Colorado River Basin Water Supply & Peak Flow

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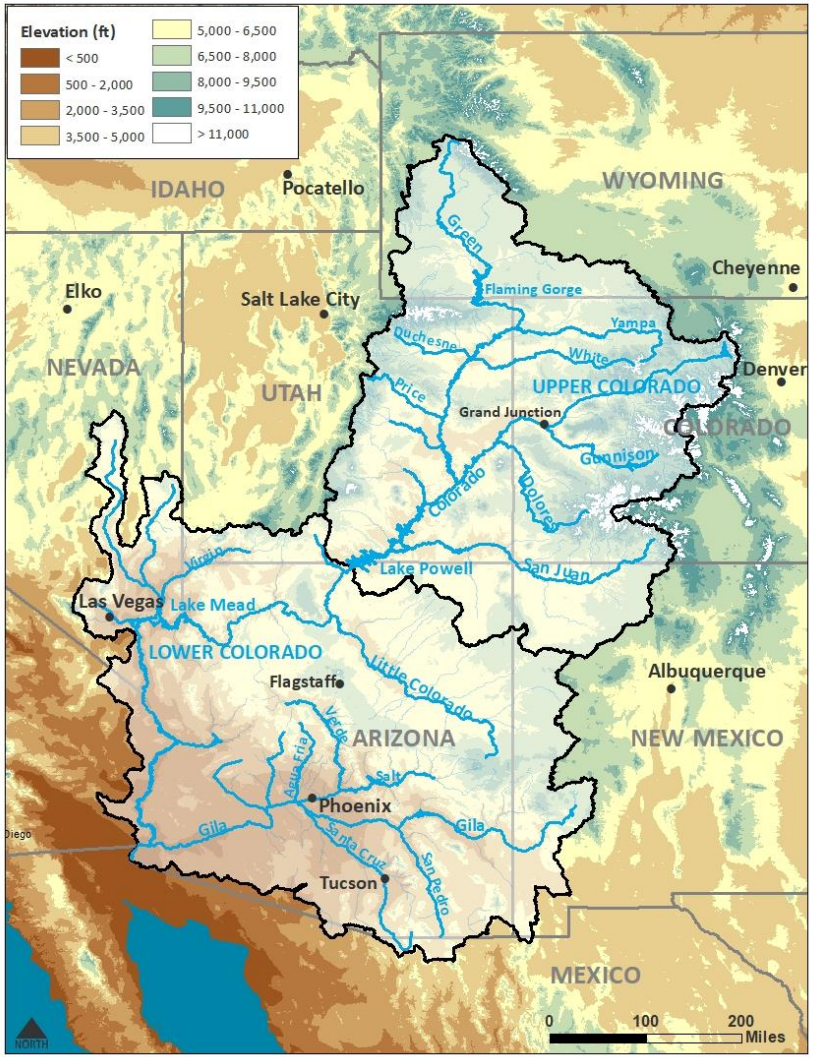

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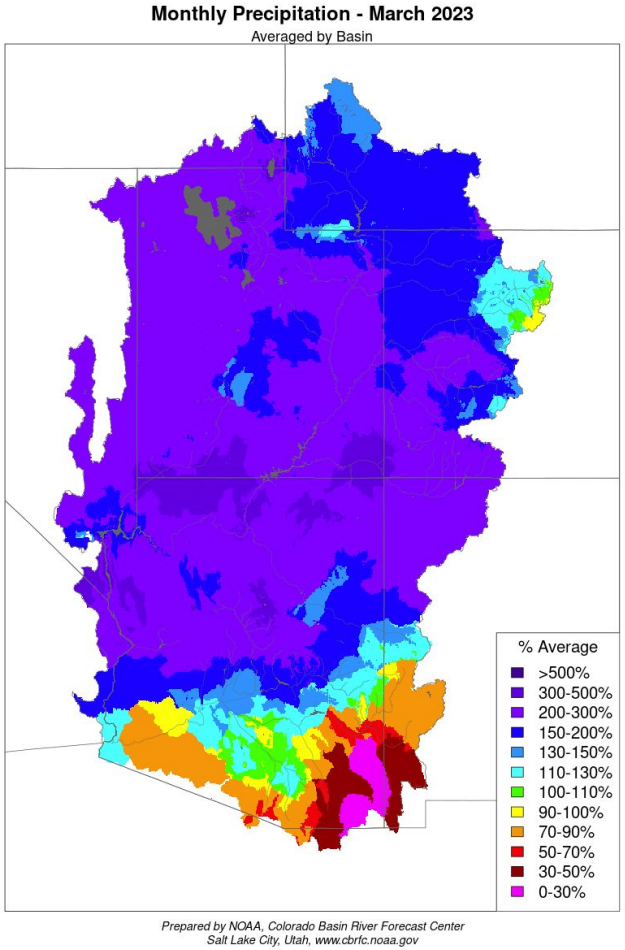
March Weather Summary

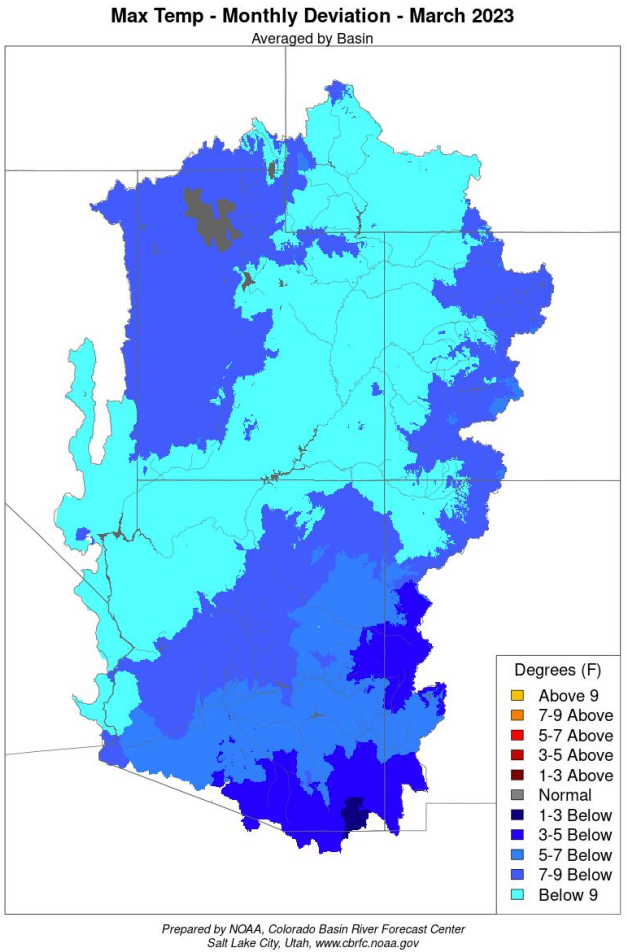
The cold and wet weather pattern that began around mid-February continued through March across the region.

Precipitation continued to favor UT, central AZ, and northwest/southwest CO.

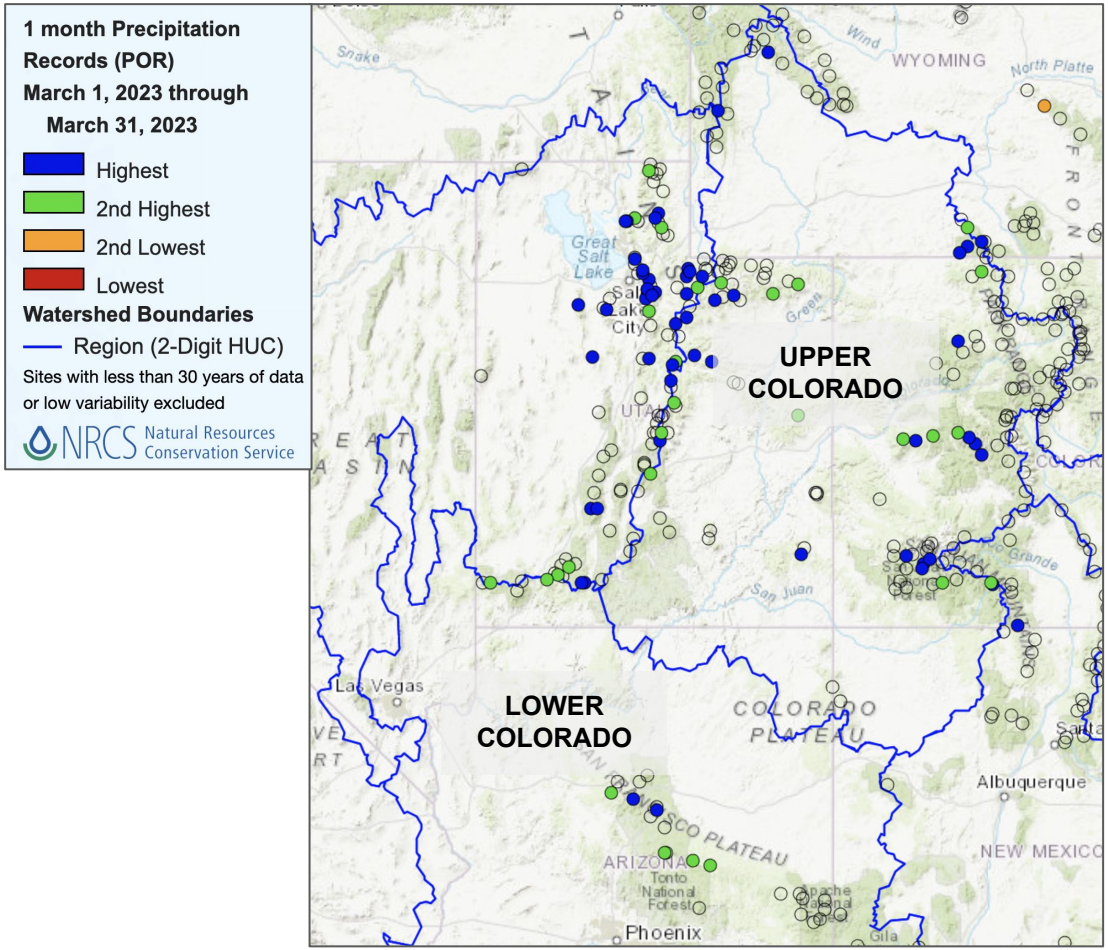
March precipitation was >150% of average across the majority of the Colorado River Basin.

Colder than normal March temperatures across the region led to additional snow accumulation across lower elevations, with minimal snowmelt occurring.





March 2023 Precipitation - SNOTEL Stats



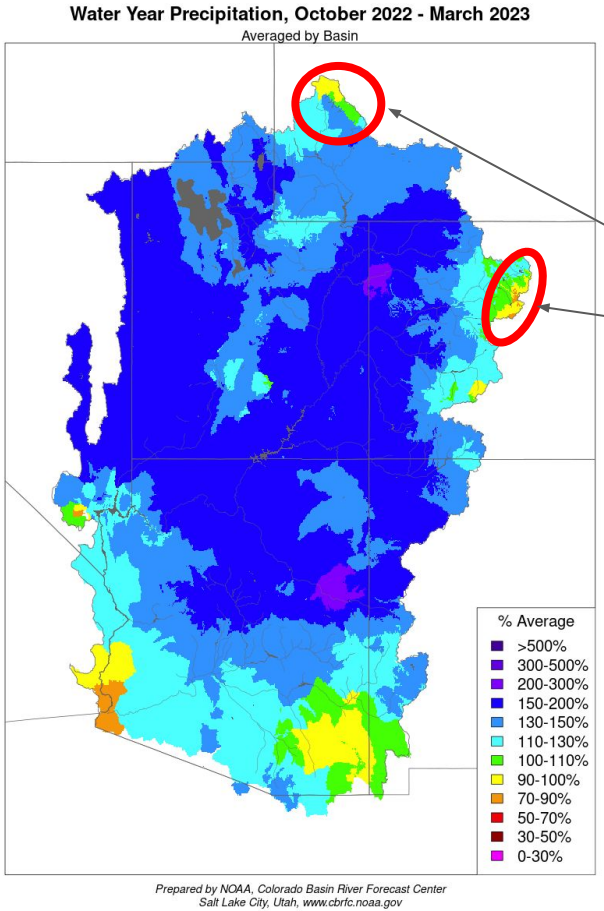
Many SNOTEL stations across the Colorado River Basin received March precipitation amounts ranking in the wettest three on record and above the 90th percentile:

Upper Colorado
White/Yampa
Duchesne
Lower Green
Gunnison
San Juan
Dolores

Lower Colorado
Virgin
Verde
Salt

Water Year 2023 Precipitation (October-March)

Water Year 2023 CBRFC Precipitation (Significant Runoff Areas) Percent of 1991-2020 Average		
UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN		
	Mar	Oct-Mar
Above Lake Powell	180	130
Green River Basin		
Above Fontenelle	145	105
Above Flaming Gorge	147	114
Yampa/White	167	135
Duchesne	210	139
Price/San Rafael/Dirty Devil	219	148
Colorado River Headwaters		
Above Kremmling	107	100
Eagle	114	106
Roaring Fork	170	124
Above Cameo	134	113
Southwest Colorado		
Gunnison	189	130
Dolores	222	148
San Juan	233	141
LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN		
Virgin	211	169
Little Colorado	216	156
Verde	271	169
Salt	165	137
Upper Gila	88	125



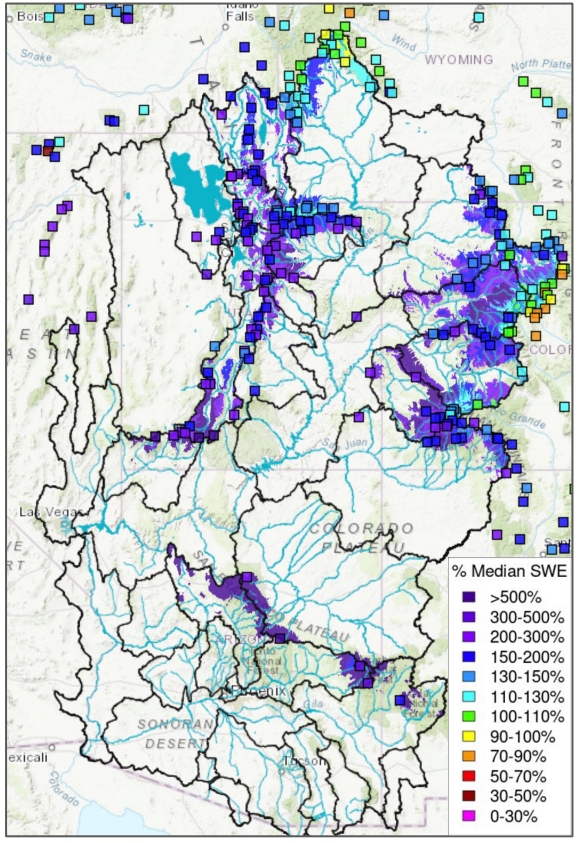
Water year precipitation can be used as a good indicator of water supply conditions, and is above average across most of the region.

Parts of the northern Upper Green River Basin above Fontenelle Reservoir and areas along the Continental Divide have received less precipitation compared to surrounding basins.

Water Year 2023 Snowpack Conditions

April 1 SWE Conditions

NRCS SNOTEL Observed (Squares)
CBRFC Model (Significant Areas)



SWE = Snow Water Equivalent
The amount water in snow.

Water Year 2023 CBRFC Model SWE (Significant Runoff Areas) Percent of 1991-2020 Median			
UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN			
	Mar1	**Apr1**	**Change**
Above Lake Powell	135	169	34
Green River Basin			
Above Fontenelle	99	114	15
Above Flaming Gorge	116	131	15
Yampa/White	148	175	27
Duchesne	157	199	42
Price/San Rafael/Dirty Devil	183	247	64
Colorado River Headwaters			
Above Kremmling	111	124	13
Eagle	109	119	10
Roaring Fork	119	142	23
Above Cameo	117	136	19
Southwest Colorado			
Gunnison	133	167	34
Dolores	157	238	81
San Juan	129	186	57
LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN			
Virgin	239	401	162
Little Colorado	342	500	158
Verde	486	500	14
Salt	175	305	130
Upper Gila	206	500	294

Larger increases in UT & northwest CO basins.
Top 5 wettest; >90th percentile

Less March precipitation across west-central CO
Smaller SWE increases

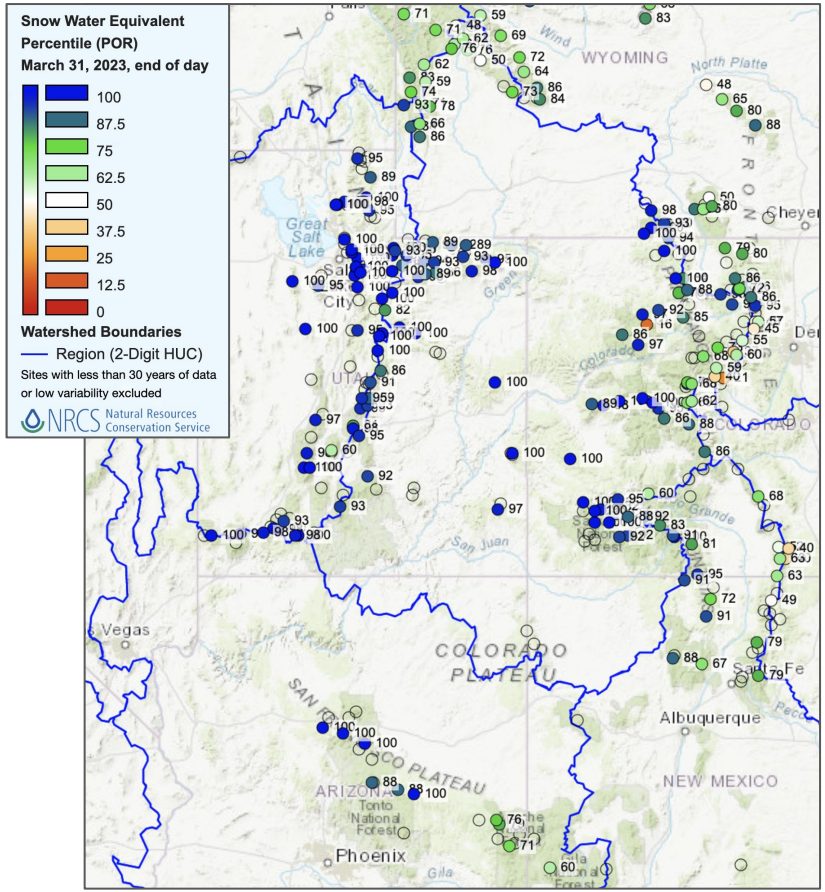
April 1 SWE at most San Juan Mountain Range SNOTELs:
Top 5 wettest; >90th percentile

Near/record April 1 SWE in southwest UT & central AZ
*Central AZ SNOTELs typically near melt out (zero) by April 1

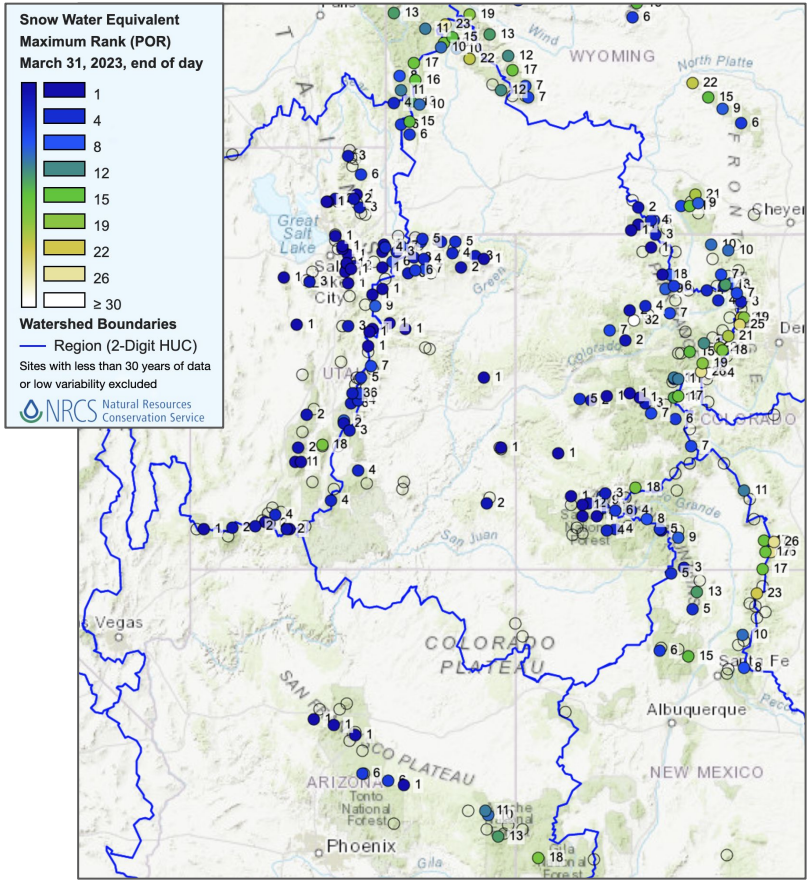
Early April SWE conditions range from slightly above normal to near/record across the Colorado River Basin.

April 1, 2023 SNOTEL SWE Stats

Percentile



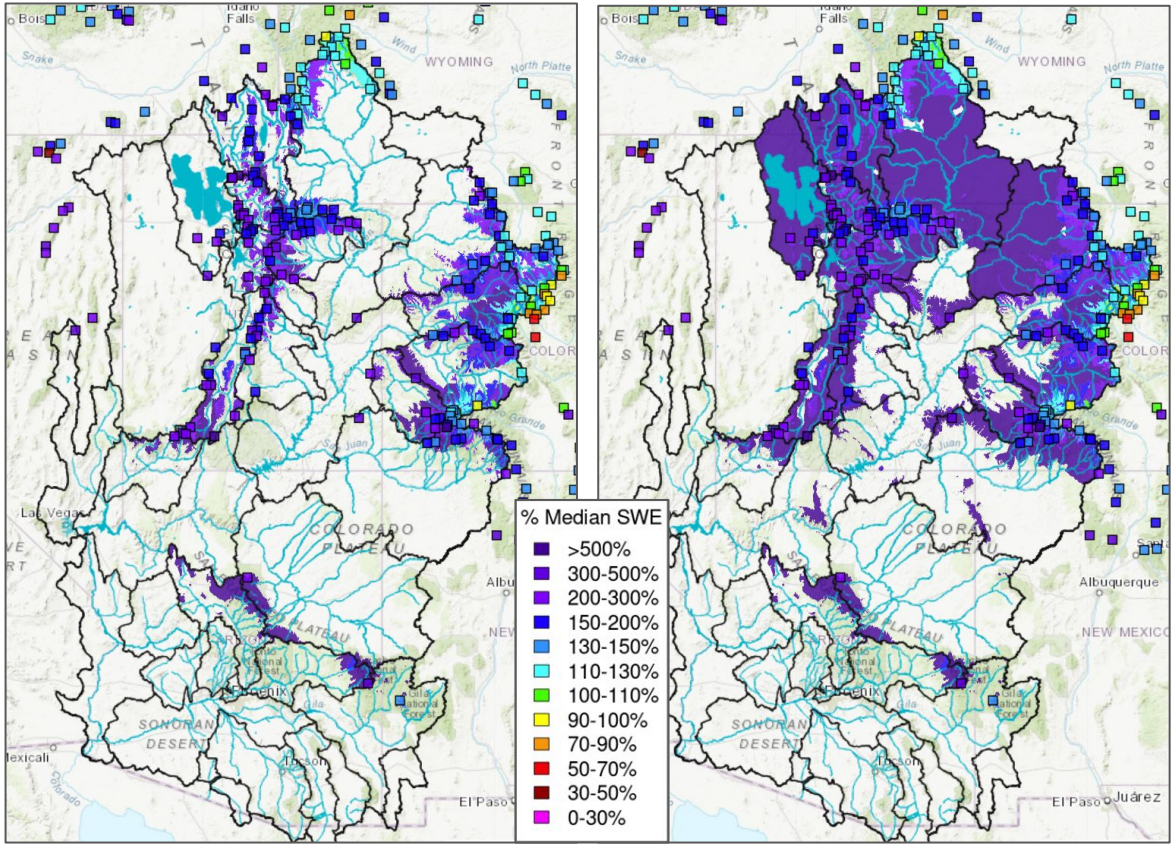
Ranking



Early April Snow Distribution (High Elevation vs. Low Elevation)

Significant Runoff Areas

All Runoff Areas



Snow above and below SNOTEL stations is modeled in CBRFC's hydrologic model.

Snow Distribution Implications

-melt timing

-high elevation reservoir inflows

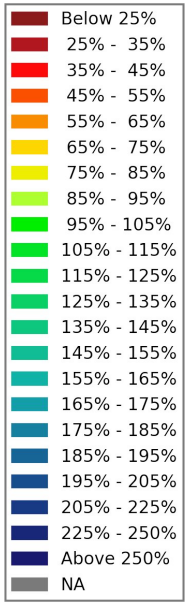
-peak flows

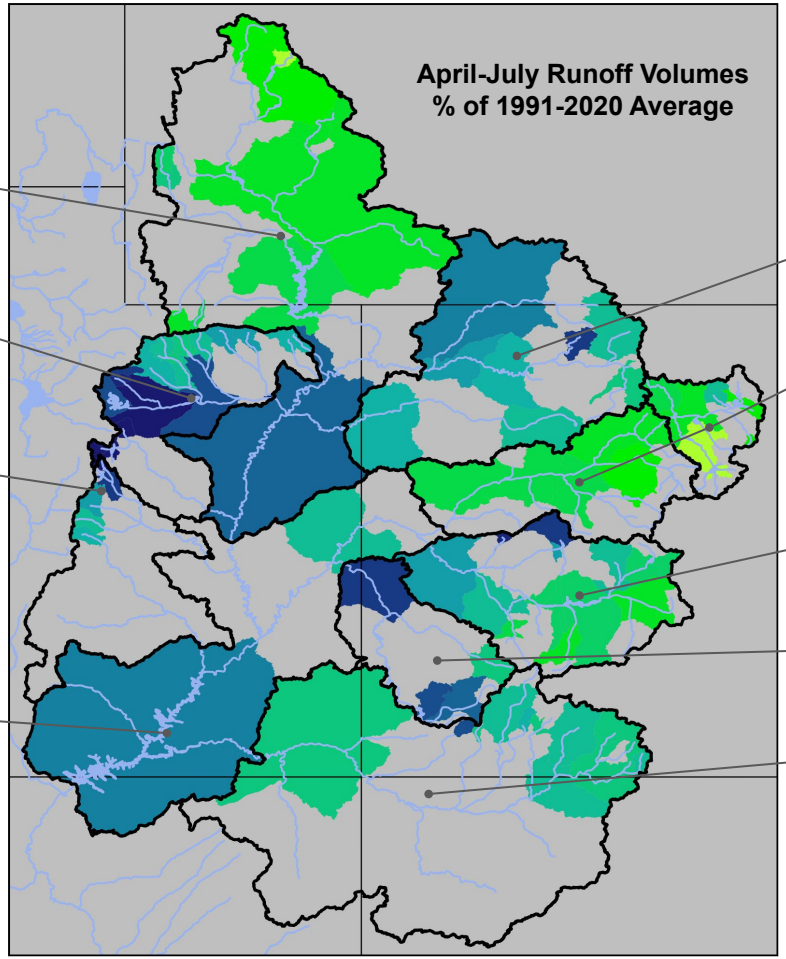
-impact on AMJJ runoff volumes

**Note: map does not include areas where the median SWE is zero.*

April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: Upper Colorado

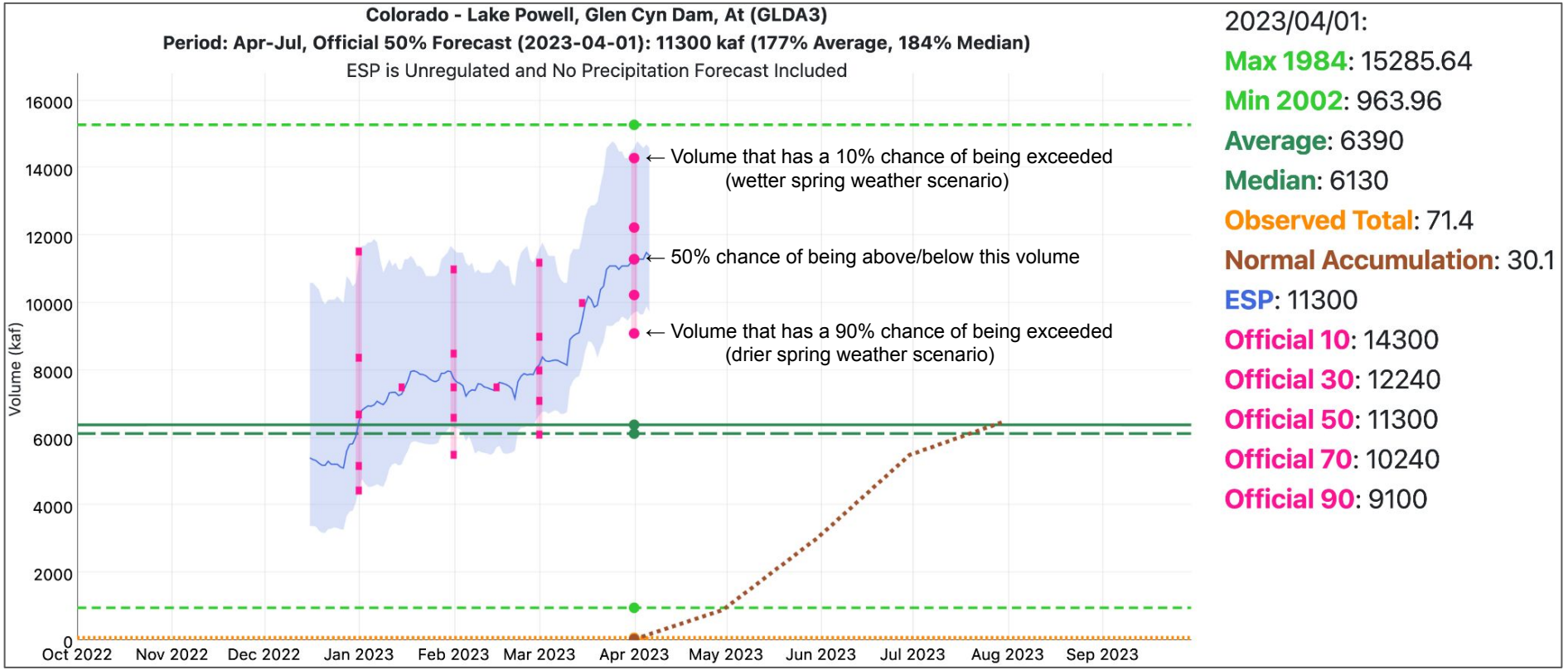
Water supply forecast volumes increased over the past month across the Colorado River Basin as a result of above normal March precipitation.





Lake Powell summarizes the hydrologic conditions throughout the Upper Colorado River Basin.

April 1st Water Supply Forecast - Lake Powell



2023/04/01:

Max 1984: 15285.64

Min 2002: 963.96

Average: 6390

Median: 6130

Observed Total: 71.4

Normal Accumulation: 30.1

ESP: 11300

Official 10: 14300

Official 30: 12240

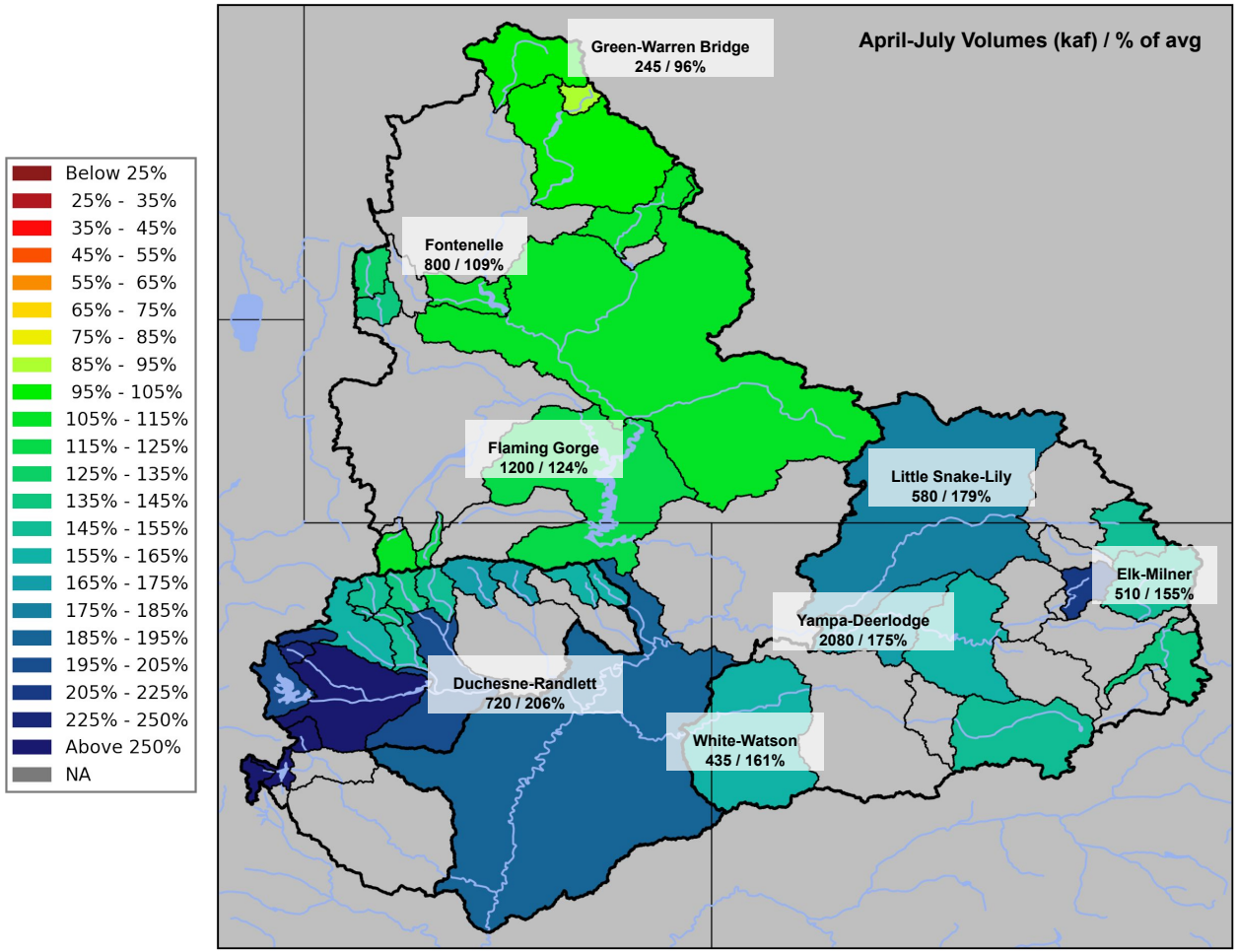
Official 50: 11300

Official 70: 10240

Official 90: 9100

20% chance observed runoff volume could be outside of the 10/90 forecast range.

April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: Green, Yampa, White, Duchesne



April 1st 2023 Forecasts

Volume (kaf) / % of 1991-2020 avg

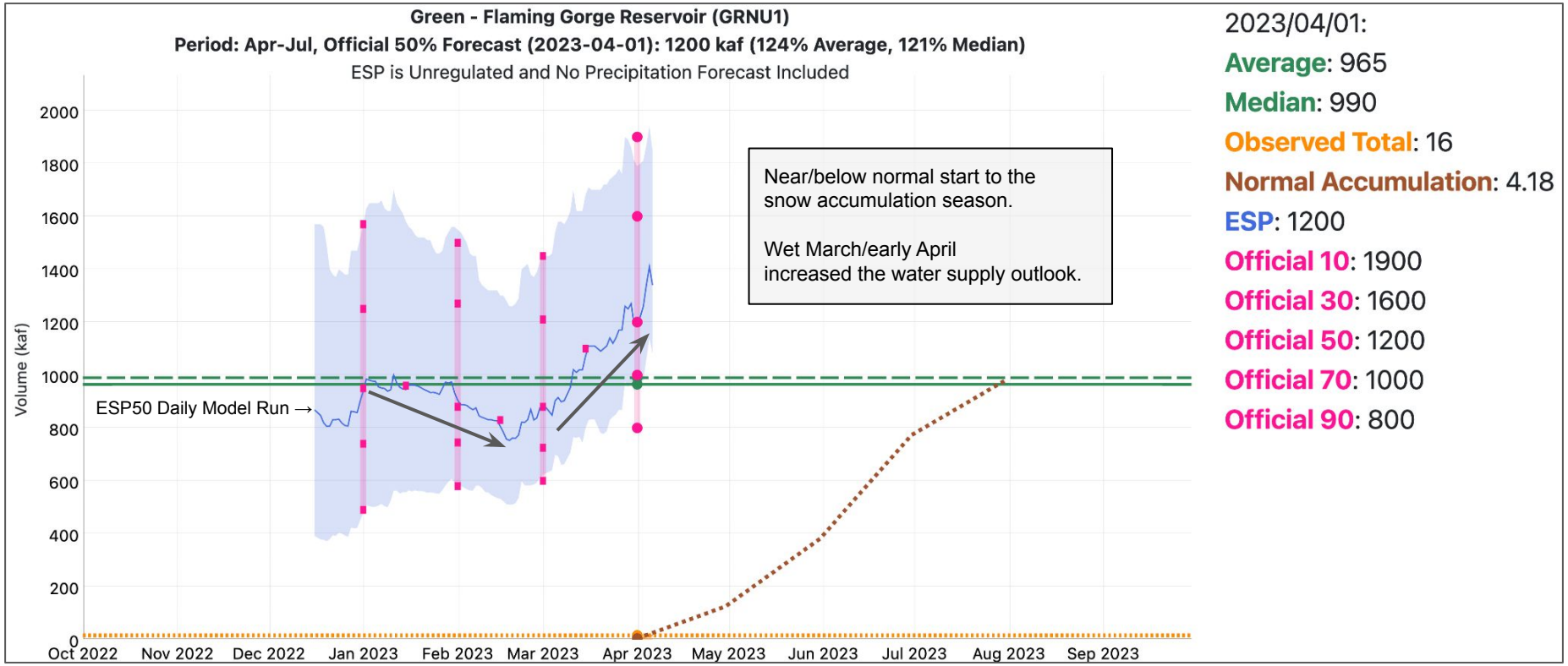
Forecast Ranges & (1-month Trend)

Upper Green: 95 -145%
(10-40% increase)

Yampa/White: 135 - 210%
(15-40% increase)

Duchesne: 140 - 260%
(25-125% increase)

April 1st Water Supply Forecast - Flaming Gorge Reservoir



2023/04/01:

Average: 965

Median: 990

Observed Total: 16

Normal Accumulation: 4.18

ESP: 1200

Official 10: 1900

Official 30: 1600

Official 50: 1200

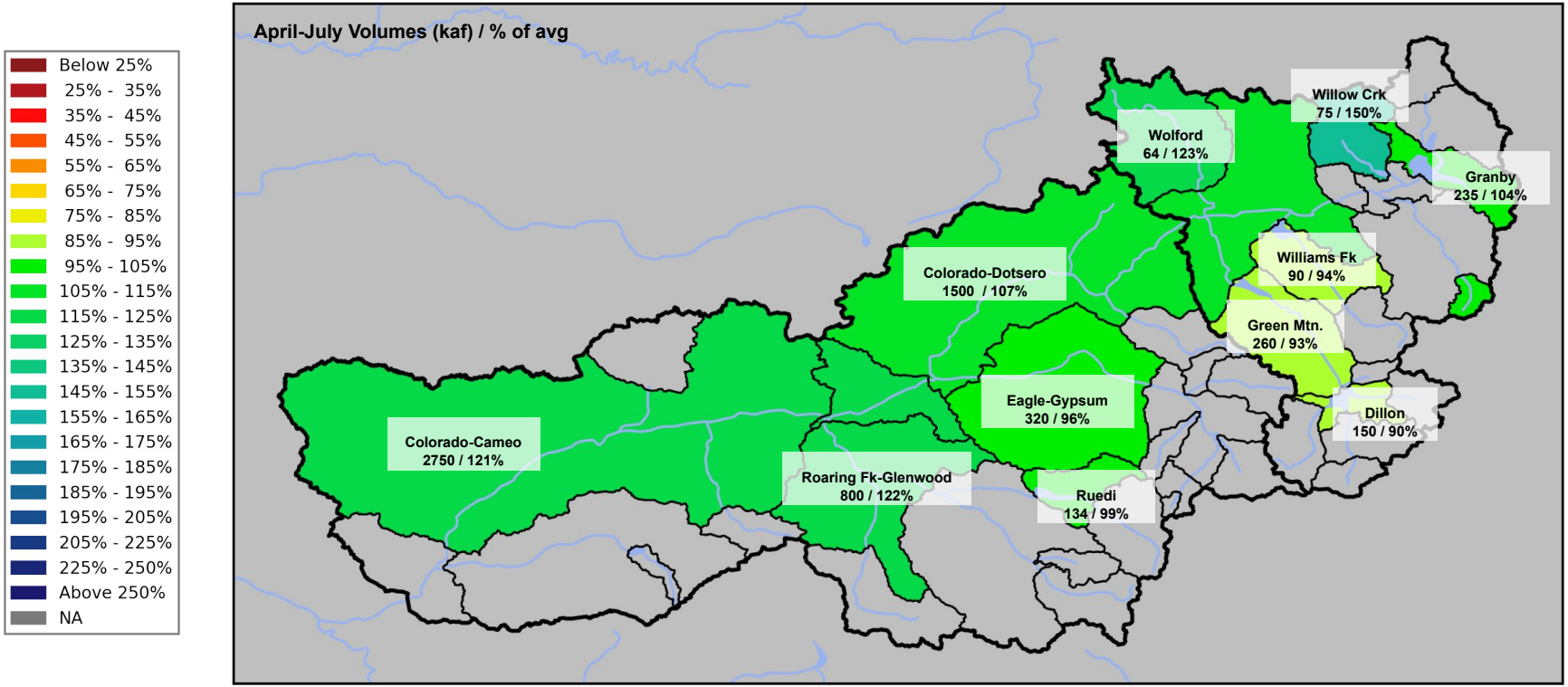
Official 70: 1000

Official 90: 800

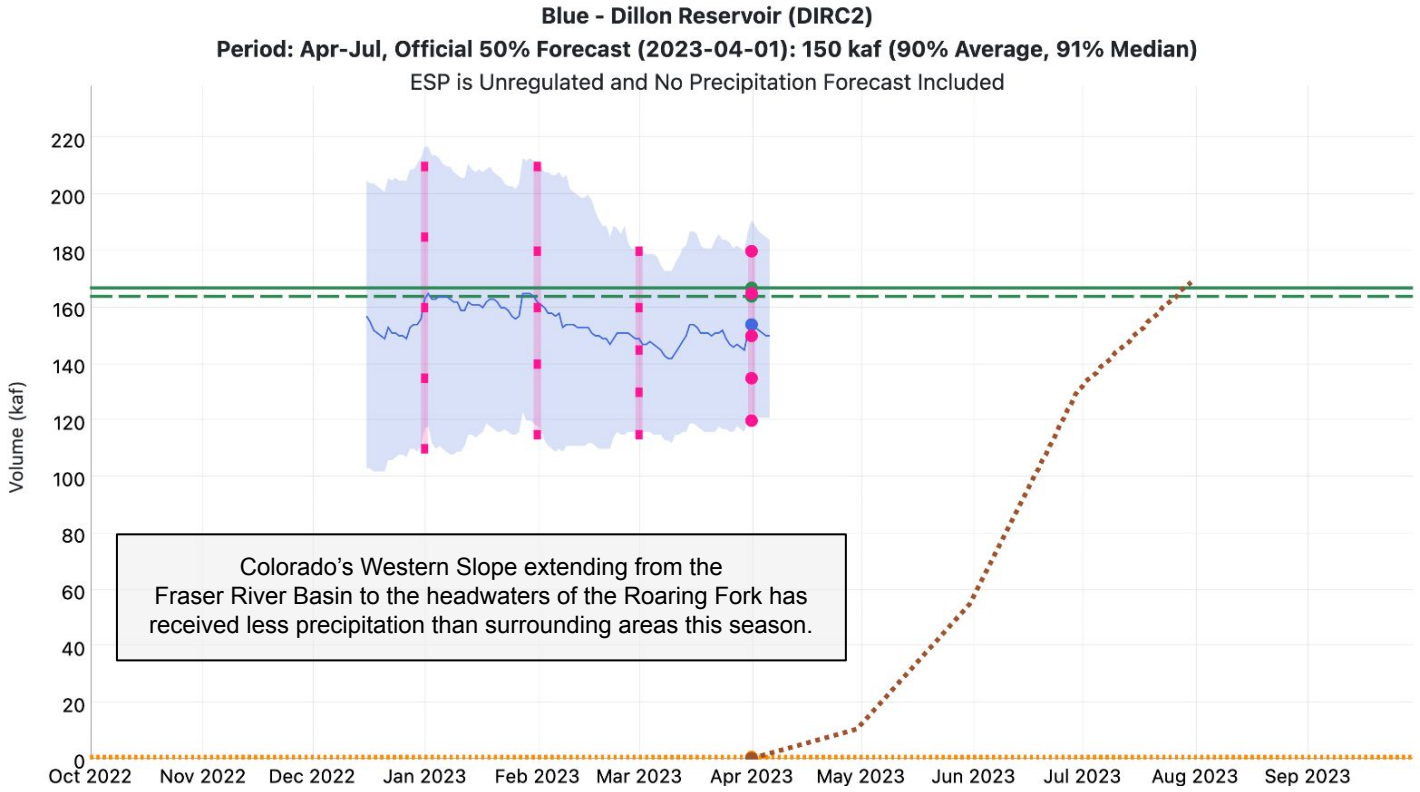
April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: Upper Colorado River Mainstem

Forecast Ranges & (1-month Trend):

Granby to Kremmling: 90 - 150% of average (0-20% increase)
Kremmling to Cameo: 95 - 120% of average (0-15% increase)



April 1st Water Supply Forecast - Dillon Reservoir



2023/04/01:

Average: 167

Median: 164

Observed Total: 0.84

Normal Accumulation: 0.36

ESP: 154

Official 10: 180

Official 30: 165

Official 50: 150

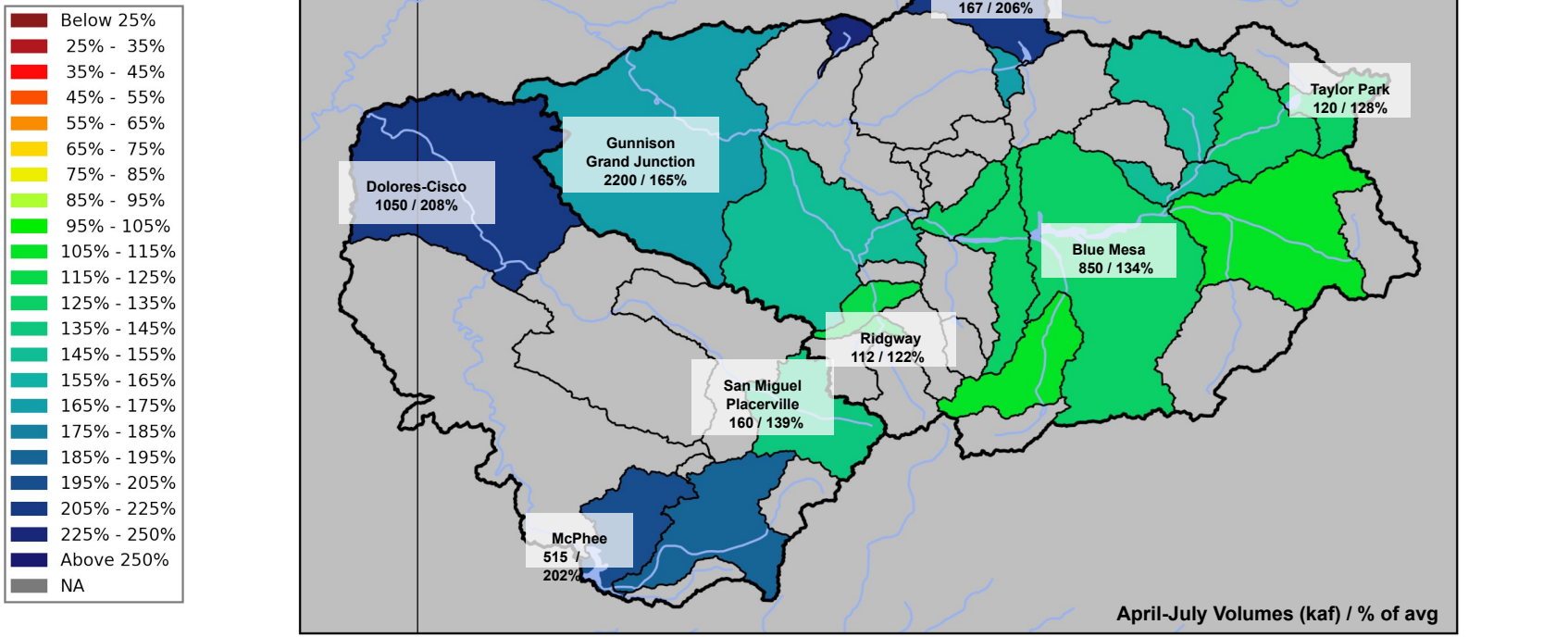
Official 70: 135

Official 90: 120

April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: Gunnison, Dolores

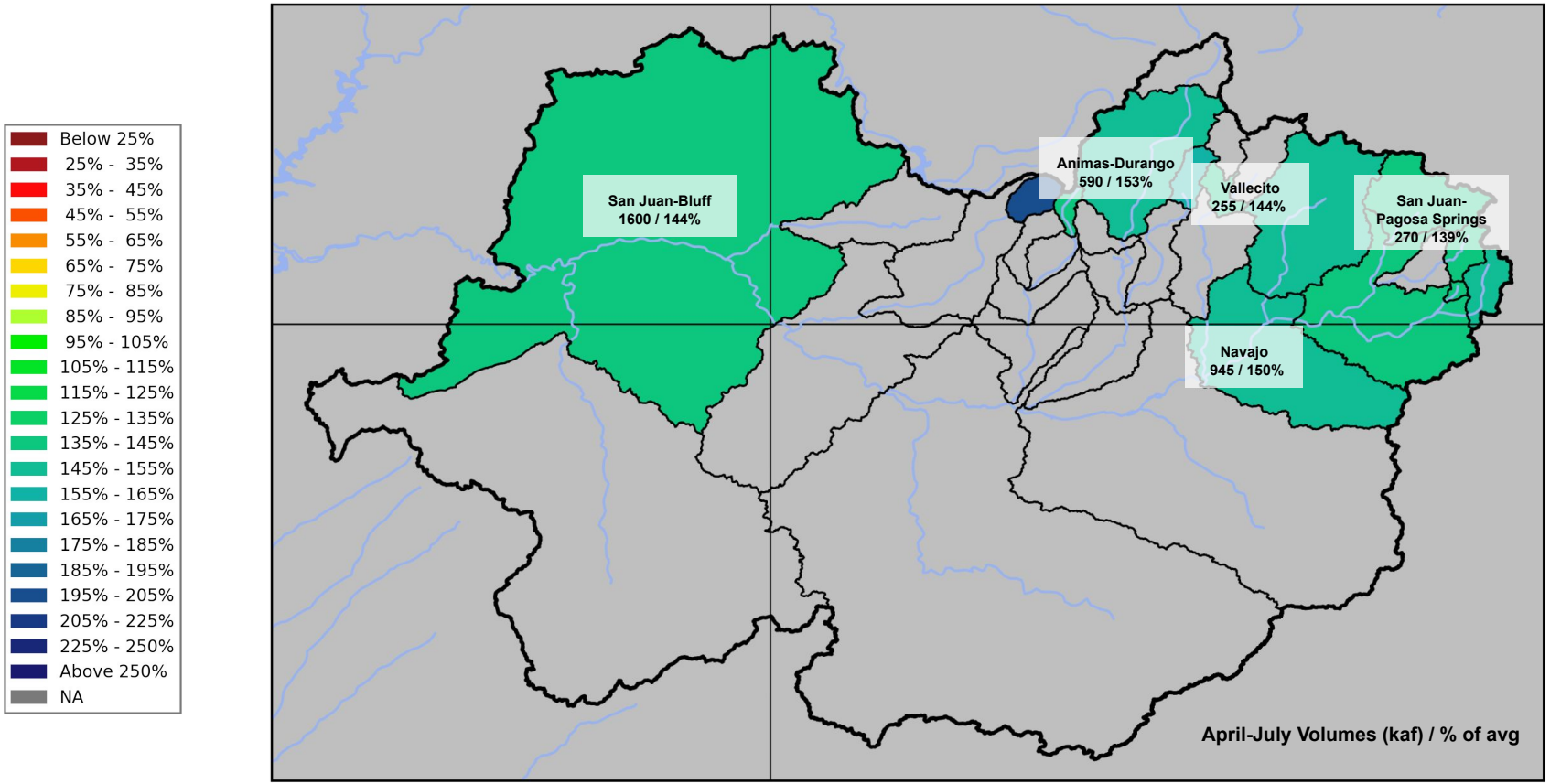
Forecast Ranges & (1-month Trend):

Gunnison:	110 - 225% of average	(10-75% increase)
Dolores:	140 - 210% of average	(30-75% increase)

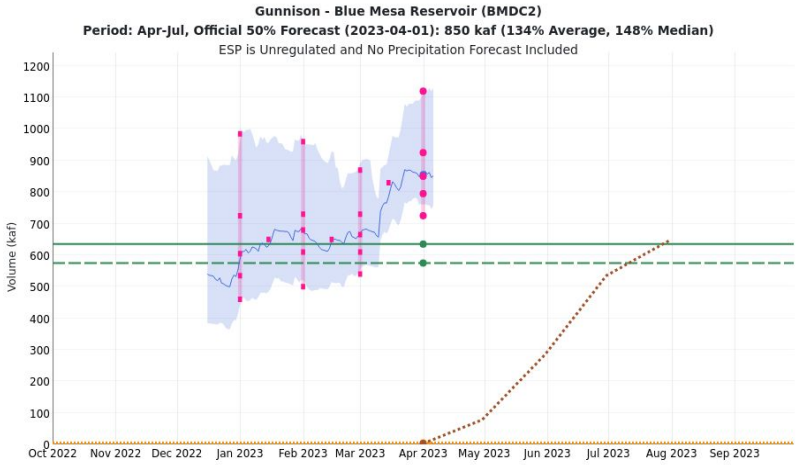


April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: San Juan

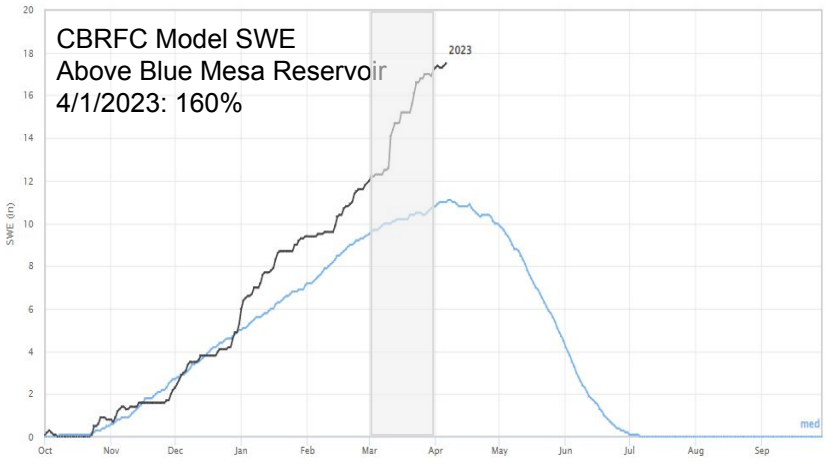
Forecast Range & (1-month Trend):
135 - 200% of average (25-35% increase)

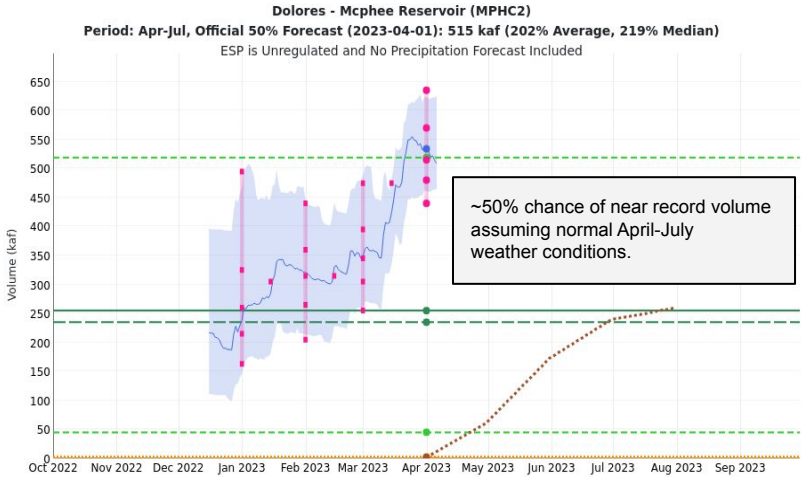


April 1st Water Supply Forecasts & Snow Conditions - Southwest Colorado

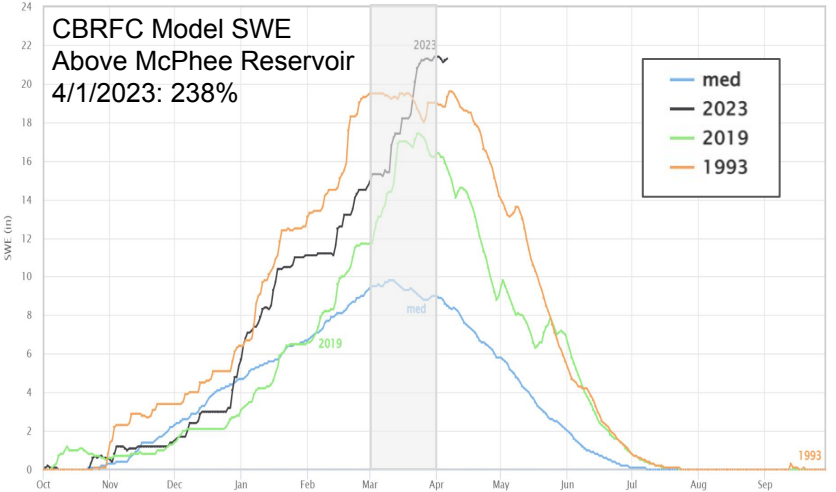


2023/04/01:
Average: 635
Median: 575
Observed Total: 4.47
Normal Accumulation: 2.6
ESP: 855
Official 10: 1120
Official 30: 925
Official 50: 850
Official 70: 795
Official 90: 725



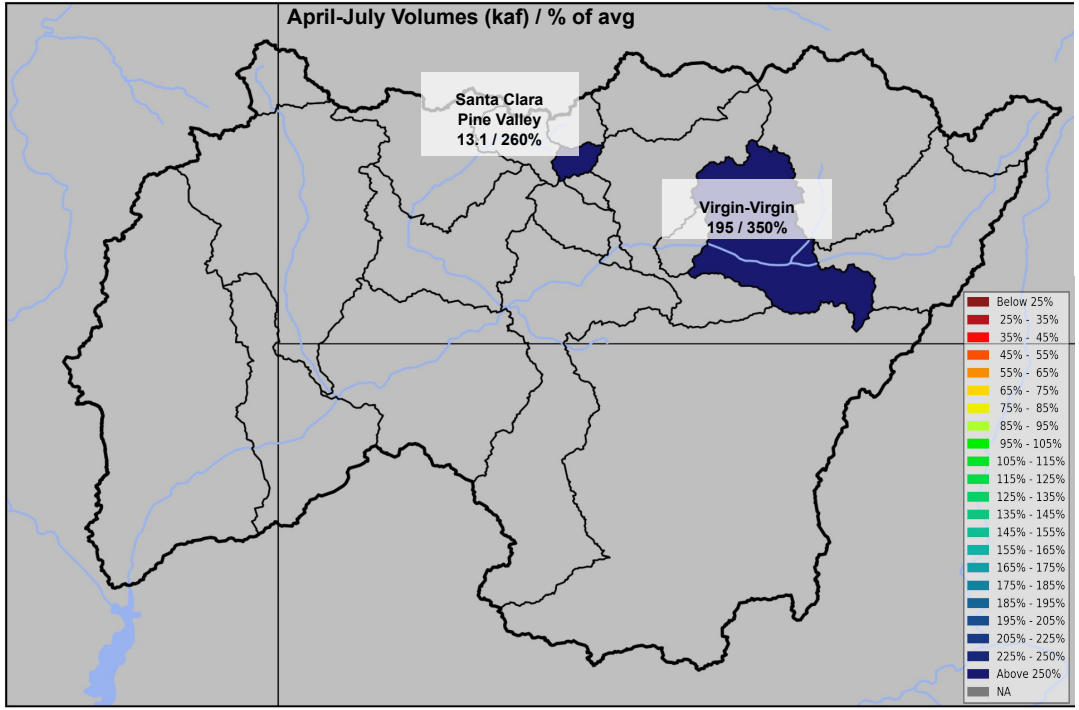


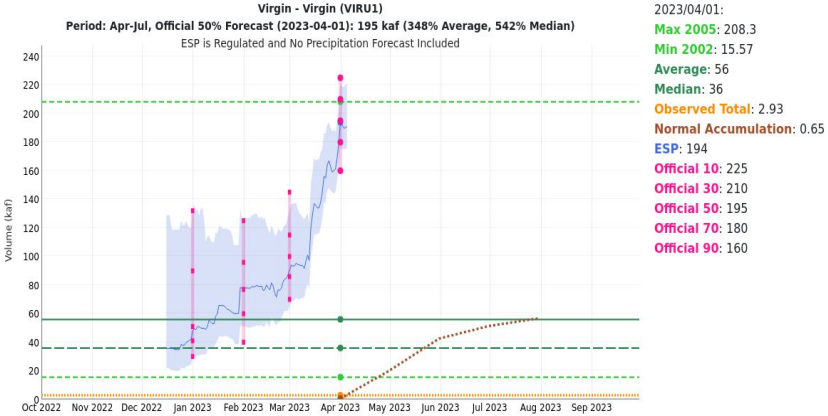
2023/04/01:
Max 1993: 519.12
Min 2002: 45.16
Average: 255
Median: 235
Observed Total: 2.62
Normal Accumulation: 2.02
ESP: 534
Official 10: 635
Official 30: 570
Official 50: 515
Official 70: 480
Official 90: 440

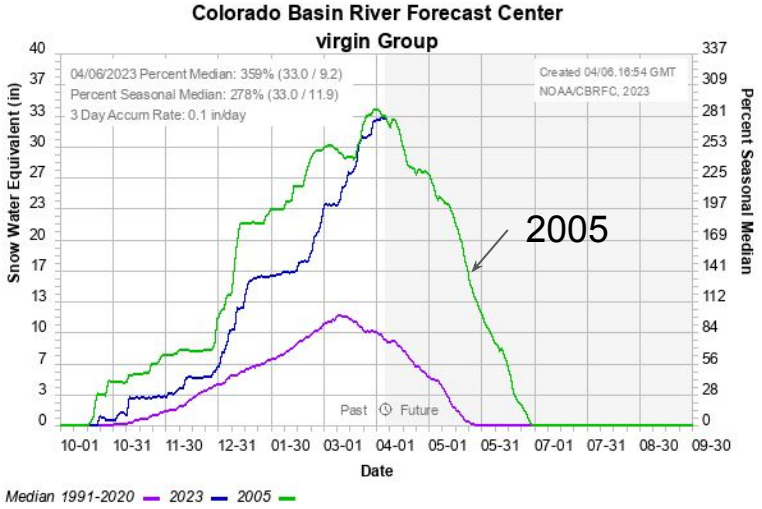


April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: Virgin River Basin

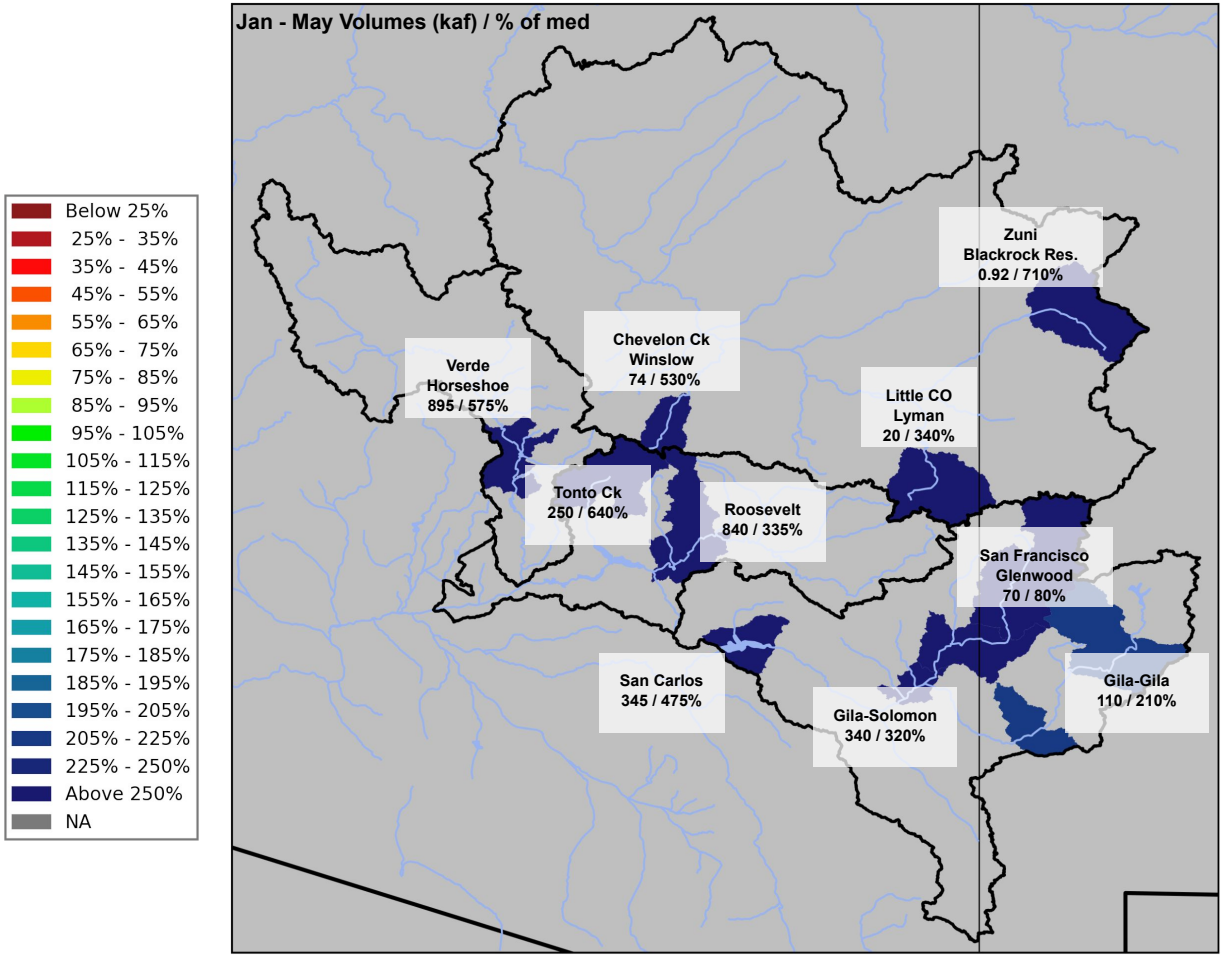
Forecast Range & (1-month Trend):
260 - 350% avg







April 1st Water Supply Forecasts: Lower Colorado River Basin



January - May Forecast Period
% of 1991-2020 Median

Forecast Ranges

Little Colorado: 340% - 710%

Upper Gila: 210% - 475%

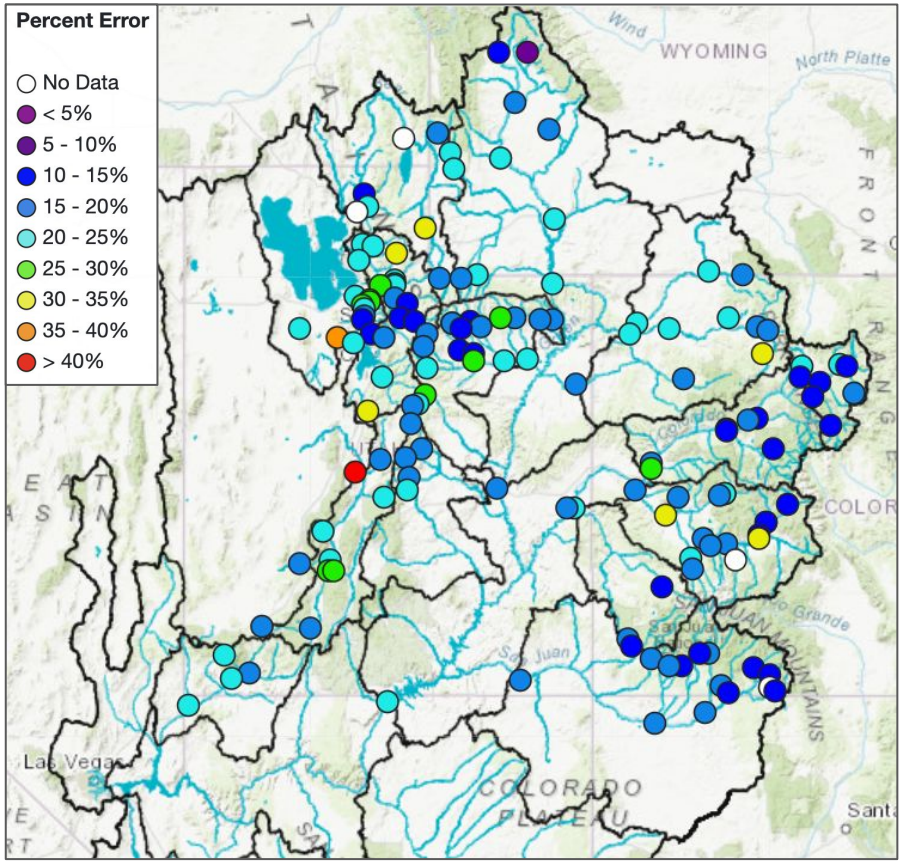
Salt: 335% - 635%

Verde: 575%

Multiple atmospheric rivers led to well above average precipitation across many locations.

Historical Forecast Verification

April Forecast Error: April-July Volume



Location	Avg Apr Forecast Error
Green River - Warren Bridge	12%
Fontenelle Reservoir	21%
Yampa River - Deerlodge	20%
Blue River - Dillon Reservoir	14%
Colorado River - Cameo	16%
Blue Mesa Reservoir (Gunnison)	15%
McPhee Reservoir (Dolores)	16%
Navajo Reservoir (San Juan)	18%
Lake Powell	20%

Error tends to decrease each month into the spring

Where Forecasts are Better:
- -Headwaters
- -Primarily snow melt basins
- -Known diversions / demands

Where Forecasts are Worse:
- -Lower elevations (rain or early melt)
- -Downstream of diversions / irrigation
- -Little is known about diversions / demands

Future weather is the primary source of water supply forecast error/uncertainty.

CBRFC Peak Flow Forecast Background Information

- Mean daily peak flow forecast points are a subset of our daily river forecast points.
  - Peak flow forecasts represent a long range outlook of peak flows due to snowmelt
- Many of these sites have established flood stages and therefore provide some flood threat information.
- Peak flow forecasts have a high level of uncertainty and are highly dependent on Spring weather.
- Do not forecast a specific date of peak
  - *Typically only have a 5-10 day forecast lead time for timing the peak*
  - Normal peak flow timing (window) information is provided
- Instantaneous Peak Flow Forecasts
  - Relationship between observed mean daily peak and instantaneous peak in each year
  - Only available for locations with strong correlations and long historical record
  - Sites with frequent heavy rain have poor relationships
- **Peak flow forecast points alone are not a comprehensive summary of any flood threat.**

Peak Flow Forecast Information - Map View

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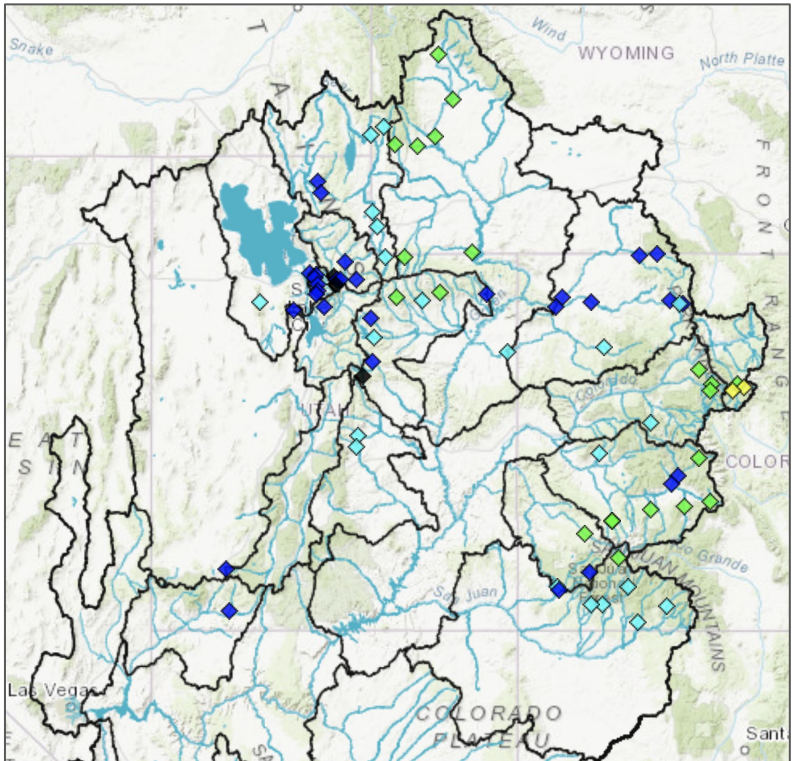
Map view of peak flow forecast points that are issued daily.

Locations with minimal upstream regulation.

3 Map Layers/Variables:
-Percentile
-Percent Average
-NWS Flood Stage Exceedance Probability

Help and documentation available through [?] buttons.

Clicking on a point takes you to the site's peak flow dashboard page.



Peak Flow Forecasts

Forecast Date: 2023-04-06 [?]

Show | Hide Other Types

Daily Forecasts
- (●) Percentile [?]
- ( ) Percent Average [?]
- ( ) NWS Flood Stage Exceedance Probability [?]

- ◇ No Forecast
- ◆ No Data
- ◆ Low
- ◆ <10
- ◆ 10-25
- ◆ 25-75
- ◆ 75-90
- ◆ >90
- ◆ High

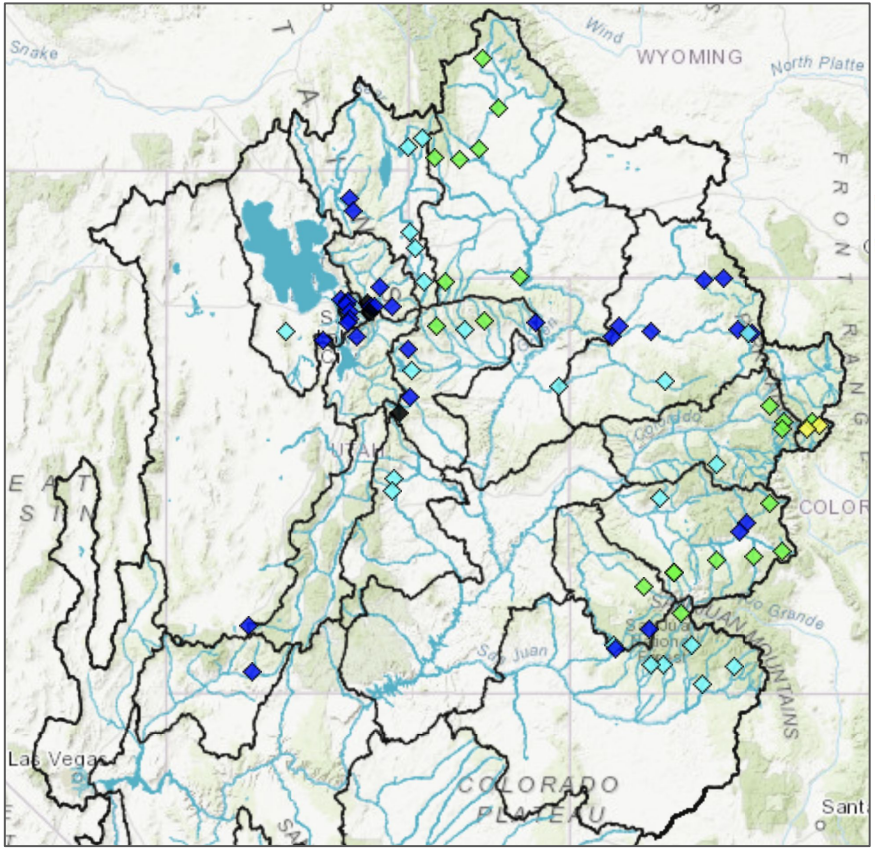
Peak Flow Forecast - Percentile

Percentile: the percent of historical annual peak flow values that are below the current peak flow forecast.

Legend: Percentile Categories

Peak flow forecasts with a higher percentile correspond to locations with better snowpack conditions.

Peak flow forecasts >90th percentile:
-White/Yampa
-Duchesne
-Lower Green
-Gunnison
-Dolores
-San Juan
-Virgin



Peak Flow Forecasts

Forecast Date: 2023-04-06

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Daily Forecasts
- Percentile
- Percent Average
- NWS Flood Stage Exceedance Probability

- No Forecast
- No Data
- Low
- <10
- 10-25
- 25-75
- 75-90
- >90
- High

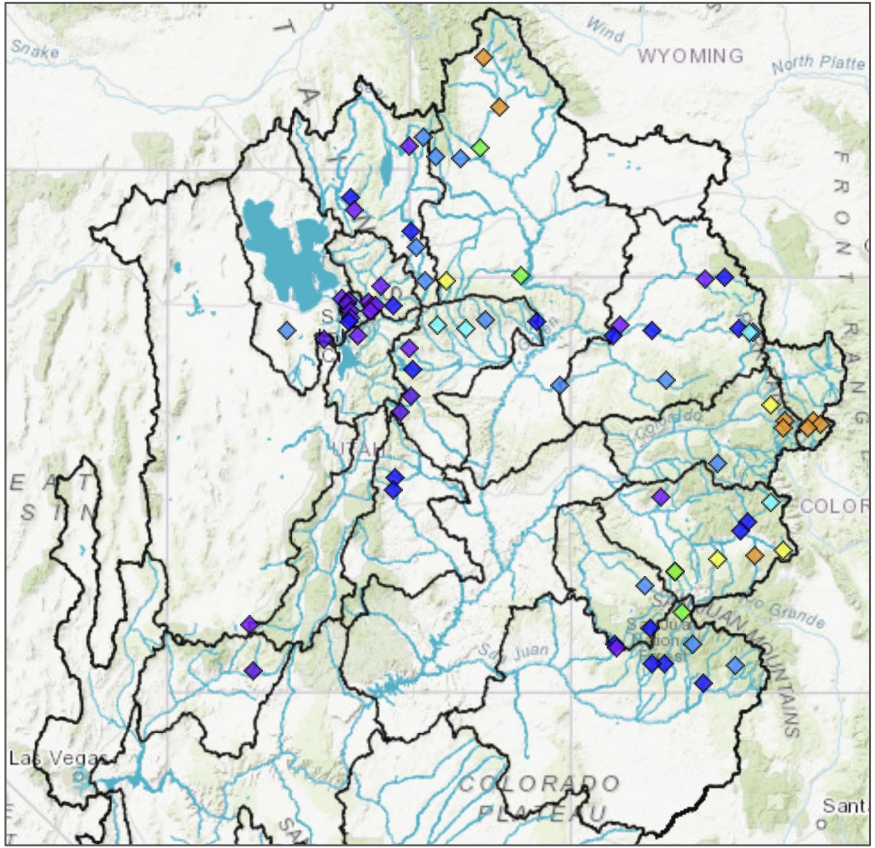
Peak Flow Forecast - Percent of Average

Percent of Average: the peak flow forecast percent of the 1991-2020 average peak flow.

Legend: Percent of Average

Peak flow forecasts with a higher percent of average correspond to locations with better snowpack conditions.

<u>Peak flow forecasts >150% of average:</u>
-White/Yampa
-Duchesne
-Lower Green
-Gunnison
-Dolores
-San Juan
-Virgin



Peak Flow Forecast - Flood Stage Exceedance Probability

NWS Flood Stage Exceedance Probability: the probability of the peak flow forecast exceeding flood stage.

Legend: Exceedance Probability

Peak flow forecasts with a higher exceedance probability correspond to locations with increased flood potential.

<u>Peak flow forecasts >50%:</u>
-White/Yampa
-Gunnison

**Note: flood stage not established at all peak flow forecast locations.*

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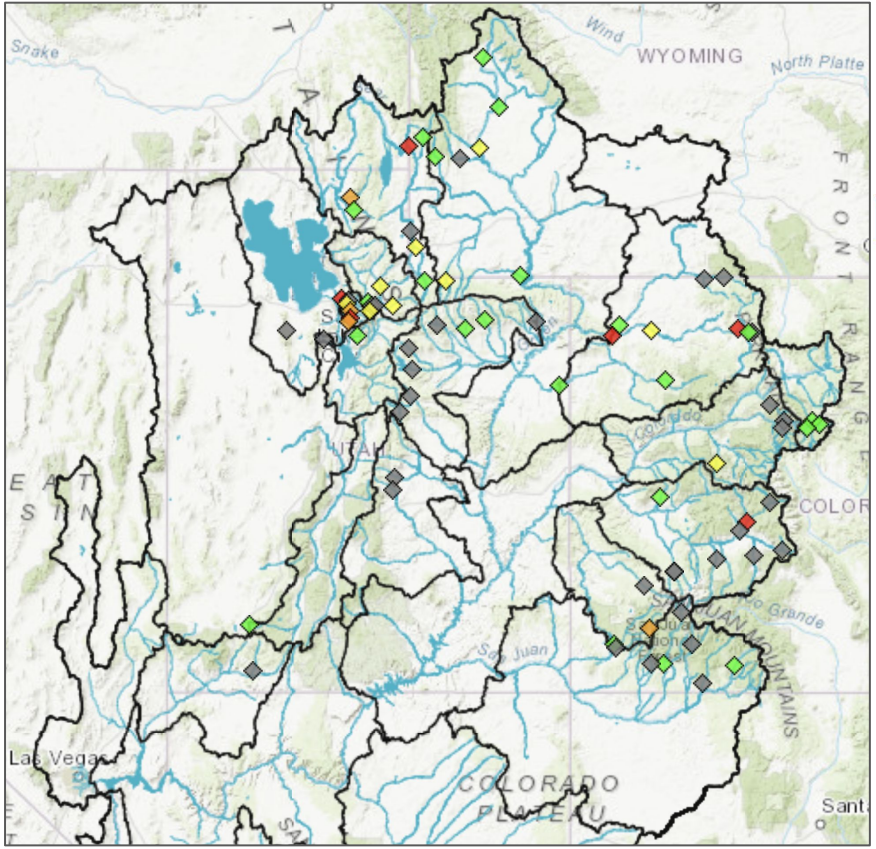
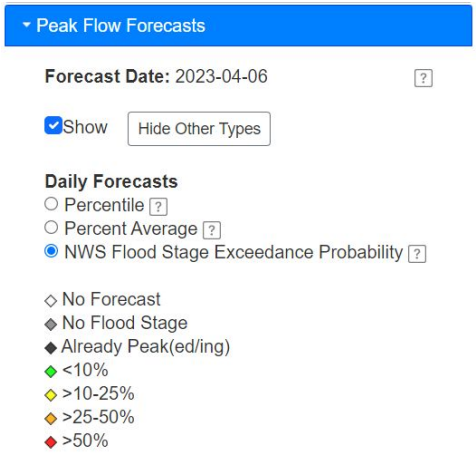




Peak Flow Forecast Information - Peak Flow Dashboard Pages

Daily Peak Flow Forecast - ALEC2 - East - Almont

Model Run Date	2023-04-06 (Incl 7 Day Precip Forecast)
Flood Flow	3100 cfs
50% Forecast	3399 cfs
Rank of 50% Forecast	8th Highest Flow / 100 Total Years
Percentile	93% of Years Below Forecast
Peak to Date	
Average Peak	1949 cfs
Percent Average	174%
Normal Time of Peak	05-21 - 06-09
Last Year's Peak	1660 cfs, on 2022-05-20

- As the time of peak nears, transition from using probabilistic peak flow guidance to using the daily 10-day deterministic streamflow forecasts.

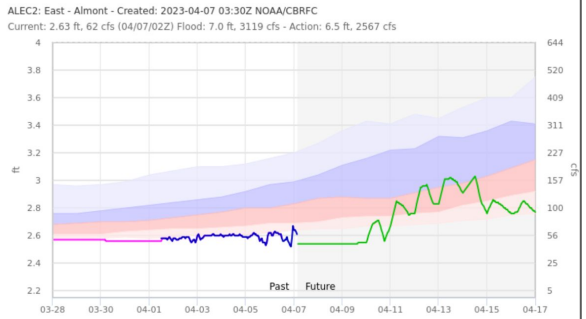
- 10-day streamflow forecasts use:
  - 7-day precipitation forecast
  - 10-day temperature forecast

Latest 10 day Streamflow Forecast Table

Date	Time	Flow
4/7/2023	12Z	46
4/8/2023	12Z	45
4/9/2023	12Z	45
4/10/2023	12Z	57
4/11/2023	12Z	81
4/12/2023	12Z	112
4/13/2023	12Z	133
4/14/2023	12Z	149
4/15/2023	12Z	113
4/16/2023	12Z	98

Daily Average Forecast Flow, CFSD (ending at date/time)

Latest 10 Day Streamflow Forecast Plot



Peak Flow Forecast Information - Peak Flow Dashboard Pages

Daily Peak Flow Forecast Tables

- Probability of peak magnitude
- Probability of peak date
  - Likelihood for date of peak whatever the magnitude

Daily Peak Flow Forecast Magnitude

Exceedance Probability	Mean Daily Flow (cfs)
Maximum	5143
10%	4676
25%	4162
50%	3399
75%	2934
90%	2772
Minimum	2513

Daily Peak Flow Forecast Timing

Exceedance Probability	Date of Peak
Latest	2023-06-26
10%	2023-06-18
25%	2023-06-13
50%	2023-06-06
75%	2023-06-01
90%	2023-05-26
Earliest	2023-05-21

Magnitude and Timing are independent forecasts.

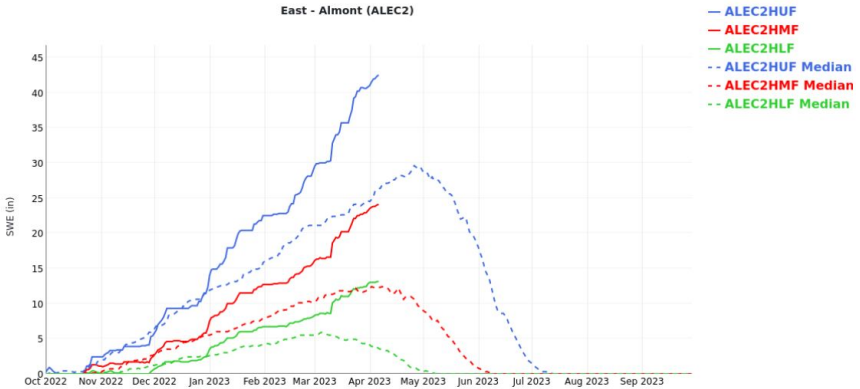
Apr-Jul Historical Peaks

Rank	Year	Peak	Date
1	1918	5000	6/13
2	1995	4020	6/19
3	1920	3870	6/10
4	1957	3820	6/30
5	1984	3700	5/26
6	1917	3540	6/19
7	1952	3410	6/9
8	1914	3340	6/2
9	1912	3160	6/6

CSV file

Snow conditions driving peak flow forecasts

2023 Model Snow



Peak Flow Forecast Information - List View

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Peak Flow menu:
- Forecast Map
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- Special Forecast Map
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Daily Peak Flow Forecasts - Colorado - Latest - Sorted by Area

Choose Area | Sort By | Show/Hide | Forecast Month | Forecast Year | Legend | CSV Data

Choose Area:
- CBRFC
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- Colorado
- San Juan
- Great
- Sevier
- Virgin
- Lower Colorado

Data filter/sorting options available.

Clicking on a point → site's peak flow dashboard page.

Sub Area	NWS ID	River	Location	ESP Date	ESP 50	ESP 25	ESP 10	Percentile Cond	Percentile	Rank	Total Years	Percent Average Cond	Percent Average	Average Peak	Flood Cond	Flood Flow	Observed Peak to Date	Observed Date	Historic Peak	Hist Peak Date	Normal Earliest Date	Normal Latest Date	Last Year Peak	Last Year Date
Upper	WBRW4	Green	Daniel; Nr; Warren Bridge; At	2023-04-06	2577	2962	3209	◆	38	56	90	◆	89	2891	◆	8609			5620	1997-06-12	05-27	06-24	3520	2022-06-15
Upper	BPNW4	New Fork	Big Piney; Nr	2023-04-06	4297	5379	6233	◆	32	47	68	◆	87	4898	◆	8835			9110	1986-06-08	05-25	06-23	4700	2022-06-15
Upper	LABW4	Green	La Barge; Nr	2023-04-06	8802	10392	11421	◆	57	26	59	◆	104	8415	◇	10693			18800	1986-06-10	05-26	06-22	7900	2022-06-16
Upper	HMFW4	Hams Fork	Frontier; Nr; Pole Ck; Blo	2023-04-06	959	1204	1349	◆	68	23	70	◆	143	667	◆	1889			2000	1986-06-06	05-10	06-05	321	2022-05-20
Upper	HFMW4	Henrys Fork	Manila; Nr	2023-04-06	769	1112	1464	◆	58	37	87	◆	100	762	◆	2524			3780	1965-06-14	05-08	06-20	423	2022-07-02
Yampa/White	STMC2	Yampa	Steamboat Springs	2023-04-06	3890	4341	4905	◇	76	28	115	◇	125	3093	◆	5923			5870	1921-06-15	05-16	06-07	2720	2022-05-20
Yampa/White	ENMC2	Elk	Milner; Nr	2023-04-06	6460	7258	7651	◆	98	2	53	◆	163	3946	◆	5916			7000	2011-06-08	05-16	06-06	4190	2022-05-19
Yampa/White	MBLC2	Yampa	Maybell; Nr	2023-04-06	17184	18175	21677	◆	97	4	107	◆	169	10155	◇	21200			24400	1984-05-18	05-11	06-06	8810	2022-05-21
Yampa/White	LILC2	Little Snake	Lily; Nr	2023-04-06	8369	9848	11550	◆	97	4	101	◆	213	3924	◆	15271			13400	1984-05-19	05-07	06-05	2780	2022-05-21
Yampa/White	YDLC2	Yampa	Deerlodge Park	2023-04-06	25176	26625	31748	◆	94	3	38	◆	197	12758	◆	20744			32300	1984-05-19	05-13	06-06	11300	2022-05-21
Yampa/White	WRMC2	White	Meeker; Nr	2023-04-06	3915	4284	4728	◇	83	20	118	◆	139	2811	◆	8906			6320	1984-05-26	05-15	06-09	1930	2022-05-21
Yampa/White	WATU1	White	Watson; Nr	2023-04-06	4091	4468	4837	◇	89	11	94	◆	148	2756	◆	9559			8160	1929-07-16	05-16	06-11	1750	2022-05-22
Duchesne	BRUU1	Big Brush Ck	Vernal; Nr; Red Fleet Res; Abv	2023-04-06	389	431	571	◆	97	2	43	◆	174	223	◆				414	2005-05-24	05-05	06-01	142	2022-05-18

CBRFC Peak Flow Forecast Information - Special Forecasts

Legend: Flood Stage Exceedance Probability

Includes mainstem river locations

Upstream water management
impacts downstream flows:
- -reservoirs
- -diversions

Requires more forecaster involvement
–updated ~2x/month

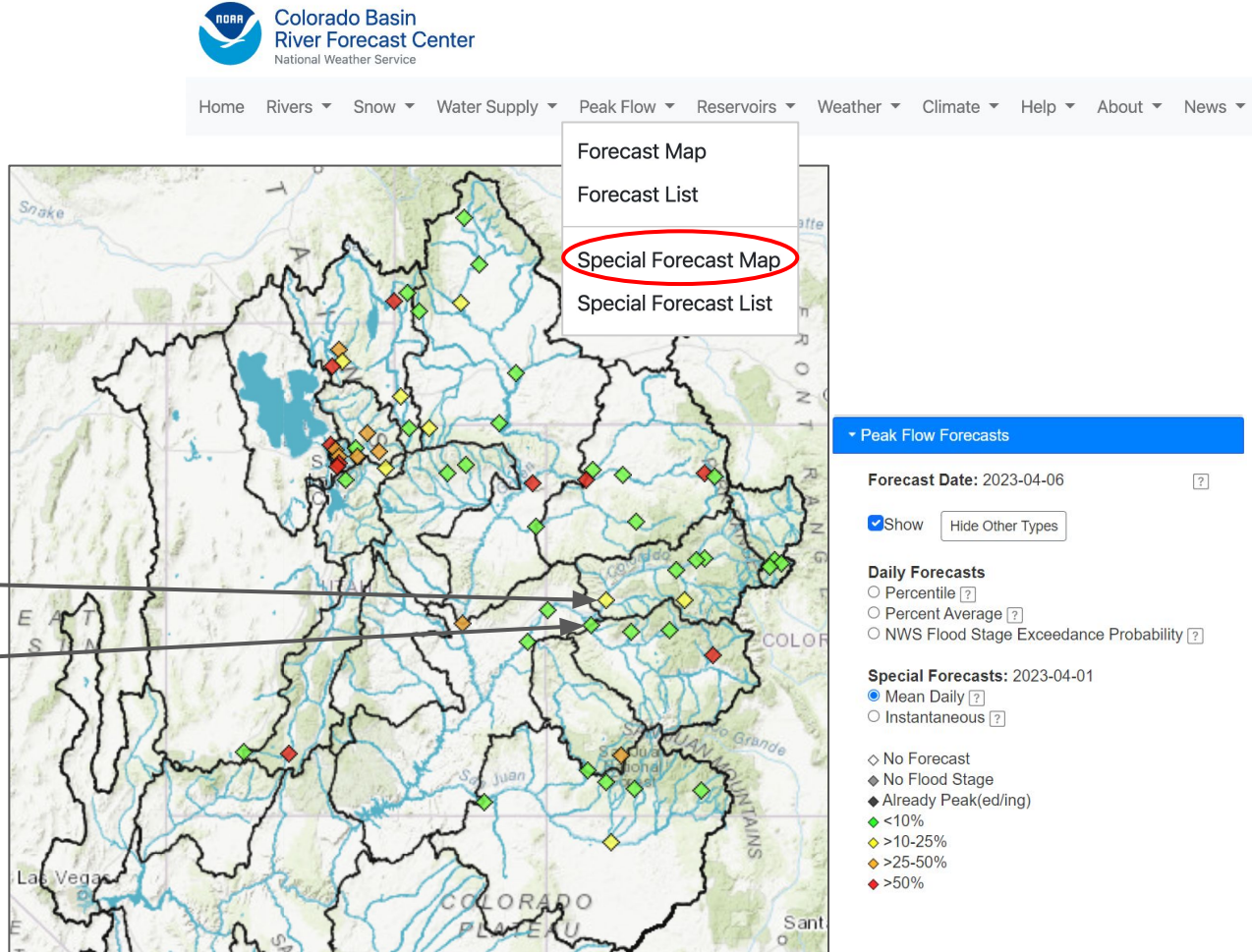
Examples

Colorado River Mainstem
-peak flow augmentation

Gunnison River Basin
-downstream peak flow targets
- -magnitude/duration

-based on type of hydrologic year
- -dry/avg/wet

~Real-time multi-agency coordination



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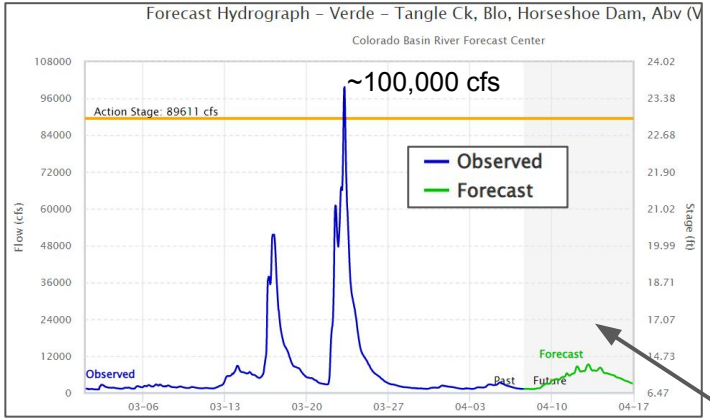
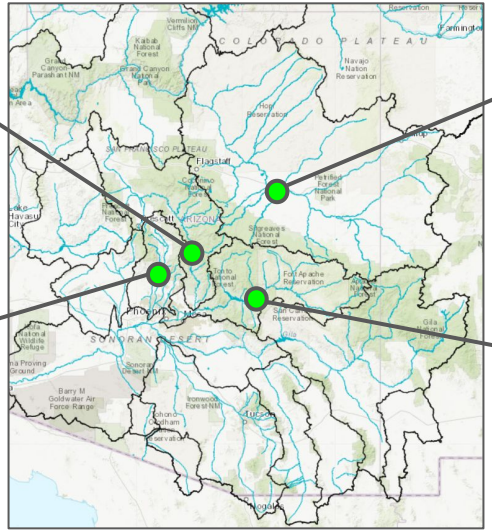
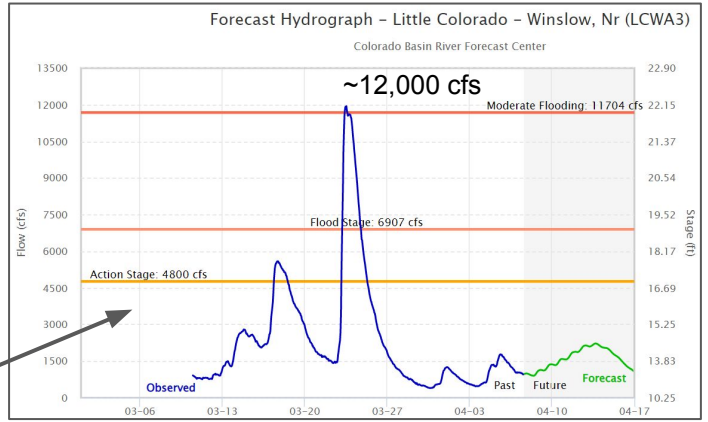
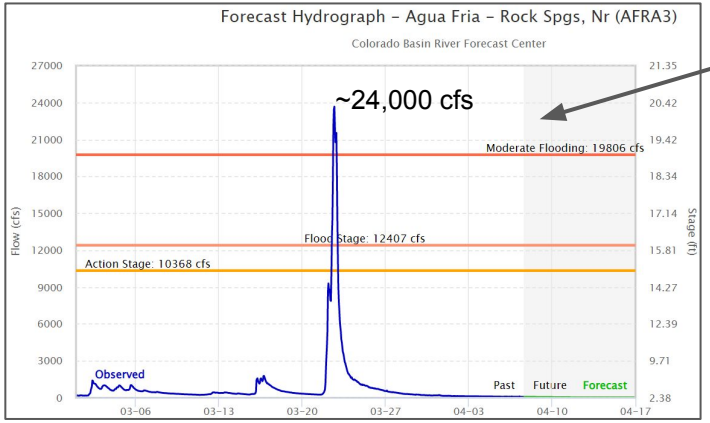
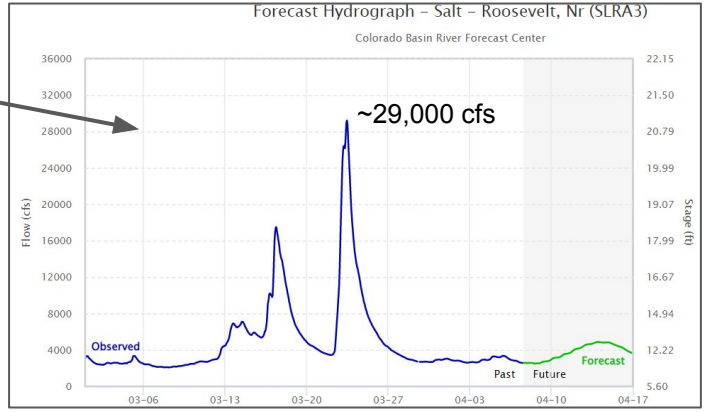










April 2023 Month-To-Date Precipitation

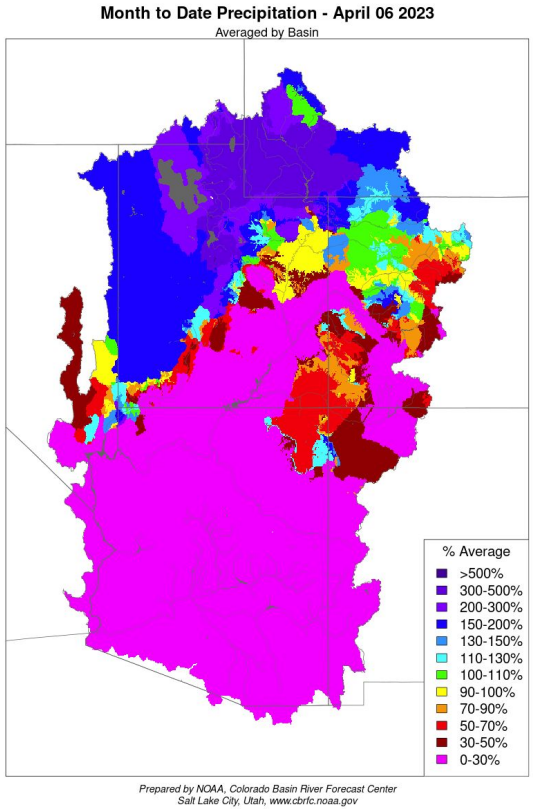
Early April precipitation has favored:

-Northern UT (Duchesne)

-Southwest WY (Upper Green)

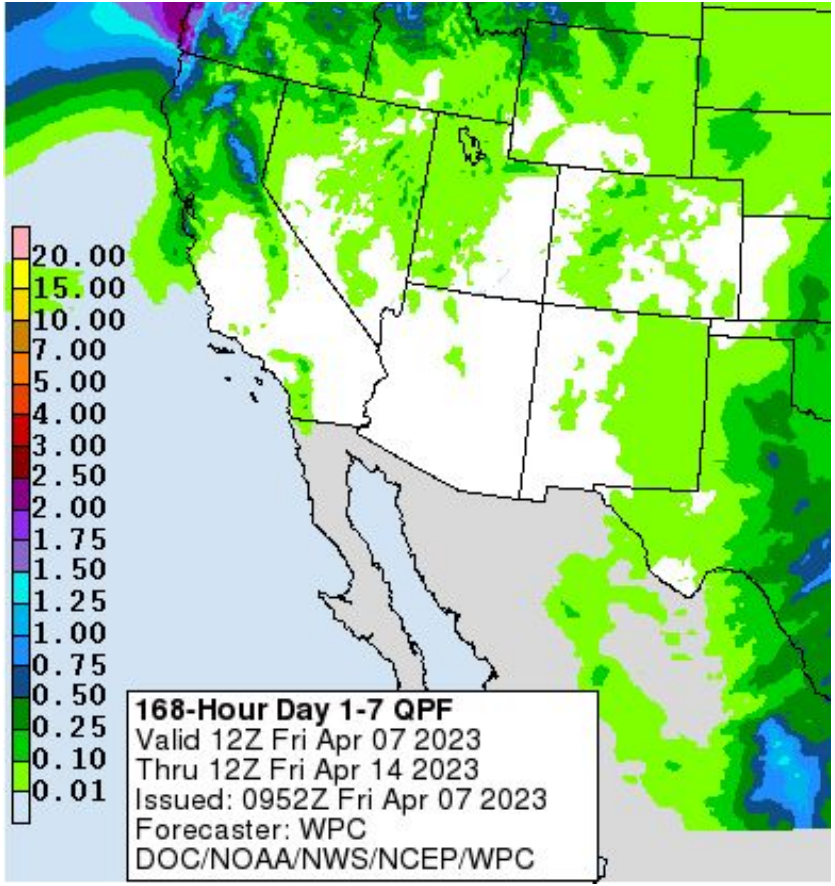
-Northwest CO
- -White/Yampa
- -Colorado River headwaters

-Southwest UT (Virgin)



Water Year 2023 CBRFC Model SWE (Significant Runoff Areas) Percent of 1991-2020 Median			
UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN			
	Apr1	Apr6	Change
Above Lake Powell	169	172	3
Green River Basin			
Above Fontenelle	114	121	7
Above Flaming Gorge	131	140	9
Yampa/White	175	181	6
Duchesne	199	204	5
Price/San Rafael/Dirty Devil	247	252	5
Colorado River Headwaters			
Above Kremmling	124	124	0
Eagle	119	119	0
Roaring Fork	142	141	-1
Above Cameo	136	137	1
Southwest Colorado			
Gunnison	167	166	-1
Dolores	238	250	12
San Juan	186	185	-1
LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN			
Virgin	401	450	49
Little Colorado	500	500	0
Verde	500	500	0
Salt	305	279	-26
Upper Gila	500	405	-95

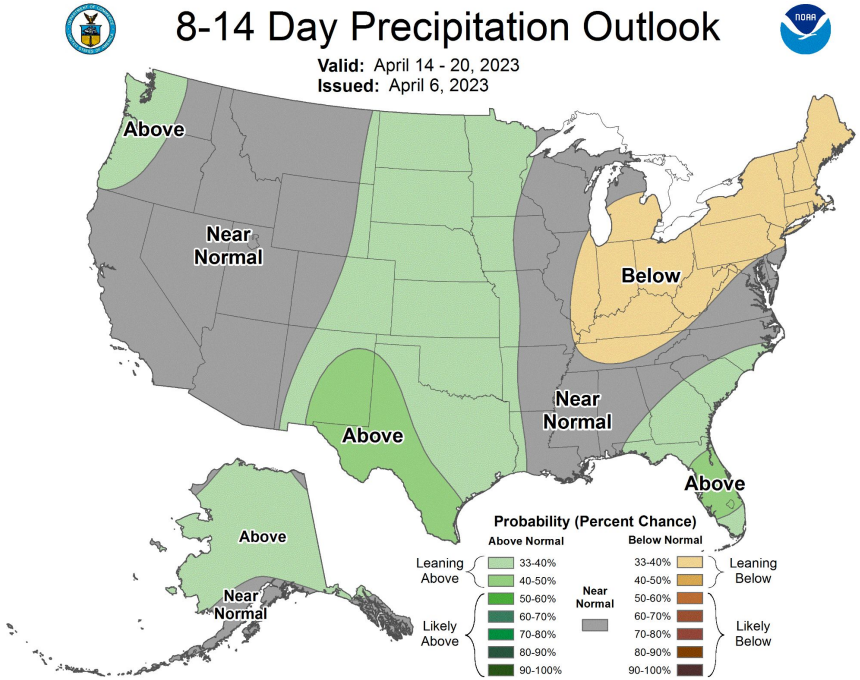
Upcoming Weather: April 7-14 Precipitation Outlook

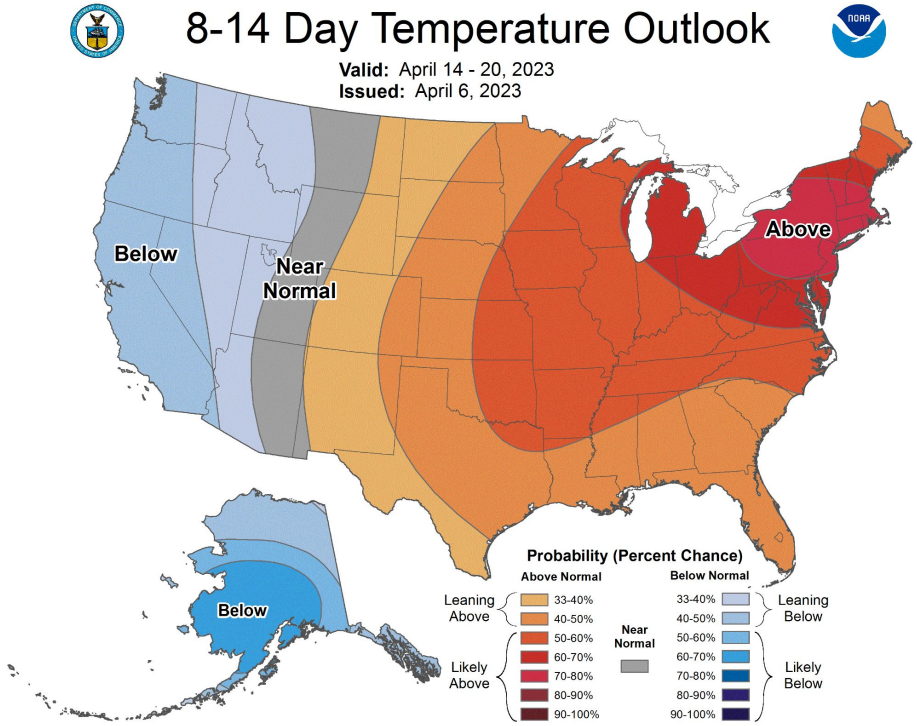


- A ridge of high pressure over the Western US will bring a period of dry and warming conditions to the region.
  - Temperatures will approach seasonal normals by this weekend, and should be 5-10 degrees above normal for the start of next week.
  - Little to no precipitation is expected through the middle of next week.
- During the second half of next week, the ridge will begin to break down as a trough moves into the Western US.
  - High forecast uncertainty in the depth and timing of the trough.
  - Current weather model ensemble guidance favors precipitation over the GB and UCRB, with lower chances of precipitation in the LCRB.
- Ensemble models favor another ridge building in after the passage of the trough.

Upcoming Weather: 8-14 Day Outlook (April 14-20)

Near normal precipitation and temperatures are favored.





Summary

- CBRFC Model Soil Moisture Conditions
  - UCRB (Fall 2022) - near to below normal across many of the major runoff producing areas
  - LCRB (Current) - above average

- March Weather
  - Cold and wet
  - March precipitation >150% of average across the majority of the Colorado River Basin.
  - Additional snow accumulation across lower elevations, minimal snowmelt occurred

- Current (April 6) CBRFC Model SWE Conditions (%Normal)
  - Upper Colorado: 120-250%
  - Lower Colorado: >250%

- April 1 Water Supply Forecasts (%Normal)
  - Upper Colorado: (Apr-Jul): 90-260%; Lake Powell = 177%
  - Lower Colorado: (Jan-May): 210-575%

- Peak Flow Forecasts
  - Well above average peak flows expected across the majority of the UCRB
  - Elevated flood potential

- Weather Outlook
  - Warm/dry weather expected through mid/late next week
  - Cooler/wetter weather expected across northern basins late next week/weekend

2023 Water Supply Webinar Schedule

**All Times Mountain Time (MT)*

Colorado River Basin

~~Monday~~	~~Jan 9th~~	~~10 am~~
~~Tuesday~~	~~Feb 7th~~	~~10 am~~
~~Tuesday~~	~~Mar 7th~~	~~10 am~~
Friday	Apr 7th	10 am
Friday	May 5th	10 am

Utah/Great Basin

~~Monday~~	~~Jan 9th~~	~~11:30 am~~
~~Tuesday~~	~~Feb 7th~~	~~11:30 am~~
~~Tuesday~~	~~Mar 7th~~	~~11:30 am~~
Friday	Apr 7th	11:30 am
Friday	May 5th	11:30 am

Additional briefings scheduled as needed

Webinar schedule & registration information has been posted to the CBRFC web page

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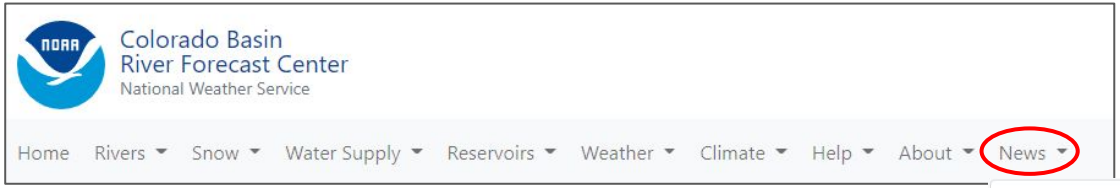

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- General Stakeholders
- USBR Water Year and MTOM Forecasts
- Lake Mead Local Forecasts
- Green River Basin Forecasts
- Upper Colorado Mainstem Forecast
- San Juan, Gunnison and Dolores River Basins Forecasts
- Weber Basin PAO
- Special forecasts for the Dolores River Basin
- Special forecasts for the San Juan River Basin
- Special forecasts for CUWCD
- Utah reservoir forecasts
- CRFS
- Eastern Great Basin Water Supply
- Upper Basin Reclamation Reservoirs

Addition Requests

- Request to be on one of our lists by emailing cbrfc.webmasters@noaa.gov

CBRFC Water Supply Forecast Webinar Schedule & Registration - Water Year 2023

The Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (CBRFC) produces water supply forecasts for the Colorado River Basin and the eastern Great Basin.
CBRFC conducts December through May webinars explaining the forecasts and current conditions.

Follow the links below to register for a webinar.

Early Season Water Supply Outlook Webinar
Wednesday December 14 @ 10:00 am MT

Colorado River Basin Water Supply Webinars
Monday January 9 @ 10:00 am MT
Tuesday February 7 @ 10:00 am MT
Tuesday March 7 @ 10:00 am MT
Friday April 7 @ 10:00 am MT
Friday May 5 @ 10:00 am MT

Utah Water Supply Webinars
Monday January 9 @ 11:30 am MT
Tuesday February 7 @ 11:30 am MT
Tuesday March 7 @ 11:30 am MT
Friday April 7 @ 11:30 am MT
Friday May 5 @ 11:30 am MT

Peak Flow Webinar
Monday March 20 @ 10:00 am MT

A notification email will be sent if a date or time change occurs. Additional webinars are scheduled as needed.
The webinar slides will be available on the CBRFC presentations page soon after each briefing.

2023 Presentations

2023 Early Season Water Supply Outlook

- Slides (.pdf) | Recording (.mp4) | YouTube

January 2023

- Colorado River Basin Slides (.pdf) | Recording (.mp4) | YouTube
- Utah / Great Basin Slides (.pdf) | Recording (.mp4) | YouTube

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