

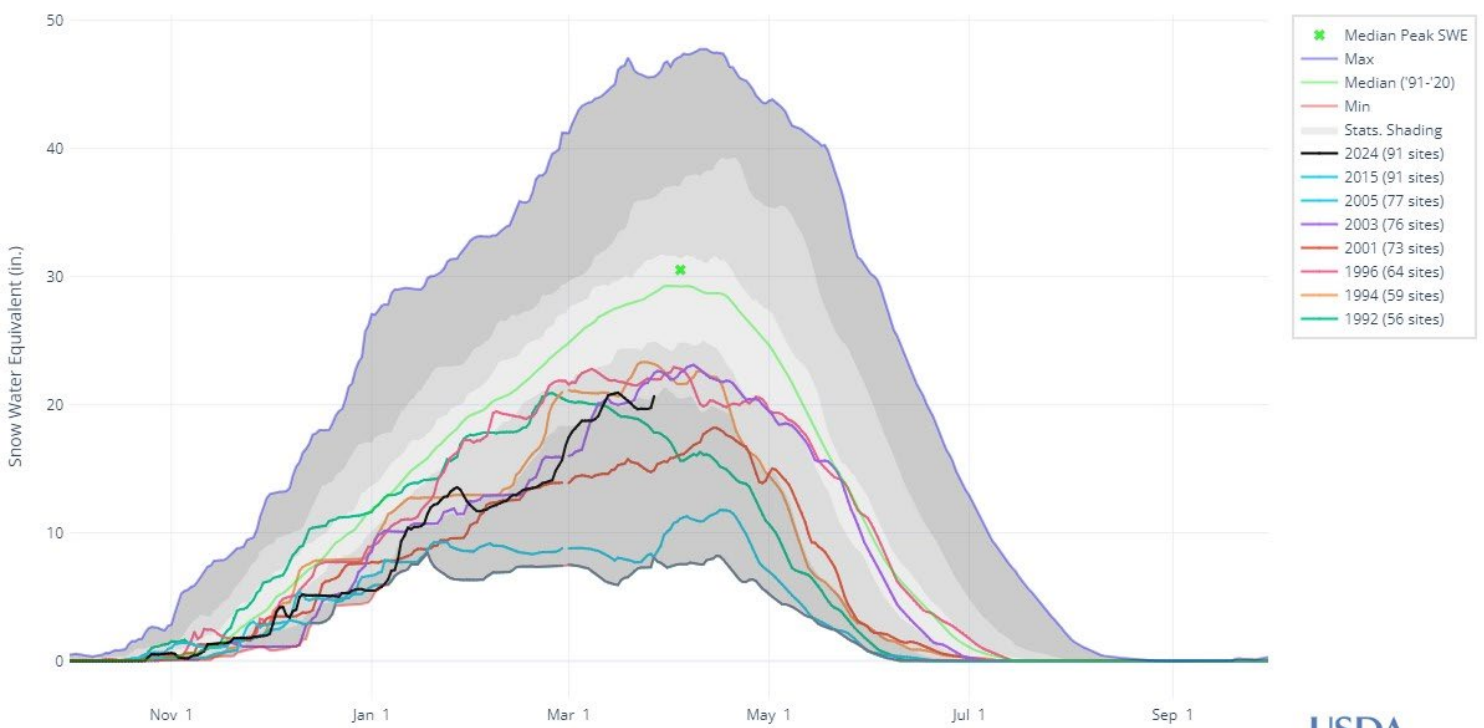


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SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN STATE OF WASHINGTON



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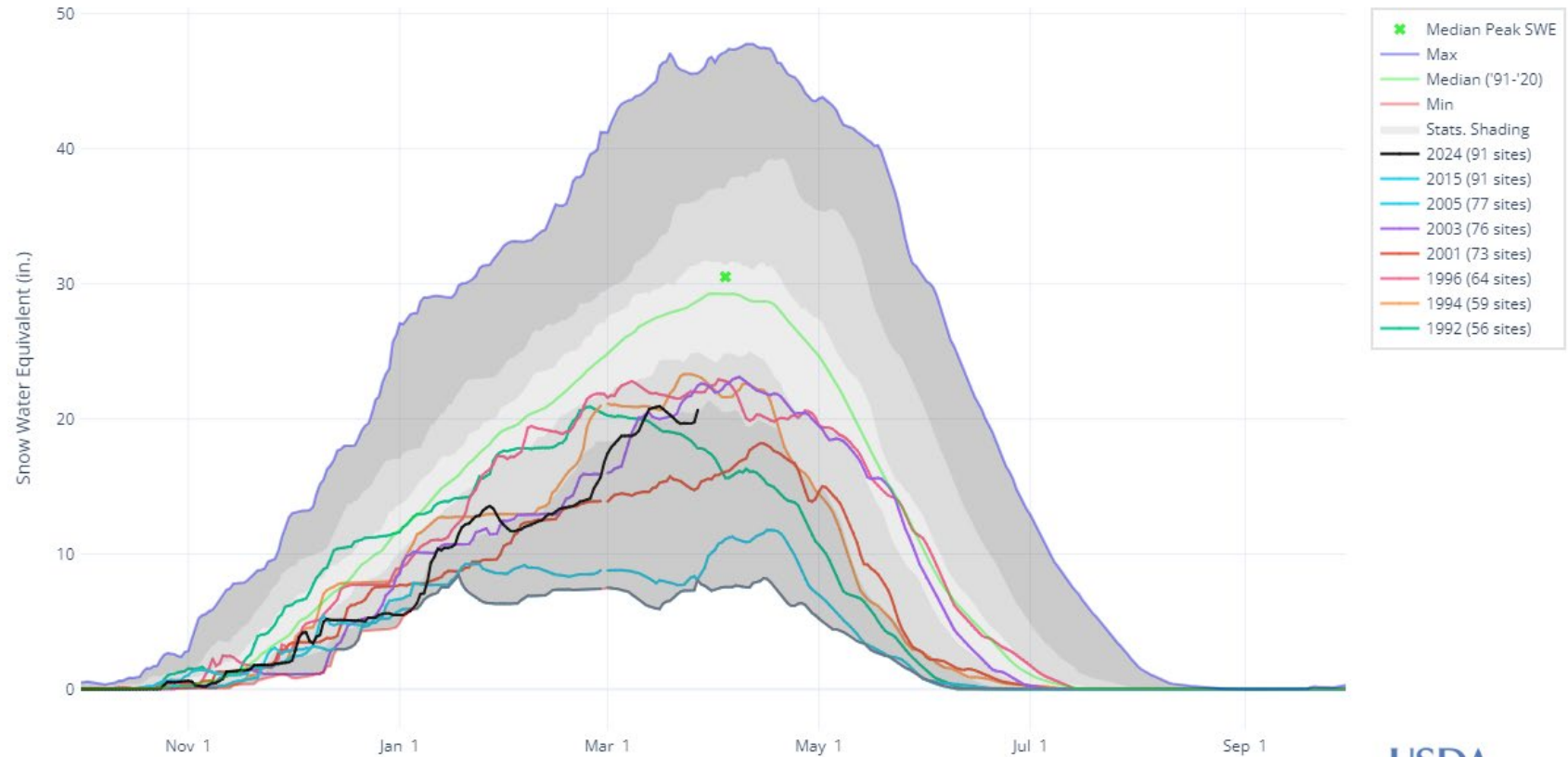


Snowpack Conditions

Statewide Snowpack

Profile for Snow Water Equivalent

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN STATE OF WASHINGTON



Statewide Snowpack:
68% of normal

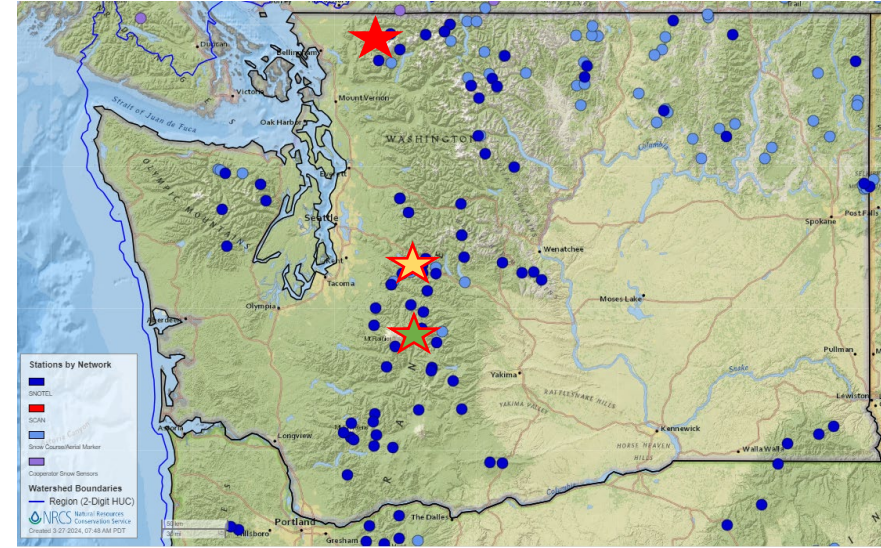
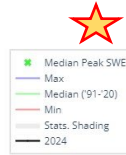
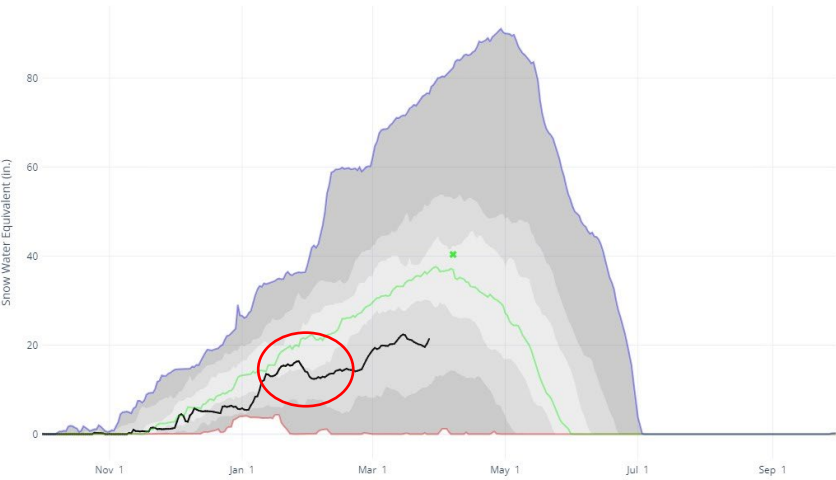
Last meeting: 64% of normal

% of median peak snowpack: 68%
Days until median peak: 8

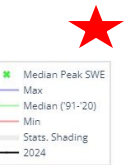
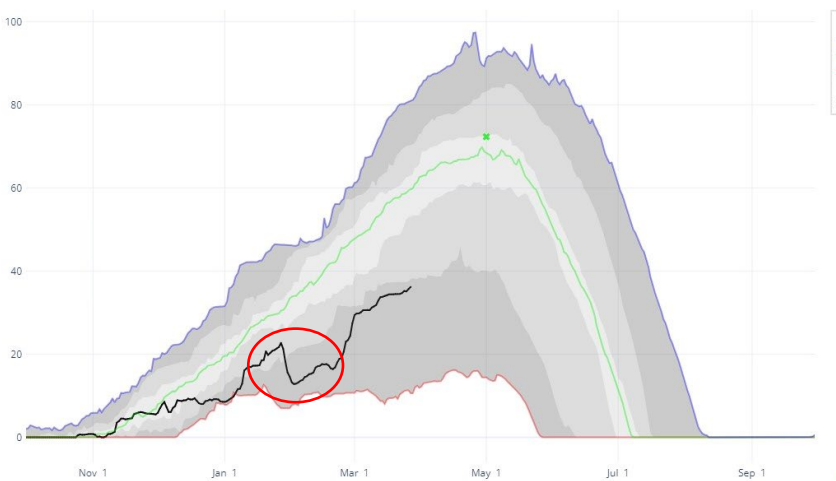
Snowpack Percentile: 10

Winter 2024 Impact: Mid-Winter Heatwave

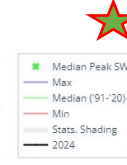
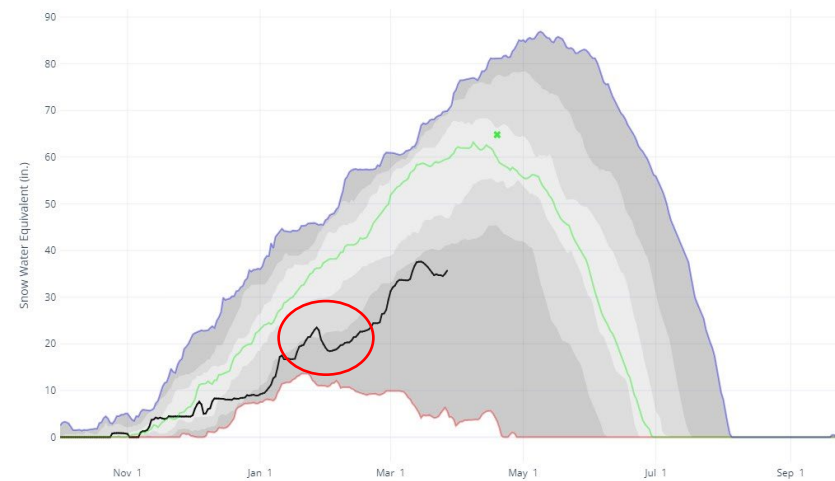
REX RIVER, WA (911) SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT



MF NOOKSACK, WA (1011) SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT

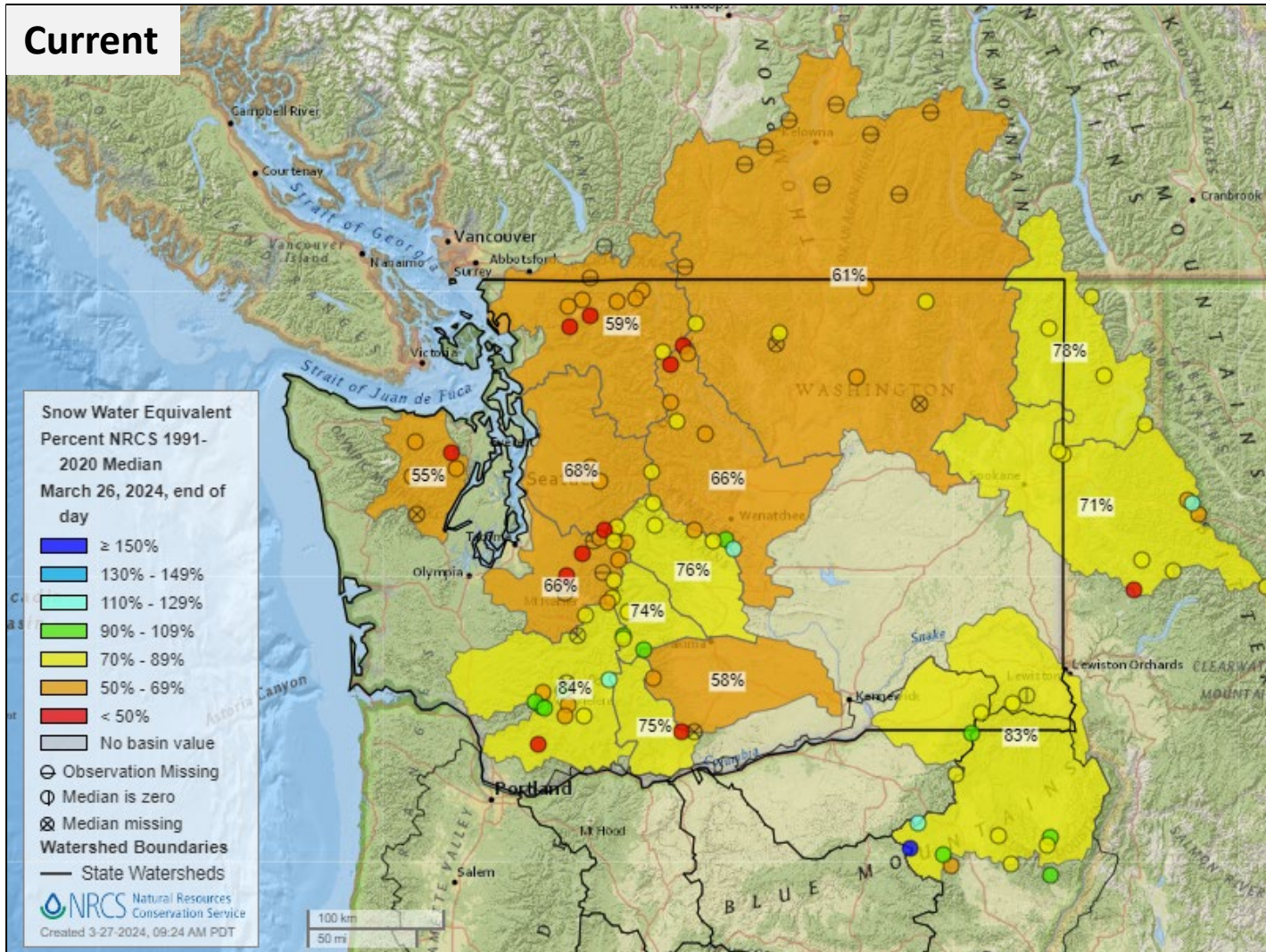


CAYUSE PASS, WA (1085) SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT

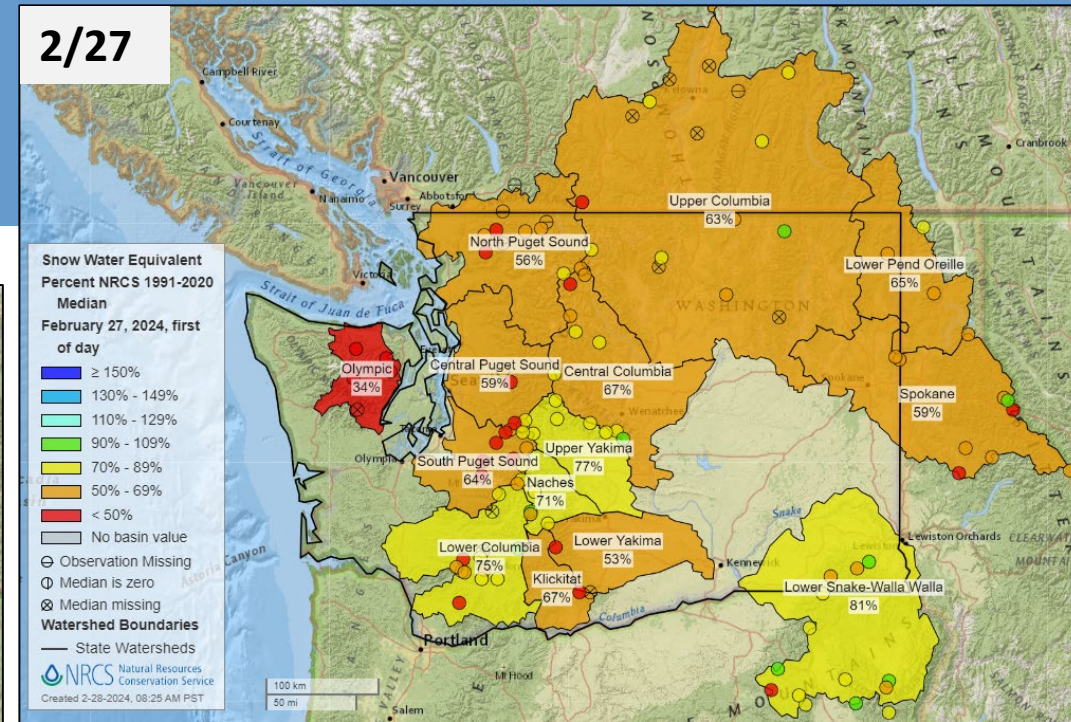


Snowpack Basin & Site Map

Current



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Snow Water Equivalent Percentile (Period of Record)

Snow Drought Classification

(based on SWE percentiles)

D0 – Abnormally Dry (≤ 30)

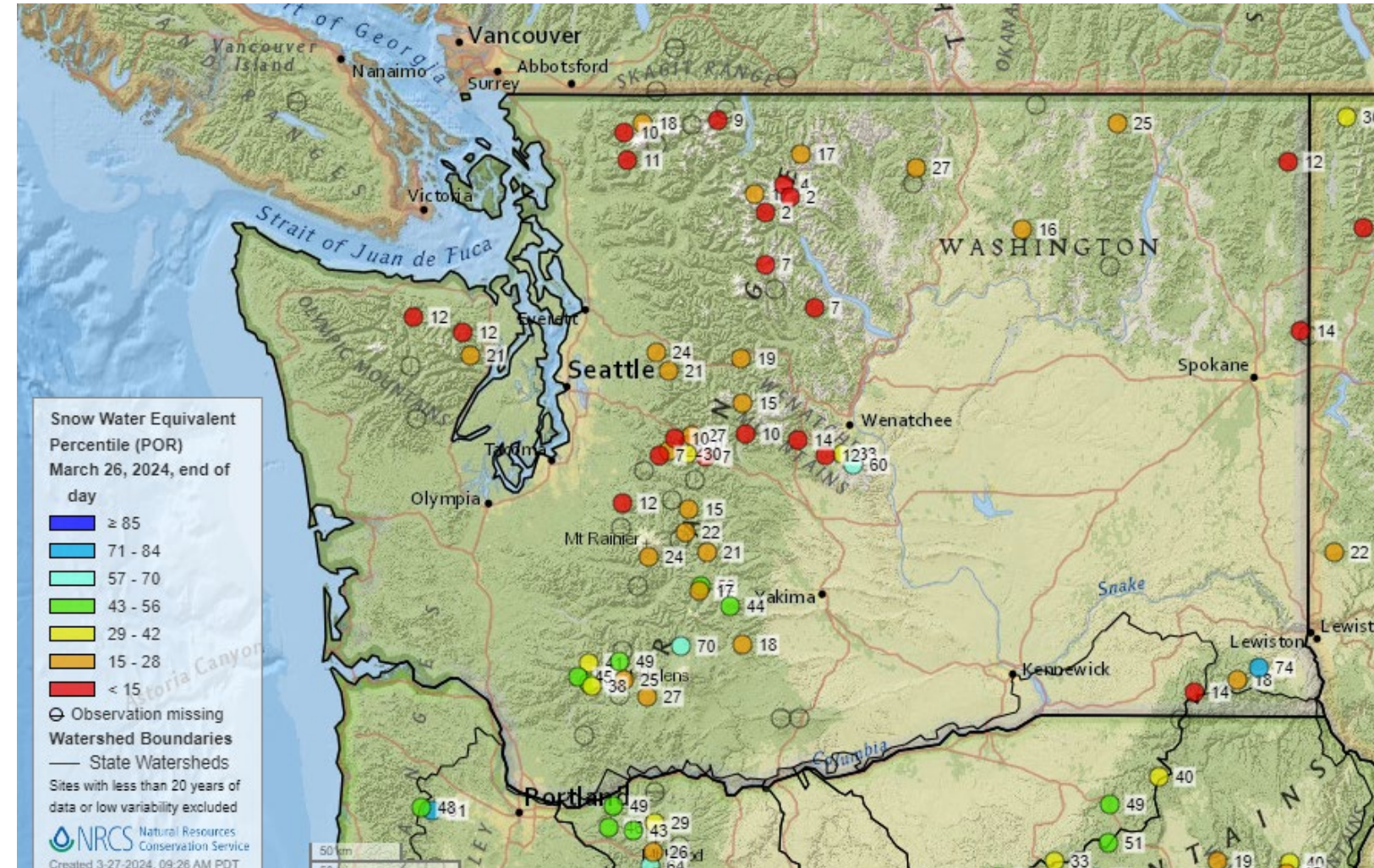
D1 – Moderate Drought (≤ 20)

D2 – Severe Drought (≤ 10)

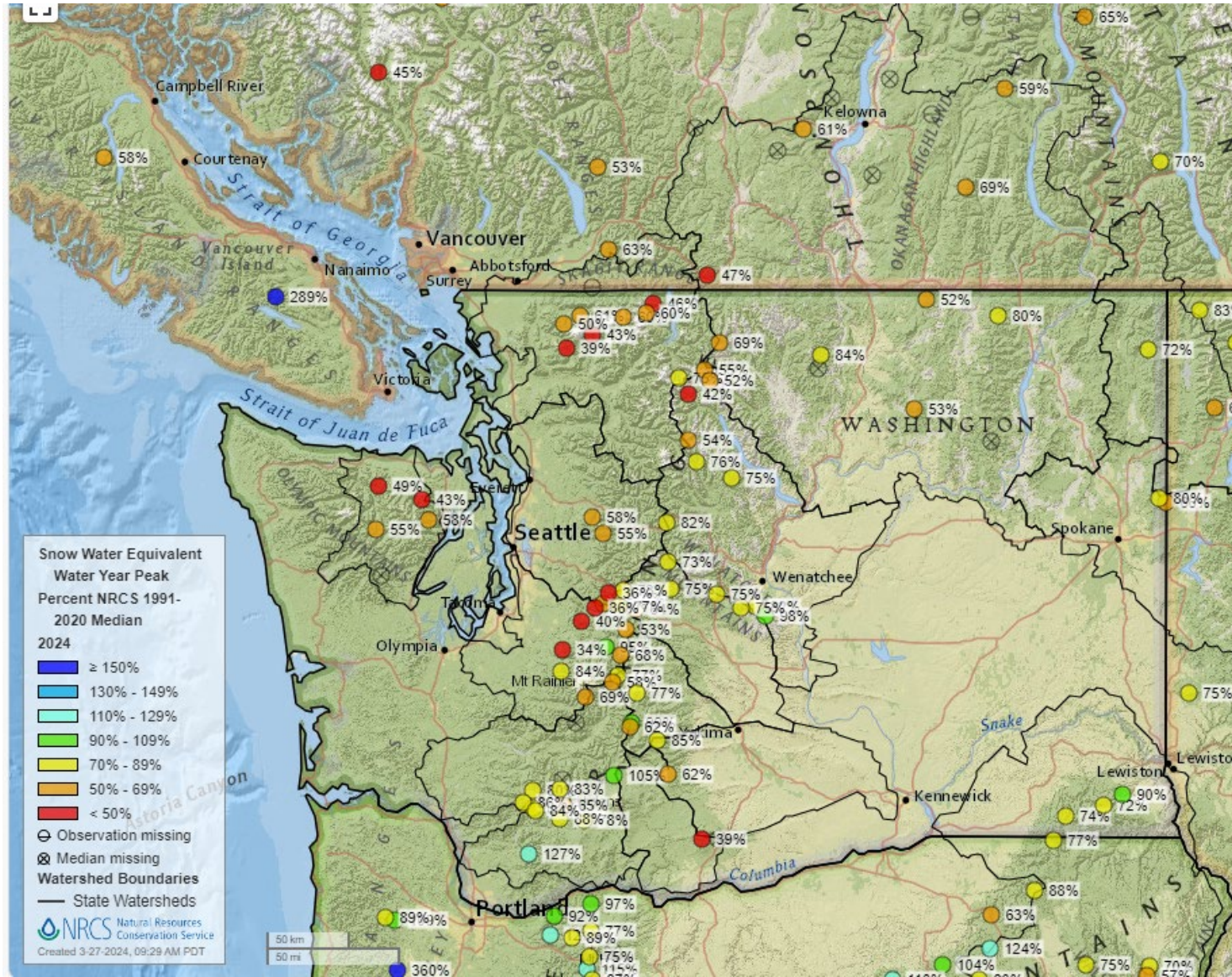
D3 – Extreme Drought (≤ 5)

D4 – Exceptional Drought (≤ 2)

[Hatchet et al. 2022](#)



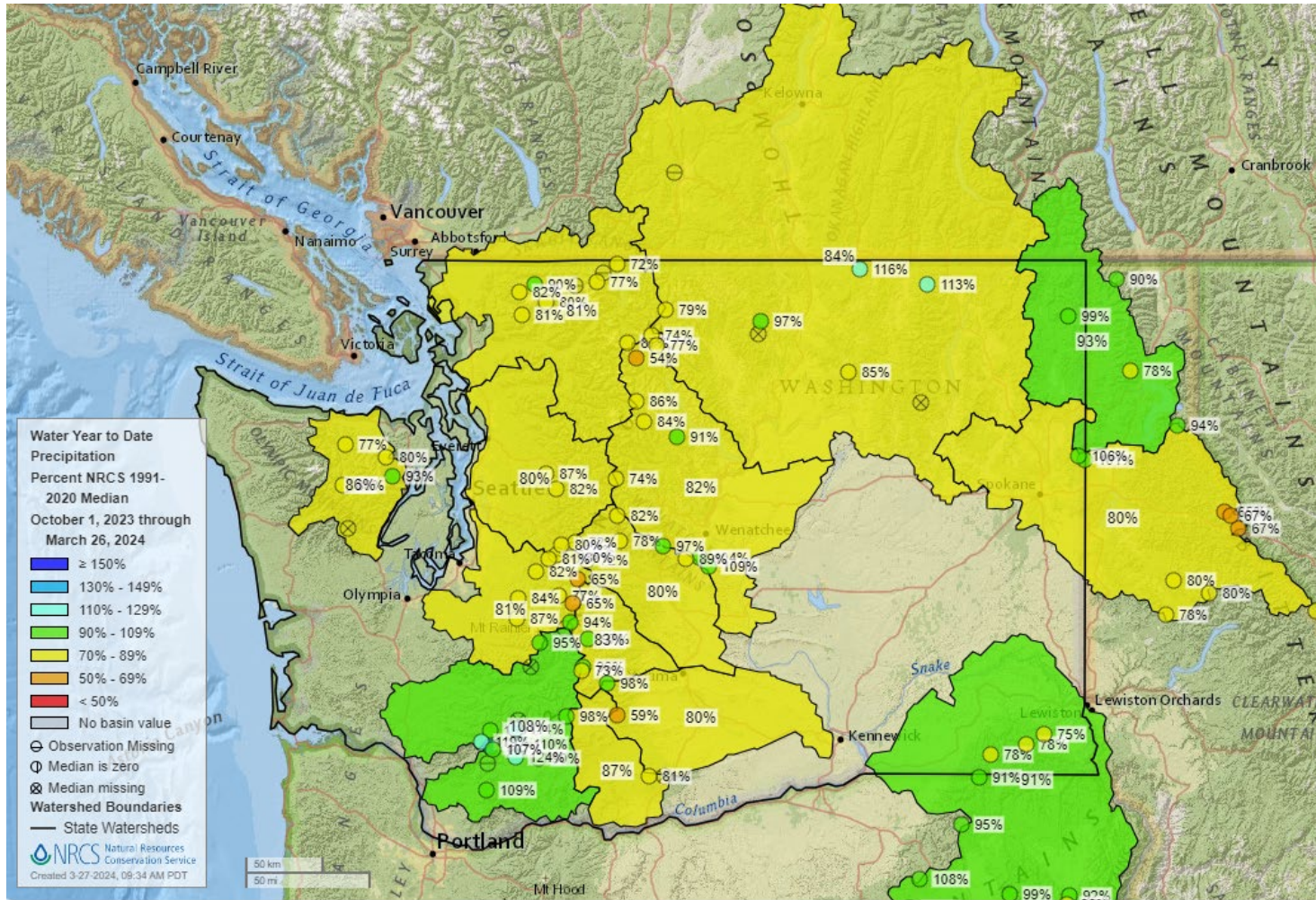
Water Year Peak SWE (% of normal)





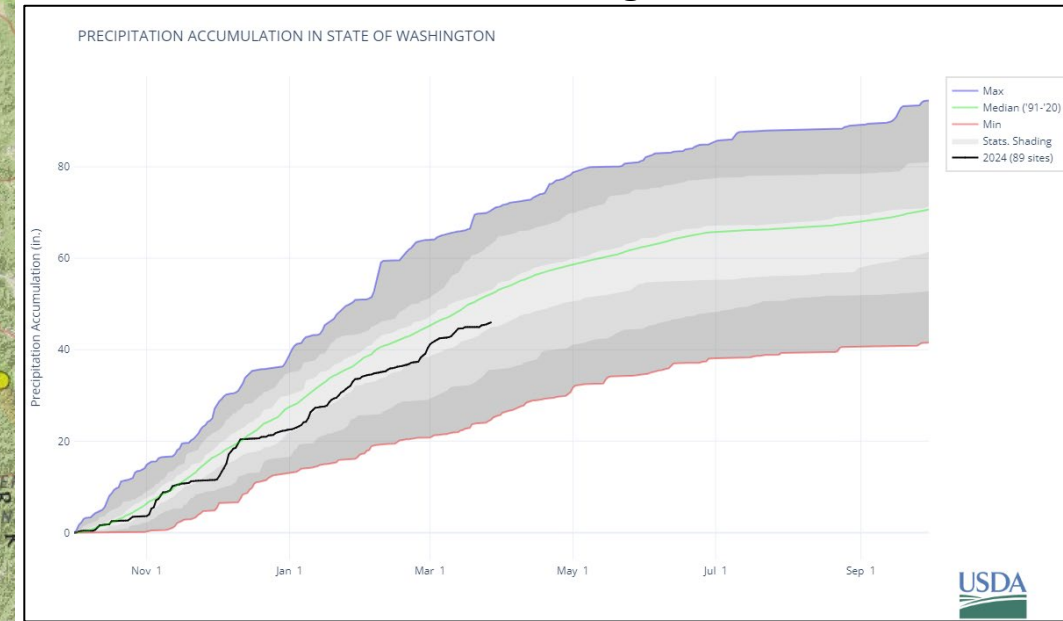
Precipitation Conditions

WYTD Precipitation – Basin Map

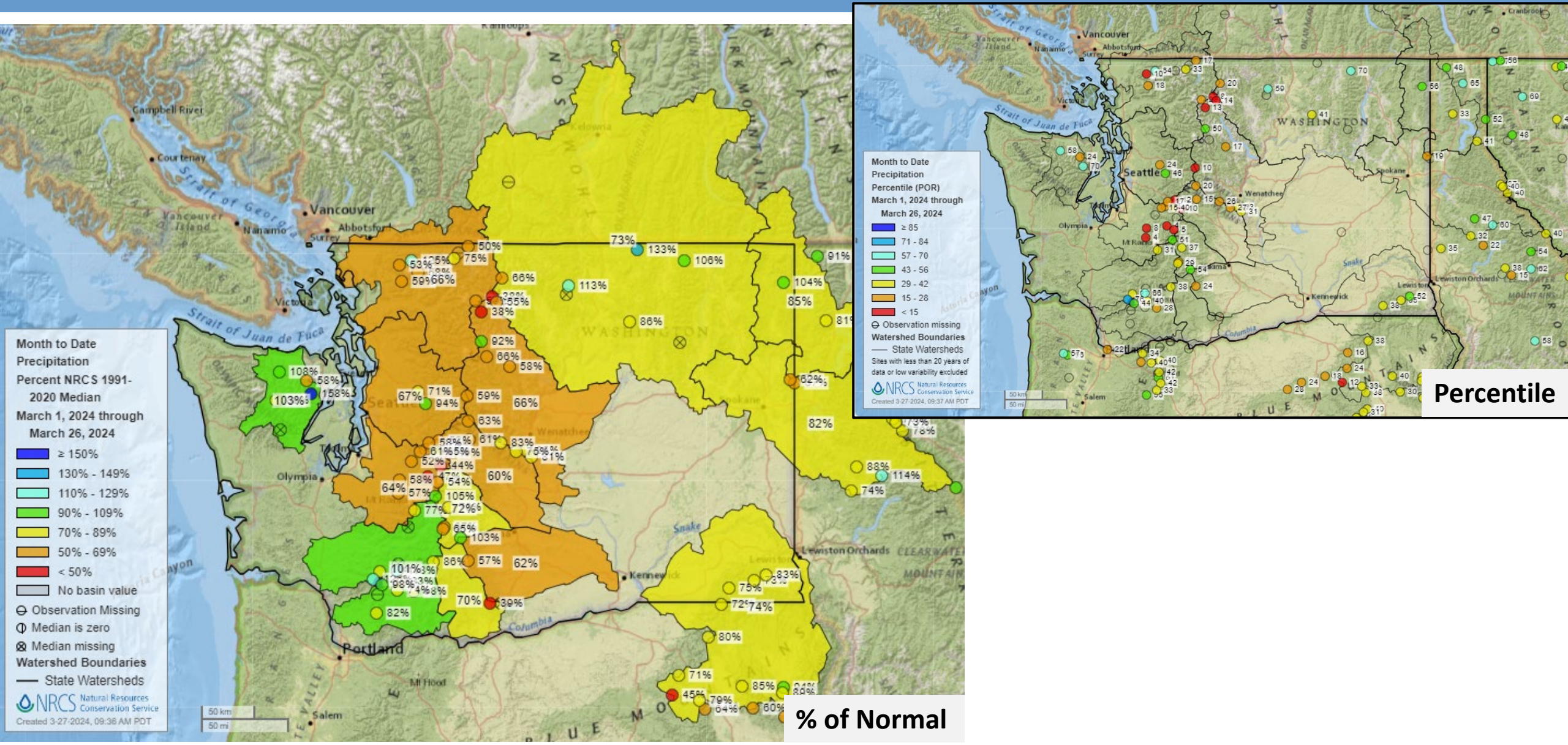


Statewide WYTD Precipitation:
88% of normal
38 – percentile (normal period)

Last meeting: 89%



Month-to-Date Precipitation – Basin and Site Map



Month to Date Precipitation
 Percent NRCNS 1991-2020 Median
 March 1, 2024 through March 26, 2024

- ≥ 150%
- 130% - 149%
- 110% - 129%
- 90% - 109%
- 70% - 89%
- 50% - 69%
- < 50%
- No basin value

⊖ Observation Missing
 ⊕ Median is zero
 ⊗ Median missing
 Watershed Boundaries
 State Watersheds

NRCNS Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Created 3-27-2024, 09:36 AM PDT

Month to Date Precipitation
 Percentile (POR)
 March 1, 2024 through March 26, 2024

- ≥ 85
- 71 - 84
- 57 - 70
- 43 - 56
- 29 - 42
- 15 - 28
- < 15

⊖ Observation missing
 Watershed Boundaries
 State Watersheds
 Sites with less than 20 years of data or low variability excluded

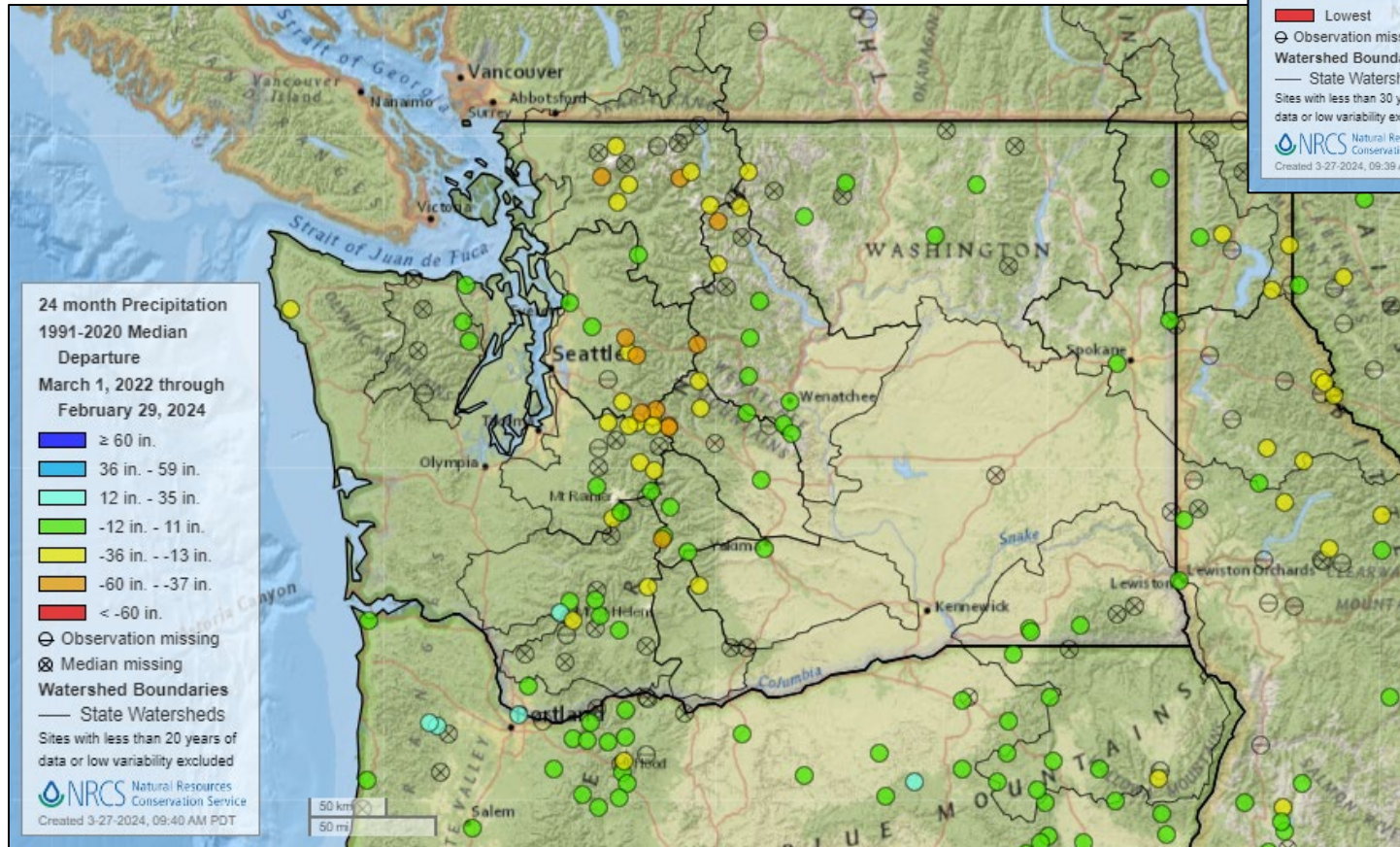
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Percentile

% of Normal

Precipitation: Compounding Deficits

24-month Precipitation – Normal Departure



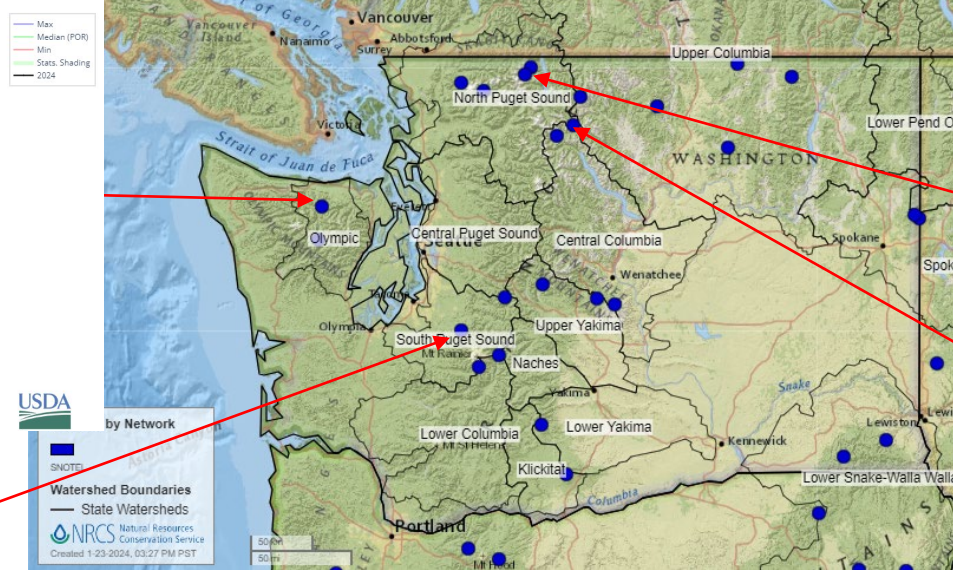
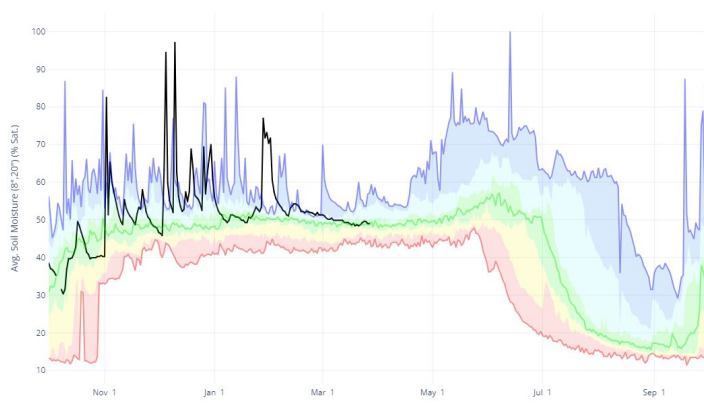


Soil Moisture

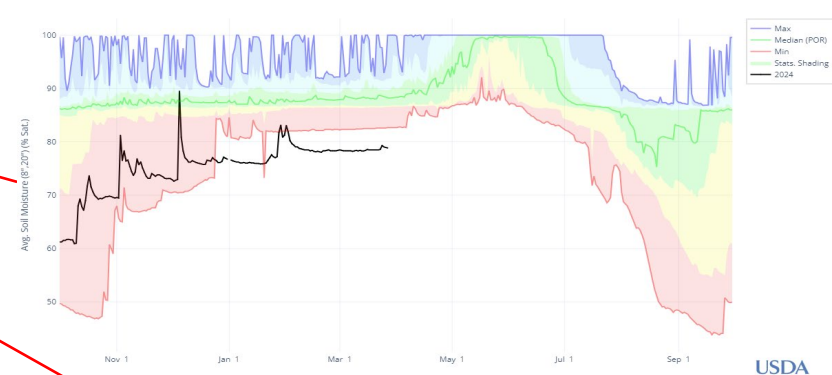
Soil Moisture

WY 2024 – Select Site Charts

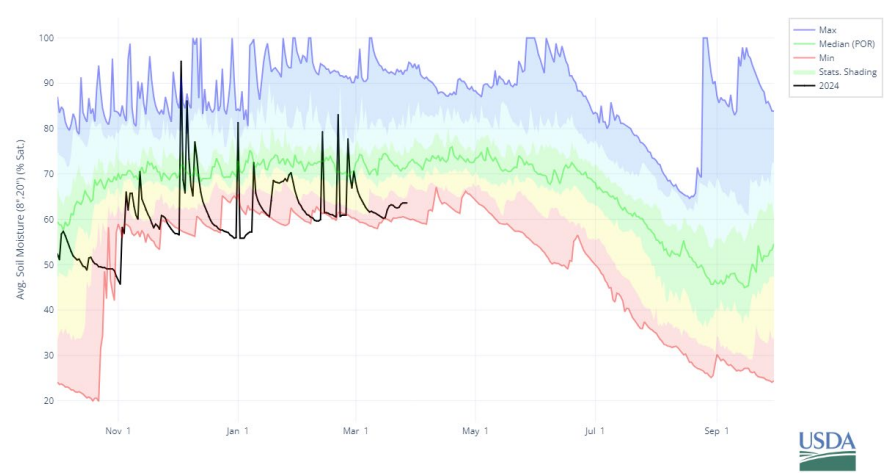
BUCKINGHORSE, WA (1107) AVG. SOIL MOISTURE (8",20")



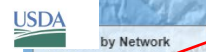
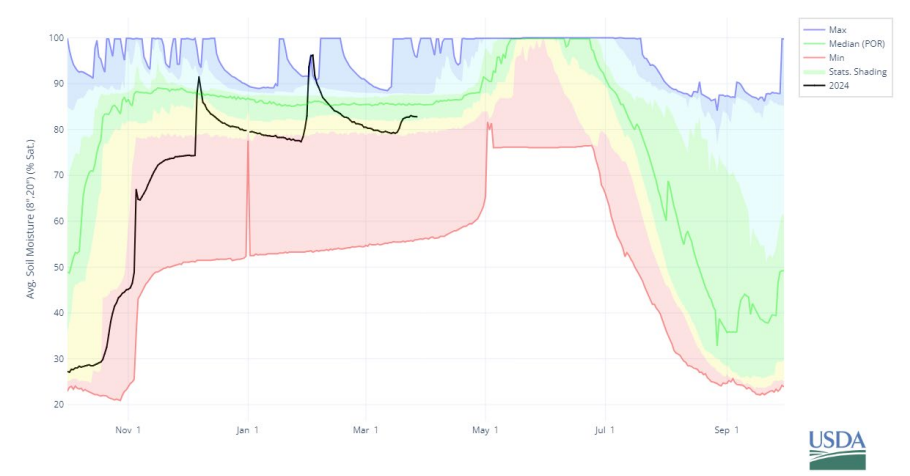
BEAVER PASS, WA (990) AVG. SOIL MOISTURE (8",20")



BURNT MOUNTAIN, WA (942) AVG. SOIL MOISTURE (8",20")



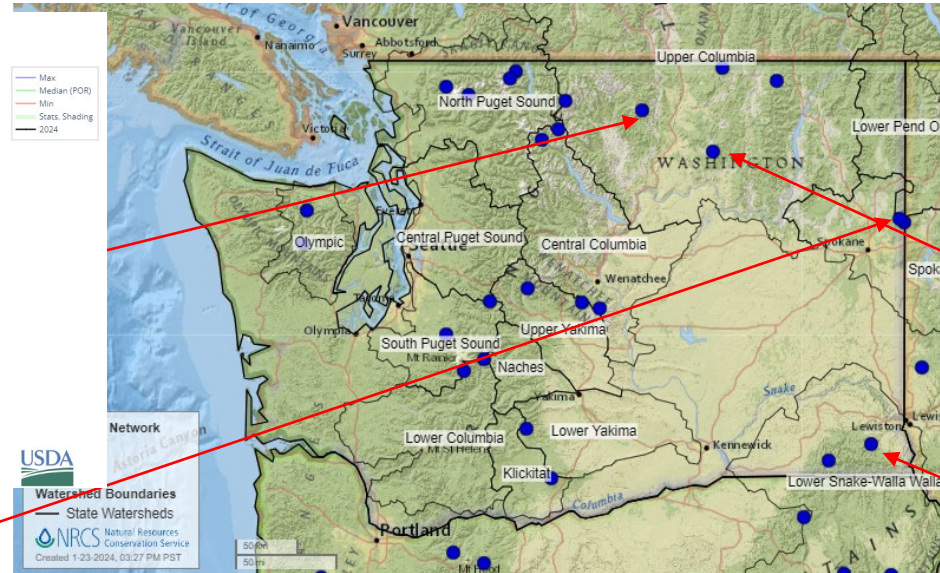
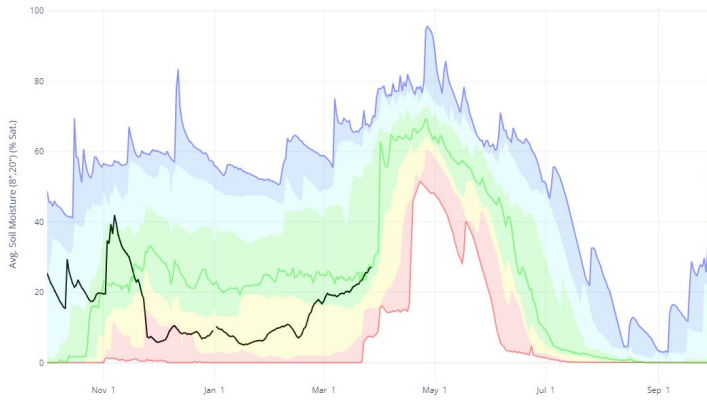
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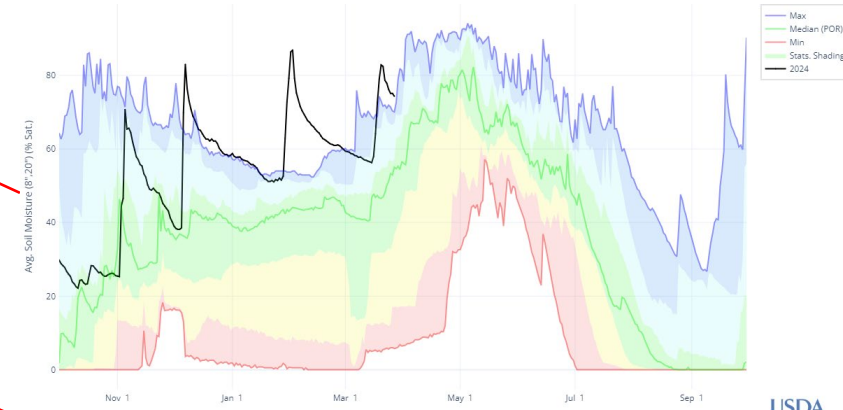
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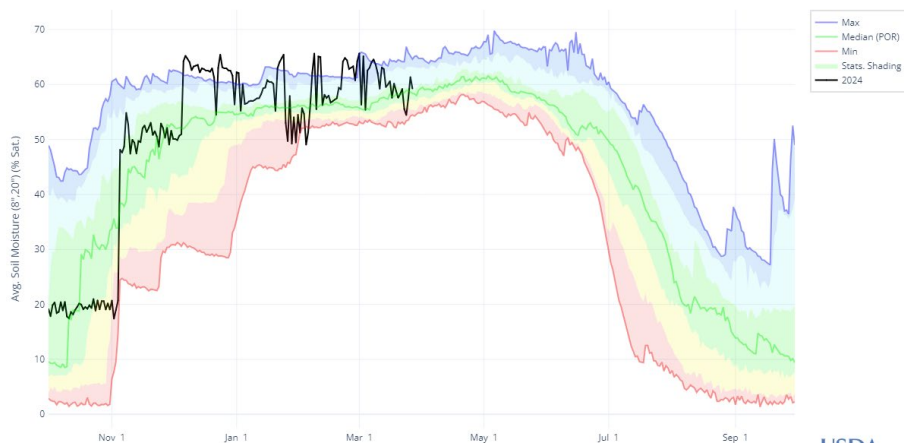
SALMON MEADOWS, WA (728) AVG. SOIL MOISTURE (8",20")



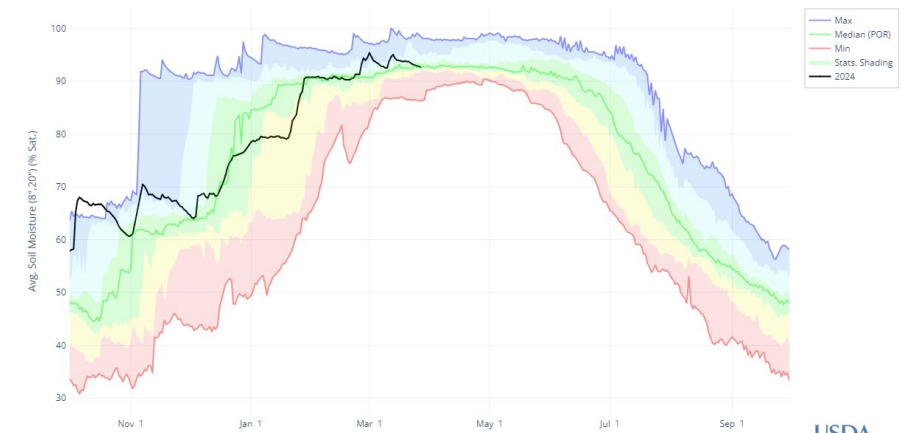
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RAGGED MOUNTAIN, ID (1081) AVG. SOIL MOISTURE (8",20")

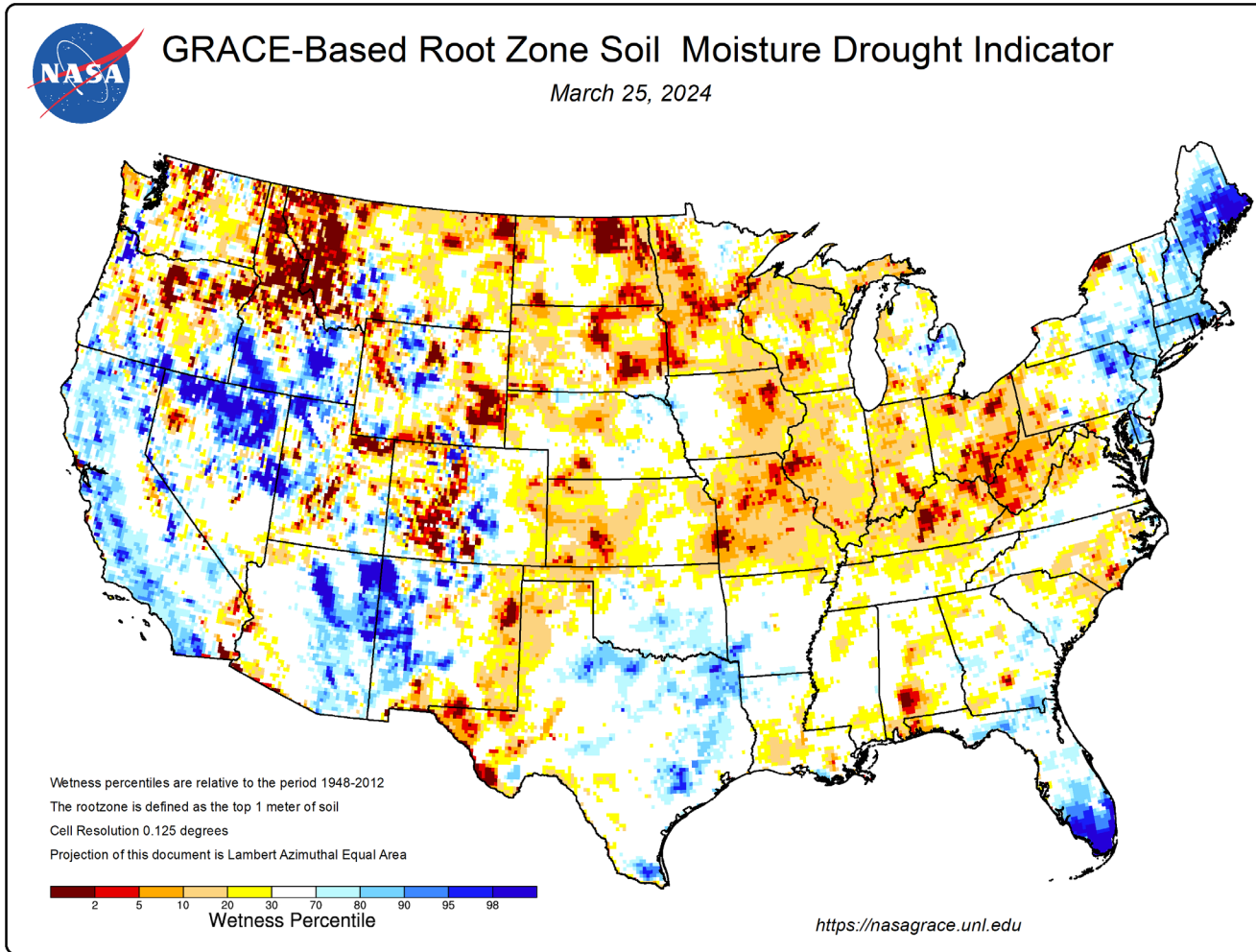


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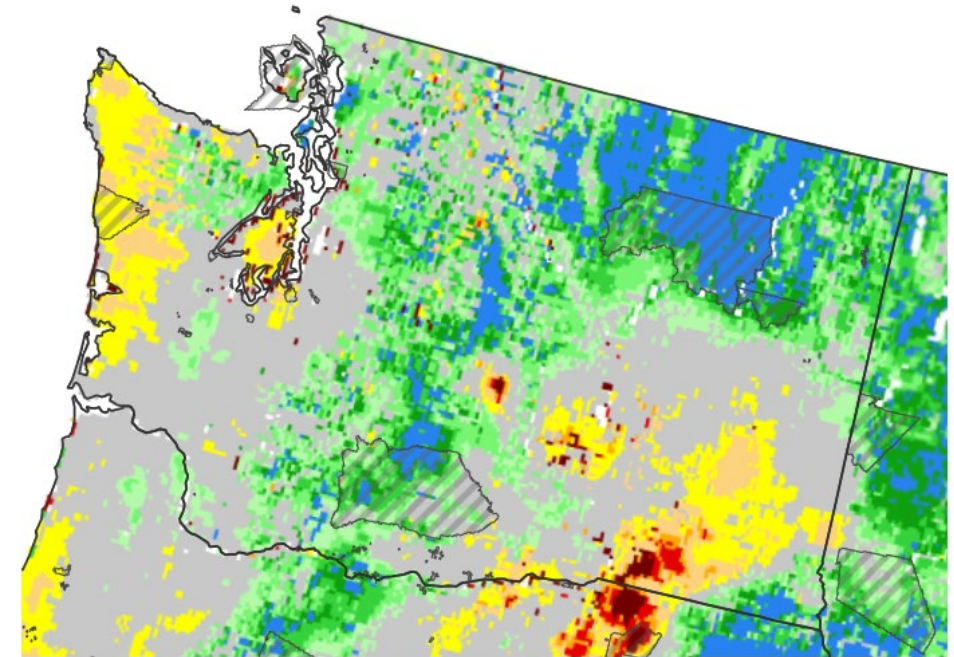


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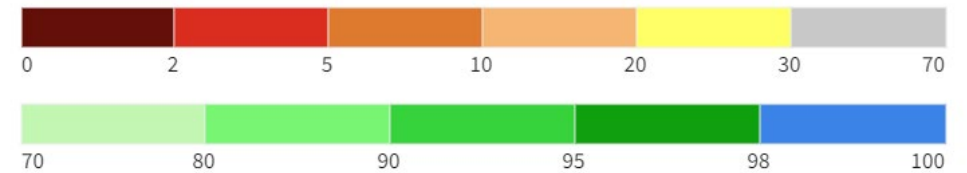
NASA GRACE and SPoRT-LiS



0-100 cm Soil Moisture Percentile



0-100 cm Soil Moisture Percentile



Tribal Nations

▨ Tribal Nation Boundaries

Source(s): NASA

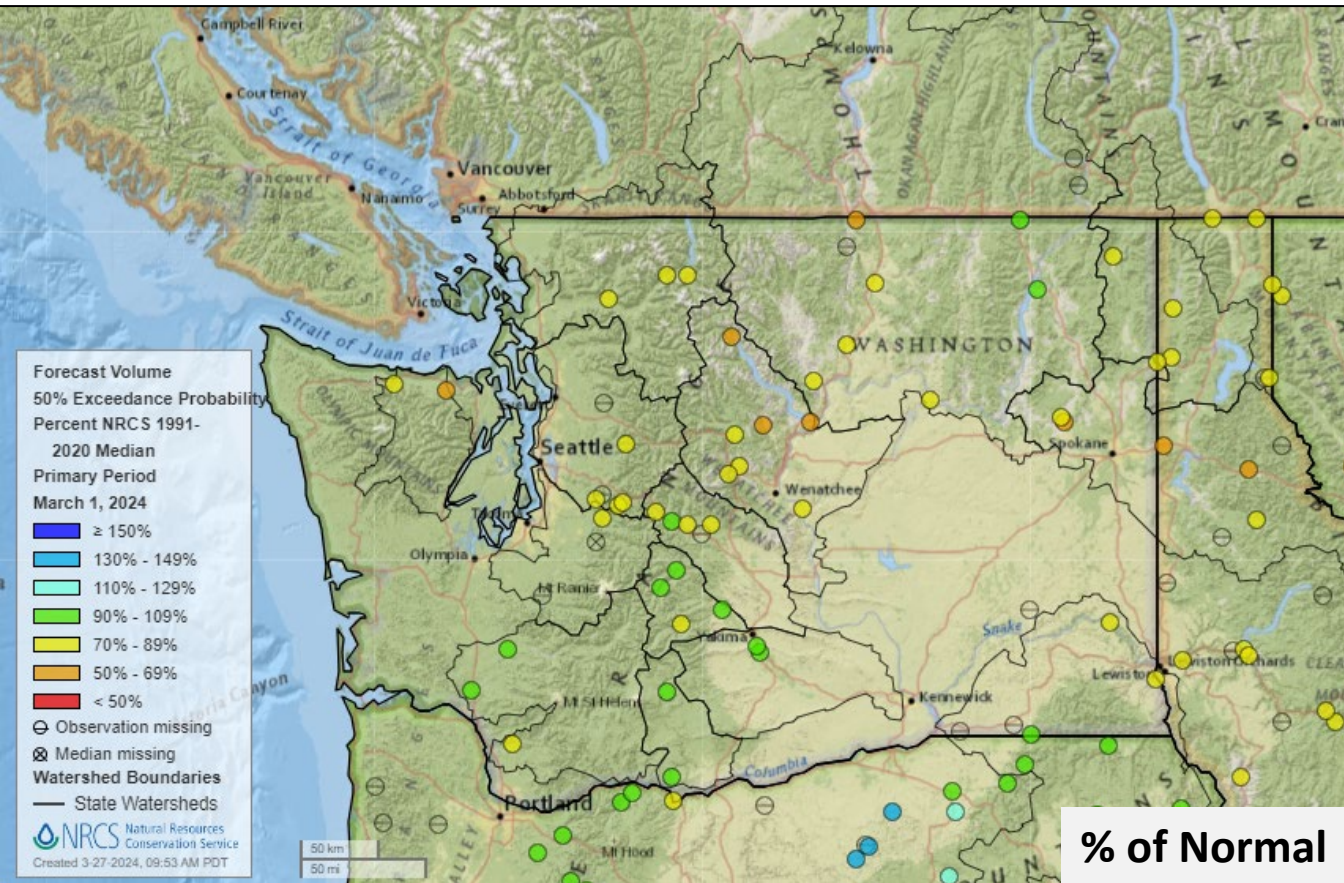
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Water Supply Outlook

March 1: Water Supply Forecasts

April-September Volumetric Streamflow



% of Normal



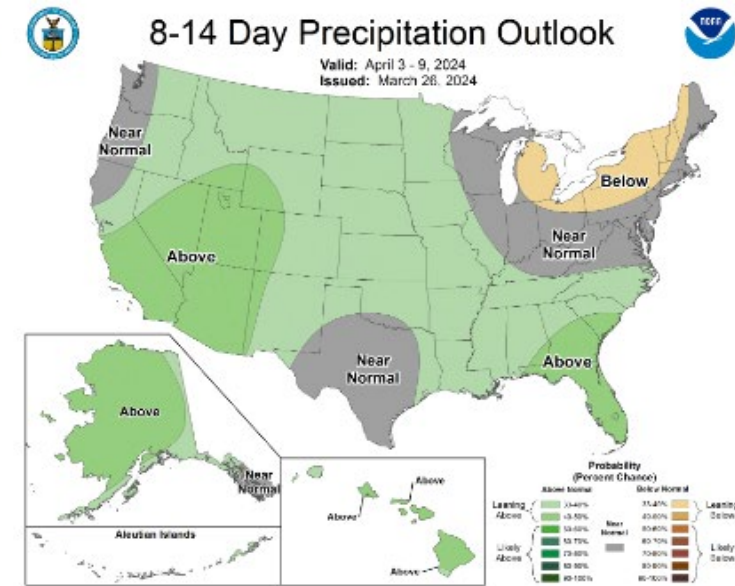
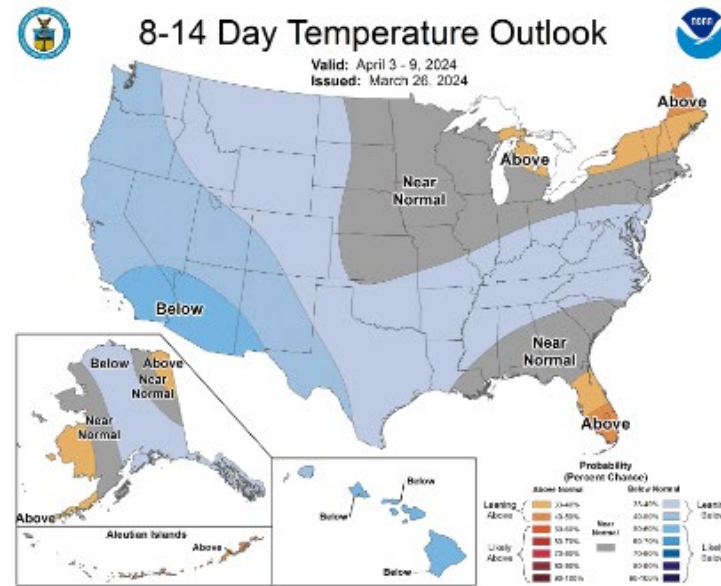
Percentile

Next distribution: week of Apr. 1
Reports available [here](#)

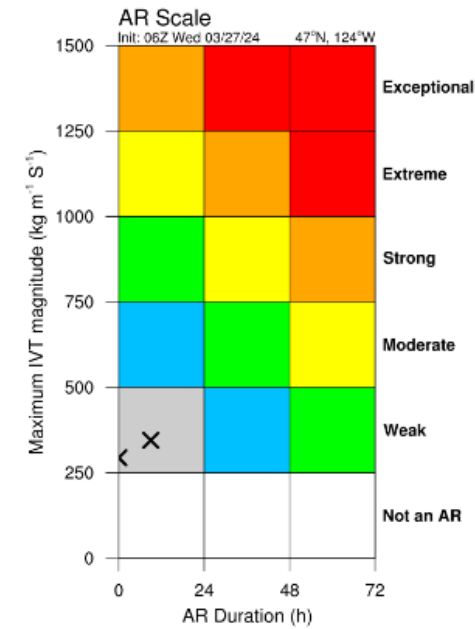
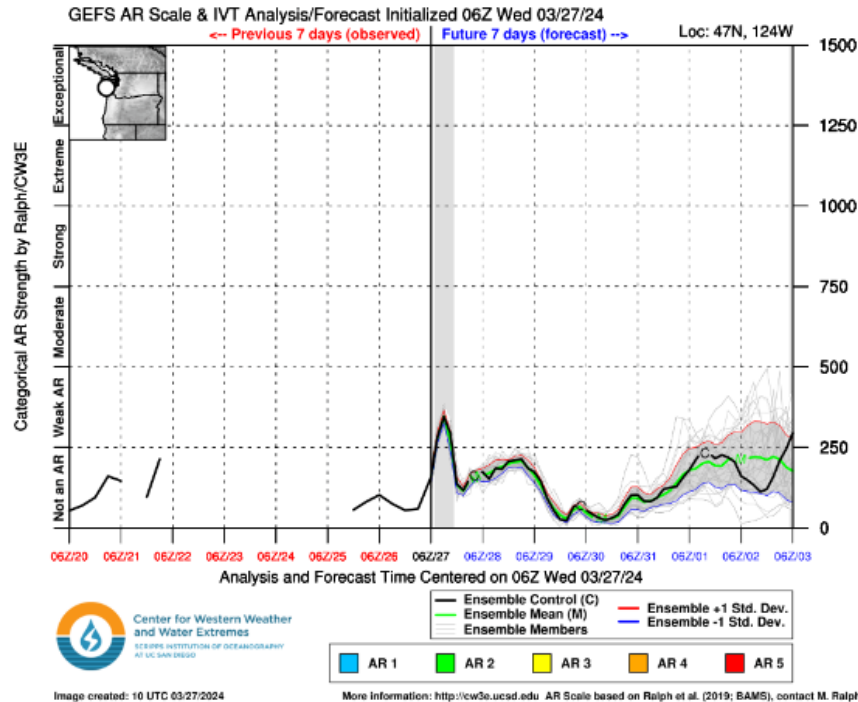
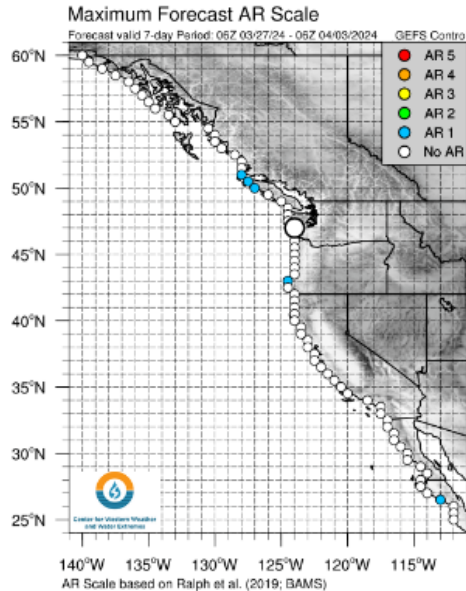


Climatic Outlook

Near-term



Atmospheric River Forecast





Thank you!

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