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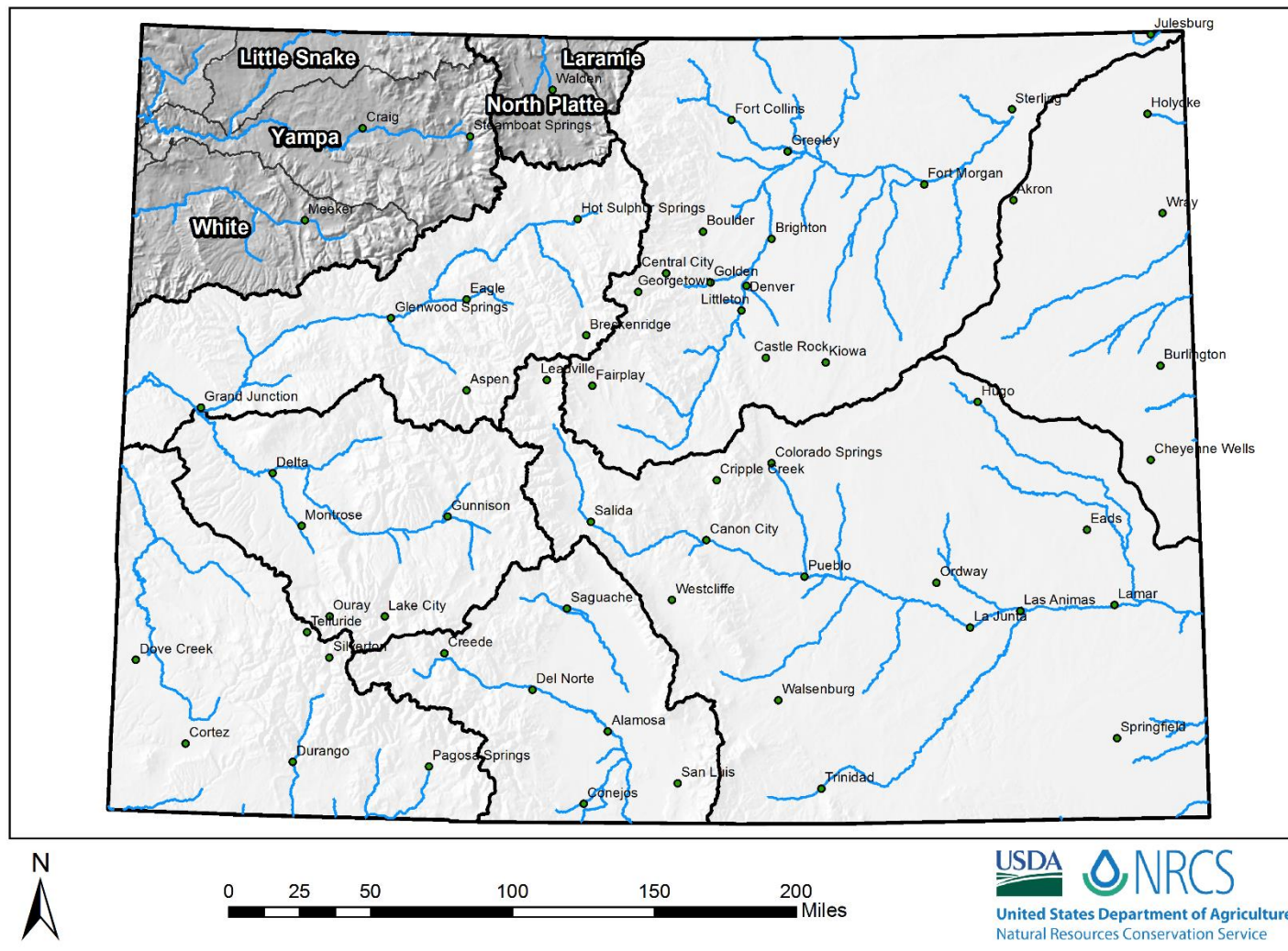
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Major Basin Summary

Yampa, White, and North Platte River Basins





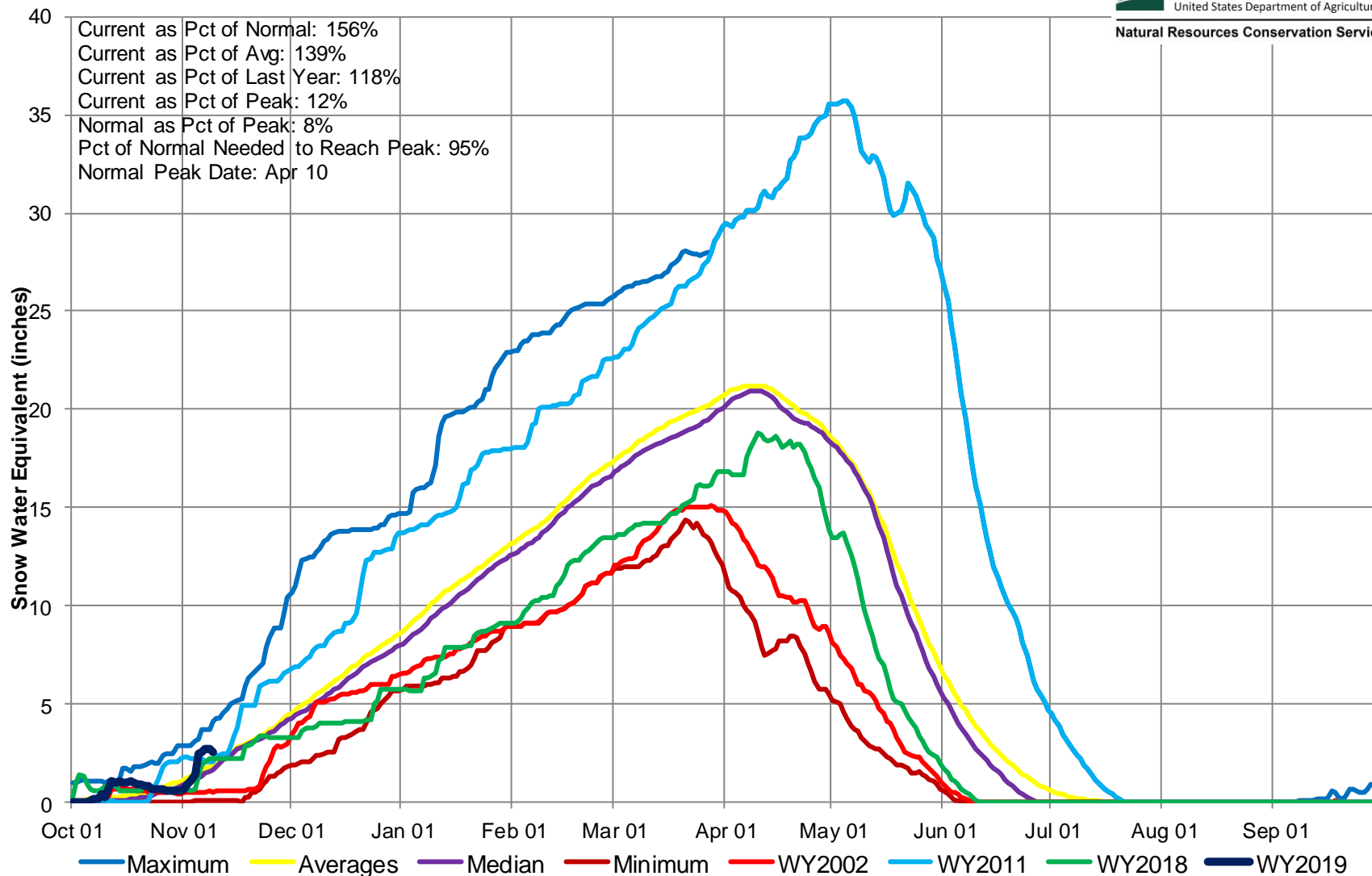
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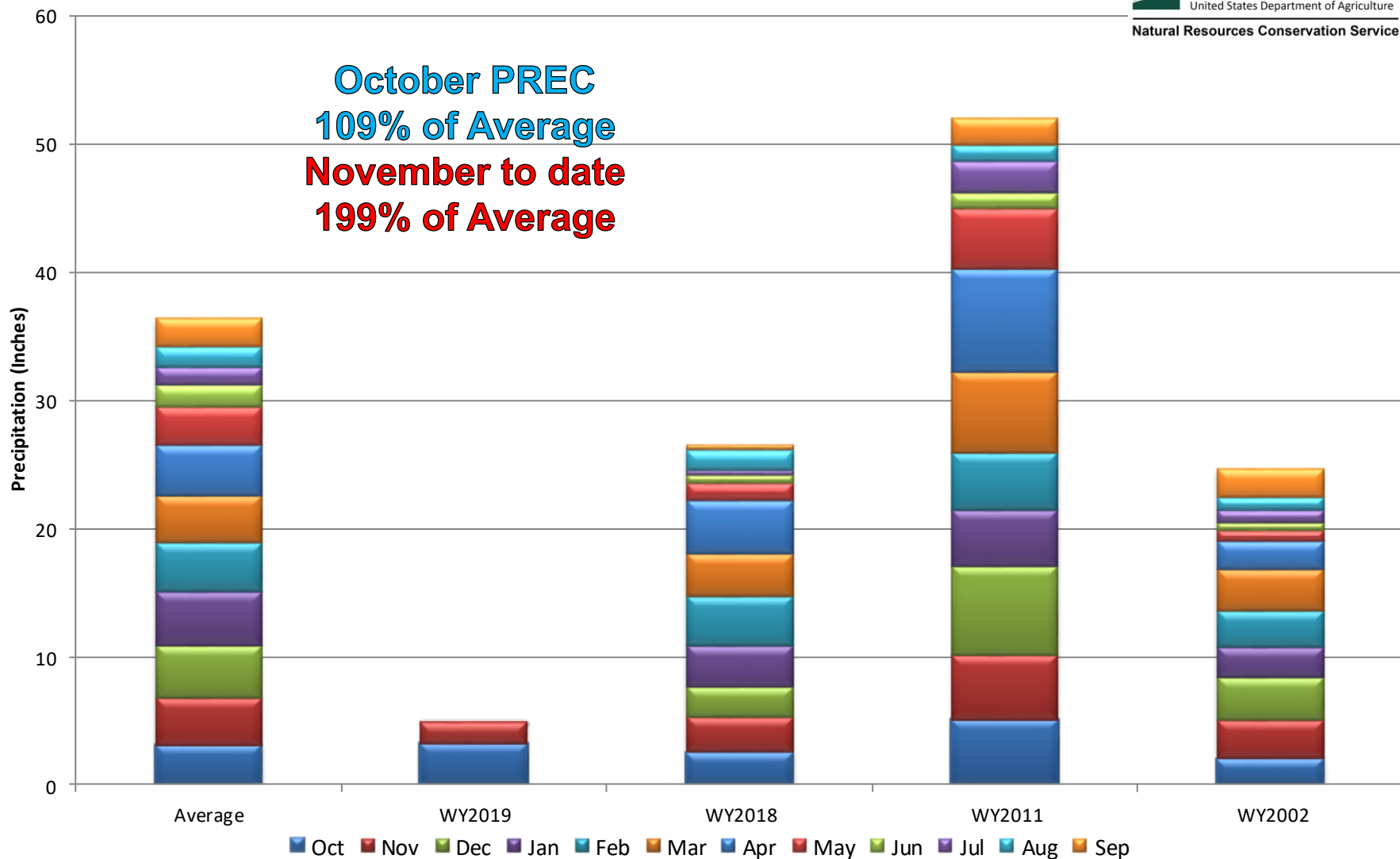
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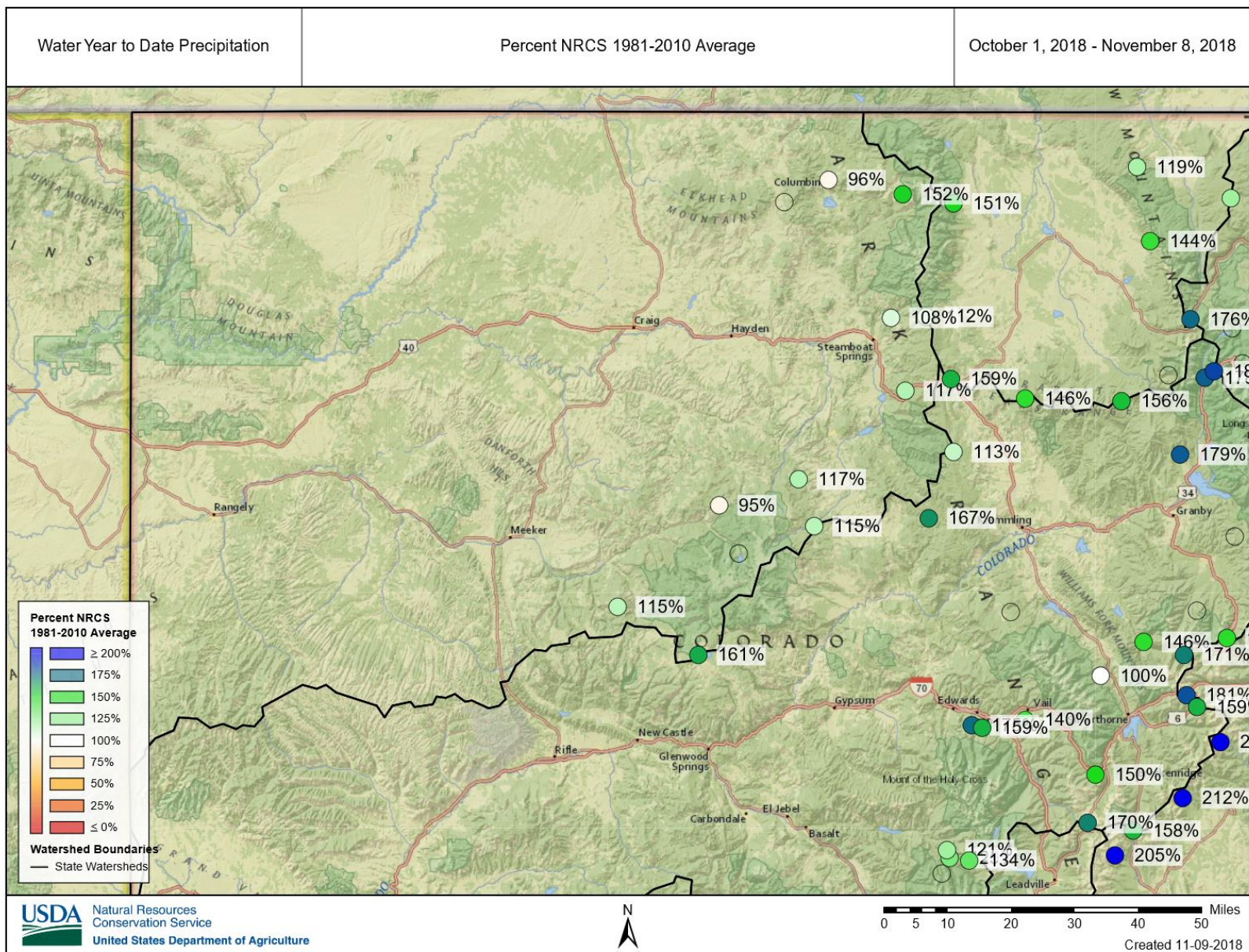
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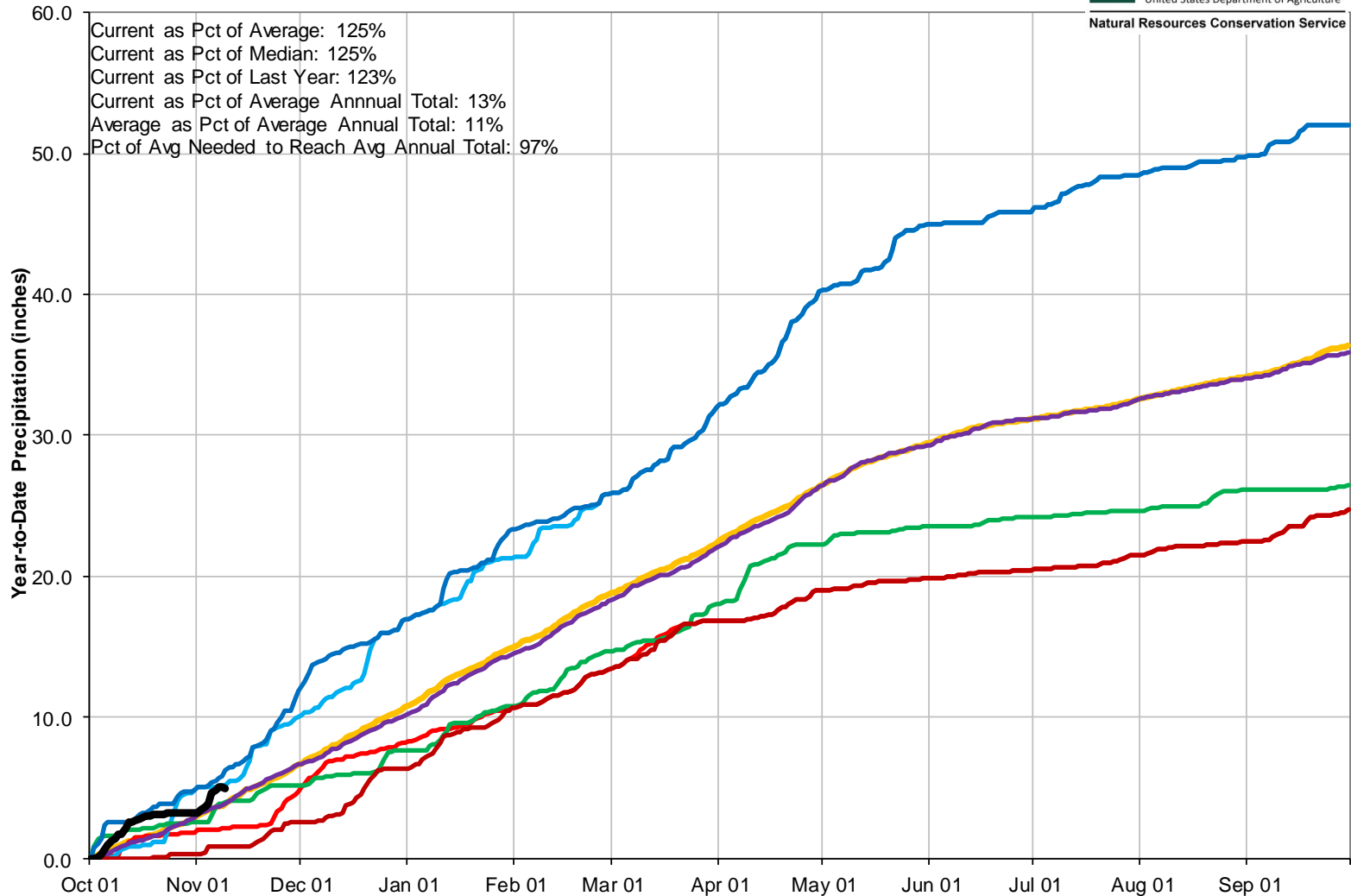
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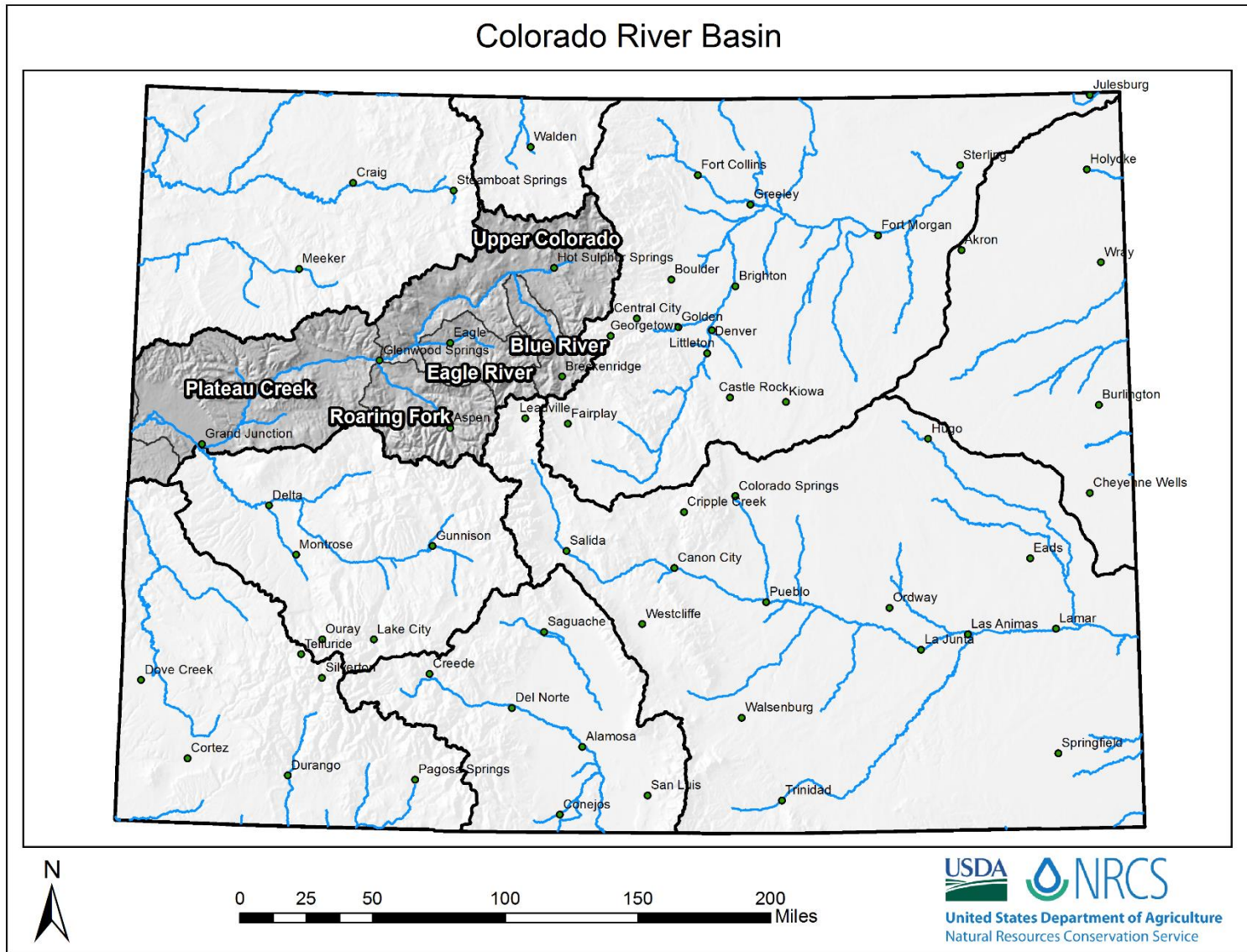


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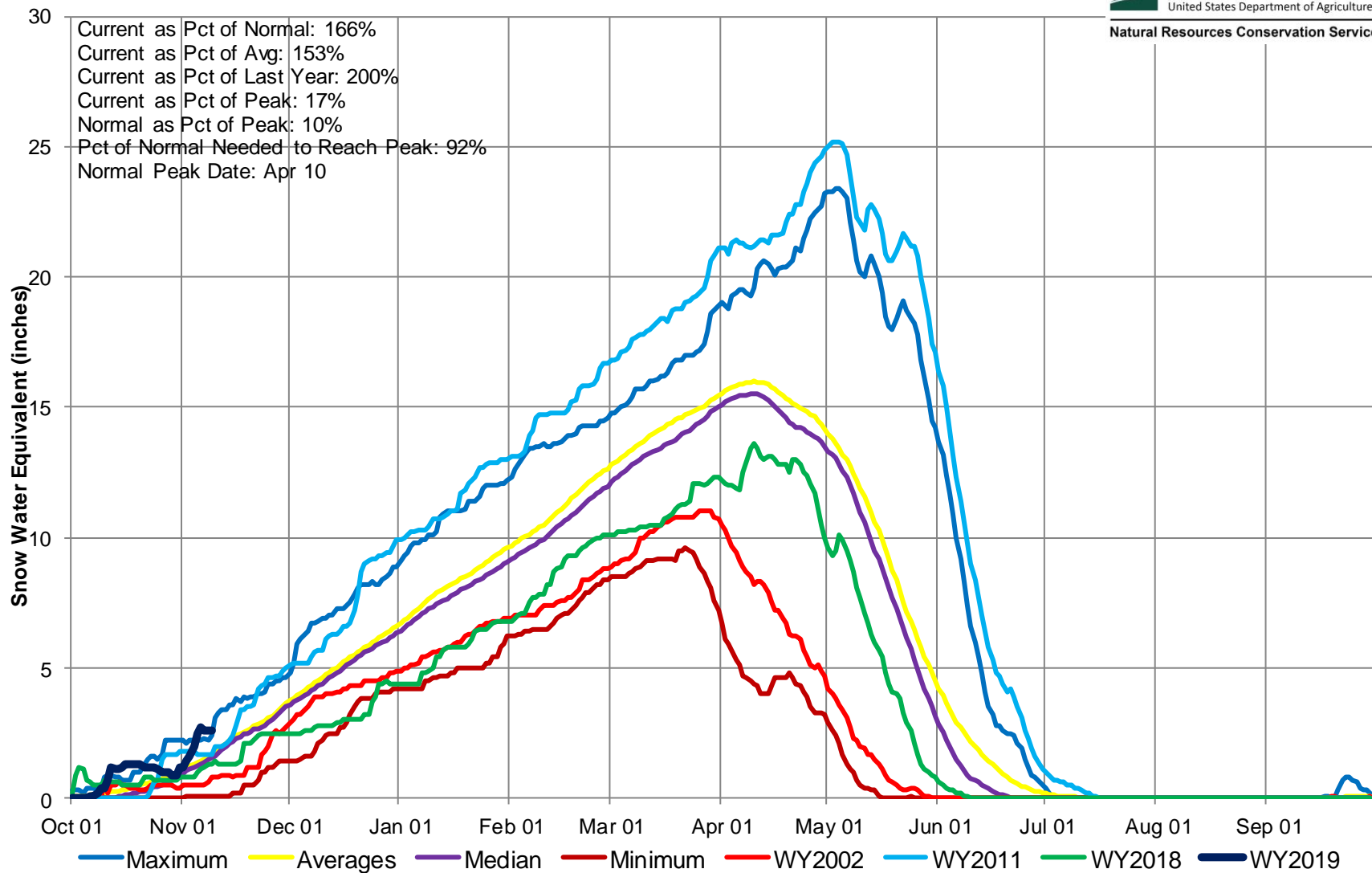
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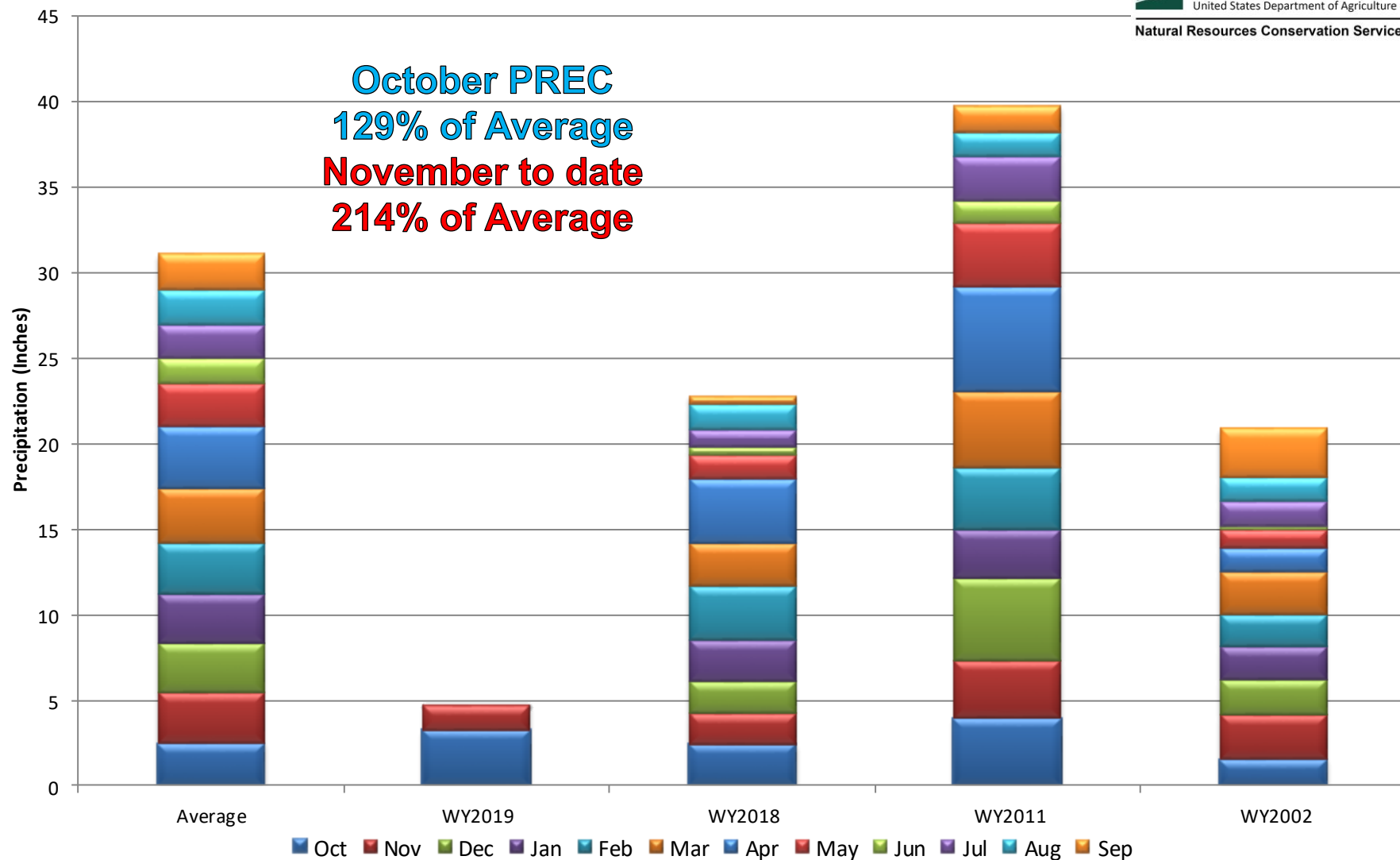
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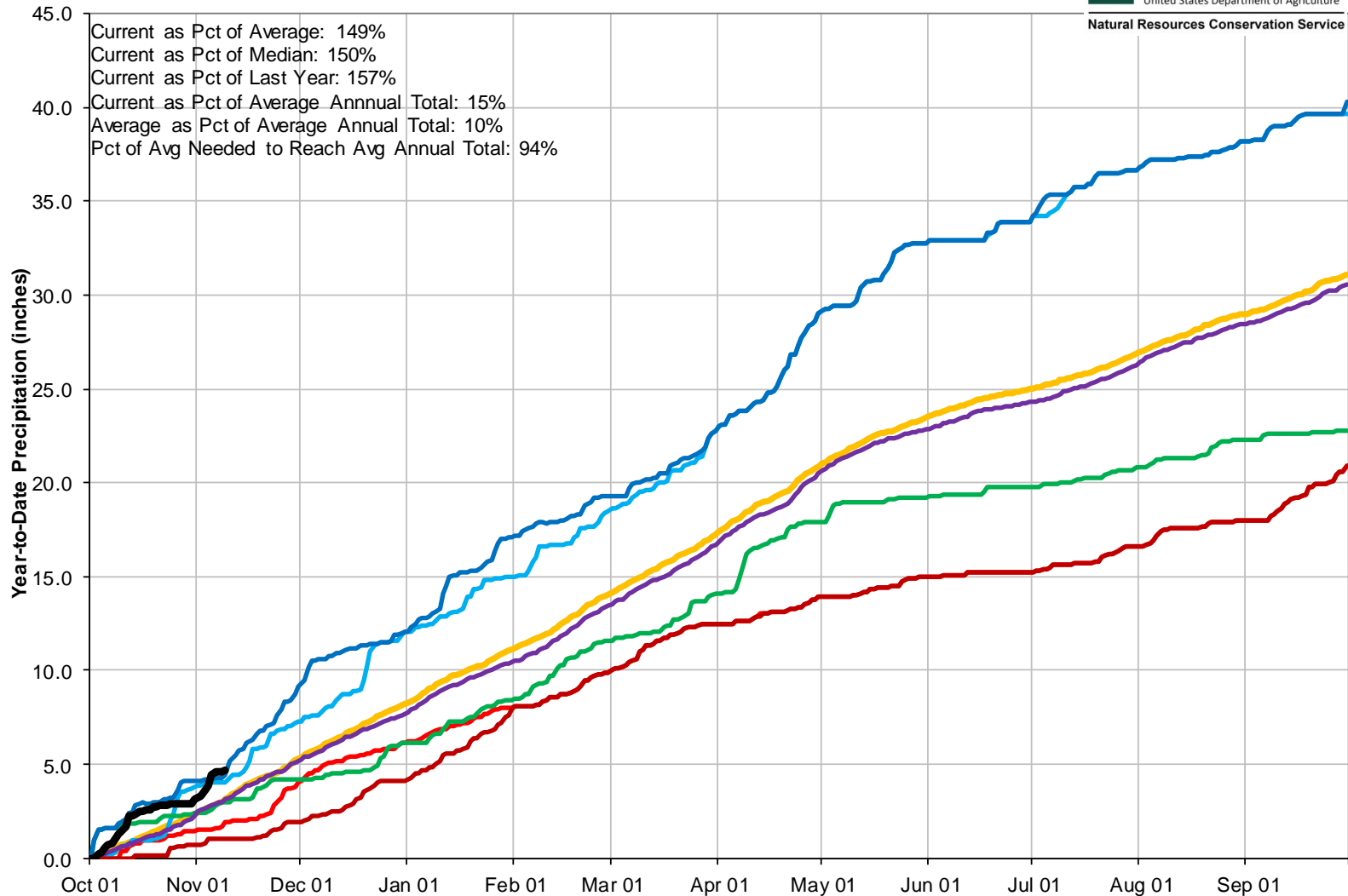
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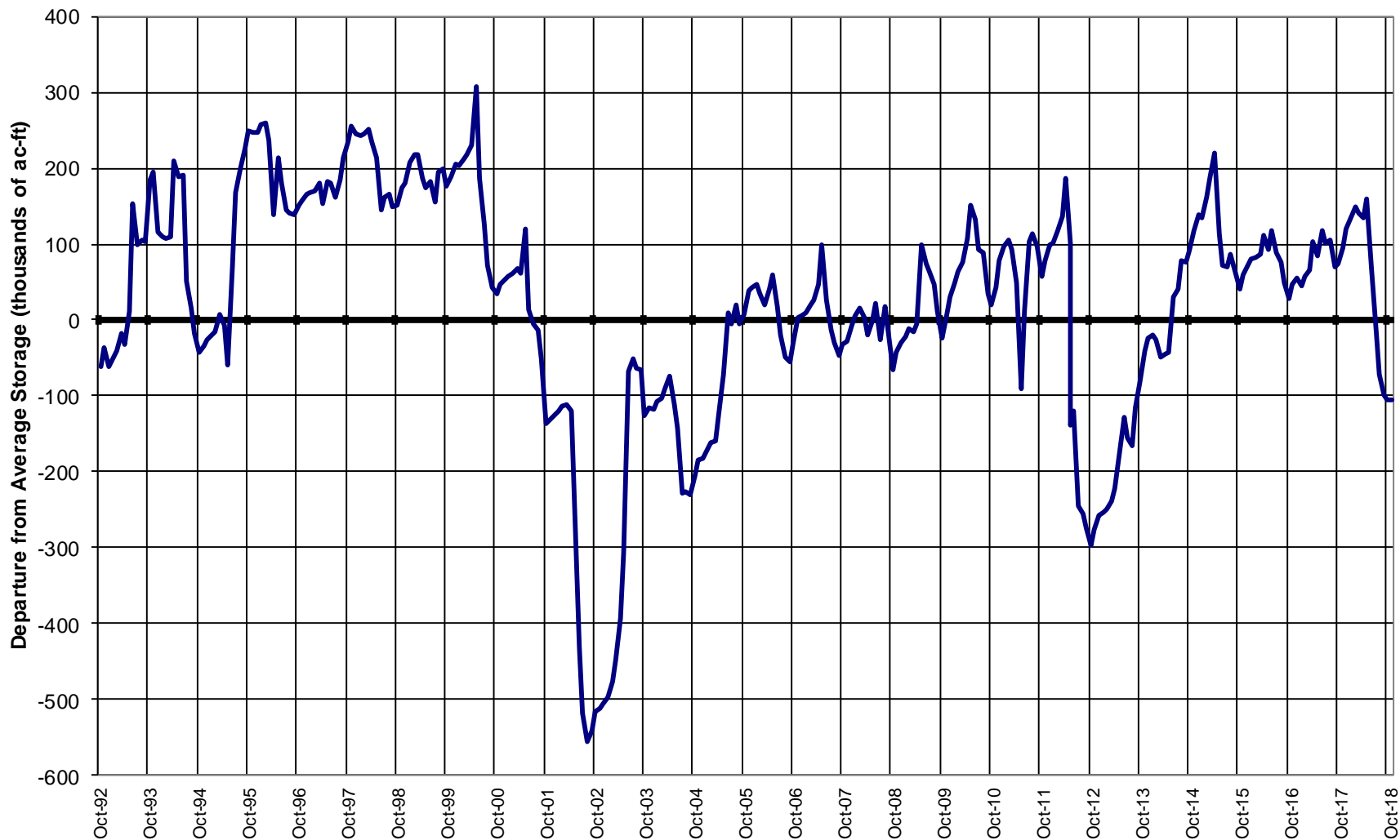


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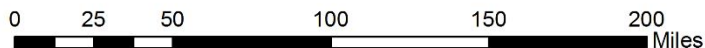
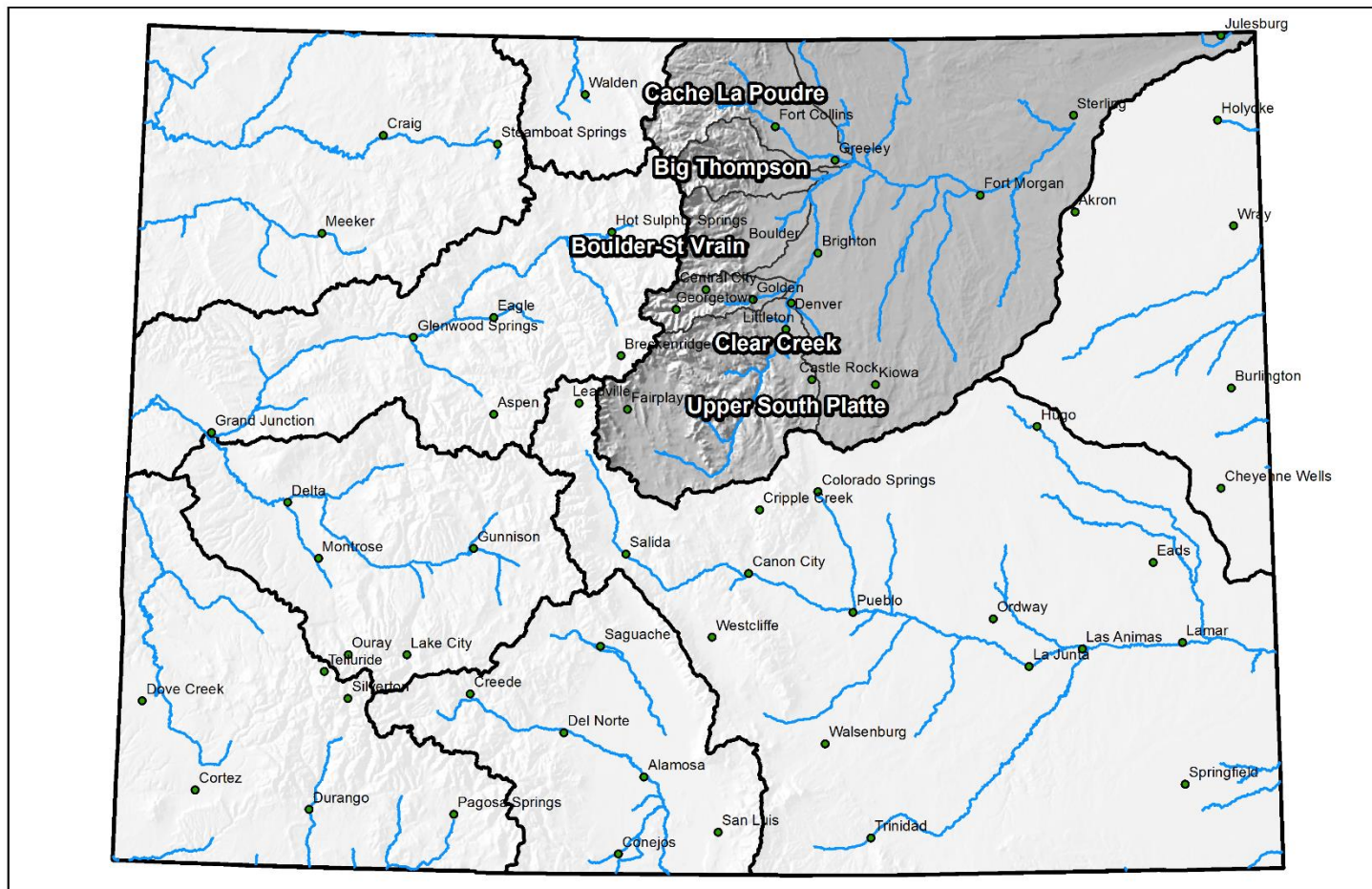


COLORADO RIVER BASIN Reservoir Storage Departure from Average



Major Basin Summary

South Platte River Basin





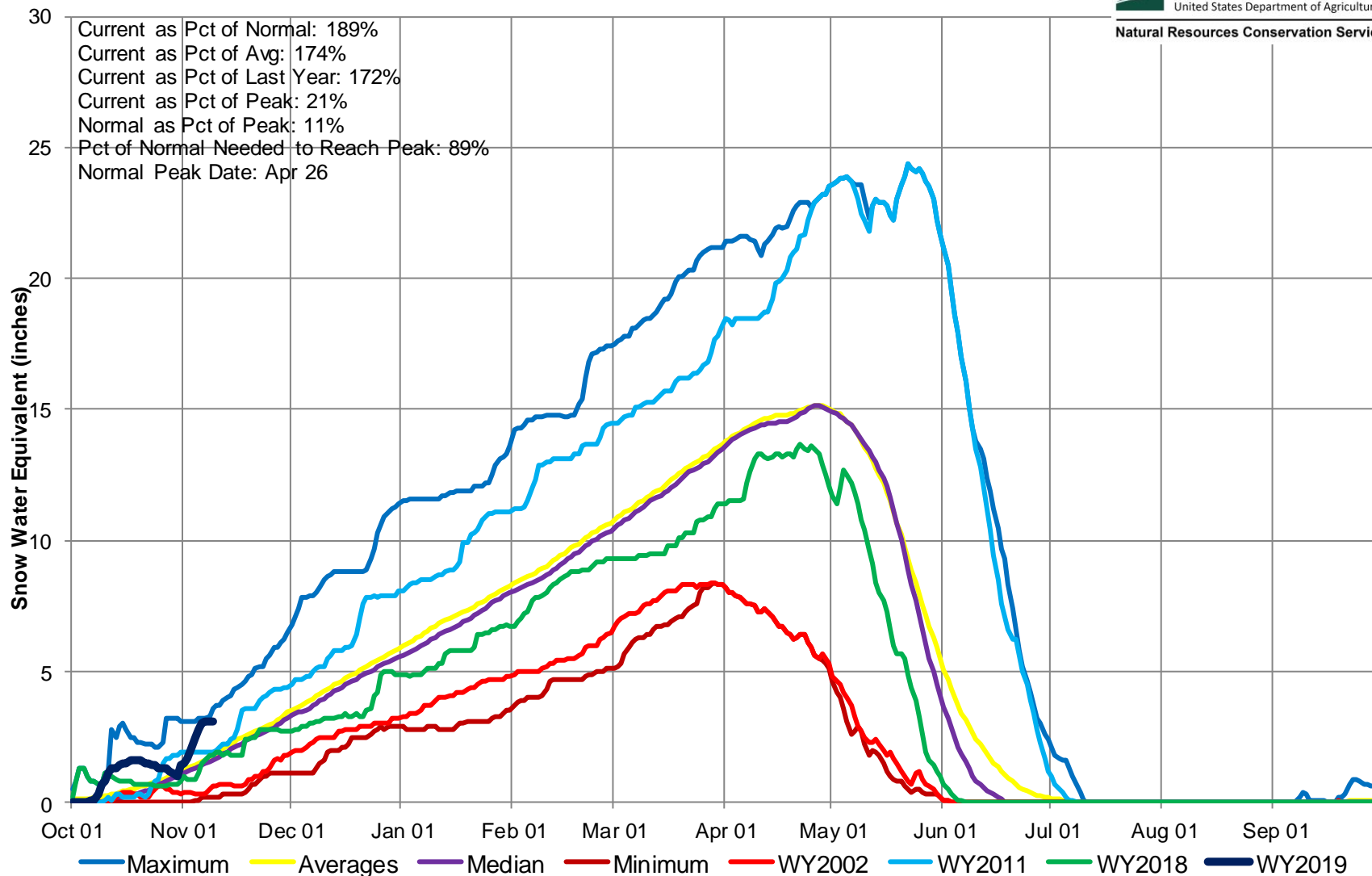
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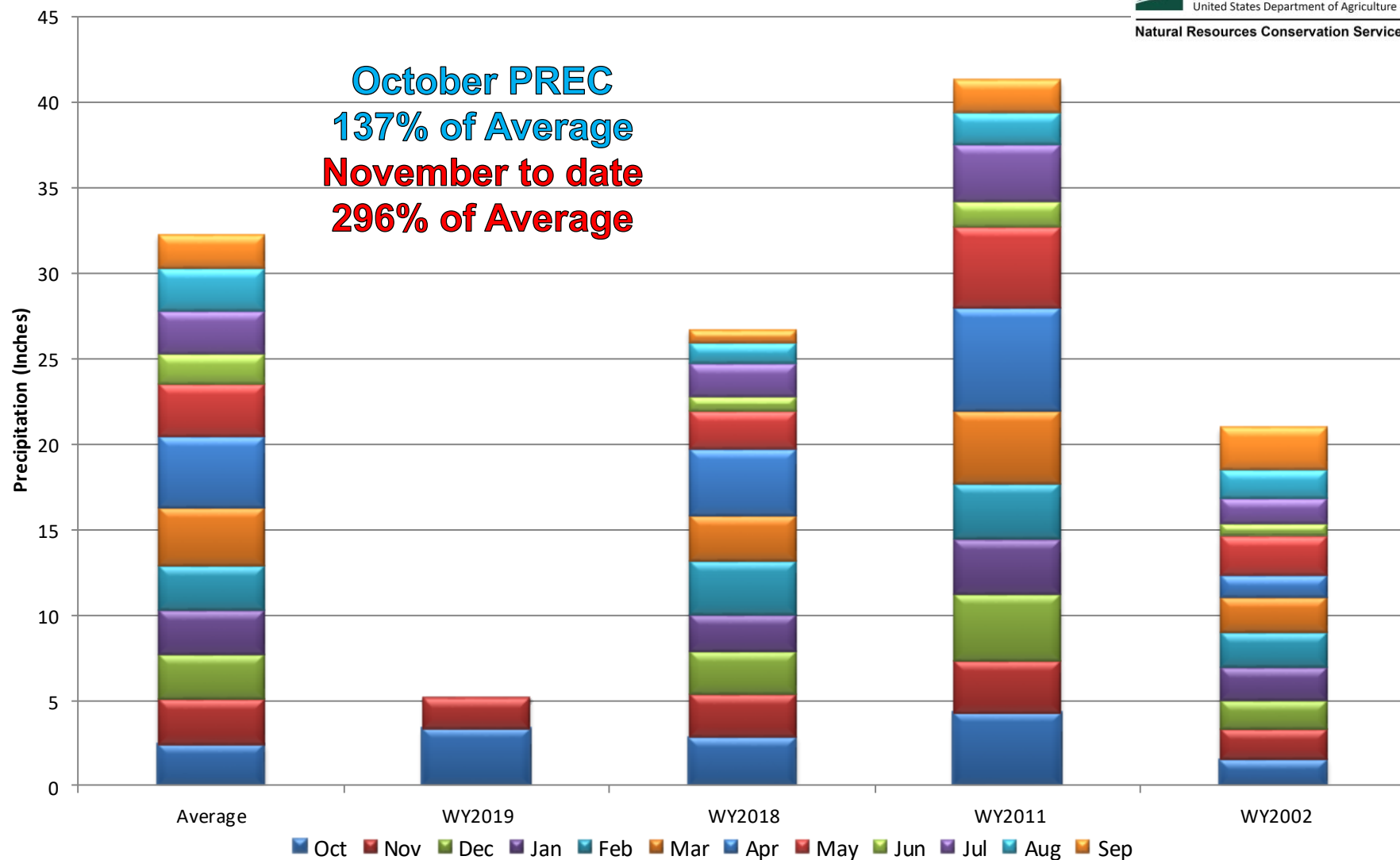
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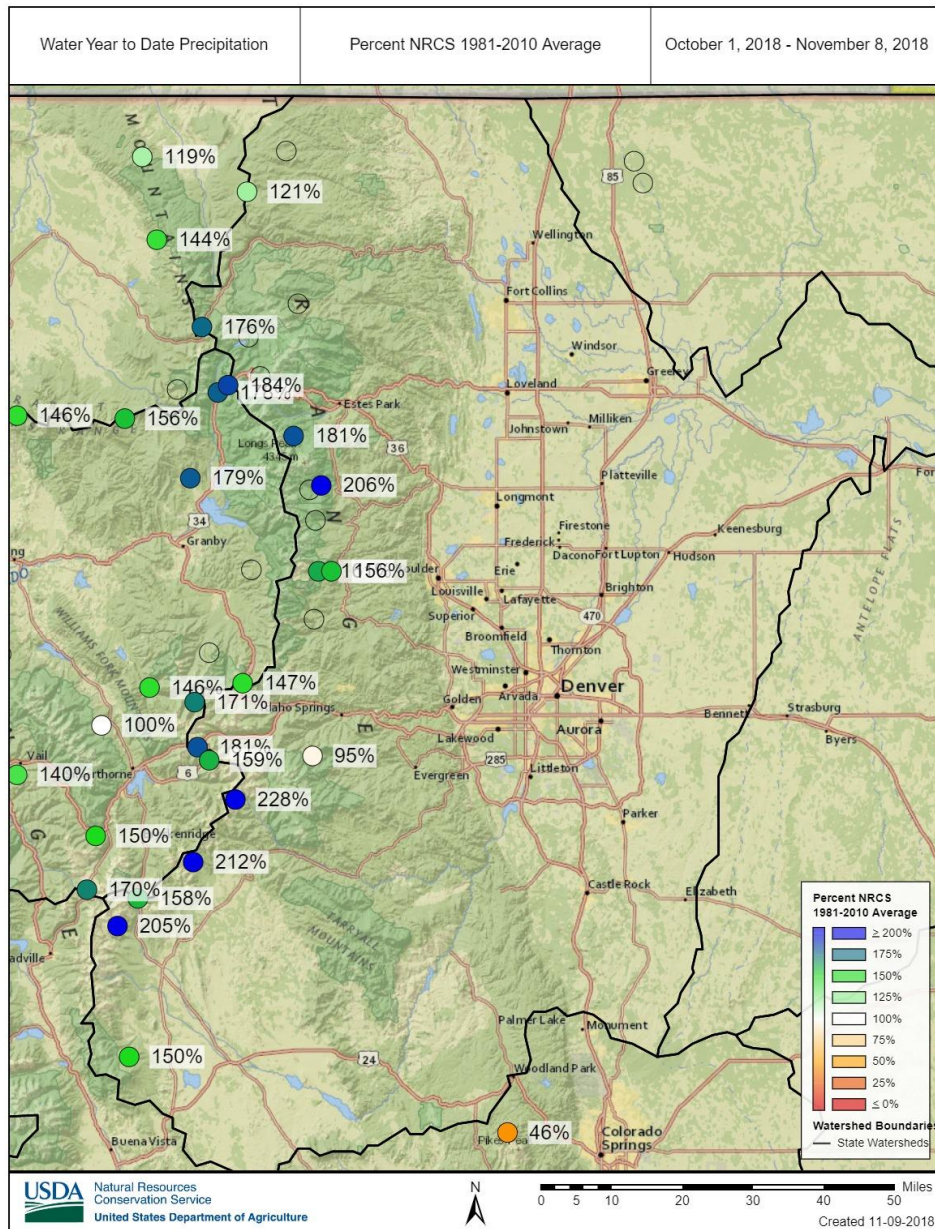
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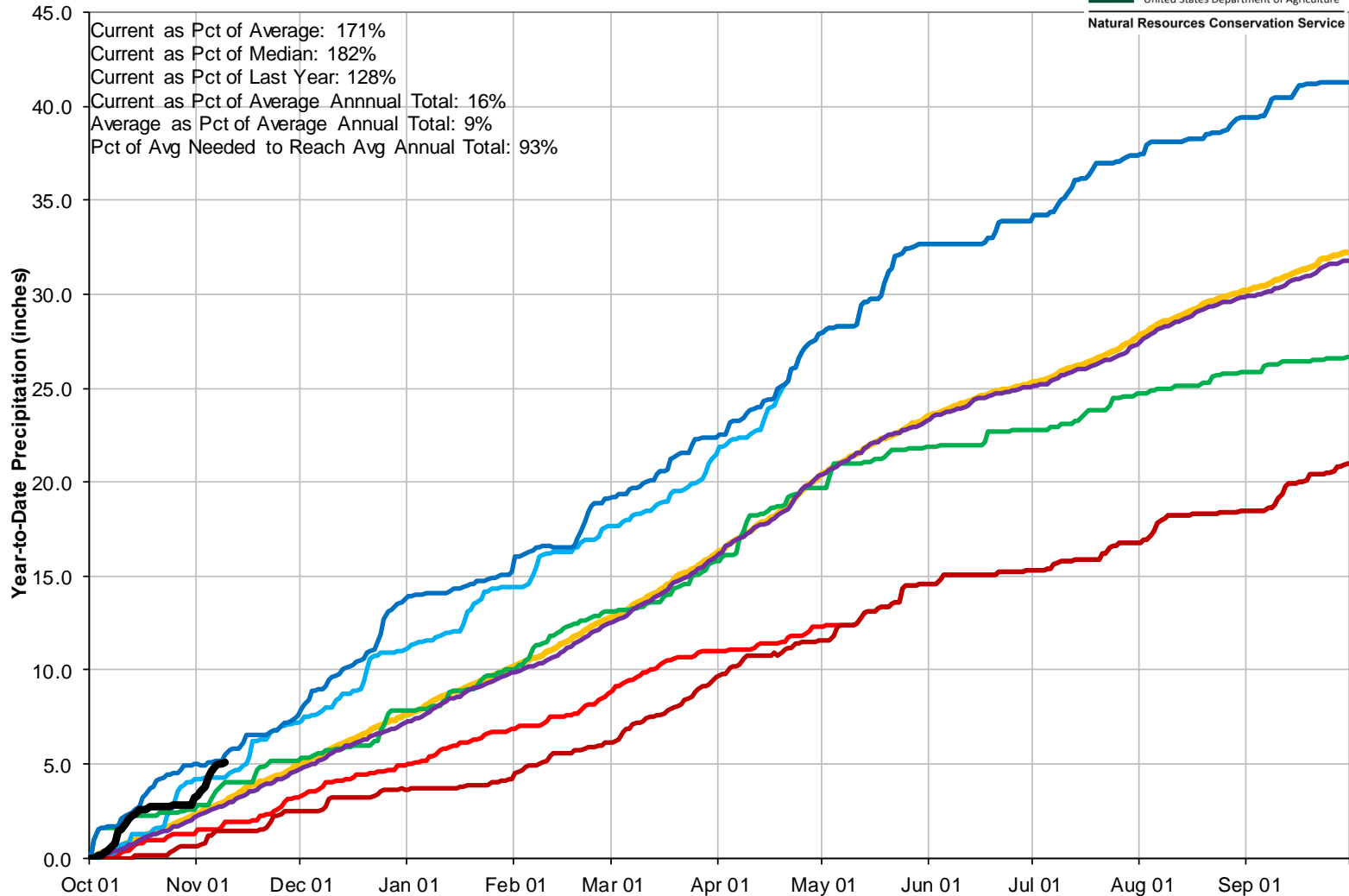
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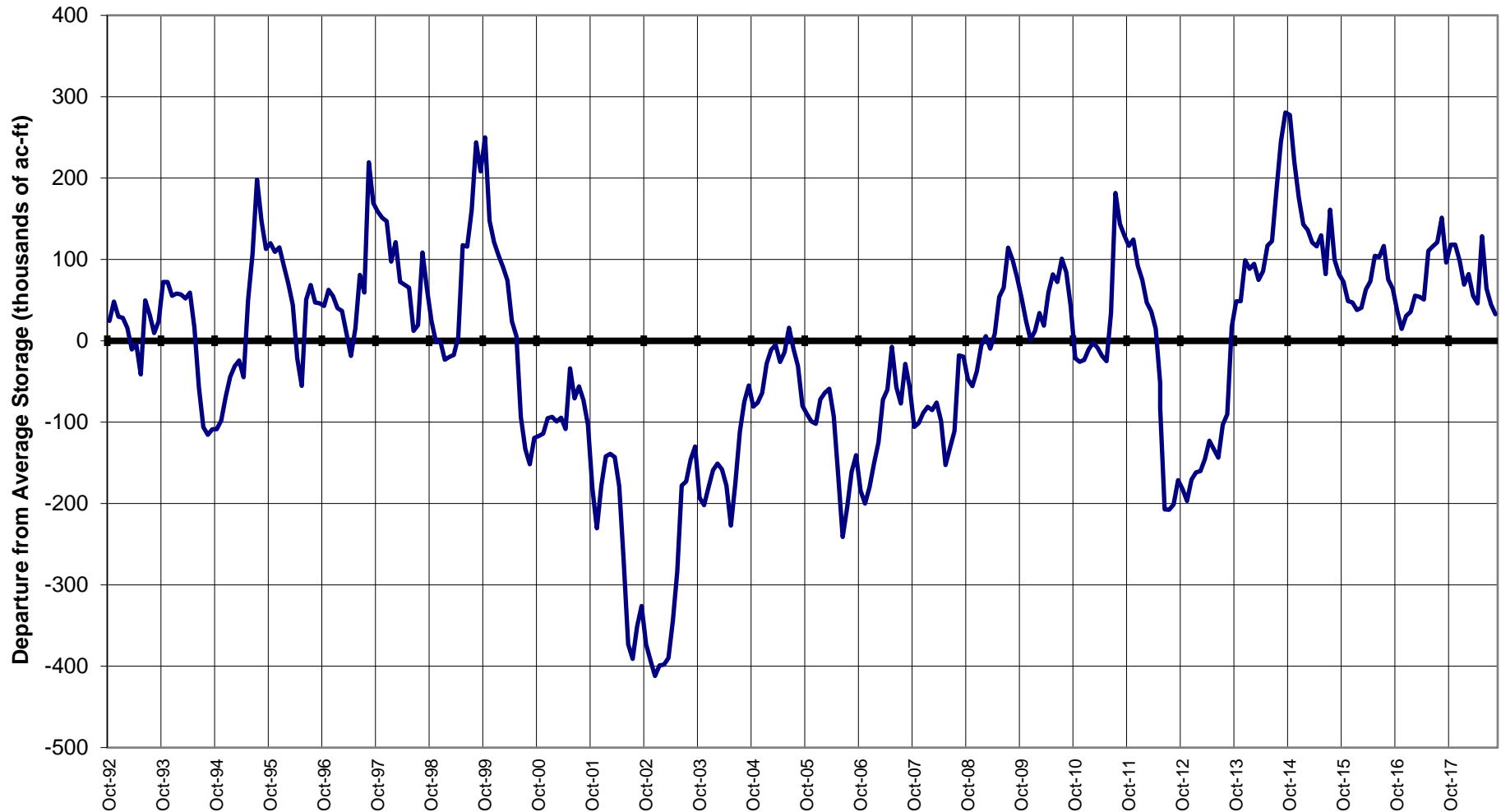
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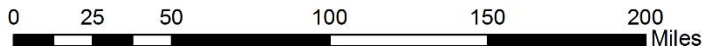
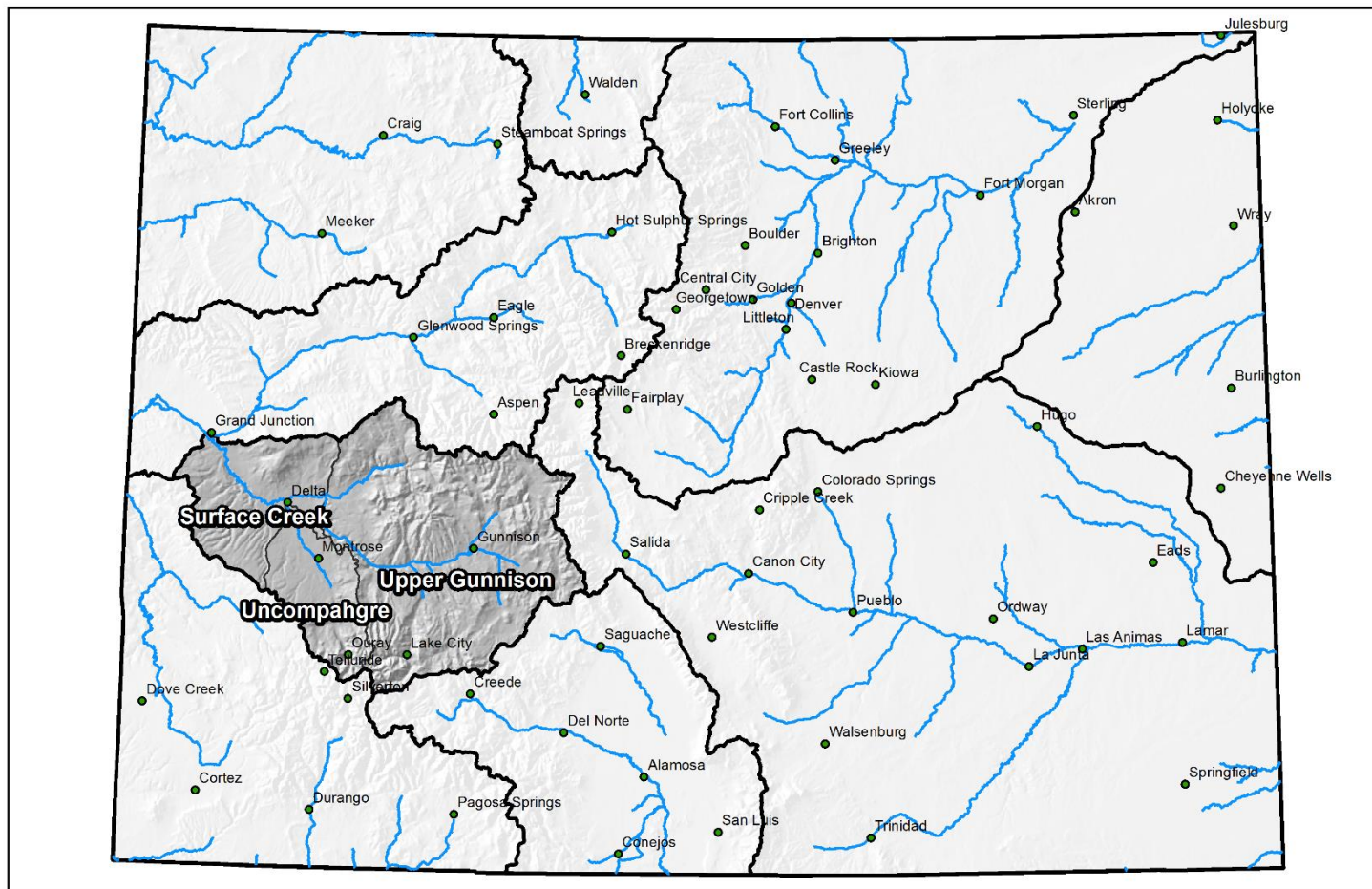


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Major Basin Summary

Gunnison River Basin





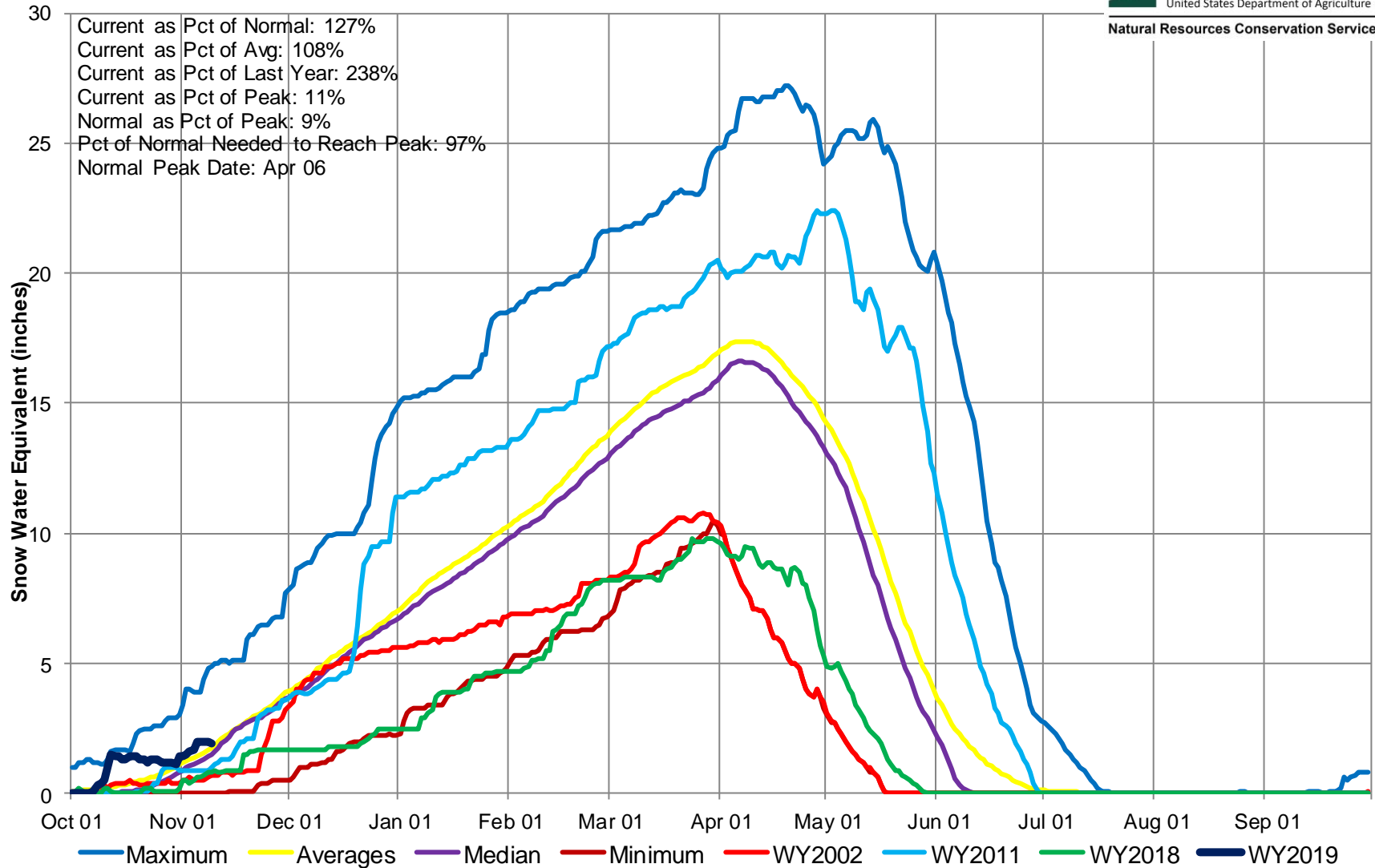
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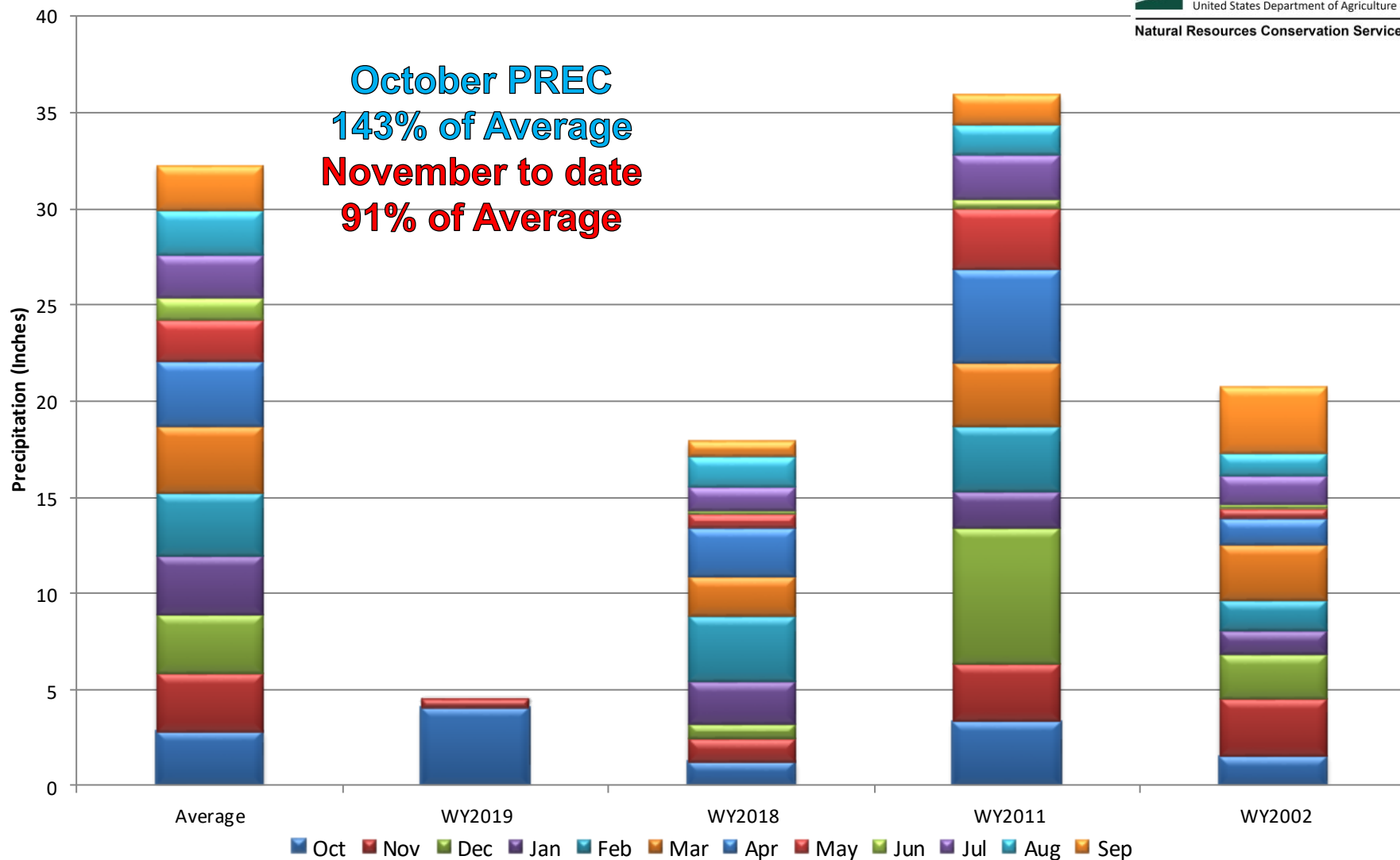
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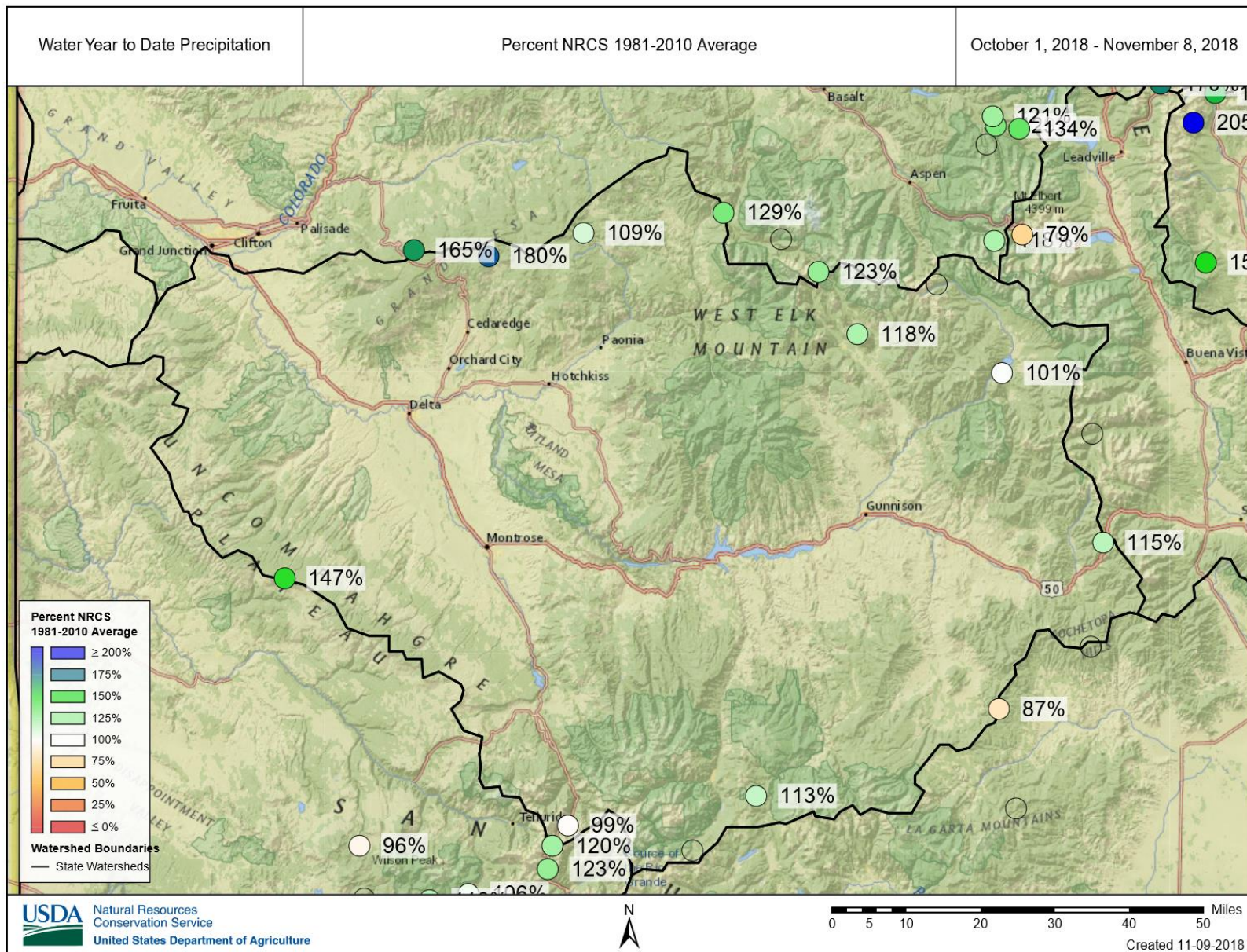


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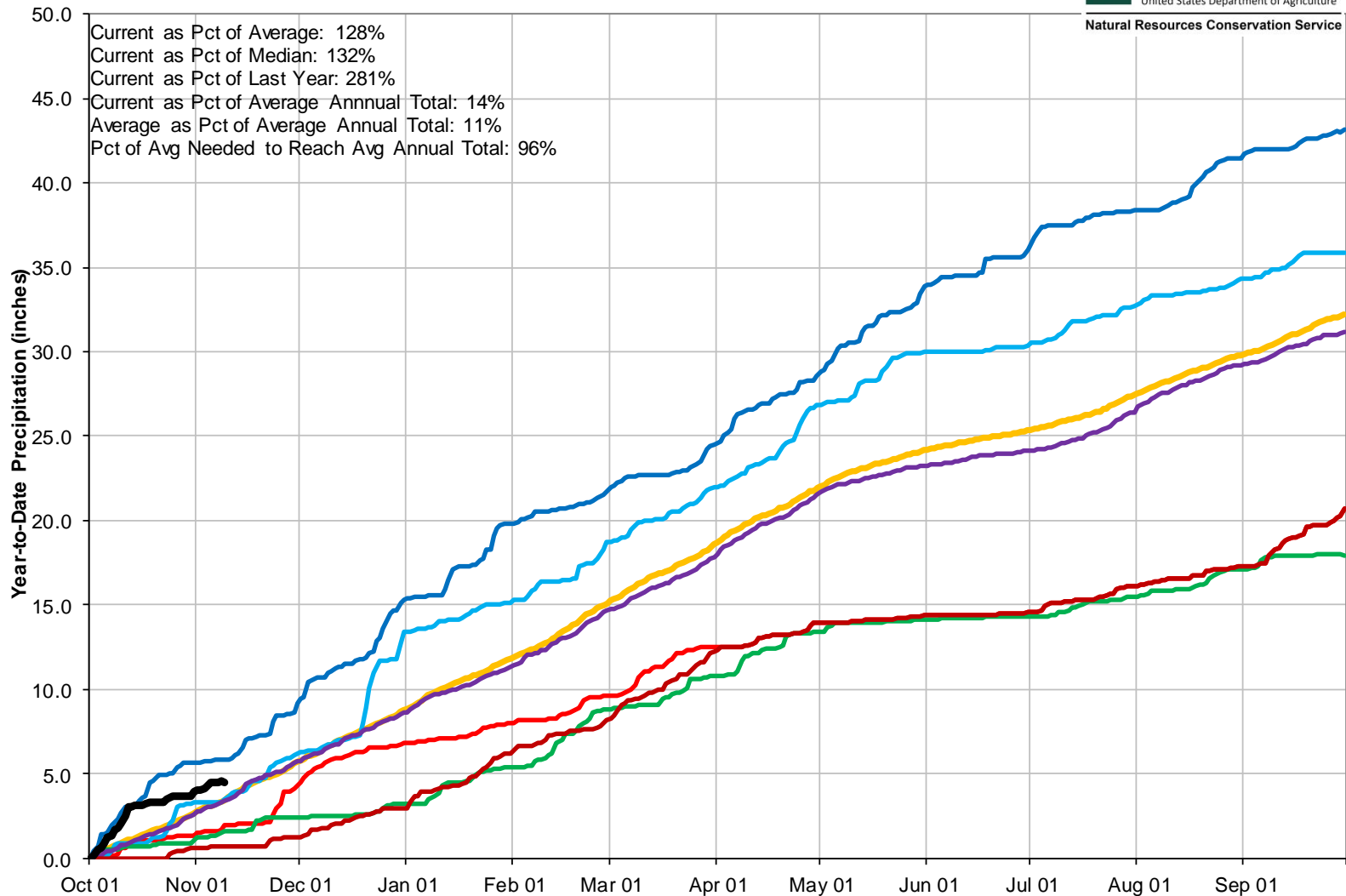
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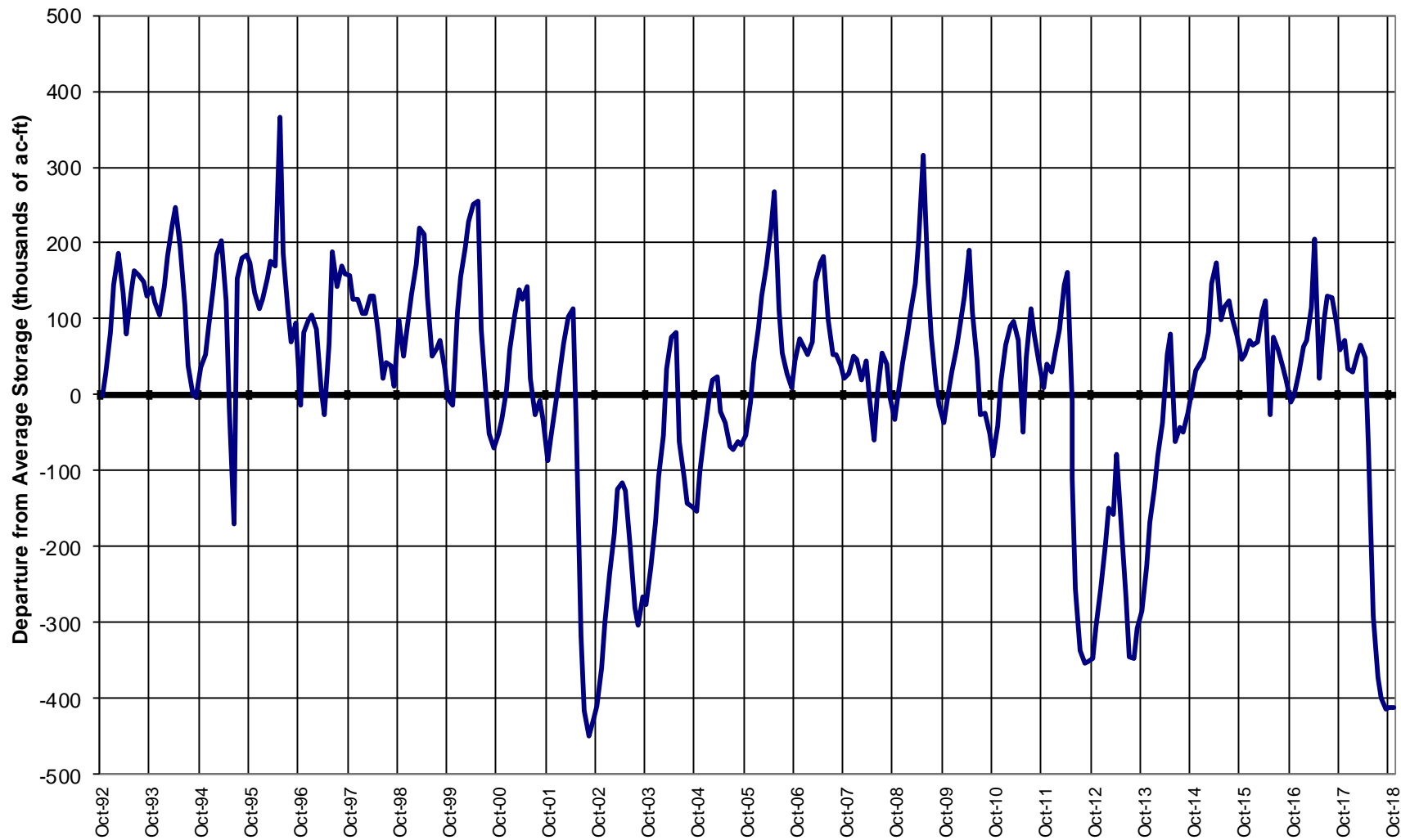
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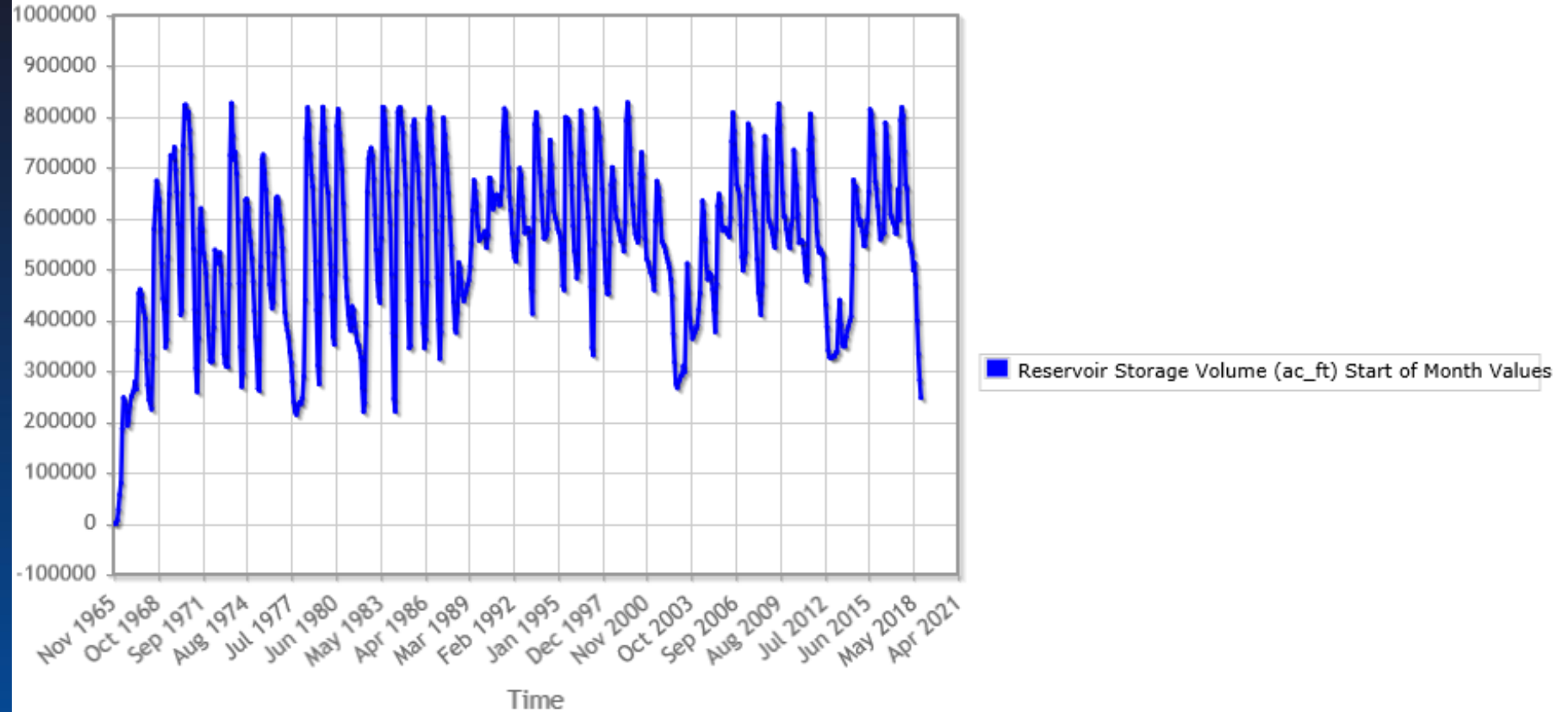




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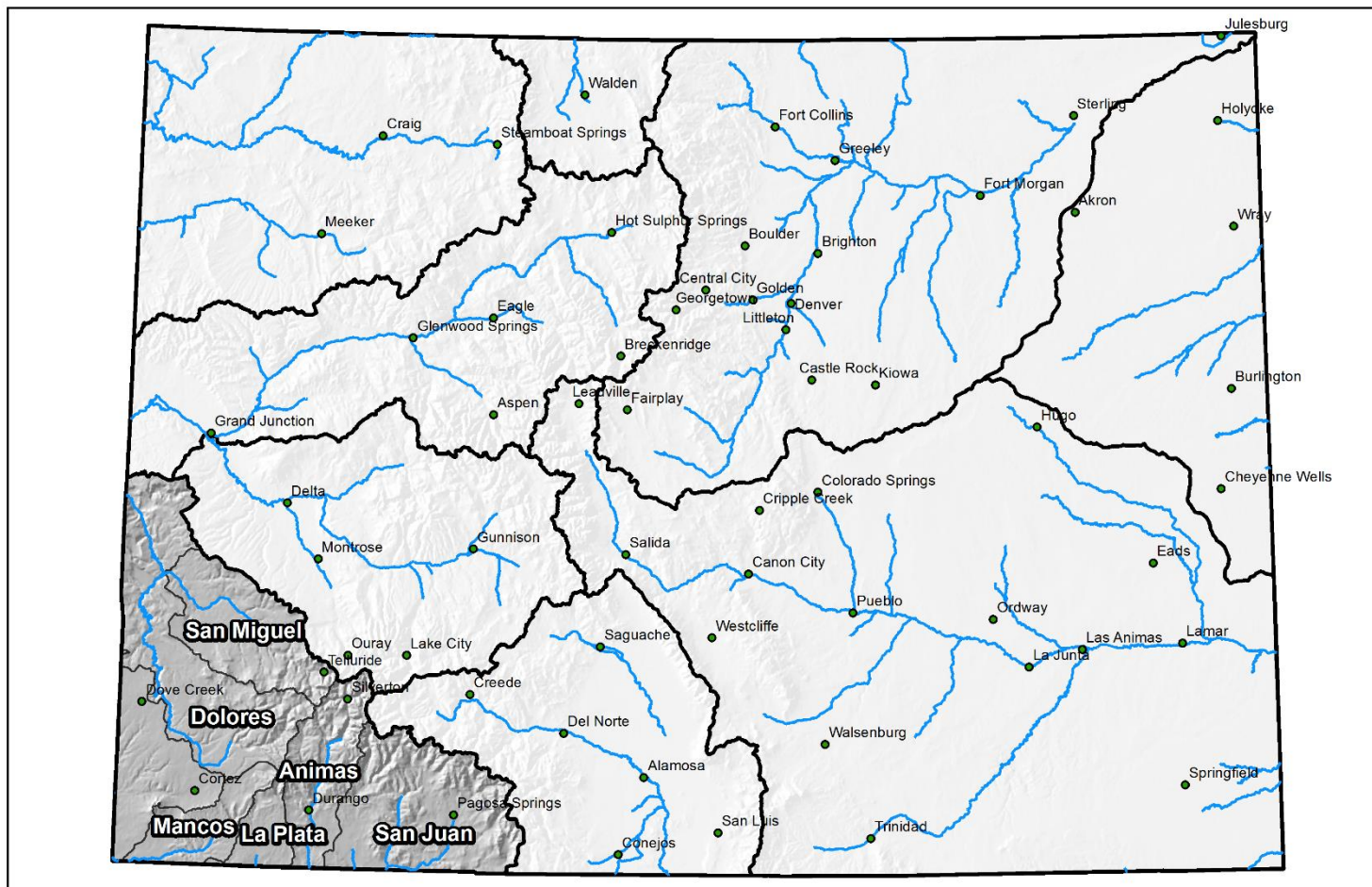


Blue Mesa Reservoir (09009010) Colorado RESERVOIR Site - 7550 ft Reporting Frequency: Monthly; Date Range: Period of Record



Major Basin Summary

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



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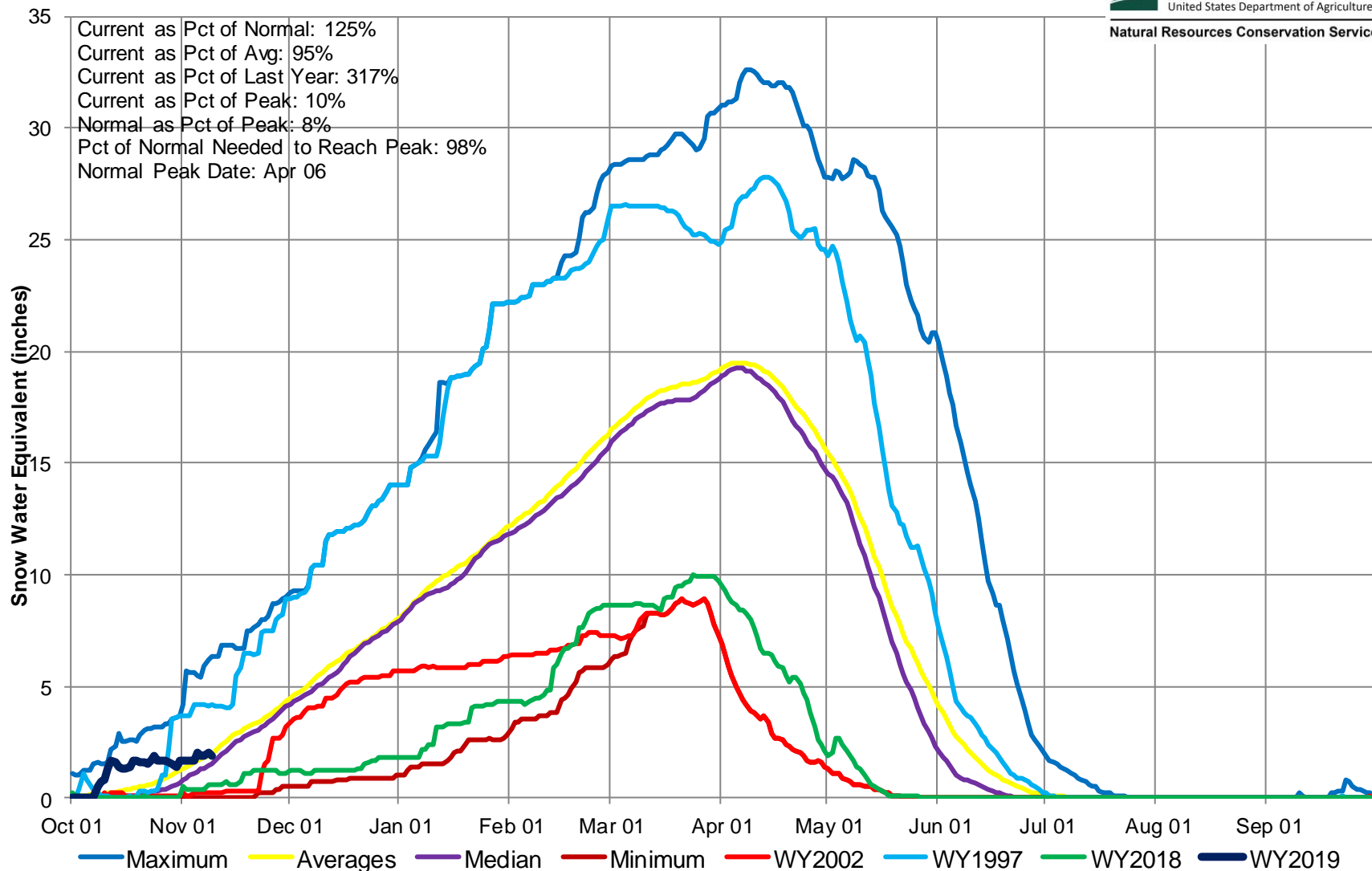
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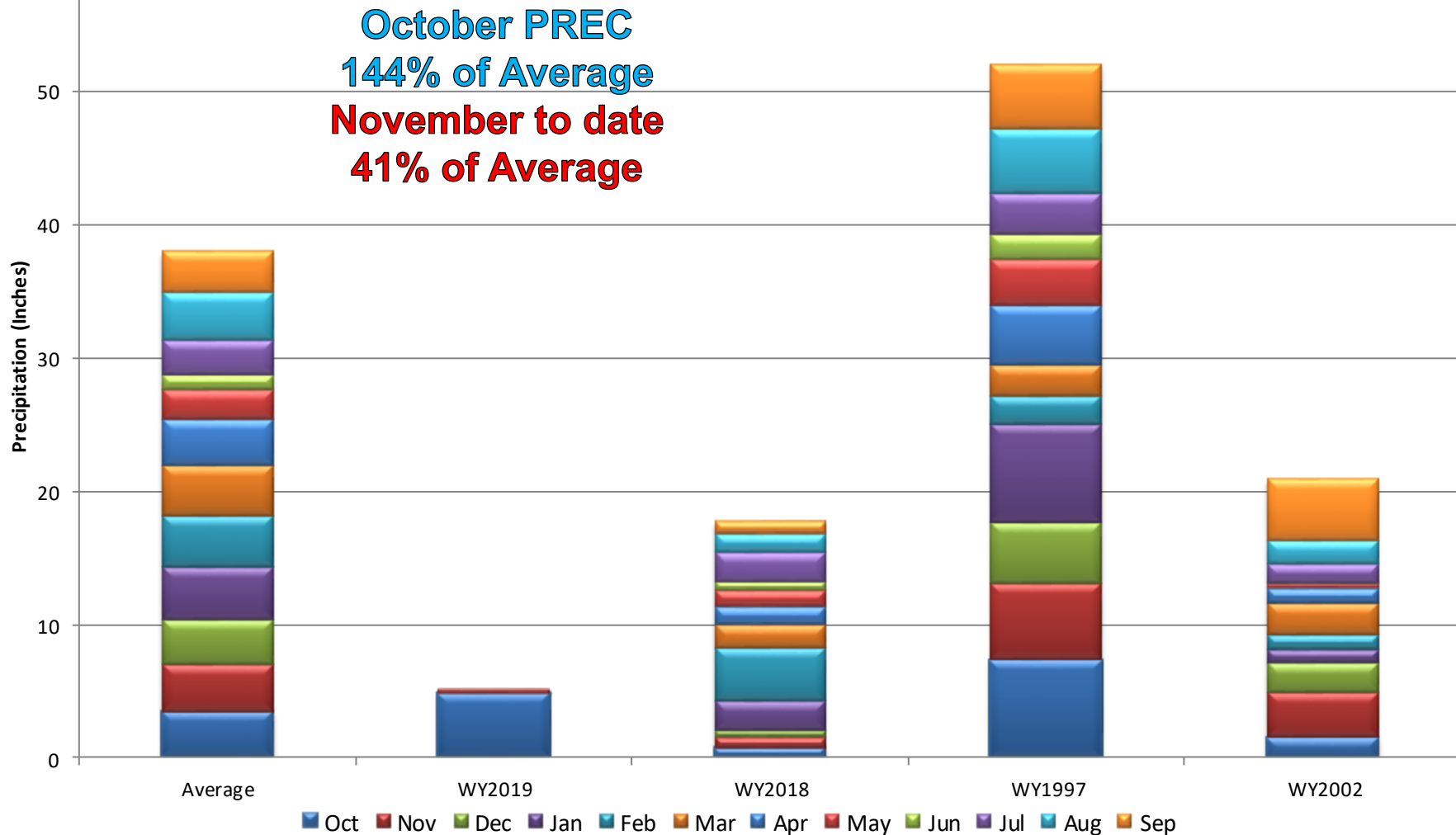
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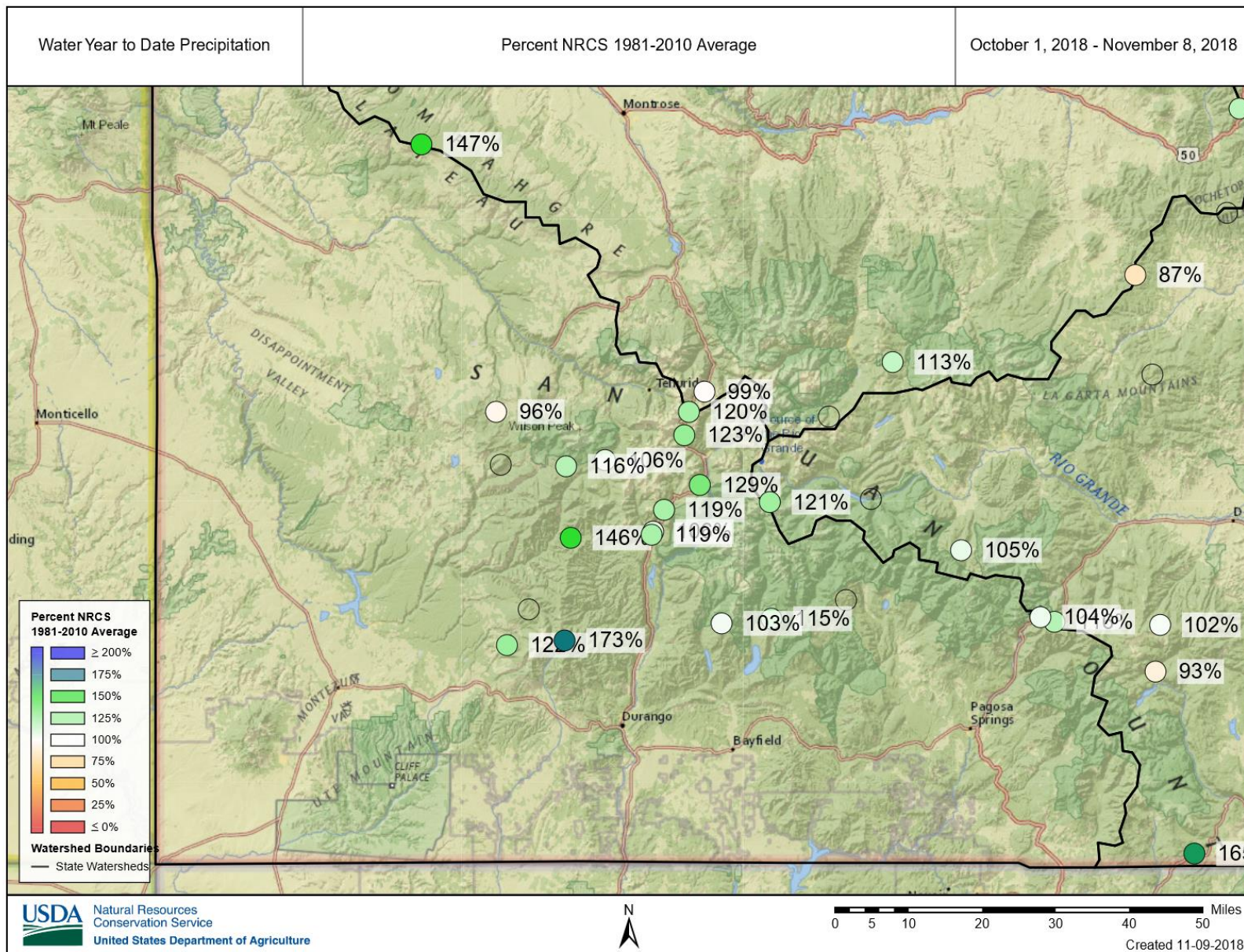
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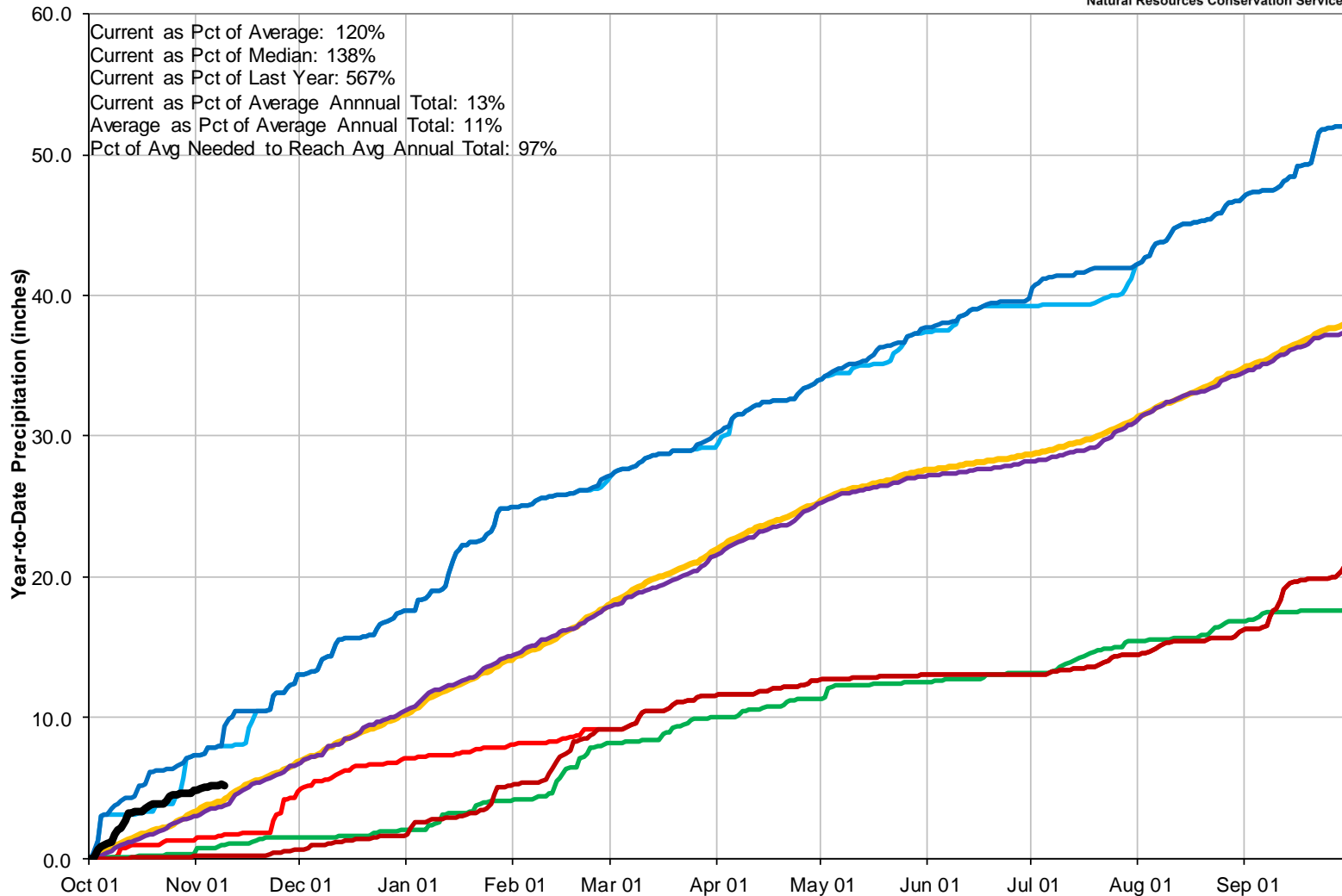
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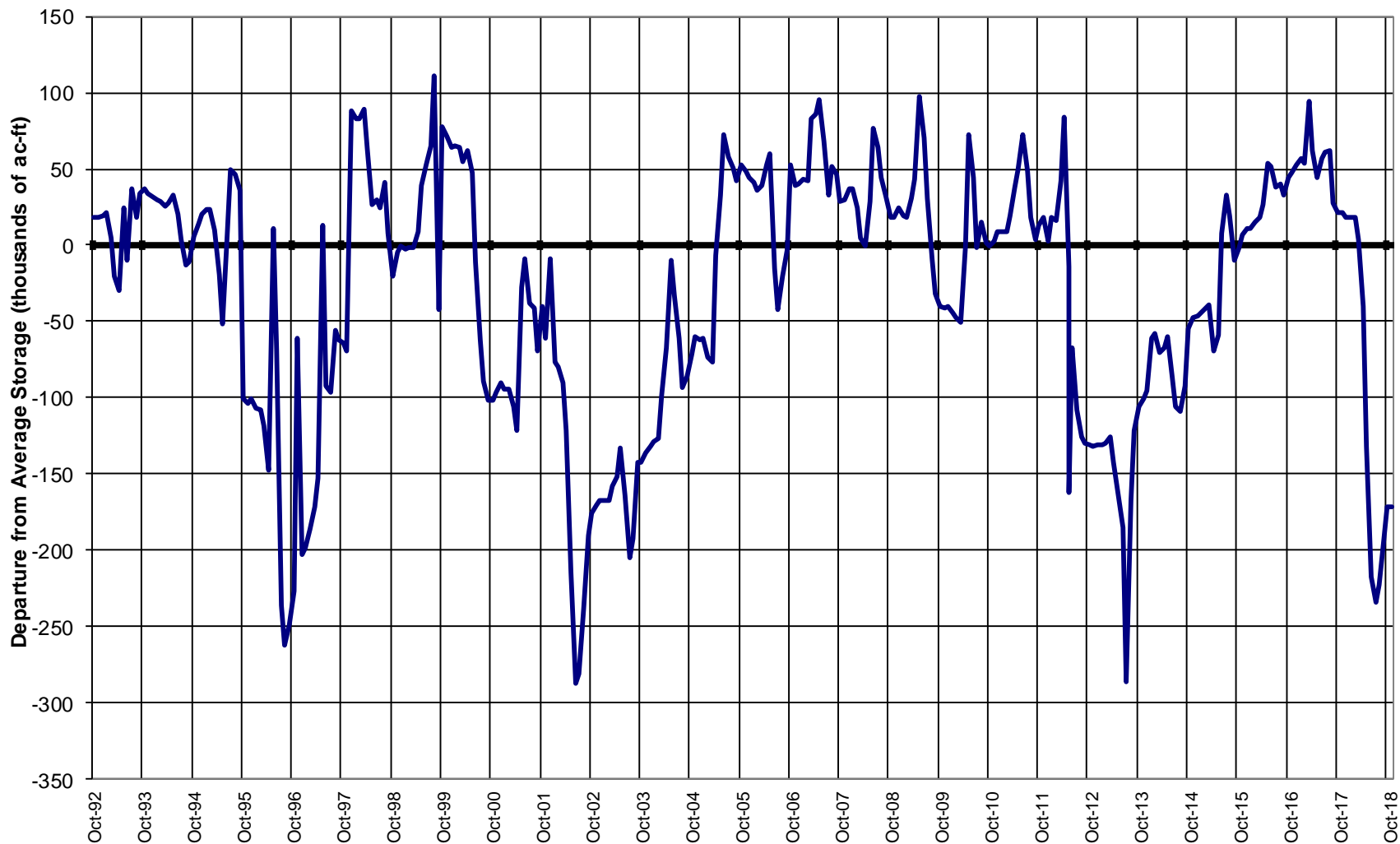




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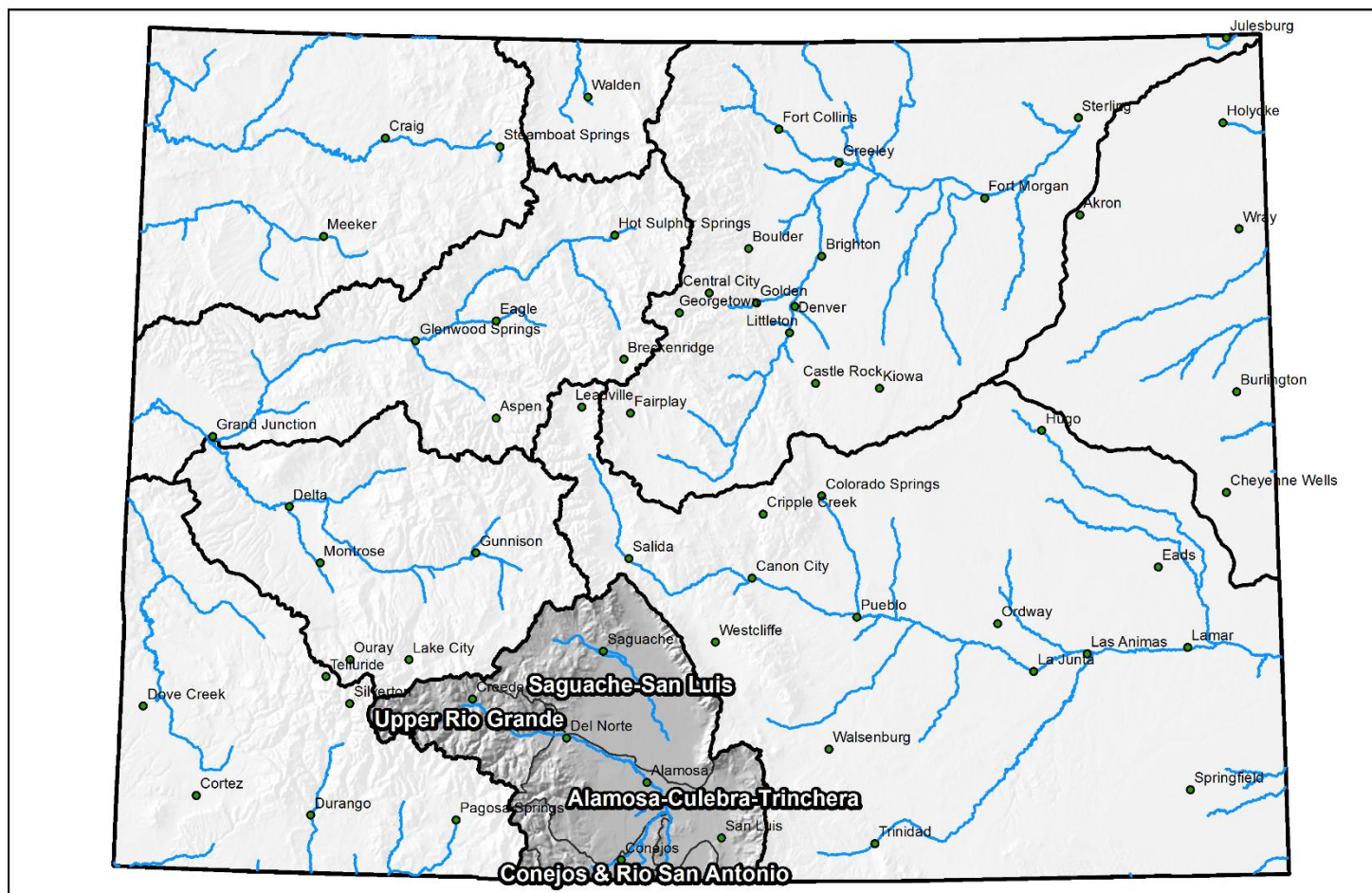
Reservoir Storage

Departure from Average



Major Basin Summary

Upper Rio Grande River Basin



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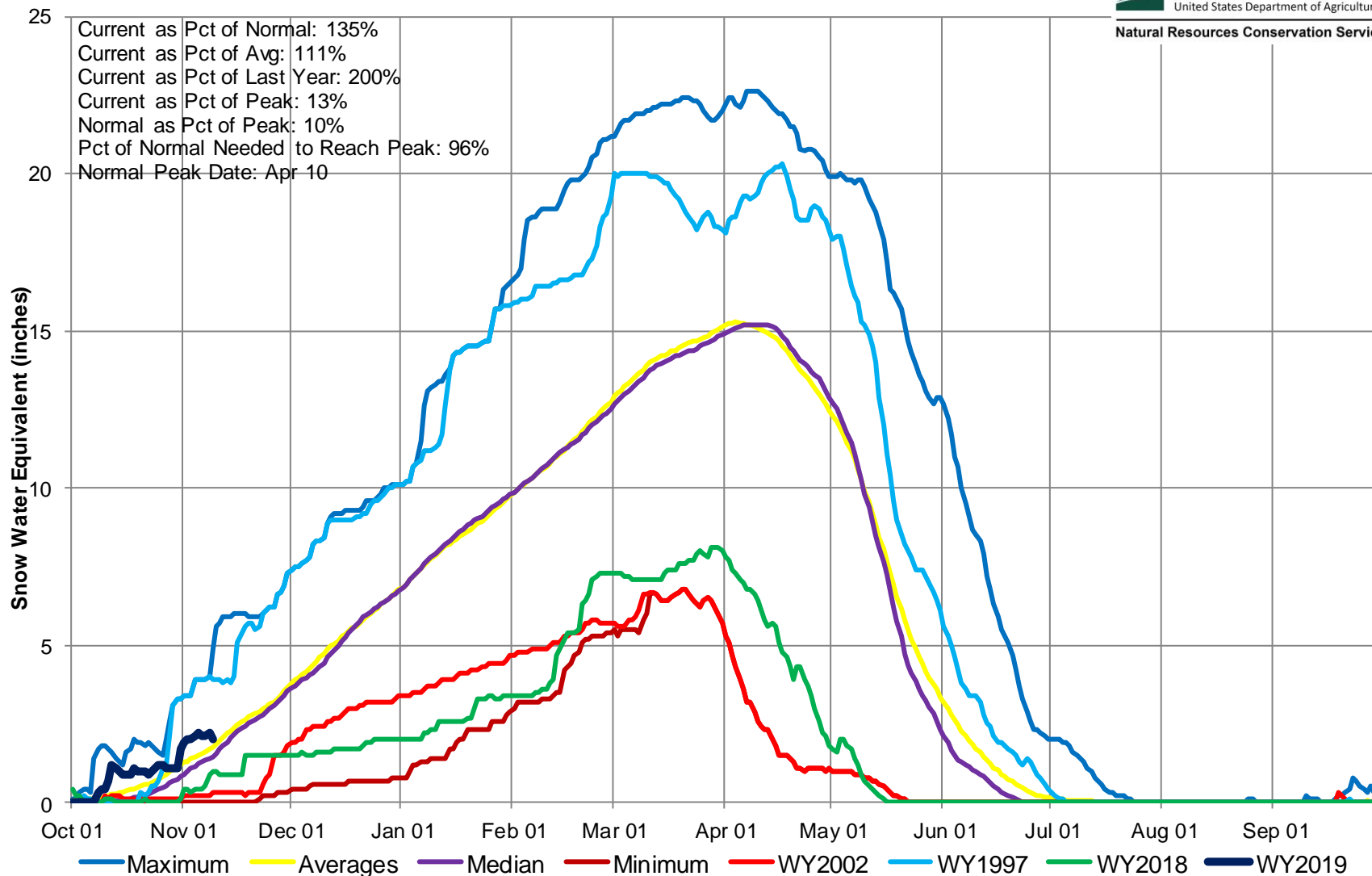
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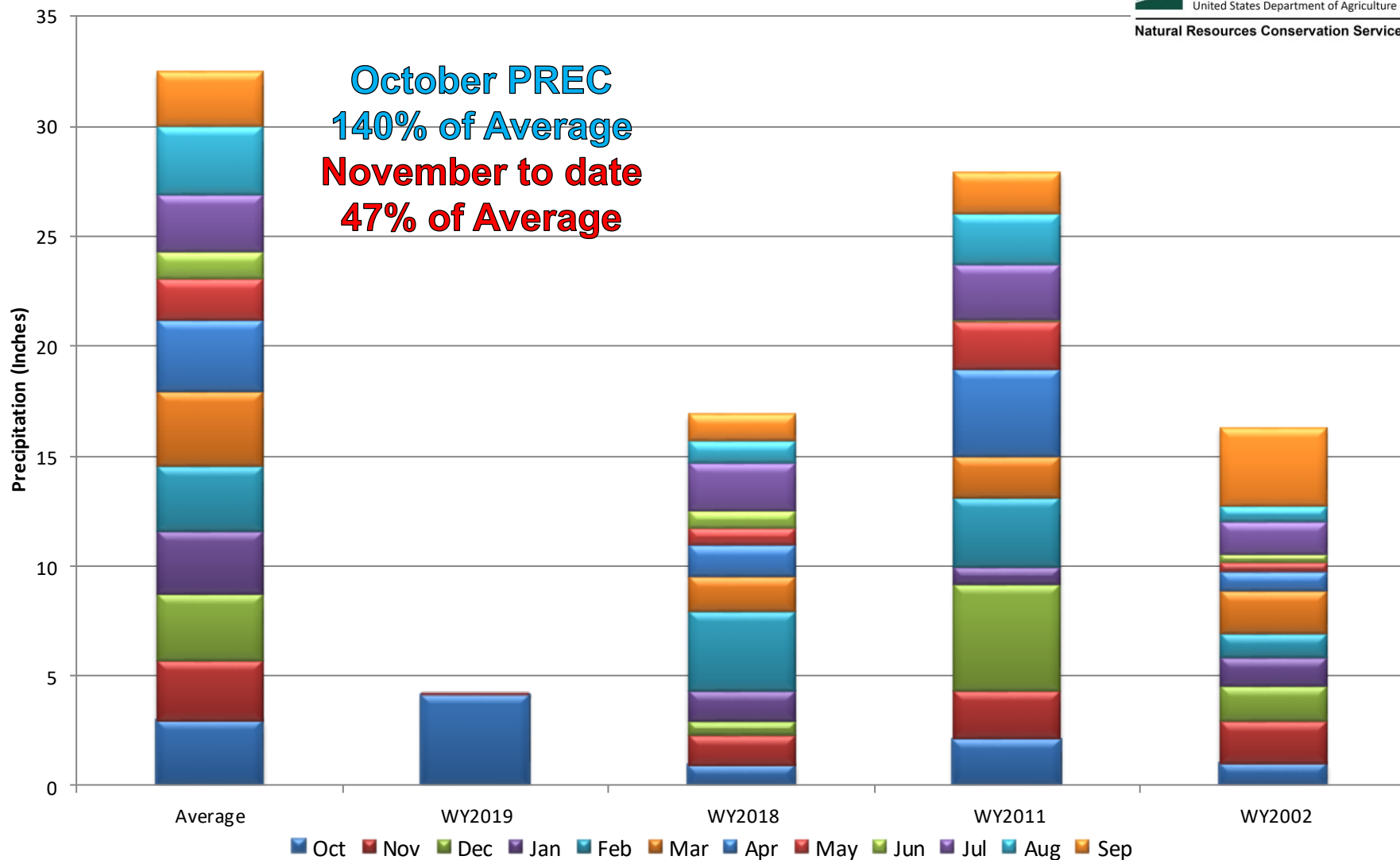
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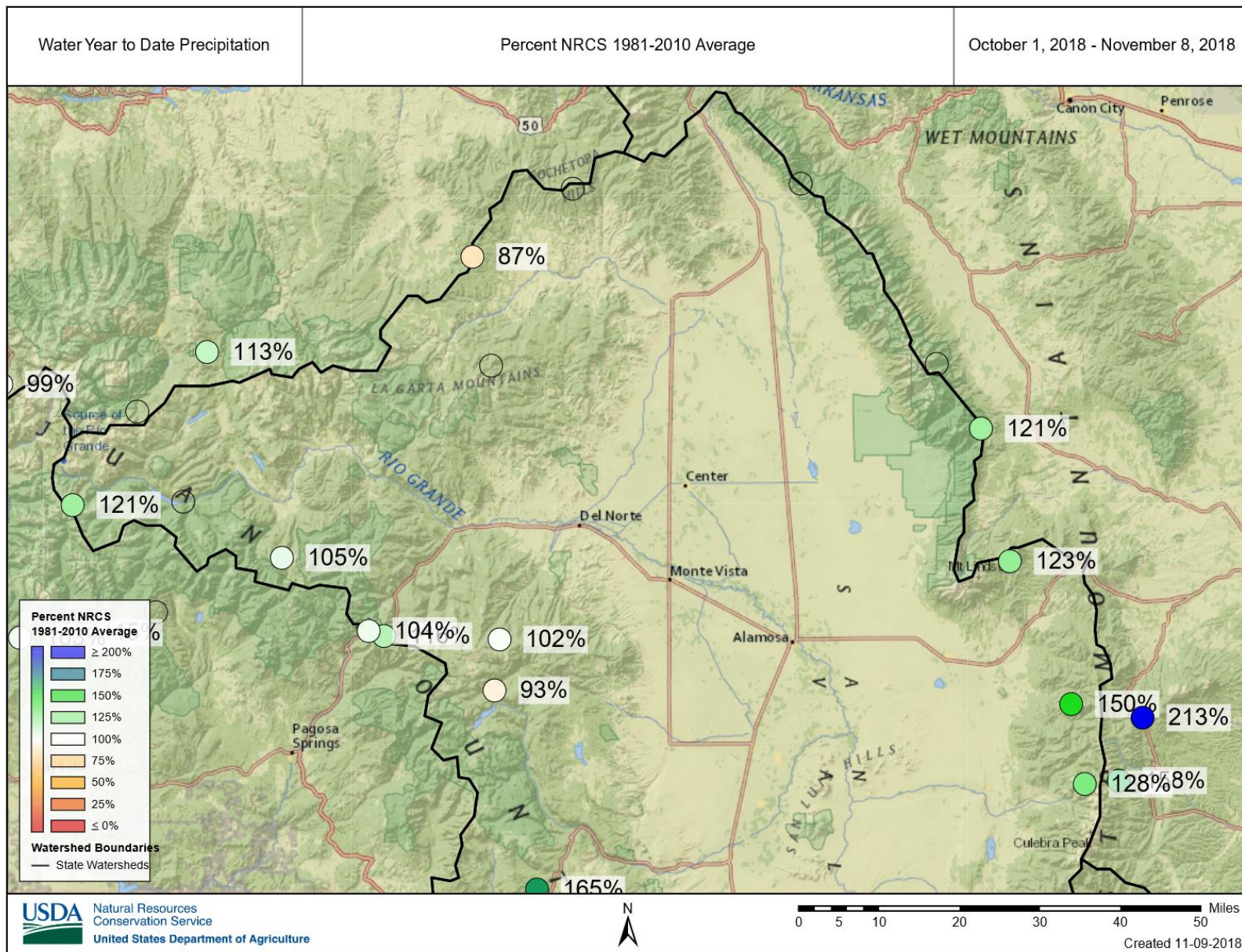
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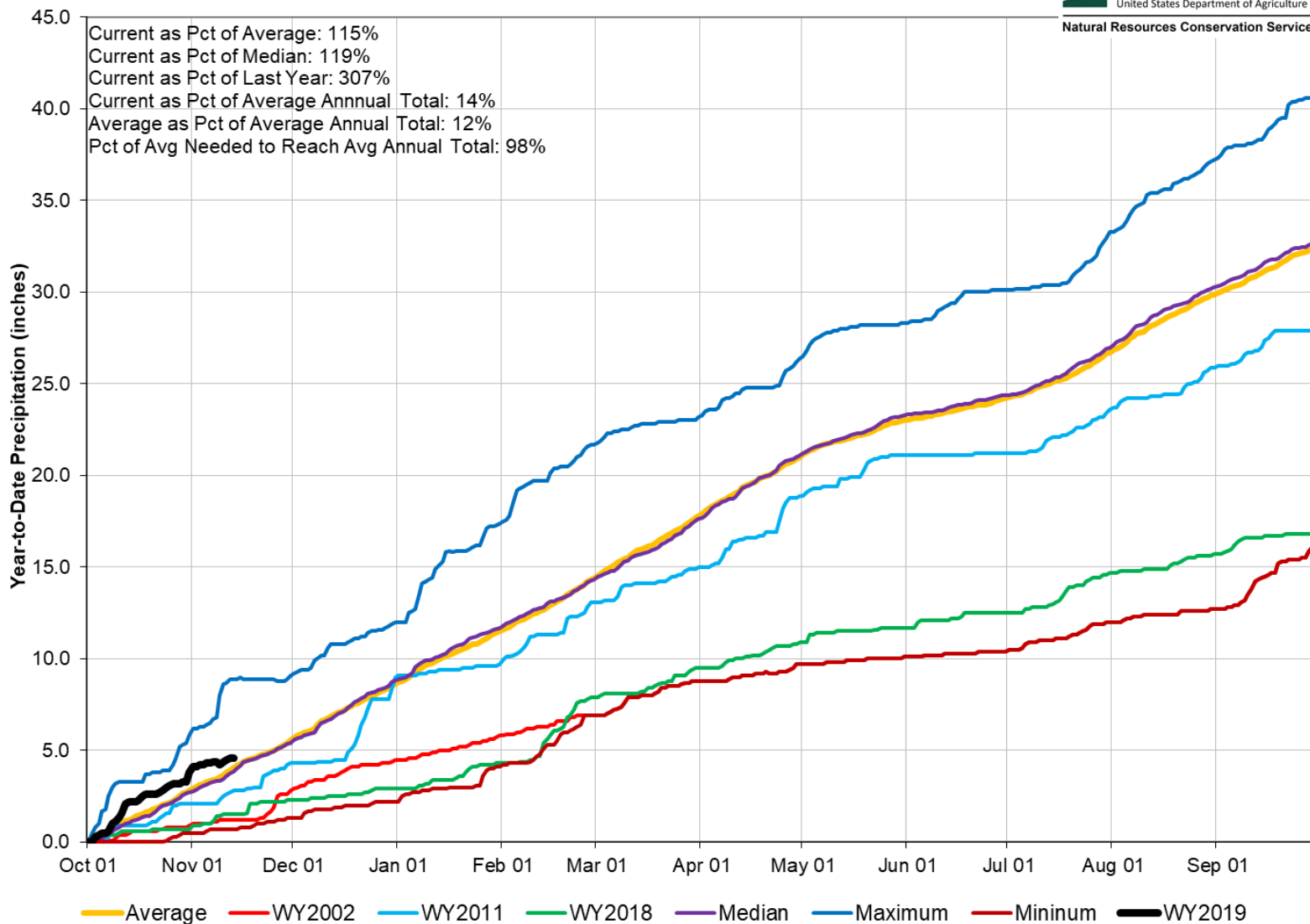
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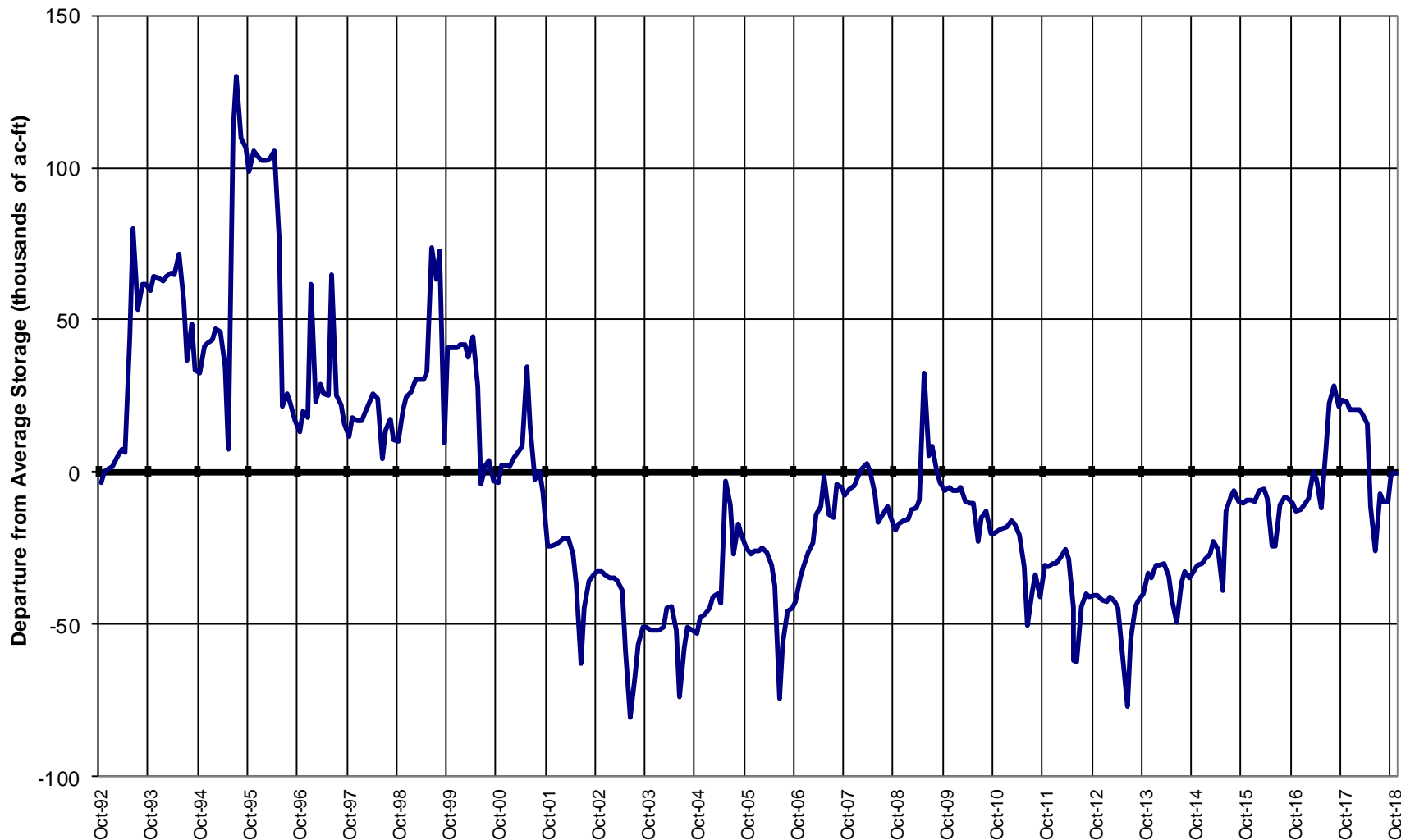


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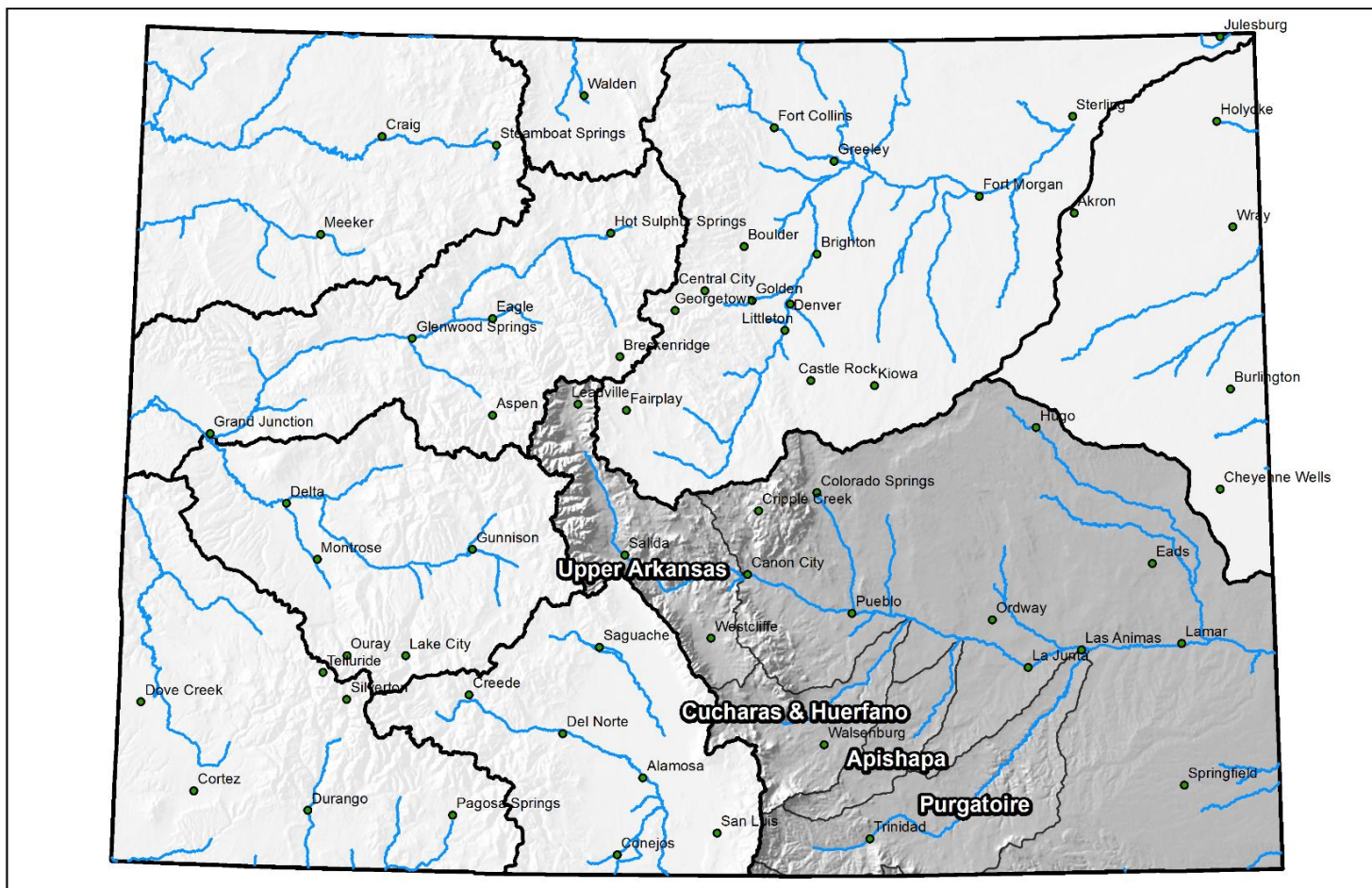


UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN Reservoir Storage Departure from Average



Major Basin Summary

Arkansas River Basin



0 25 50 100 150 200 Miles

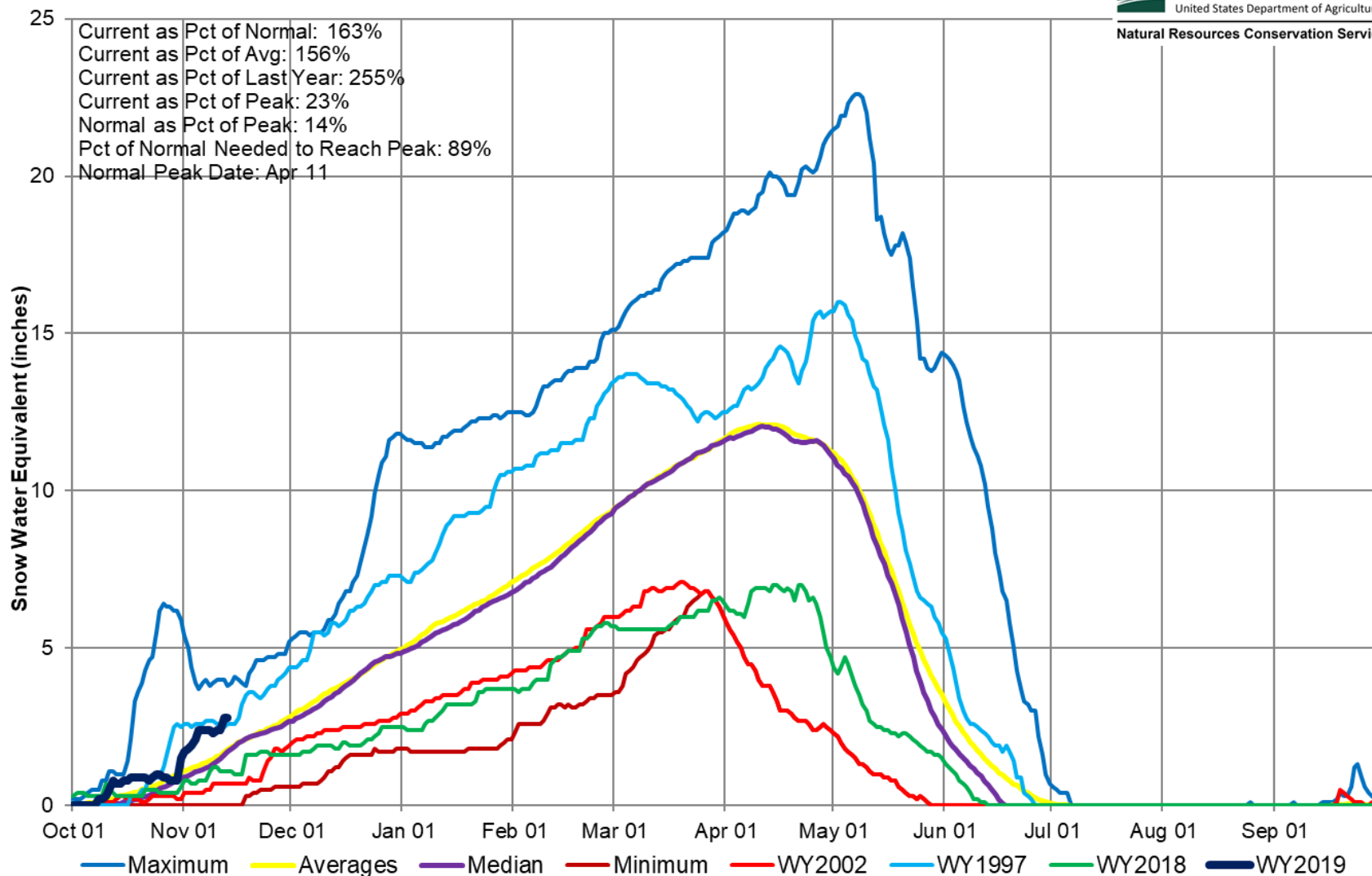
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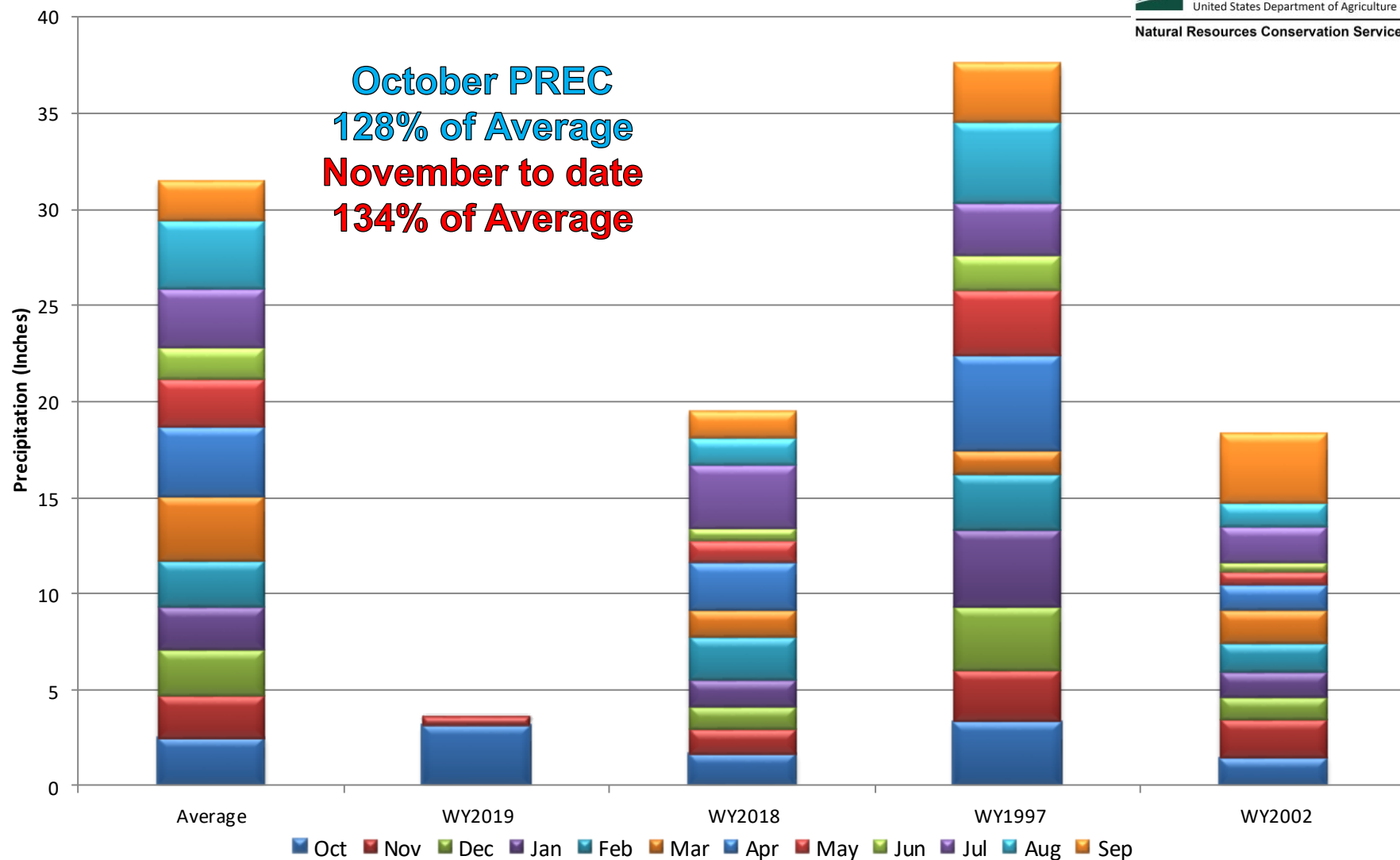
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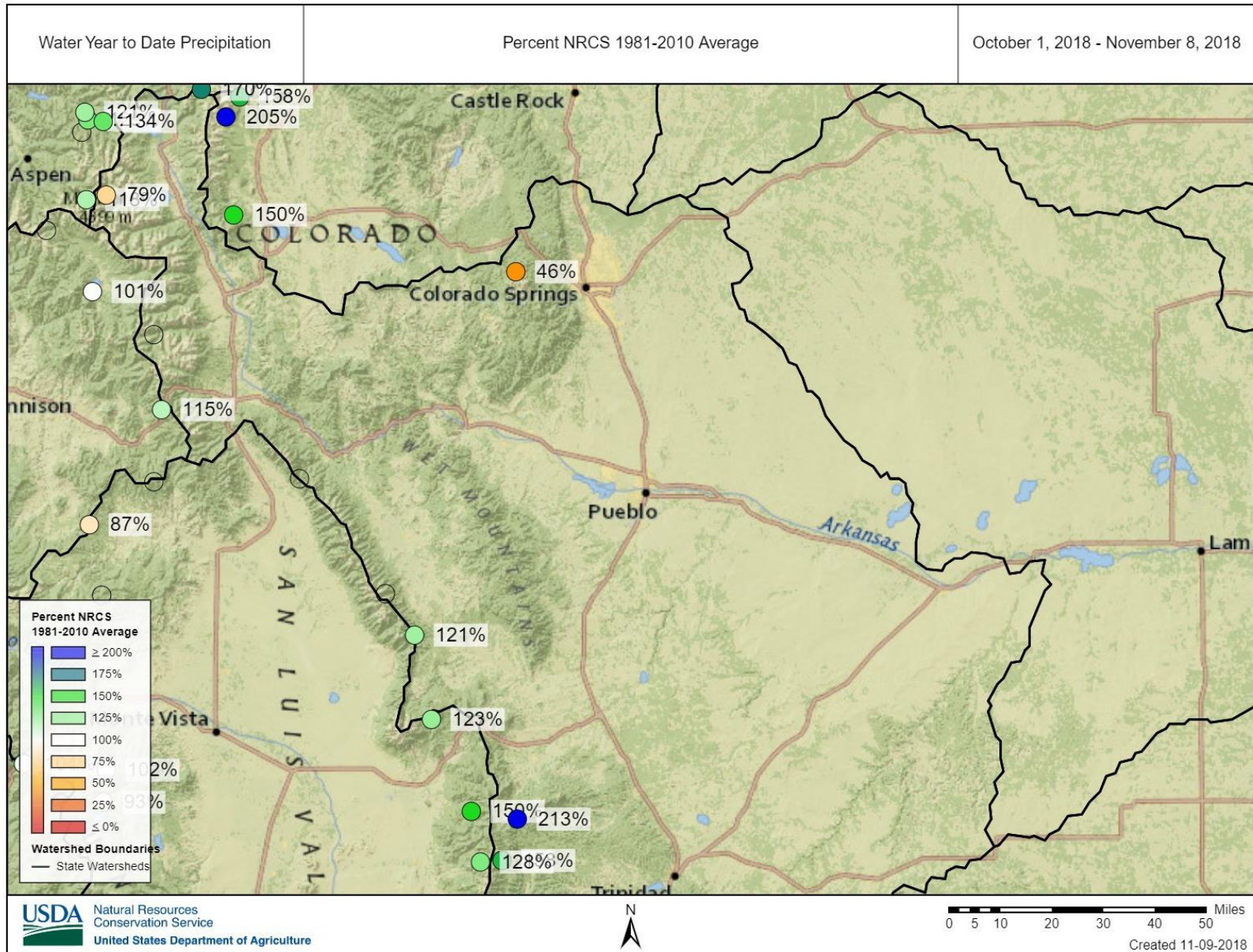
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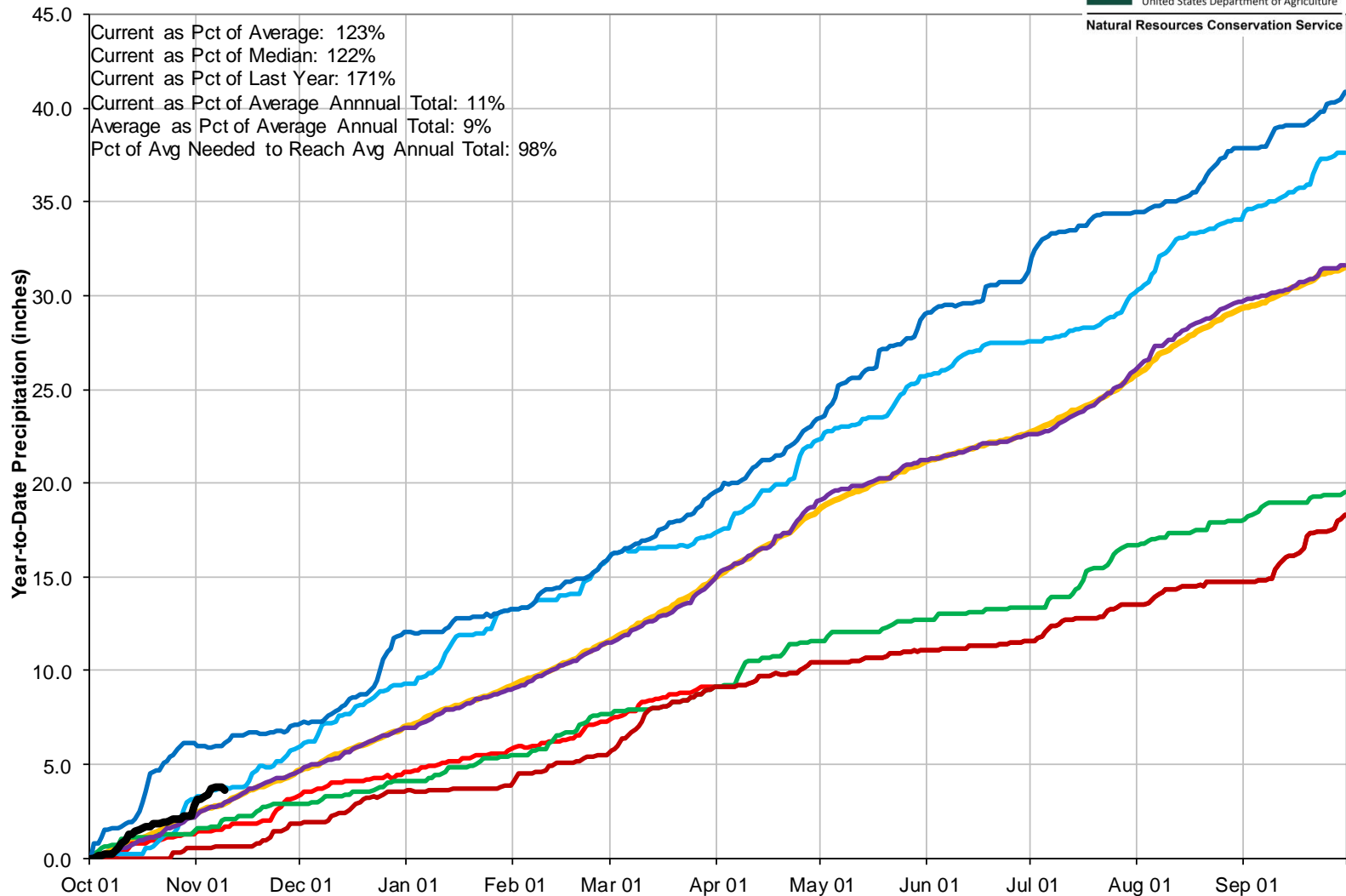




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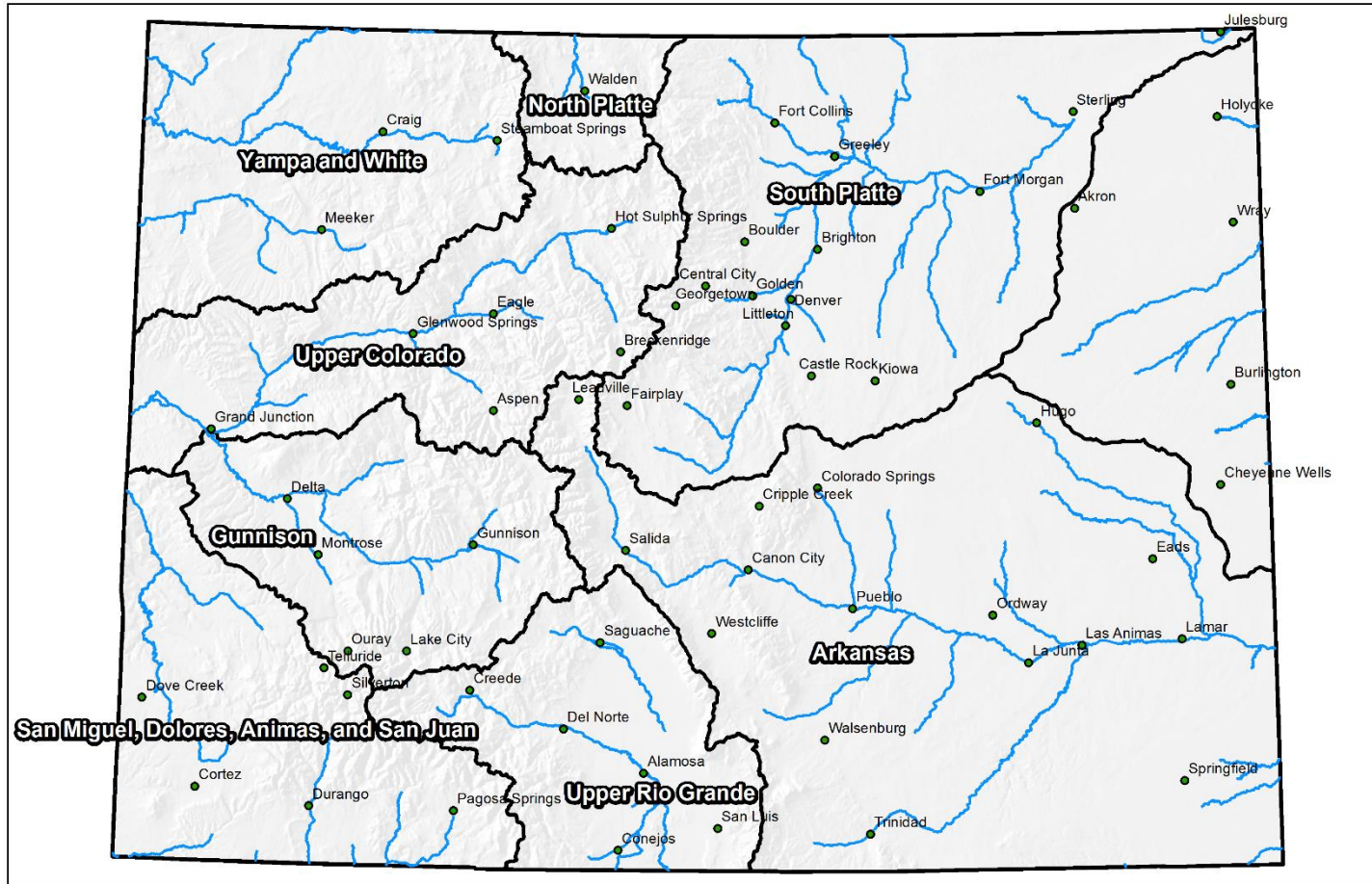


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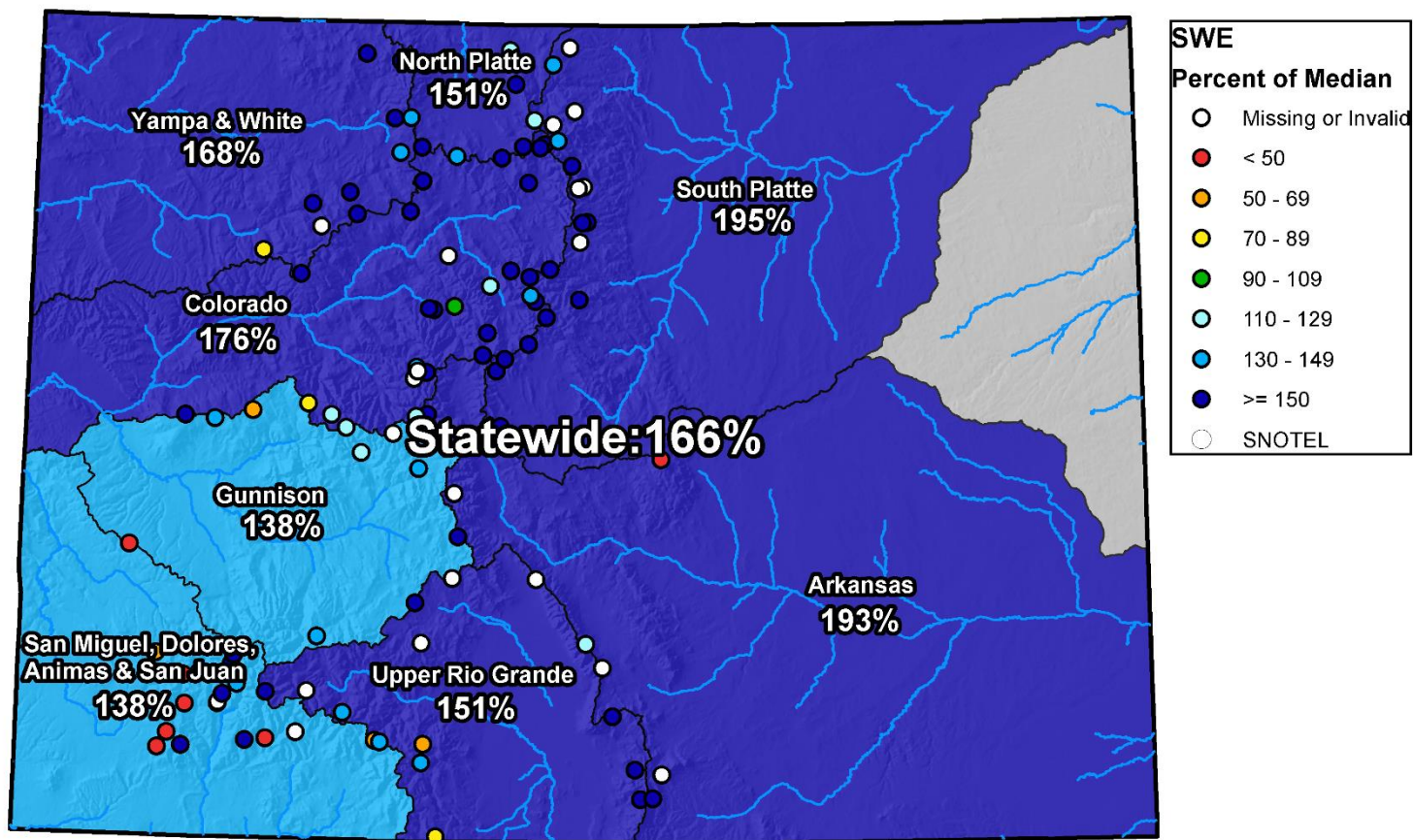
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Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Update Map with Site Data

Current as of Nov 08, 2018



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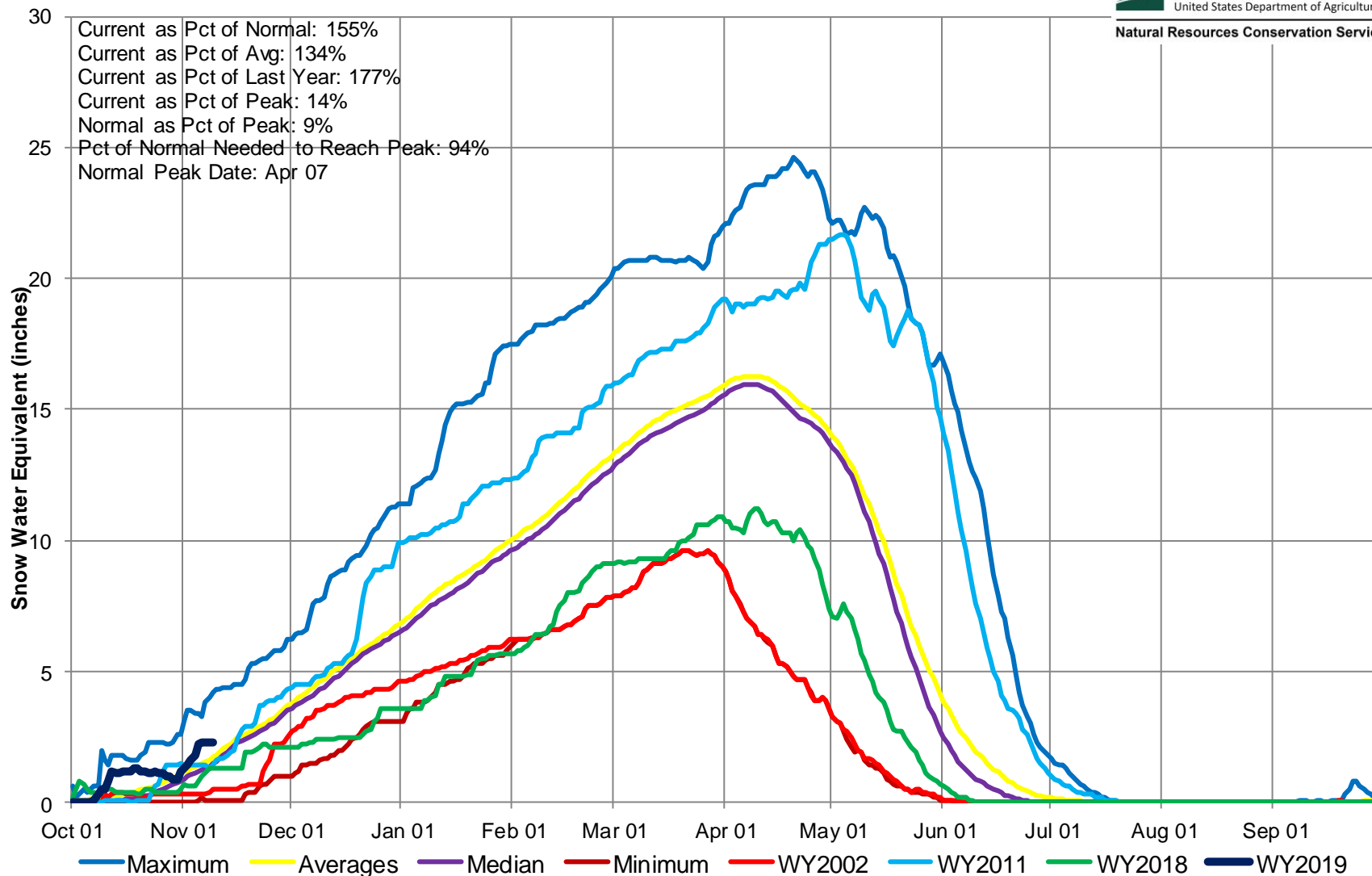
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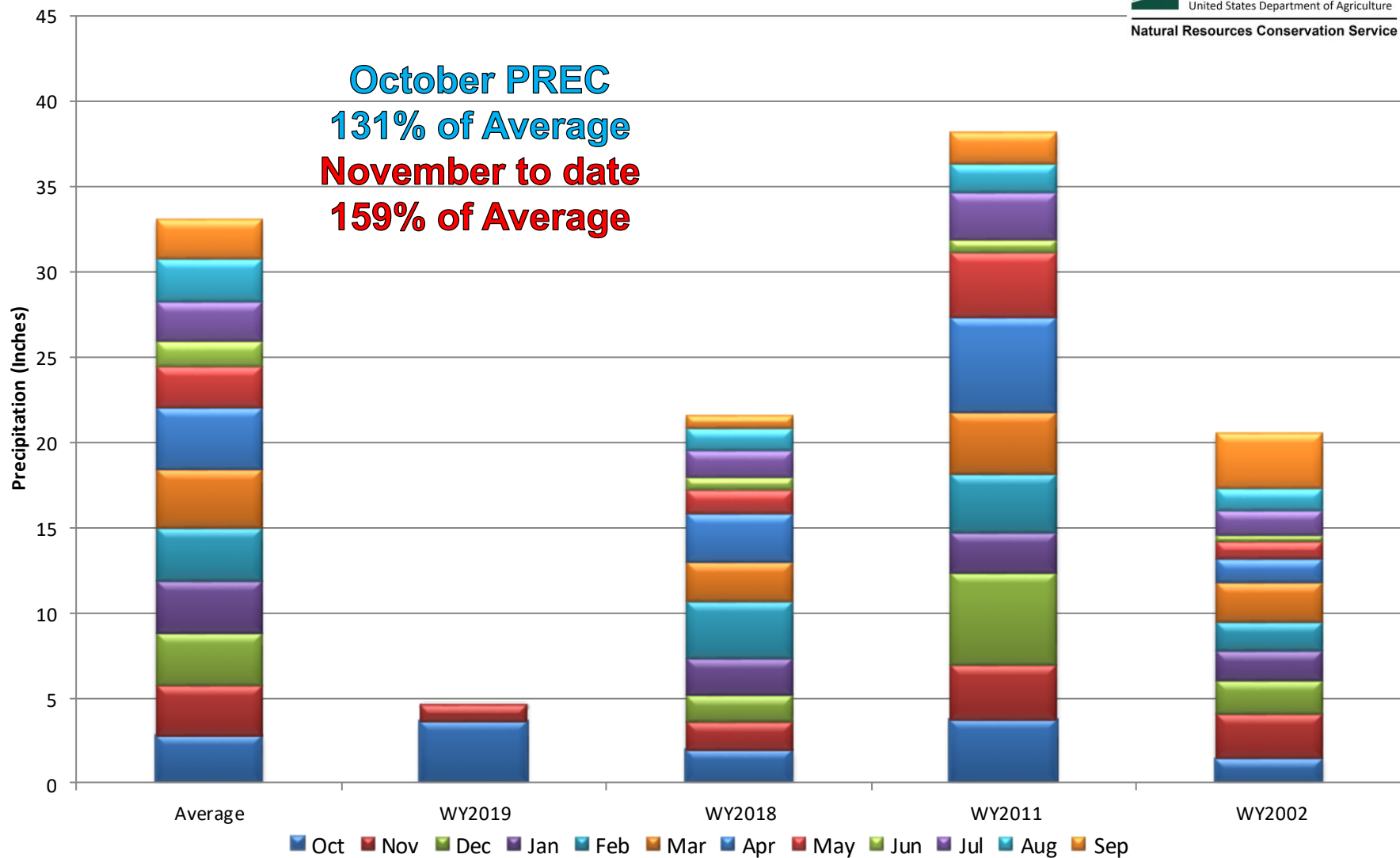
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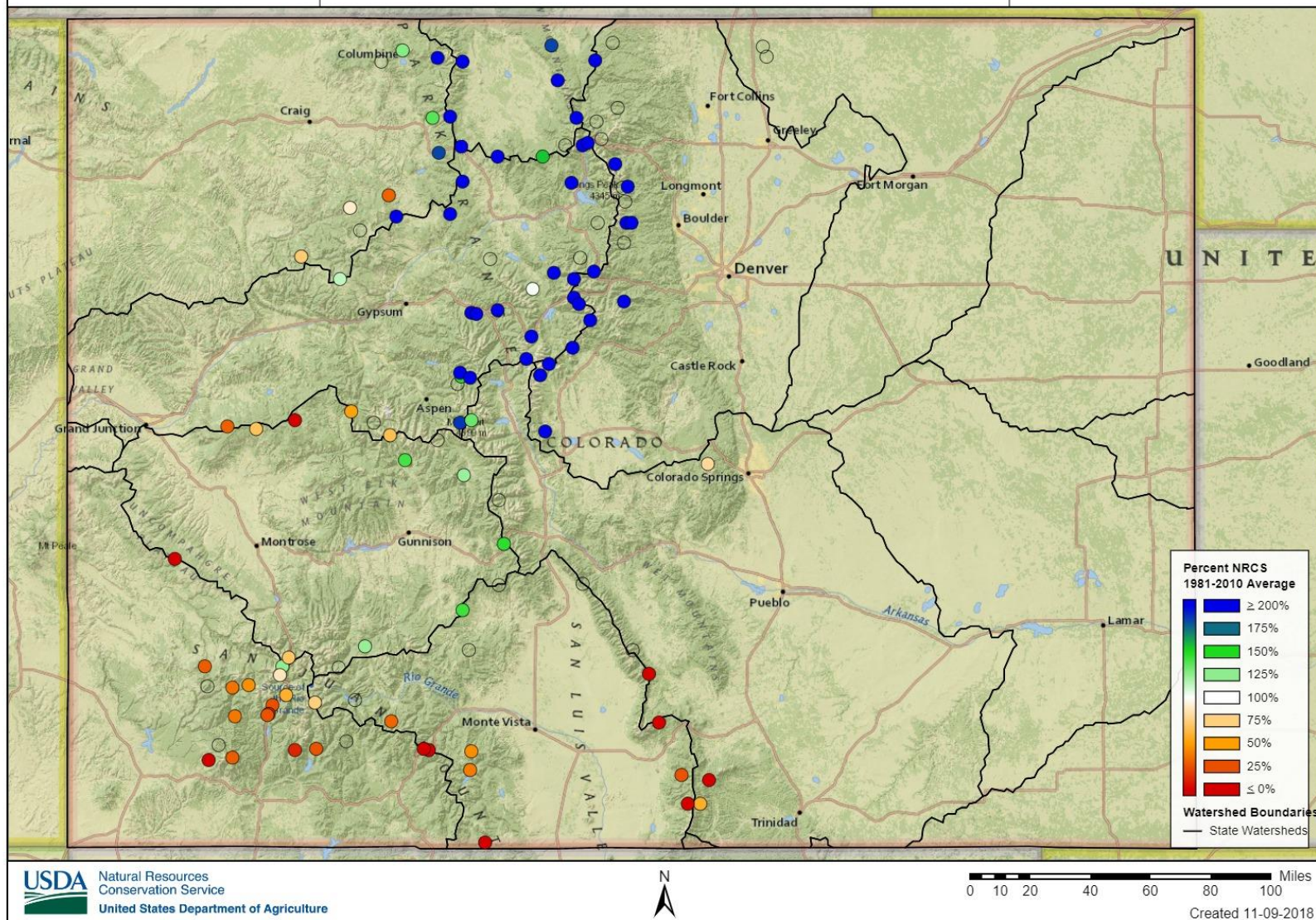
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Month to Date Precipitation

Percent NRCS 1981-2010 Average

November 1, 2018 - November 8, 2018



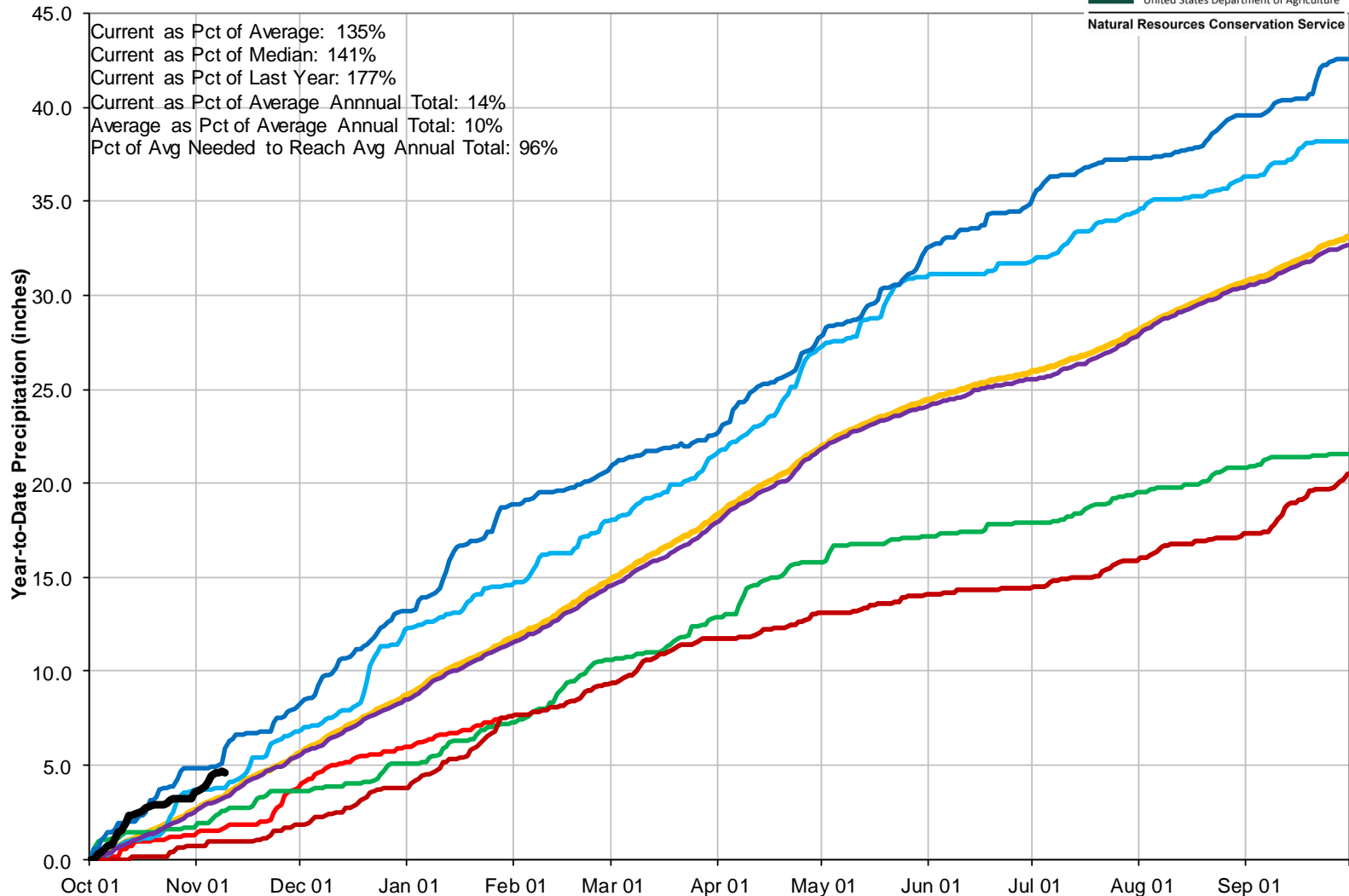
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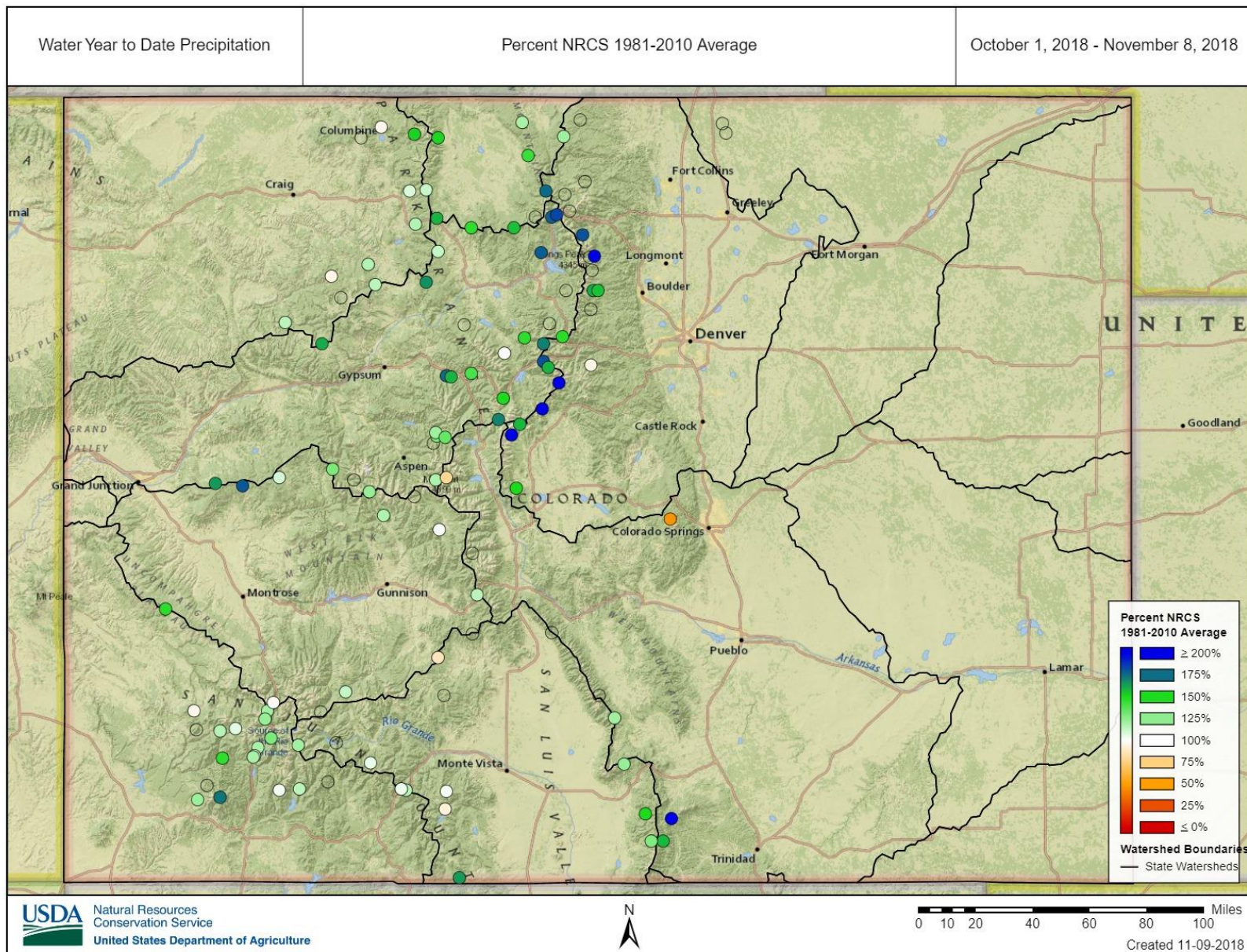
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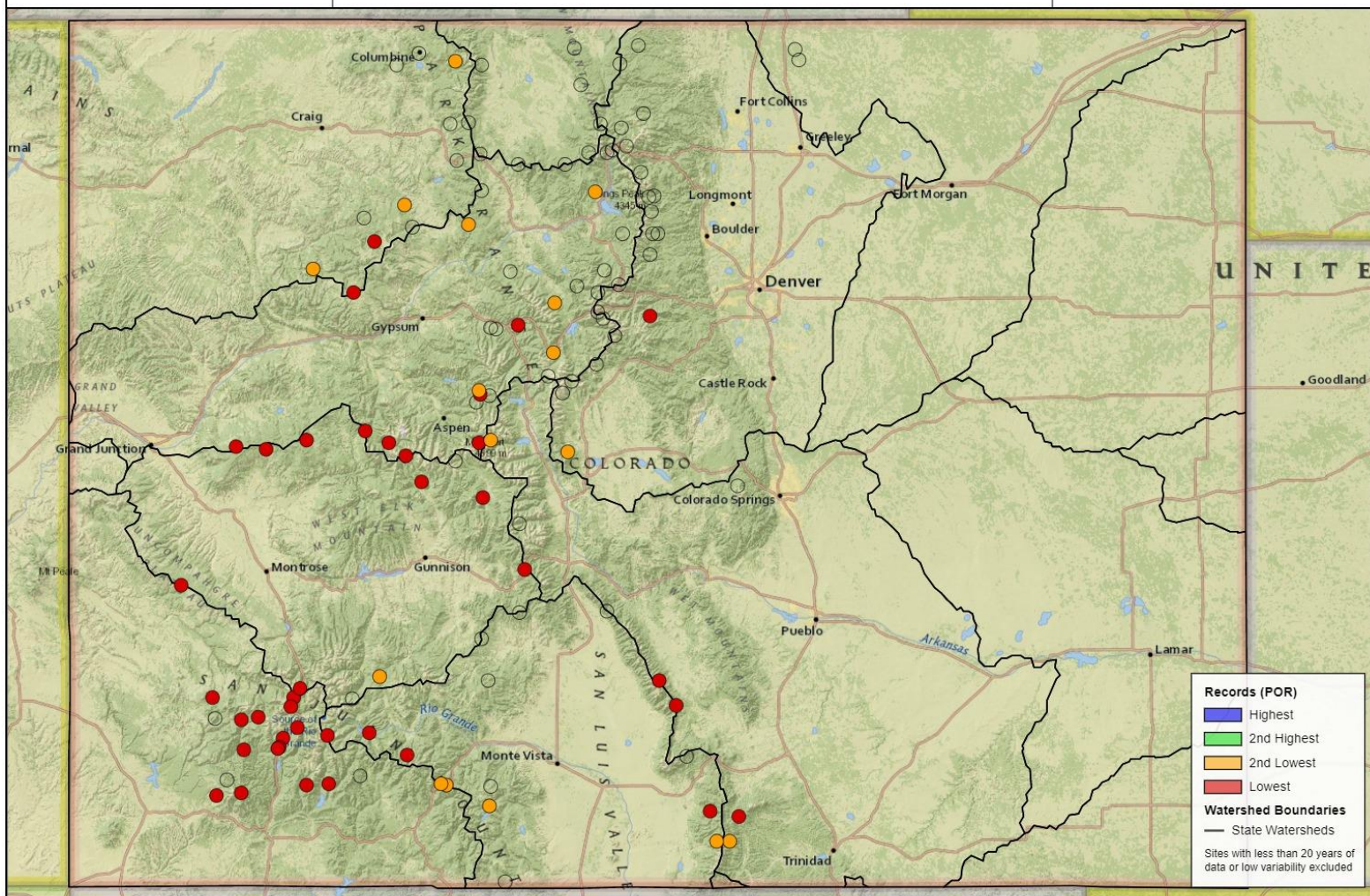


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Water Year to Date Precipitation

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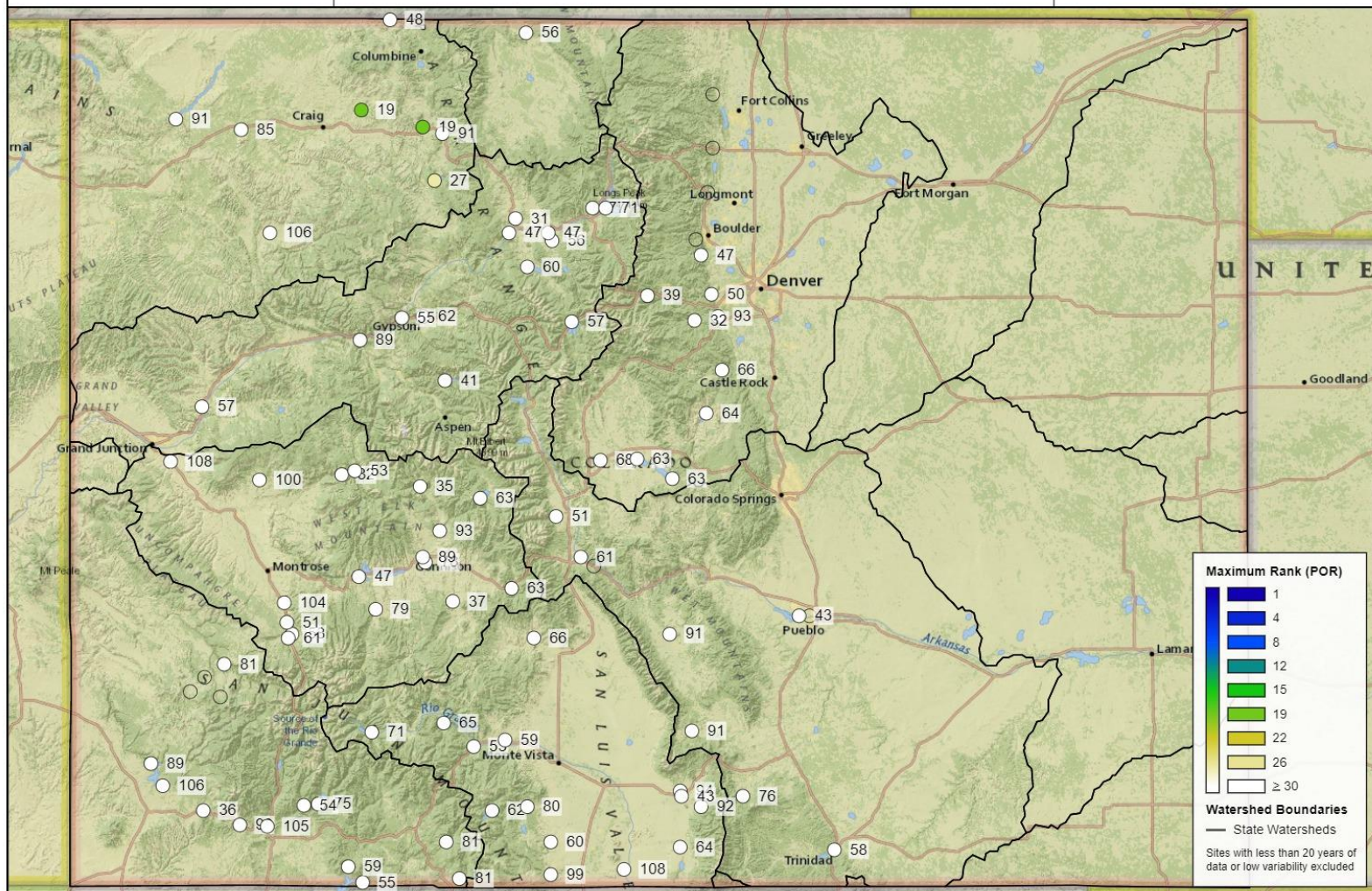
October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018



4 month Adjusted Volume, Observed

Maximum Rank (POR)

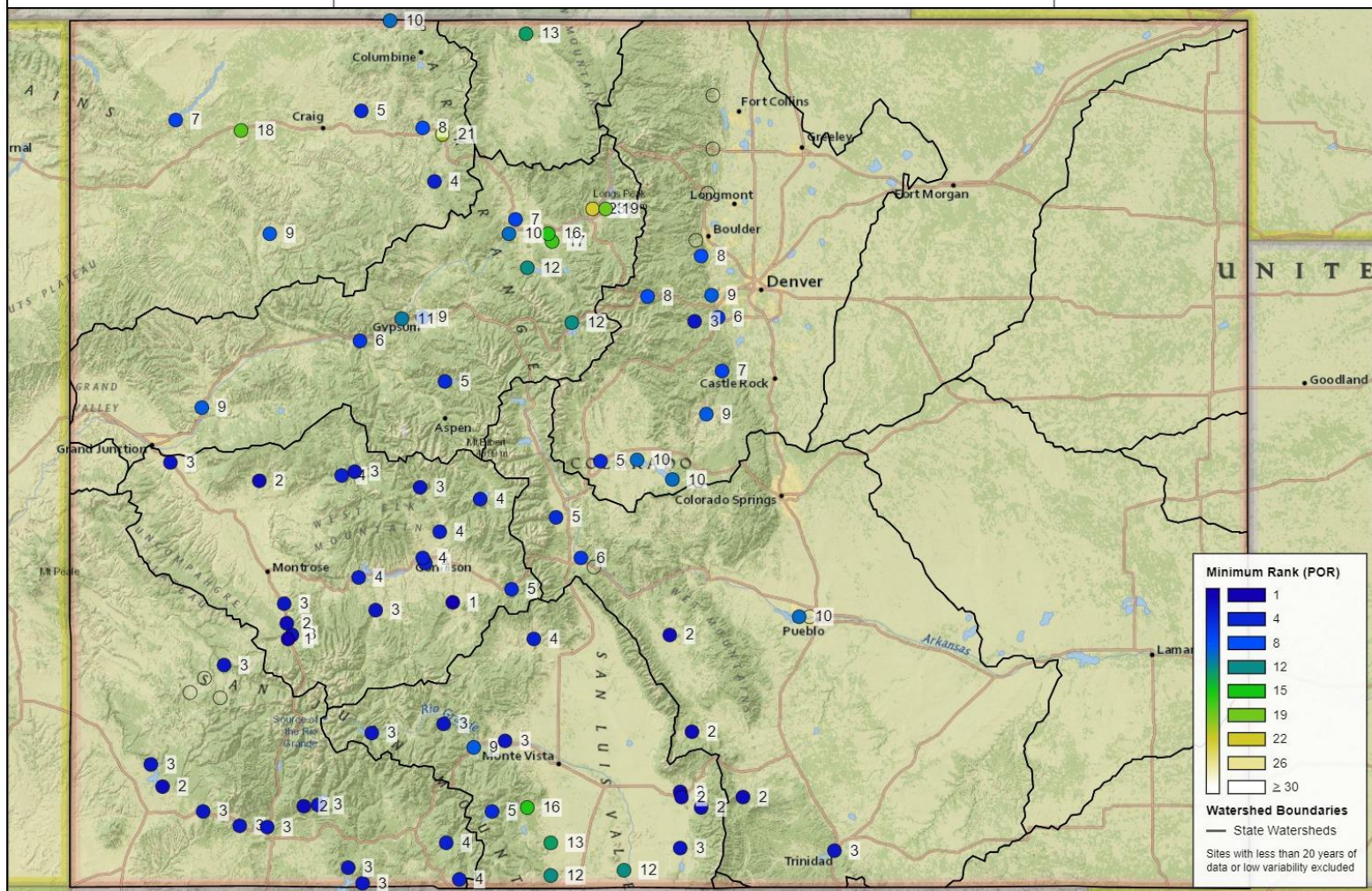
April 1, 2018 - July 31, 2018



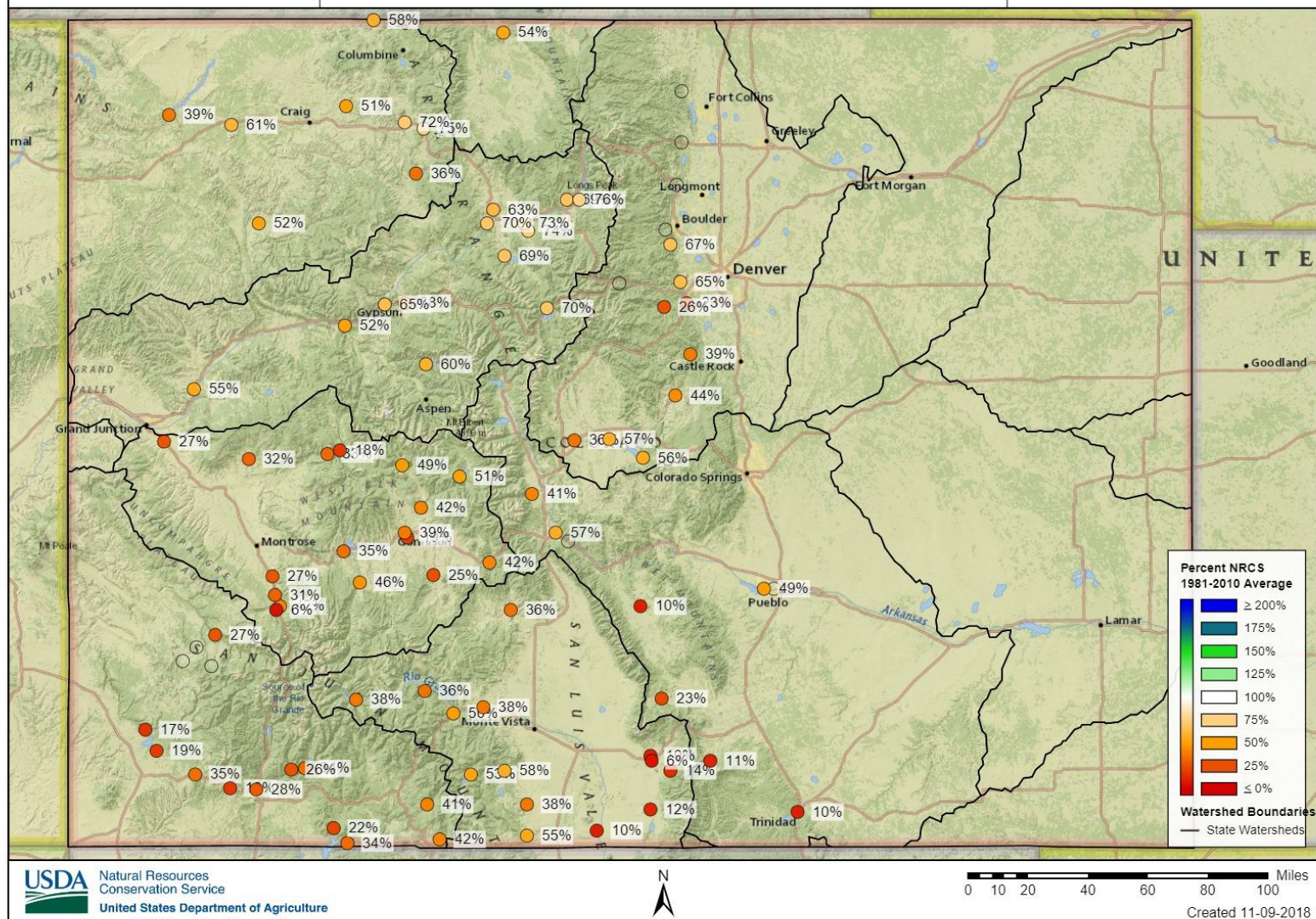
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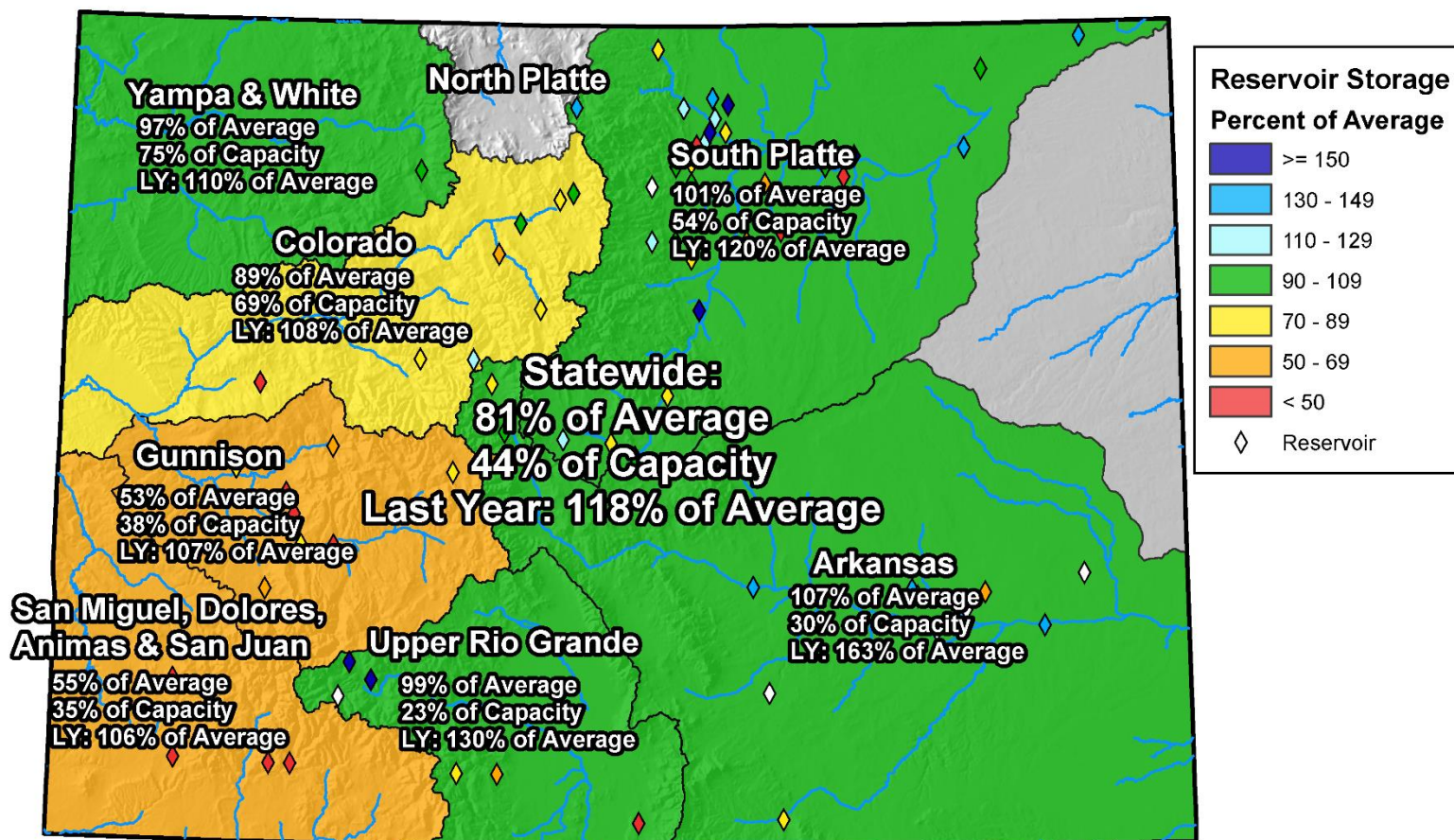


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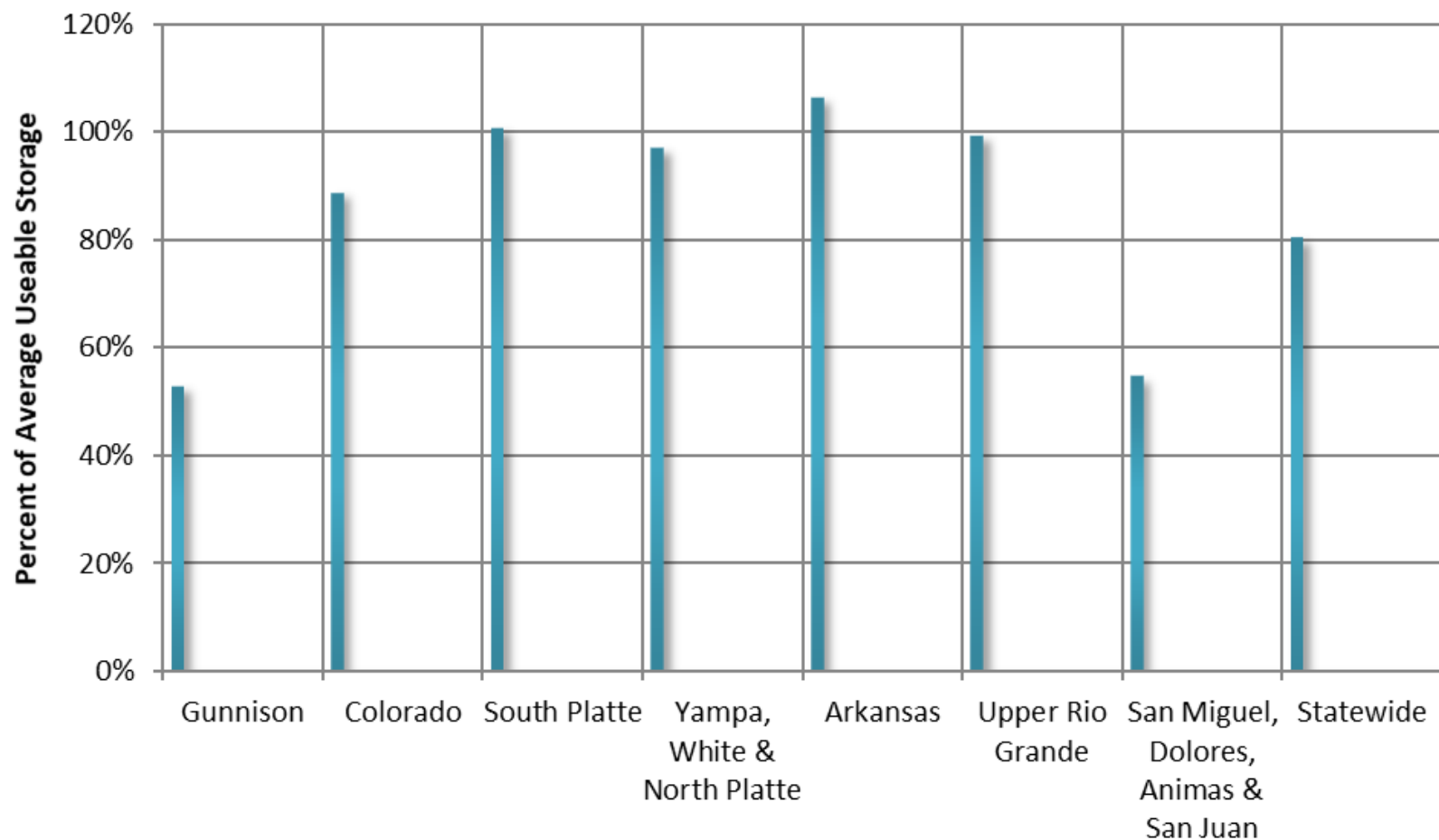
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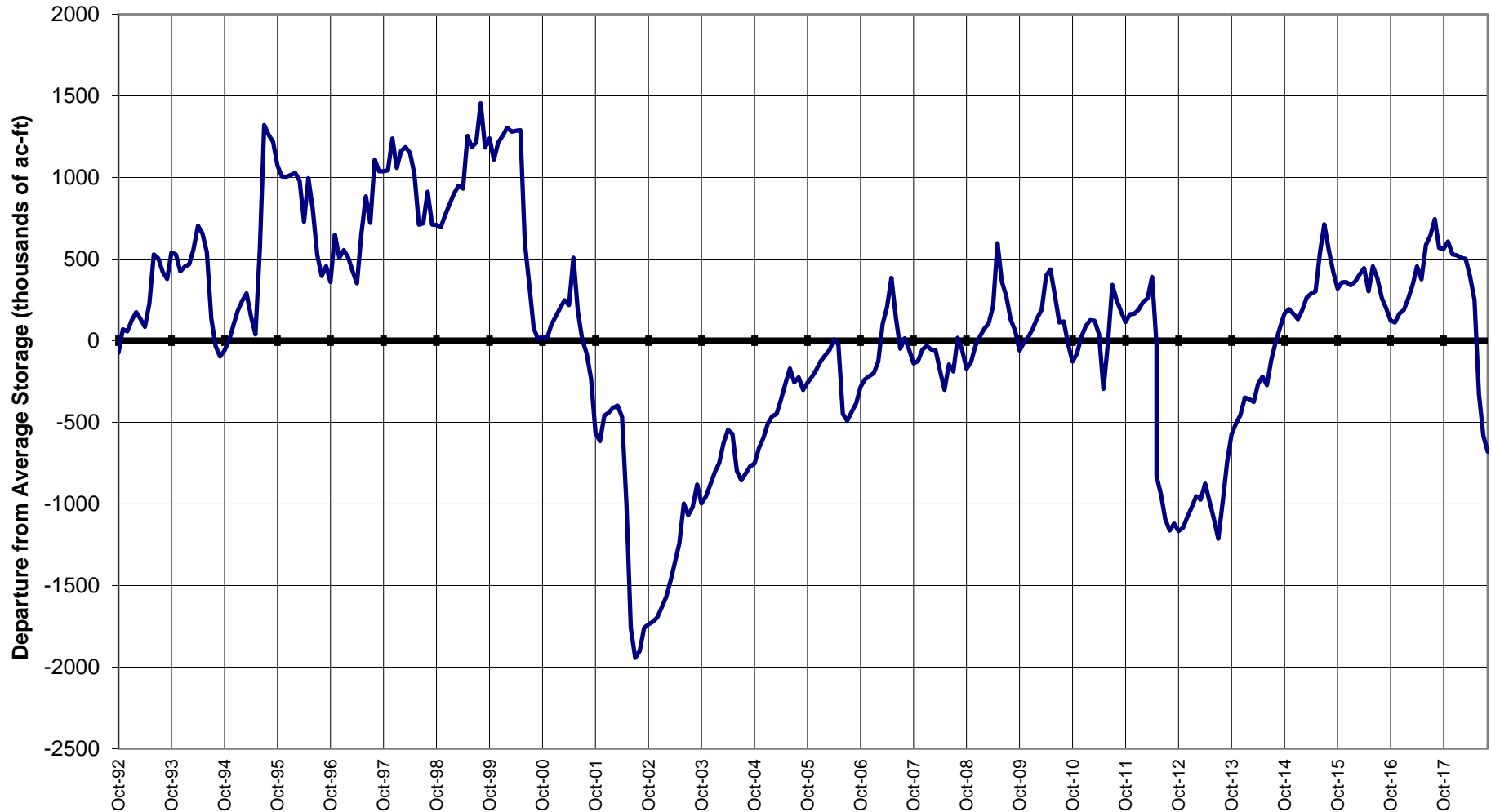
Colorado Reservoir Storage

Oct-18 Nov-18 Dec-18 Jan-19 Feb-19 Mar-19
 Apr-19 May-19 Jun-19 Jul-19 Aug-19 Sep-19





COLORADO STATEWIDE Reservoir Storage Departure from Average



Summary

- Water Year 2018 ended up with record low precipitation at most SNOTEL sites in southern Colorado
- Many summer streamflow volumes were some of the lowest on record- often with over 100 years of data
- Reservoir storage is currently extremely low in southern and Western Colorado
- Water Year 2019 has been off to a great start so far
 - Early snowfall across the state much of which has remained to start the seasonal snowpack
 - Recently more dry in southern Colorado but the central and northern mountains have continued to receive steady accumulations
- Hopefully the current trend of precipitation keeps going and especially in Southern Colorado



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