



# Water Conditions Monitoring Committee Meeting September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## NRCS Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program

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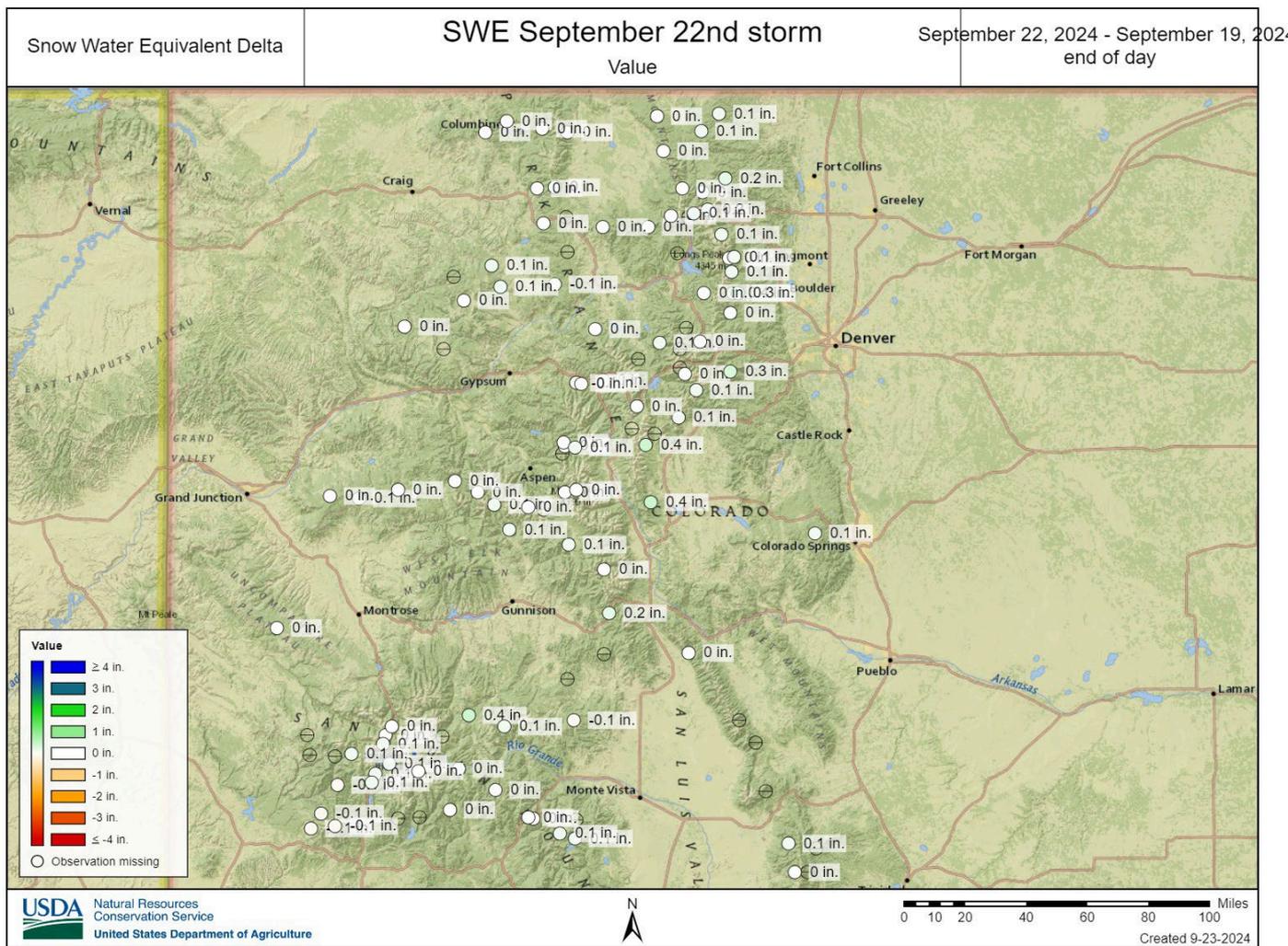
Late season swe

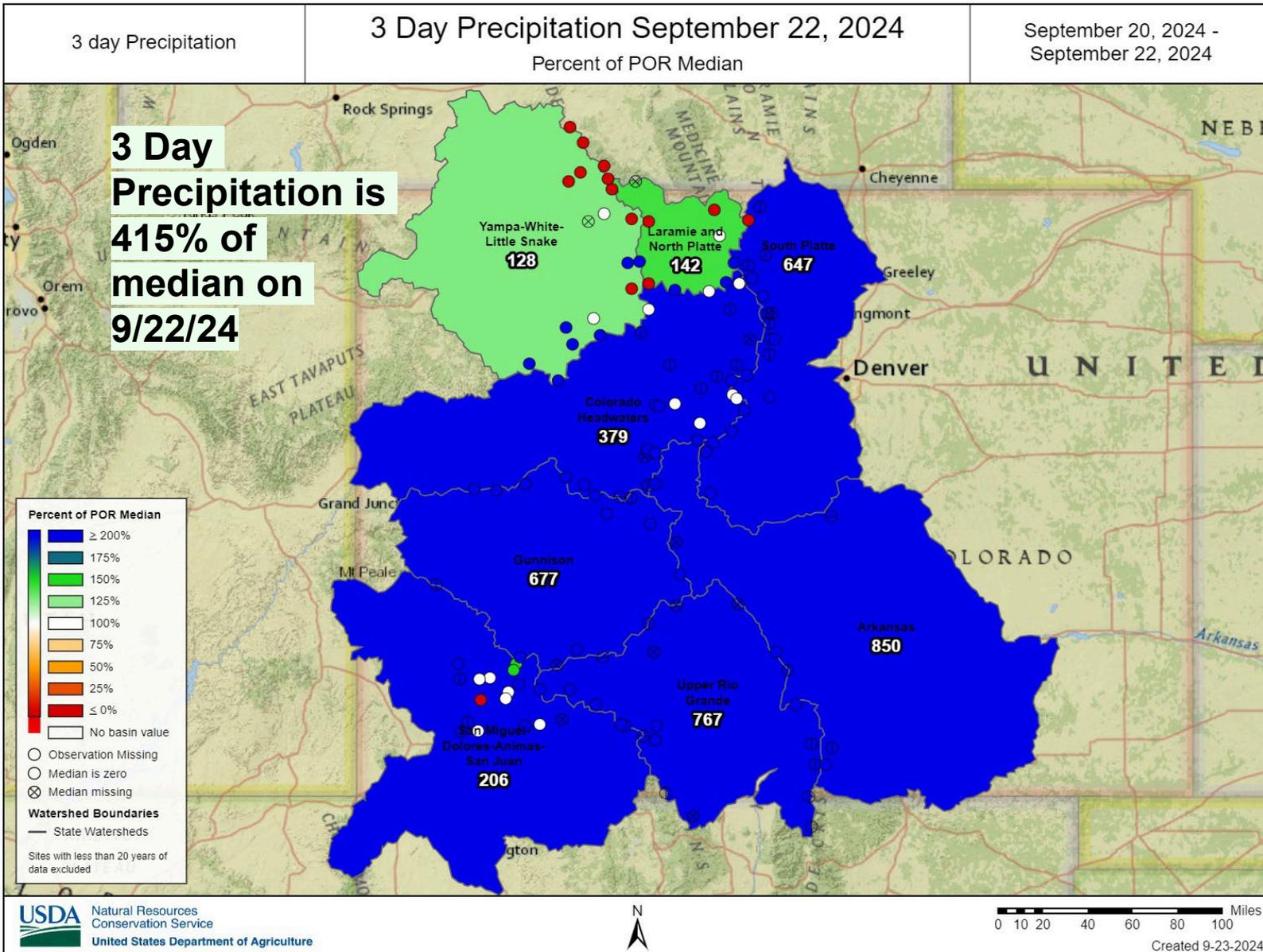
0.1" to 0.4" swe  
1 to 3" SD

0.4" at:  
University Camp 10360'  
Rough & Tumble 10432'  
Slumgullion 11560'  
Buckskin Joe 11166'

0.3" at:  
Echo Lake 10694'  
Niwot 9979'

0.2" at:  
Hourglass 9417'  
Porphyry Creek 10788'  
Willow Park 10732'







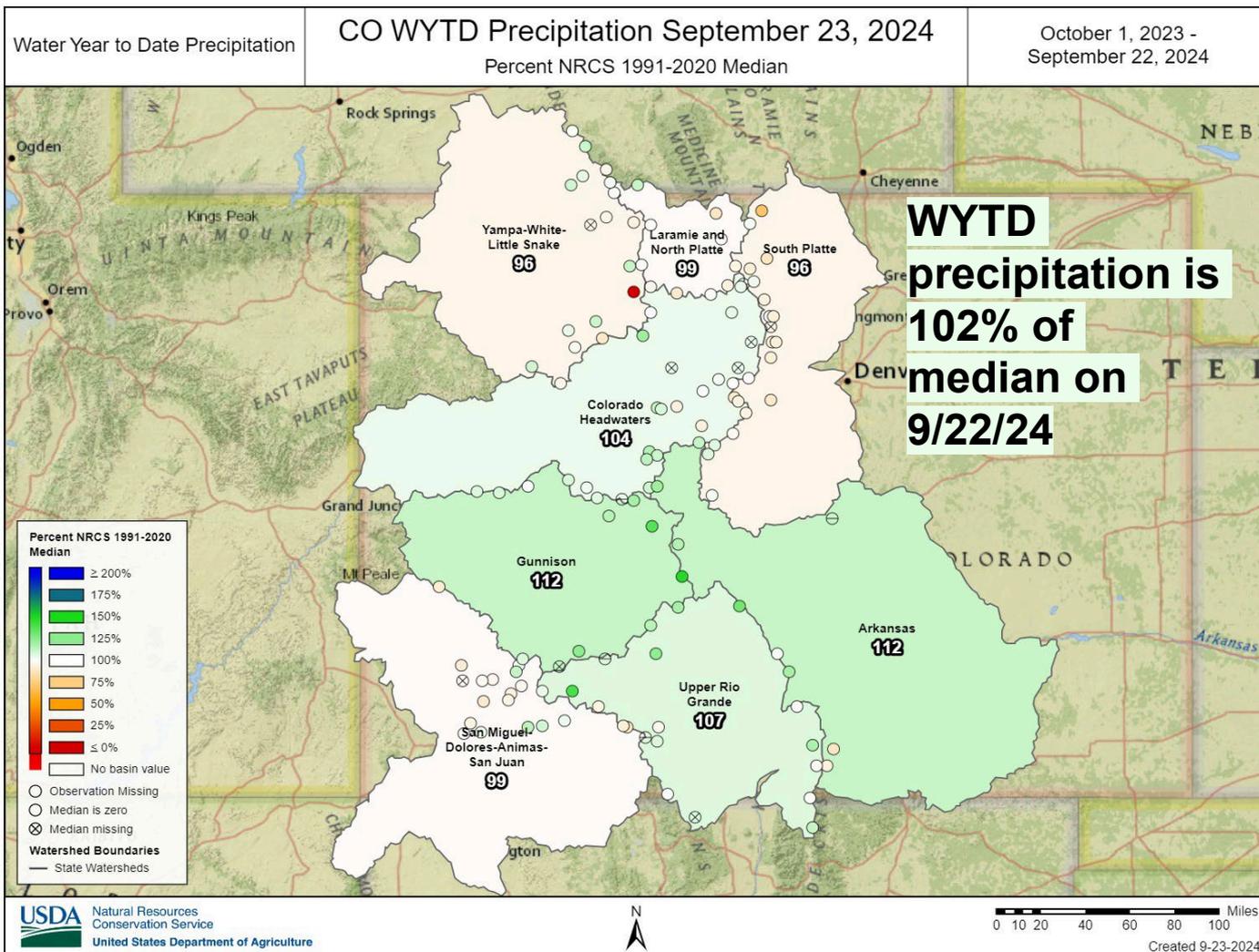
# Colorado Snow Surveys

Range 18.8 - 58.4"

25<sup>th</sup> percentile 26.28"

50<sup>th</sup> percentile 30.75"

75<sup>th</sup> percentile 36.05"



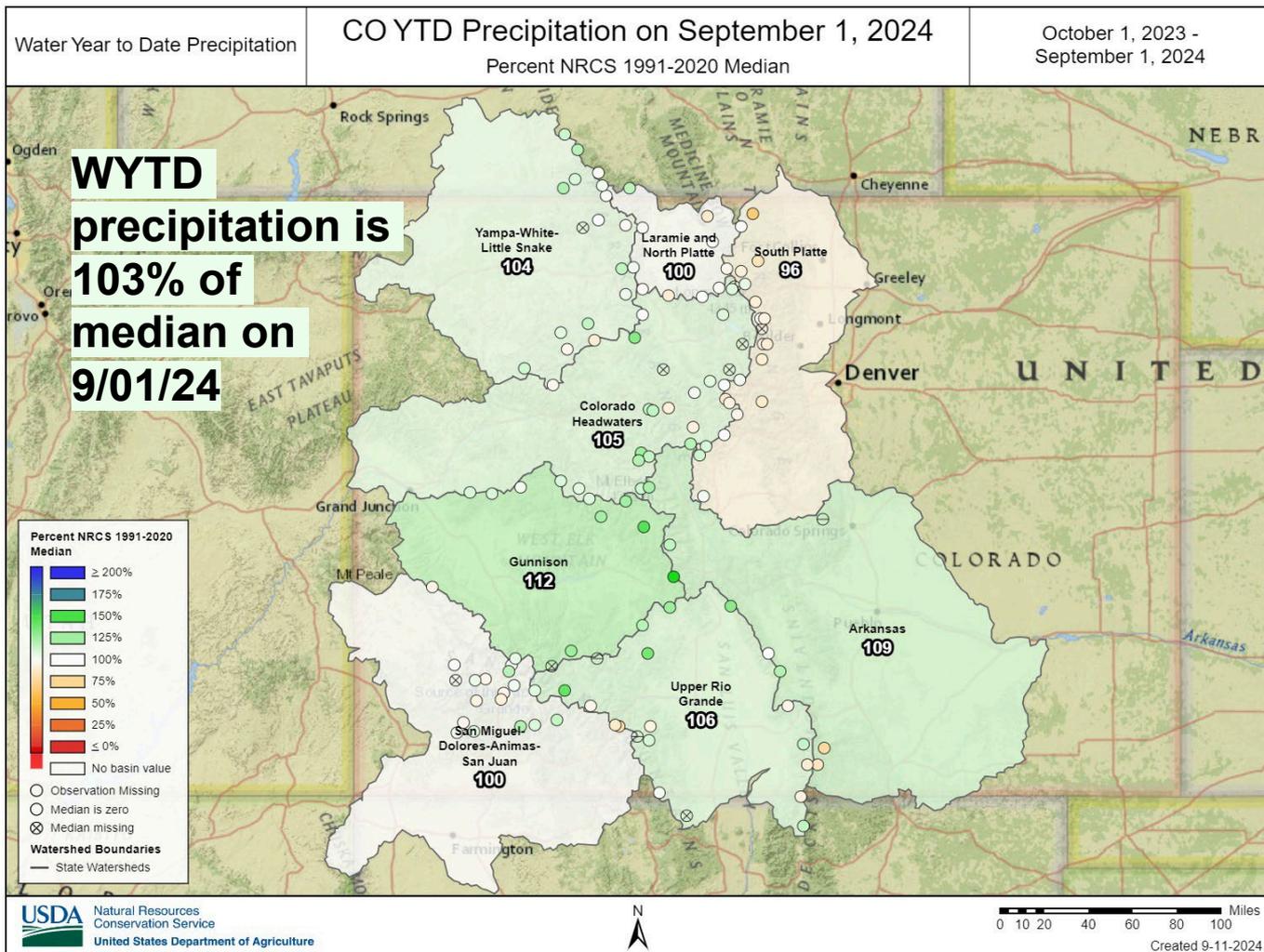


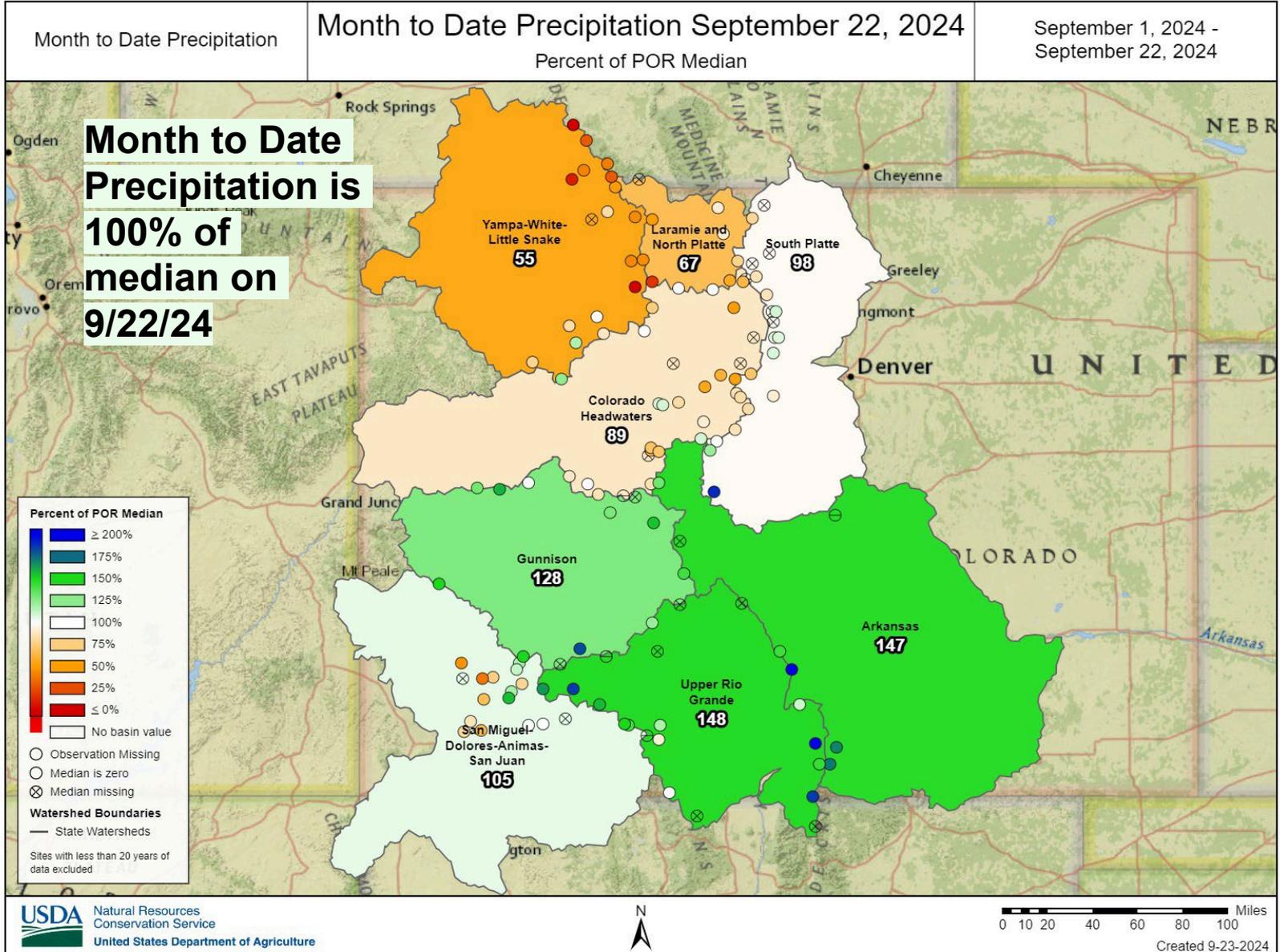
Range 18.3 – 57.5”

25<sup>th</sup> percentile 24.8”

50<sup>th</sup> percentile 28.95”

75<sup>th</sup> percentile 33.85”







# Colorado Snow Surveys

90 day Precipitation

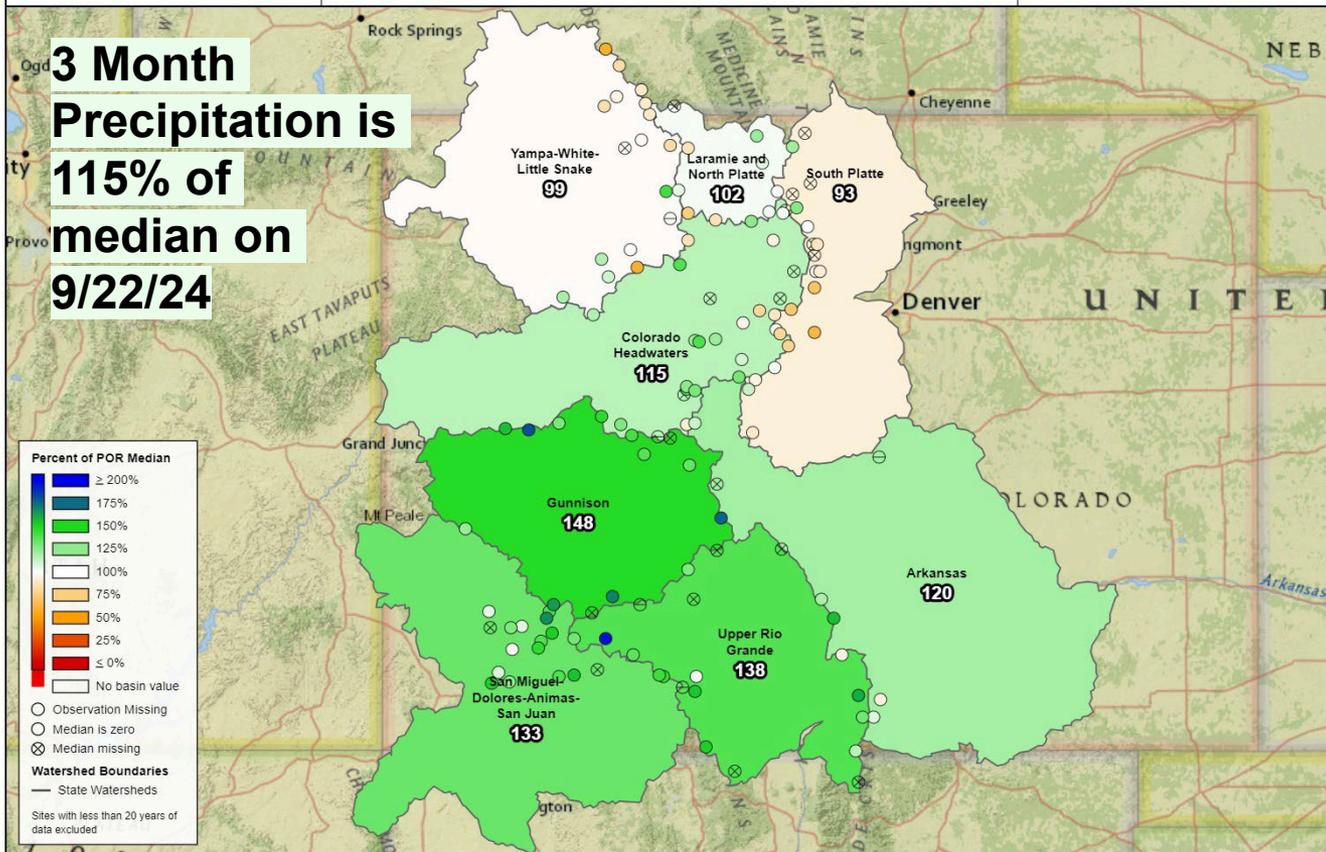
### CO 3 Month Precipitation

Percent of POR Median

June 25, 2024 -  
September 22, 2024

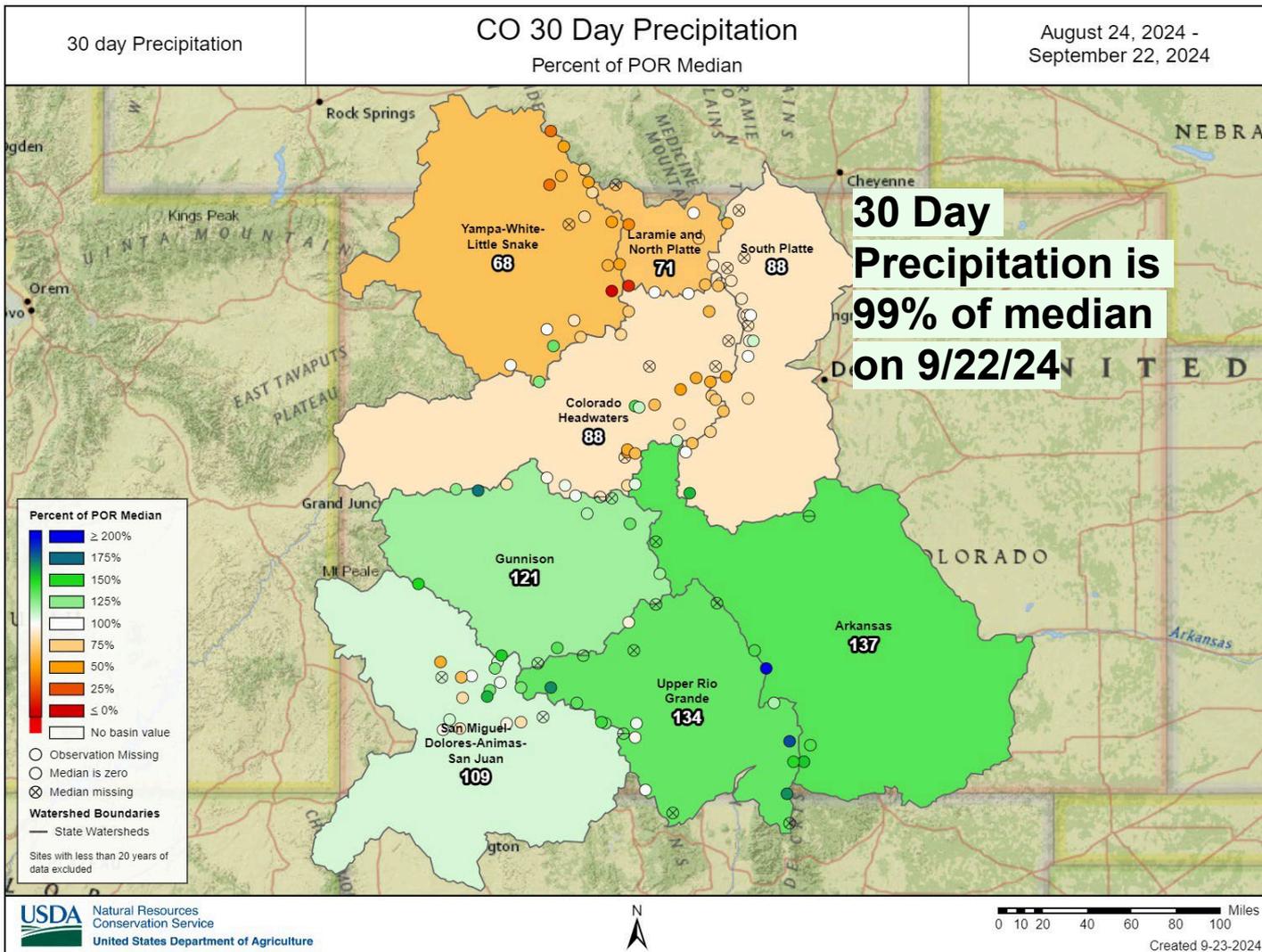
25<sup>th</sup> percentile 5”  
50<sup>th</sup> percentile 6.1”  
75<sup>th</sup> percentile 7.2”

**3 Month  
Precipitation is  
115% of  
median on  
9/22/24**





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Range 1.2" – 4.1"

25<sup>th</sup> percentile 1.8"

50<sup>th</sup> percentile 2.1"

75<sup>th</sup> percentile 2.6"

## PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN STATE OF COLORADO

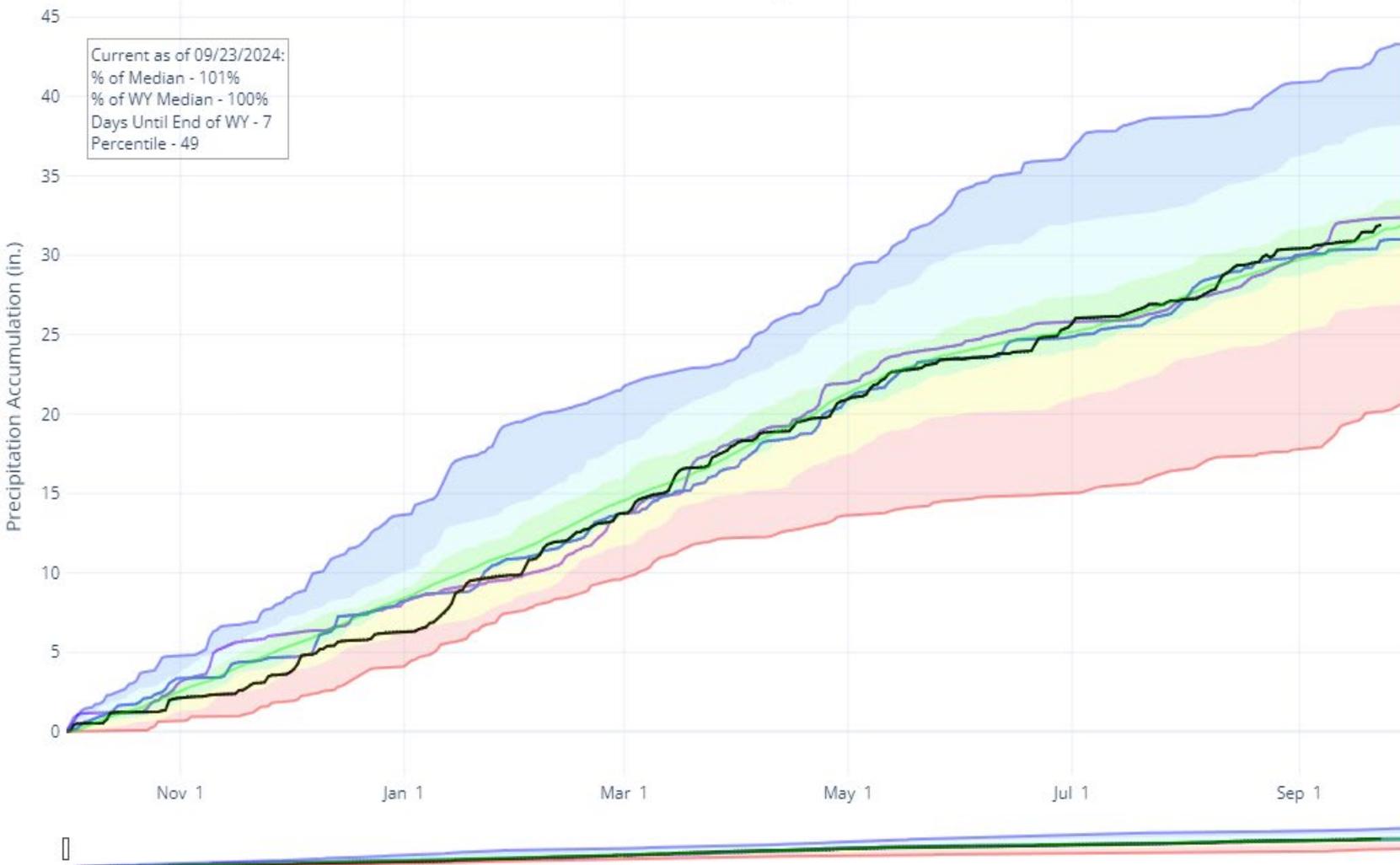
Reset Range

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Current as of 09/23/2024:  
% of Median - 101%  
% of WY Median - 100%  
Days Until End of WY - 7  
Percentile - 49

Station List

- Max
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2024 (117 sites)
- 2010 (114 sites)
- 2003 (97 sites)



## PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN GUNNISON

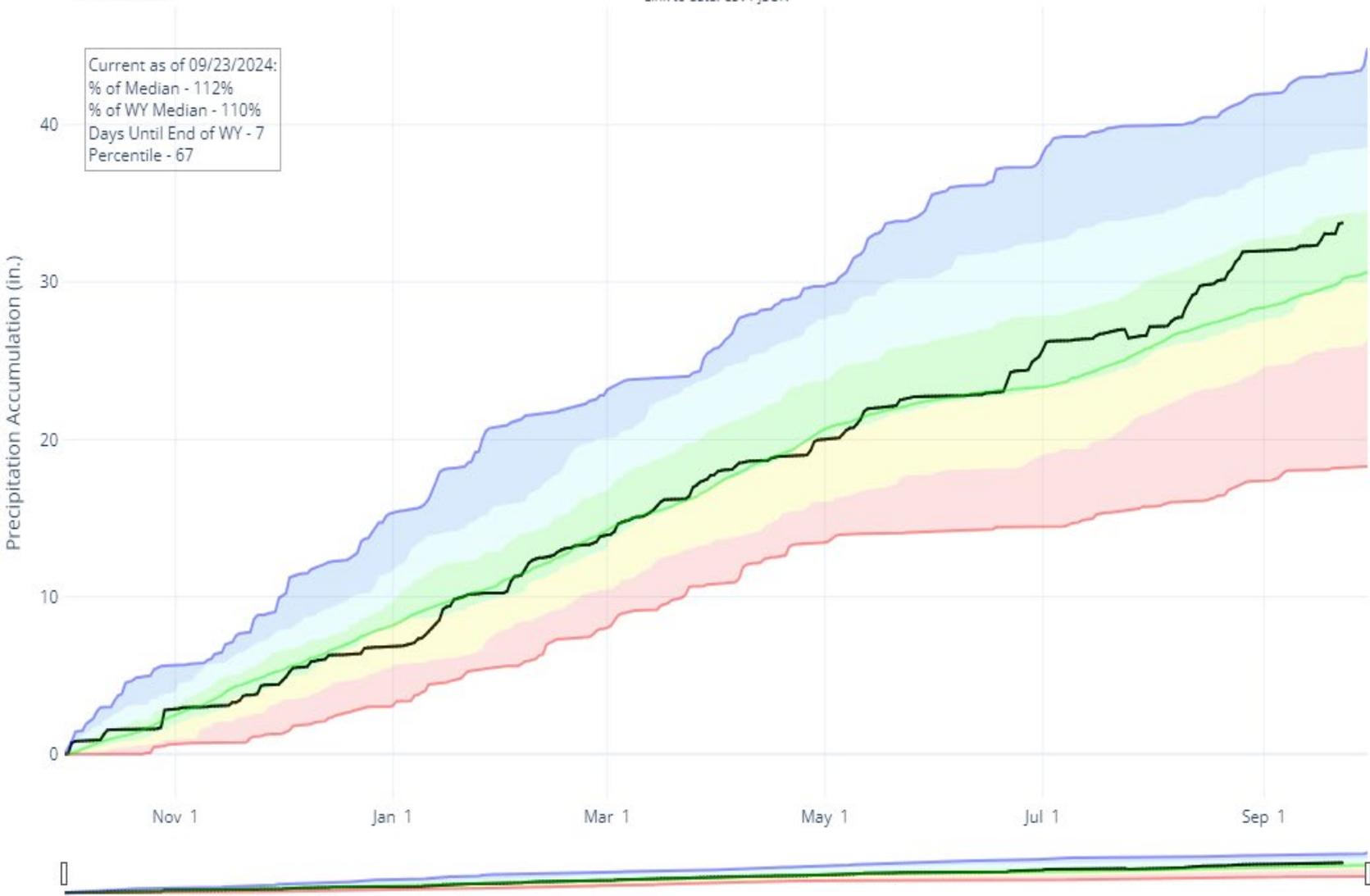
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Station List

Current as of 09/23/2024:  
% of Median - 112%  
% of WY Median - 110%  
Days Until End of WY - 7  
Percentile - 67

- Max
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2024 (15 sites)



## PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN UPPER RIO GRANDE

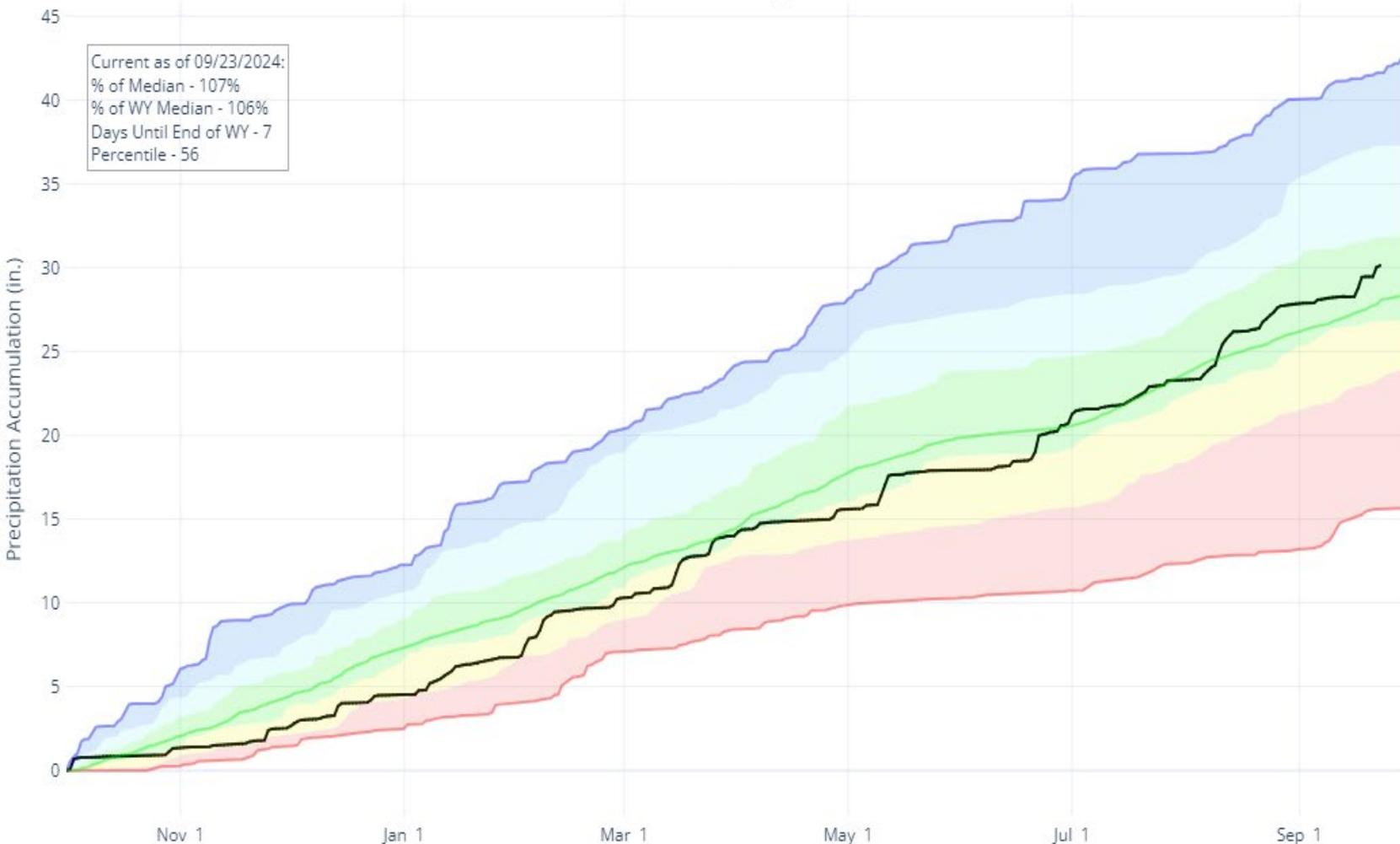
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Station List

Current as of 09/23/2024:  
% of Median - 107%  
% of WY Median - 106%  
Days Until End of WY - 7  
Percentile - 56

- Max
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2024 (18 sites)



## PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN SOUTH PLATTE

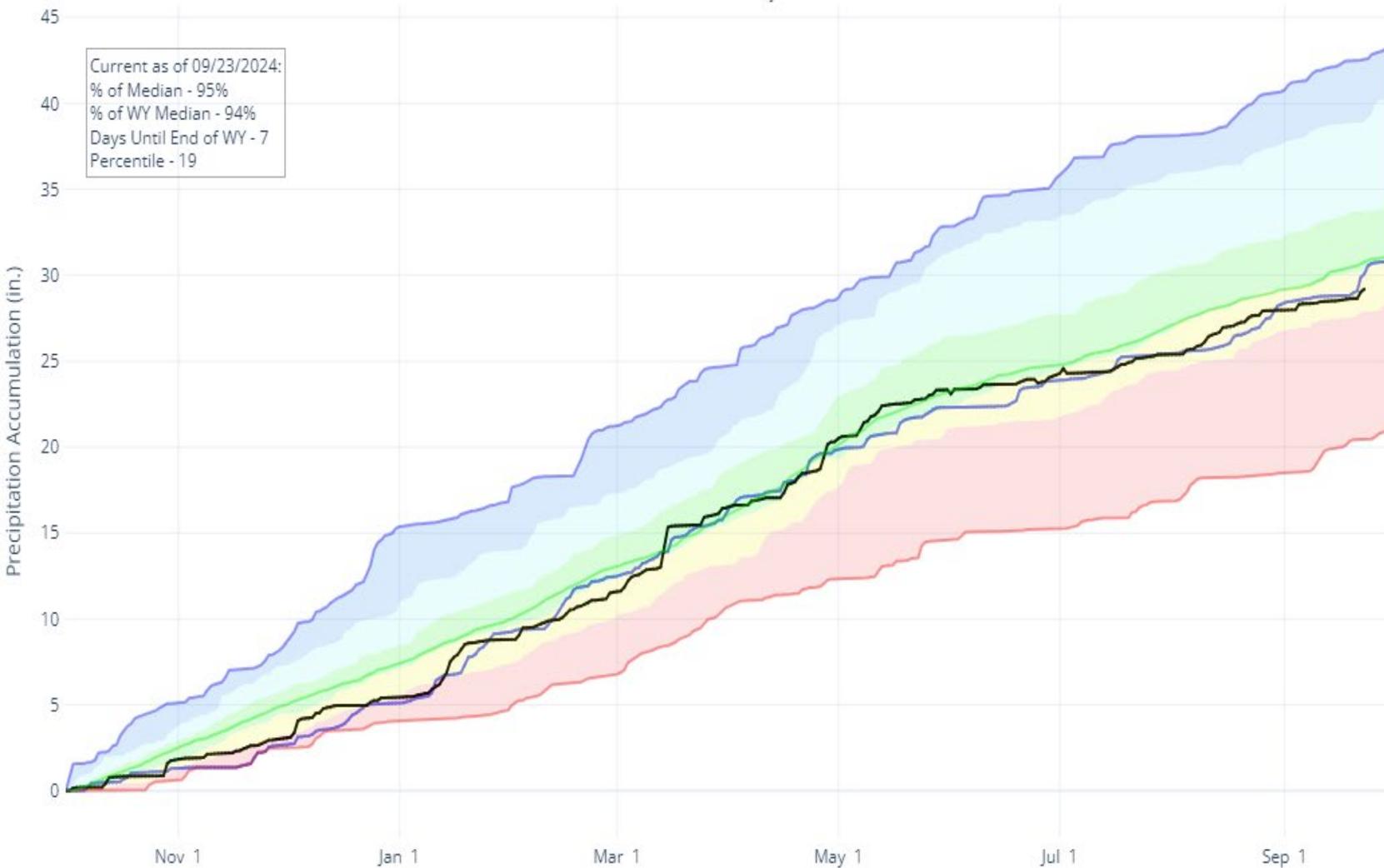
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Station List

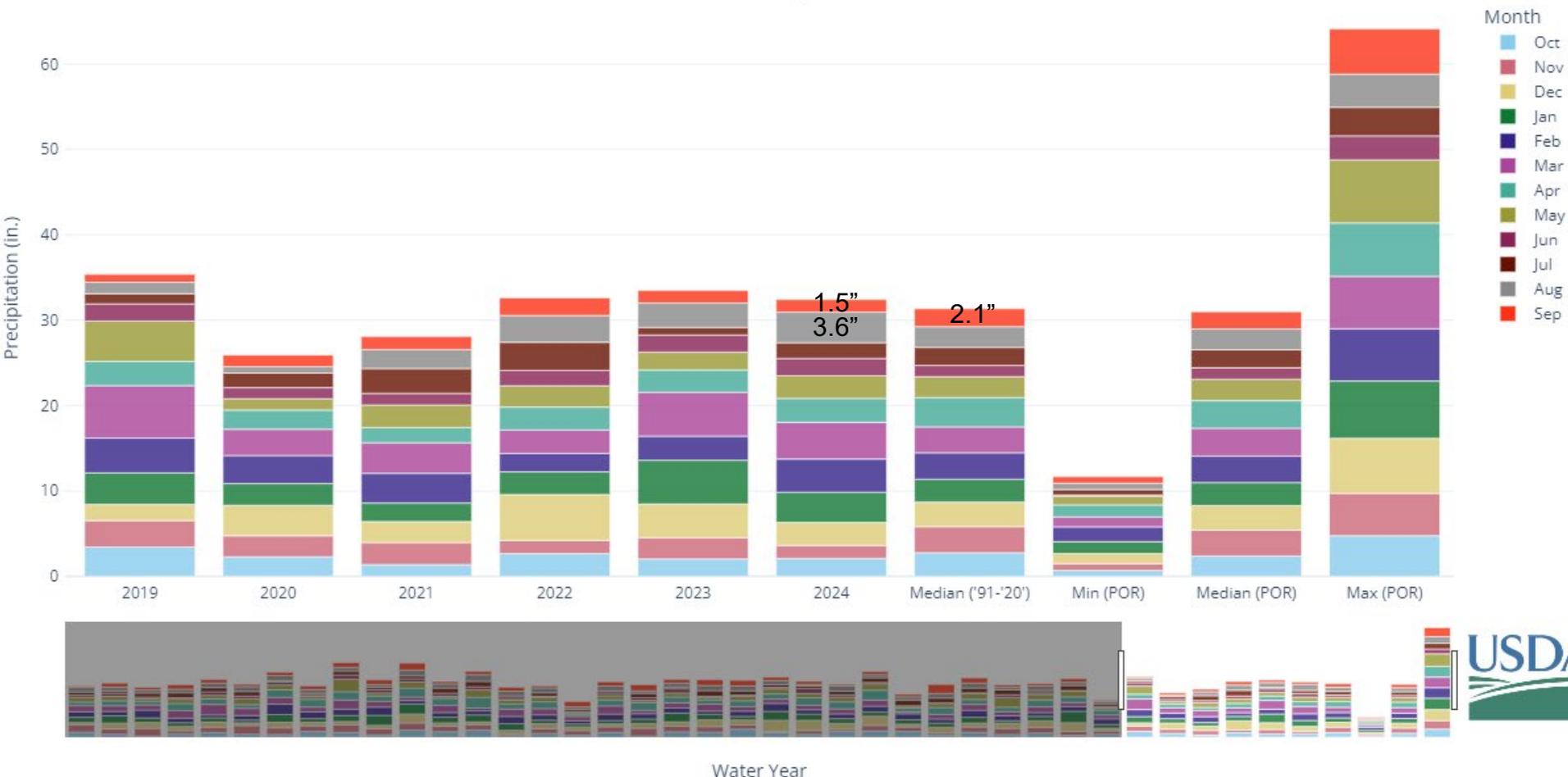
Current as of 09/23/2024:  
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% of WY Median - 94%  
Days Until End of WY - 7  
Percentile - 19

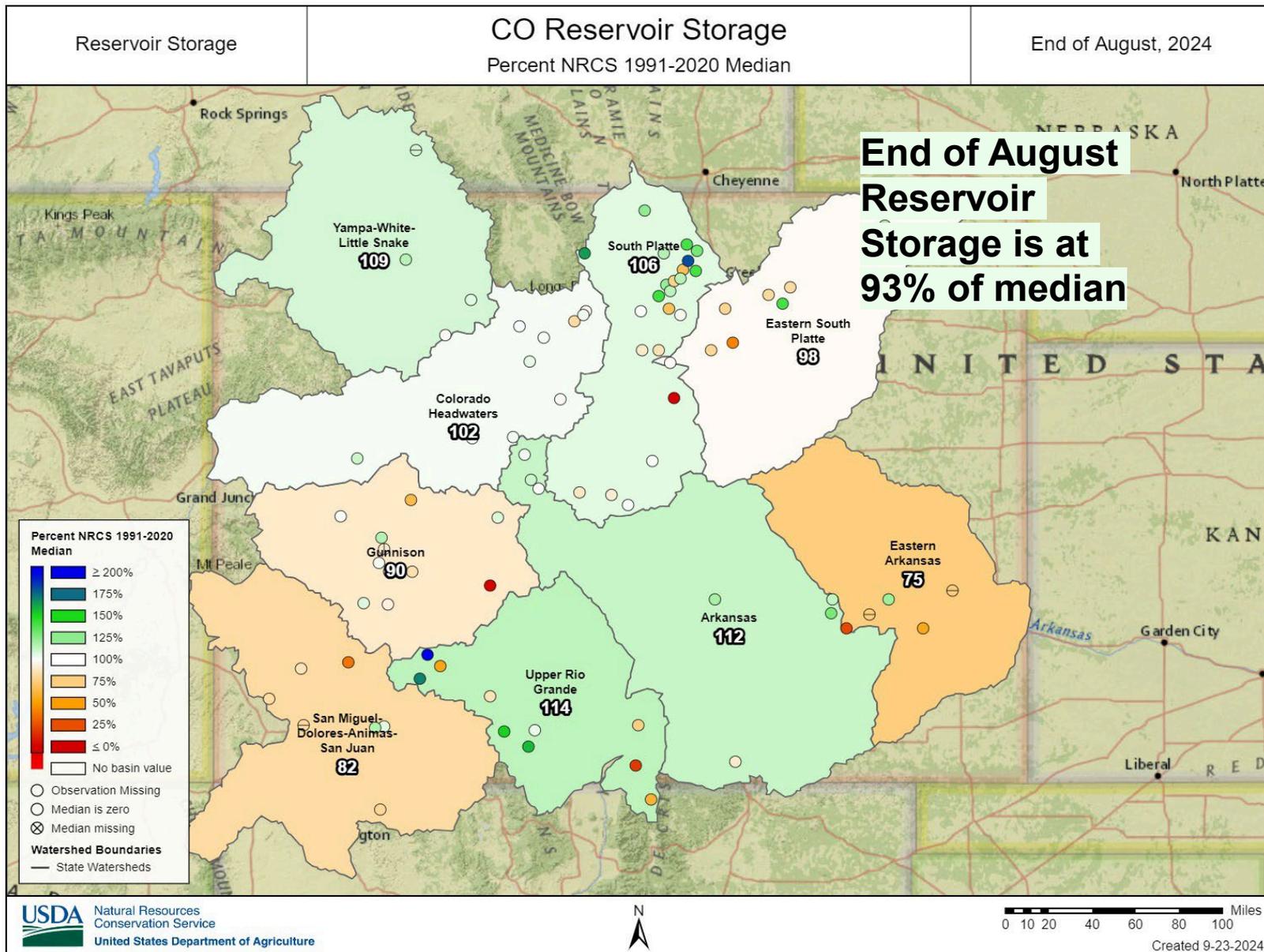
- Max
- Median ('91-'20)
- Min
- Stats. Shading
- 2024 (21 sites)
- 2000 (17 sites)



## STATE OF COLORADO MONTHLY PRECIPITATION SUMMARY

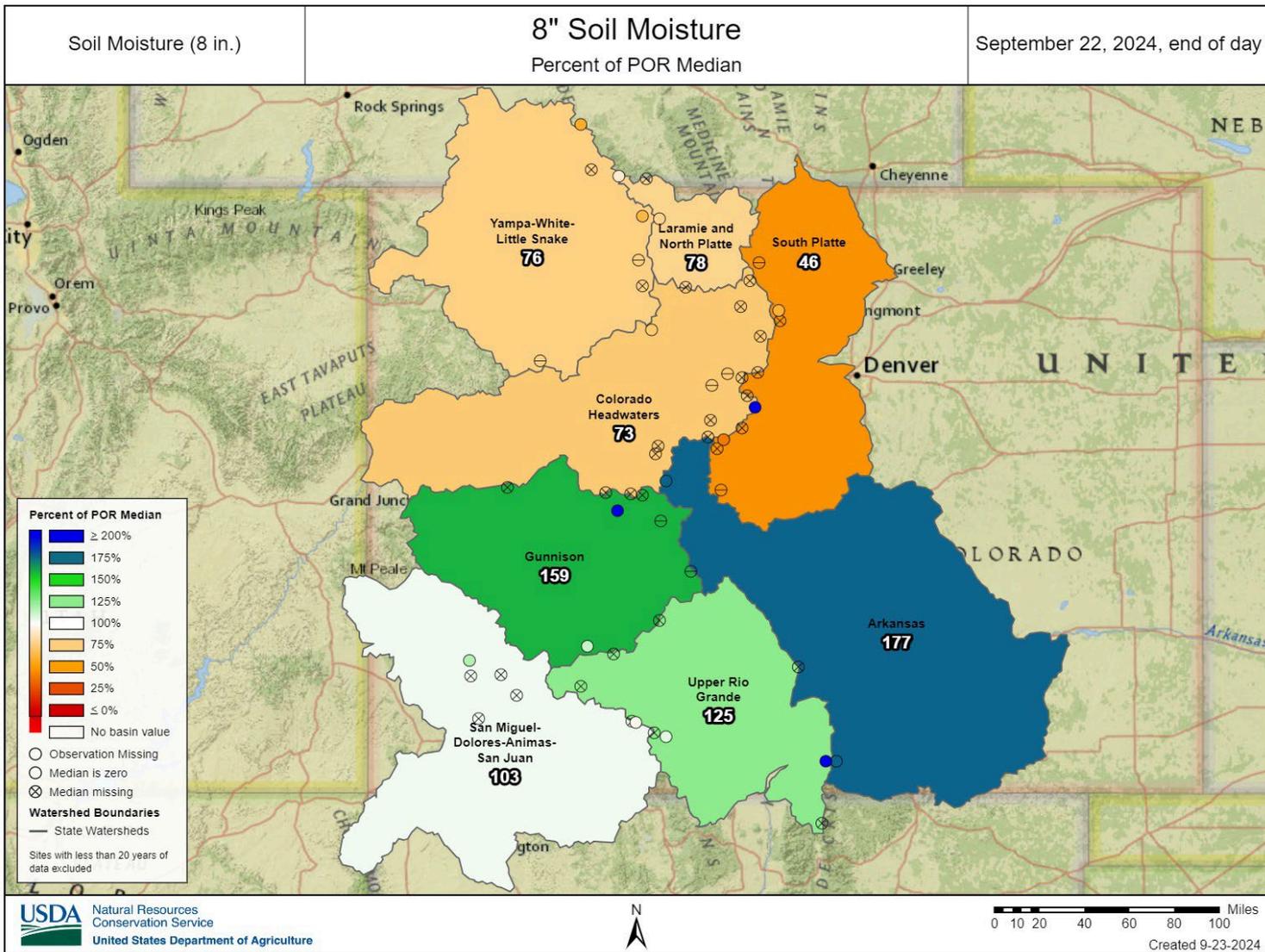
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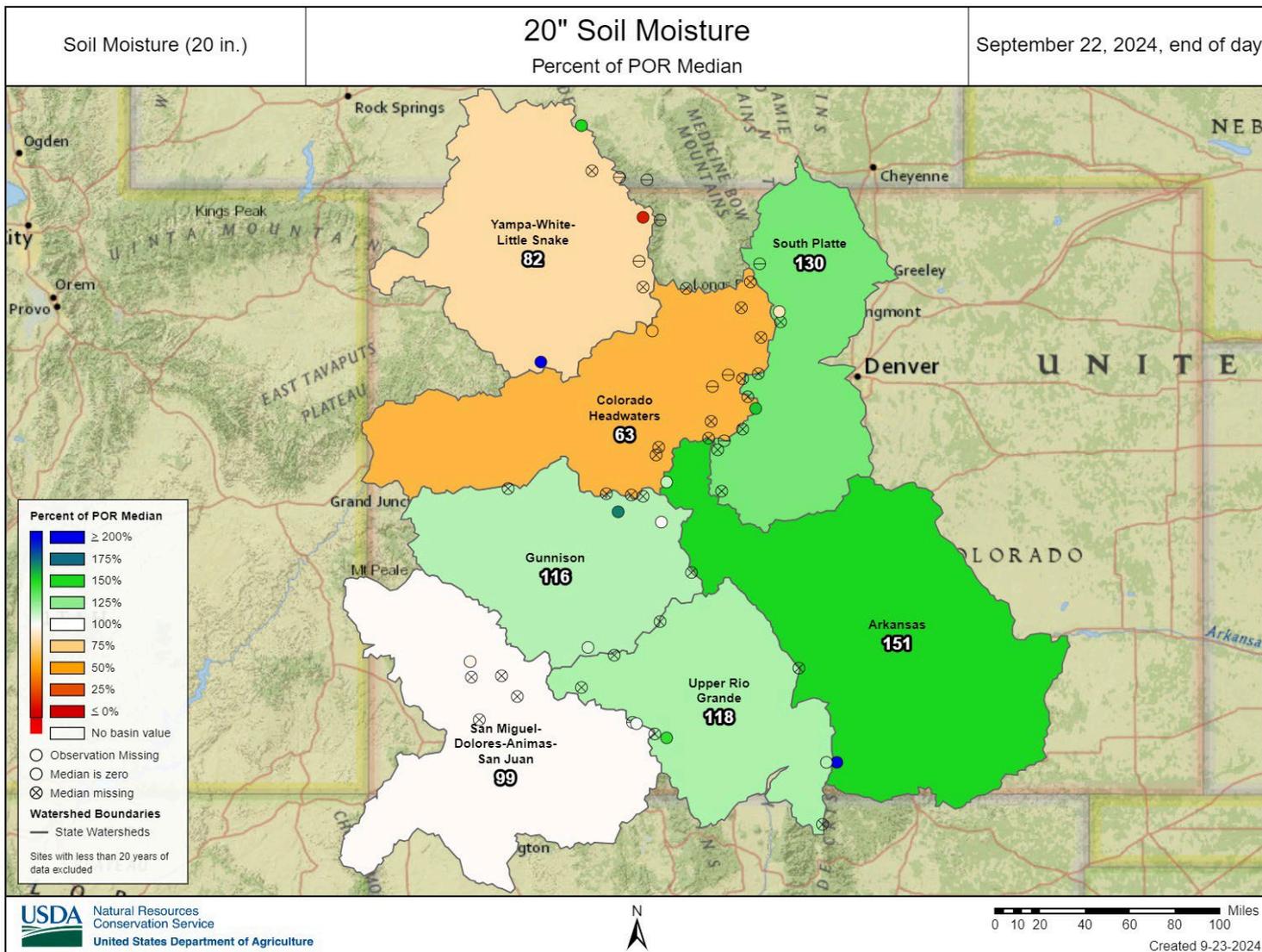


## 8 inch soil moisture



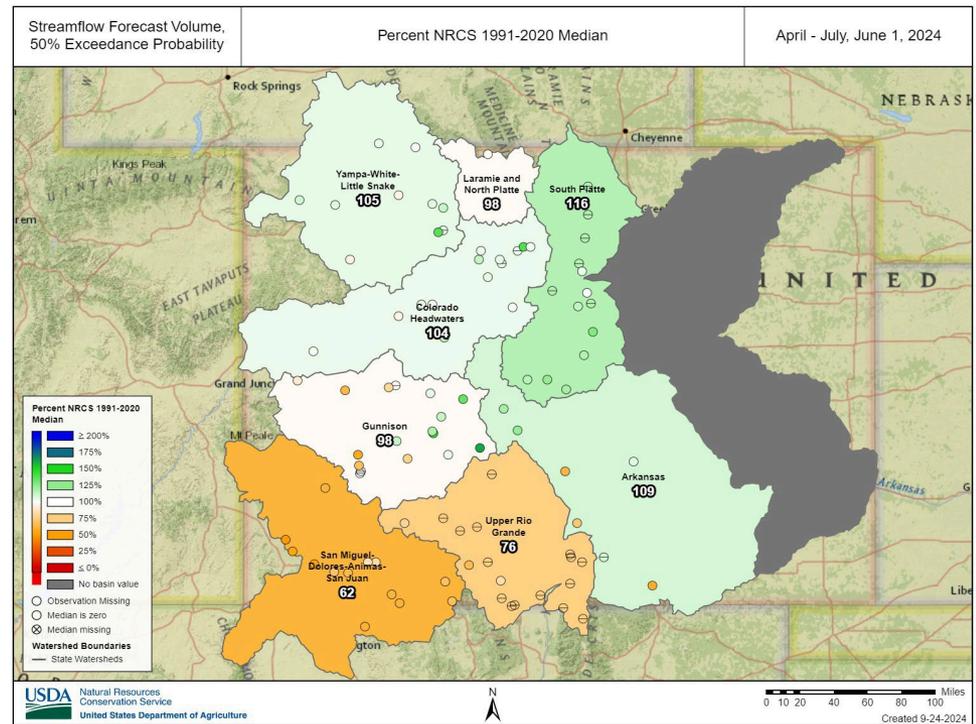
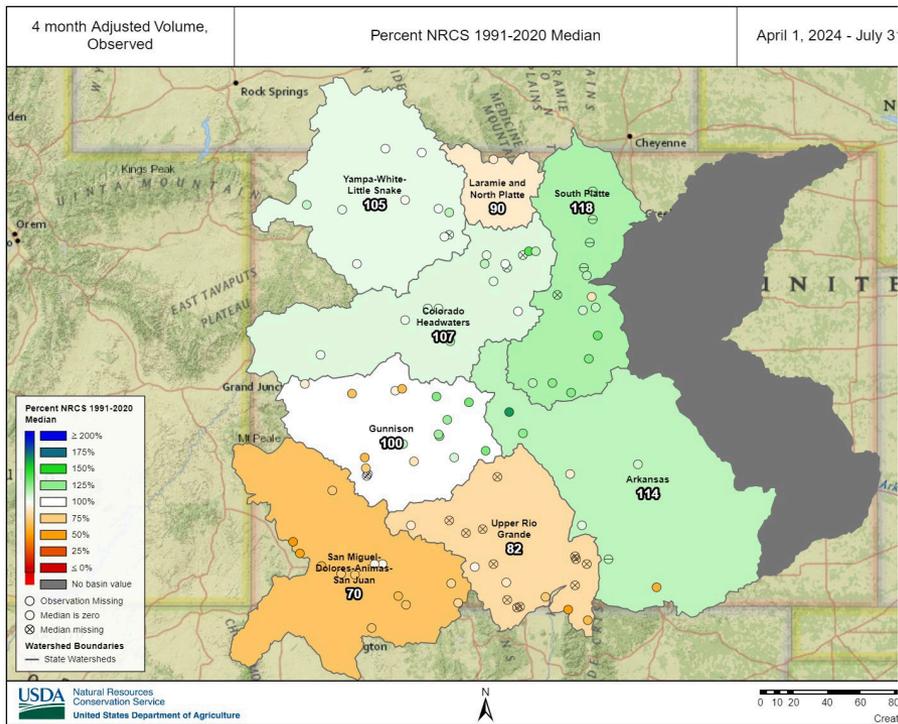


## 20 inch soil moisture





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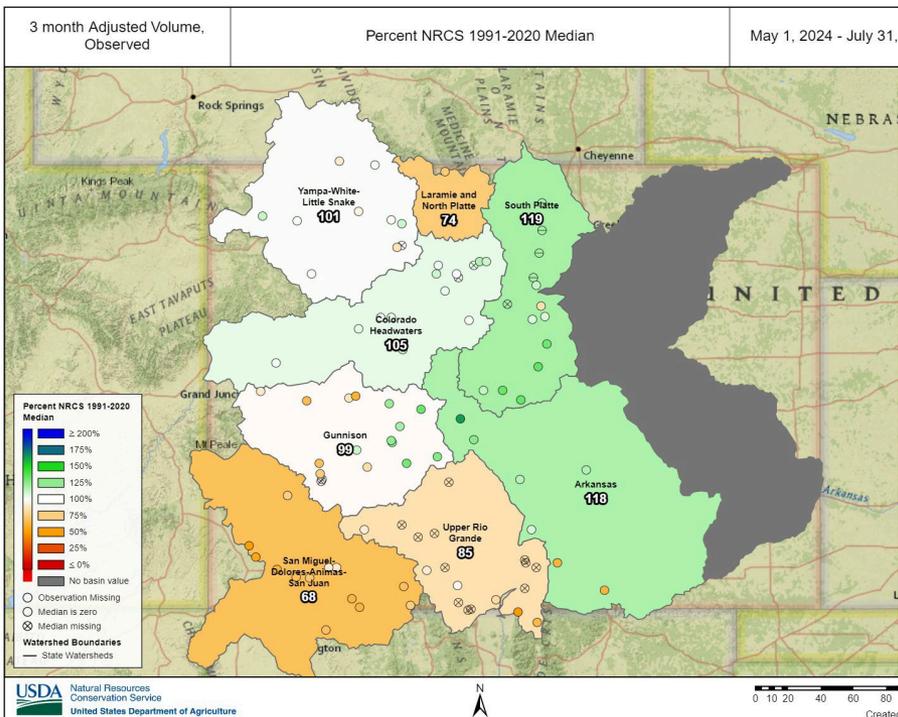


Observed streamflow from April – July was 108% of median

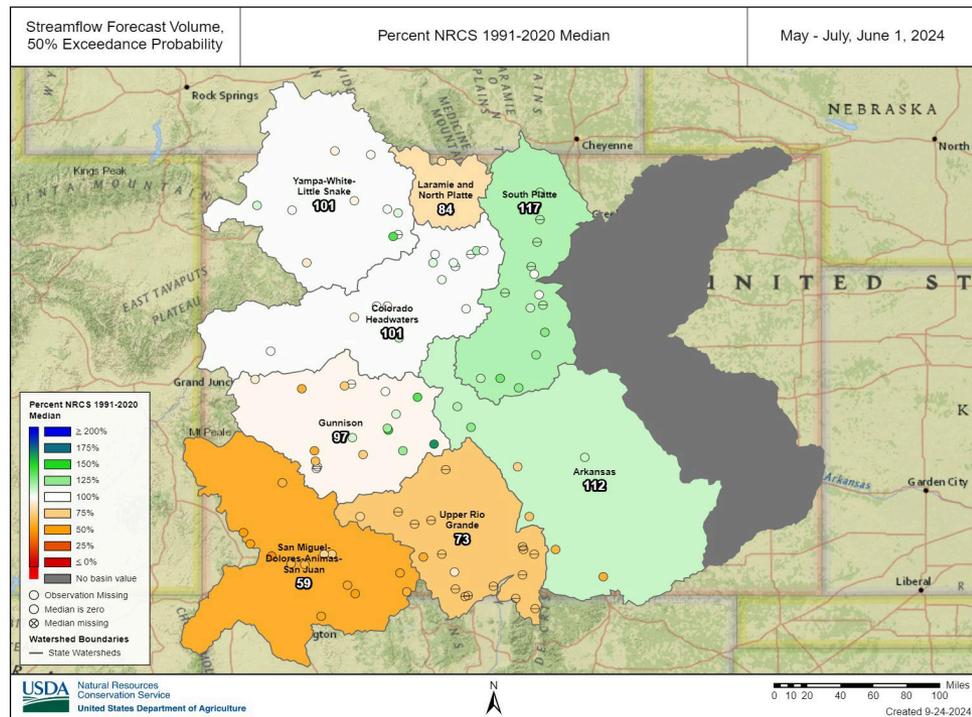
50% exceedance probability from April – July was predicted at 94%



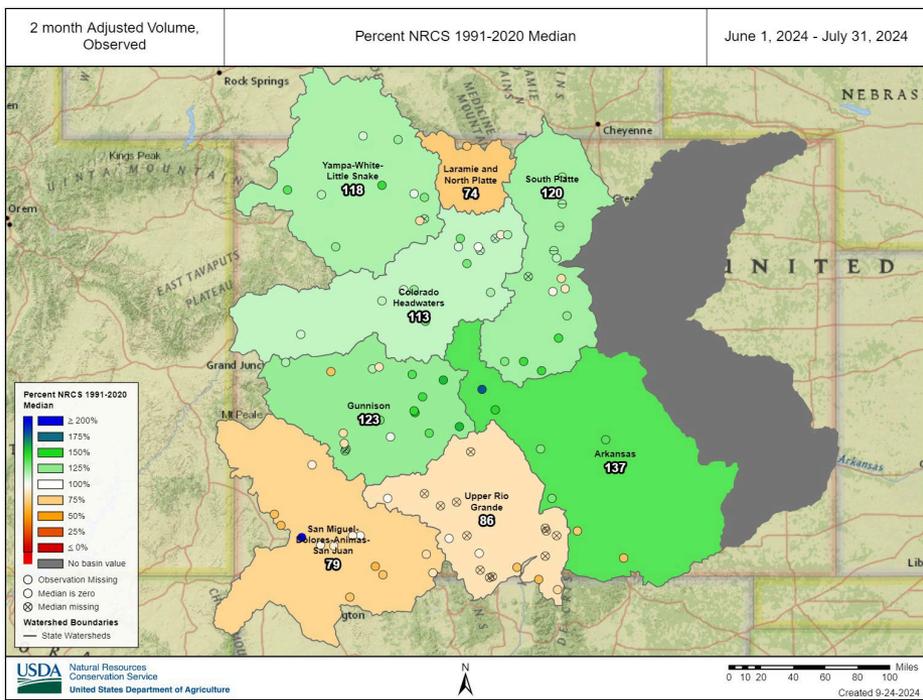
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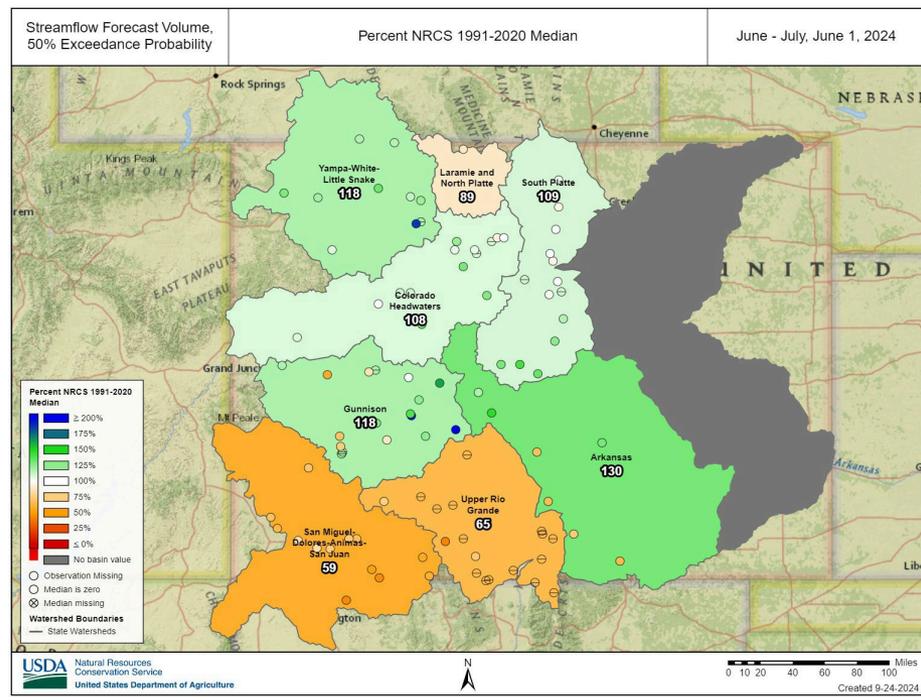
**Observed streamflow from May – July was 106% of median**



**50% exceedance probability from May – July was predicted at 92%**



**Observed streamflow from June – July was 119% of median**

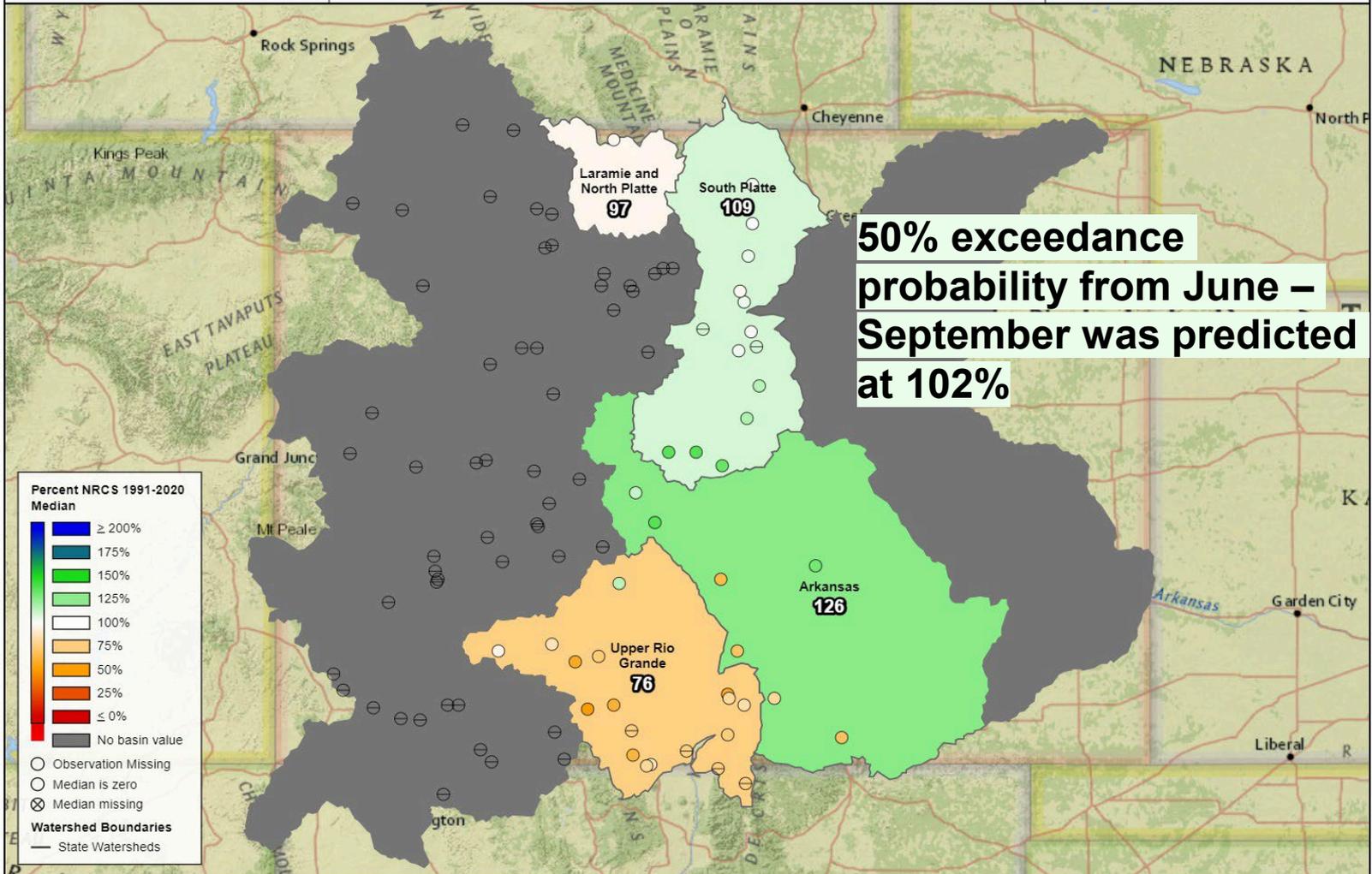


**50% exceedance probability from June – July was predicted at 106%**

Streamflow Forecast Volume,  
50% Exceedance Probability

Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median

June - September, June 1, 2024



# Summary

- The 2024 Water Year is concluding with near-normal to above normal precipitation across much of Colorado. The Upper Rio Grande, Arkansas and San Miguel-Dolores-Animas-San Juan basins have seen strong performance
- Statewide precipitation is 102% of median. Ranging from 96% in the South Platte to 116% in the Gunnison & Arkansas.
- Statewide reservoir storage is at 93% of median down 4% from July.
- The mean soil moisture across all stations for 8 inch depths is around 19.7% and 17.2% for 20 inch sensors
- Statewide streamflow was 106% of median from May to July and improved to 119% of median for June to July. Key basins like the Arkansas and South Platte performed well with streamflow percentages above 115% while the San Miguel-Dolores-Animas- San Juan remained lower at around 70% of median



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