Water Conditions Monitoring Committee Meeting September 23rd, 2025

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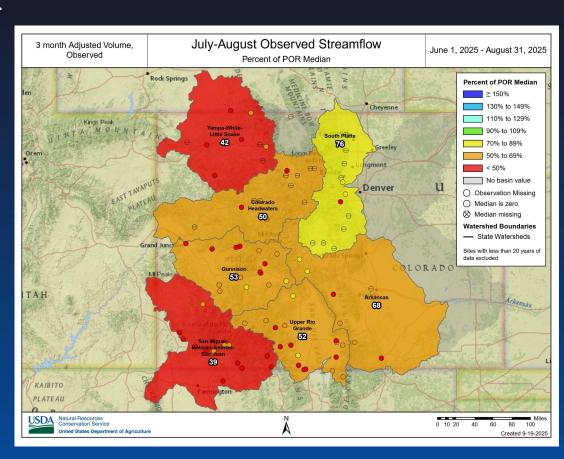
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Statewide Conditions as of 09/22/25

- WYTD precipitation 86% & 103% (2024)
- 30 day precipitation 158% & 106% (2024)
- 60 day precipitation 87%
 & 119% (2024)
- 90 day precipitation 85%
 & 119% (2024)
- June-August Observed Streamflow 45%
- August Observed Streamflow 39%
- August EOM Reservoir storage is at 80% of median
- Soil moisture 20" is at 95% of POR median. 8" VWC is at 101% of POR median





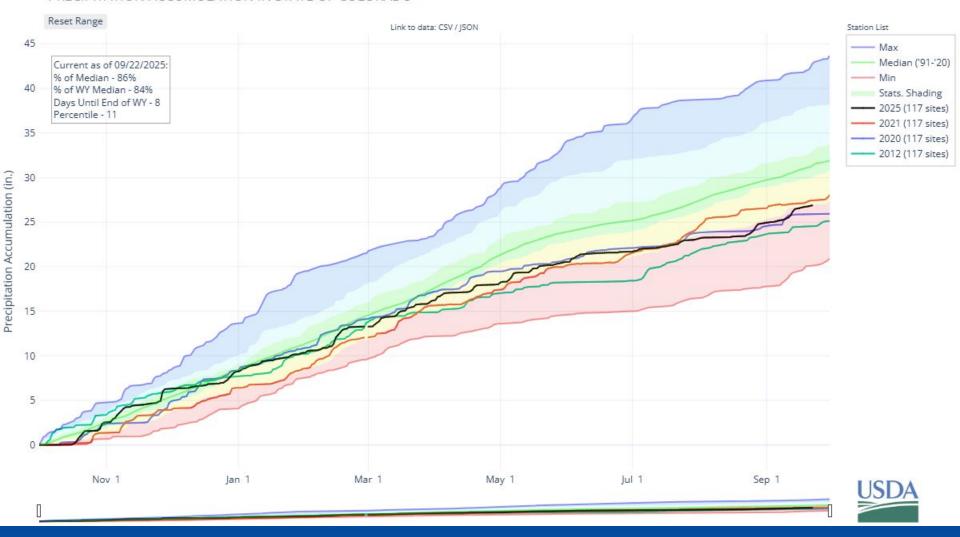


• 9/13/25 at 1:12 p.m., a confirmed tornado was located 10 miles northeast of Montezuma Creek, or 22 miles southeast of Blanding, Utah. National Weather Service prompted the agency to issue a tornado warning Saturday for parts of Montezuma and Dolores counties in Colorado and east-central San Juan County in Utah

Precipitation

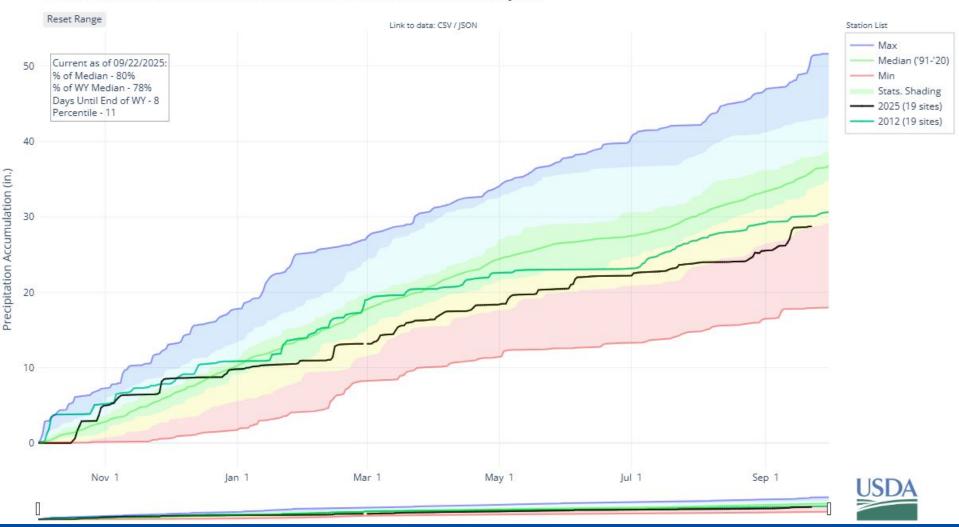


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN STATE OF COLORADO

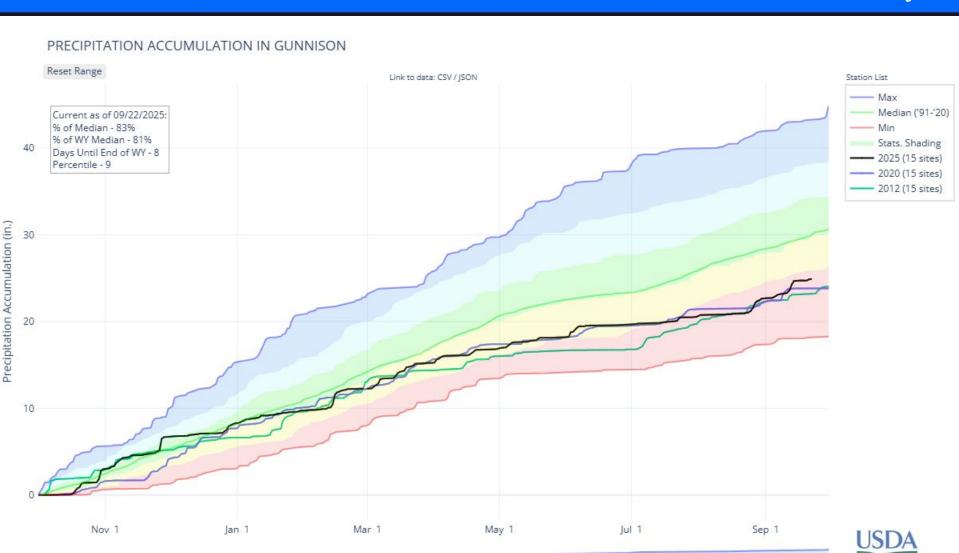




PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN SAN MIGUEL-DOLORES-ANIMAS-SAN JUAN

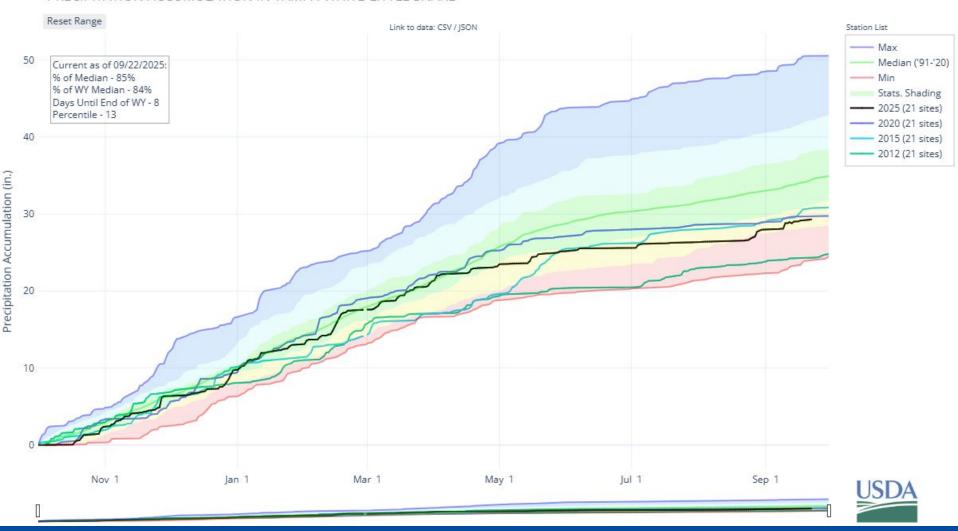






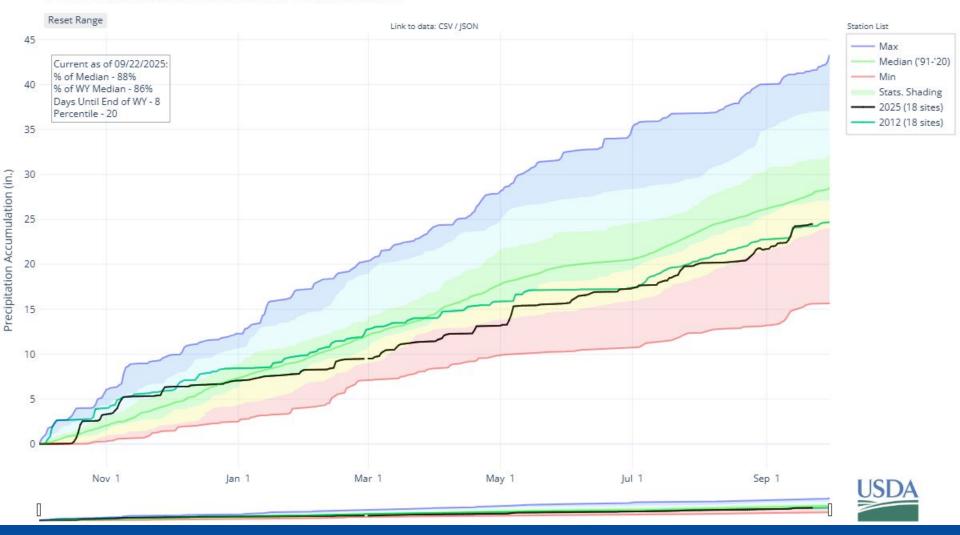


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN YAMPA-WHITE-LITTLE SNAKE



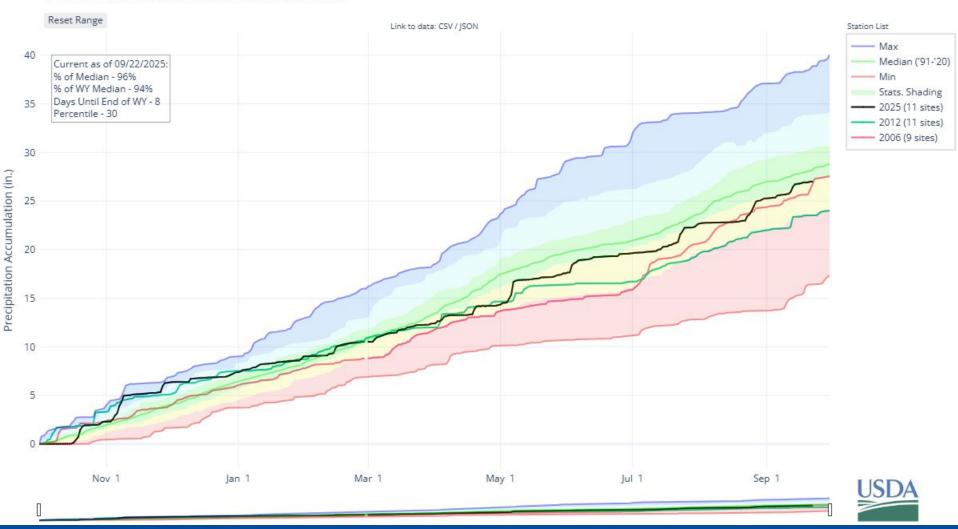


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN UPPER RIO GRANDE



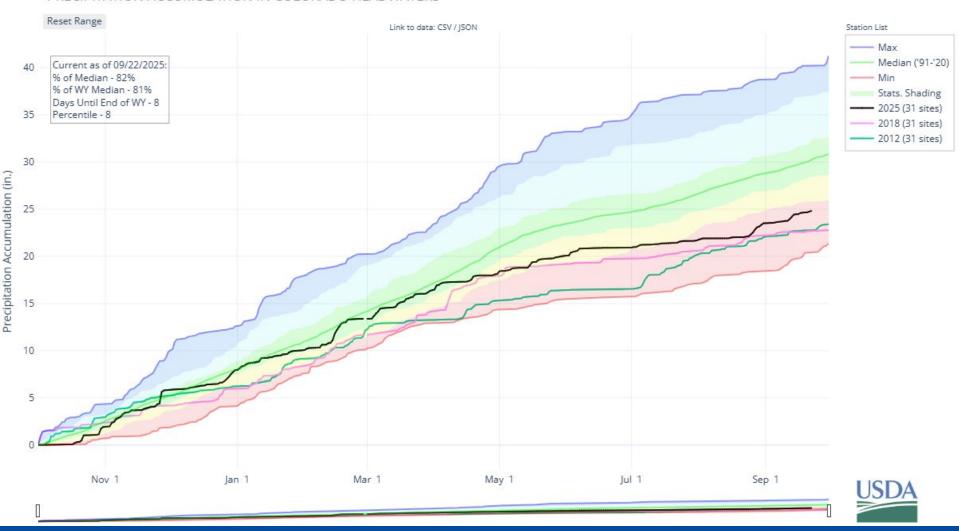


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN ARKANSAS



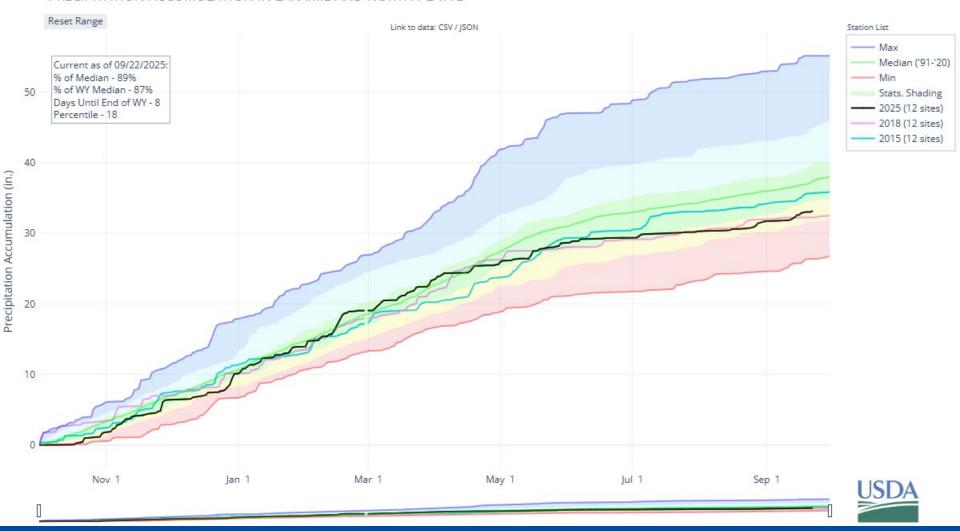


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN COLORADO HEADWATERS



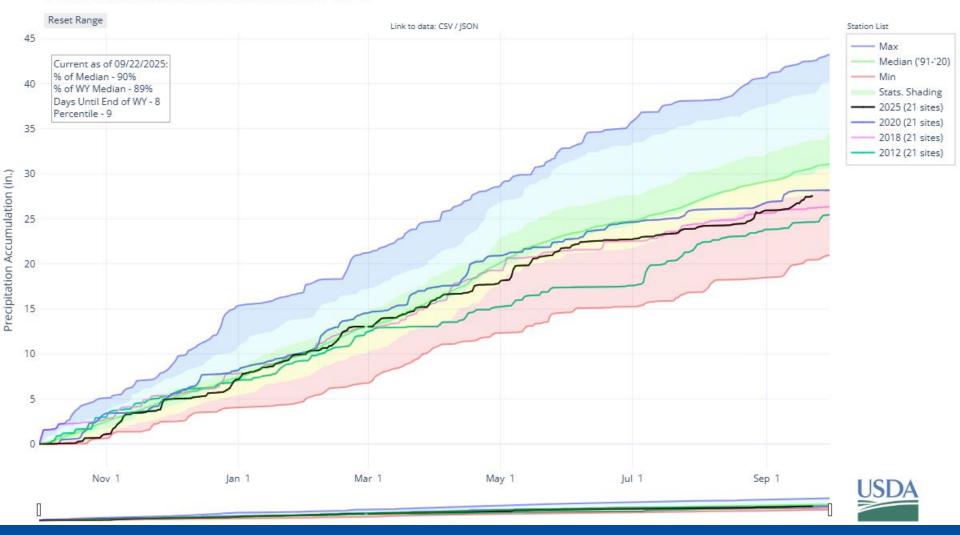


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN LARAMIE AND NORTH PLATTE

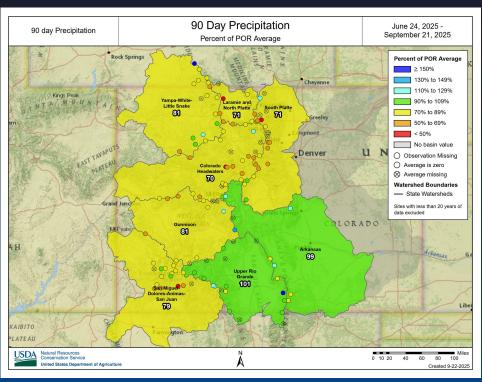


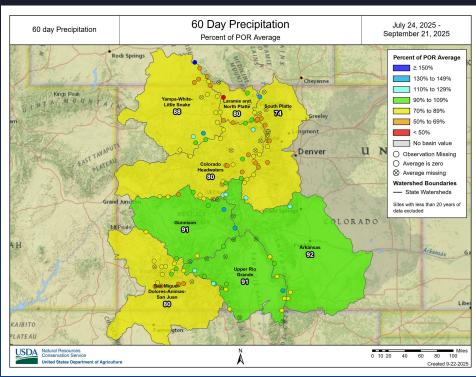


PRECIPITATION ACCUMULATION IN SOUTH PLATTE





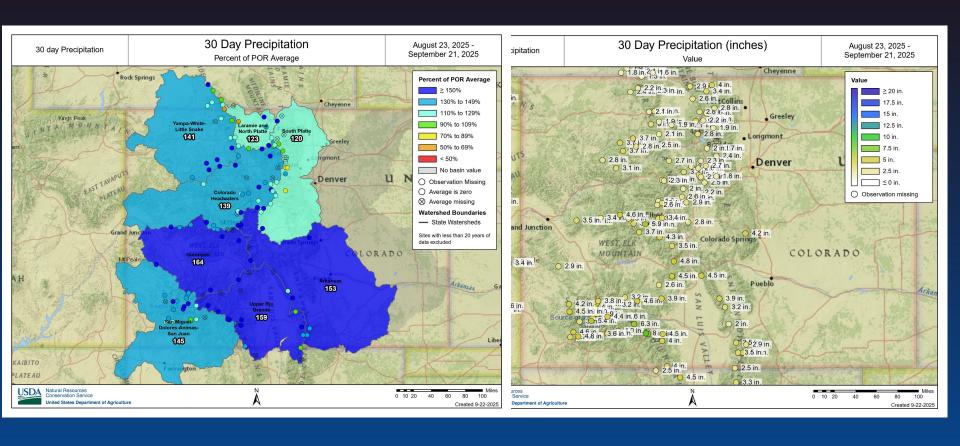




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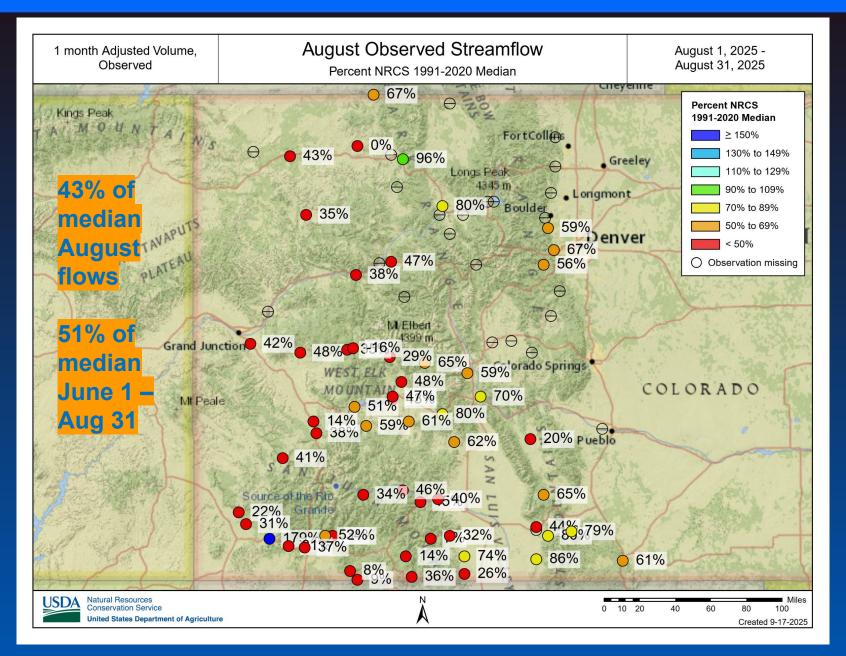




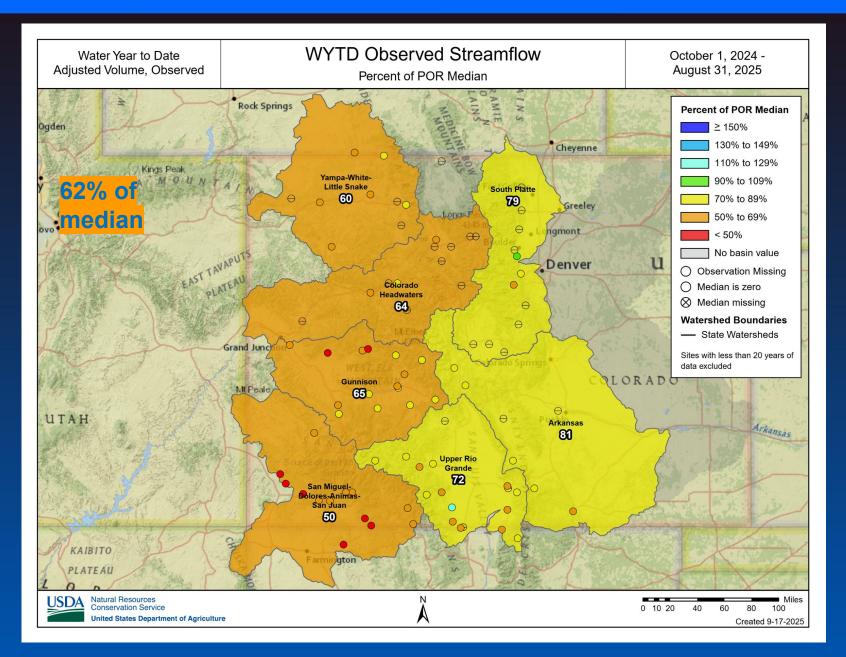
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Streamflow



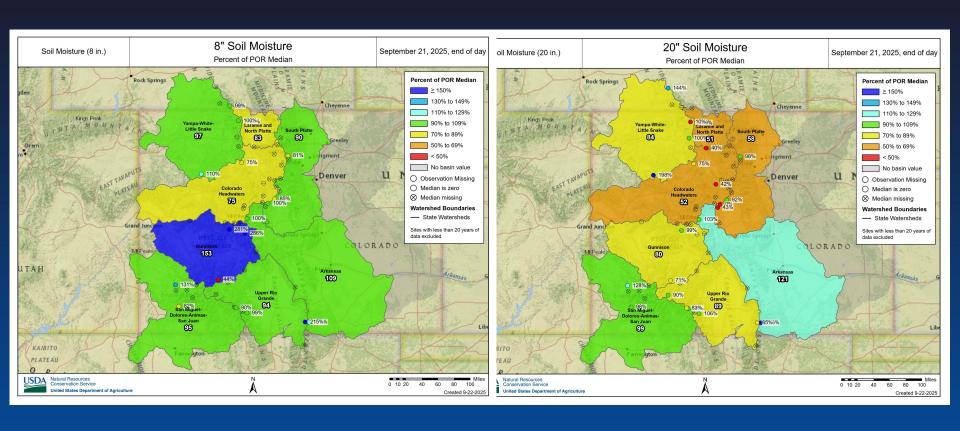






Soil Moisture

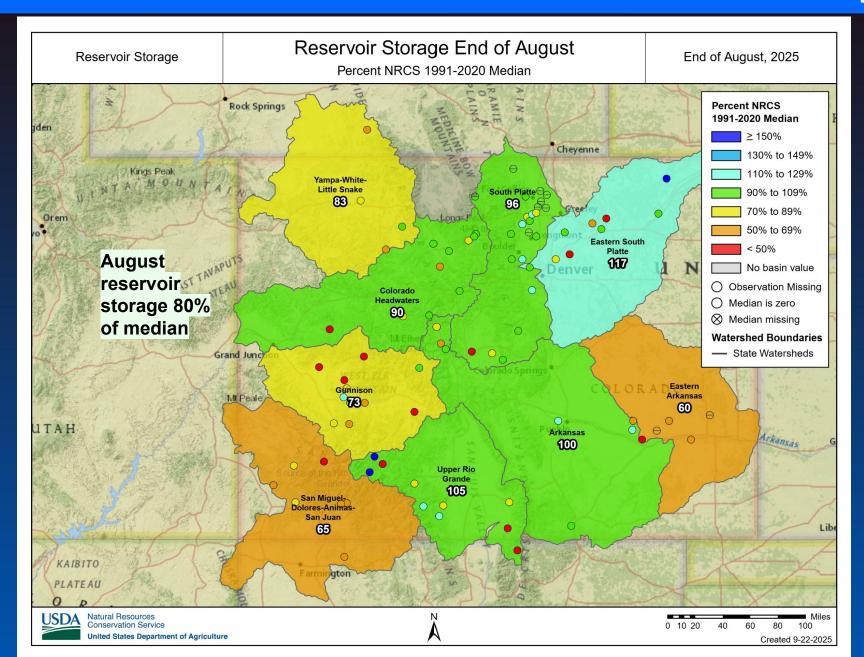




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Reservoirs

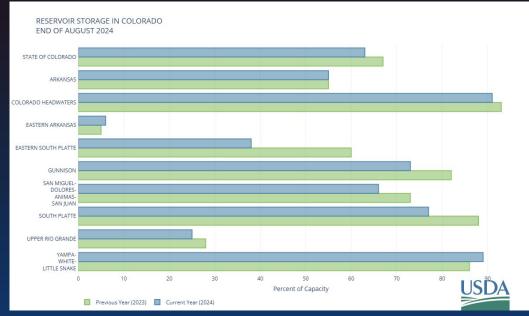


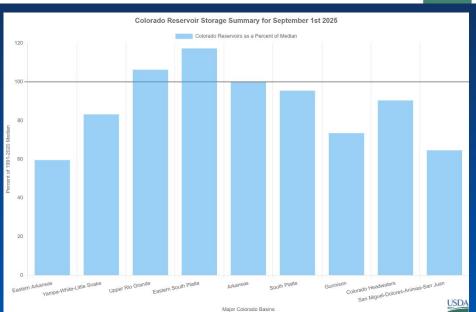




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Statewide Reservoir % of capacity is at 63% compared to 67% September 1st 2024

Blue Mesa Reservoir 67% of median and 56% of capacity

McPhee Reservoir 66% of median and 51% of capacity

Lake Granby 99% of median and 87% of capacity

Pueblo Reservoir 114% of median and 54% of capacity

Dillon Reservoir 90% of median and 88% of capacity

Navajo Reservoir 65% of median and 53% of capacity



Summary

- Statewide WYTD precipitation is 86% of median. Ranging from 81% in the combined SMDASJ to 95% in the Arkansas. Month to date precipitation is 140% of median.
- Increased precipitation patterns have benefitted all basins statewide over the last 30 days
- Statewide reservoir storage is at 80% of median a 19% decrease from this time last year
- Soil moisture readings at both 8" and 20" depths show increased saturation in response to wetter conditions
- Statewide August observed streamflow is well below historical average at 39% of median



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