



# Water Availability Task Force Meeting

## May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### NRCS Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program

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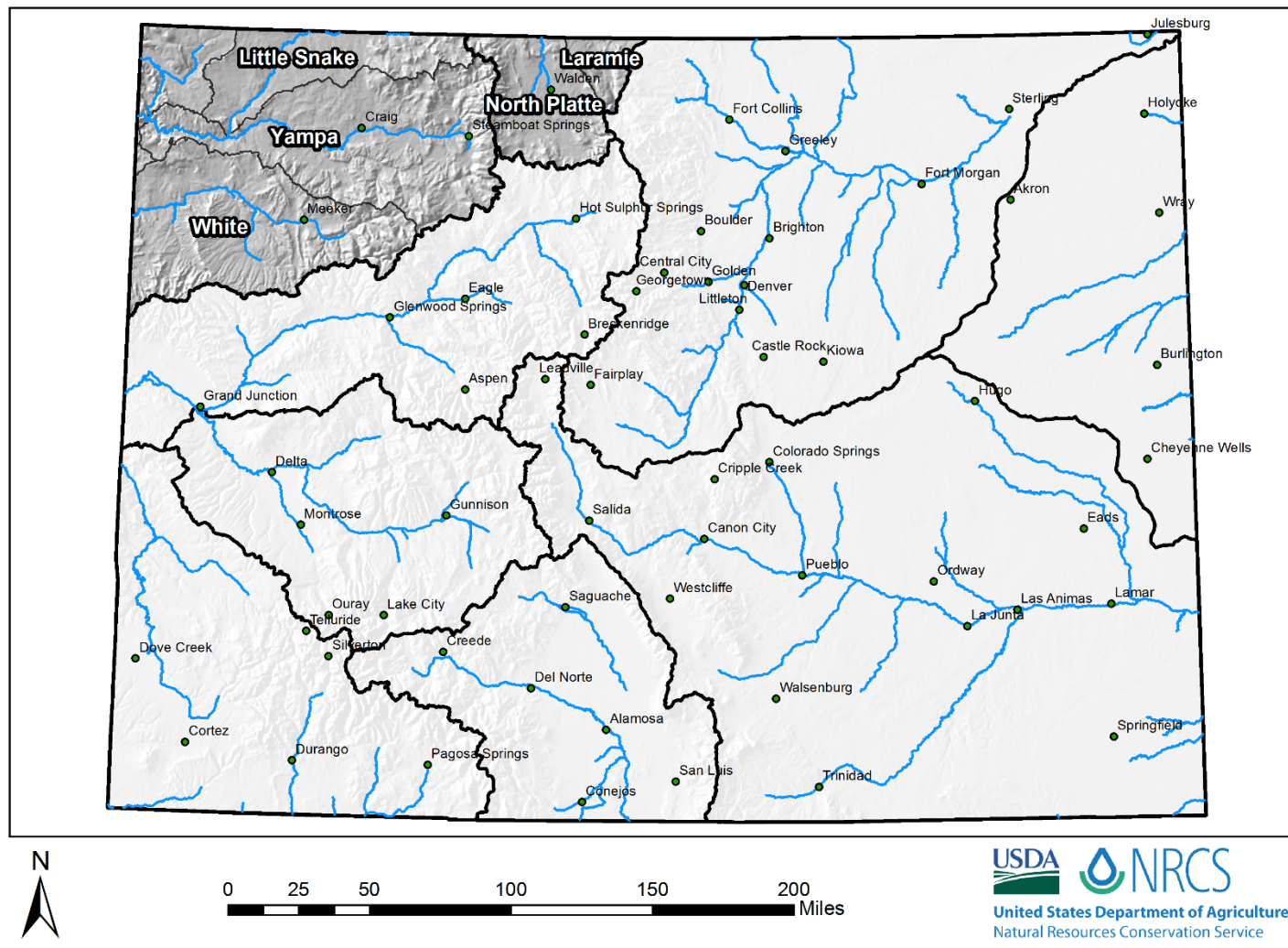
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# Major Basin Summary

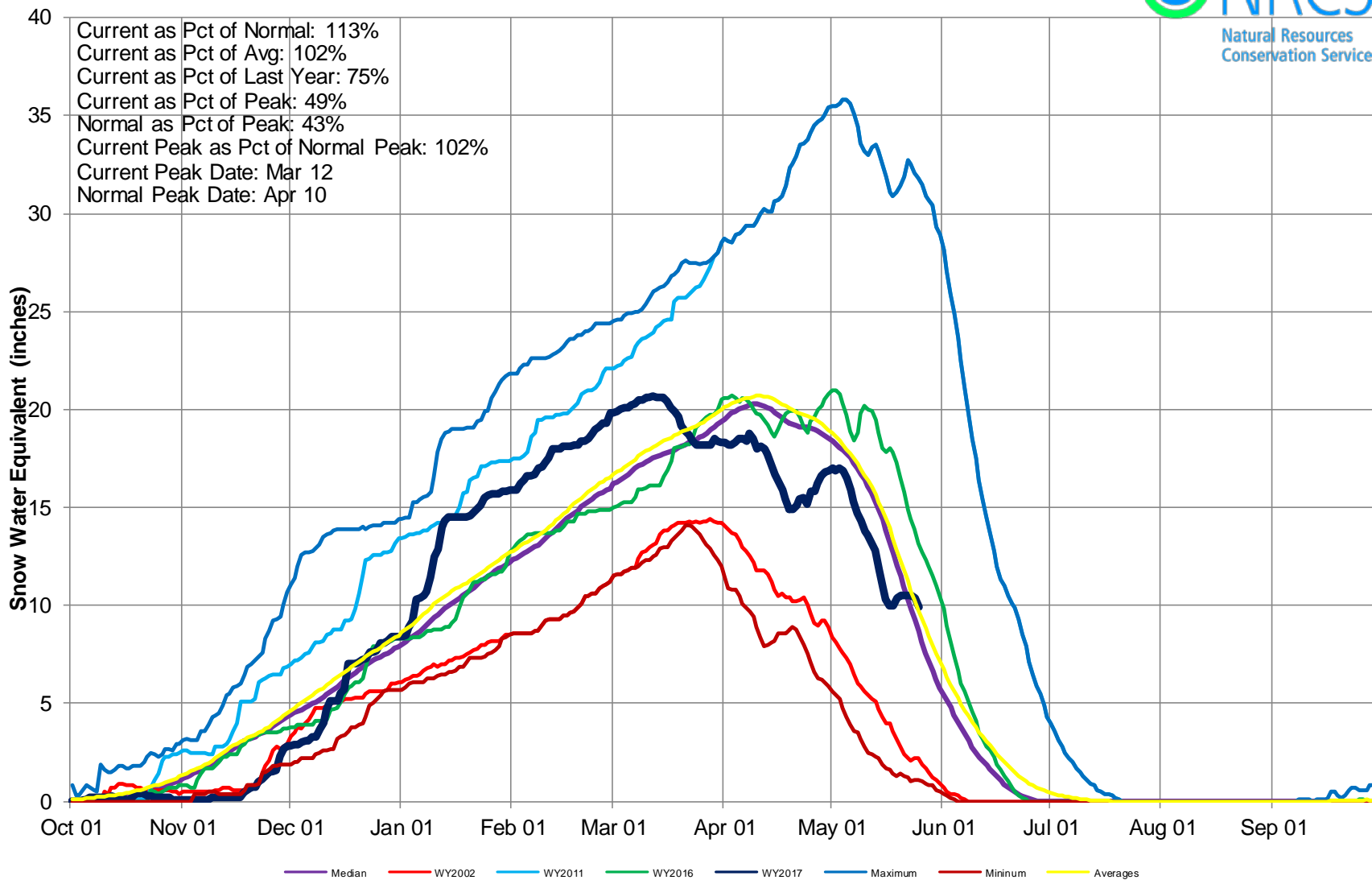
## Yampa, White, and North Platte River Basins





## Yampa, White & North Platte River Basins High/Low Snowpack Summary

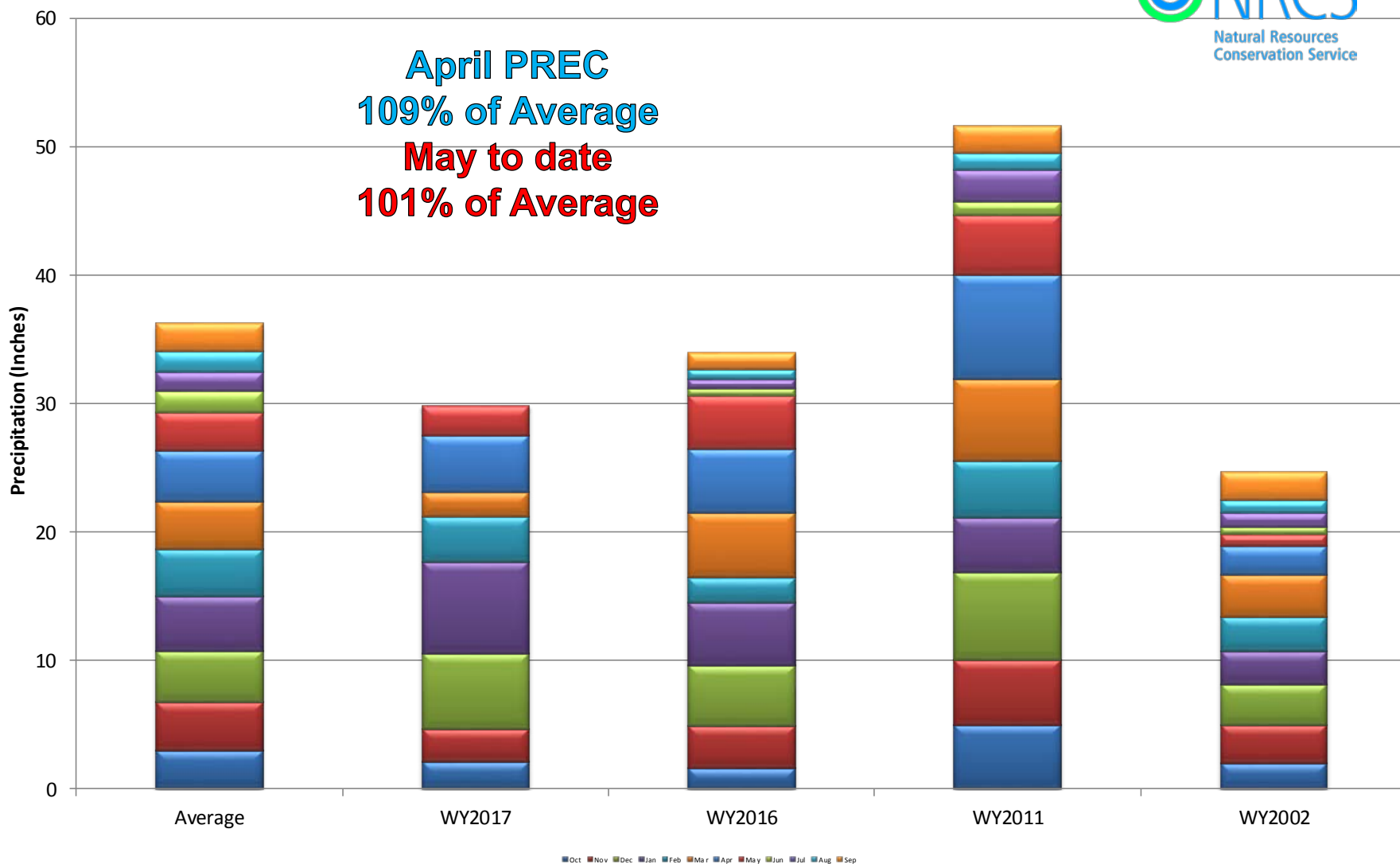
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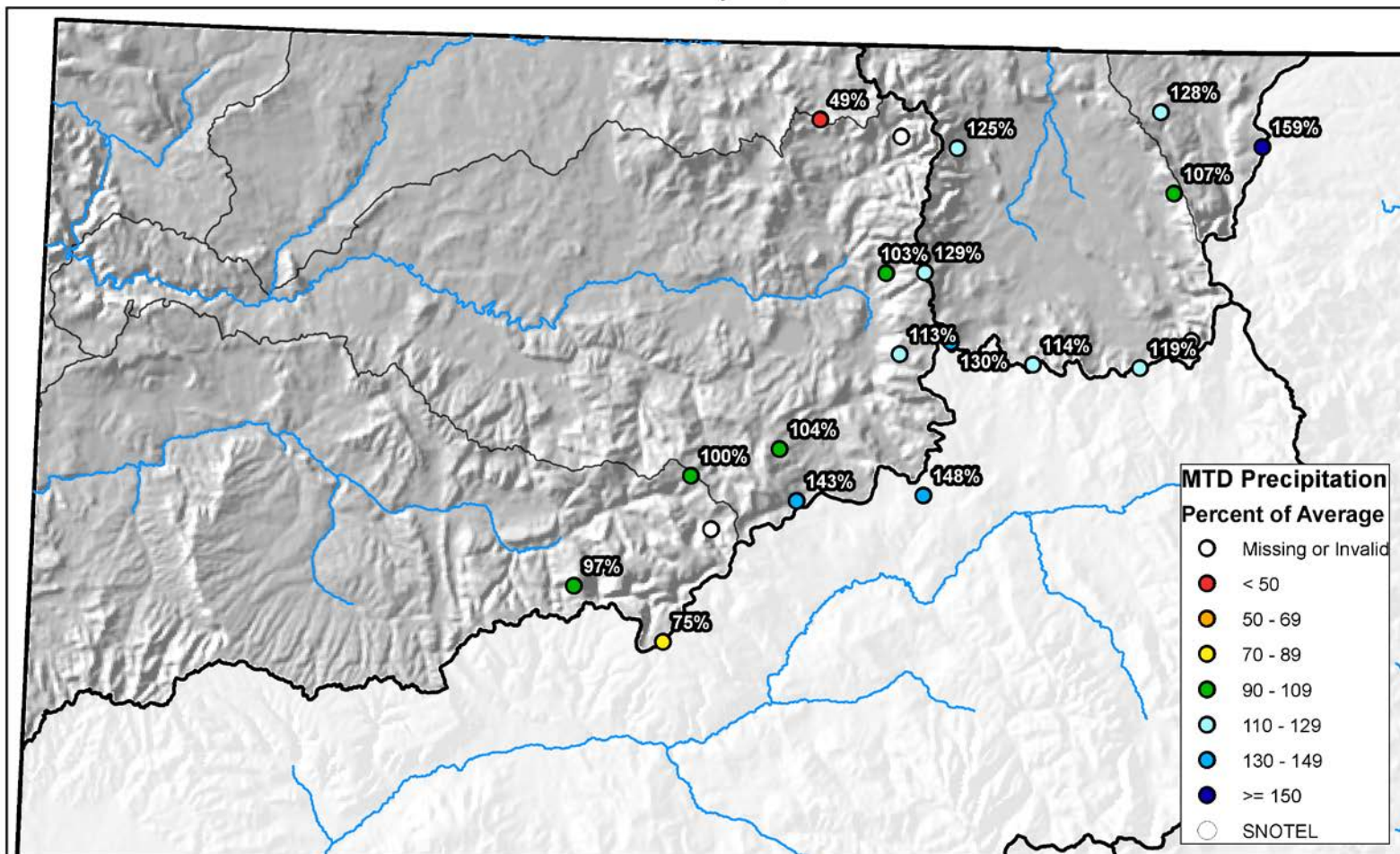


## Yampa & White River Basins High/Low Monthly Precipitation Summary

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## Yampa, White, and North Platte River Basins Month to Date Precipitation Summary Current as of May 25, 2017

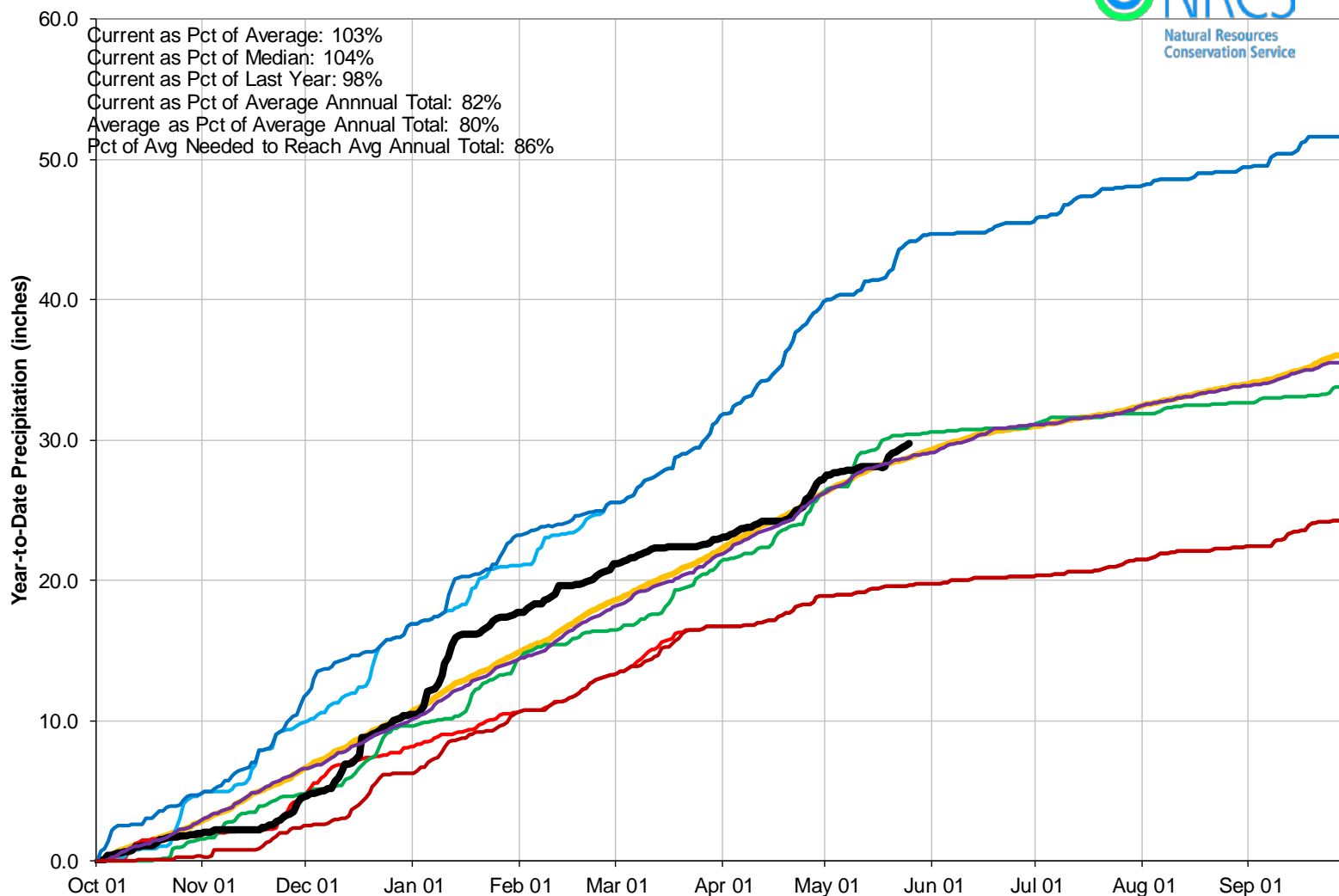


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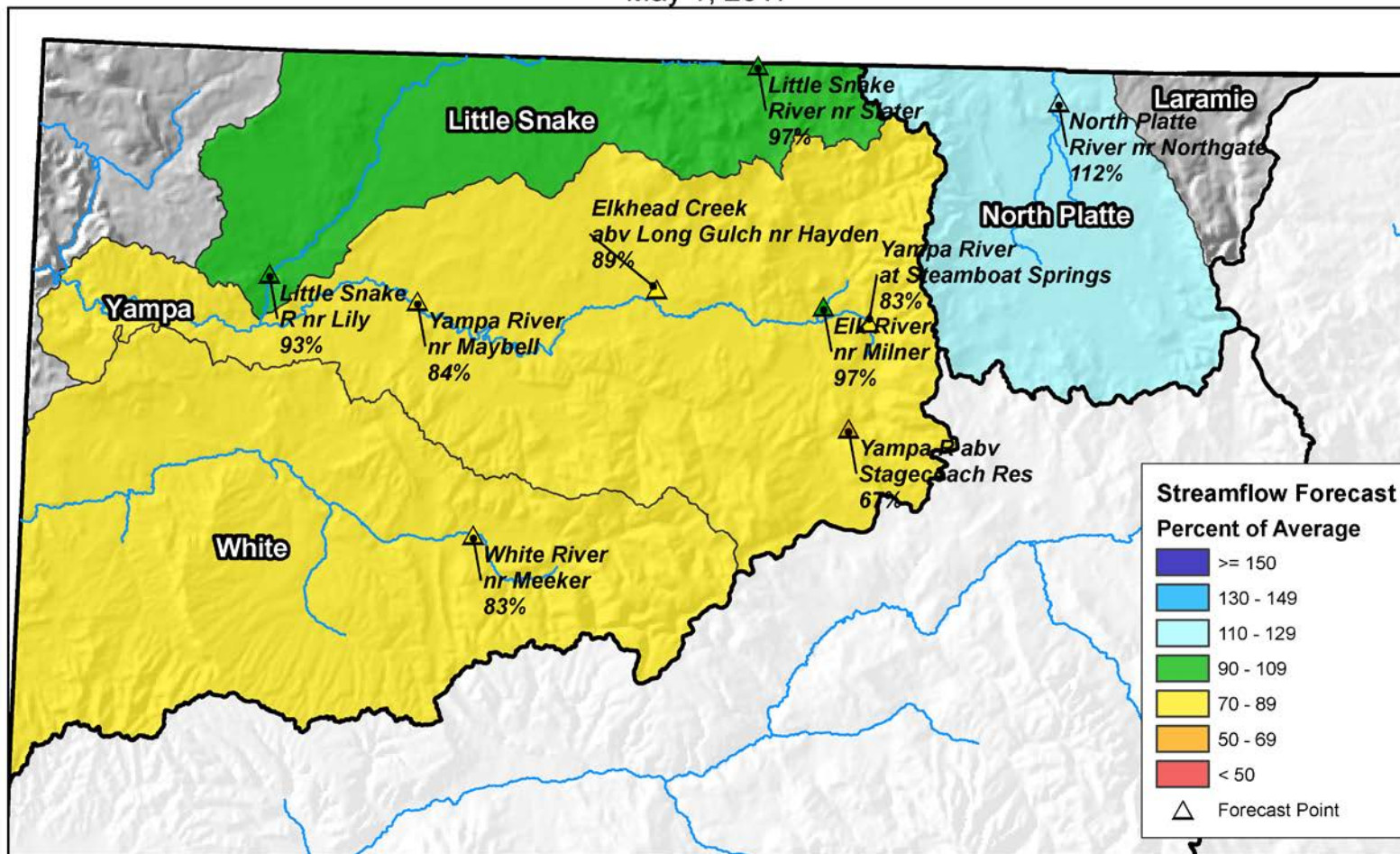


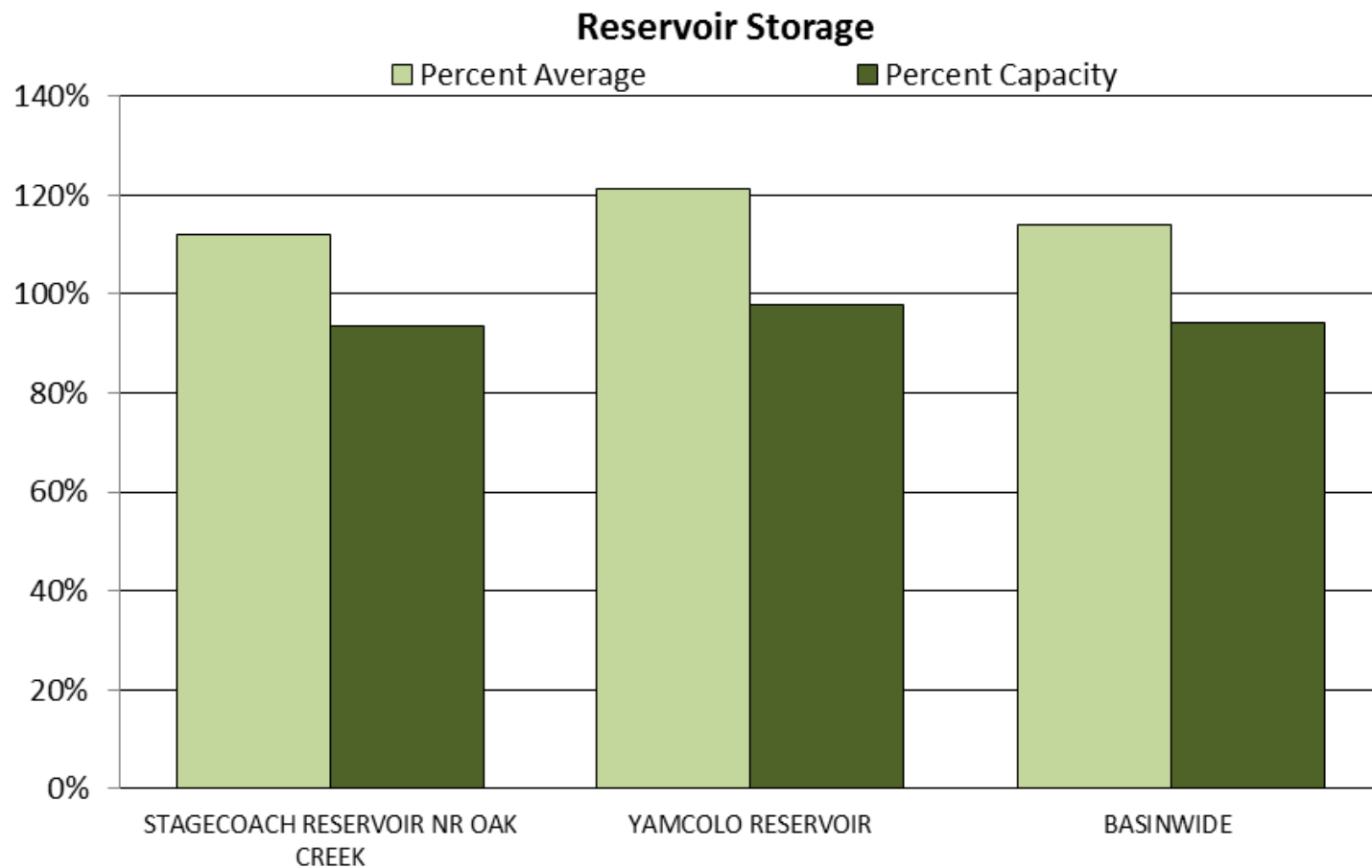
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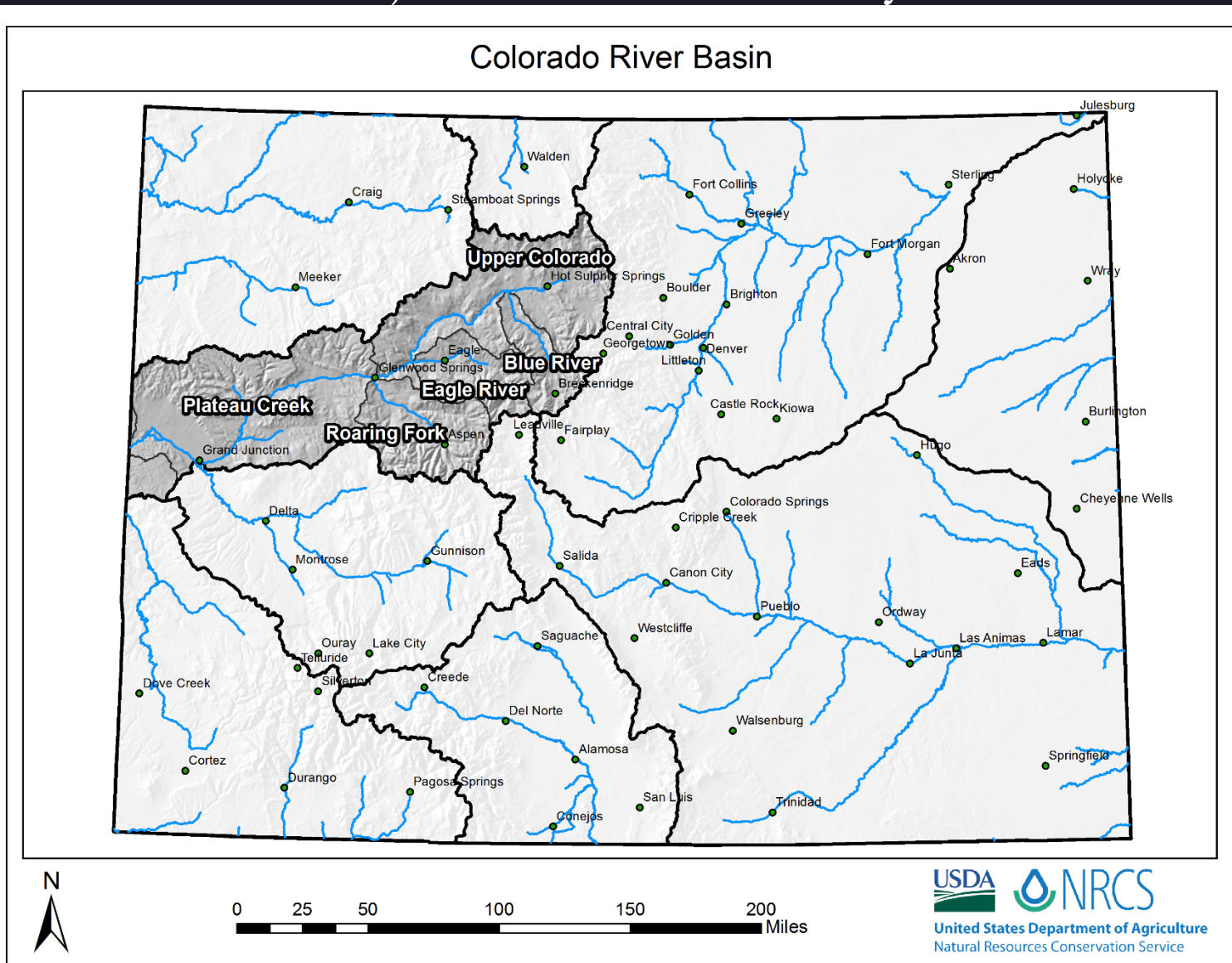


## Yampa, White, and North Platte River Basins Streamflow Forecast Summary May 1, 2017





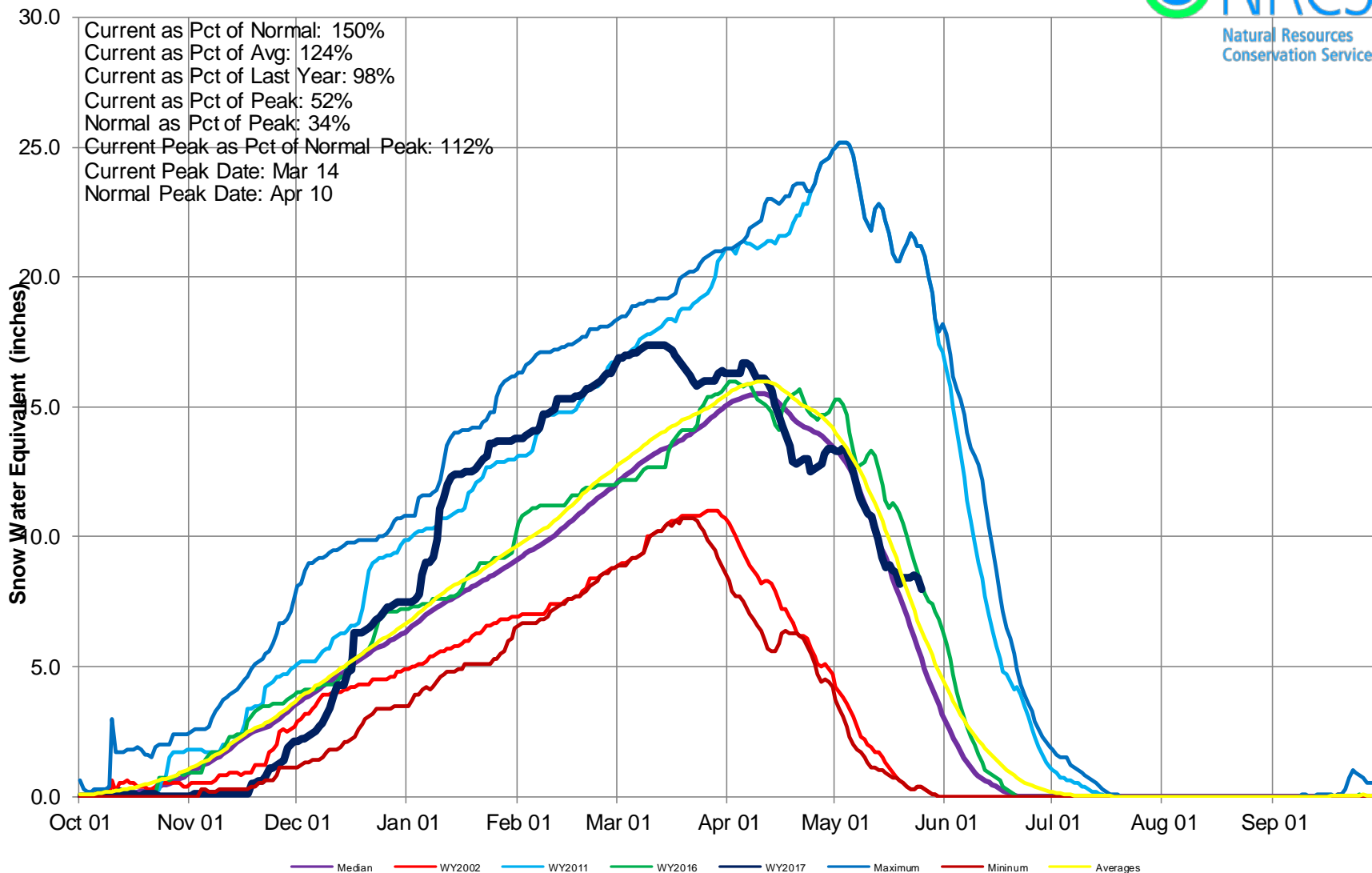
## Major Basin Summary





## Upper Colorado River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

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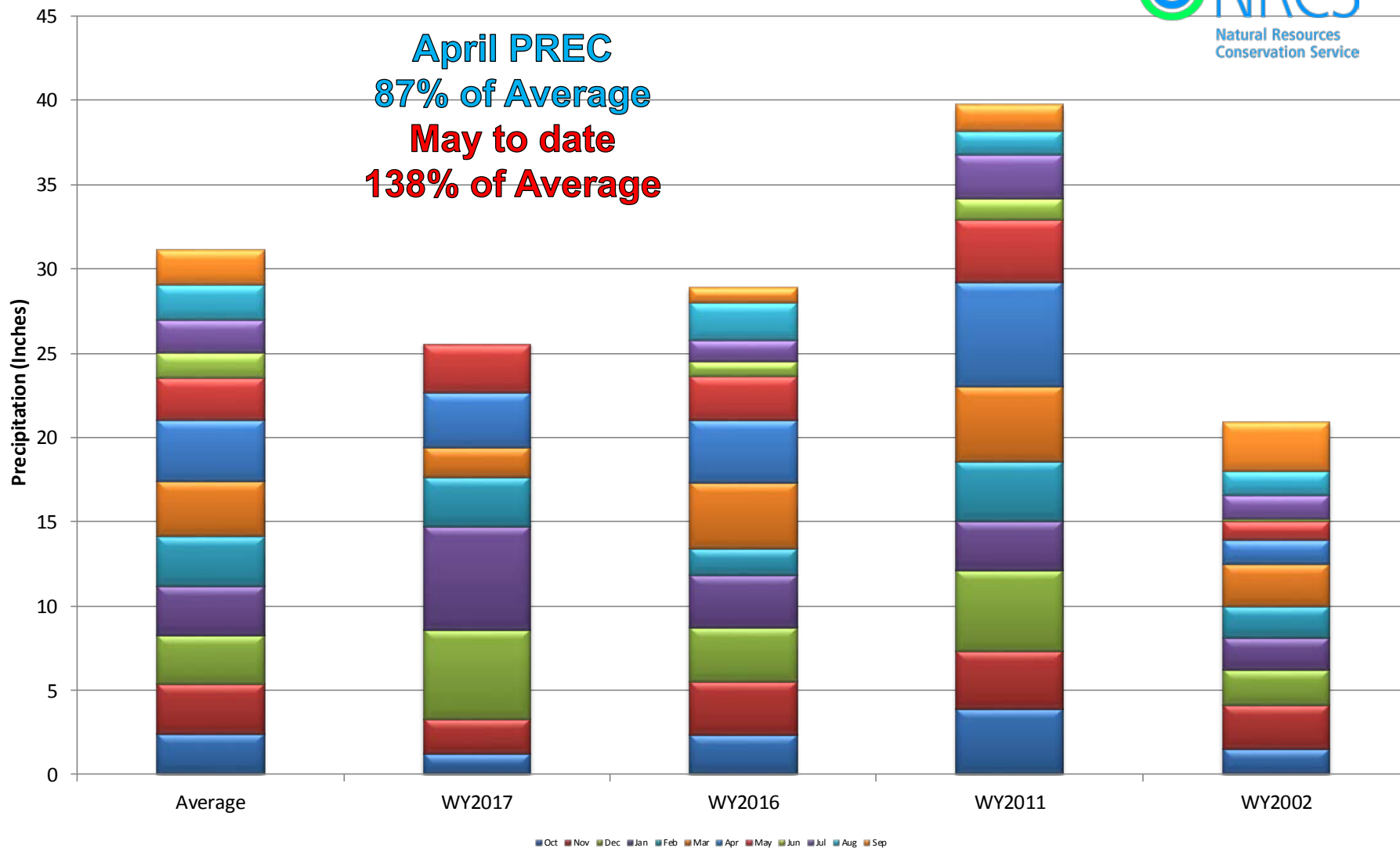


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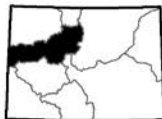
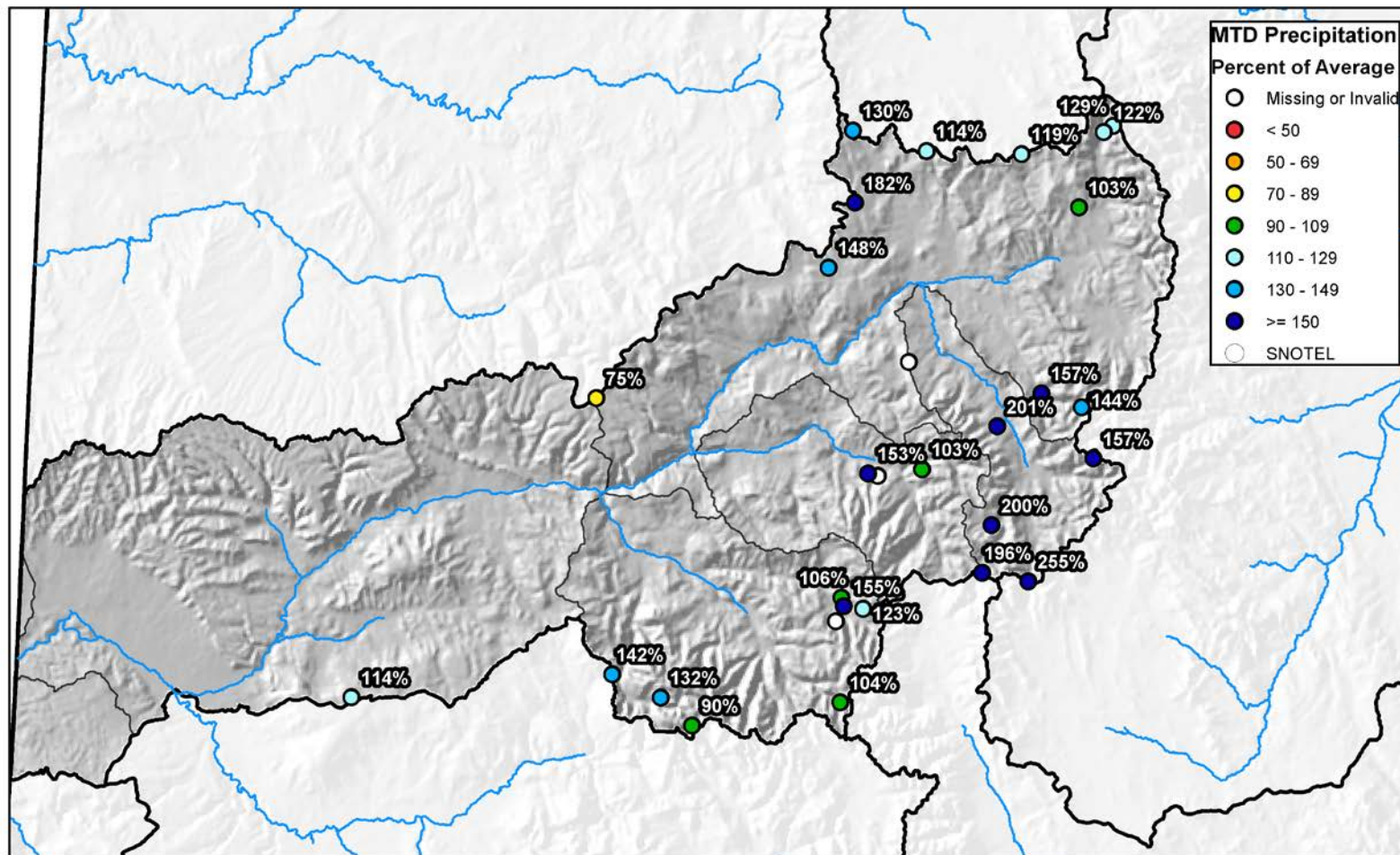


**April PREC**  
**87% of Average**  
**May to date**  
**138% of Average**



## Upper Colorado River Basin Month to Date Precipitation Summary

Current as of May 25, 2017



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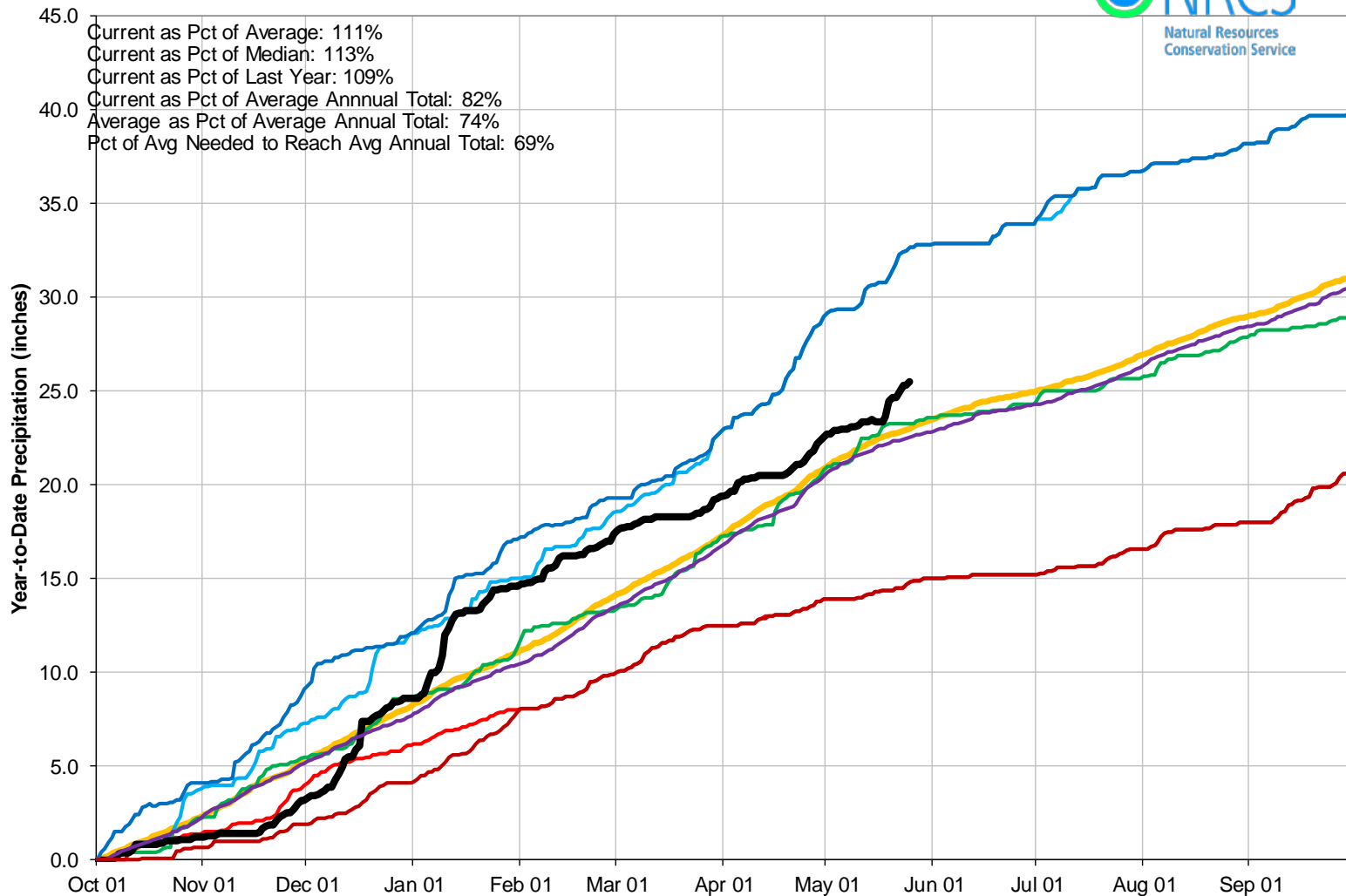
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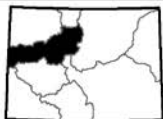
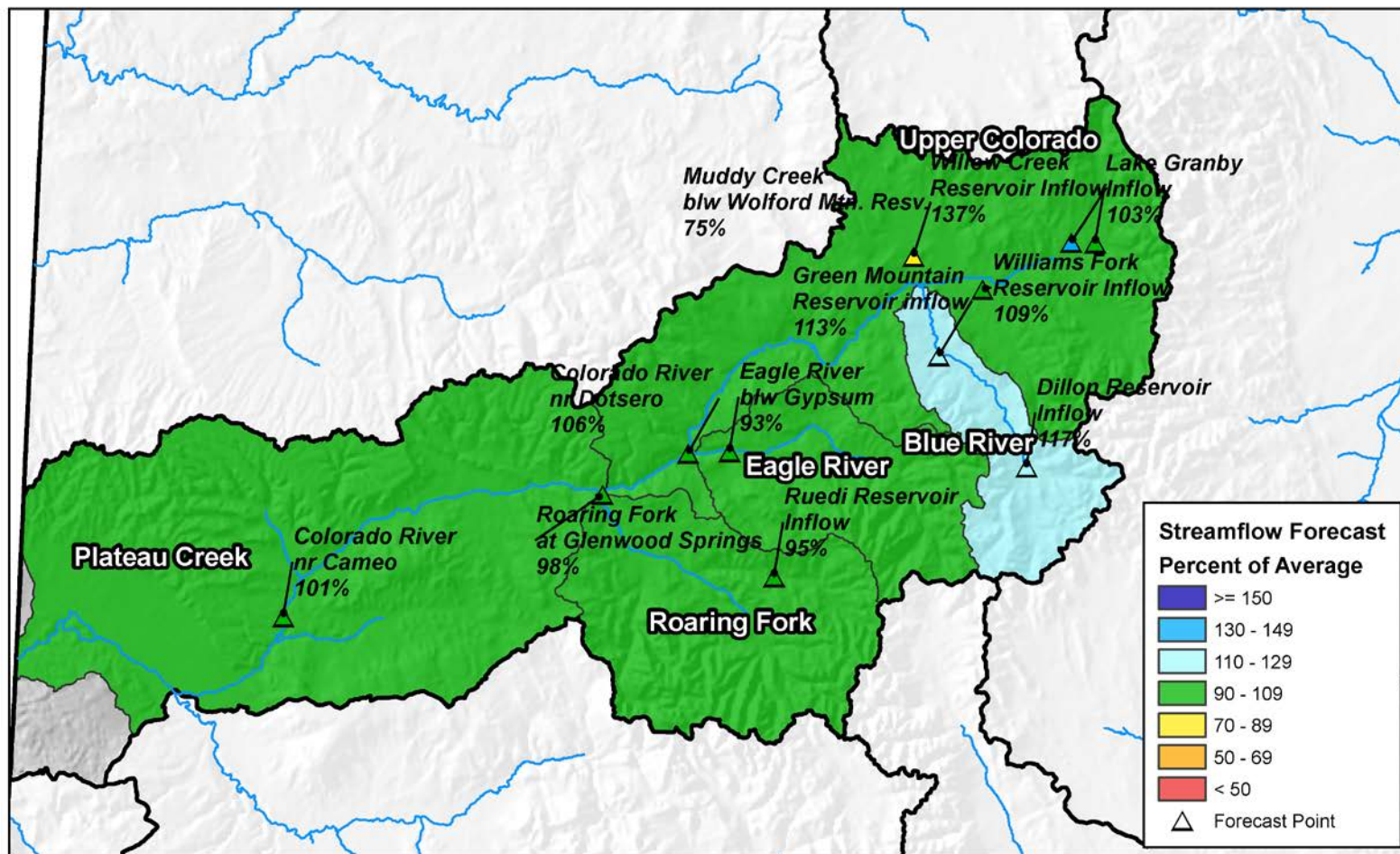
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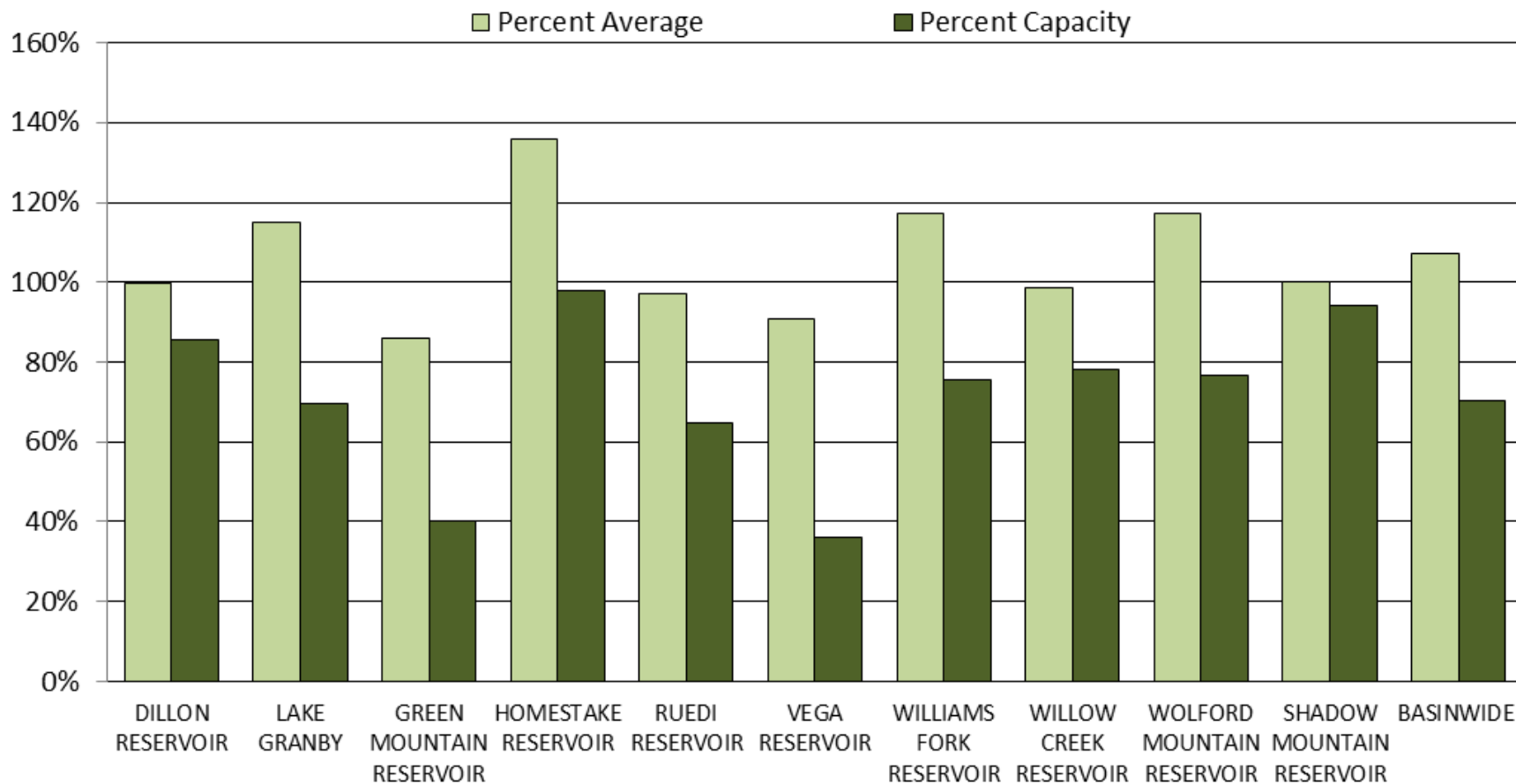
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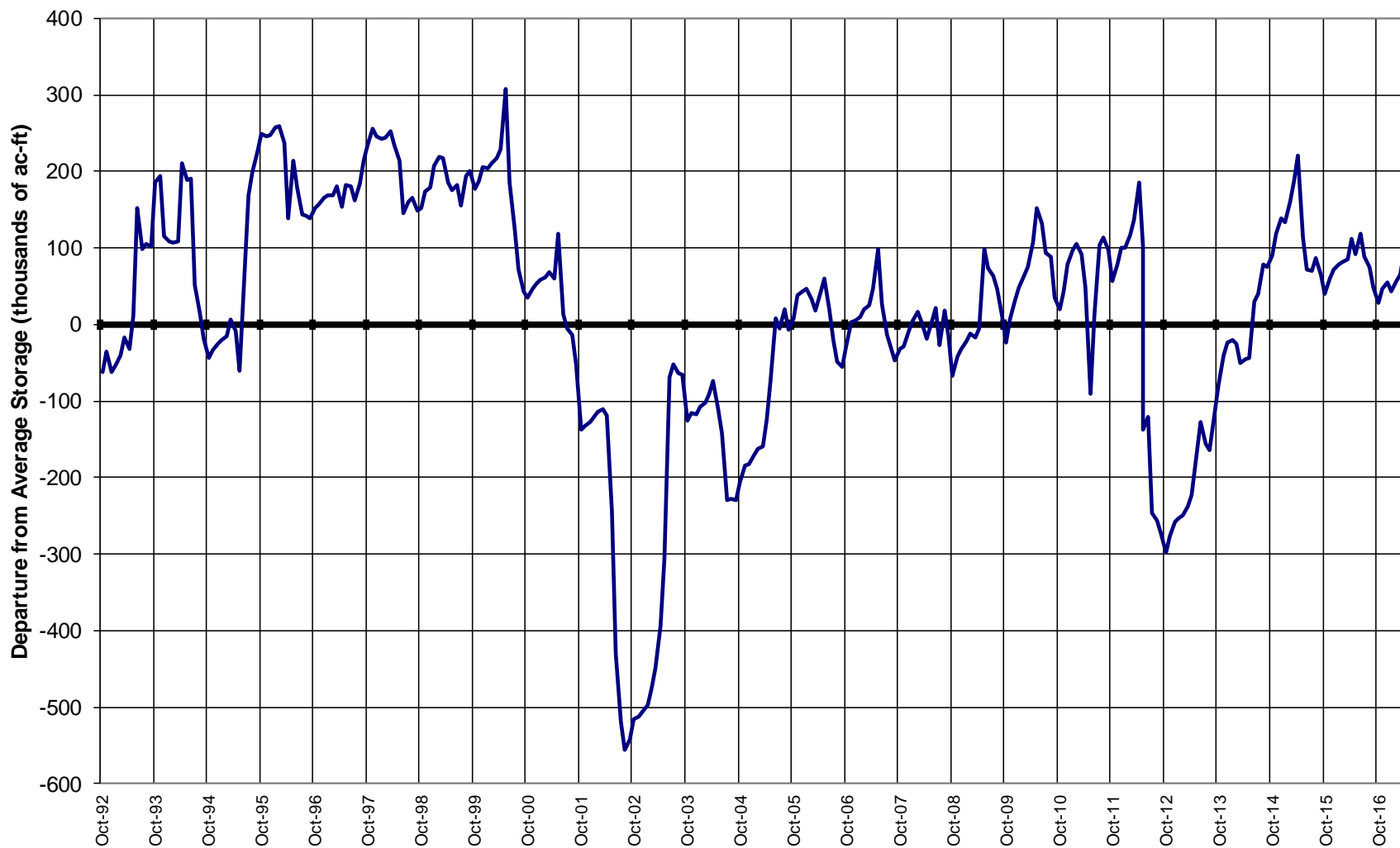
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## Reservoir Storage



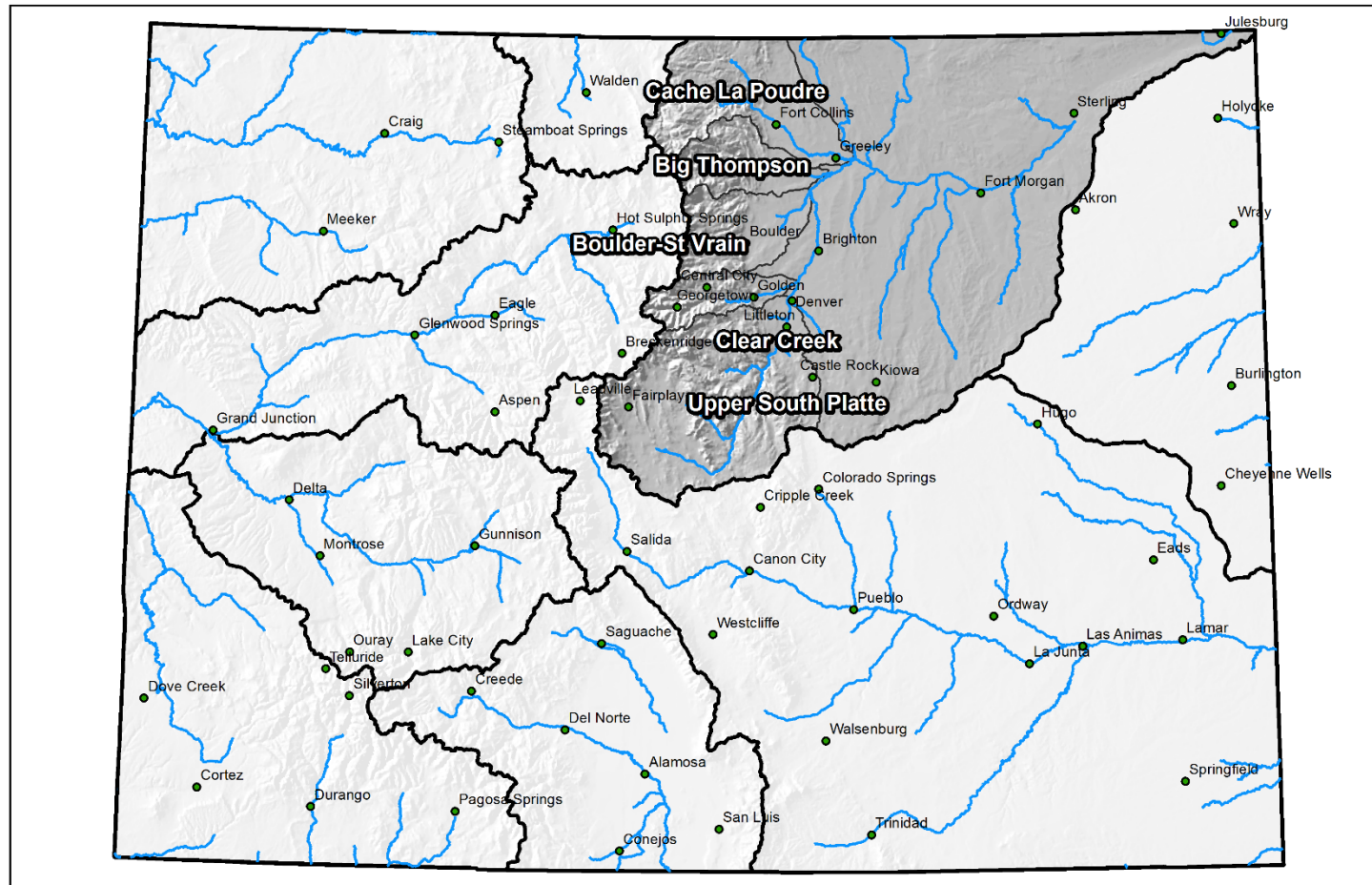


## COLORADO RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage Departure from Average



# Major Basin Summary

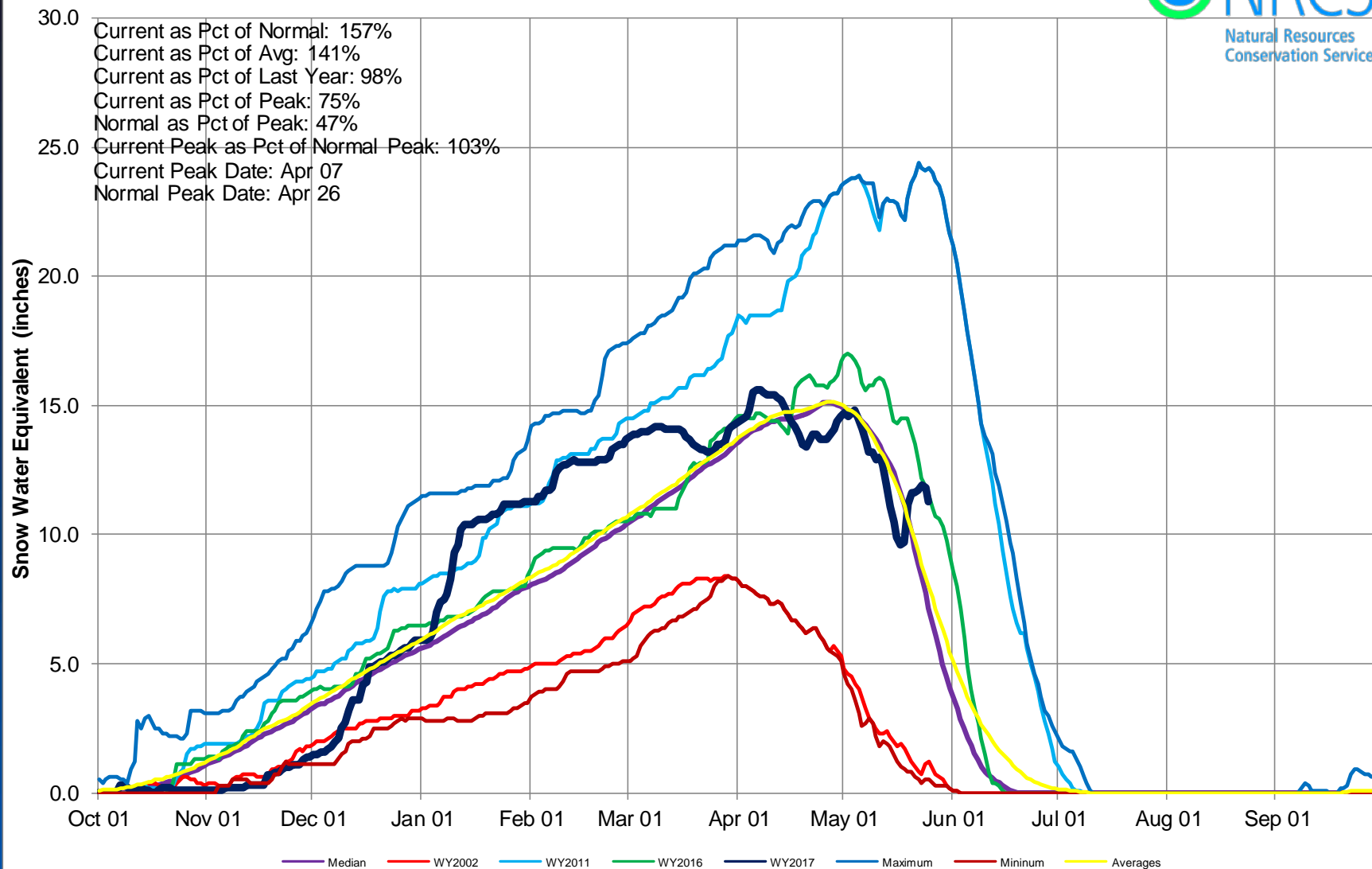
## South Platte River Basin



A horizontal scale bar with markings at 0, 25, 50, 100, 150, and 200 miles. The bar is black with white tick marks and numbers. The word "Miles" is written at the right end.

## South Platte River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

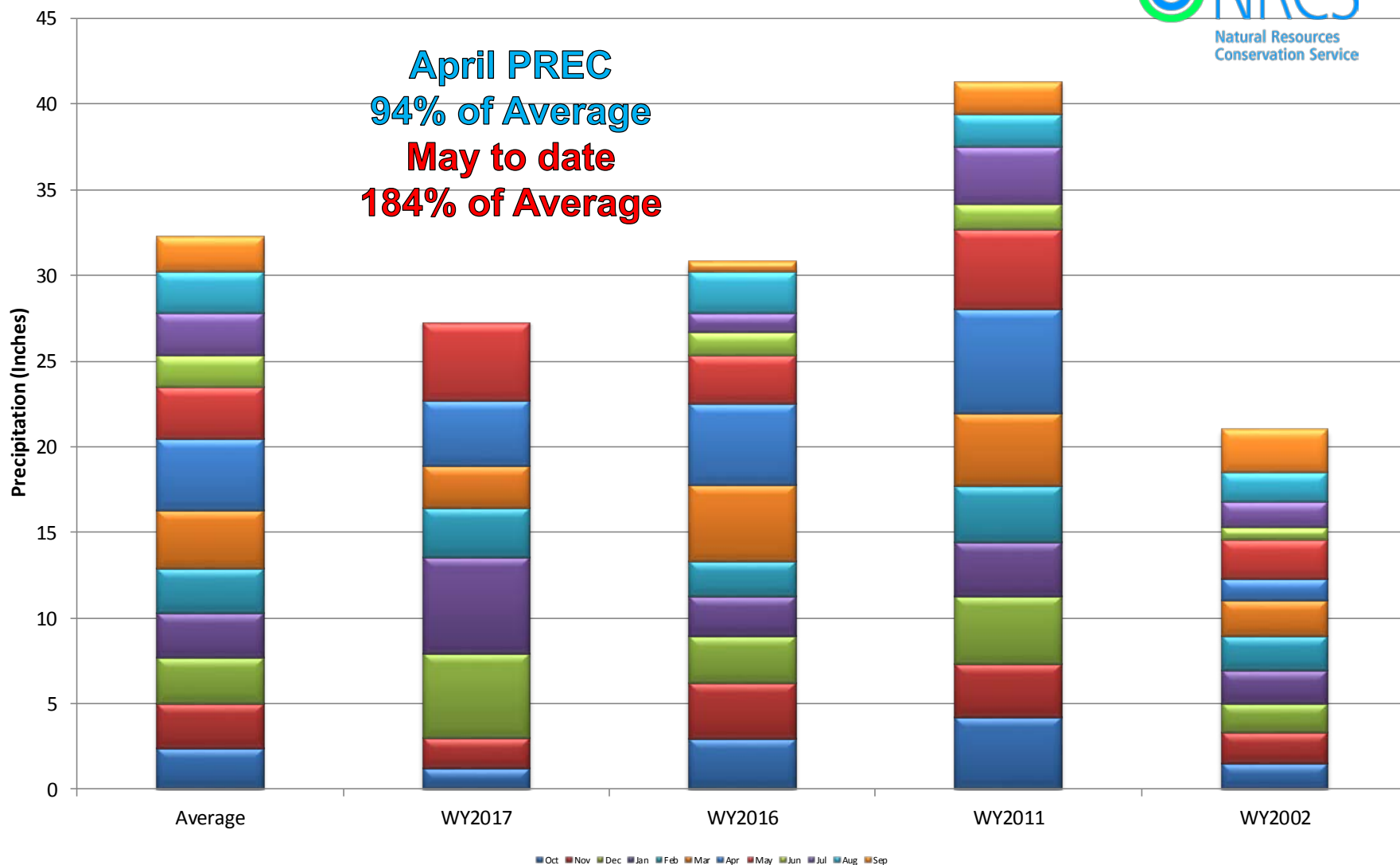
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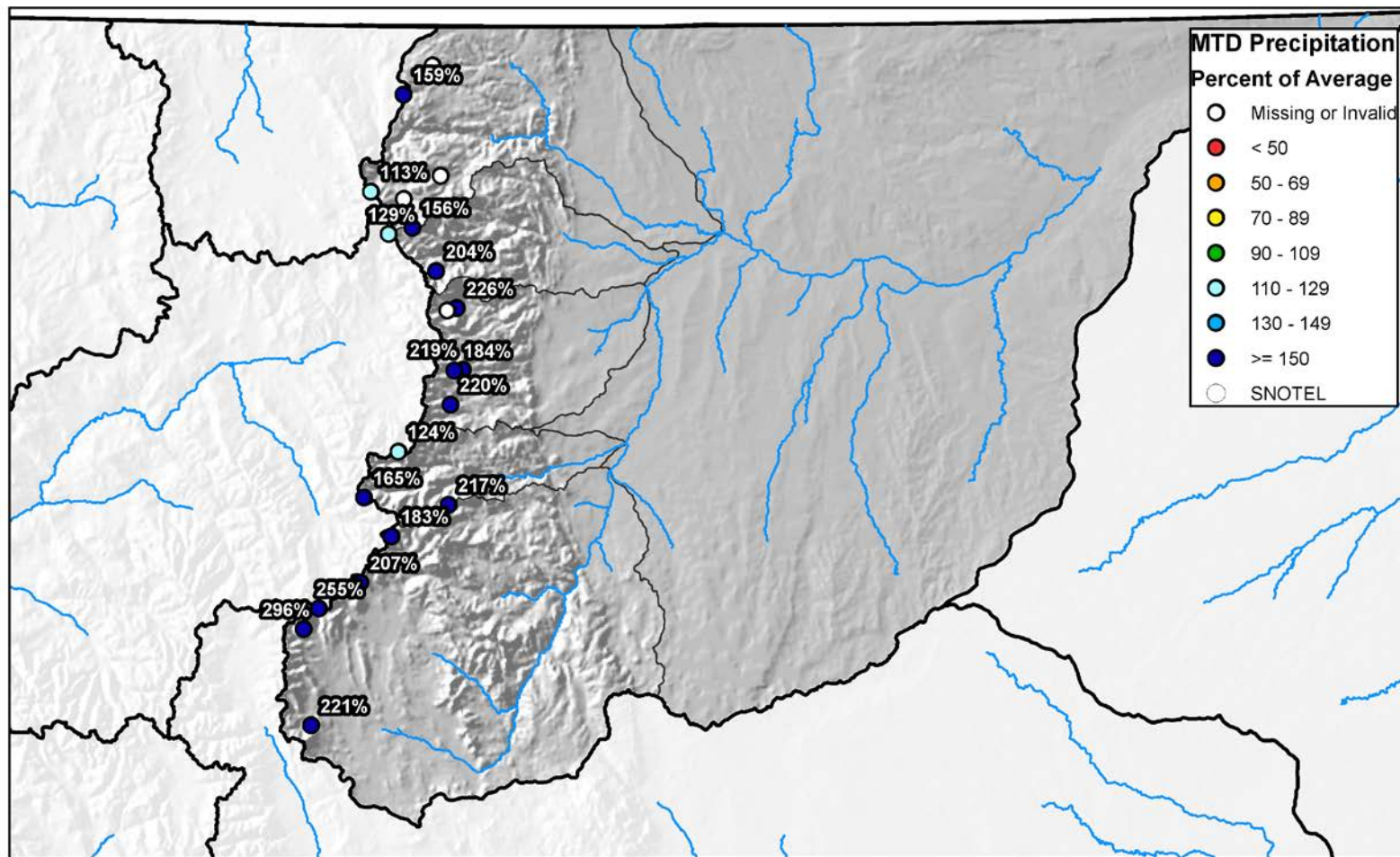
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## South Platte River Basin Month to Date Precipitation Summary

Current as of May 25, 2017

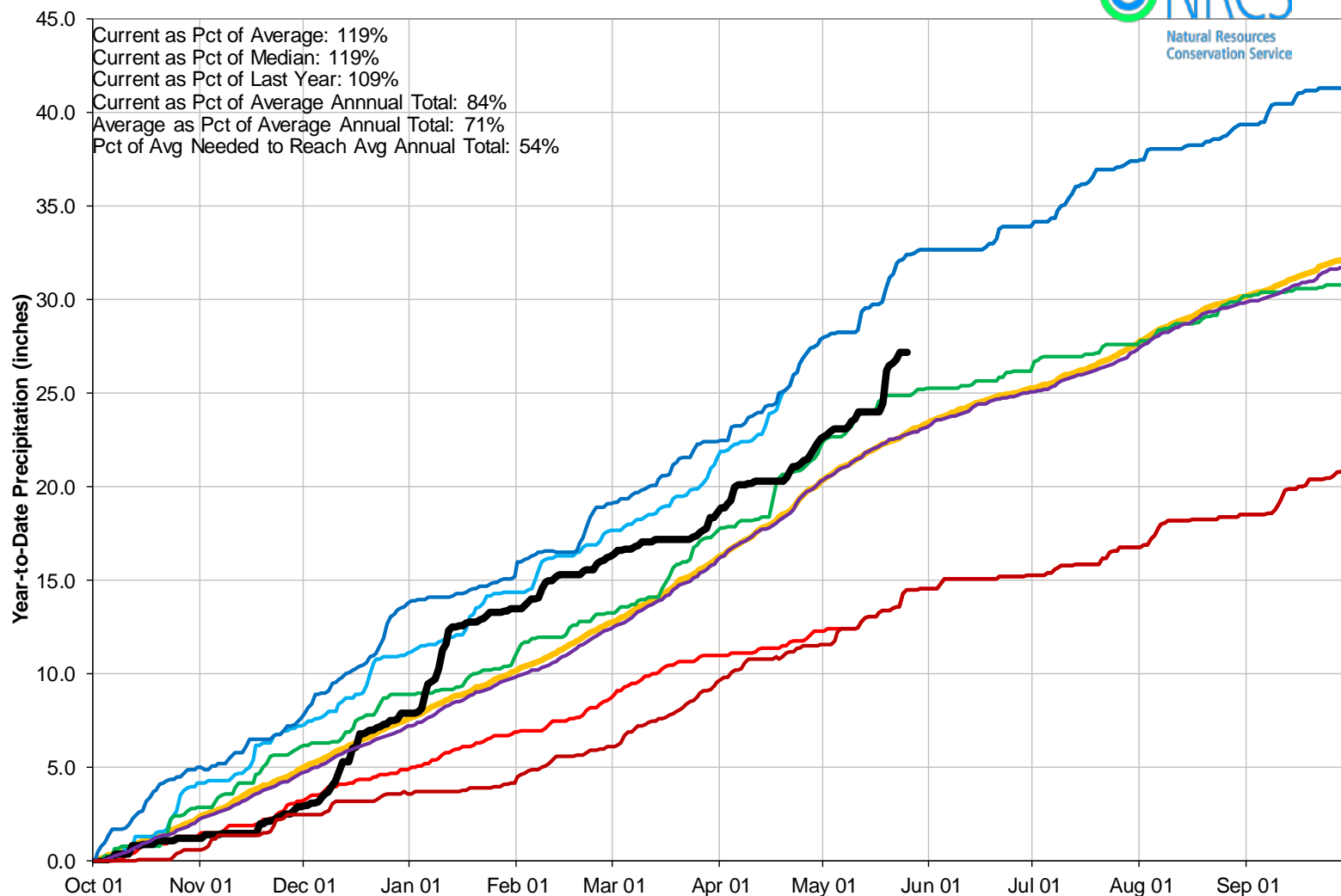


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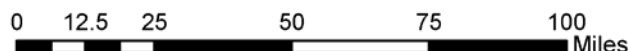
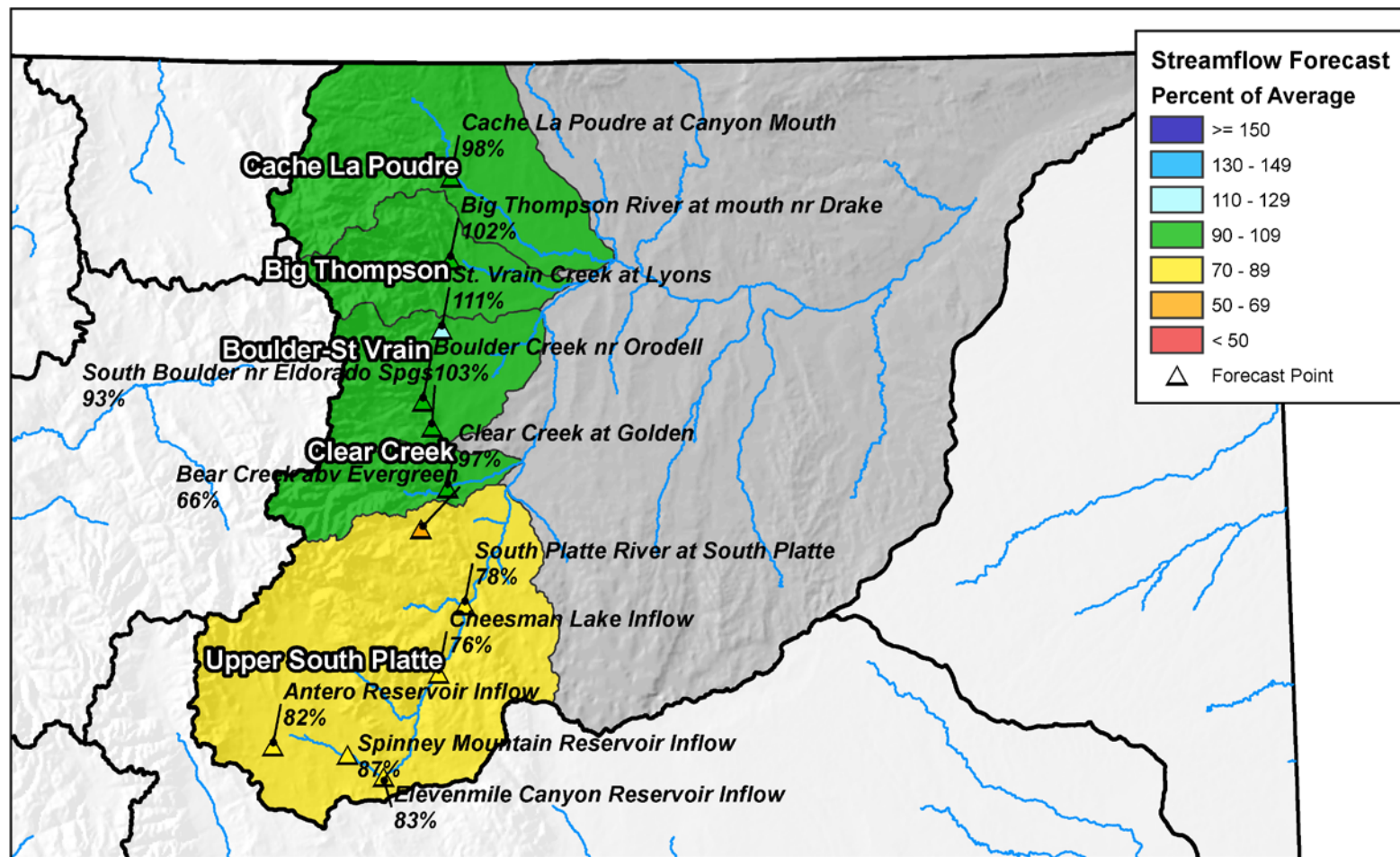
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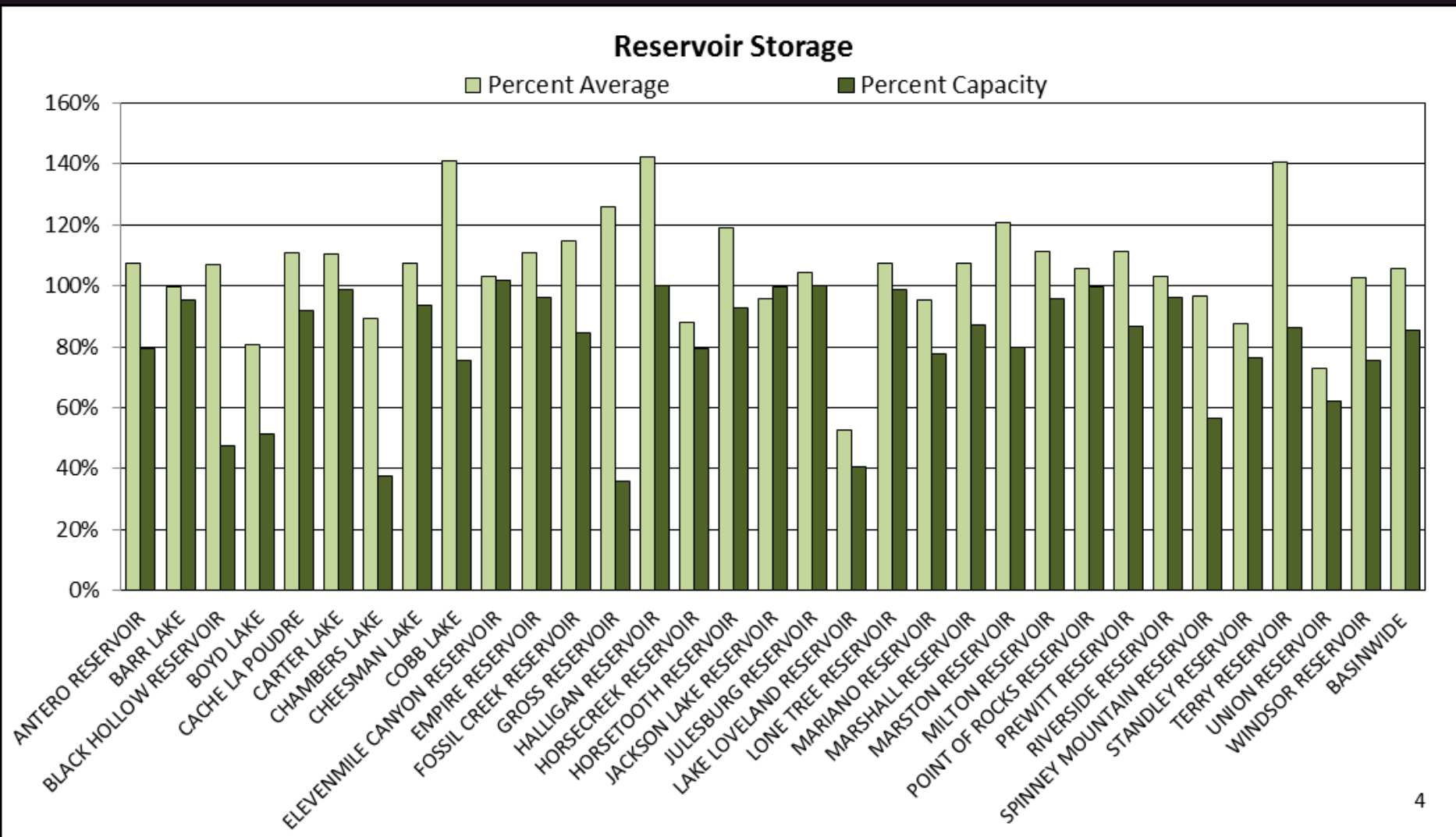
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## South Platte River Basin Streamflow Forecast Summary

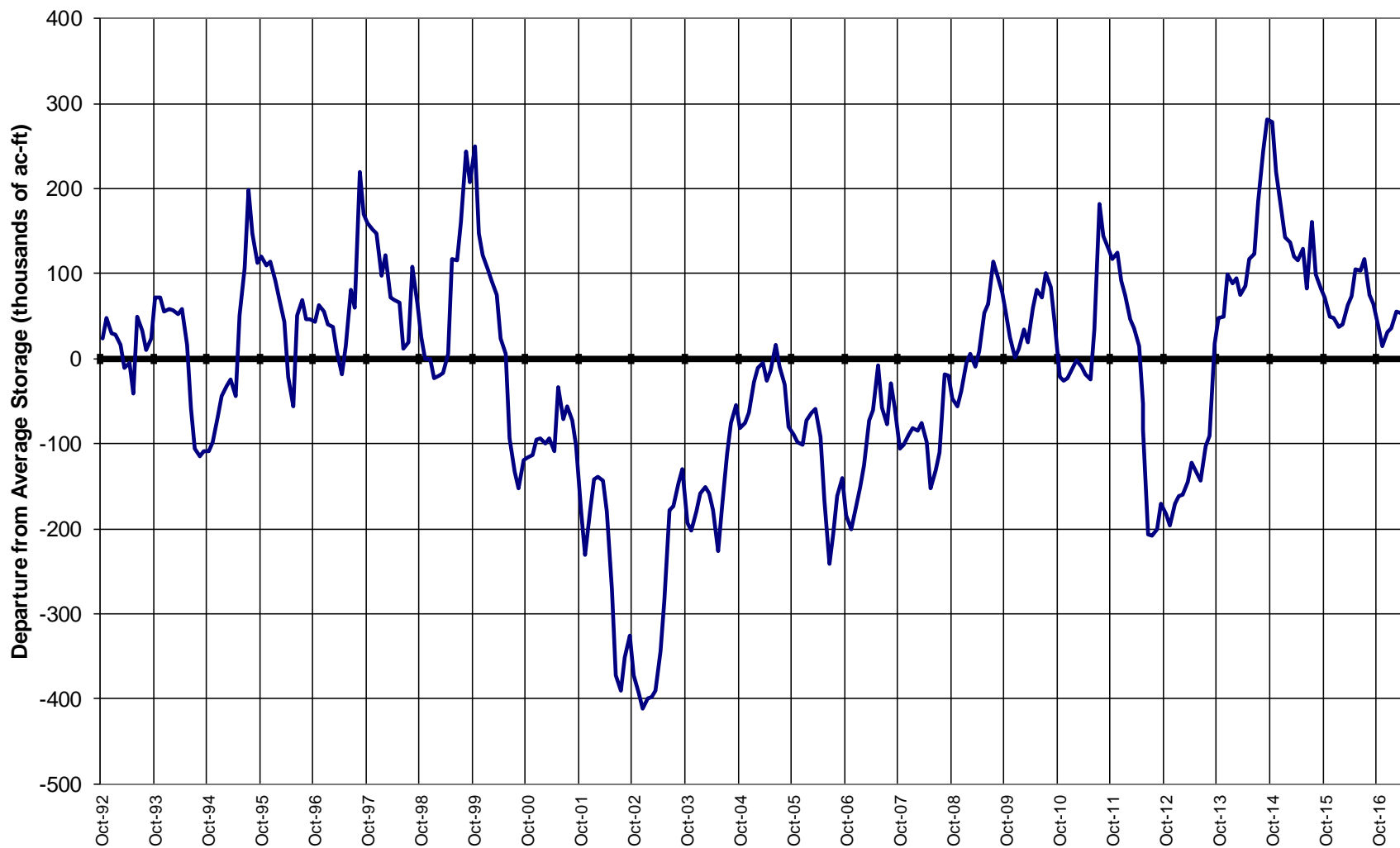
May 1, 2017





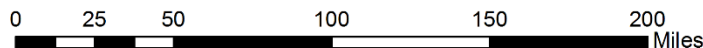
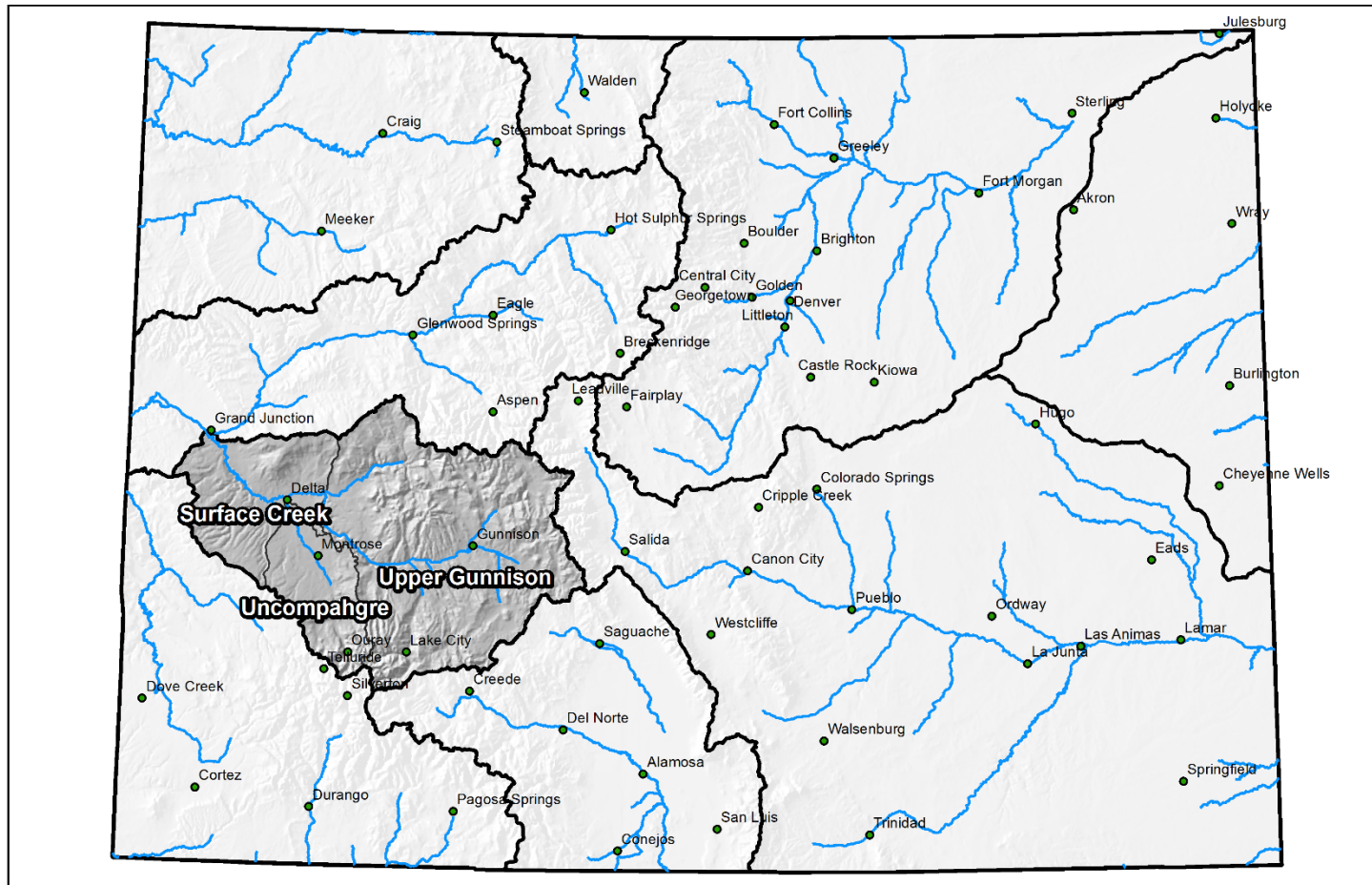


## SOUTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage Departure from Average



## Major Basin Summary

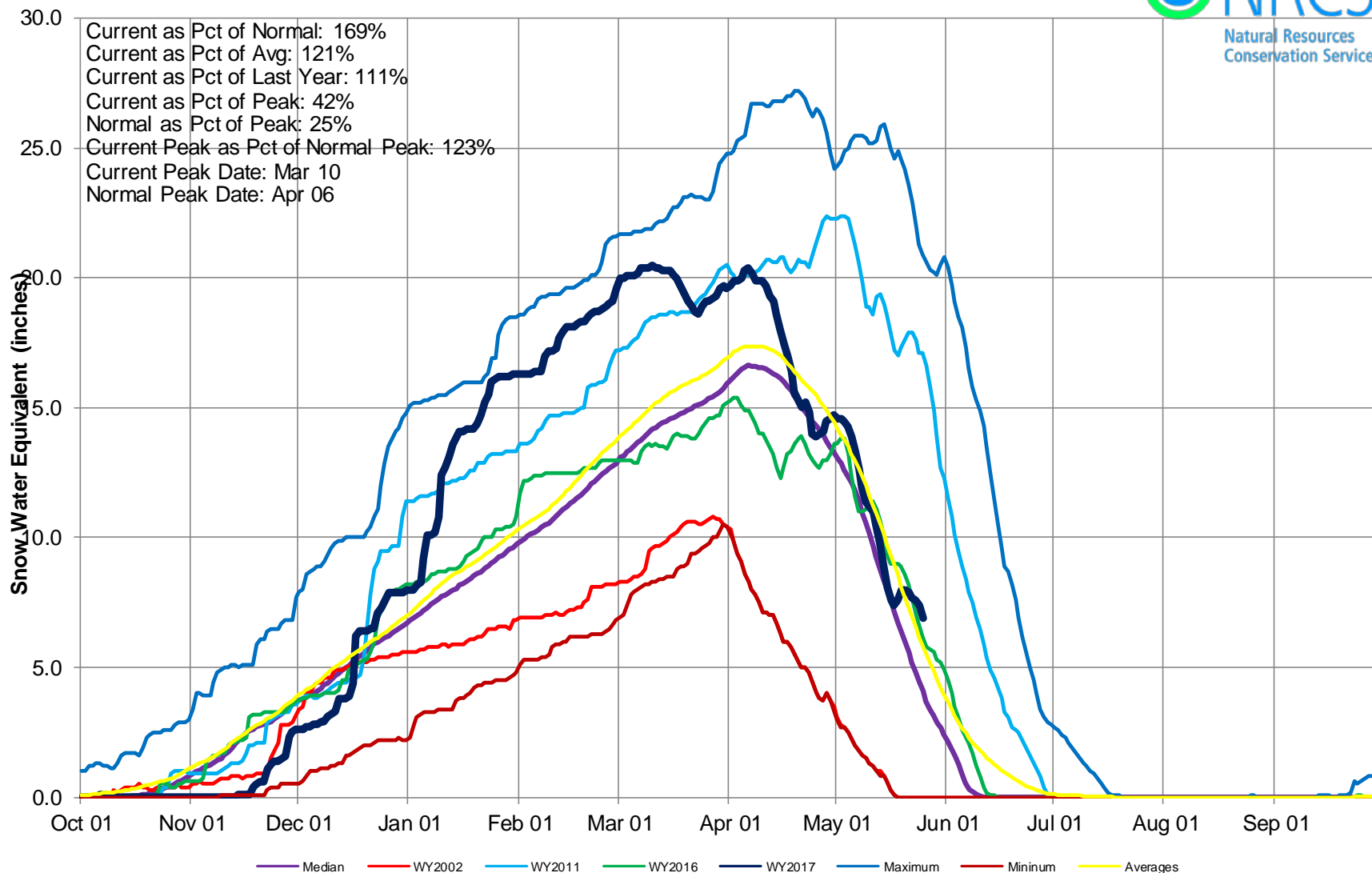
### Gunnison River Basin





## Gunnison River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

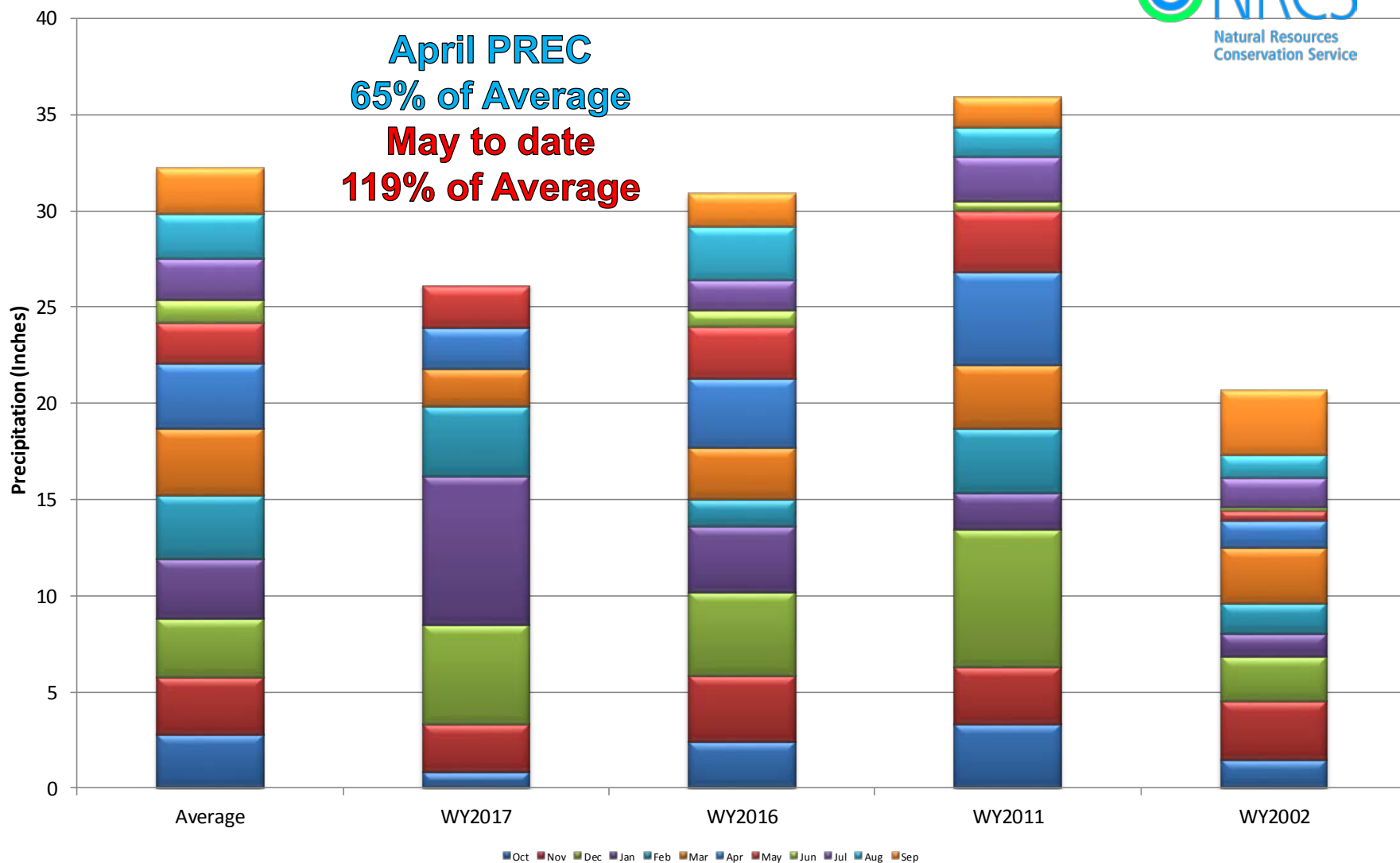
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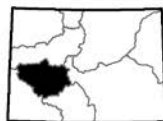
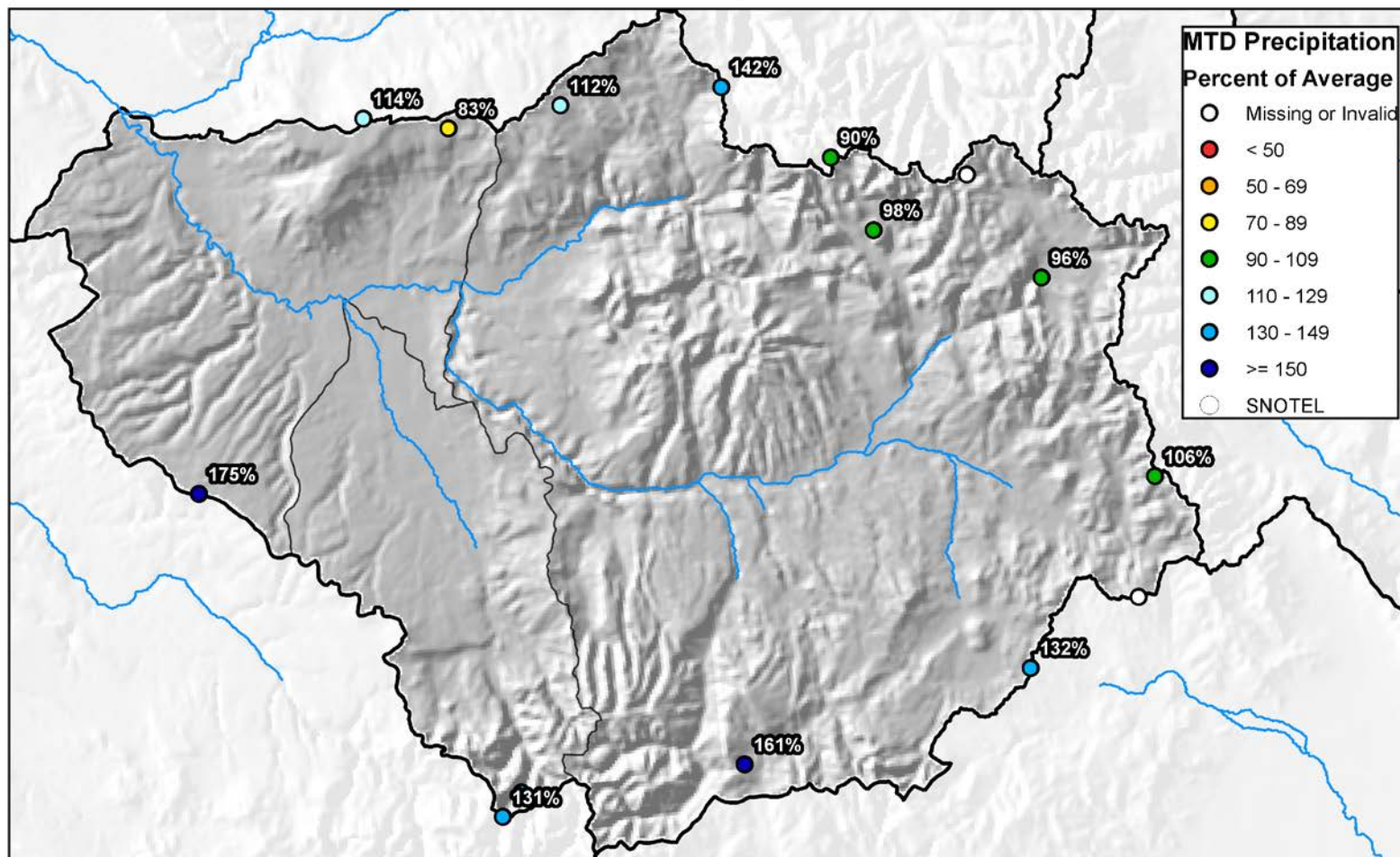
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## Gunnison River Basin Month to Date Precipitation Summary

Current as of May 25, 2017

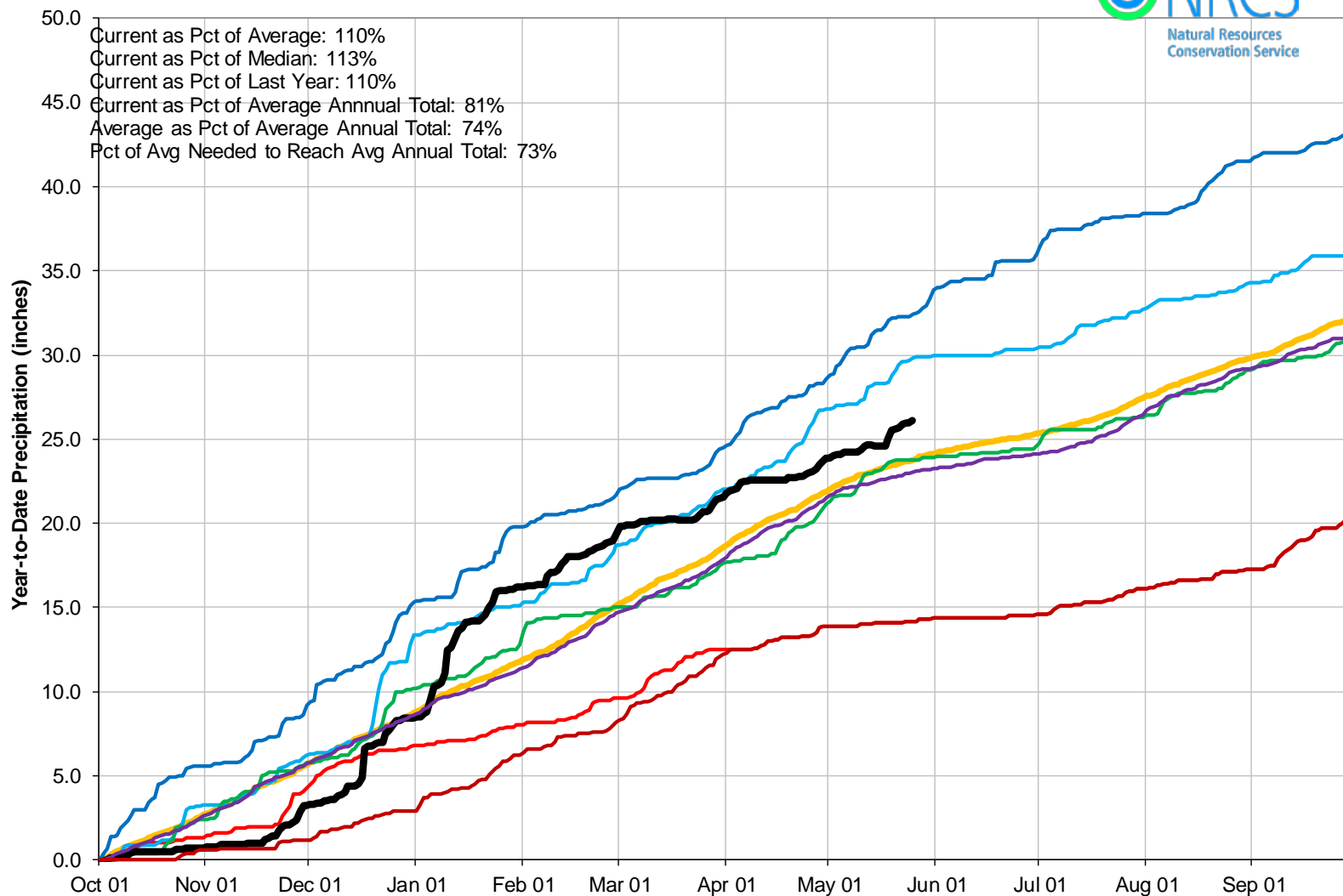


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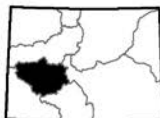
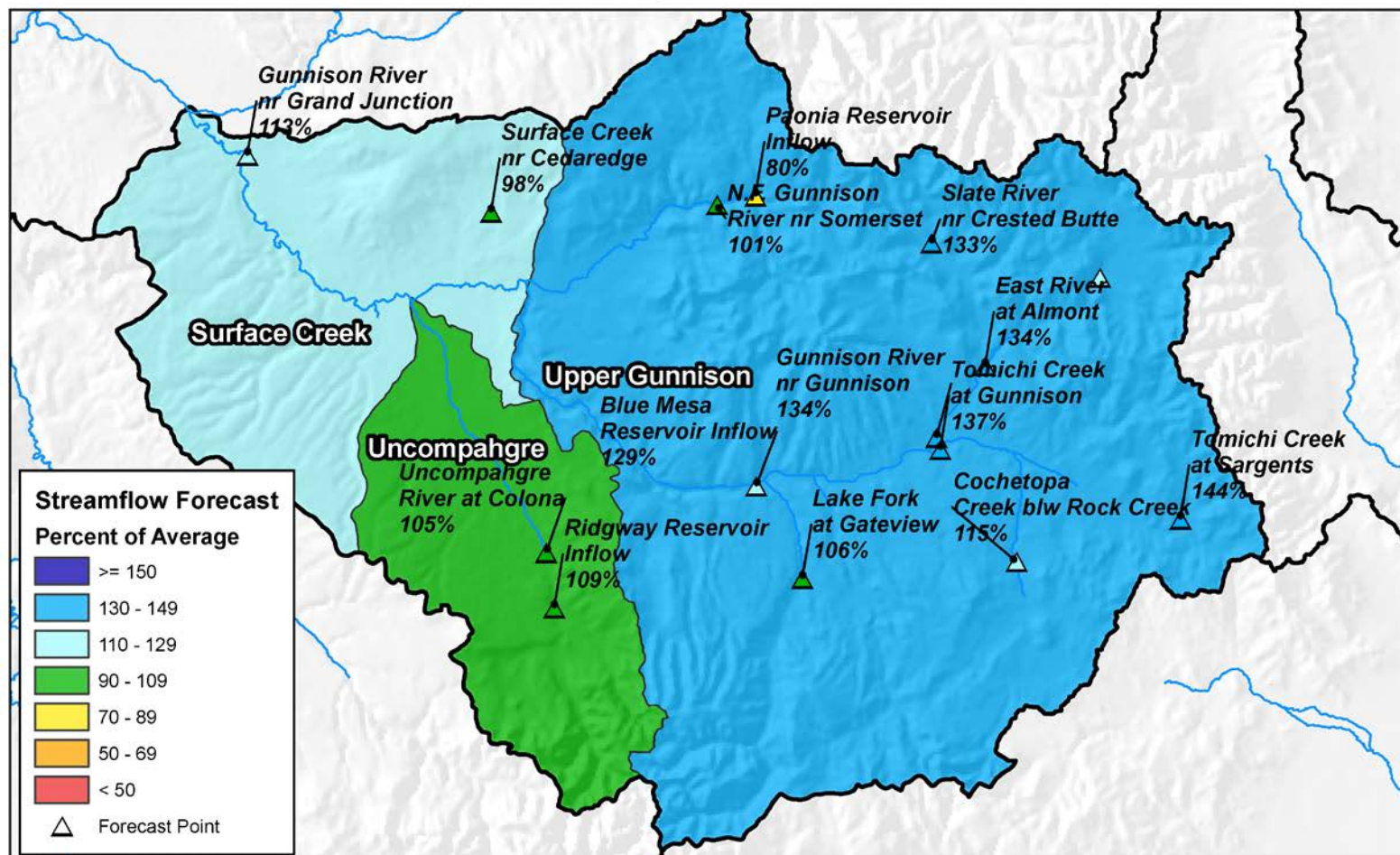
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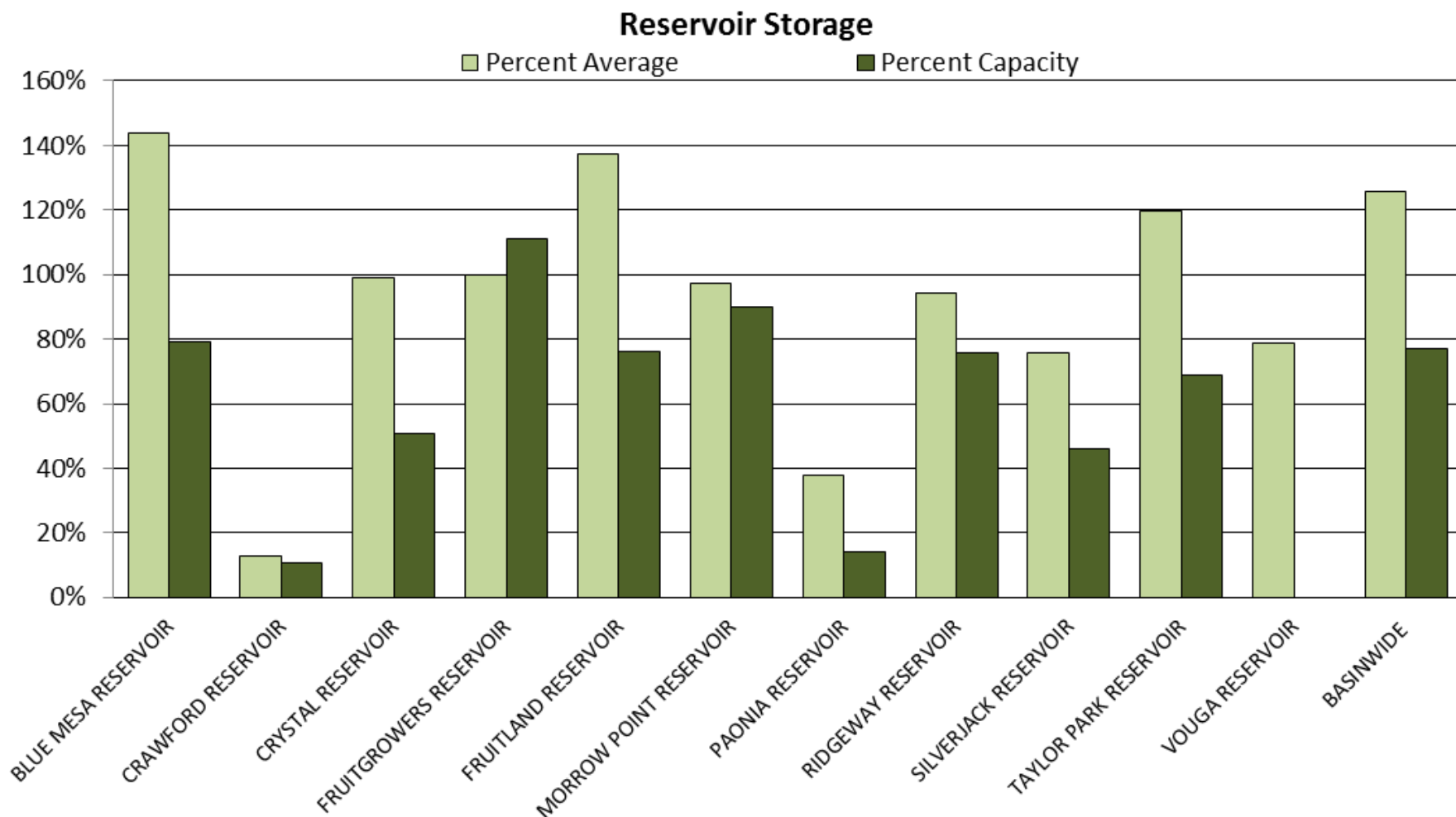


## Gunnison River Basin Water Supply Forecast Summary

May 1, 2017



0 5 10 20 30 40 Miles

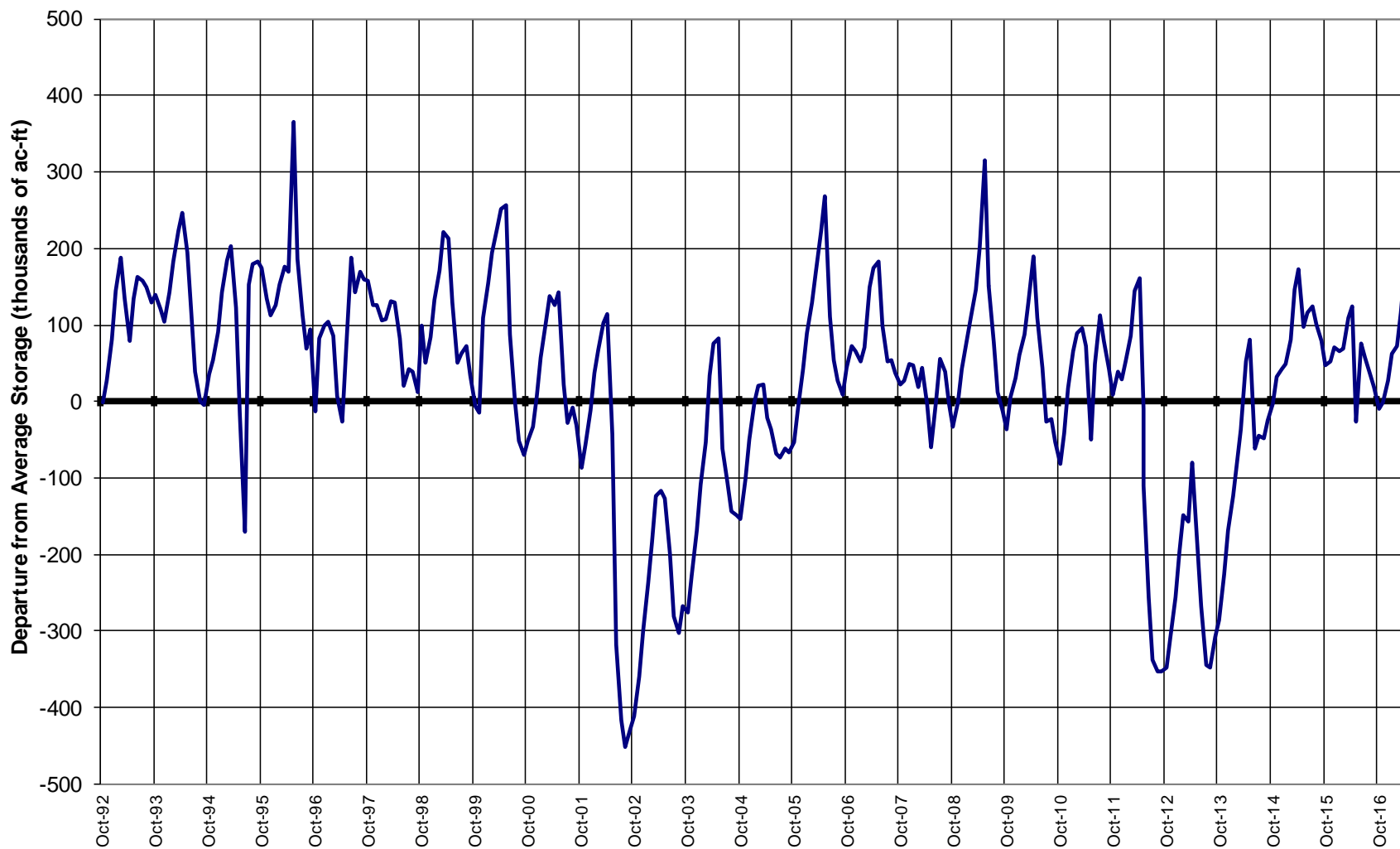




## GUNNISON RIVER BASIN

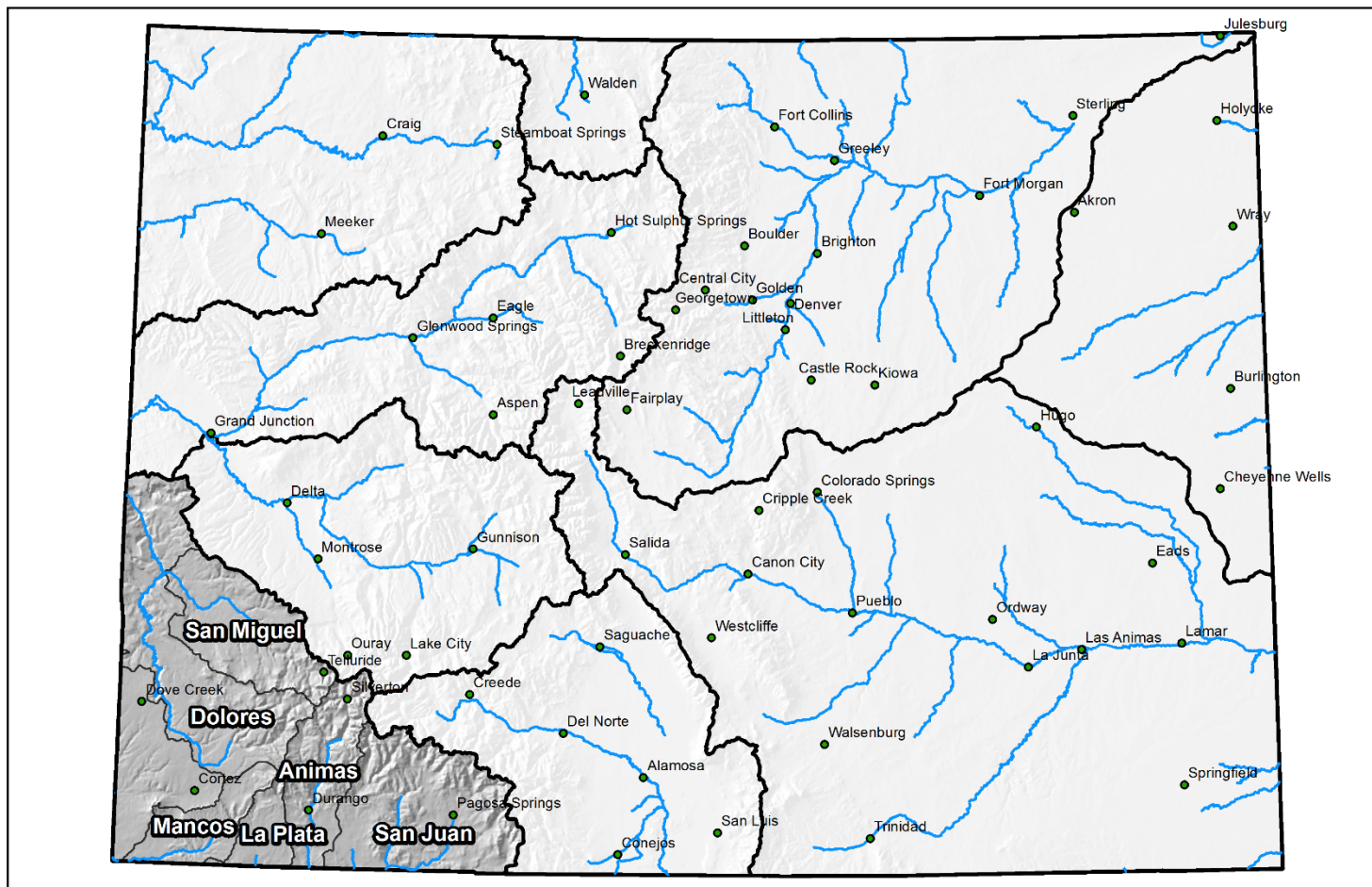
### Reservoir Storage

### Departure from Average



## Major Basin Summary

San Miguel, Dolores, Animas, and San Juan River Basins

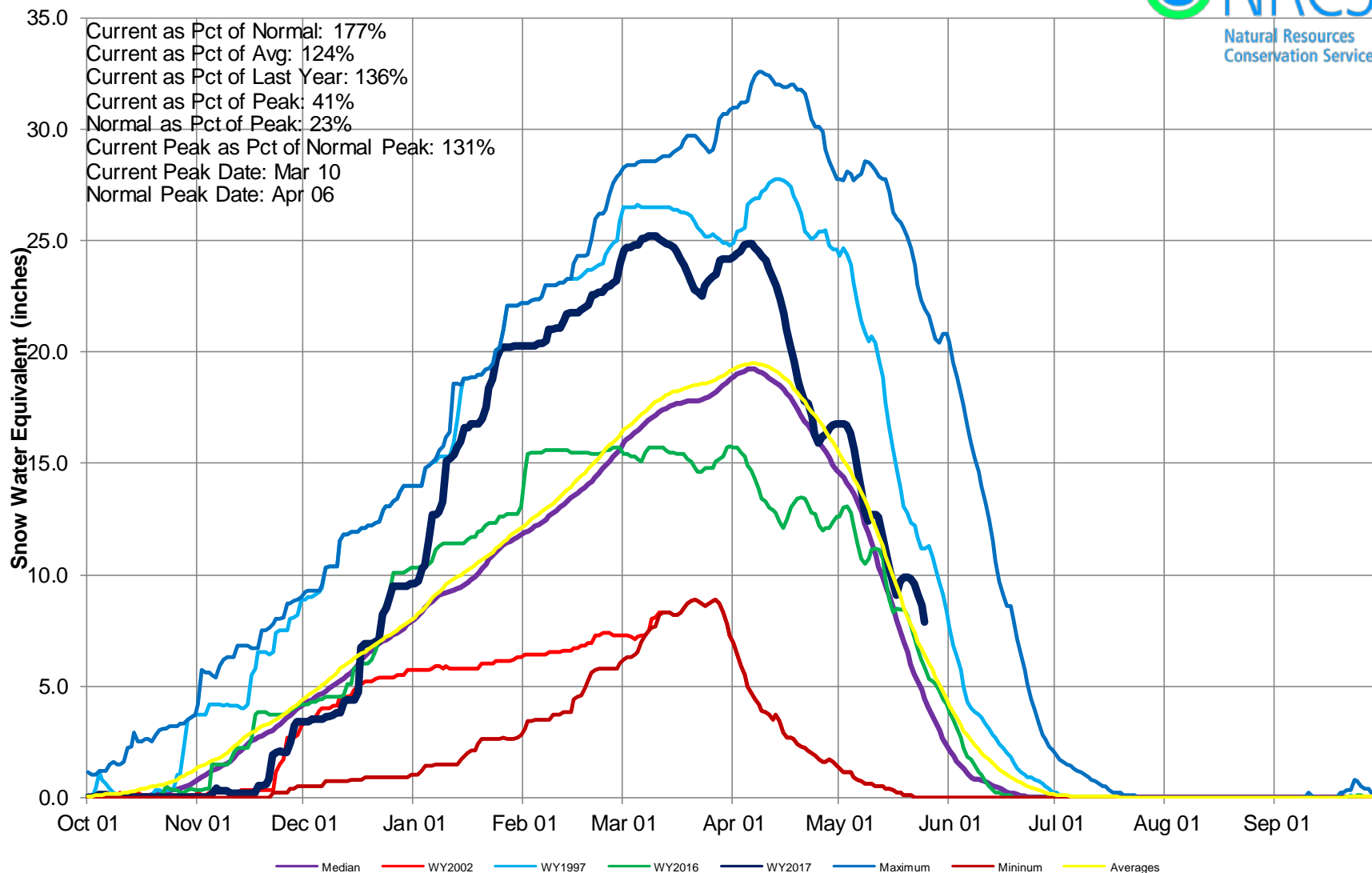


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## San Miguel, Dolores, Animas and San Juan River Basins High/Low Snowpack Summary

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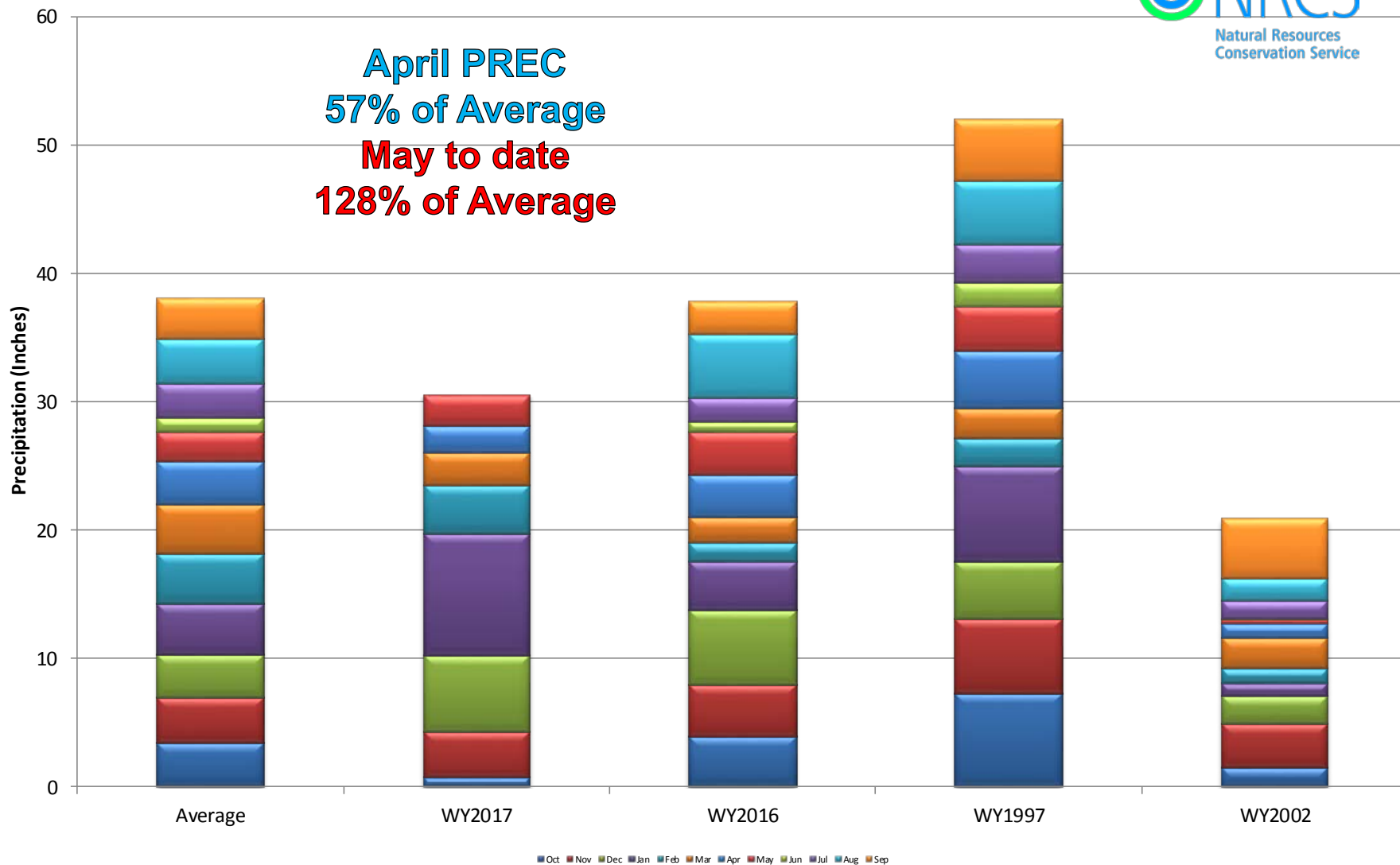




## San Miguel, Dolores, Animas & San Juan River Basins High/Low Monthly Precipitation Summary



**April PREC**  
**57% of Average**  
**May to date**  
**128% of Average**

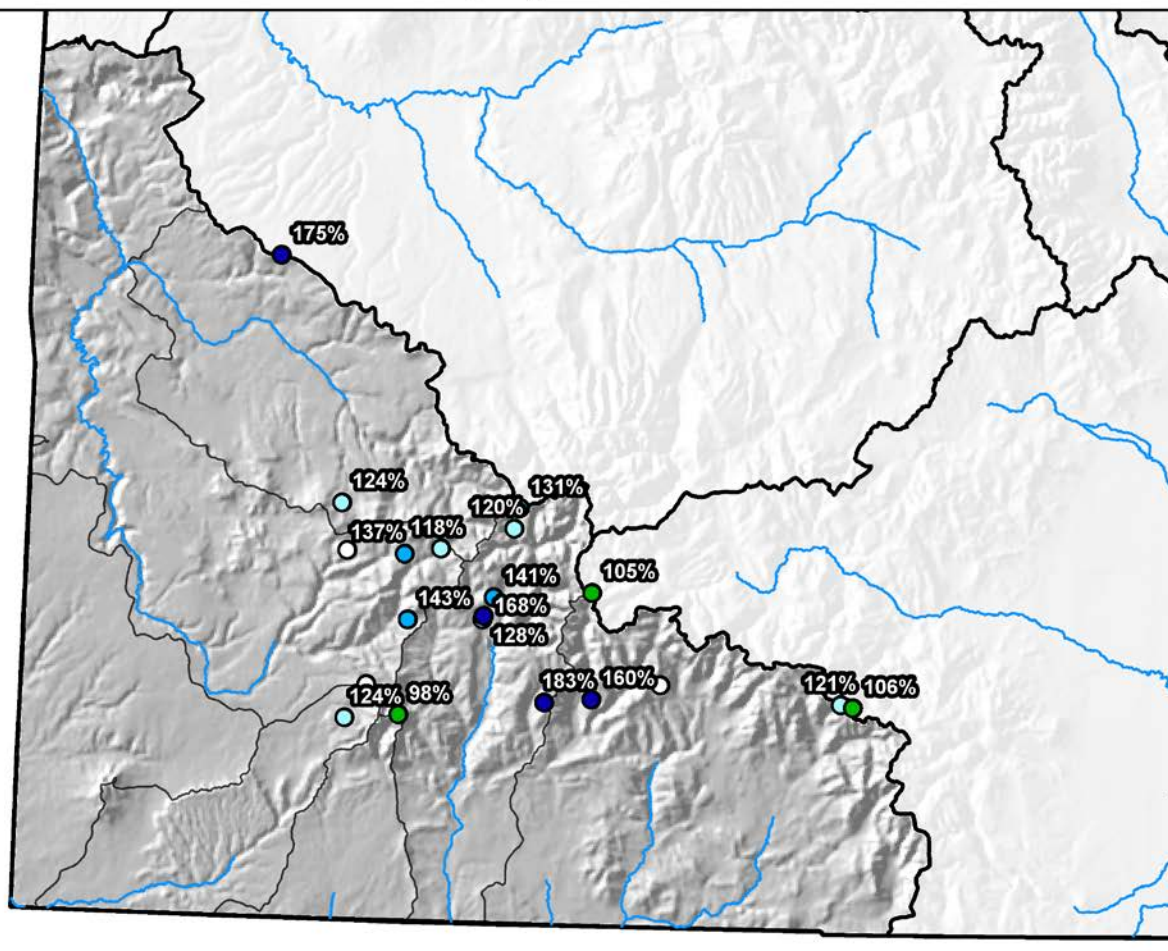


## San Miguel, Dolores, Animas, and San Juan River Basins Month to Date Precipitation Summary

Current as of May 25, 2017

### MTD Precipitation Percent of Average

- Missing or Invalid
- < 50
- 50 - 69
- 70 - 89
- 90 - 109
- 110 - 129
- 130 - 149
- ≥ 150
- SNOTEL

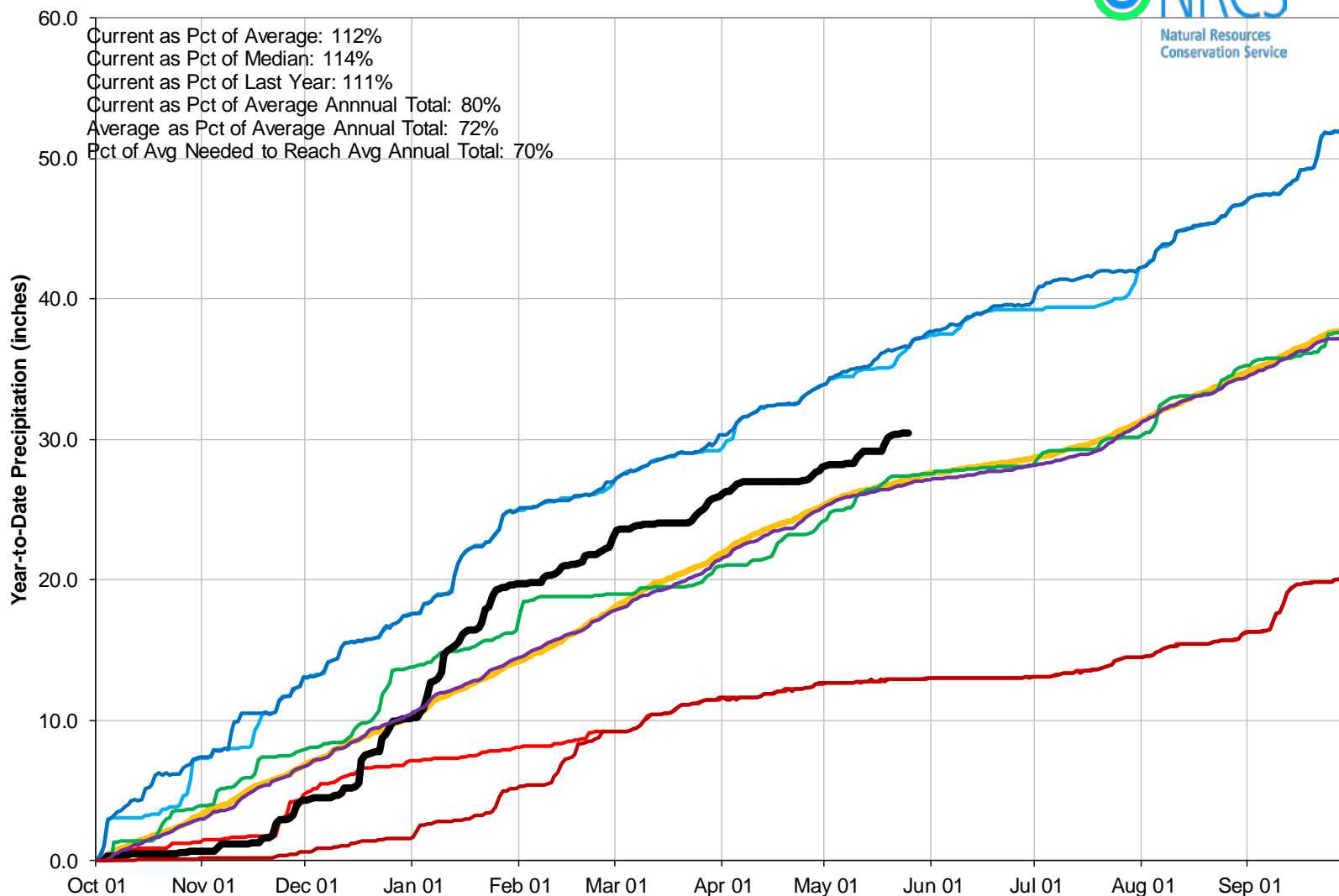


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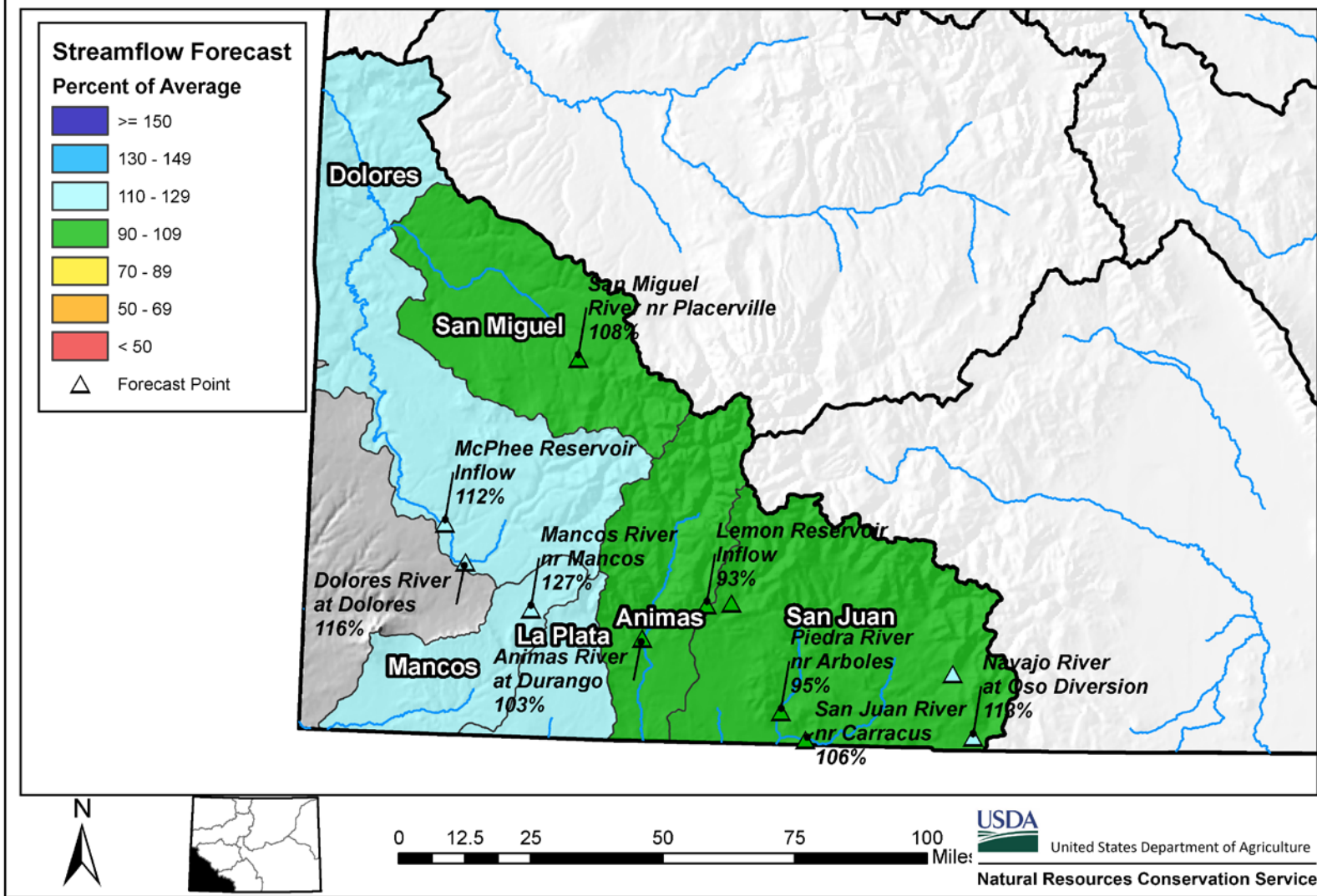
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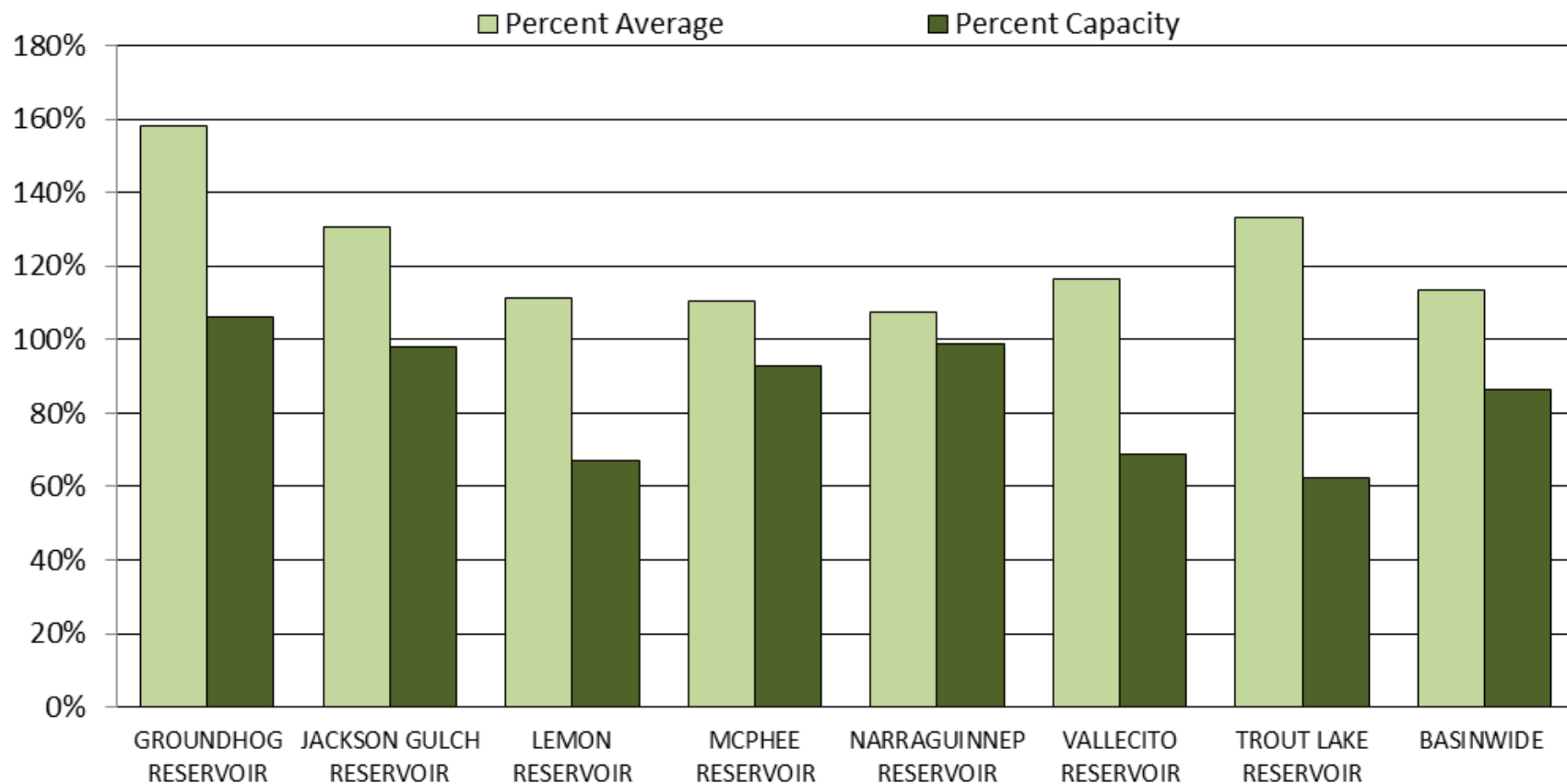


## San Miguel, Dolores, Animas, and San Juan River Basins Streamflow Forecast Summary

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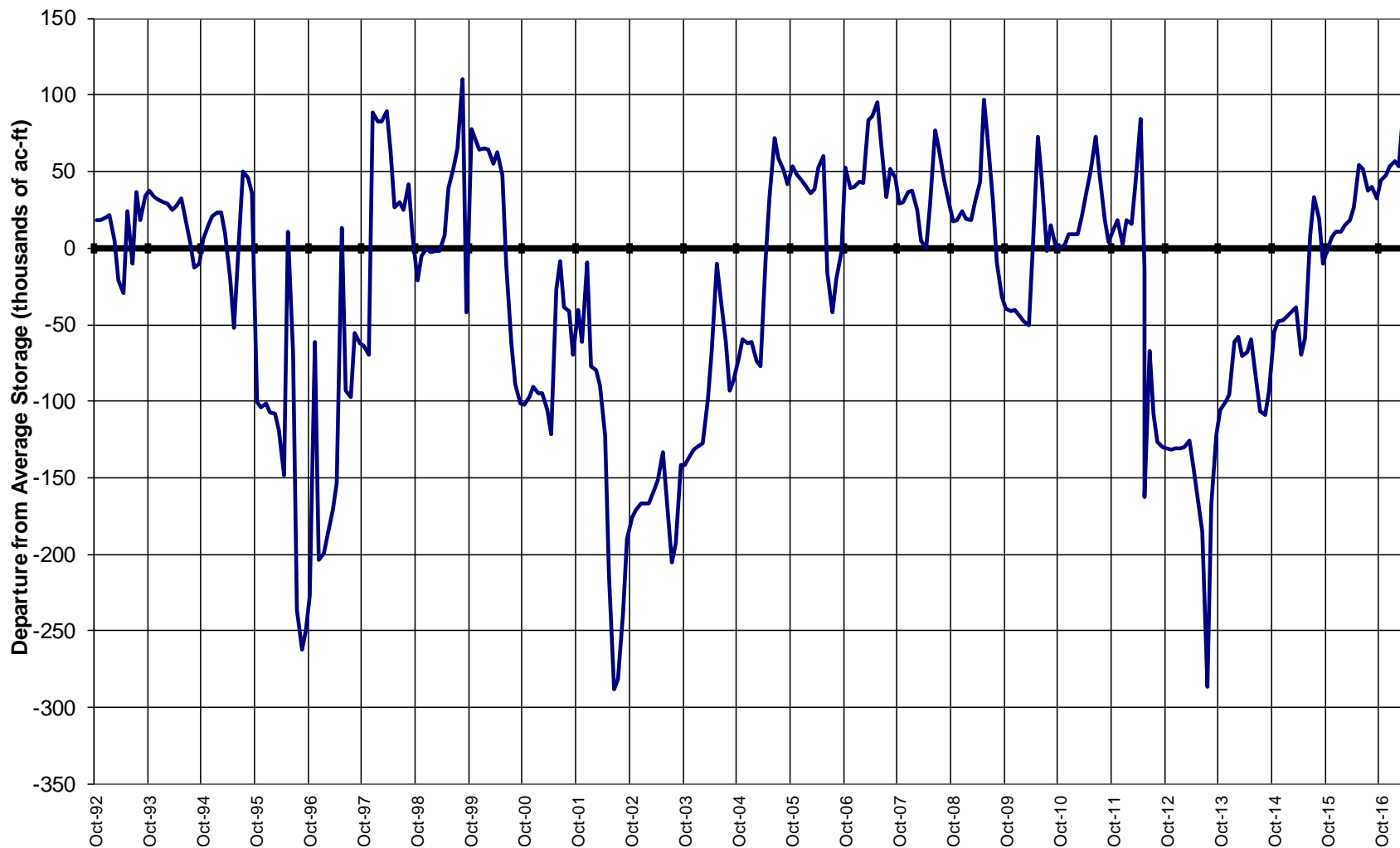
## Reservoir Storage





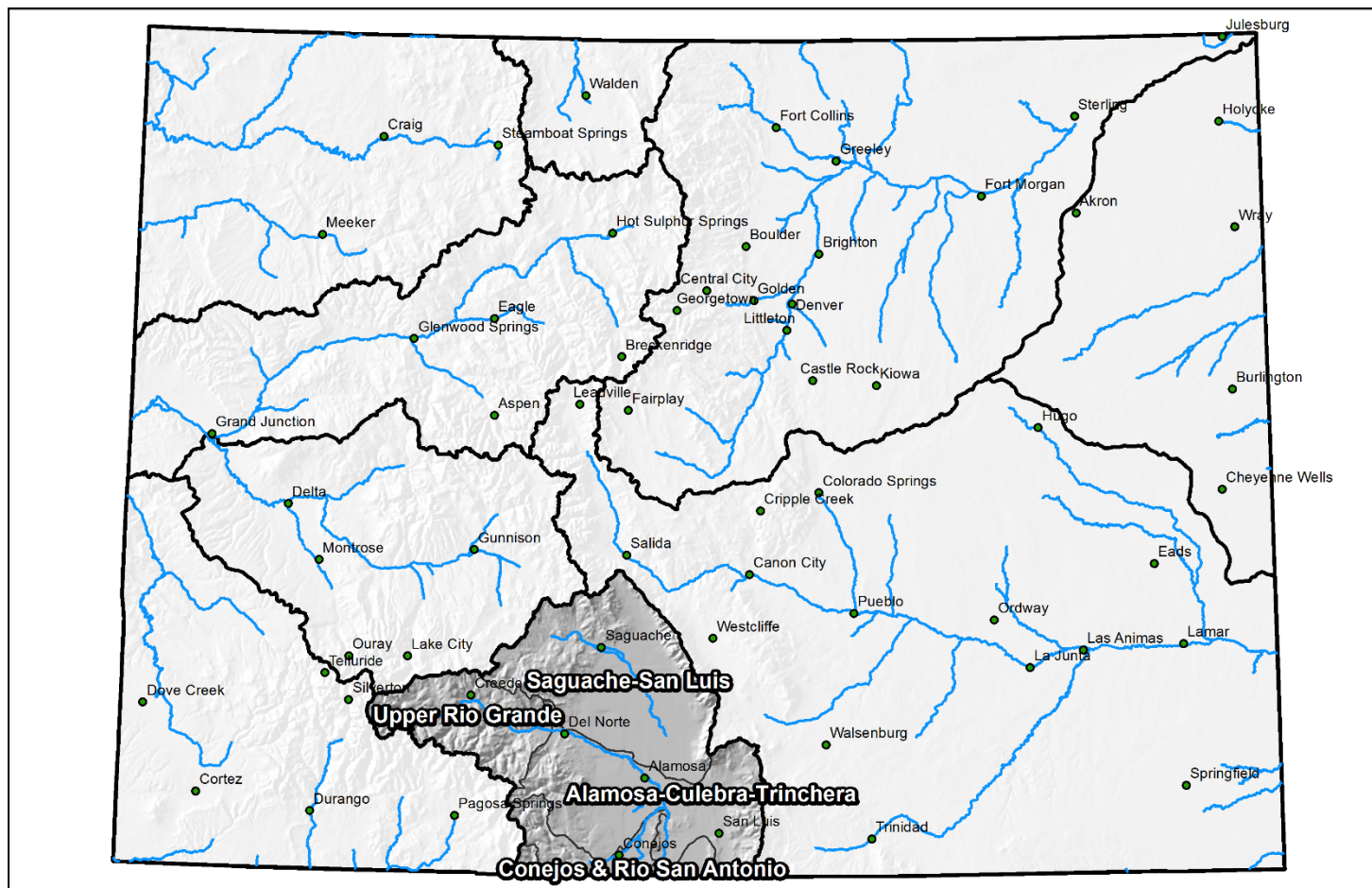
## SAN MIGUEL, DOLORES, ANIMAS AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS

Reservoir Storage  
Departure from Average



## Major Basin Summary

### Upper Rio Grande River Basin

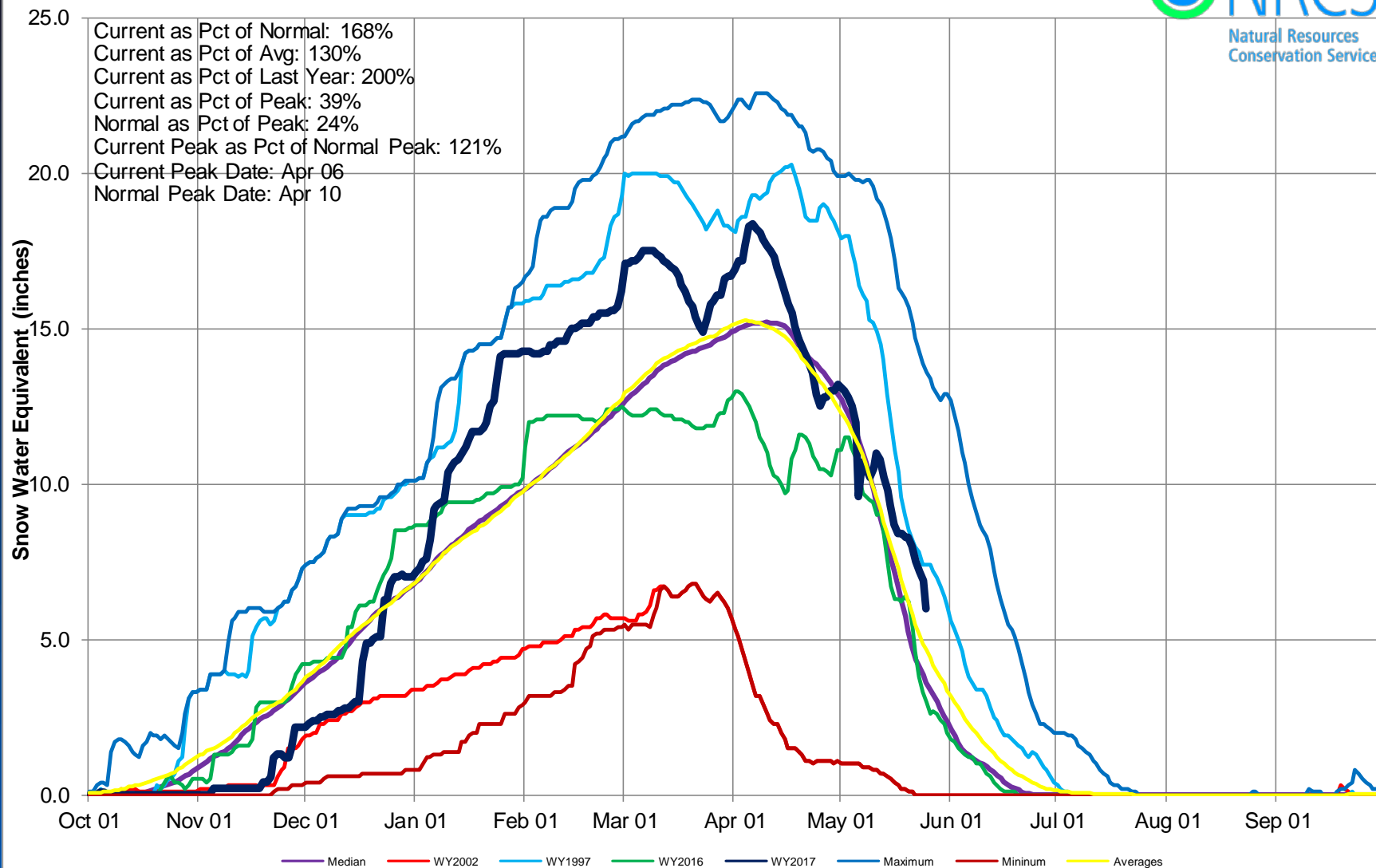


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## Upper Rio Grande Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

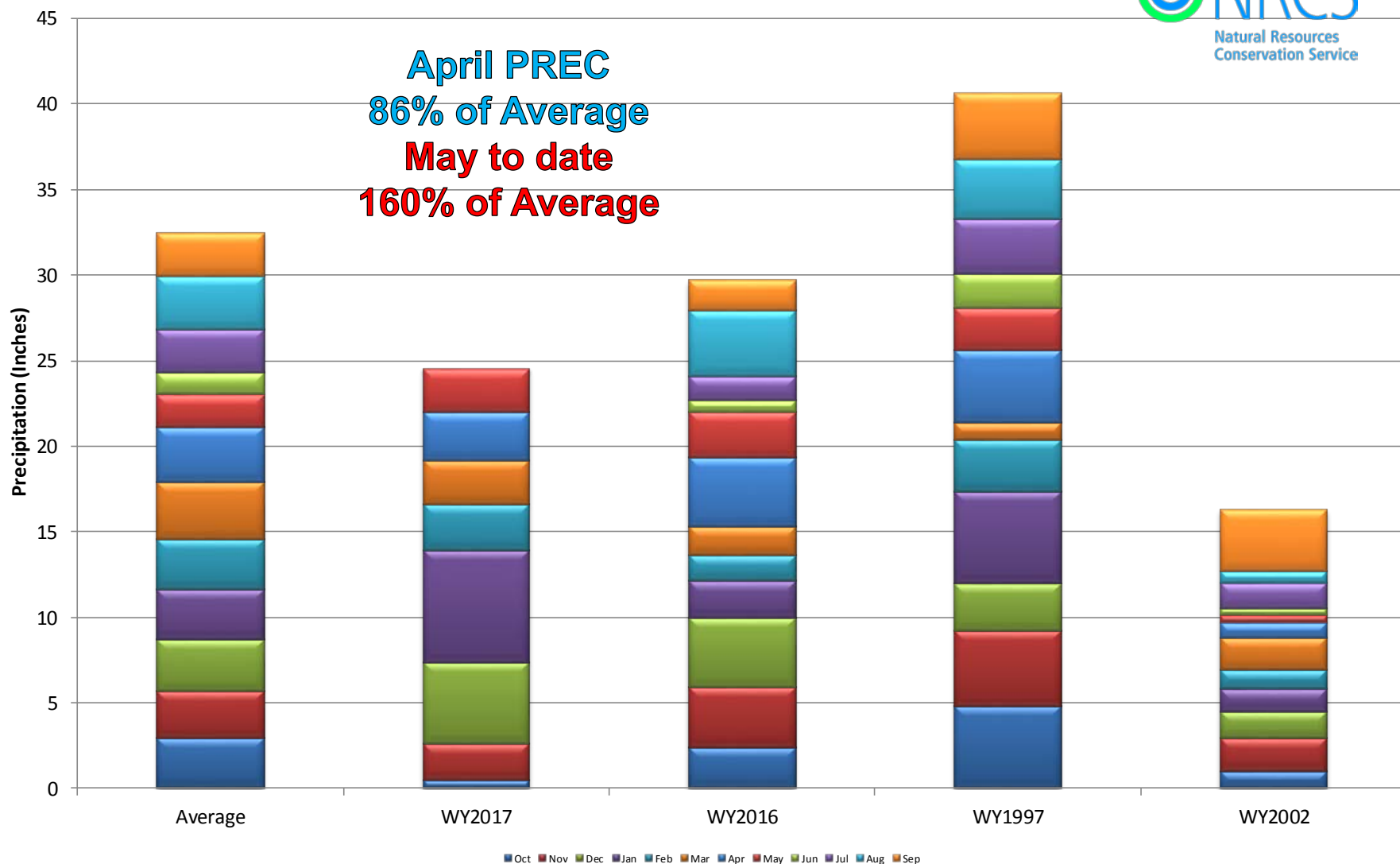
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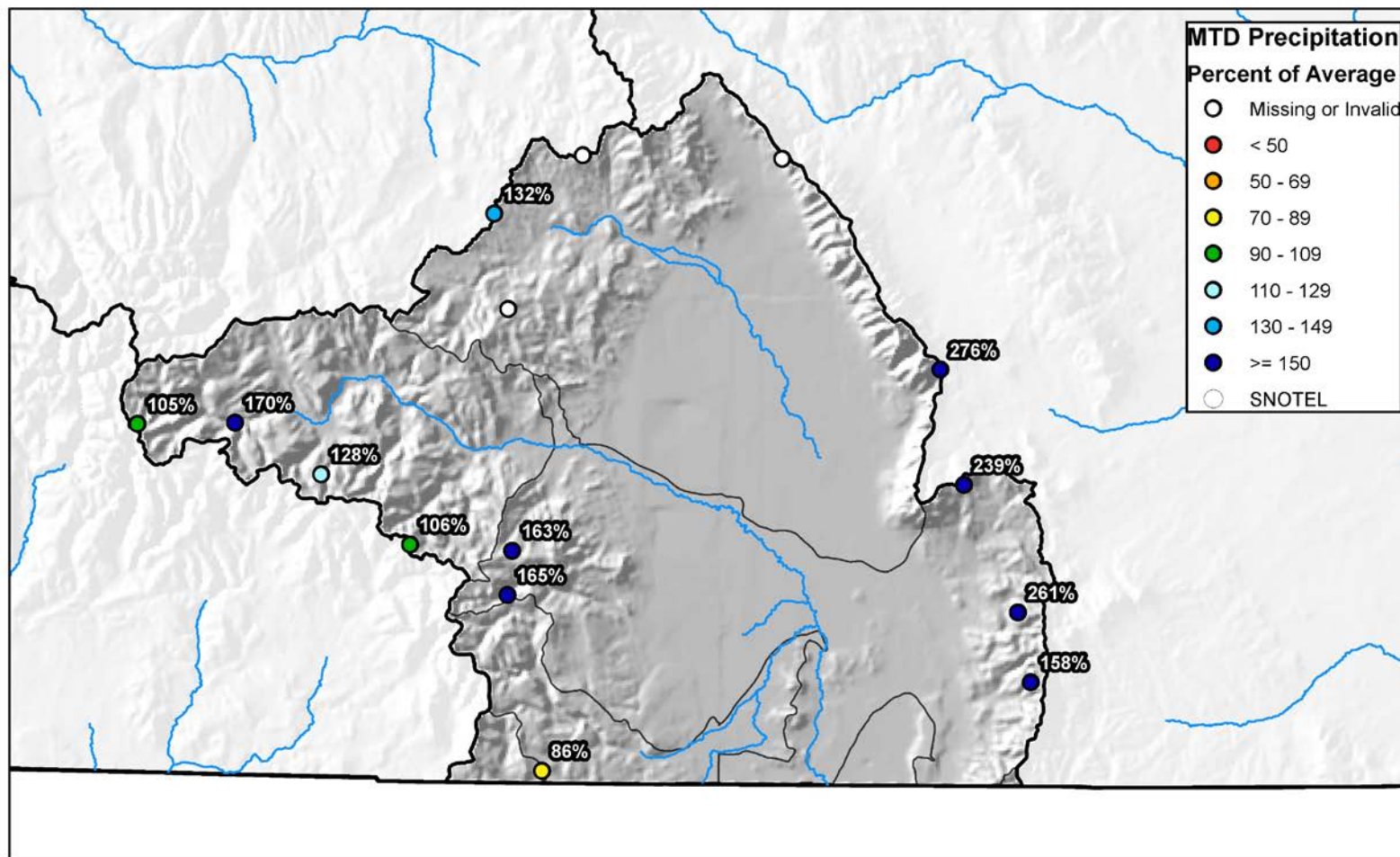
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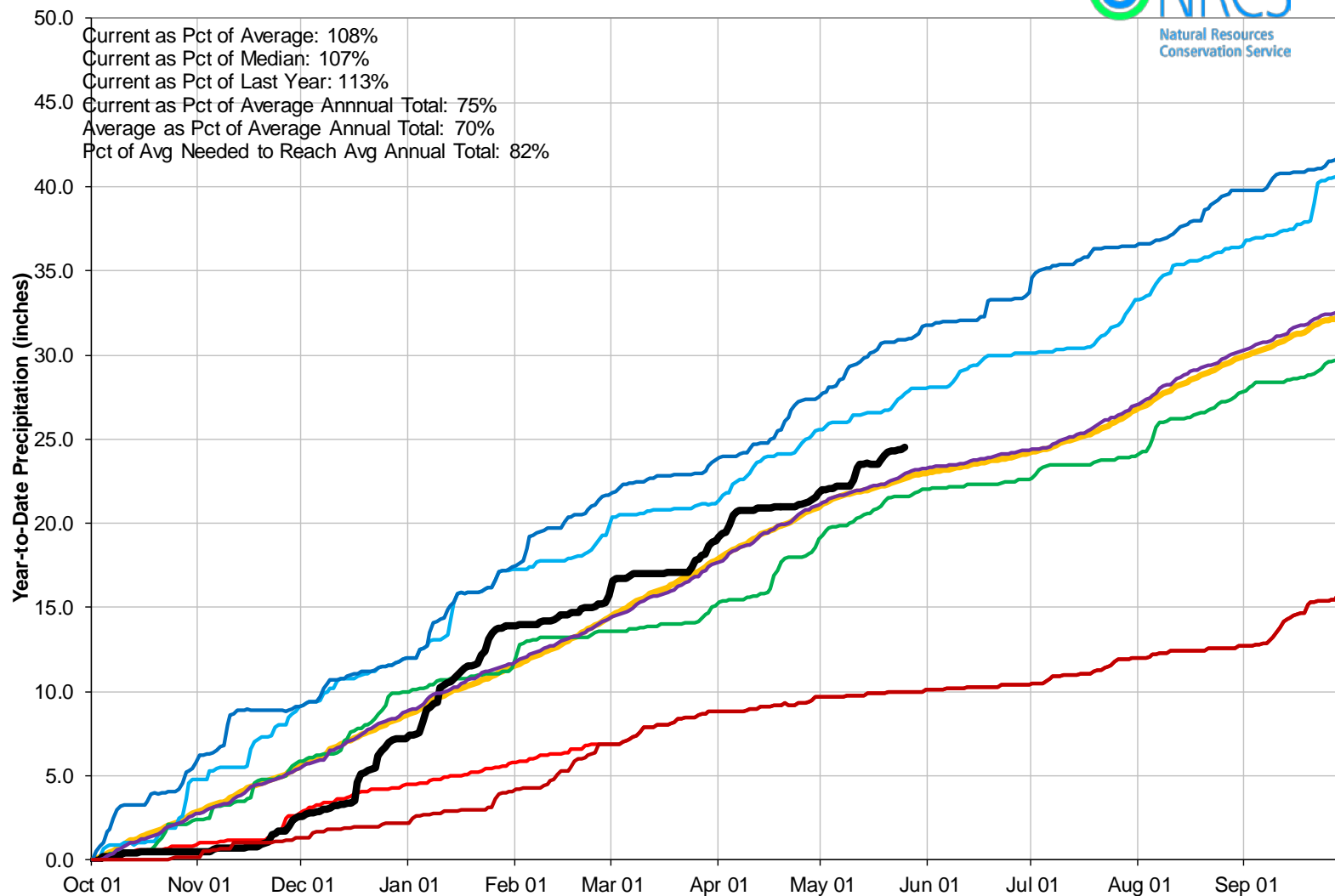
Current as of May 25, 2017





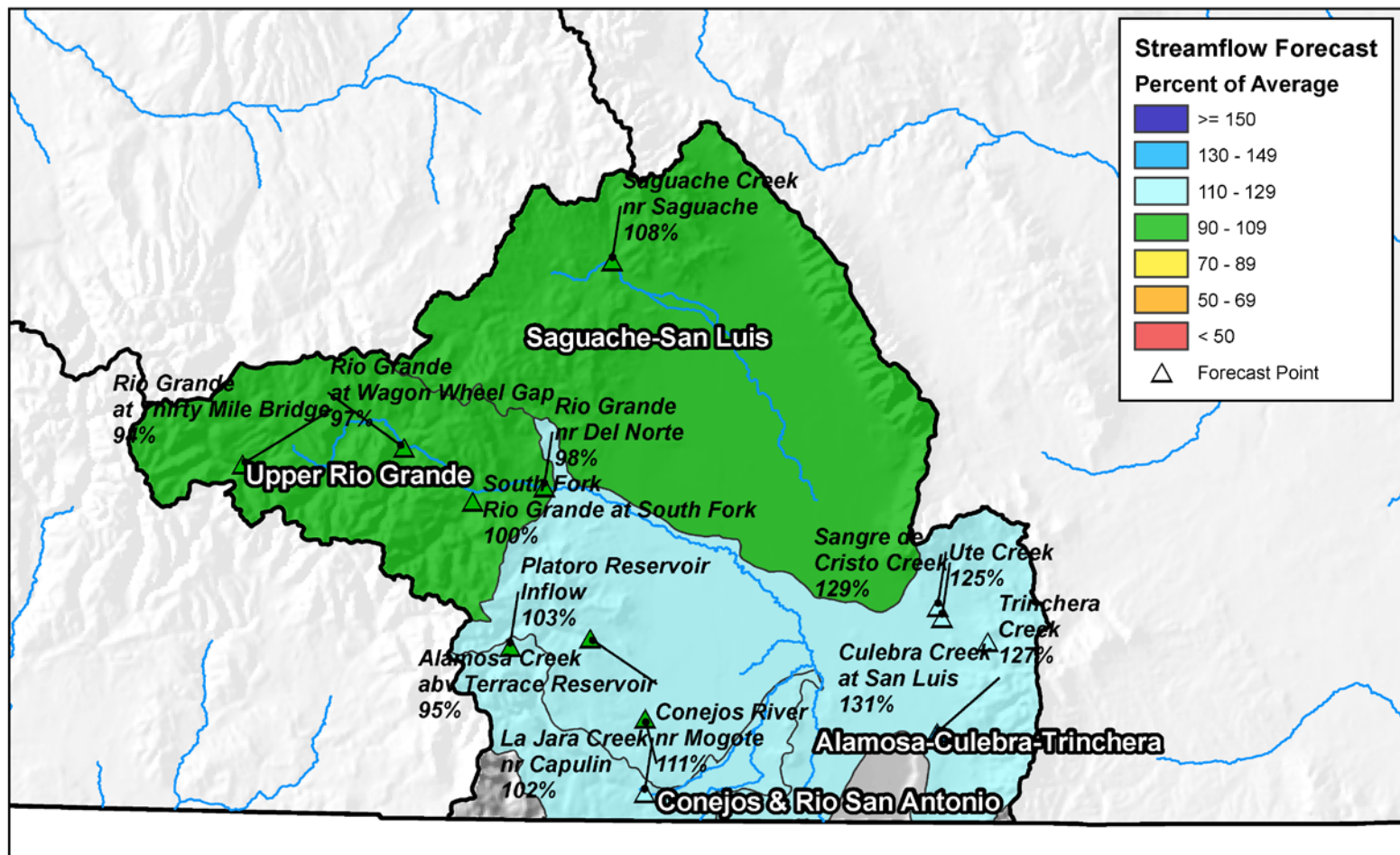
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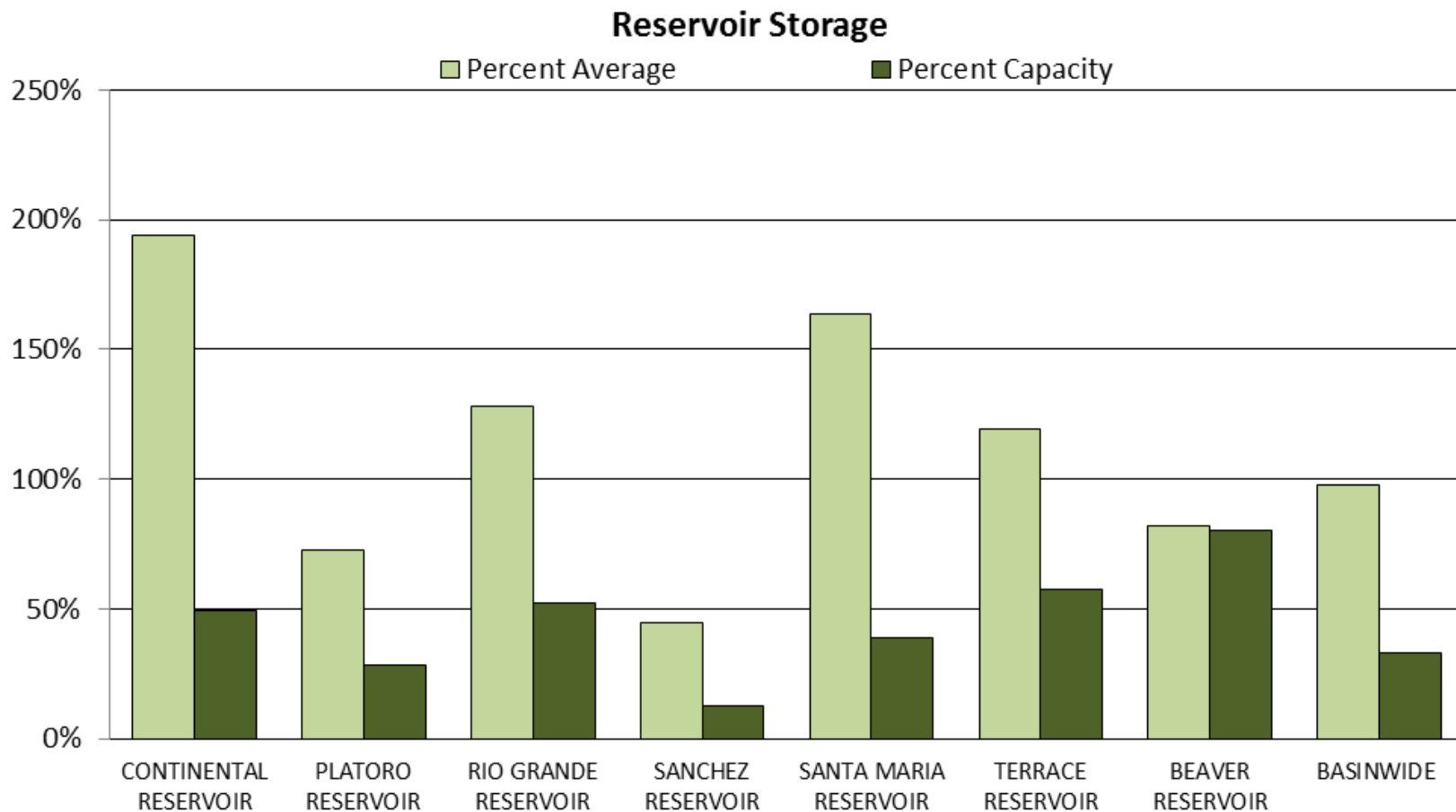


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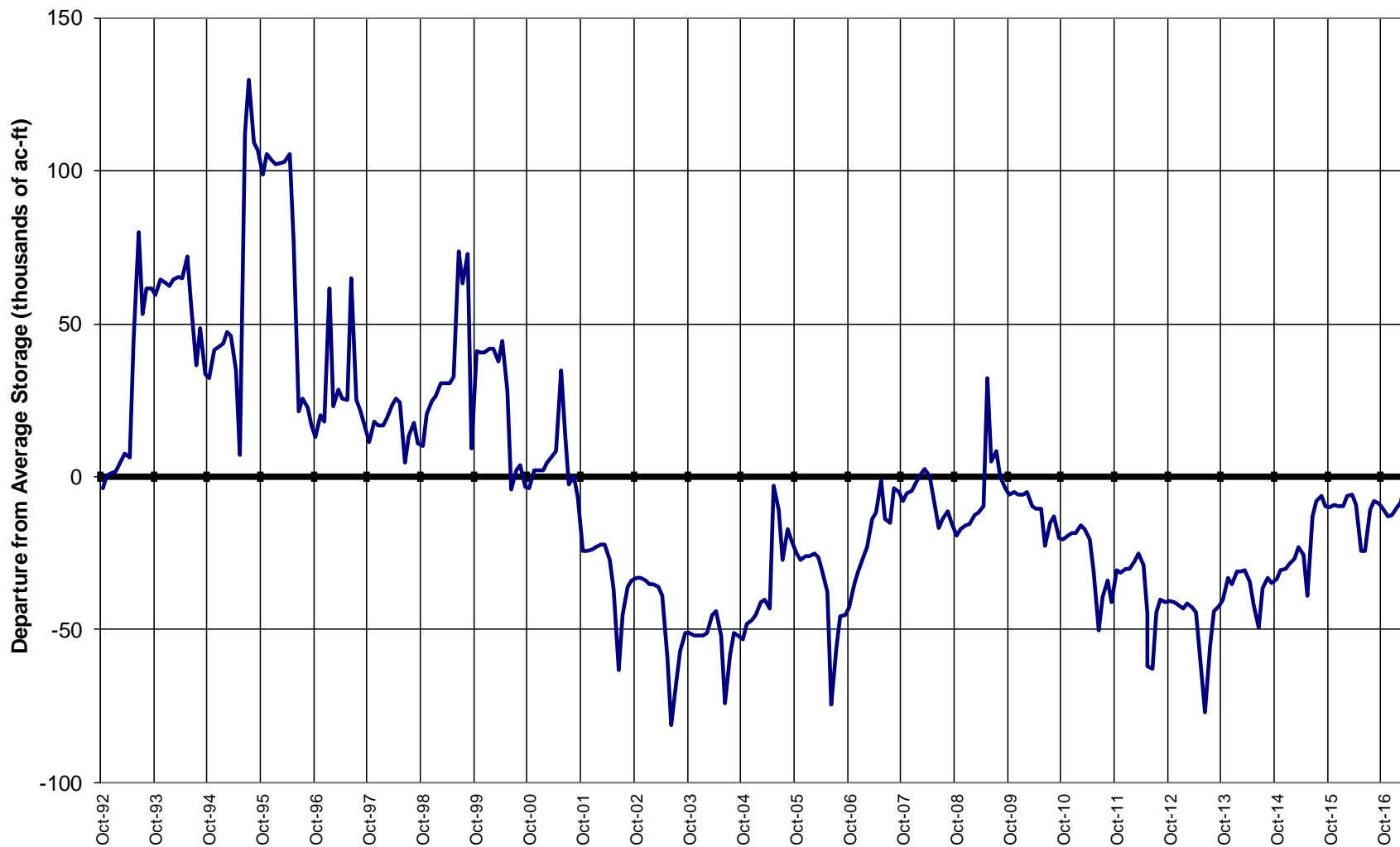


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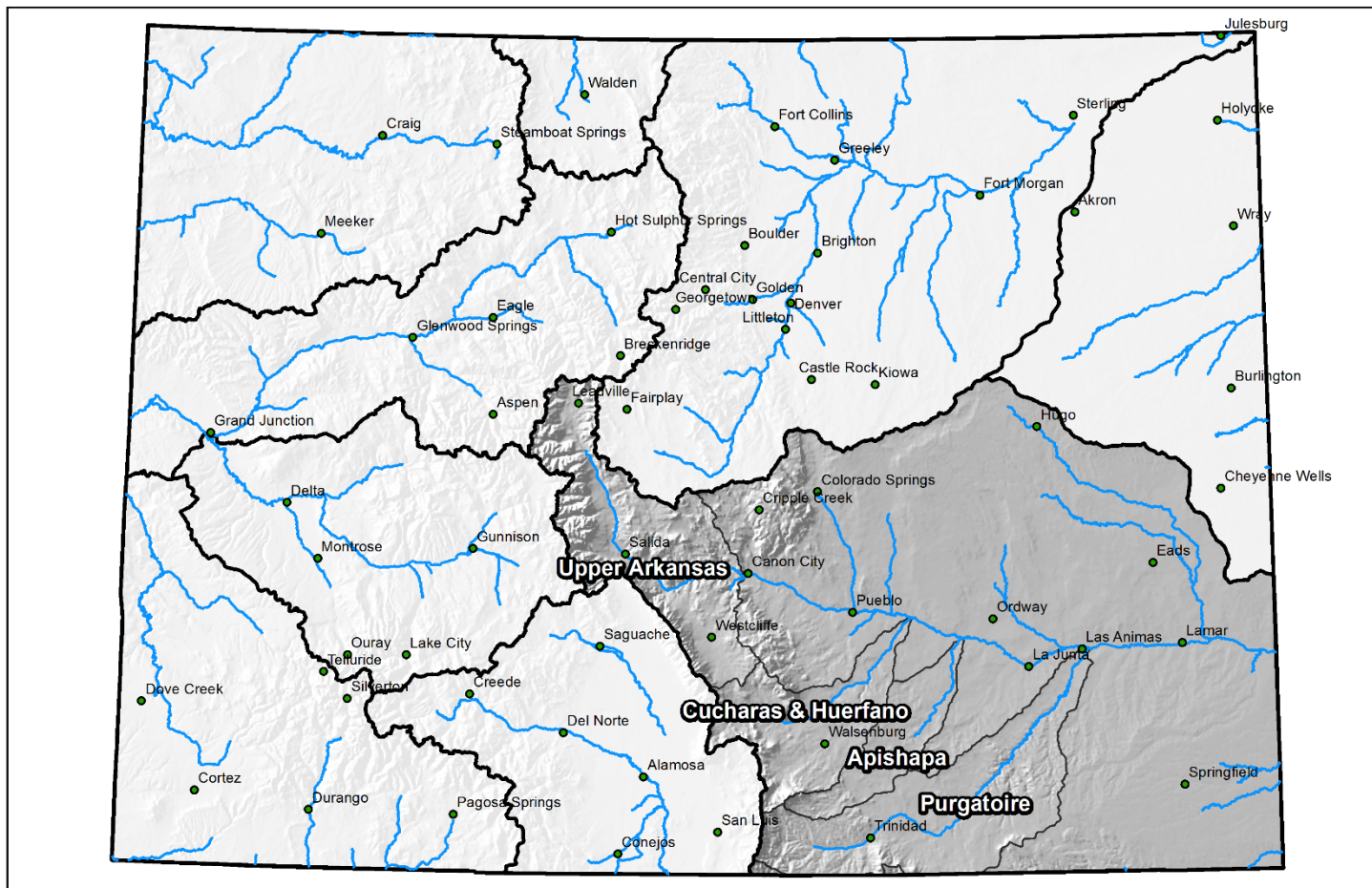


## UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN Reservoir Storage Departure from Average



## Major Basin Summary

### Arkansas River Basin

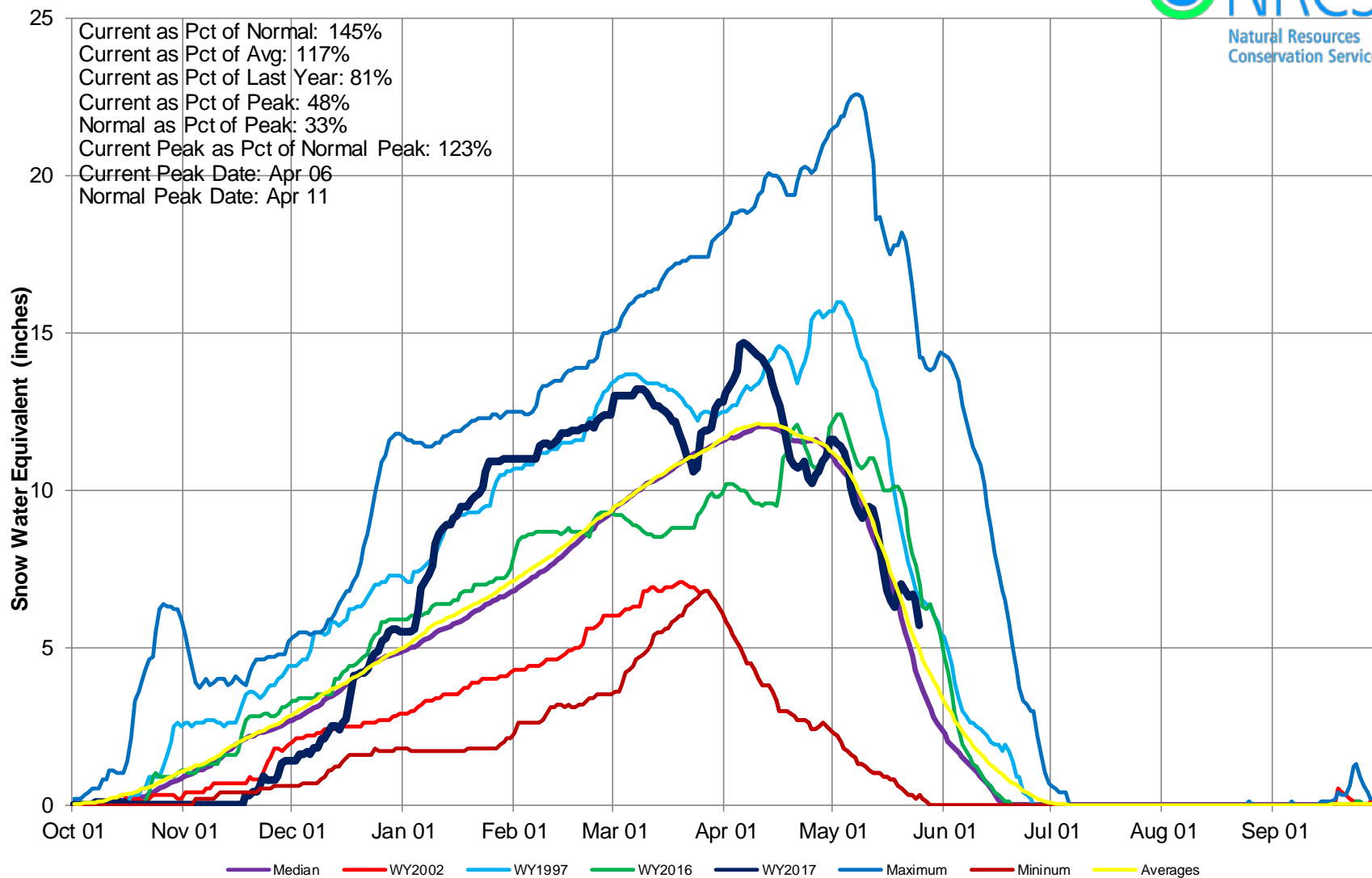


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## Arkansas River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

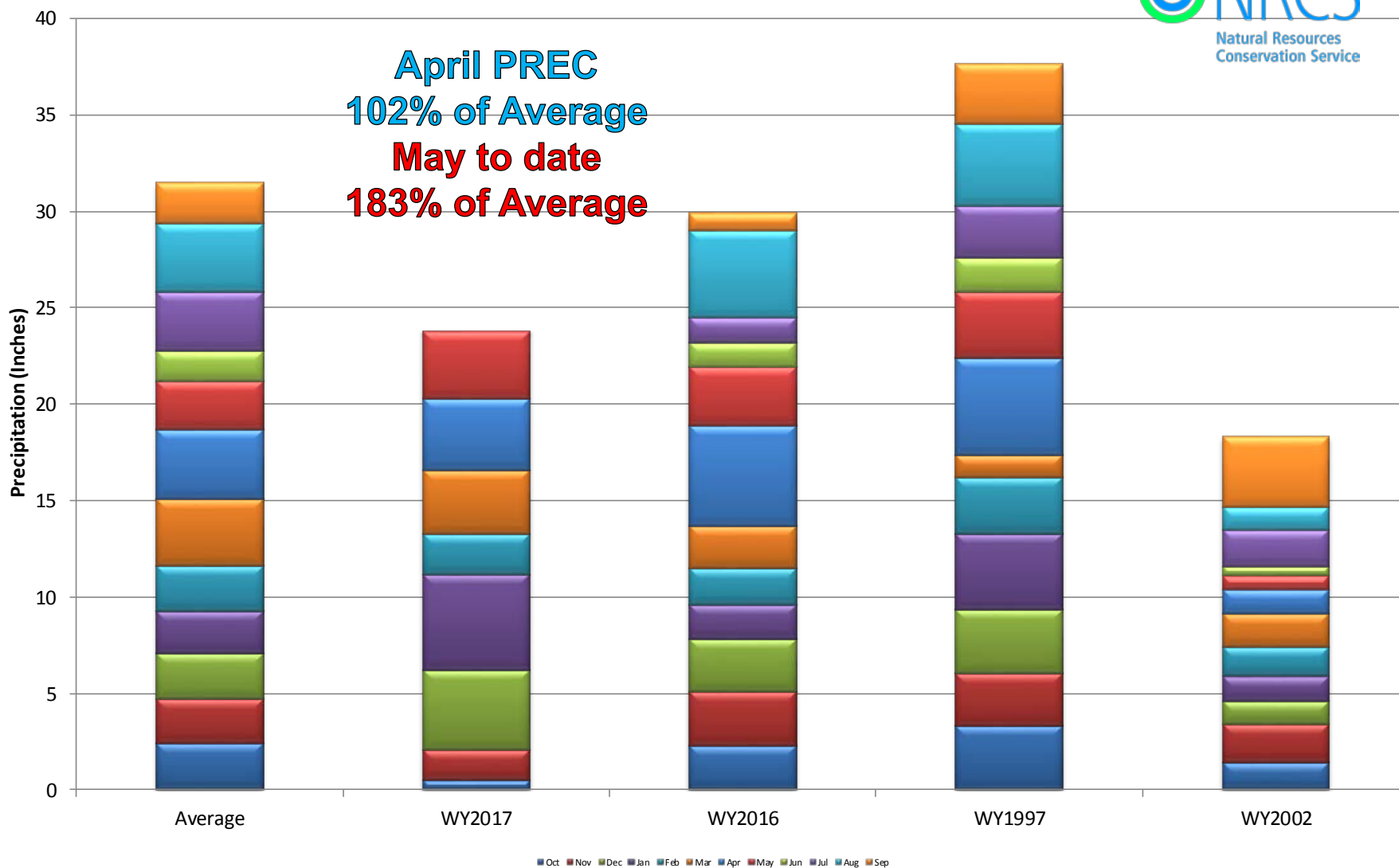
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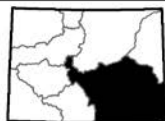
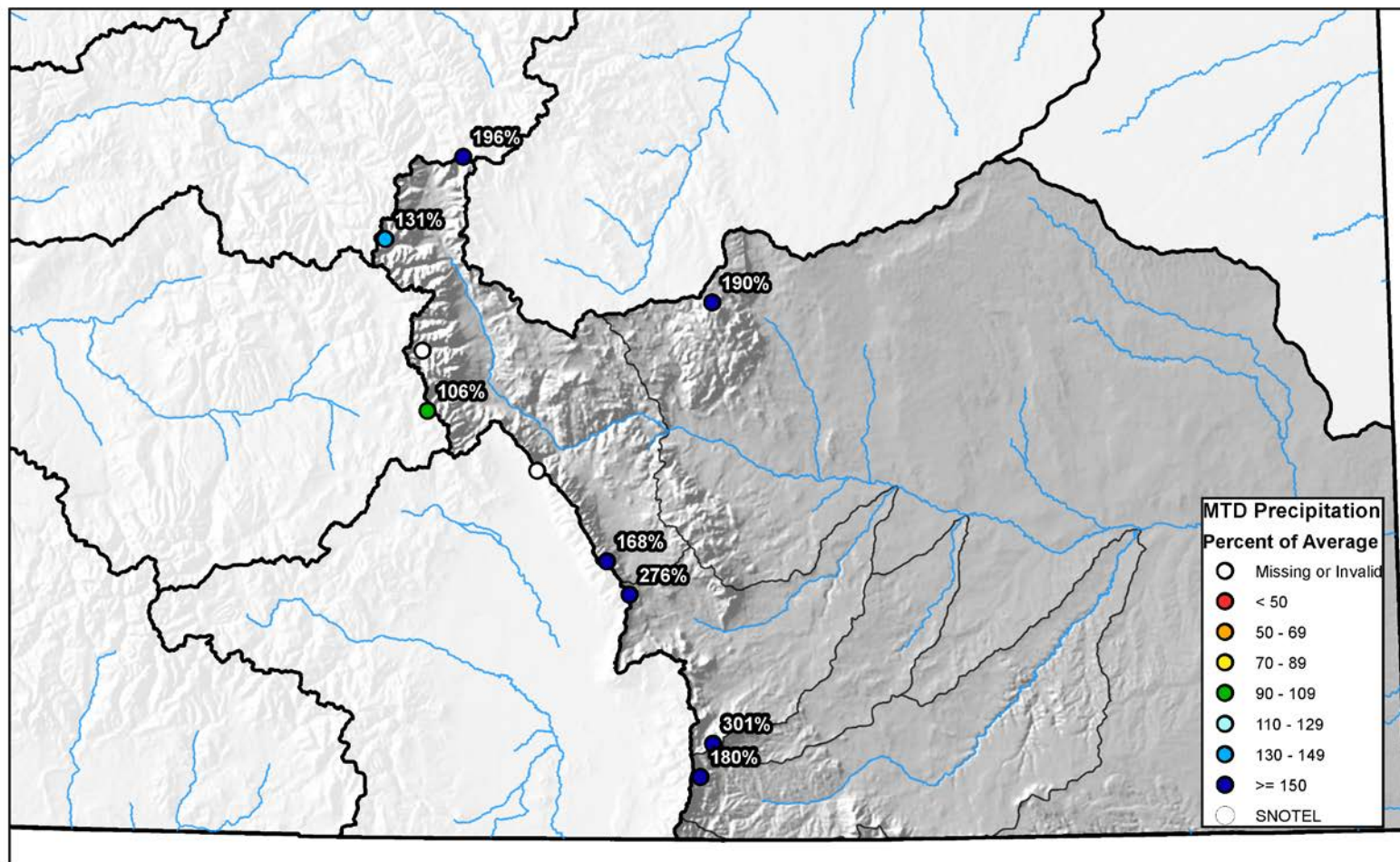
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## Arkansas River Basin Month to Date Precipitation Summary

Current as of May 25, 2017

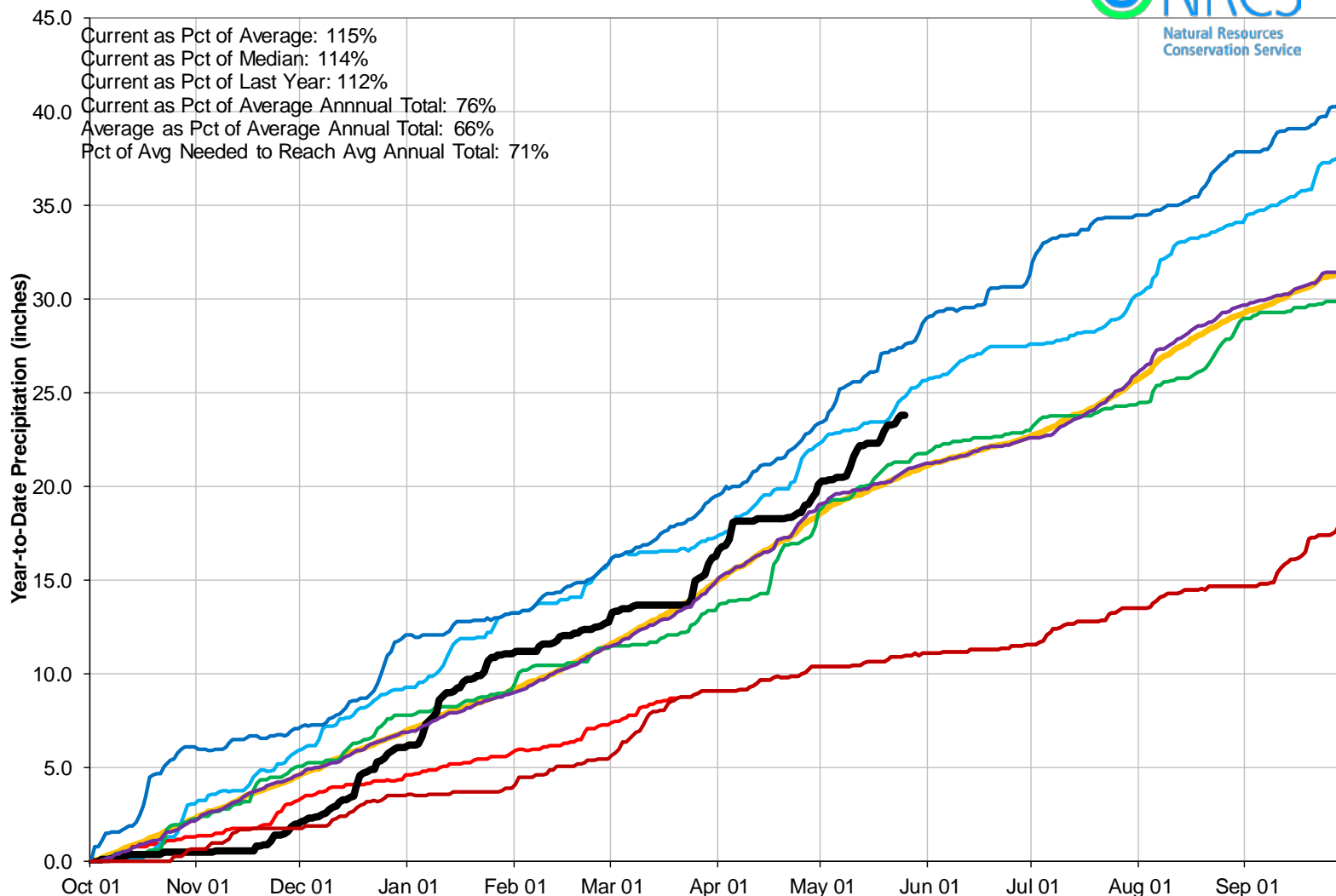


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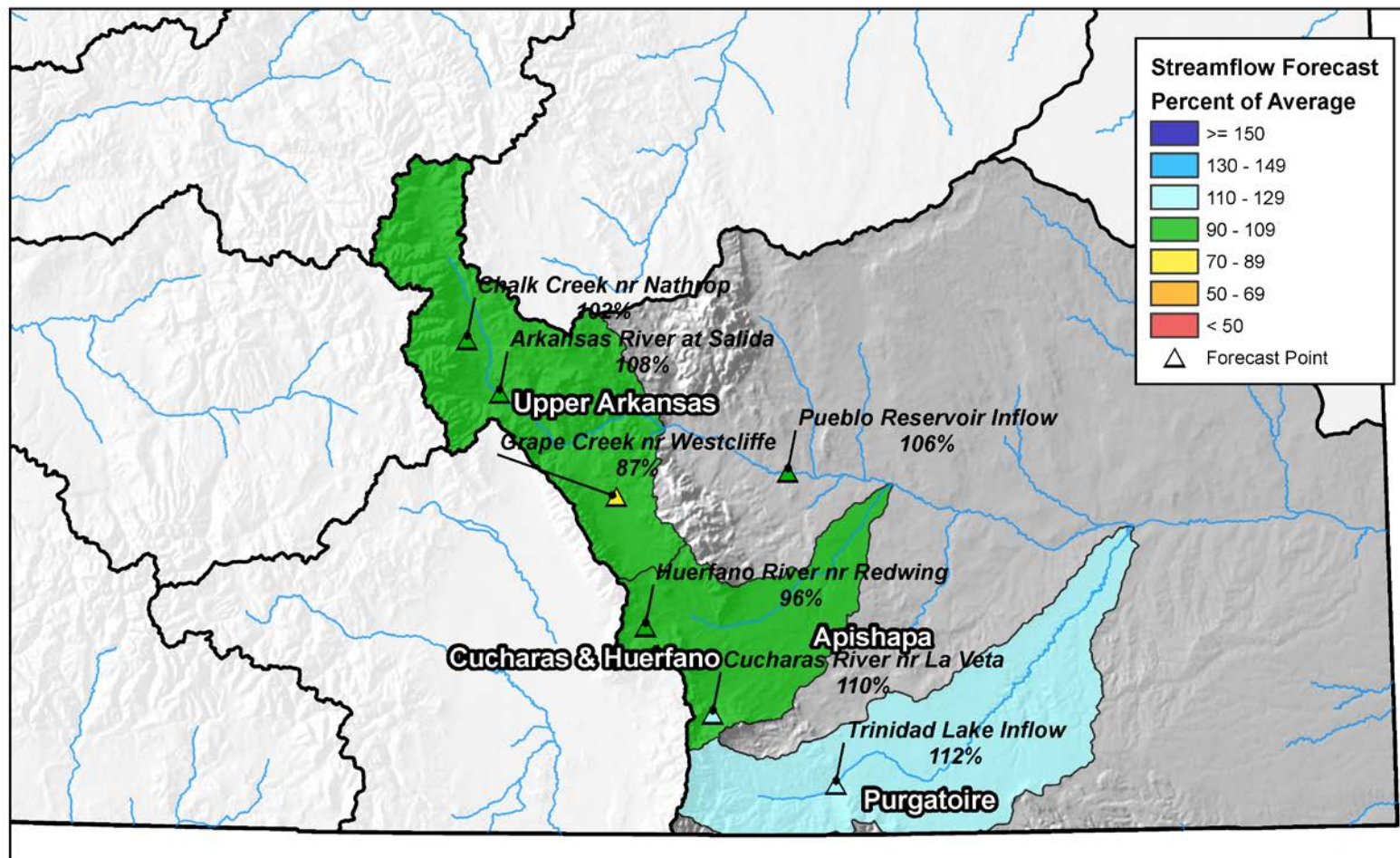
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## Arkansas River Basin Streamflow Forecast Summary

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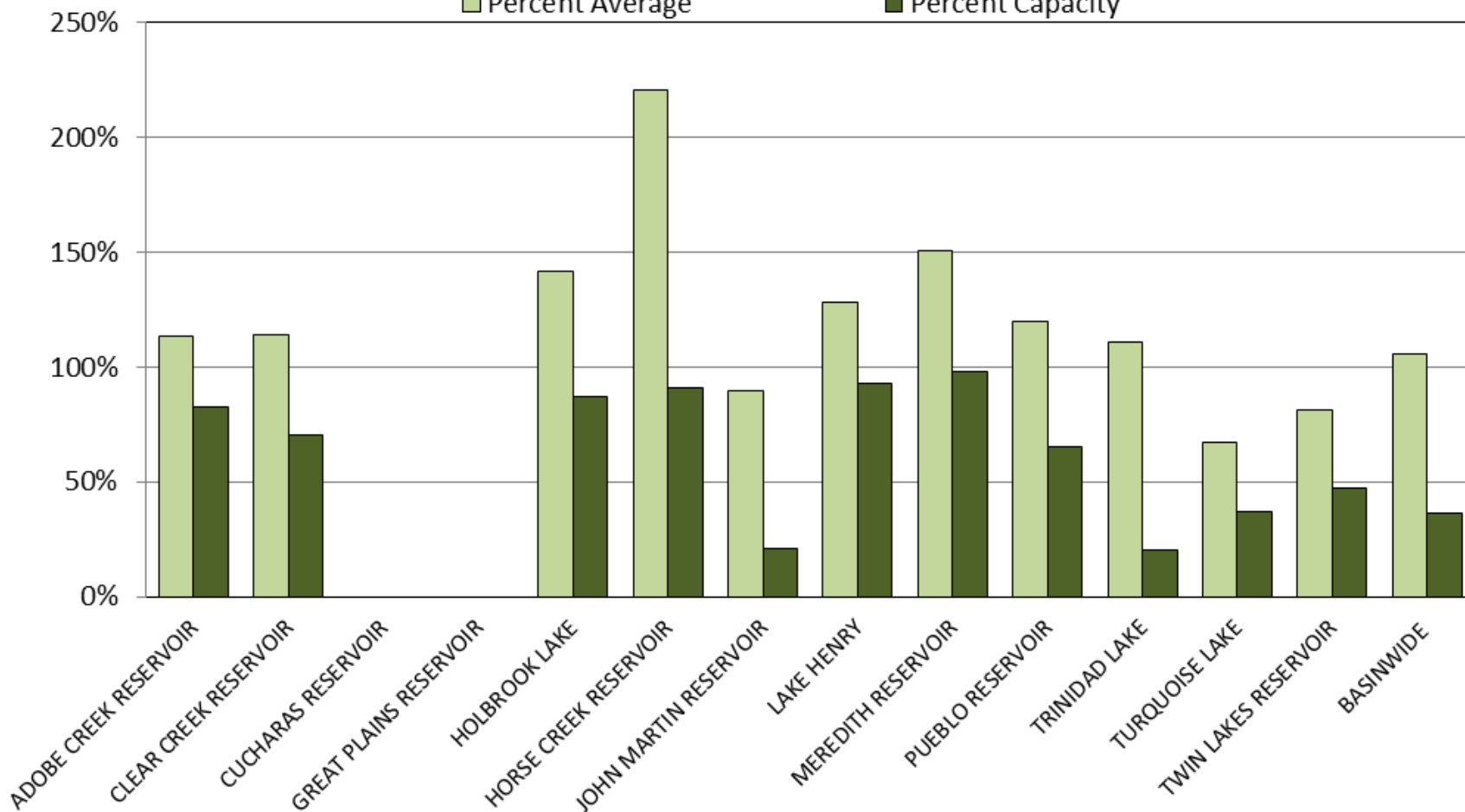


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## Reservoir Storage

■ Percent Average

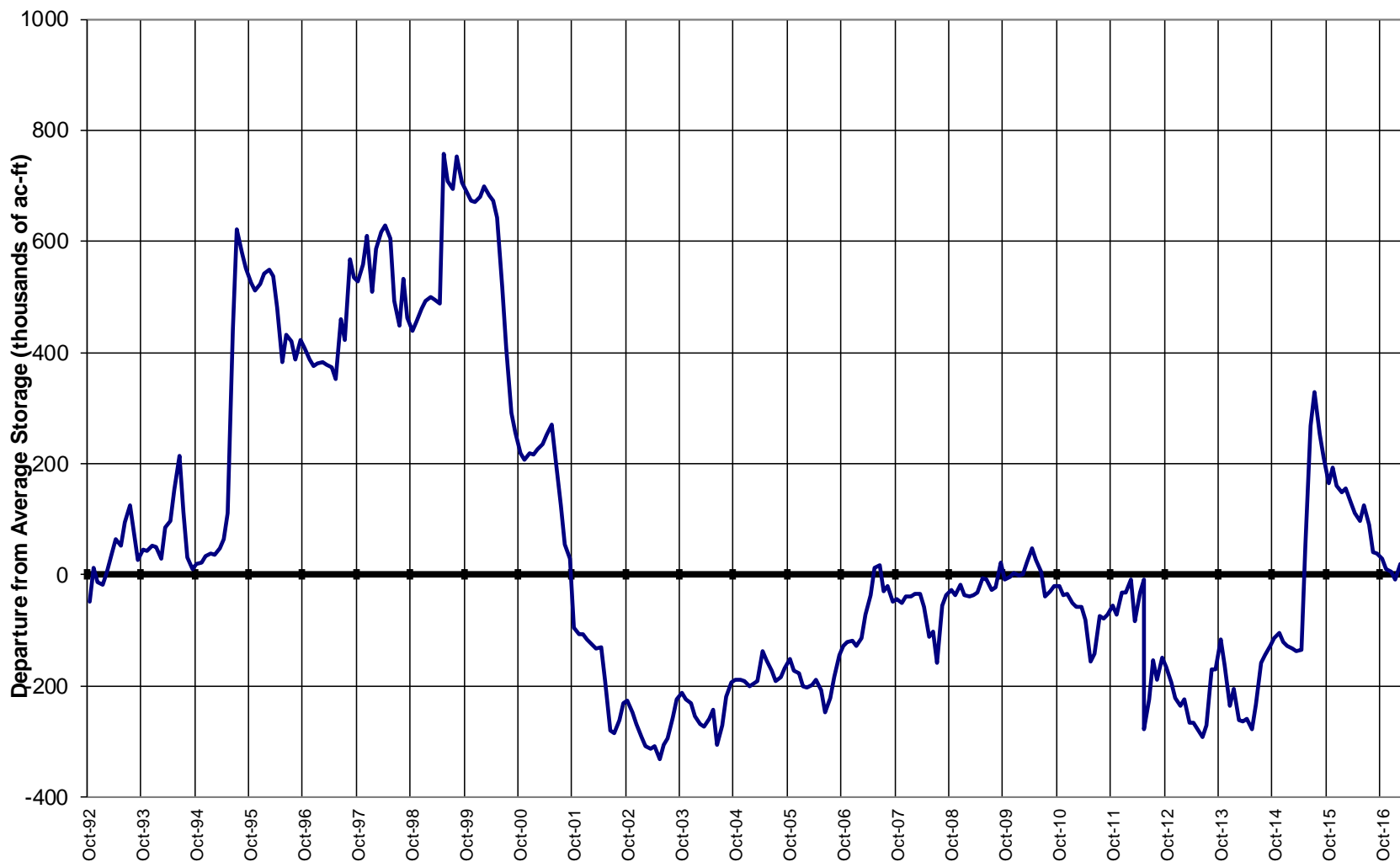
■ Percent Capacity





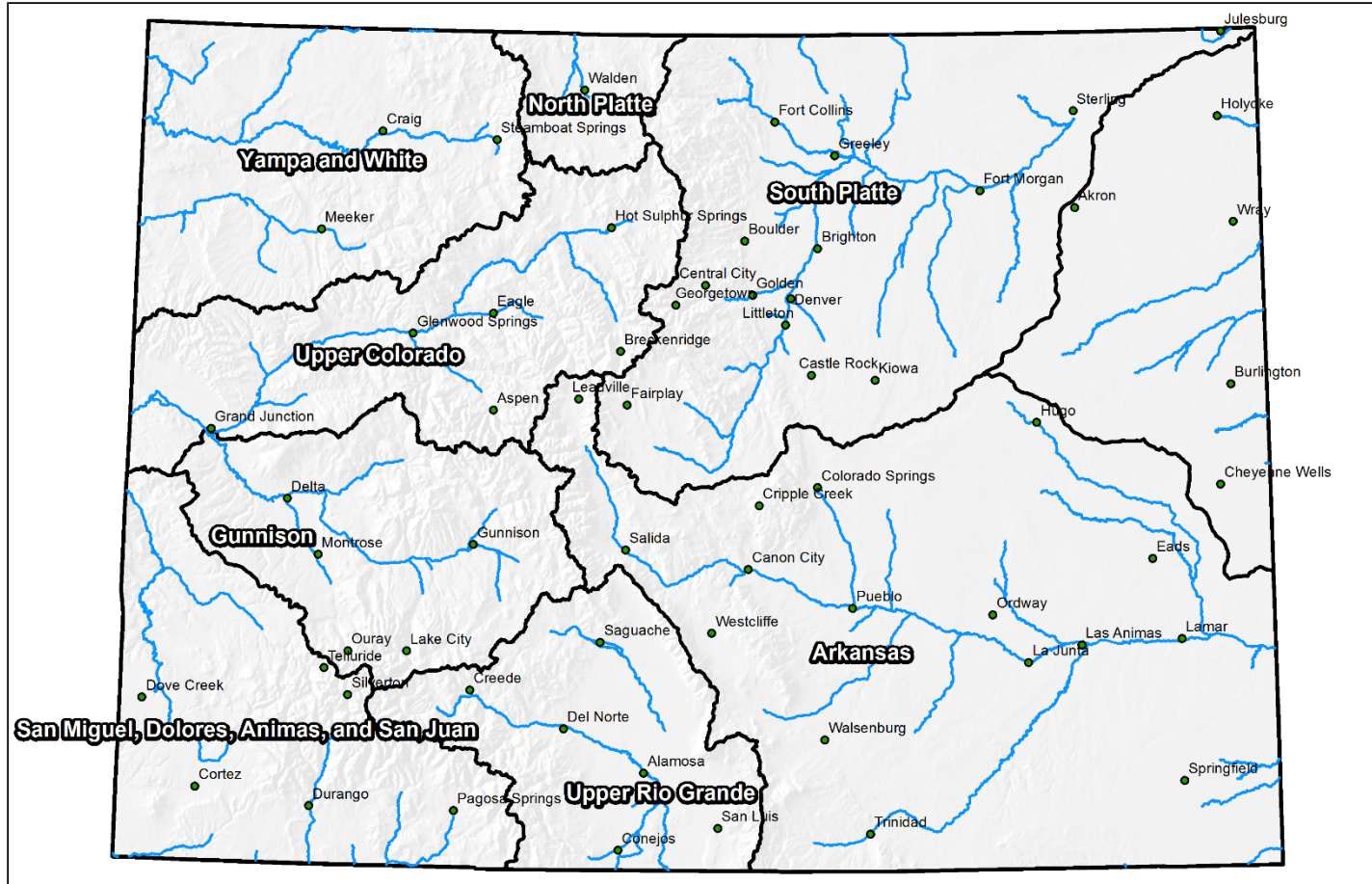
## ARKANSAS RIVER BASIN

Reservoir Storage  
Departure from Average



## Colorado Statewide Summary

Colorado Major Basins

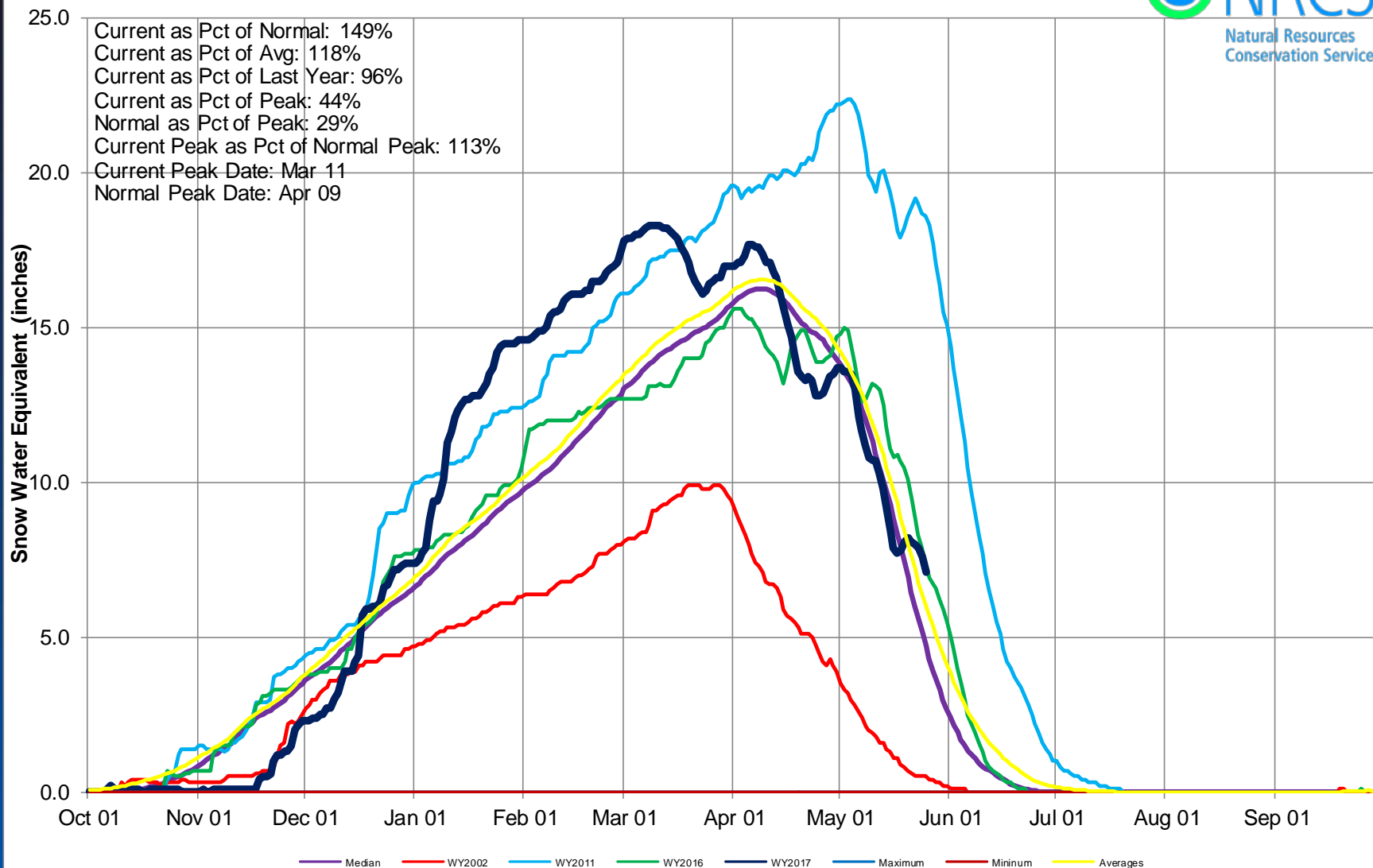


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## Colorado Statewide High/Low Snowpack Summary

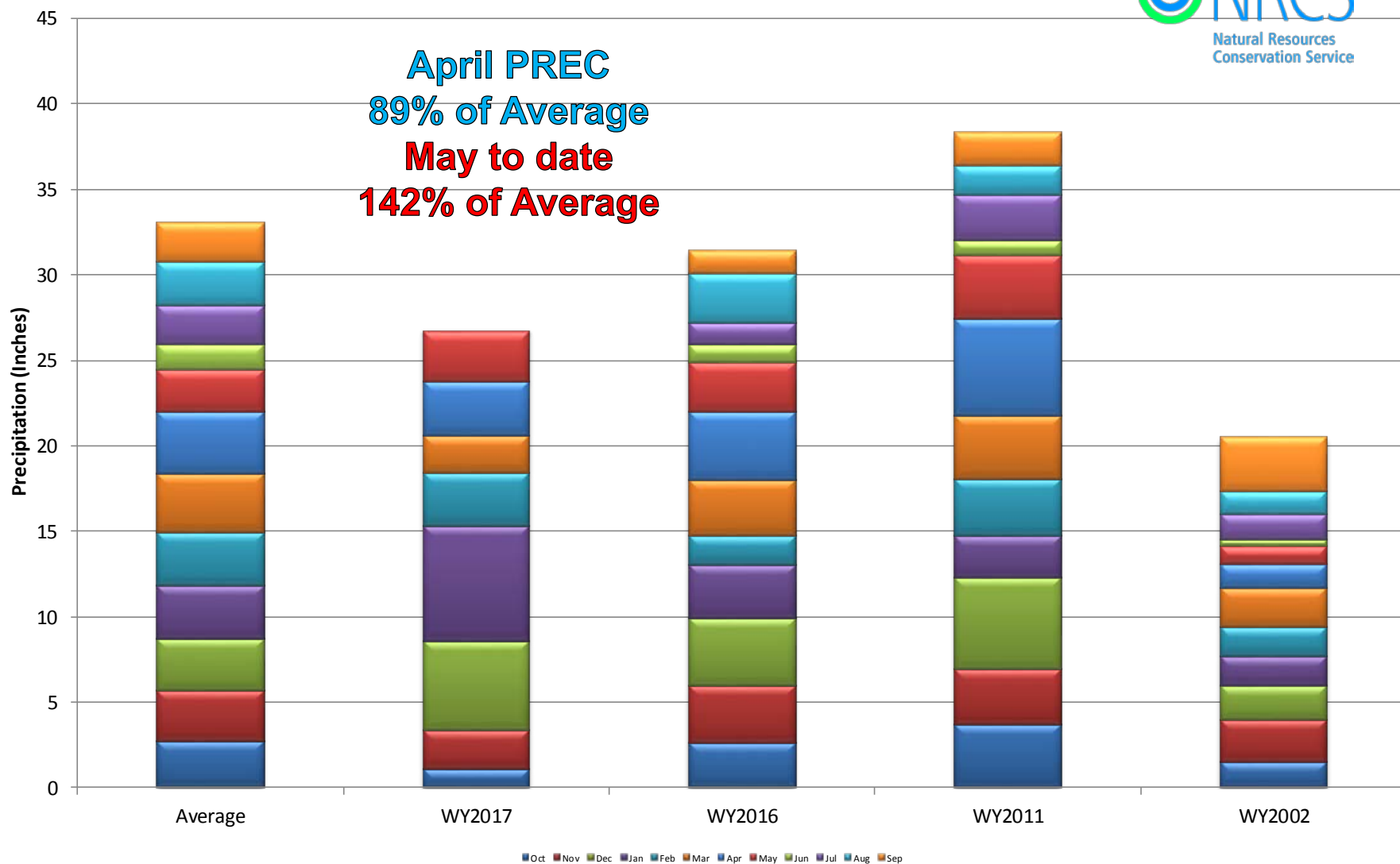
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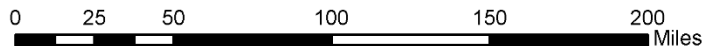
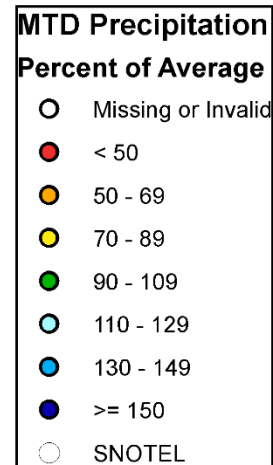
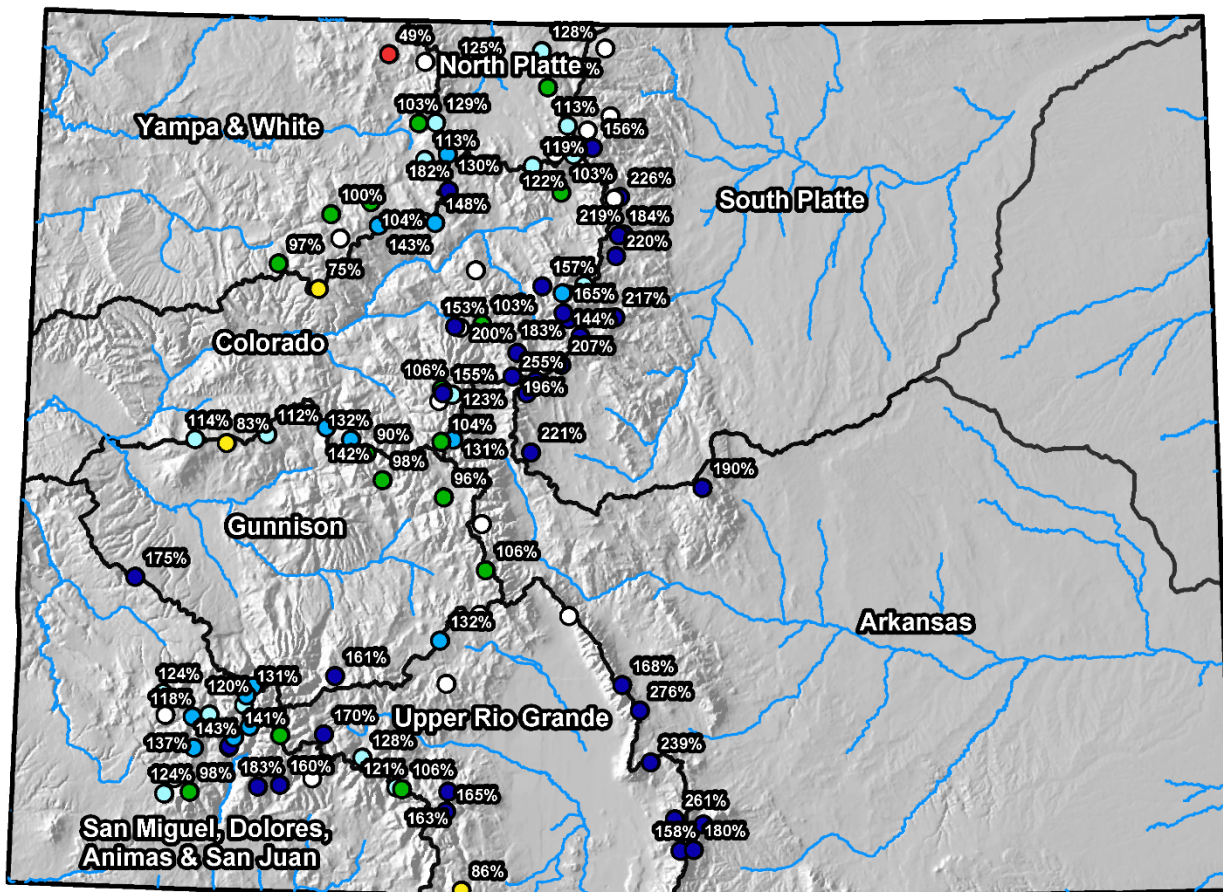
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## Colorado SNOTEL Month-to-Date Precipitation

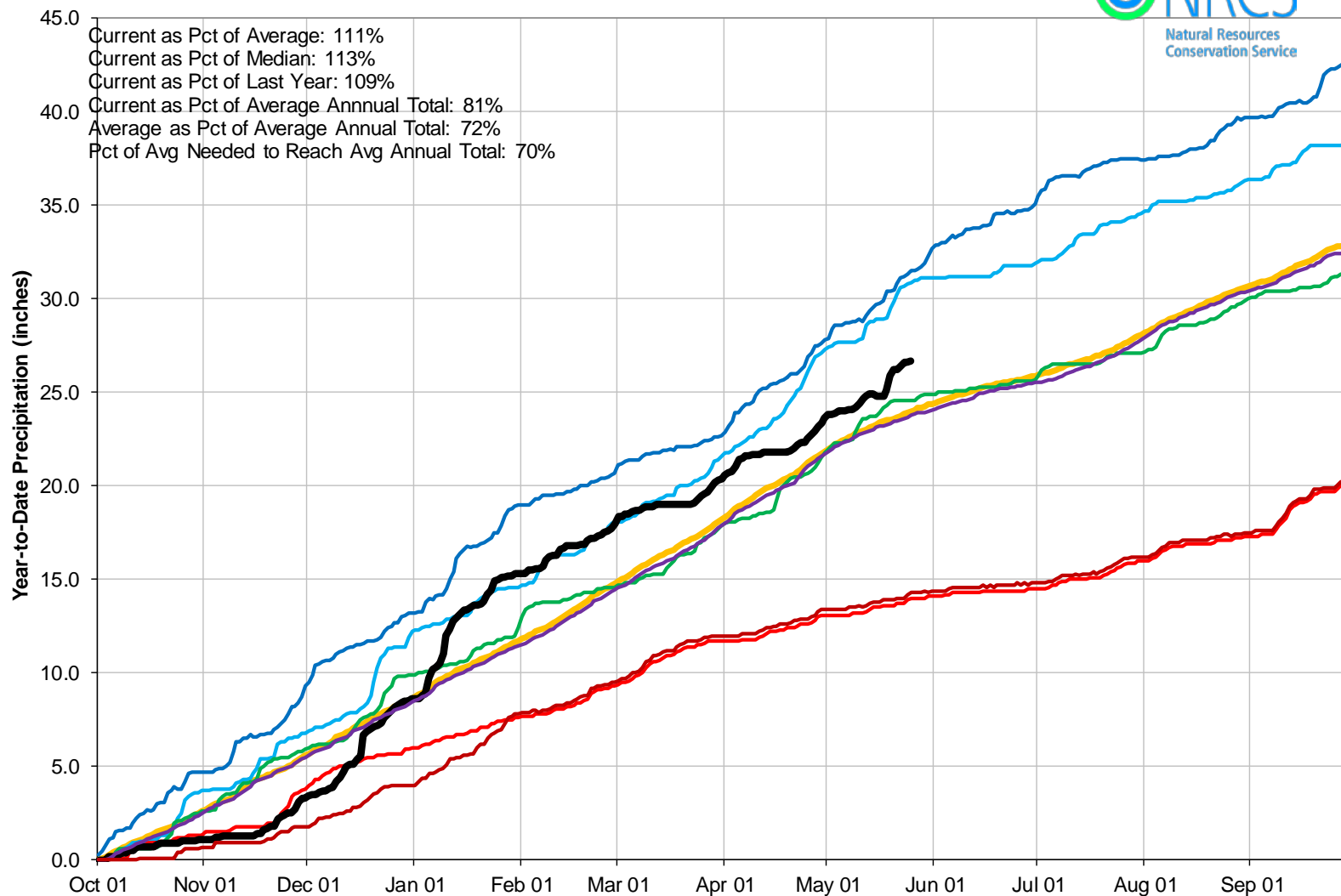
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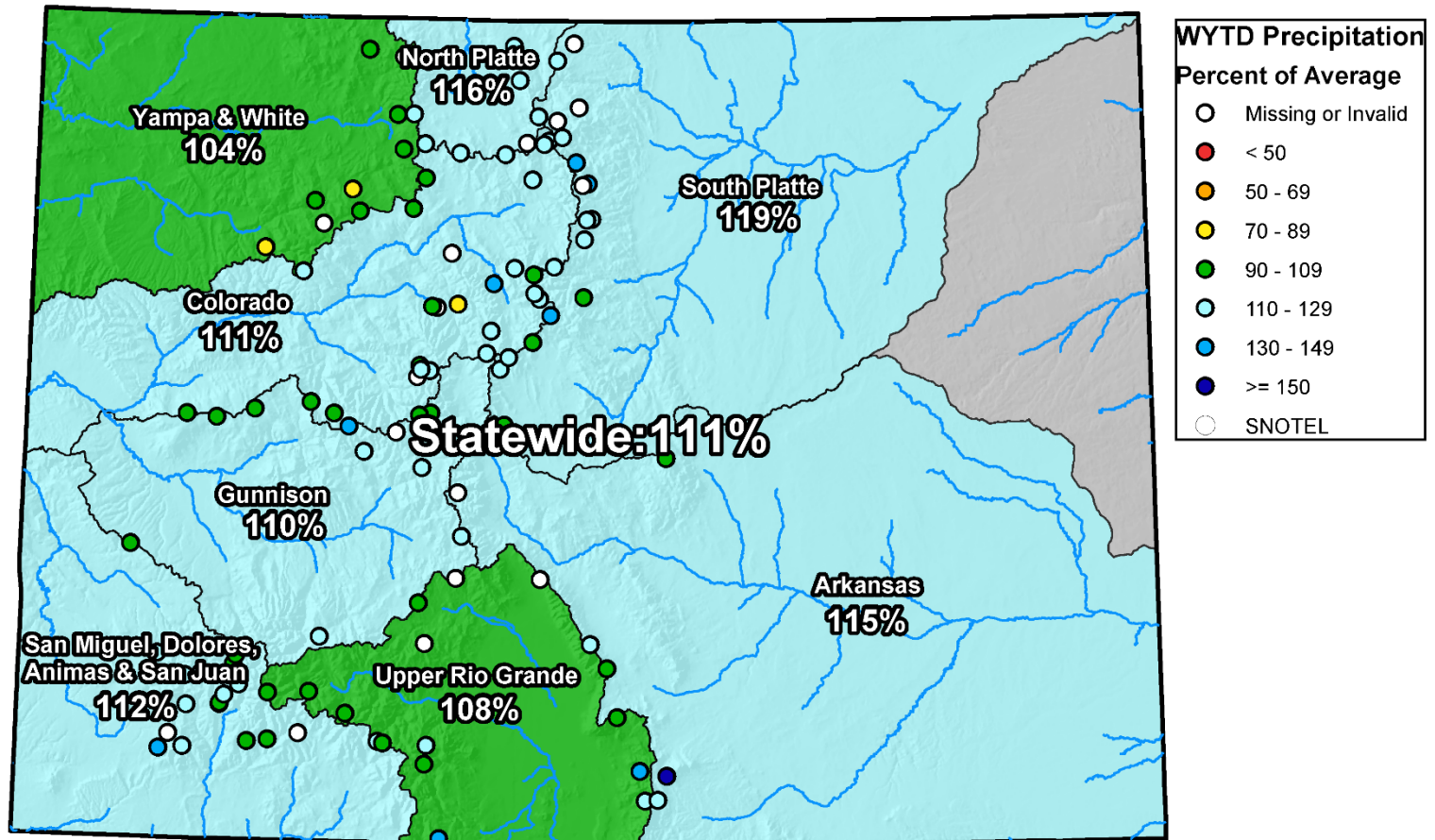
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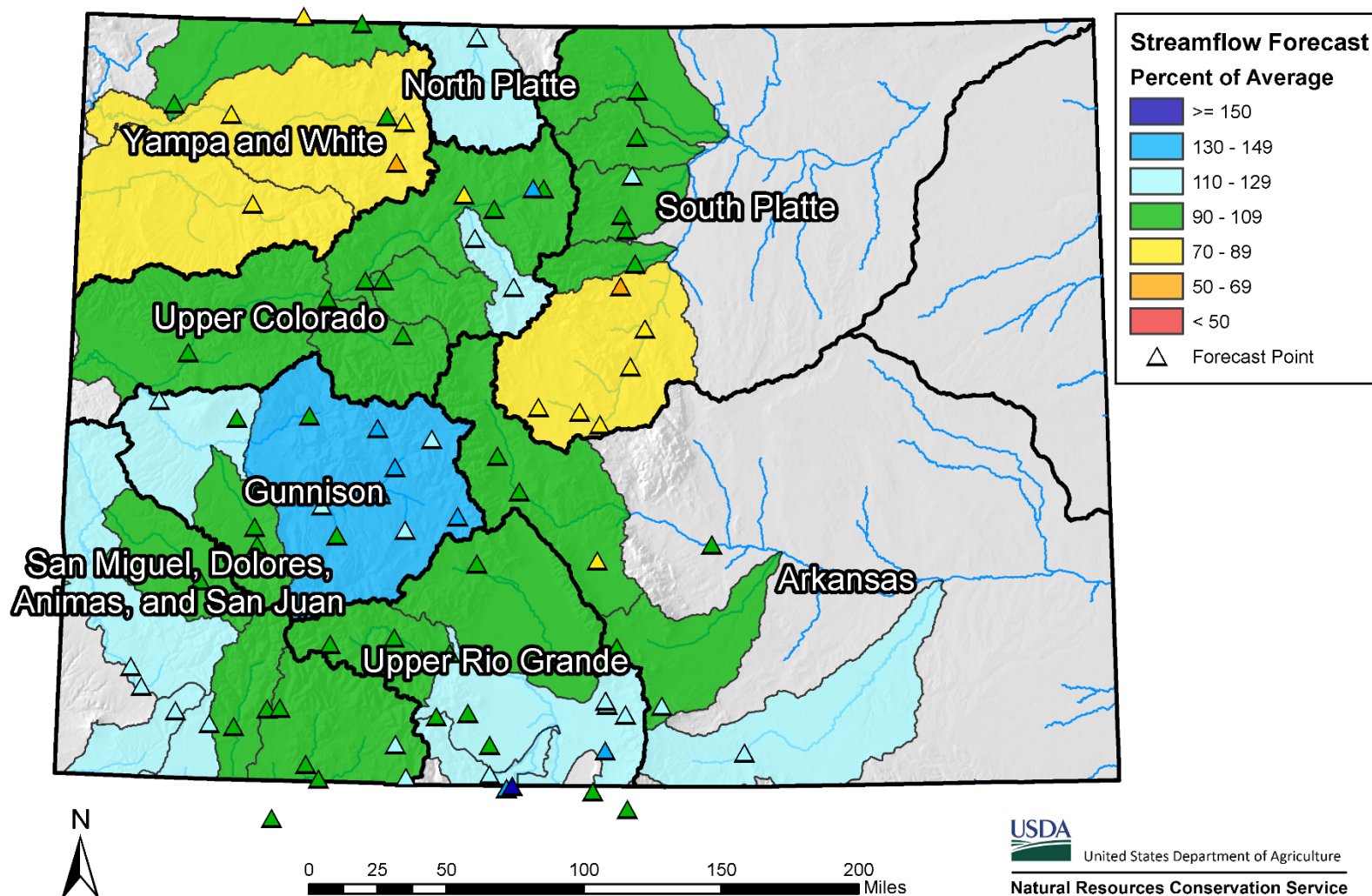
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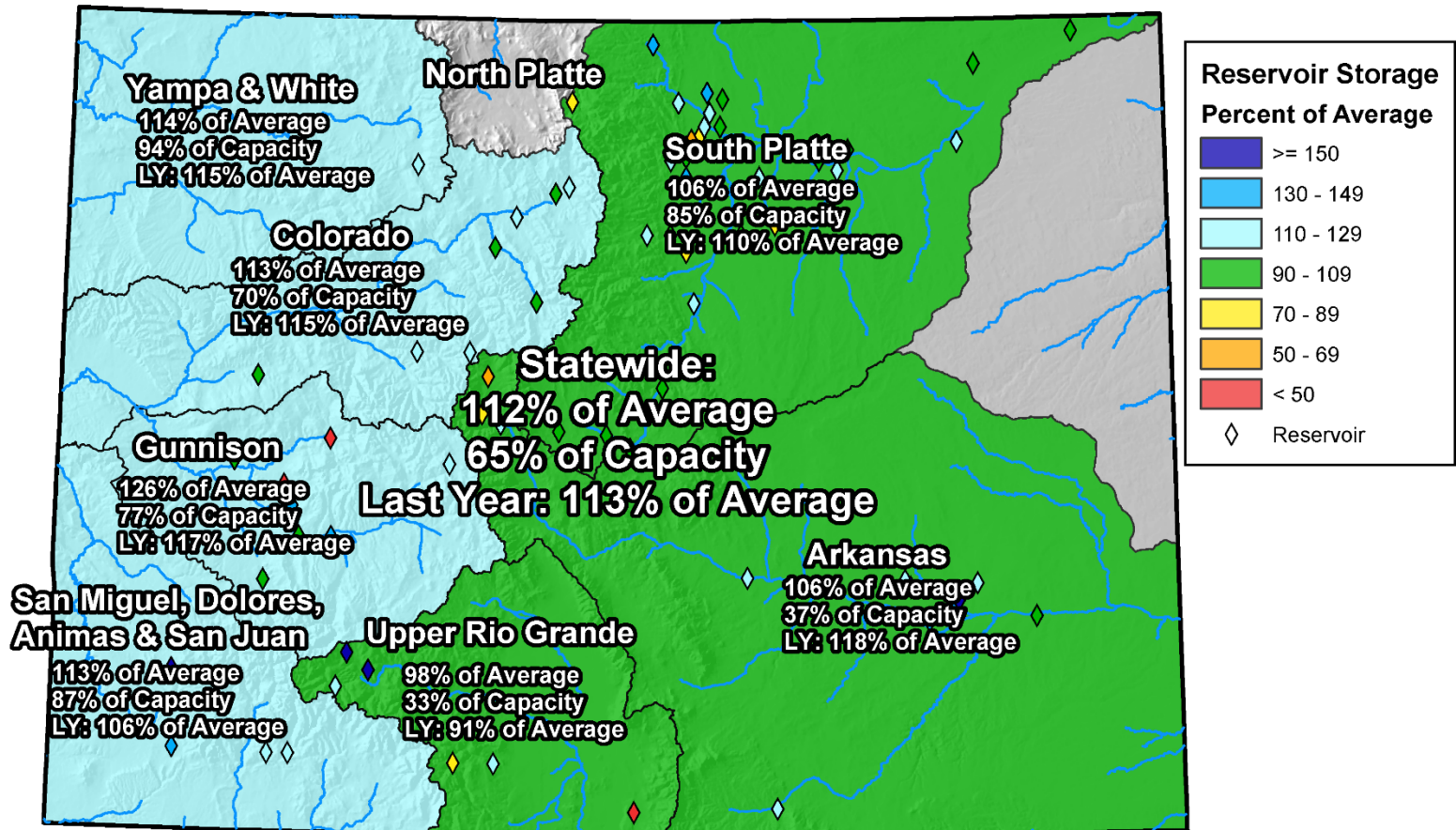
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## Colorado Streamflow Forecasts Summary May 1, 2017



## Colorado Monthly Reservoir Storage Summary

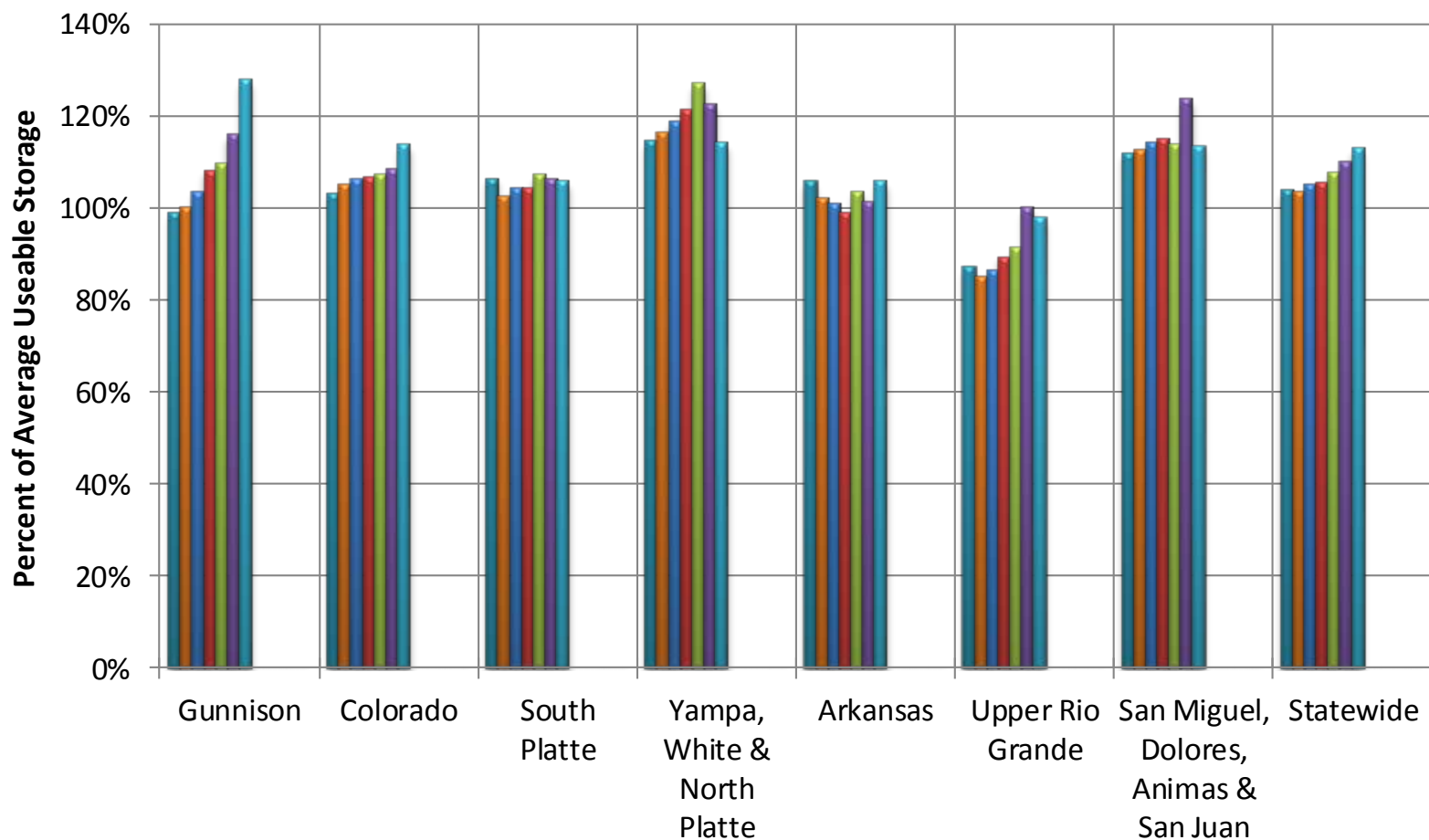
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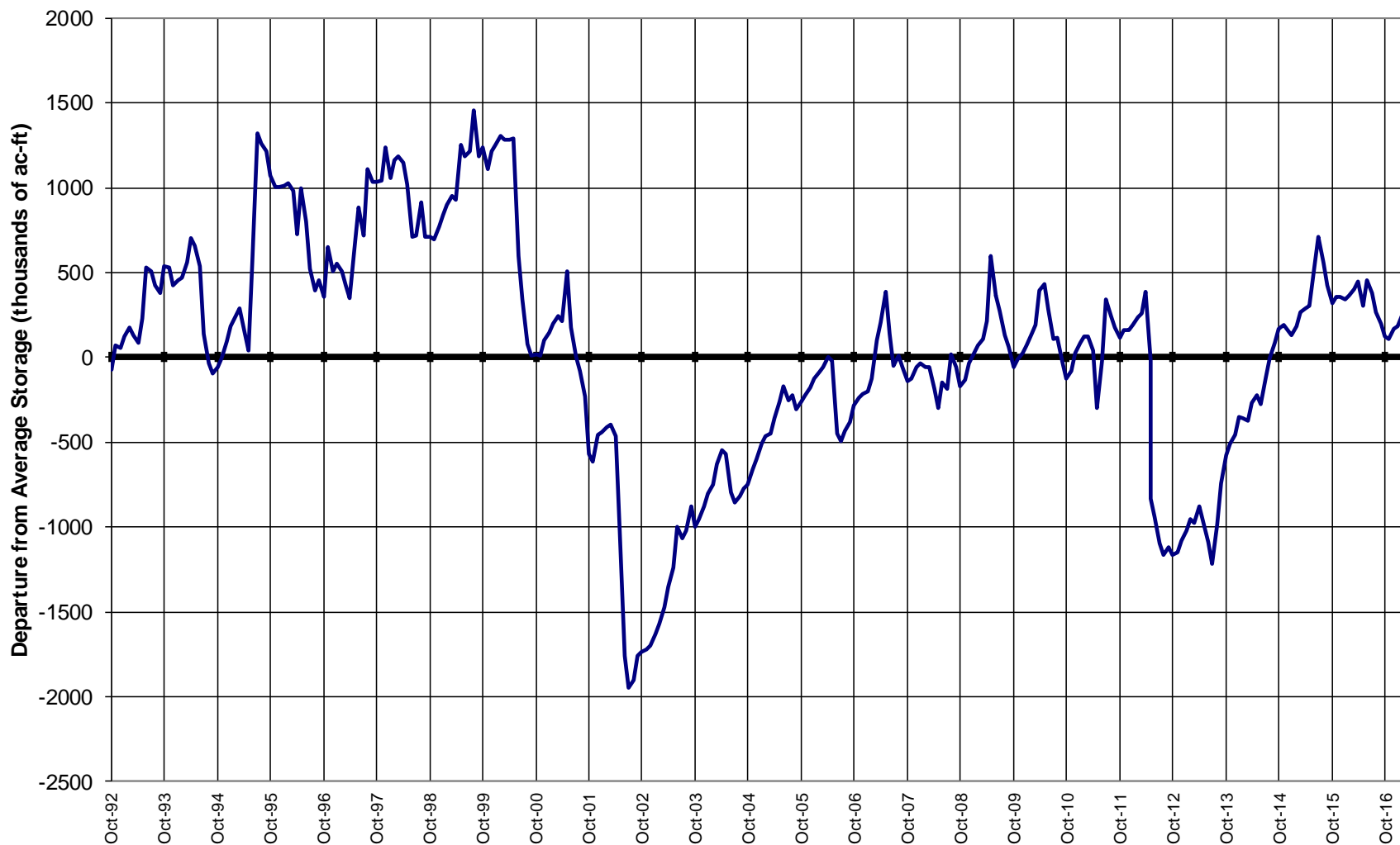
## Colorado Reservoir Storage

Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Feb-17 Mar-17  
 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17





## COLORADO STATEWIDE Reservoir Storage Departure from Average





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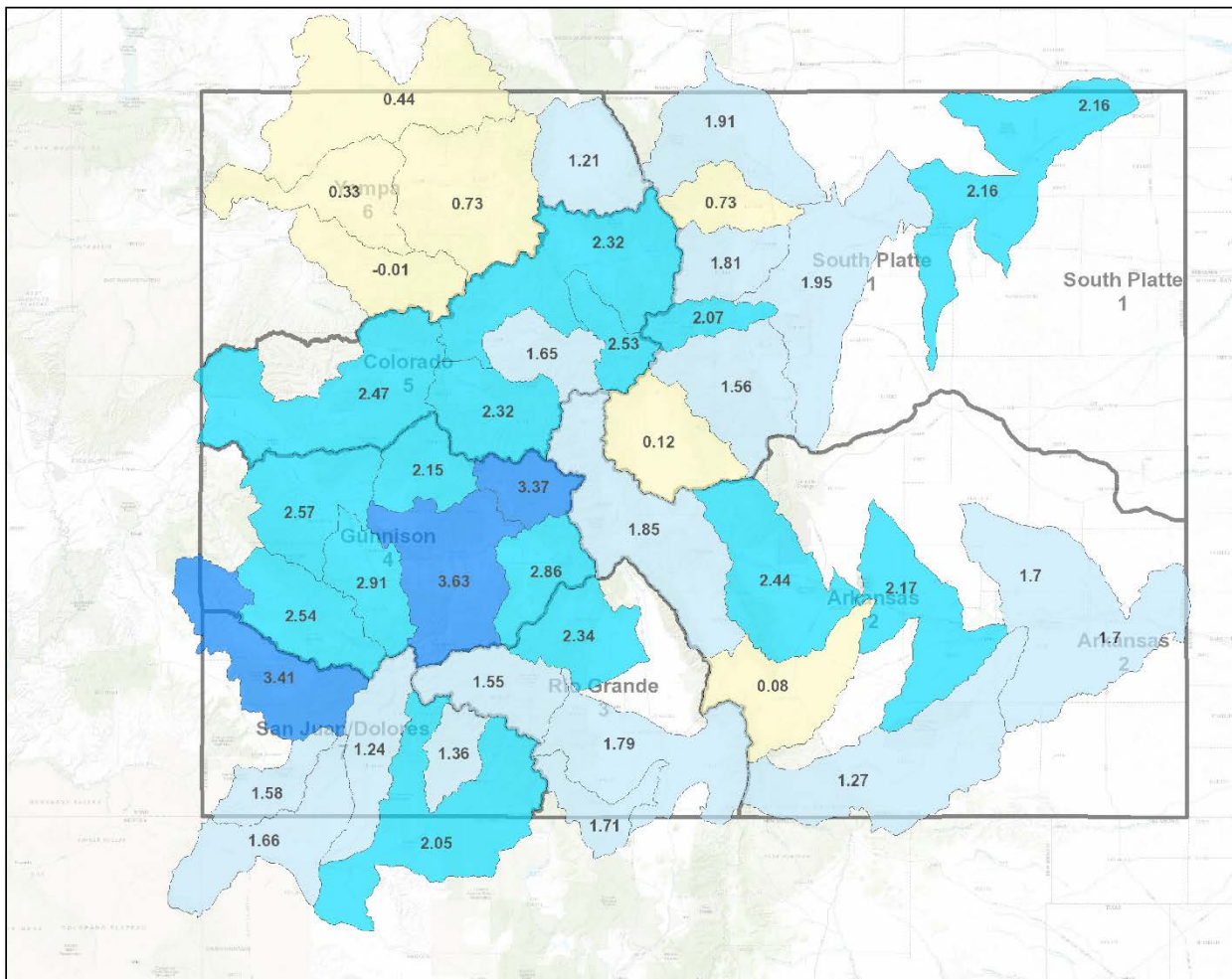
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## Map Viewer



### Legend

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### Notes

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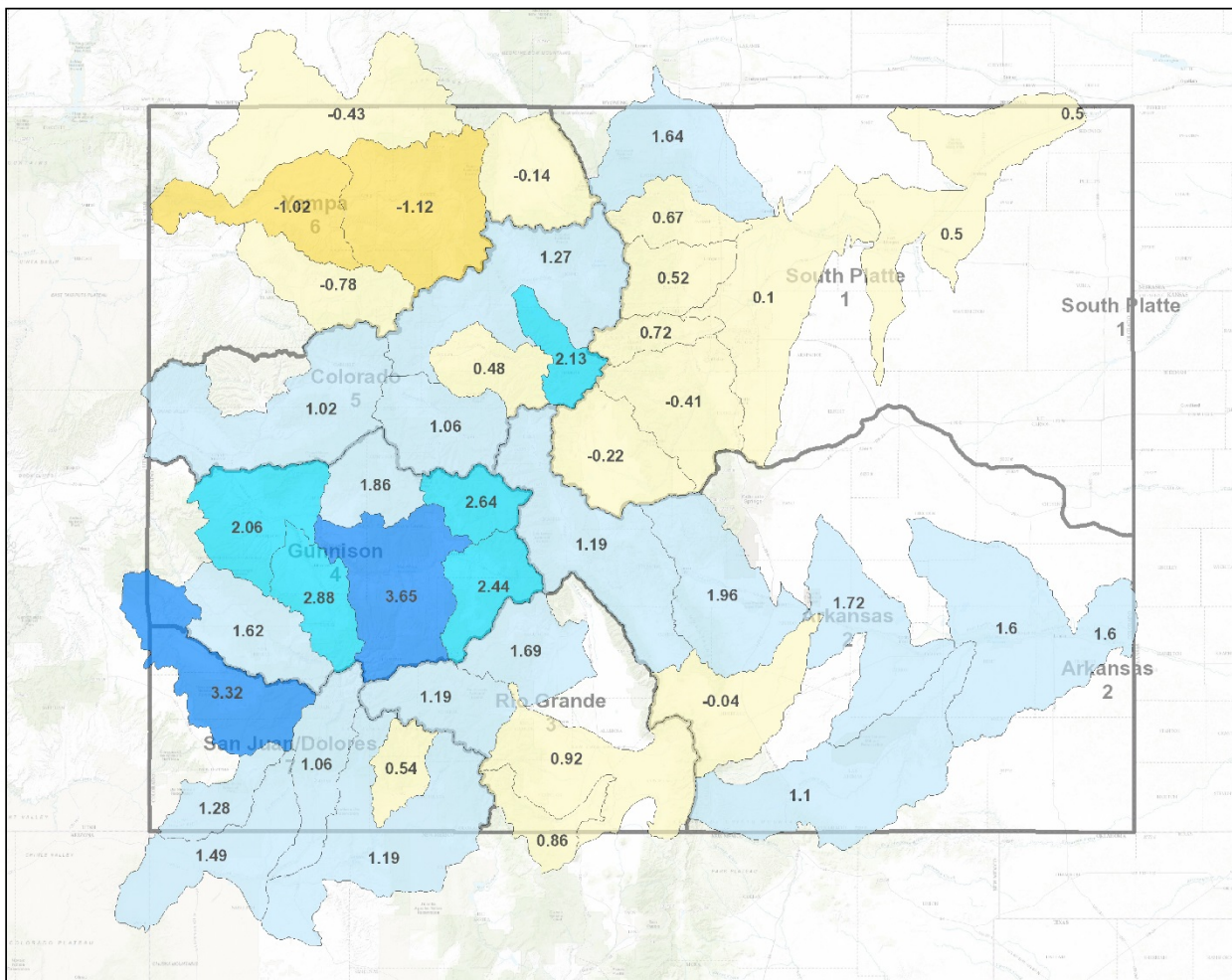
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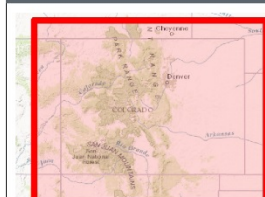
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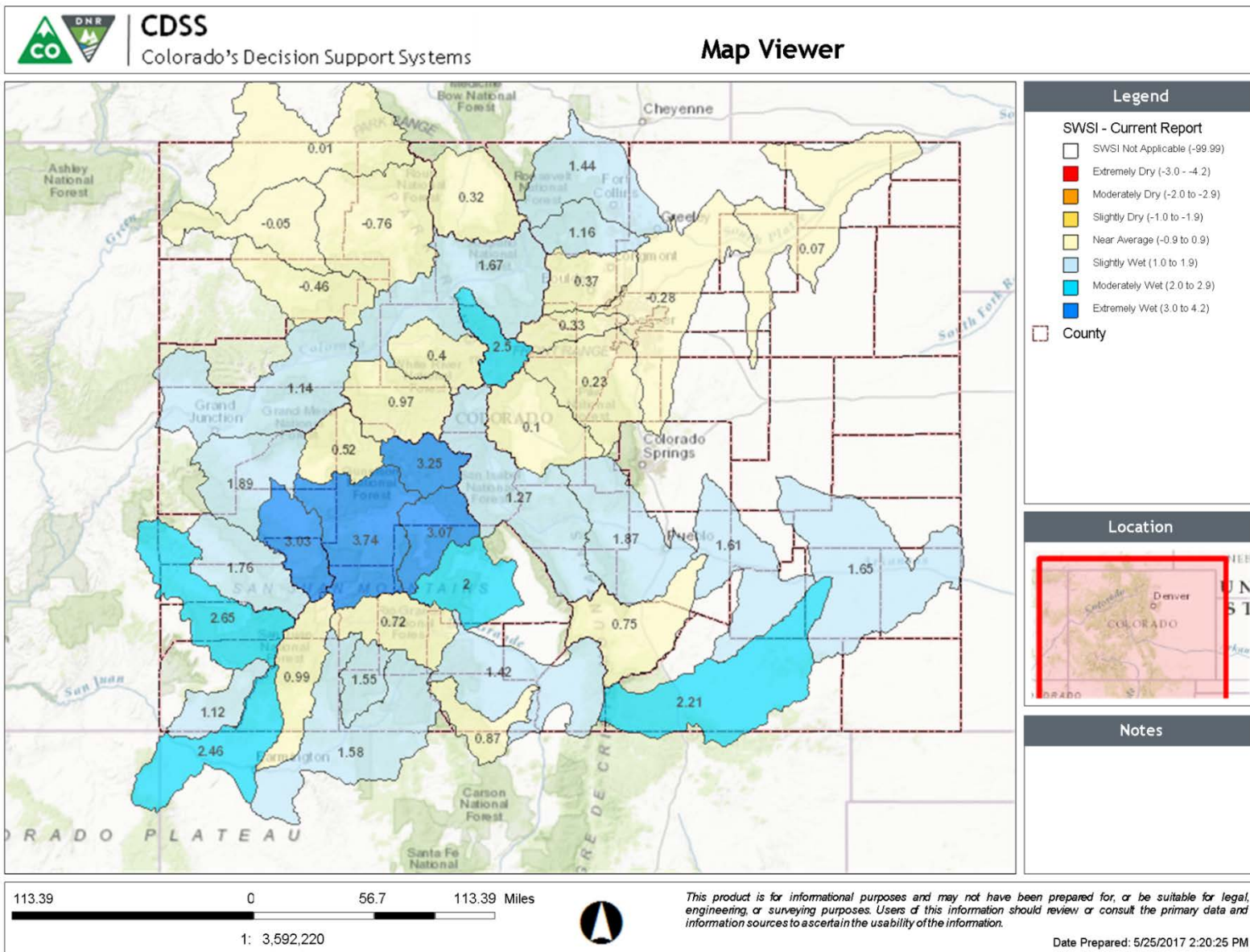
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May 1, 2017 SWSI



# Summary

- Colorado Statewide snowpack is at 149% of normal (118% of average), up from 96% on 4/18... Noting that those numbers are sensitive this time of year
- May month to date precipitation ranges from 101% to 184% across the major river basins of Colorado
- All basins very near or above normal reservoir storage – statewide-113% norm
- May 1<sup>st</sup> SWSIs slightly elevated over April 1<sup>st</sup> but not huge changes
- May 1<sup>st</sup> streamflow forecasts were generally lower than April 1<sup>st</sup> but not dramatically– These will likely go up again for June 1<sup>st</sup> given the well above normal Month-to-date precipitation



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# Water Availability Task Force Meeting

## May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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