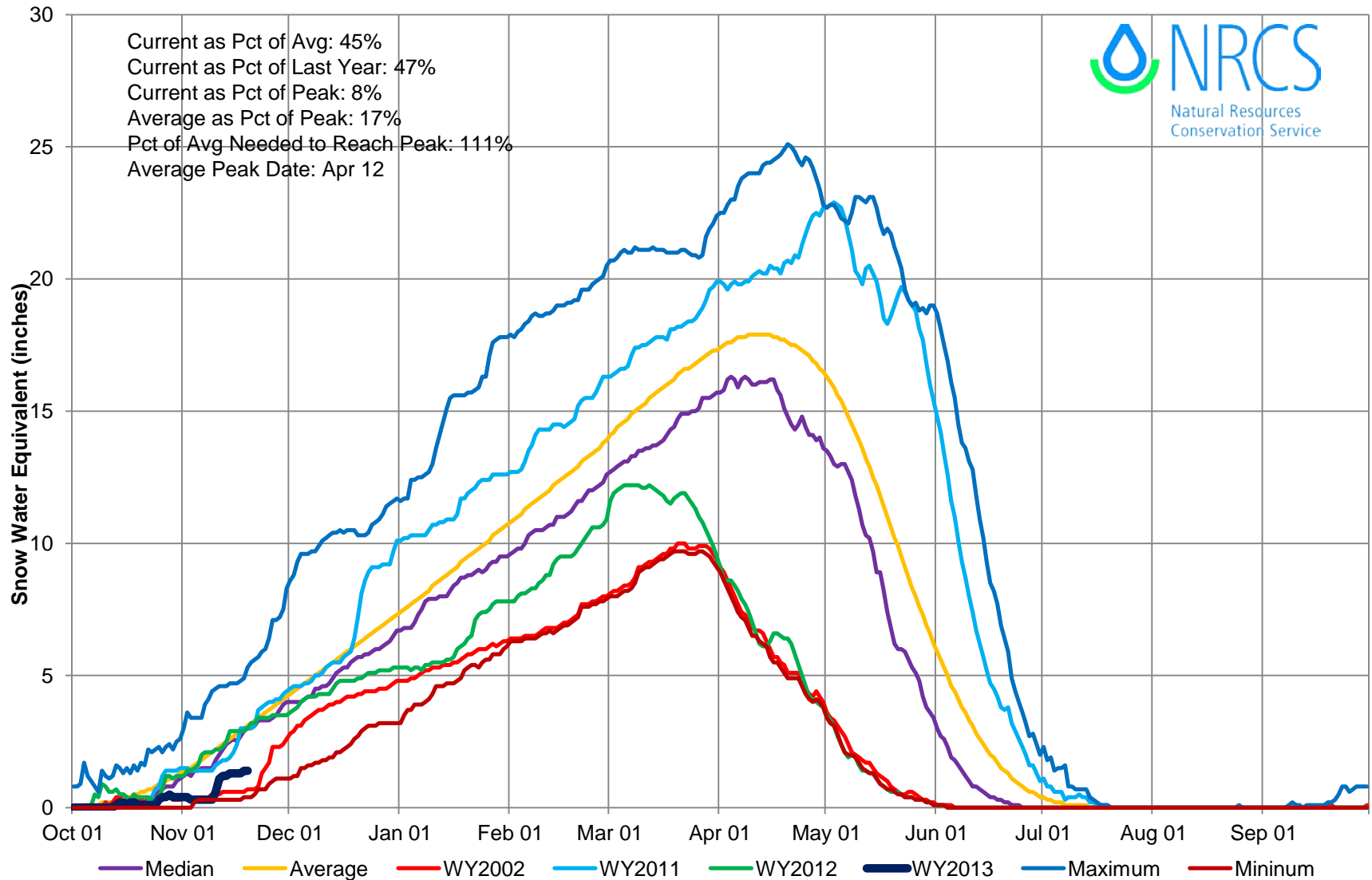


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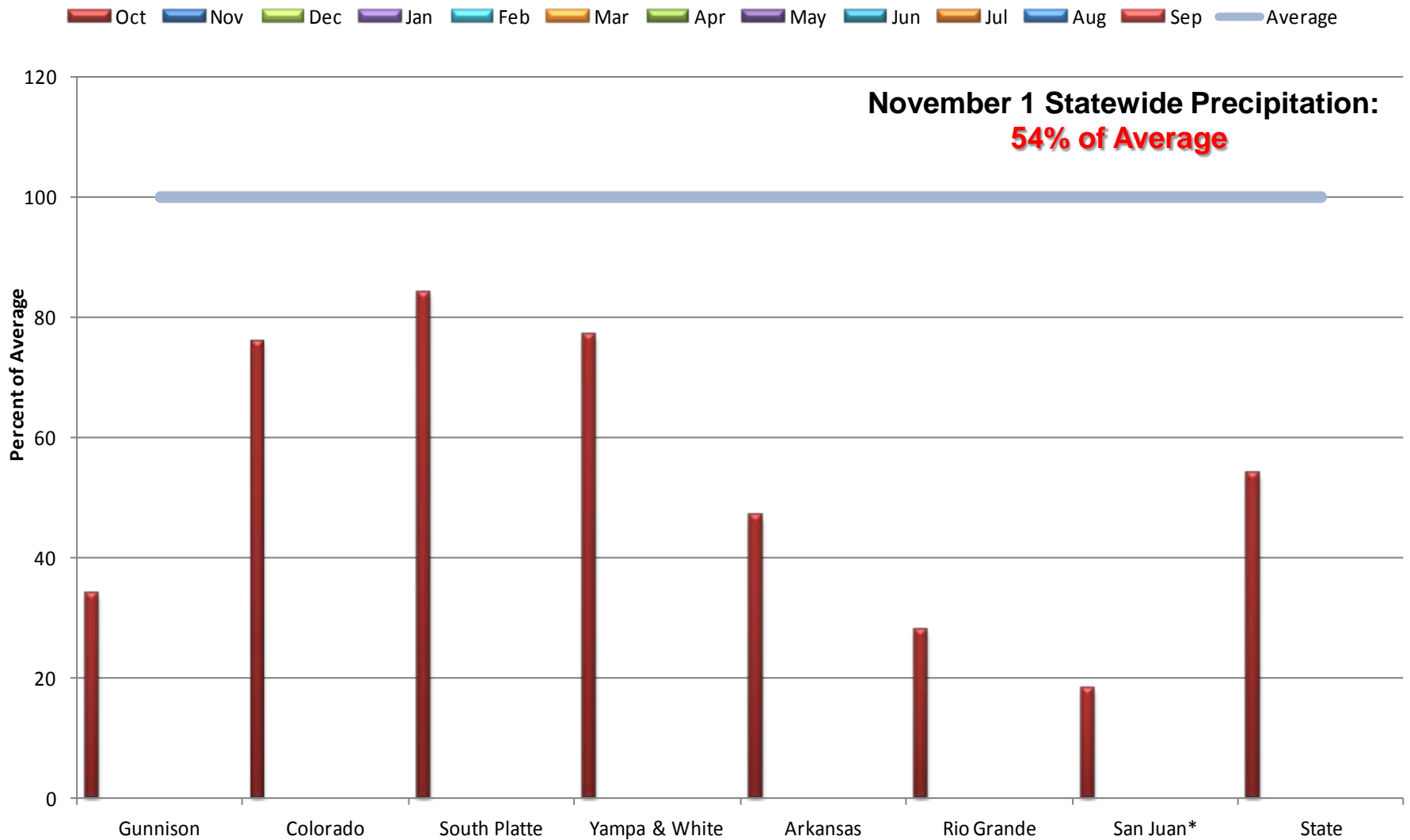
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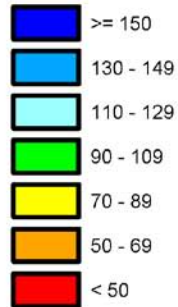
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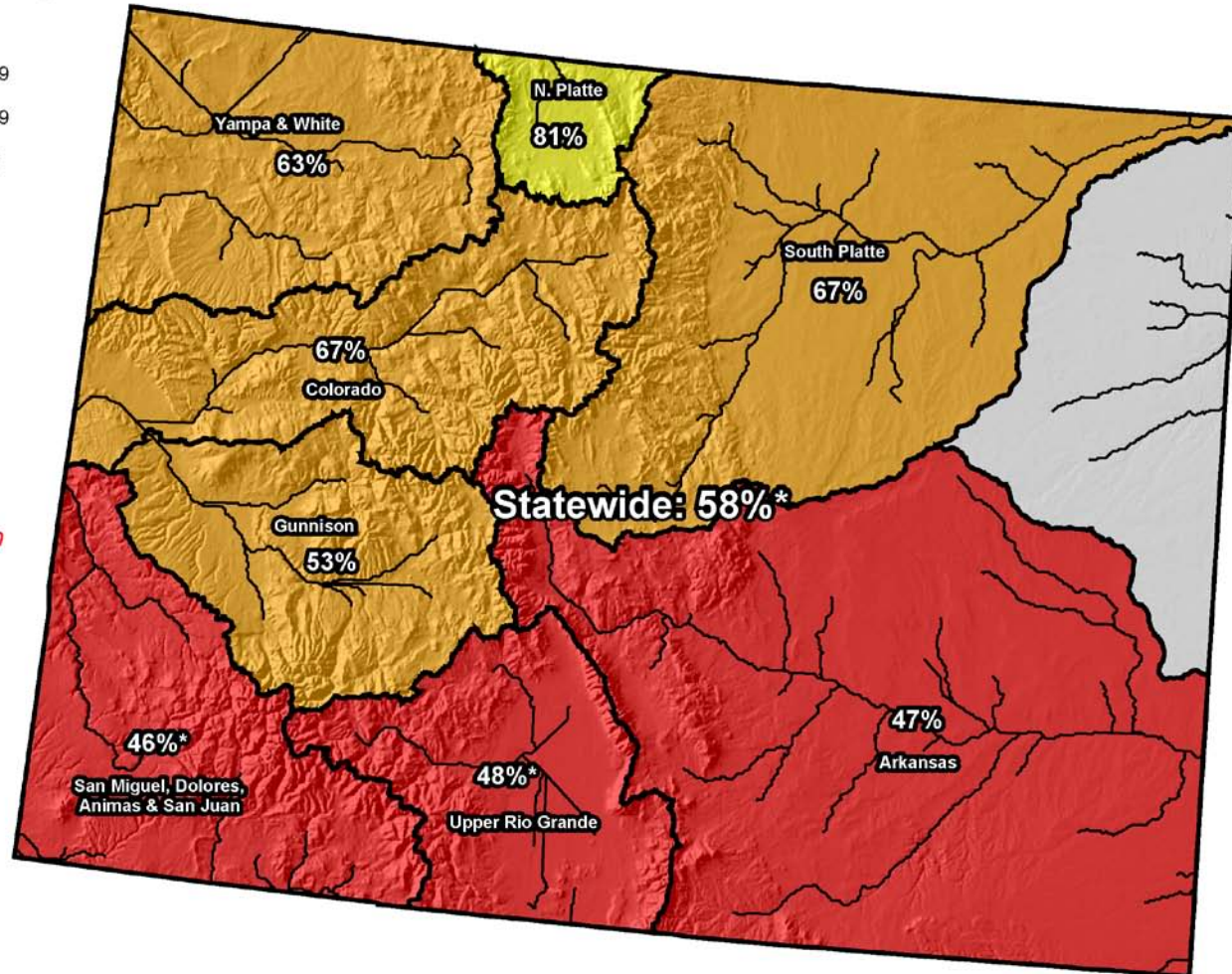
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Colorado SNOTEL Water Year-to-Date Precipitation Update Map

Percent of Average



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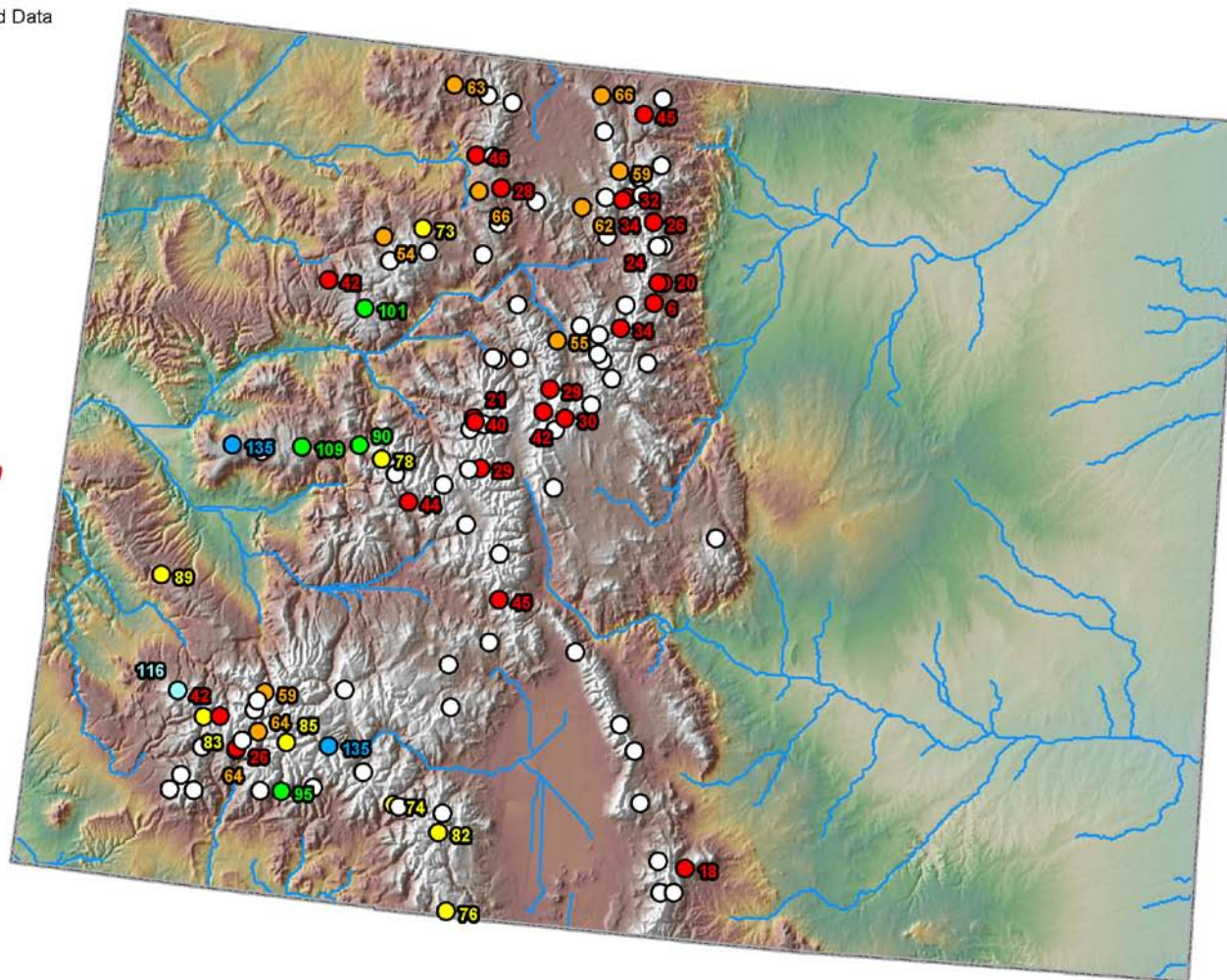
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Colorado SNOTEL Month-to-Date Precipitation

Percent of Average

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- 50 - 69
- 70 - 89
- 90 - 109
- 110 - 129
- 130 - 149
- ≥ 150

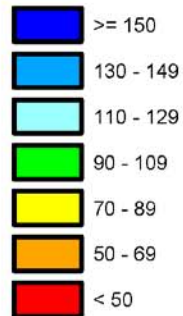
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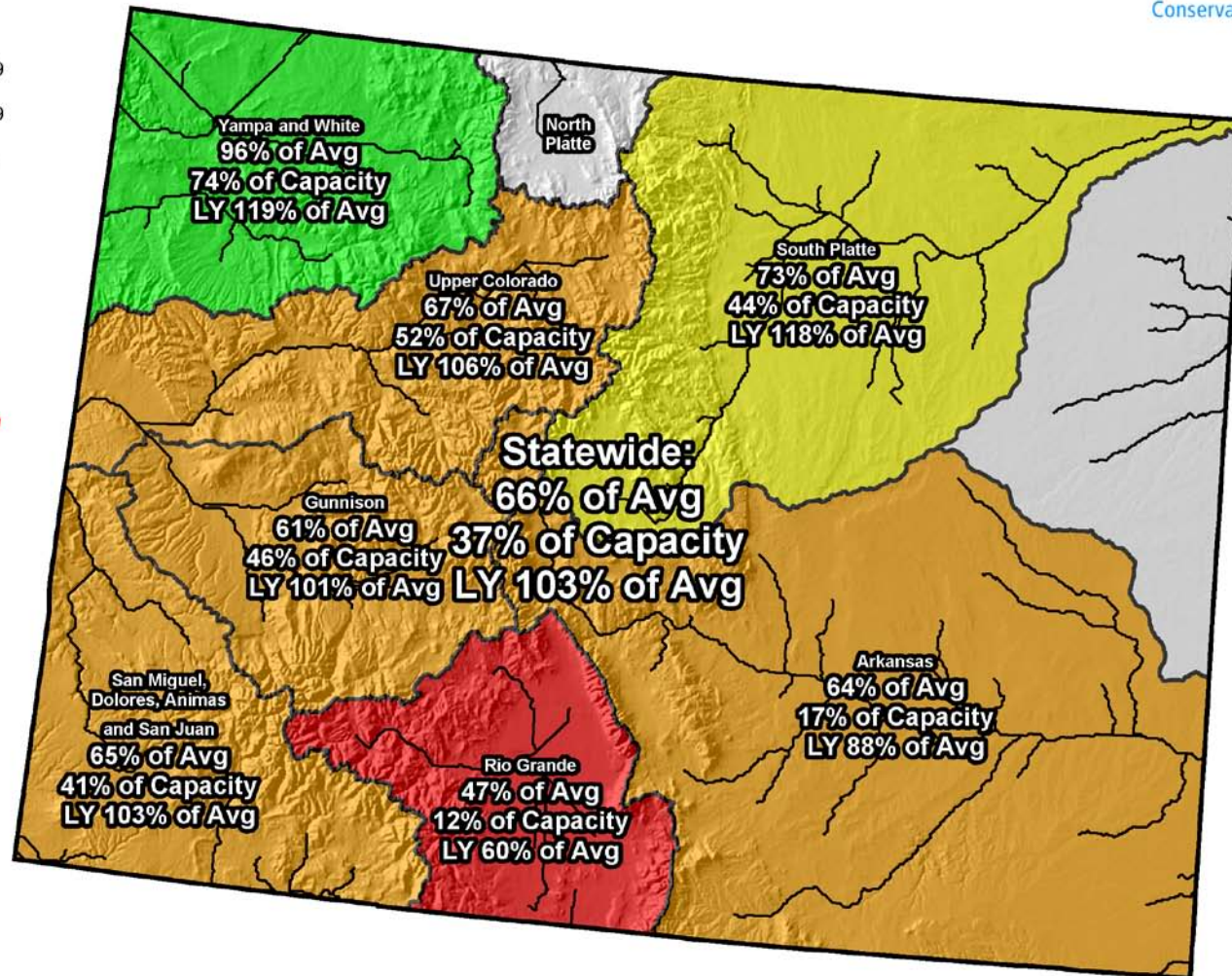
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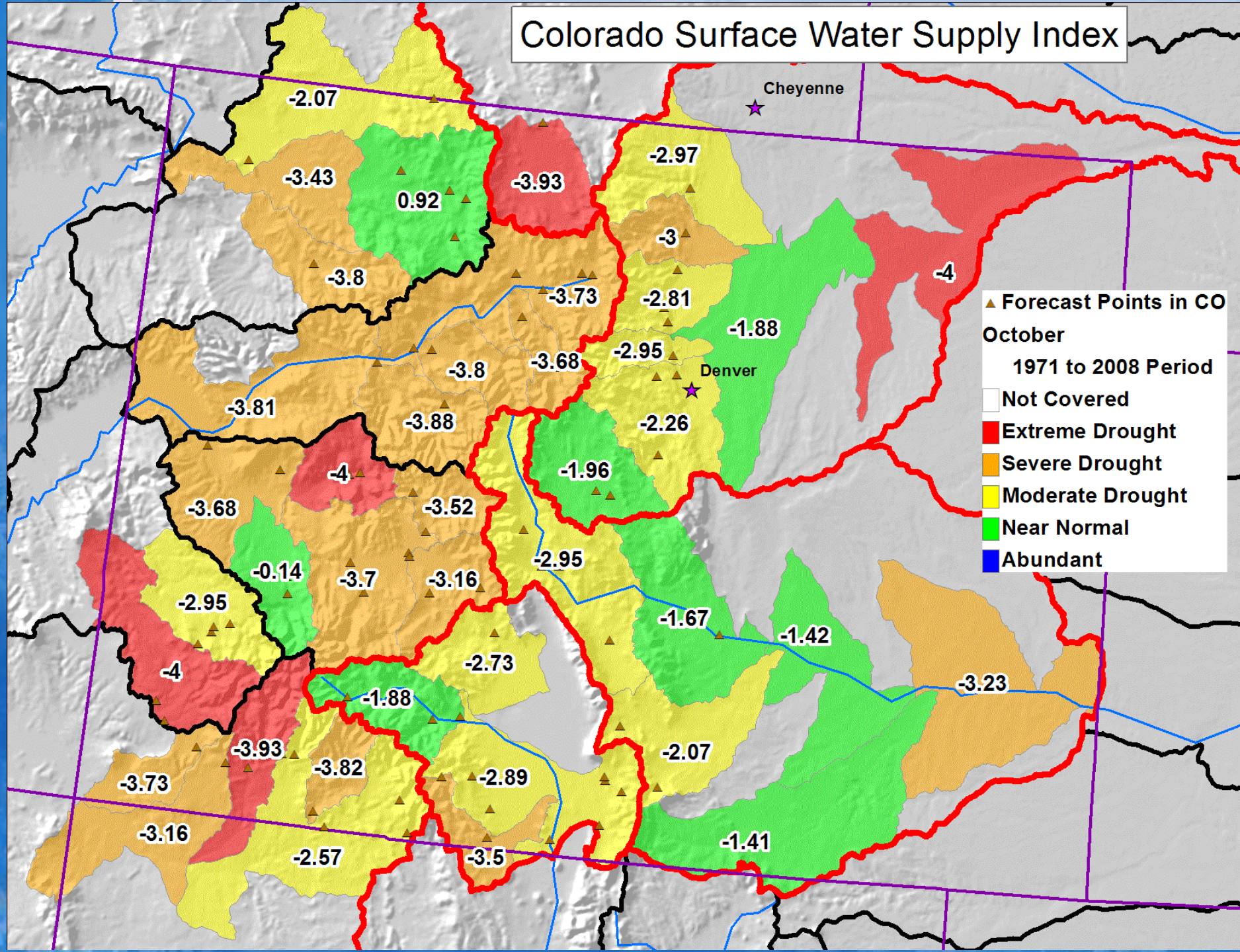


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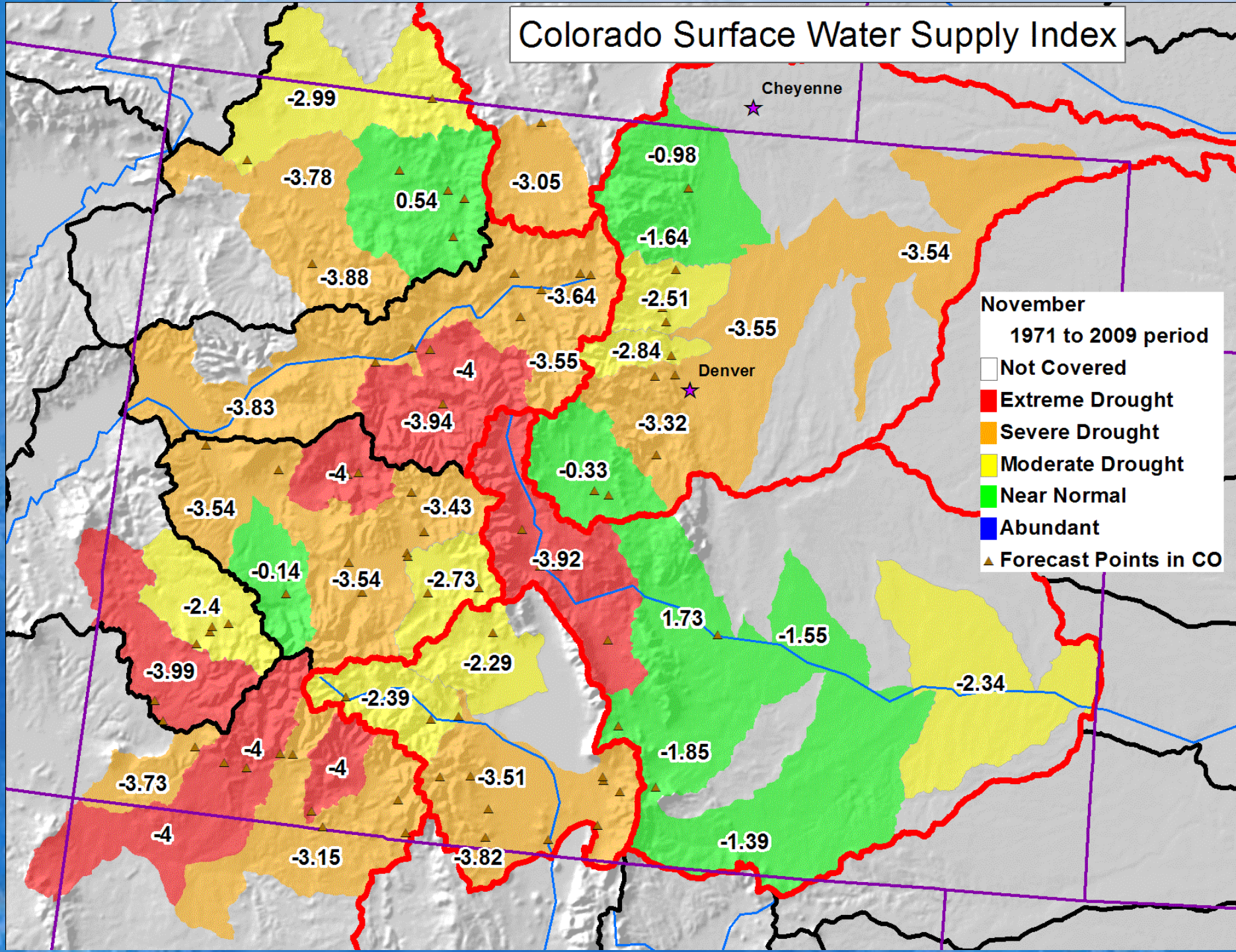


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Colorado Surface Water Supply Index



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WY2013 Summary

- OCT: Began WY with below average mountain precipitation and SWE. Statewide SWE was only 26% of average on November 1.
- NOV: Storm around Veterans Day boosted prec and SWE totals across the state. Statewide prec is now above 50% of average and SWE is just under that.
- Basins in the south and southwest have been the driest but benefited the most from the latest storm.